

THE DOVER SOCIETY
Minutes of 1st Annual General Meeting, Monday April 17th 1989
St Mary's Parish Hall, Dover.

1. Apologies: President, Vice-President Lord Rees, Mrs J. Drover, Mr R. Fidler, Mr J. Moir, Miss M. Satterly, Mr & Mrs Sunderland, Mr & Mrs B. Ward,
Present: Vice-President P. Johnson, all Officers, all Committee Members and approx. 100 members.

2. The Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting held April 25th 1988, having been distributed, were approved and signed. There were no Matters Arising.

3. Chairman's Report. Mr Woolford paid tribute to the contributions to Dover and the Dover Society by Councillor Alan Dale and Committee Member Terry Khambatta who had died recently. Members stood as a mark of respect. Mr Woolford went on to summarise the year's achievements in the following sections:-

a. The appointments of President and Vice-Presidents. It was announced that Mr Terry Sutton was to be added to the list of Vice-Presidents to mark his sixtieth birthday and forty years service to Dover as "Dover Express reporter-in-chief".

b. The co-option to the Committee of Mrs Joan Liggett, Mrs Phyllis Dobbins, Mr Jim Truelove, Mr Adrian Galley, Mr Terry Khambatta and Mr Leo Wright.

c. Thanks were expressed to retiring Secretary Barry Smith and Treasurer Norman Willis for excellent manifold services and to Vice-President Peter Johnson and members Adrian Galley and Phyllis Dobbins.

d. Membership totalled 194 including 53 five-year members.

e. The Society was registered with the Civic Trust and the Charity Commissioners and affiliated to the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies (which includes both Kent Action Group for the Channel Tunnel and Kent Rail Action group for the High Speed Rail link) and to the Dover District Amenity Societies Liaison Committee. The Society is also represented on Eurotunnel's Consultative Committee.

f. The Society's debt to Dover District Council was acknowledged and the various meetings with officers and members itemised, notably with reference to the advice tendered by the Society's Planning Committee.

g. Good relations with the Dover Chamber of Commerce and the Dover Harbour Board were noted and the hospitality of the editorial columns of the "Dover Express" praised.

h. The work of the Editor, Philomena Kennedy, in producing three Newsletters of the highest standard and many other invaluable contributions was acclaimed.

j. The work of the Social Secretary Linda Clackett was also highly praised.

Mr Woolford who was himself congratulated by Vice-President Peter Johnson and Vice-Chairman John Gerrard, concluded by hoping that the Society's good start would be matched by subsequent good achievements. The chairman's report was formally accepted.

4. Treasurer's Report. The audited financial statement had been distributed; no questions were put to the Treasurer and the accounts were approved. The retiring Treasurer, Norman Willis, was satisfied to have ended the first year in credit and expressed his personal opinion that the Society should aim at supporting itself financially from subscriptions and not to have to rely on fund-raising.

5. Elections: Officers: Chairman: Mr Jack Woolford; Vice-Chairman: Mr John Gerrard
Secretary: Mr Leo Wright; Treasurer & Membership Secretary: Mr Ken Berry
; Committee: Editor: Miss Philomena Kennedy; Social Secretary: Mrs Linda Clackett
Chairman, Planning Committee: Mr Ken Wraight; Mr Jeremy Cope;
Ms Phyllis Dobbins; Mr Adrian Galley; Mr Mike McFarnell; Mrs Sybil Standing;
Mr Norman Willis; Mr Clive Taylor, Mrs Marguarita Waite, Mr John Owen, Mr John Drover,

6. There being no Other Business the official meeting was concluded and after refreshments the meeting was addressed on "The Past and Future of Dover Museum" by the Curator, Miss Christine Waterman.