

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 66th Meeting o f the Executive Committee  
held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 10 Mar. '94 at the R.C.P.Y.C.

Apologies :

Present : Chairman Vice-Chairman Secretary Treasurer  
SC JC JO LG JL ML MR SS KW

1. The Minutes of the 65th meeting of the Executive Committee  
of 10 Feb 1994 were accepted and signed as correct.

2. Matters arising :

From 10 Sep 1992

The Rolls Memorial. Still no progress.

From 11 Nov 1993

Folkestone-Dover rail-link

Press, TV and Radio coverage : JG / KW

Comment that the interest focuses on any threat to the line but there  
is no movement towards improving its quality.

From 13 Jan 1994

Local Govt. Review. Our submission submitted. Only a formal acknowledgment.

From 10 Feb 1994

(a) The Chairman's reply to two letters from member Mrs L. Sencicle.  
Decision,not to invite " right to reply " at the AGM,endorsed.  
Two telephone calls AJW/ ELW reported.

Decision : No action for the present. Legal advice could become necessary.

Re: participation in the Pageant :

We wish to take part in the Dover Pageant whether parading as  
bankers or otherwise.

(b) DDC Draft Economic Strategy 1994-95

Despite the short time allowed JC submitted full supported comments  
by the deadline, in particular stressing need to support existing  
businesses and more emphasis to be given to European opportunity.  
Copy of comments available.

3. Chairman

(a) " Time and Tide " Hammond Family History  
Review contributed to the Newsletter.  
Complimentary copy of the book circulating on request.

(b) Beer Festival. Congratulations sent to Town Mayor. No reply  
so far to invitation to AGM.

(c) BA represented us at the Museum opening of Exhibition.

(d) Sir Richard Knowles available, AGM 1995, 17 or 24 April

Choice of 24th essential

JL ML

(e) AGM 1994 : Meal : Ratcliffe Stibbs MA AJW TS

(f) Oct 1994 Members Meeting

Speaker : Roger Madge to be invited.  
Current concerns, economic issues, present and future.  
Slide-show to relate.

(g) KCC's Public Transport Plan : trams, bus network, intertown bus express, travel cards, bio-fuels, flat rate school transport, public tpt. TV : comments to KCC Highways and Tpt'n, Sandling Block, Springfield ME 14 2 LQ : copy from 0622 696920

LG will get this.

(h) ET open Days : March 22 -24 : free buses : Reception 21 Mar. 18.00h.  
LG will represent D.S.

#### 4. Secretary

(a) D.S. one of "selected amenity societies" asked to complete Japanese National Trust questionnaire.

(b) Buckland Hospital Survey. A very good piece of research work to which D.S. contributed but will the govt. listen?

(c) Dover Film Festival : D.S. "stall" manned every showing except Thursday. (Draws attention to need for helpers from members as well as Committee.)

(d) Invitation to Frontline Britain '94.

JO will continue contact and attend preliminary meeting 15 Mar.  
See also under Planning, below, re : proposed monument.

#### 5. Treasurer

(a) Income to date : £5208.44  
Expenditure : 3408.56

Credit balance : 1799.88 which includes £1000 Peverley Fund

Wine and Wisdom 21 Feb '94 made a profit of £82.58  
Members Meeting 17 Jan '94 cost £39.60

D.S. Deposit at Leeds B.S. now £4839.69

(b) The opportunity will be taken to check our insurance cover for Projects, Excursions etc.

(c) In addition to the collection at the Christmas Feast, the D.S. collecting boxes for Le Walk/ East Kent hospice raised over £50.

(d) Request to put in claims for out of pocket expenditure etc. in time for the Audit.

(e) Agreed to donate £50 to Crabble Mill

#### 6. Social Secretary

(a) 21 Feb '94 : Wine and Wisdom. Very successful. Congratulations to Clive Taylor. Need for organised assistance for Social Secretary at meetings. "She has only to ask." ? Members as well as Committee?

(b) 14 Mar '94 Talks.

Melanie Wrigley. Clive Alexander in hospital.

Alternative : Forum groups to answer prepared questionnaire, planning the Social calendar and inviting active help from members. ML et al.

Social Secretary cont'd.

(c) Wed. 22 Jun. 1994 16.00h.

Goodwin Sands Potholing. Social Sec. has booked for 20. Book now (£20 each) for D.S. group.

Other matters dealt with above under Chairman : (d) (e) (f).

7. Membership Secretary

Subscriptions running out : the "low season".

Current total : 387 ( Total "turnover" 526 )

2 new members, from outside the area.

8. Planning sub-committee

A hand-out was available outlining the month's activities.

(a) IMPACT.

LG was particularly encouraged by work in the Development sub-committee. Particular attention to traffic circulation in relation to the town. KW reported on the Business Support sub-committee. Present policing arrangements in the town were criticised. More support/help needed for existing business, while also thinking of attracting new business. Full use not always made of available information. P. Court will improve this.

JG was impressed by what has been achieved with Gravesend Town Centre.

(b) Western Docks Development

Our support in principle and reservations in detail were recorded and taken into account by the DDC Planning Committee and were echoed in the KCC comment.

(c) Visitors Centre : Langdon Cliffs :

LG to invite architects to address D.S. committee : April or May, possibly in the IMPACT office.

(d) Proposed War Memorial : Marine Parade Gardens

LG and KW to write respectively on the architectural/ aesthetic and the social/ human considerations to Frontline Britain '94, DDC Planners and Dover Express.

JG and LG indicated how the Society's opinions are influential.

9. Editor

All in hand for the April number of the Newsletter. Plenty of copy; some will be held over. Will include tear-off booking forms.

10. Projects.

The D.S. did more than an acte de présence : active support at Crabble Mill.

13 Mar '94 Cadets : Sticker eyesore. Presentation by Chairman.

23 April '94 Tidy Britain. Litter. W. Heights.

2 May '94 Pageant

26 May '94 Beach clean-up : Aycliffe school-children.

11. A.O.B.

JG outlined very optimistic possibilities for future cruise visits.

Date of next meeting :

Thurs. 14 April at 7.30 p.m.

A.G.M. 18 April 1994

at 7.30 p.m. at S. Mary's Parish Centre

FROM THE DOVER EXPRESS

17.2: New St Night Club: rear of Metropole

- : Philip finds Roman bath house under St Mary's path
- : IMPACT town centre management scheme: shopping survey damns Dover
- : "Ferries of Dover" by John Hendy: REVIEW?
- : BR may probe ET erosion threat to rly: JC: no threat to line
- : May 2 Pageant preparations

24.2: Stop knocking Dover shopping

- : Sunday opening of shops for French trippers?
- : KCC no strat. objections to DHB/Pearce W> Dock plans but what about town centre stores? + Whitfield Business Park?: advises maximise town interaction, no bulky goods, prior archaeol. digs
- : Snargate St facelift
- : new cop shop: but where? 1996/7
- : IMPACT TCM (Town Centre Management) steering group formed
- : Cost of LG PR: Thanet begs to differ from Dover/C'bury grouping: Moir rebuke to views pre onmly KCC arguments: NB Feb 25 deadline and LC addresses
- : U-turn on seafront one-way plan!
- : Public to speak at Council meetings?: but beware of slander! (TS)
- : A20 decorated roundabouts E. Docks - Aycliffe?

3.3: DHB Kent Co. of the Year for Ch T restructuring & customer service quality

- : New St 3rd nightclub
- : Seafront war memorial?

10.3: White Cliffs Sound May 2-30 promoting Festival: commercial station

- : Frontline Britainwar memorial in poor taste: barrage of protest v. granite block with 4 1000lb bombs in front of Gateway: protests by this weekend
- : unitary council best bet
- : Old Park police station?
- : £100m W.Docks scheme: 3200 jobs by 2004(?): DDC outline permission: Wellington Dock superstore end 94: Granville shops 95; leisure based Maritime Station: offices and 210 homes on Hoverport? Dawson scepticism on finance: Bill F says insurance regional HQ, govt dept, A20 shop window
- : Aycliff A20 mess: no parking for beach: no tourist attraction
- : A20 roundabout sculptures
- : 3rd Dungeness nuclear station?
- : public questions at council mtgs: 3 days written notice: 3 minutes
- : Neither BR nor DHB likes Maritime memorial move to Priory
- : 22 cruise ships in 1994
- : no Stanhope Rd houses