

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 84th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club on Thursday 9 Nov. 1995.

APOLOGIES : BA

PRESENT : Chairman Vice-Chairmen, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary,
Social Secretary, Editor, Chairmen Planning and Projects,
Press Secretary, Archivist, MR. KW. MMcF.

1. The MINUTES of the 83rd meeting of the Executive Committee were approved
and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING :

From 9 May 1991 : The Peverley Publication :
Only a little work remains to be done but this must await completion of
the December Newsletter.

From 13 July 1995: Proposed privatisation of Dover Harbour Board.
Great general satisfaction was expressed at the reprieve.

From 19 Oct. 1995

(i) KW reported very favourably, with certain reservations, on the presentation
(26 Sep.) at the Centre for Kentish Studies where the Dover archive will be
the first to be computerised.

(ii) A letter to DDC re litter at East Cliff by ML was approved and supported.
It was further decided to widen the approach re other persistent litter black spots.

LW M McF

3. CHAIRMAN

(a) The December Newsletter will carry a framed announcement of the
Vardon Organ recital of 18 May 1996. AJW
ML
BA

(b) Letter sent to Dover Express and quoted in the current number
supporting the Children's Ward.

(c) Christmas Feast 16 Dec. : Recipients of Awards (and partners) to be
guests and photographed for publicity. (Member : Mrs Audrey Kirk ?)
President to be asked to present. Certificates. AJW
TS
LG
BA

(d) Local Government response : AJW/JC/ JG : Letter sent. A lost cause ?

(e) It was considered inappropriate to award honorary membership to
George Pitts, Dover Express cartoonist.

(f) TS was especially congratulated on his Dover Express article on D.H.B.

(g) 15 June 1996 : Piano recital by Jennifer Walker (aet. 15)
at 1066 Green Lane : Book now !

(h) Ian Gill wrote a gracious letter of thanks.

(i) Proposed Farthingloe Business Village : offices, restaurant, wildlife pond.
Not at present an official planning application. In the Draft Local Plan it
was to be re-instated as open country.

We have expressed our opinion in this matter.

4. SECRETARY

Civic Trust and Transport 2000 documents circulated.

5. TREASURER

The current account was presented in revised form and explained.

It was decided not to allocate the donations from the Vardon recital to the proposed Children's Hospice.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Membership remains unchanged at 404.

7. SOCIAL SECRETARY

17 Nov. Museum Quiz. Support needed. (+ 30 so far)
Raffle prizes, please.

16 Dec. Christmas Feast (See 3 (c) above) Take-up slow, so far.

19 Feb. Wine and Wisdom : the booking form will be in the Dec. Newsletter.

22 June. Visit to Buckland Paper Mill :
Revised date. 20 persons only. First come first served.

8. EDITOR

(a) The revised application form for new members has produced several items for Newsletter.

(b) Connaught Park questionnaire :
A summary of suggestions will appear in the Newsletter. A cautionary letter received from DDC Planners.

9. PROJECTS

White Cliffs Countryside Project

Fri. 10 Nov. All day. Cow Gate Cemetery.

Wed. 22 Nov. 14.00 - 1630. Planting 50 trees on MoD owned land :
Meet at Broadleas Farm.

Sat. 2 Dec. (Nov/Dec. National Tree Week)
10.30 - 11.30 : Lousyberry Wood

10. PLANNING

(a) Planning application for housing on the site of old Eye Hospital, Noah's Ark Road. An earlier planning permission has expired and we have written expressing our opinion that there is no reason or obligation to renew it.

(b) St. James' area of Dover
A full comment will be submitted : IG's draft warmly approved.

(c) Planning application re industrial development, Old Park.
We will submit our reasons for opposing within the time limit and later send our submission re Sports Academy and Ice Centre.

Depending on the response, we would proceed to publicity.

Thanks to BA copies of our comments on the DDC Draft Local Plan were available to all Committee members.

AJW

TS

11. A.O.B.

- (i) In the absence of BA, LW reported conversations with David Atwood (member) proposing three historic plaques.
- (a) At the Cruise Liner Terminal commemorating the disembarking there of the Unknown Warrior, 75 years ago.
 - (b) On the exterior of the Museum building, commemorating its use as a mortuary for those killed in the Zeebrugge raid.
 - (c) A plaque at eye-level on the Town Hall, to draw attention to the Zeebrugge bell above.

Decided : to explore (a) above.

TS had earlier proposed a plaque in Harold Street, marking the site of the first bomb to fall on the U.K. (December 24 , 1914)

This was considered by Messrs. P.Johnson and Youden.

(ii) ML and TS reported on the Emmaus project. The Newsletter will explain that, from Jan., donations can be made at our society meetings.

(iii) The Membership Secretary reported very favourably on the lecture about the sea-front statues and drew attention to the current exhibition at IMPACT of the 50 best post-war buildings in Kent.

(iv) IG reported that the Society's Millenium bid for the Western Heights had been despatched.

(v) The Archivist reported that Barry Smith had donated a copy of his book : ' Who guards the archives ?' for the archives.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 14 Dec. at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.

DOVER EXPRESS

- 9.11: DHB delay granted: GP v. DS: cograts to QM, Vera Lynn, Cllr. Hood
- : Wider turning circle at Crabble Hill
 - : More Factory Shop regrets
 - : Official support for Children's Ward retention: + DS
 - : BORSTAL CHIMNEY DEMOLISHED: HURRAH!: gas heating
 - : Farthingloe site into business village: small offices w. prestigious HQ: historic barn into restaurant:: wildlife lake
 - : Archcliffe Fort Emmaus Community goes ahead