

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 92nd meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 11 July at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : JC SC JL MR

PRESENT : Chairman Secretary Treasurer JG ML JO TS SS BA MMcF MS

MINUTES of the 91st meeting of the Executive Committee of 13 June 1996.

MATTERS ARISING : from 13 June.

1. Mike Sartin has agreed to take responsibility for the Archives - as long as space allows !
2. Local Agenda 21 : referred to Planning sub-committee who are studying.
3. JC's letter to FDWC re industrial-commercial supplies delayed pending an additional item about the long-term effects of global warming. JC
4. The proposed Jarrett memorial.
JG showed preliminary drawings of design and finished drawings should be ready for the September meeting.
The location : PW Pier, towards the Café end. The wording and orientations to be decided. Cost \pm £1000 (£500 from Lady Mary and (very probable) £500 from DHB.) JG
Location of the Jarrett books :
Agreed; that JC will take custody and they will be available for consultation. JC
5. Presentations to KW and IG at 21 Oct. meeting:
Agreed : Art photographs by Sasha Lawrence framed by LW.
6. The Jennifer Walker recital : Sat. 15 June. Raised £260 for the Hospice.
7. Chairman's letter to DDC re MILLENIUM PROJECT for Dover not yet written. AJW
8. Dover Health Centre : Felling of cherry-tree.
As it is uncertain whether the Chairman's letter was sent or received he will write again. AJW
9. Vardon Recital : payment to the Hospice.
Agreed: to donate £150 to the Hospice. Any shortfall will be met from Society funds and BA's donation.
But see 5 (4) below.
10. JO drafted letter sent by Chairman to Civic Trust, copy to NACCT's KFAS representative , Bill Richardson. No reply so far. Chairman will remind B.R. 13 July. AJW
11. The Peverley Paper.
Almost at final proof stage.
Cost £ 395. For sale at £5 ? (Consult Adams and Welby)
Launching Ceremony : Museum ? C. Waterman. Peverley. President. JG
12. The Rotary Hospital Fete. 20 July.
MMcF JC SC have in hand. A stall, additional to the sponge-throwing, needed. JeG will contact R. Bryden with suggestions. JeG

3. CHAIRMAN

1. Invitation to the Townwall Street dig : 10.30 - 12.00 12 July.

AJW LW BA will attend.

Paul Bennett to be invited to address the AGM 28 April 1997.

AJW

2. Chairman proposed a rota for DS members to attend Dover Town Parish Council and committee meetings. (± 56 a year in all)

JeG BA TS SS MMcF AJW LW

3. DDC Garden Party, Kearsney Abbey 19 June.

LW reported : lavish and well-attended. Officer and Councillor contacts.

4. Invitation to marketing training school. No takers.

5. George Curry, via LK, invites to October Dickens Recital (including Great Expectations) at the Gulbenkian Theatre , Canterbury, with a view to 1997 repeat performance in Dover ? For Charity ?

Both questions met with reservations.

Figures from the 1993 performance in Dover.

Income £481.15

Expenses : 70
Wines : 77.20
Hall : 45
Printing : 75

267.20

Donated to Charity : £75

To Society funds : £ 138.95

AJW will reply guardedly to LK. Representatives will see the Canterbury performance and report.

AJW

Agreed : If we were to present and to give to Charity the donation would be the net profits.

6. SPAB invites to publicise and patronise C. Waterman's conducted tour of the Town Hall in the Autumn.

JL

7. KCC Chairman's invitation to D.S. members to tour and finger-buffet at County Hall. AJW and Snezana Lawrence will represent D.S (and KFAS) 3 - 5 p.m. Wed 31 July. No other takers.

8. 21 Oct. Members Meeting. Speakers ?

Not Whittamore and Penny Brown.

Suggested : The Town Centre Co-ordinator.

JL TS

No bouquet for Lady Mary, as V-P. Perhaps a Peverley Paper ?

9. Local Govt. : Newsletter article AJW. Information from KCC on disruption. Lord Astor says that review is by no means finished.

AJW

10. Sea Cadets ceremonial reported and praised, especially JO and Liggetts. Young people and traditional values.

11. Launch of Grand Shaft 6 July. TS reported the successful occasion. He will write an account for the Newsletter (also a note on the Townwall Street excavations.)

TS

DOVER EXPRESS

11.7: P&O & Stena willing to talk: re Stena Lynx III catamaran
: Tech. crit. of new sewage arrangements

4. SECRETARY

Various publications distributed and a letter of thanks for our support from Coastal Radio was read.

5. TREASURER

1. The current statement was presented in writing and explained.
Recent credit was thanks to SC collection from slow subscription payers.
2. The audited accounts will be published in the Newsletter.
The cost of auditing has doubled.
3. JO reported that he hopes to receive £50 from the Environment-Week Fund but gave notice that, as sponsorship becomes increasingly difficult, he will tend to need to draw increasingly on Society Funds.
4. JG reported that, in collaboration with Philomena Kennedy they had produced a Museum Quiz for a DHB social evening.

Like a deus ex machina he then produced a rabbit out of the hat :
Jonathan Sloggett in appreciation had donated £100 to the D.S.

Agreed : £100 will be donated to the Hospice.

JG ML

Care will be needed in reporting this in the Newsletter.

JeG BA

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

(Reported in writing, in absentia.)

New Members : Mr and Mrs Barry and Margaret Sheppard. Alkham.
Mr Daniel Brooks-Laurent Harold Street
Proprietor of " Preface and Prints " 80 London Rd.

Current total : 430 (Last number issued : 657

7. SOCIAL SECRETARY

(Reported by telephone , in absentia.)

All events up to Jan 1997 listed in the April and August newsletters.

14. Sep. Kew Gardens
21. Oct. Members Meeting.

Two speakers suggested not available.

Town Centre Co-ordinator ? See 3.8 above.

JL

8. Nov. Conundrums and Conviviality

(17. Nov. Christine Waterman : Town Hall.)

14. Dec. Christmas Feast

All dates fixed up to Oct. 1997

7. SOCIAL SECRETARY contd.

27 Jan. Members
24 Feb. W and W
24 Mar. Members
28 Apr. A.G.M. Speaker : Paul Bennett See 3. 1 above.
17 May. Tour
21 Jun. Kent Silk Centre : Crayford Palace, 16 century.
20 Oct. Ron Chatburn

Reservations about the proposed Dickens Evening.

8. PLANNING.

In the absence of JC the proceedings of the Planning sub-committee were reported in the AGENDA.

JG further reported re the Western Docks development that the developer is pressing that the second phase should be advanced.
The sub-committee's reservations concerned traffic access and the infilling of the slip (which is part of the second phase.)

SS reported that she had looked into the design for security shutters at the Bench Street post-office and that they would be of the solid pattern.

9. EDITOR.

Reported that virtually all copy is in and that, hopefully, production would be on time.

ML also reported on the Cruise Welcome Committee (which so far has led to two new D.S. members and one advertiser) and she will be looking at ways in which the D.S. may be able to help their work.

10 . PROJECTS

JO reported that the display shop-window had been broken and this will almost certainly lead to early withdrawal.

He had offered to help with publicity for the Dover Carnival but no posters were forthcoming.

A.O.B.

The committee learnt with regret of Philomena's injury and expressed their sympathy and encouragement.

JG announced that so far 108 cruise ships were booked in for next year.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 12 September at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.

JC and SC had suggested an August meeting. This was not agreed.