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THE DOVER SOCIETY

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MINUTES of the 95th meeting of the Executive Committee, held at 7.30 p.m.  
on Thursday 14 Nov. 1996 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : MR TS ML

PRESENT : Chairman Both Vice-Chairmen Secretary Treasurer Membership-Secretary  
JL JO MS SS MMcF

The MINUTES of the 94th meeting of the Executive Committee of Thursday 10 Oct. '96  
were agreed and signed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING :

From 9 May. 1991

The Peverley Paper.

The evening of the launch : The Chairman recalled the impromptu deputising by  
JP and TS and the Committee was unanimous in their praise and congratulations.

The Chairman had exchanged letters with Kevin Gubbins, Town Centre Co-ordinator,  
who regretted his unavoidable absence and expressed his willingness to speak  
on a later occasion.

The Radio cover of the occasion was good. Sales are proceeding.

From 9 Nov. 1995

The memorial plaque to the Unknown Warrior.

Production is in progress. JG took the opportunity to announce it at the Memorial  
Service at the Railway Monument in what is now the Cruise Liner Terminal.

The Lady Mayor signified her willingness to contribute to the cost of the plaque.

From 11 July 1996

The Jarrett memorial.

JG presented the latest draft design which would be modified to include compass  
orientation. Work continues.

2. CHAIRMAN

1. The co-option of Mike McFarnell was confirmed and his continued presence  
was welcomed.

2. Raffles. Marjory Wright and Margaret Robson had each volunteered to  
organise a raffle.

3. Local Government : Conversation with Gwyn Prosser suggests that ( only in a  
second ministry) the move might be to Regional and Unitary authorities.

4. KCC Future Kent Questionnaire. JG will send off the completed form  
within the extended time-limit. JG

5. JO's protest to the Civic Trust has been forwarded.

6. Geo. Curry, Dickens Evening : enjoyed by AJW and his guests. The Dover Society's  
doubts were communicated.

7. The roster for Town ( Parish) Council Meetings.

Only three volunteers : AJW : Town and Environment Committee : Wed. 20 Nov.

JC : Planning Committee : Thursday 25 Nov.

LW : Town Council : Wednesday 4 Dec.

CHAIRMAN contd.

8. Kent Environment and Community Network : 30 Oct. Folkestone meeting.  
Local Agenda 21 : Chair : critical of Shepway DC. c.f. Dover Soc. and DDC.  
Formation of structured community-based forum.  
While awaiting the report from KW, the Civic Trust paper, summarising the  
relevance of Local Agenda 21 to the work of civic environmental societies  
was distributed, for information.
9. The Committee supported the suggestion of a memorial to Admiral Ramsay.  
It was thought that the Friends of Dover Castle and English Heritage  
should be interested. Meanwhile it was agreed to approach the Royal Naval  
Association. JO will furnish the address. JO
10. The Farthingloe protest letter to the Dover Express by JC was considered.  
Agreed : As a prior step JG would consult with John Clayton, in particular  
about the legal situation if no developer is forthcoming within the planning  
period. JG
11. LW would attend the opening of the Bradelei Wharf for AJW.
12. The Chairman expressed his appreciation for BA stepping in to replace him  
as speaker on the evening of the Launch at the Business and Professional  
Women's Guild and we look forward to hearing about it.

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FROM THE DOVER EXPRESS

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- 14 : 11 Env. Agency plans to replenish river and lakes : Sister Ambrose :  
exit swans to Egham.

Lottery money for KINC conservation site betw. Lydden and Temple Ewell.

3. SECRETARY

1. Reported very favourably on the Bronze Age Boat lectures : 2 Nov.
2. Two replies from DDC Planning Dept.  
Illuminated advertisements :  
One, on a bus shelter, granted. ( We had made no objection )  
One, ( 30/31 Biggin Street ) refused. ( We had opposed any in conservation  
areas.)

4. TREASURER

The accounts were presented in writing and explained.

Christine Waterman had conveyed her thanks for the donation to the Bronze Age  
Boat Museum.

Agreed : to make no extra donation to CPRE.

£15 had been received from BA from the Business and professional women.

Agreed that the profit from the Museum Quiz should be donated to the Museum

At this point JC suggested that we should begin to consider the future rôle  
for our healthy finances.

It was proposed that we should plan donations from this year's surplus,  
( about £1300 ) (JC)

that we should form a Millenium Fund, with a view to financing  
a relatively large project for the Millenium. ( JO )

that we should consider deserving sponsorship appeals (JL)

Agreed : that we should return to these considerations and make proposals  
after due consideration.

## 5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

### Reported :

6 new members :

Mr Peter and Mrs Josephine Willoughby  
Mount Road  
Mrs Pat Newman : Godwyne Close  
Mrs. Alison Sly ( widow of Captain Sly  
Deputy Harbour Master)  
Canterbury.  
Mr. Leonard and Mrs Joan Bell  
Waldershare Park. (Projects and  
clearance work.)

## 6 PROJECTS

Nothing was planned for National Tree Week. Suggestions were invited.

Sun. 1 Dec. 10.30 a.m. Visit to Lousyberry Wood.

Long-term, for consideration :

a project, of benefit to Dover, with Emmaus.

A suggestion, for comments at next meeting : Discounts for D.S. members at Dover shops ?

Rubbish and litter in the Dour : MMcF reported the new telephone number to inform of problems : 872428

## 7. PLANNING

JC reported the individual representations which were proposed or had been made.

The Planning sub-committee had received the papers on waste disposal/compost and had heard Tim Ingleton of DDC on plans to develop cycle-routes. It was considered that such plans would be very difficult to implement.

The search for professional advice within the membership :

Local history : Joe Harman  
Architecture : Lawrence Gage Peter Marsh  
Surveying : Clive Taylor

## 8. SOCIAL SECRETARY

8 Nov. Although Conundrums and Conviviality had made a profit it was considered that, as support had fallen somewhat, a repetition should be postponed.

14 Dec. Christmas Feast. 71 booked so far. Entertainment by Barbers' Shop.

21 Dec. Invitation to dinner : Association France-Grande-Bretagne

No takers but we invite them to our Christmas Feast, two ( reciprocally) free of charge.

22 Dec. Invitation to day and dinner in Calais : Calais Accueil.

5 takers : AJW, LW(2), JL (2)

Agreed : Present three copies of Peverley Paper ( and Kentish wine, privately) and invite them, paying, to our Christmas Feast.

27 Jan. Speakers : John Moir and Peter Clarke. Peter Clarke will speak on the Bronze Age Boat Research Project of which he is Deputy Director.

AGM 1997 Speaker : Paul Bennett of the Canterbury Archaeological Trust  
Subject : The Townwall Street Dig.

8. SOCIAL SECRETARY contd.

JG put on record that we could at an appropriate time put on a meeting at the Cruise Liner Terminal, without charge.

9. EDITOR

In absentia : ML requested 100 extra copies of the Newsletter to be distributed to the shops of the survey. Agreed.

A letter from Terry Sutton was read out conveying the thanks of the Dover Town Centre Management Company to the Society for the Survey.

Ron Dryden ( general manager of the Charlton Centre ) would ideally like any future survey to continue up to Buckland Bridge.

TS was very pleased at the good publicity won by the Society with the book-launch and the cruise-liner survey.

10. A.O.B.

Treasurer : Agreed : Book-plates should be donated for Lady Jarrett's books. BA

: Sasha Lawrence: Photos for presentations : £32 paid.  
Agreed.

JG reported that the DS efforts for the local economy were currently reported in Lloyds' List.

Date of next meeting :

Thursday 12 Dec. 1996 at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.R.Y.C.