
THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 118th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 10 Dec. 1998 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : ML TS JO BA

PRESENT : Chairman Vice-Chairman JG LW MW SC JL JW JeG SS

The MINUTES of the 117th meeting of the Executive Committee of 12 Nov. '98
were passed and signed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING : from the November meeting and ongoing.

* The historic plaques.

Confirmed that it is the usual practice for plaques mounted as ours will
be to be insured by the owner of the property. The Banks' replies are awaited.

The Chairman has written to DTC seeking financial backing for 3 plaques
at £75 per plaque. He also took the opportunity to mention BA's proposed
site for re-location of the Zeebrugge bell.

* The Dover Video-Camera Club video.

No response so far from either Council.
MMcF will approach Ron Dryden re possible inclusion in the Dover Film Festival.

2. CHAIRMAN

As we approach the 1999 AGM the Chairman invited the Committee to think of
future possible vacancies and recruitment. So far Lesley Cumberland is the
the only prospective candidate.

JG explained that, after his departure, DHB would prefer not to have a
representative on the Committee but would nominate a link/contact officer
to whom the Society could refer on relevant matters.

3. SECRETARY

(i) The DTC had invited our co-operation in their Millenium project to compile
a photographic archive of contemporary Dover.

Agreed reply : We will publicise the project at our meetings and encourage
members to take part.

BA with his experience and his own historic archive could
be a valuable consultant.

(ii) DTC Twinning and Civic Functions Committee has set up the Dover Twinning
Association which, although sponsored by the Council, is independent.

They invite us to join.

LW and JL will represent us.

(iii) DTC had received a request from a descendant for information on
Sir William Crundall. They had referred the enquirer to the Society.

Agreed : to refer the enquirer to the Museum which has considerable material LW
and BA is also willing to be consulted.

4. TREASURER

The Treasurer presented and explained the printed Financial Statement.

The charge for room hire had increased.

The Peverley book sales were encouraging. (Still no contact with the Castle bookshop.)

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

New members in November : Mrs Jane Gosby (Eythorne)
Mrs Audrey Thorn (Maison Dieu Road.)
Mr Peter Frost (Brother of Mrs Hazel Griggs.)

This makes the current total 410. (Last number allotted 717.)

6. SOCIAL SECRETARY

85 so far for the Christmas Feast, including 10 French.

Of Summer Outings :

The cemeteries walk and a visit to the historic buildings on the Western Heights were discussed for May, June or early July.

JC/JL will confer.

29 My - 5 June : Dover Festival

We could offer to include one of our trips, if suitable.

The protocol for the Christmas Feast was agreed.

The Wine and Wisdom 22 Feb. needs publicity. JC will approach DDC Events. JC

7. PLANNING

JW reported as on the attached sheet.

There was inconclusive discussion about whether Tony Holman should be invited to join the Planning sub-committee.

8. PRESS SECRETARY

Absent. No report.

9. PROJECTS

(Reported in writing.)

(i) Barton Road School tree to be presented by the Society deferred until 1999 owing to the construction of the school's centenary garden being behind schedule. We had hoped for National Tree Week 1998.

(ii) St. Edmund Chapel work-session 14 Nov. was cancelled due to bad weather. (Sleet etc.) We'll come back to it in the Spring.

(iii) National Tree Week was celebrated in Lousyberry Woods by a small group of Society members who viewed the trees (200) planted by us in Dec. 1990. Over al fresco coffee we concluded that the beech, field-maple and wild cherry are prospering.

10. The Editor was also absent. The Committee warmly commended Newsletter No. 33 for its content, format and presentation.

The increased advertising was welcomed. Long-term consideration must be given to distribution.

A.O.B. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40, repeat 8.40 p.m.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 14 Jan 1999 at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.