

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 127th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 14 Oct. 1999 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

PRESENT : Chairman, both Vice-Chairmen, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Sec.
ML JO BA HG IG GH MMcF SS

APOLOGIES : JW JL

First : the Chairman spoke of the Memorial Service for Philomena Kennedy (11 Oct.) and consideration was given to possible memorials to her as our Founder.

Initial suggestions were a suitably-sited inscribed bench (SMB?); a continuing annual art prize; a retrospective exhibition (this last suggestion from U3A, Deal.)

Agreed : to invite suggestions also from members, at the meeting 25 Oct.

: Tribute in the Newsletter.

BA

1. MATTERS ARISING Ongoing

1. The historic plaques.

Considerable progress had been made.

The Bronze Age Boat plaque had been ordered. Its positioning was agreed, subject to engineering check. It should be in situ in the week following the formal opening of the Boat exhibition. (22 Nov.)

Work continues on the remaining plaques.

The Zeebrugge information panel : Christine Waterman had undertaken to seek the necessary Listed Building permission.

Staff at DTC had proposed two possible additional plaques : William Burgess and Elgar's father.

The Millenium Grant from DDC : the application is in hand.
DTC grant (£750) now confirmed and budgeted.

The siting of a plaque being impossible at the Unitarian Church, BA invited consideration of ways to publicise the building.

To be brought forward at the November meeting.

BA DL

2. The proposed book publication.

No progress at the moment.

3. Newsletter binders.

Search continues, now shared with the Kent Family History Society.

4. The Life and Times of Lillian Kay.

Well advanced and will certainly be ready for signing sessions.

From 9 Sep. 99

1. The Victoria Crescent Award

Sat. 23 Oct. 11.00 a.m.

(In the United Reformed Church if wet, otherwise in the open.)

Duration + 15 mins.

As many of the Committee as possible will attend. Press notice.

TS

Framed certificate.

BA LW

2. The listing of Buckland Paper Mill. (The outside wall and the clock-tower.)

In process.

3. Buckland Village

DDC and DTC being approached for firm opinions. (Town and Environment Committee strongly in favour.)

Agreed : Some major issues are involved. The project is at a very preliminary stage. The Planning sub-committee should continue to examine and try to promote a valid scheme.

2. CHAIRMAN

1. DHB and Blue Flag Status.

The Board is actively seeking and examining what is needed to qualify. Partly dependent on decisions re the Water Sports Centre proposals.

2. DHB have never measured or published sea temperatures and do not plan to do so.

3. Diners at Blakes : 25 Oct.

Gordons ?

Lillian Kay ?

3. SECRETARY

* Mr. M. Scaife has been advised on methods of ancestor research and invited to join the Society.

* We are invited to be represented at the KCC " CICK " Festival Consultation Road Show. Dover Girls G.S. 7.00 p.m. Monday 1 Nov. DL may attend.

4. TREASURER

The monthly Financial Statement was presented as always in writing. The Treasurer drew attention in particular to the following :

The ongoing income from Doug Welby's sales of " Dover's Hidden Fortress", the advertising revenue and the gain earned by John Owen's team at the Pageant.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

2 new members : Mrs Margaret Baker of Coombe Close

and Mrs Ann Thomson of Godwyne Close.

With virtually all subscriptions received, membership stands at 388. Ongoing recruitment always required. (Highest allotted number 736 which indicates the " turnover " of membership.)

6. SOCIAL SECRETARY

in absentia.

No report, but everything is in hand, that's for sure !

7. PROJECTS

Contact is maintained with Emmaus. Two shrubs were donated and good work is being done by companions.

Discussion continues with DHB about Society work on the crane. We aim to make a contribution to the restoration.

There was discussion about the proposed Water Sports Centre.

8. EDITOR

As there have been no further entries for the essay competition the prize will be awarded to DGGs and presented by the President.

Liaison : Brig. Atherton/ DGGs / Press publicity.

ML TS

9. PRESS SECRETARY

The withdrawal of the Planning application for change of use for the RCPYC could be regarded as a Press victory.

10. KFAS, Planning and Local Government.

In the absence of JW, the Chairman commented and explained the Minutes of the Planning sub-committee - in particular the following matters where we are commenting were looked at.

The riverside

The King's Hall - visit deferred.

Diesel leak into the Dour.

The DHB / RCPYC planning application withdrawn.

The architecture of the proposed Lidl in Castle Street

Soup kitchens : support a longer licensing period.

Kearsney Abbey tea-room : again : the architectural quality.

N.B.

The Town Centre Manager will address the Executive Committee for some 20 mins. 11 Nov.

SS was praised and thanked for all her work to do with Planning.

A.O.B.

* The Dover and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry had written to invite the Society to serve on the steering committee for the Dover Fair 2000.

As there were no volunteers, we must refuse.

LW

* There was inconclusive discussion about the possibility of introducing Residents Only Parking in the Saxon Street/Norman Street area.

The Chairman will discuss with the Council

JC

Date of next meeting : Thursday 11 Nov. at 7.30 p.m. at the RCPYC

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m. and adjourned to watch MMCF's excellent video of the 1999 Pageant.