

**THE DOVER SOCIETY MEETING HELD AT
FORTE'S POST HOUSE, WHITFIELD ON
JULY 14, 2001 AT 7:30 P.M.**

Apologies Bill Naylor

Attendees 15

Minutes of 146th Meeting were signed

Matters Arising:

Meril Lilley's first and last names were spelled incorrectly and she wishes the correct spelling noted.

Jeremy Cope reported on the progress of the Philomena Memorial. Apparently the sister was not enthralled with giving a piece of original work. Mrs Thompson (Dover Grammar School) thought something distinctive was needed. Jeremy said he would contact Argusson at Dover Museum who are giving an exhibit of Philomena's work, to see if a loan of one of their pieces, with a plaque noting those winning 6th formers. Jack Woolford mentioned he had a print of a monastery, which he was willing to put on loan. Hugh Gordon offered to speak with Jim Davis (trophy person) regarding suitable engraving on plaque.

The Zebrugge Talk on July 6th at The Dover Museum was attended and enjoyed. Col. Dunn said The Zebrugge Raid raised the tone of the war.

The Pocahontas trip was an exceptional trip where the weather, information, food and the appearance of a dolphin enhanced the day's activities. Joan Liggett was congratulated on the organization of this trip. Vines, Wines and Trains was well booked for 21st July during which Sheila Cope said she would run a pound coin raffle.

Jack Woolford said he wrote to the Western Heights Association and that he would be keeping a watchful eye on their plans.

Chairman's Report: A letter was received from the Town Clerk of Dover, Robert Baily, offering thanks and congratulations on the success of the Millennium Historic Plaques project.

An invitation has been sent by Dover Harbour Board's to the opening of the second cruise liner terminal on August 9. Derek Leach kindly agreed to represent the Society at the ceremony.

The Chairman is away from the end of July to August 19 and Derek Leach may be contacted in his absence. Derek is also away from 28th July to 4th August. In both their absences, please contact either Jeremy Cope or Bill Naylor.

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The Treasurer circulated his report.

It was agreed to renew the Society's membership to Kent Federation of Amenities.

Membership Report: Sheila Cope reported that actual numbers were 427. July 01 new members are: Mr John Graeme, Pharos Insurance, introduced by Terry Sutton; Mrs Pauline Crawley, Winchelsea Terrace, introduced by Merrill Lilley; Mrs Pam Allen, Castlemount Court, introduced by Merrill Lilley and Mrs M. Carney of Winchelsea Terrace.

Projects: Cowgate Cemetery. Jeremy Cope reported hacking down trees with the midweek party. Next working party, 21st July. Jeremy reported good progress on the clearing of the Cemetery site and that a visitor said that the area was beginning "to look like a cemetery". The question of the legal need for hard hats for clearing workers was raised and it was authorized that six hats be bought. Jeremy said he would organize the midweek party's requirements.

Leslie reported that Ian Merton was carrying out determination work on the plots (which are different sizes) and there are a few mysteries still and although a long way to go, good progress is being made.

Planning: Jack Woolford circulated the Planning Committee report and gave detailed reports on the entries. Improvements to A258 are still needed. Speed checks are still being carried out in Barwick and Coombe Valley Road and some arrests have been made as a result. Extensive studies have been made on traffic in Castle Street but opinion is that if traffic top speeds are 43 mph, nothing can really be done.

There were two dates which Jack Woolford was asked to switch: on 18th March 2002, Nadim should be asked to speak, and the brainstorming session should be on 14th October 2002. The Editor and Chairman of Planning would be in touch with each other.

Social Secretary: Wines & Vines & Trains on 21st July. Well booked. Zebrugge Sand Sculptures (£25) will either be on the 1st or 8th September (with a dinosaur theme): Thursday, September 20th at 9 am will be to the Kings Troupe Barracks with a visit to the museum – leaving to return at 4 pm.

Editor: The newsletter is to be 44 pages and will now be leaving out the application form. Ivan Green on James I was left out, as there were two long articles by new contributors. We have two new advertisers and although Locke's have been taken over, we may not lose them.

Stationery was again mentioned by Merrill and Cpt Weston said he will make approximately 20 copies of both letterhead and compliment slips.

Publication: Derek Leach prepared a mission statement which was accepted with minor inclusions and exclusions – “Applicants may have to submit...”; provide up to £1,000 ‘up front’ at an agreed interest of %, and to completely remove the final N.B. paragraph.

Peter Burville’s book on The White Cliffs Cave Dwellers – profits are to be distributed half to The Dover Society and half to Friends of the Museum.

Derek Leach and Joe Harman are planning a public launch of their book in Dover Museum in September.

Mike Connelly of Homstead (our web page provider) is now charging £25 a year. This expenditure was proposed and seconded.

Any other business.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

Date of next meeting: September 13th at 7:30 pm

Chairman