The Dover Society.

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee which was held on 13 December 2001 at the home of Mr & Mrs Cope, 53 Park Ave, Dover.

Present: Mr & Mrs Cope: Mrs George: Mr & Mrs Gordon: Mr Leach (Chmn): Mrs Liggett: Mrs Lilley; Mr McFarnell: Mr Naylor: Capt. Weston: Mrs Wood: Mr Woolford.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Dr Hale and Mr Sutton.

1) Minutes.

Minutes of the meeting of 8th November were presented and agreed.

2) Matters arising from the minutes:

Mr Cope raised the matter of the Philomena Memorial and said the question of the winner giving a talk at a Society meeting had been raised by the School, who would decide on the both content and if in fact the winning girl would have to make a speech. It was agreed to leave the matter to the school.

After some discussion it was proposed that the offer of a 'Master Class' for all members be accepted.

Proposed Mr Leach

2nd Mr Gordon

Agreed.

Mr Woolford reported that he had received a letter from Mrs Jukes declining the invitation of the Committee to stand for election at the AGM.

3) Secretary's Report:

Mr Naylor asked if it was the wish of the EC to continue meeting at the Post House Whitfield. Agreed. He also asked if the point 10 print was acceptable in the production of the minutes, Agreed.

4) In the absence of Mr Sutton there was no Chairman's report.

5) Treasurer's Report:

Capt Weston distributed the monthly financial statement pointing out that £16 had been collected in subscriptions, £67 had been received from advertising and that £24.33 had been paid to the Auditors. There were other items which are present in the monthly accounts. He also said that the number of bookings for the Christmas Feast stood at 79. There were several favourable comments from the Committee on the low cost of the Audit and the accounts were accepted.

6) Membership Secretary.

Mrs Cope reported that there were five new members: Mr Leonard and Mrs Janet Southwood of Whitfield, Mr B. & Mrs P. Simpson of Whitfield and Mr Keith Wells of Sandwich. This brought the total membership to 420.

7) Projects:

Mr Gordon reported that work in the Cowgate Cemetary was continuing on both Thursdays and Saturdays and that discussions about further changes in the working patterns were taking place. It had been suggested that the party meet on the third Saturday in the month from 9.30 to 12.30.

Mrs Gordon suggested that a conducted tour of the site be arranged with Martyn Webster to take place after the March meeting of the Society. The question of lifting the grave stones which had fallen over was raised, however in view of the possible health and safety implications it was decided that professional advice should be sought before proceeding.

Mrs Gordon announced that she wished to relinquish the post of directing the 'recording group' and was looking for a new leader. After discussion it was decided to approach Mr Hollinsbee.

The Secretary was asked to contact the Council with a view to obtaining free parking for the workers.

8) Planning & Local Govt.

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the last Planning Committee meeting and pointed out that the item on the Charity Properties was still unresolved. After considerable discussion it was thought that an informal meeting with the Council officers might be the best way forward. Terry to speak to

9) Social Secretary:

Mrs Liggett said that the total number for the Feast was 79 and that she would like the raffle to take place earlier than usual and sought more volunteers to sell the tickets. She also said that Dr Colman had enjoyed the November meeting and had indicated his willingness to speak again. Mrs Liggett pointed out that the Dover Pageant would take place on 6 May and expected that the Society would offer its usual support.

9) Publications:

Mrs Lilley pointed out that the deadline for publications in the next news letter was the 18.2.02 She thanked the Society for the support provided by money approved at the meeting of 8 Nov. Budge Adams: To date there had been no response from the CD company. Mrs Lilley suggested that thought be given to publishing "occasional papers" these were items of interest which were too long for the News Letter but not long enough for a book. Agreed. DAZ

10) Any Other Business:

A member of the Society wished to donate the sum of £500 to St Radiguns School but wanted to remain anonymous, Mr Leach to consult with the Chairman () Mr McFarnell pointed out that the Pageant Programme was now available price £1.

11) Date of next meeting:- 10 January 02. Venue Post House Whitfield

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.29hrs.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the Dover Society a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

> WLN Hon. Sec.