

# The Dover Society

## The minutes of the 169th meeting of the Executive Committee which was held on 9th September 2003 in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover.

1) Present:

Mr & Mrs Cope; Mrs Gordon; Dr Hale; Mr Leach; Mrs Liggett; Mrs Lilley; Mr McFarnell; Mr Naylor; Mr Sutton (chmn); Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.

2) Apologies:

There were no apologies.

3) Minutes:

The minutes of the 168th meeting which had been circulated were agreed.

4) Matters arising from the minutes.

Mrs Lilley pointed out that the item 13) in the last minutes was intended to make clear that the money in the publication fund was dedicated to the production of a book based on the records compiled by Mr Budge Adams. This would be a tribute to his long and dedicated service to the Dover Society.

5) The Chairman:

Mr Sutton said that he had received a letter from Mrs Cheryl Culver complaining about the state of the "Peter Becker" steps leading down from the cliff and over the railway line at Aycliffe. Also about the litter on Shakespeare Beach. She suggests that there should be something in the Newsletter.

After a discussion it was agreed that the attention of the owners - DHB and Network Rail for the bridge and the Beach and DDC who are responsible for the steps be drawn to the current state of their respective properties. It was also suggested that the local MP, Mr Prosser be informed.

6) The Secretary:

Mr Naylor said that he had received an invitation from the Army to attend a presentation at the Duke of York's School. The invite was for all who wished to attend but names had to be submitted. Dr Hale indicated that he would like to attend.

7) The Treasurer:

Capt. Weston distributed the monthly financial accounts and drew attention to the following points:-

- a) £284 in subs have been collected for this year, £18 in advance for next year and £23 in donations.
- b) Gift Aid up to April 2003 amounted to £1263.02 the next claim will be submitted after April 2004.
- c) The donation to Eythorne/Elvington school has been paid. The original gift of £250 was enhanced to £320 by the addition of 'gift aid'.
- d) £50 was received from the sale of books to the Western Heights Preservation Soc
- f) £650 paid to the printers for the Newsletter. £39.76 the cost of postage for its distribution.
- g) Income of £261 from advertisers in the Newsletter and £5 from the sale of Newsletters.
- h) The binders for the Newsletter are now to hand and are available to the members at £4.48 each. £448.26 has been paid to the publishers Celsur Plastics.
- i) Subs to KFAS £10 and CPRE £25 have been paid in the past two months.
- k) A cheque for £25 has been presented as part of the P. Kennedy memorial to Miss Elizabeth Savage this years winner at DGGS.
- l) The latest on the 'Outings' Pocohantas made a loss of £57.40; St Peters Village a profit of £44 and the Houses of Parliament also a profit of £198.

8) Membership Secretary:

Mrs Cope reported that there were nine new members since our last meeting. They are:- Mrs Ellington of the Western Heights: Miss S.J. Friend of Lydden: Mr David & Mrs Rachel Godden of Martin Mill: Mr & Mrs Poole of Park Ave: Mr E Reumel of Whitfield: Mr & Mrs Shepherd of Whitfield. The total membership is now 438.

Mrs Cope also said that she and her husband had presented the prize to Miss Savage at the Girls Grammar School at a small ceremony held in the school.

9) Projects.

Mrs Gordon said that the DDC had erected some of the fallen head stones on the graves at Cowgate the details where legible being recorded. She went on to say that there had been a change of plan for the Open Day in September in as much as the Unitarian Church would be closed. Mrs Liggett volunteered to be on hand to inform any would be visitors.

Mr Cope said that there had been an anonymous donation of £250 for projects, consideration was being given to buying a strimmer.

Views were being sought from interested parties on the contents of the notice to be erected at Cowgate.

River watch.

A meeting of local groups had been held on 1st Sept. and a further meeting was planned for 29 Sept. The object was to set up a management structure which in turn would produce an action plan and set up financial controls. The area covered would include be the whole of the river Dour.

10) Social Secretary.

Mrs Liggett said that details of the French trip were pickup at 07.20 with return from France at 1800hrs. bookings for the Christmas Feast were coming in slowly as was expected. At the first of the winter meetings ( Oct.03) Mr Paul Bolas would be speaking about River Dour.

11) Planning & Local Govt.

Mr Woolford circulated the minutes of 74th planning S/C meeting held on 2nd Sept 03. He pointed out that Planning permission for part of the Western heights had been granted in 1997 and the question had arisen as to whether it was still valid.

He circulated samples of framed certificates which he proposed could be presented to traders on London Rd. This was followed by a long discussion when it was agreed that 11 frames be bought and presented to the various shopkeepers by Mr Woolford.

The question of a notice concerning a change of use for the old Art school building in the Paddock was raised by Dr Hale who asked for inquiries to be made as to its ultimate use.

Mr Woolford said that he and Mr Sutton had attended a meeting of the DHB consultative Committee one of the issues which was announced appears to be a change of mind about the development of Shakespeare beach with the Western Docks taking priority.

12) Dover Soc. Web Site.

Mr McFarnell reported that there were changes taking place with our web site supplier which would result in a reduction in the price paid for our licence. He also asked for pictures which could go on our site.

13) Editor.

Mrs Lilley said that the deadline for copy for the next Newsletter would be 13 Oct. and all articles would be gratefully received. She continued by distributing subjects for the NL to various members of the Committee.

14) Publications.

Mrs Lilley announced that there would be some new books on sale at the October meeting. Mr Leach announced that the 1400 slides had been processed and were in the data base.

15) Any Other Business.

Mr Woolford announced the possibility of a second piano concert .DTC to support Financially . There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45hrs.