

The Dover Society.

The minutes of the 173rd meeting of the Executive Committee which was held on 8th January 2004 in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover.

1) Present:

Mr & Mrs Cope; Mrs Gordon; Mr Leach; Mrs Liggett; Mrs Lilley; Mr Naylor; Mr Sutton (chmn); Mr Woolford.

2) Apologies:

Apologies were received from Dr Hale Mr McFarnell. and Capt. Weston;

3) Minutes:

The minutes of the 172nd meeting which had been circulated were agreed.

4) Matters arising from the minutes.

Mr Woolford reported on the arrangements made for the Piano Recital to be held on the 17 Jan. and Mr Sutton said that he had been unable to establish the position of the copyright for the Ray Warner films. He said that he would continue his inquiries.

5) The Chairman.

Mr Sutton said that the Christmas Feast had been very successful and he thanked Mrs Liggett for her organisation and Mr & Mrs Cope for running the raffle also all helpers who had helped to make the annual feast such a success.

The arrangements for the next general meeting (19 Jan.) were then discussed and Mr Sutton finished his report by pointing out that despite making informal inquiries he had not had a nomination for the post of Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year. Mr Cope said that he would 'Ponder' on the situation.

6) The Secretary.

Mr Naylor said that due to the Christmas holidays he had nothing to report.

7) The Treasurer:

As Capt. Weston was unable to attend Mr Naylor distributed the monthly financial statement and drew attention to the following: (from notes left by the Treasurer)

- a) £22 has been collected in subs for this year.
- b) £32 paid by the Inland Revenue being interest due because of late repayment under the Gift Aid scheme.
- c) £48 received from Advertisers in the Newsletter
- d) £650 paid to Adams for the production of Newsletter
- e) £31.69 paid for distribution costs.
- f) £6 paid for additional Frames under the award scheme and £10 paid to the Clerks to the Justices in support of our application for a drinks licence. (sale of wine at some of our functions)
- g) A loss of £9.48 accrued on the November meeting. The bill for the Feast is still to arrive.
- h) £110.03 has been added to our CafCash account this being the quarterly interest up to the end of December. Interest rate 3.03%

8) Membership Secretary:

Mrs Cope reported that two new members: Mr D.Beecham of Elms Vale and Mr N. Reed of Folkestone had joined the society which brings the total number of members to 441.

9) Projects:

Mrs Gordon said that the index of graves in plot 8 of Cowgate is now complete and consideration was being given to having the plans laminated. There was some discussion on

starting Plot 2. Mr Cope said that the site clearing was continuing and that a strimmer had been donated to the Society by Lt.Col.Bolton needless to say it was gratefully received. Riverwalk Progress was satisfactory and it was hoped that the survey of the whole river would take place in March.

10) The Social Secretary

Mrs Liggett said that the Christmas Feast had been very successful and after some discussion it was agreed that the Society would continue to hold their annual Christmas event at Dover College. There was further discussion on suitable venues for the summer outings Mrs Liggett said that she would note the comments and bear them in mind when she made the bookings.

11) Planning and Local Govt.

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 78th meeting of the S/C. He also reported that it had been announced that the Nation Trust intended to erect additional gates to their property at Langdon Cliffs the intention being to exclude cars during the hours of darkness. This announcement provoked considerable discussion and it was finally agreed that the Chairman should write to the Trust objecting.

12) The Editor

Mrs Lilley said she would be taking a winter holiday and so would like all promised copy as soon as possible.

13) Publications.

Mrs Lilley said that the books Memories of Dover and the White Cliffs were still selling well but Soldiers of the Castle was going slowly.

Mr Leach reported that the books by Lillian Kay and Joe Harman were doing well and his own and Mr Sutton's book was going very well

14) Budge Adams Papers.

Nothing significant to report as the Scanner is still out of action

15) Any Other Business.

Mr Leach reported that the memorial plaque for Clifford Jarrett which is on the Prince of Wales pier requires attention. Mr John Garrard to be consulted.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 21.30 hrs. Date of next meeting 12 Feb 04