

## The Dover Society

### Minutes of the 176<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on Thursday 8 April 2004 at St Paul's Parish Room, Dover.

**1 Present:** Dr Hale, Mr Leach, Mrs Liggett, Mr McFarnell, Mr Sutton, Capt. Weston and Mr Woolford.

**2 Apologies:** Mr & Mrs Cope, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Lilley and Mr Naylor.

**3 Minutes of the 175<sup>th</sup> meeting held on Thursday 11 March 2004:** were accepted as a true record except that it was Capt. Weston who had asked for a reprint of *Dover's Hidden Fortress*.

**4 Matters arising from the minutes:**

4.1 Museum Façade - Jon Iveson had welcomed the initiative taken by the Society.

4.2 *Hidden Fortress* was being reprinted

**5 Chairman' report:**

5.1 Members were reminded of the revised arrangements for St George's Day. Mr Woolford agreed to obtain the wreath for about £20. Mr Leach would lay it.

5.2 Mr Sutton had attended the viewing of the McFarnell Dover 2003 video at the District Council.

5.3 Mr Sutton had given a talk to the French students at the Town Hall.

5.4 As this was his last committee meeting as chairman, Mr Sutton thanked committee members for their support over the past three years. Mr Woolford proposed a vote of thanks for Mr Sutton's chairmanship, which was agreed unanimously.

**6 Secretary's report:** there was nothing to report.

**7 Treasurer's report:** Capt. Weston distributed the monthly financial update. During the month the £35 annual subscription to WCCP was paid, a £70 donation was made to Crabble Corn Mill as agreed from a Wine and Wisdom surplus of £143.63 and a donation of £200 for the projects fund had been received. Pfizers had donated £300 toward the Newsletter costs, £185.76 had been spent on renewals and repairs to Cowgate Cemetery project machinery and £100 paid to St Paul's for use of the parish room. A loss of £31.78 arose from the first Astor concert in January. Quarterly interest received from Cafbank was £122.32.

It was agreed that The Dover Society should pay the £30 parking fine received by Mike Weston when returning glasses from an event.

Joan Liggett was thanked for the substantial surplus made from excursions and Mike Weston for his excellent work as treasurer.

**8 Membership Secretary:** new members were Mr & Mrs Walker from Alkham, Mrs Doreen Charlton from Whitfield and Mr M Groombridge from Priory Hill. Total membership was now 446.

**9 Projects:** in the absence of Mr Cope there was no report.

**10 Social Secretary:** Mrs Liggett reported a slow response so far to summer excursions.

**11 Planning and Local Government:** Mr Woolford spoke to the minutes of the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Planning Committee. The Executive agreed that the Society should oppose residential development for the Coombe Road concrete works site. It was noted that planning permission was now sought to convert the Westmount building into flats.

**12 Press Secretary:** The Society continued to receive good coverage in the local press.

**13 Website:** Mr McFarnell said that the changes in the Society's officers would be updated on the website.

**14 Editor:** in the absence of Mrs Lilley there was no report.

**15 Publications:** the reprint costs of *Collected Memories* had now been met and any further sales would help repay the loan for the Ivan Green book.

**16 Budge Adams Papers:** Mr Leach reported that the Museum had obtained a new scanner, but the team now patiently awaited training in its use!

**17 Any other business:**

17.1 Nominations by the closing date for the Executive, in addition to existing members, were Mrs Marjory Wright and Mrs Adeline Reidy.

17.2 It was agreed who should give reports at the AGM.

17.3 Mr McFarnell was concerned that if the installation of the new Lord Warden took place this year there would be insufficient time for it to be publicised to benefit local businesses.

17.4 Mr Leach had written to and received a reply from KCC Head of Libraries about the loss of qualified librarians in the present restructuring.

**18 Date of next meeting:** please note that due to the Mayor making event on Thursday 13 May involving several members of the Society, the next meeting of the Executive has been brought forward to Thursday 6 May at St Paul's.