

# The Dover Society

Minutes of the 177<sup>th</sup> meeting of the E/C which took place on Thursday 6th May 2004 In St Paul's Parish Room Dover.

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

2) Apologies; There were no apologies

3) Minutes: The minutes of the 176<sup>th</sup> meeting which had been circulated were accepted.

4) The Chairman:

The Zeebrugge ceremony had been very successful and Mr Woolford was congratulated on the production of the wreath. Cllr Matcham was congratulated on the research he had carried out in finding the owners of the approaches to the Motte Bulwark Correspondence referring to the gate at Langdon Cliffs received from David Rylands. It was agreed that the Society continue to support his efforts, it was suggested that a suitable letter be sent. Agreed.

5) The Secretary

Mr Naylor Said that he had received a letter from Mr John Walker of the Whitstable Music Society congratulating the Society on the Piano Concert given in April. The letter also contained some suggestions which will be kept in mind if there are future concerts.

6) The Treasurer

Capt. Weston reported that the monthly financial statement had not yet been issued this month because the bank statement had not yet arrived. However he drew attention to the following items:-

A) £70 has been received from advertising and the AGM raffle brought in £63.90.

B) We have paid out £650 to Adams the Printers: £2,46 to Fields for photocopying; £500 to the TCM for the River Dour Group.

Inquiries have been made with a local insurance agent with a view to reducing the cost of insurance premiums charged by the Civic trust. The result is that it appears that we are getting a very good deal from the Trust and that the advice received is stick with it.

7)The Membership Secretary.

Mrs Cope said that there were three new members during the month - Lady Jeane Dutton; Mr Tony Fuller; Mr Philip Harding and ; Dr Snezana Lawrence which brought the total membership to 450.

8)Projects;

Mr Cope said that a follow up letter had been sent concerning the parking proposal for the Park avenue area of Dover. A ceremony had been held to celebrate the fixing of the notice in Cowgate.. A quote was being sought from Messrs Cleverly & Spence to refurbish the Jarrett memorial.

The River Dour; Progress was being made, the organisation had prepared a paper which was agreed , and finance was discussed.

Mrs Gordon reported that the details of the graves should be finalised by the end of the month..

9)The Social Secretary,

Mrs Liggett said that bookings for the outings were very slow at coming in. The trip to Faversham was likely to be cancelled as the organisers wanted figures now as they had heavy bookings from other parties.

It was agreed that Mr Webster, one of our previous speakers, would be invited to a meal in the Autumn.

10) Planning & Local Govt..

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 82 meeting of the planning subcommittee which was held on 4 May. There was a discussion on the merits of an application for developing the United Reform Church on London Rd, objections had been raised by local residents. After consideration of the objections it was decided that the Society should not object.

11) The Web Site.

Mr McFarnell reported that several of the new members had obtained their application forms from our web site such action was to be applauded.

12) Press Secretary

Mr Sutton reported that the Society had received good reports in all the local press.

13) The Editor

Mrs Lilley said that she had already received six articles for the next Newsletter, but more would be welcome. She also said that a cheque for £300 had come from Pfizers together with a very flattering letter.

Mrs Reidy suggested that the E-Mail addresses of the officers should appear in the Newsletters. Agreed.

14) Publications

Mr Leach said the 'scanning' had restarted.

15) Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2105

Date of next meeting Thursday 10 June.