

# The Dover Society

Minutes of the 180<sup>th</sup> meeting of the E/C which was held on Thursday 9 Sept 2004 in the Parish room of St Paul's Church Dover.

1) Present: Mrs Gordon; Dr Hale; Mr Leach ( chmn); Mrs Liggett; Mrs Lilley; Mr McFarnell; Mr Naylor; Mr Sutton; Mr Woolford; ; Mrs Wright.

2) Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr & Mrs Cope; Capt. Weston; Mrs Reidy

3) Minutes. The minutes of the 180<sup>th</sup> meeting which had been circulated were agreed

4) Matters arising : There were no matters arising which were not referred to in the agenda..

5) The Chairman:

Mr Leach reported that the SE conference of KFAS which will be held in October would be attended by Mr Woolford

There had been a letter from Miss Sherifa Rashidally, a member, asking that her poetry be published in the Newsletter. Mrs Lilley said that as a matter of editorial policy poetry was not published. After some discussion it was agreed that the Editor's decision be upheld.

It appears that English Heritage have announced that because of poor attendance at times during the winter it will close the Castle to visitors for two days each week during the months of December and January. A letter to English Heritage from the Mayor of Dover was considered to be too harsh in its content and after some discussion it was agreed that a more conciliatory letter should be sent to E.H. from the Society.

The question of the installation of the Lord Warden was raised and it was decided that it should become an item on the agenda.

A request from Mr Poole for the members to be informed of a concert to be held in October had apparently been raised. It was agreed that the matter be discussed by the Chairman and Mr Cope on his return from holiday.

6) The Treasurer.

In the absence of Capt. Weston the Chairman distributed the monthly financial report and drew attention to the following points from notes provided by the Treasurer:

A) £106 has been collected in subs.

B) The 'Gift Aid' scheme has resulted £662.58 being paid into our funds by the Inland Revenue.

C) £775 has been paid for the reprint of 500 copies of Our Western Heights and £650 for the printing of the Newsletter.

D) Printing and photocopying amounted to £41.16 which included £30.54 for our presentation on Trees for the Precinct

E) £ 10 paid to KFAS 10 FAS and £25 to the CPRE being our annual subs, and the outing to Faversham made a small loss of £6

7) Membership Secretary

Mrs Cope left a note informing the E/C that :Mr Bill Parry of River; Mr & Mrs A. Jones of Canterbury and Mr M. Morris of Eythorne have joined the Society. The total number of members is now 448.

8)Projects;Mr Cope left a note saying that the Jarrett Memorial would be paid for by the DHB. Agreed Cowgate ; the grass had been cut and piled in heaps to give homes to the local wildlife .but the strimmers were beginning to wear out.Mrs Gordon said that the recording of the graves was now complete. It was decide after some discussion that copies would be placed with the museum ,the Library and with the Family

History Society and would be available to members for a fee yet to be decided  
River Dour: The strategy report was still not available further progress slow.

9) Social Secretary

Mrs Leggett said that the London trip had been a success and that the Lillie trip was over subscribed. She reminded everyone that the October general meeting is in the Biggin Hall not St Mary's. The Christmas feast has been booked but entertainers were required

10) Planning & Local Govt.

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 85<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Planning S/C which was held on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. He drew attention to the fact that he had circulated all the traders in the pedestrian precinct seeking sponsorship for the provision of seven trees in that area and had only one reply. After a long discussion it was agreed that he should approach the Trustees to the local charities hoping for a more favourable response.

A letter had been received from the Sensicles concerning harassment at their home after objecting to the building of a structure with out planning permission. As a result they had decided not to pursue the case further. It was agreed that all we could do was to send a letter of sympathy.

11) Web Site

Mr McFarnell reported that a new sponsor and advertiser had been found for the web site it being Dover Greek Tavern.

12)- The Editor

Mrs Lilley asked for all copy for the next issue of the Newsletter to be in before the 11<sup>th</sup> October or sooner. She repeated her request for a replacement Editor as she felt she was now making too many mistakes.

13) Publications.

It was reported that all the books were now selling well The Budge Adams slides were still being scanned but should be completed before Christmas when they would be ready for sale at £5 each.

There being no further business the meeting end at 21.40 hrs.

Date of the next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> October