

# The Dover Society

## Minutes of the 191<sup>st</sup> meeting of the E/C, which was held on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> October in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover

- 1) Present: Mr & Mrs Cope; Dr Hale; Mr Lee; Mr Leach (chmn); Mr Naylor; Mrs Reidy; Mr Woolford.
  - 2) Apologies: Apologies were received from Mrs Gordon; Mrs Liggett; Mrs Lilley; Mr McFarnell; Mr Sutton; Capt. Weston.
  - 3) Minutes  
Minutes of the 190<sup>th</sup> meeting of the E/C which had been circulated were accepted
  - 4) Matters arising from the minutes;  
Mr Cope reported that the application by the Russian Pianist to stay in the U.K. had been refused.
  - 5) Chairman  
Mr Leach said that he had written to the team involved in the recording of the graves in Cowgate congratulating them for the final product and thanking them for their hard and demanding work.
  - 6) The Secretary  
Mr Naylor said that he had received a letter from Mrs Rhoda Windiate-Blackmore seeking information about an ancestor who lived in Dover in the late eighteen hundreds. Mr Leach said he would look into the case when he next visited the Museum .
  - 7)The Treasurer  
In the absence of Capt. Weston Mr Naylor distributed the monthly financial report and drew attention to the following points:-
    - A) £10 subs. has been paid to KFAS.
    - B) £ 188 received from advertising in the Newsletter plus a generous donation of £100 from Mrs Lilley, which has been credited to the Newsletter account.
    - C) £5.33 was spent on Photocopying and stationery
    - D) The last two outings have now been closed with the London trip producing a surplus of £88 and the trip to France £27.98.
    - E) The CAF account interest for the last quarter totalled £ 192.74Finally a claim has been submitted to the Dept. of Revenue & Customs for 'Gift Aid' for year 2004/5 which amounts to £660.
  - 8)Membership Secretary.  
Mrs Cope reported that there had been three new members this month they are: Mrs S.J.Mills of Leyburne Rd; and Mr P.& Mrs K Garstin of Castle St This brings the total number of members to 444..  
Mrs Cope said that she had received a water colour picture and three painted book marks from a former resident of Leyburne Rd . After some discussion it was decided to include them as prizes in one of the Society's raffles. Mrs Reidy as raffle organiser took them into her care.
  - 9) Projects.  
Mr Cope reported that the winter programme of clearance at Cowgate had now started  
And that there had already been the first bonfire of cuttings.
- River Dour  
He also reported that the constitution of the Committee was still under discussion. Progress on the development of the river is to be governed by the Environmental Agency, who will ensure

that the river is kept open and not blocked by debris or rubbish. The river side signs are to be erected and a list of riparian owners is to be prepared.

Trees

Mr Woolford said that a letter had been sent to Mrs Moody of the Kent Highways Authority. There had not been a reply to date.

10) The Social Secretary

In the absence of Mrs Liggett Mrs Cope said that booking forms for the Christmas feast would be available at the general meetings. The entertainment is to be provided by a group of five singers from the Canterbury area at a cost of £80 plus free meals. A notice of the date of the AGM would be included in the December Newsletter, the date itself to be settled at the next meeting.

11) Planning and Local Govt:

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 97<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Planning S/C held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Mr Cope raised questions about the suggestion that a slip road be provided in front of the proposed St James development for local traffic visiting Asda. This gave rise to a prolonged discussion on the general merits of the whole project. It was pointed out that the matter had been agreed by the sub-committee and agreed by the E/C at the last meeting, and our views had already been sent to the Chief Planning Officer of the DDC.

A further discussion took place on the merits of the relief road proposed by DHB for the Eastern Docks. It was agreed not to oppose the project proposed Mrs Cope 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Naylor.

Mrs Reidy then proposed that the proper authority be asked to consider removing the Band Stand from Pencester Gardens to the sea front preferably to Carlton Gardens where one had previously stood.

This was agreed.

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12) The Editor

Mr Lee distributed a warning from the Centre of Disease Control Birmingham concerning the finding of needles in public seating and other places such as coin return areas of pay phones and coke machines which warned the victims that they had been infected with HIV. ALL the needles tested have been found positive for HIV. There are reports of similar events having taken place several areas recently

He then went on to ask for all promised articles for the next Newsletter to be given in as soon as possible.

Publications

Mr Leach said that the captions on the B Adams slides were nearing completion.

13) Trafalgar Day Dinner.

It was reported that number of members had booked through other avenues. So that a Society table would not be required.

14) Any Other Business

As there was no Further Business the meeting closed at 21.30hrs.