

The Dover Society

The minutes of the 205th meeting of the E/C which was held on the 11 January 2007
in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover

1) Present: Mr & Mrs Cope; Dr Hale; Mr Lee; Mr Leach (Chmn) Mrs Liggett; Mr McFarnell; Mr Naylor; Mrs Reidy; Mr Sencicle; Mr Sutton; Capt Weston; Mr Woolford. Mrs Hooper and Mrs Marsh, potential Advertising Manageress, were also in attendance.

2) There were No Apologies

3) Minutes . The minutes of the 204th Meeting of the E/C which had been circulated were approved.

4) Matters arising . A discussion took place on the recent Christmas Feast. There were three main points of debate. One was that the numbers of members present was too big for comfort It was considered that a maximum number in future should be limited to 100 Capt. Weston pointed out that in terms of numbers present this event was the highest ever at 125 . The second point was the entertainment which some people did not think was suitable for a Christmas event and was too loud, question do we need entertainers ? To be considered before the next feast. And the third point was the raffle once again some people did not like the method used to deliver the prizes and wished to return to the method used on previous occasions This proved to be the most controversial, after considerable debate it was agreed that the organiser(s) of future raffles should be free to set the system used. Namely a Tombola style or tickets drawn from a drum. .

A vote of thanks was proposed and carried to all the organisers of the event.

5)The Chairman, No report.

6) The Secretary. Mr Naylor reported on a local forum which was to be held in Sandwich. And pointed out that the AGM was now insight and that nominations for the E/C would soon be required.

7) The Treasurer. Capt. Weston distributed the monthly financial report and drew attention to the following points

A) Subs received £10

B) Donation from Mrs Lilley (Triangle Publications) £200, request that it goes towards the Newsletter.

C) Paid to Adams Printers £685 for printing the Newsletter and £26 for postal charges to out of town members

D) Paid to Mrs Leggett £18 for the Remembrance Day wreath .and £27.94 to the Auditors.

E) Received £244.18 interest from the Caf account.

F) Sales of the Society's Christmas Cards for the past month came to £172

G) £4 for the sale of two badges and £22.50 from the sale of five Newsletter binders.

Finally Capt. Weston drew the attention of the E/C to the fact that the end of the financial year was drawing near and that any outstanding expenses should be claimed, properly invoiced, before the end of March .He continued by saying that all the accounts had been despatched and that a letter of thanks had been received from the Auditors.

8) Membership Secretary. Mrs Cope said that there had been four new members during the month they are Carola Nathan of Bonn; Alice Vebe of Berlin; Mrs Peggy Shaw of River; Mr Adam Tonkin of Folkestone Rd. A visiting member. The total number of members now stands at 452.

9)Projects. Mr Cope said that Health & Safety notices had been given to the workers at Cowgate .

River Dour; A meeting of the committee had still not taken place.

10) Social Secretary. Mrs Hooper said that arrangements for the French visit were still being considered. The return visit in September would be considered later.

11) Planning & Local Govt. Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 110th Meeting of the planning sub-committee. There was a discussion on various points arising from these minutes Mr Leach proposed that a letter be sent to the leader of the DDC asking what plans, if any, they had for the further use of Connaught Barracks. Always assuming that they obtain control of them. Agreed.

12) Bleriot Memorial. Messrs Leach, Cope and Sutton attended a meeting with the DDC concerning the forthcoming anniversary. The DDC were very keen to make it a memorable occasion and had already made contact with the French, who were also very enthusiastic to develop the event. The DDC suggested that sponsors be sought from the Aviation industry. A very positive start.

13) AOB. Mrs Reidy announced that there would be a fund raising dinner in the Town Hall to help to finance the forthcoming Archery tournament Tickets would be £25 and the dinner would take place on Friday 13th April. Invitations were being sent to the great and the good of Kent and civic leaders were being requested to wear their robes or badges of office. Members were advised to get in quickly when the tickets were released if they wished to attend, as it was expected that tickets would be very scarce.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35hrs. Date of next meeting 8 March.