

The Dover Society

The minutes of the 206th meeting of the E/C which was held on the 8th February 2007 in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover.

- 1) Present: Mr & Mrs Cope; Dr Hale; Mr Lee; Mr Leach (Chmn); Mr McFarnell; Mr Naylor; Mrs Reidy; Mr Sencicle; Mr Sutton; Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford;. Mrs Hooper also was in attendance.
- 2) Apologies: An apology was received from Mrs Liggett
- 3) The minutes of the 205th meeting which had been circulated were approved.
- 4) Matters arising from the minutes. It was proposed by Mr Cope and seconded by Capt. Weston That Mrs Marsh be confirmed as business Manager of the Society and be co-opted to the E/C/ Agreed.
- 5) The Chairman: Mr Leach congratulated Mr McFarnell on the production of the recent Dover Film Festival. He went on to say that he had received a letter from Mr Wanstall, a relatively new member of the Society , inquiring about the procedures to be followed in order to become a member of the E/C. After some discussion it was pointed out that directions go out with the April Newsletter.
Mr Leach said that he had a letter from the President, Brig. Atherton, inviting members of the E/C and their partners for lunchtime drinks at his house in Barham. Date - Sunday the eleventh (11) of March.
- 6) The Secretary Mr Naylor pointed that as the AGM was approaching he would be grateful if any member of the current E/C who did not wish to stand for re-election would inform him of their wishes by the time of the next meeting. There followed a discussion on the procedures currently used by the Society for elections. It was agreed that the existing system be maintained.
- 7) The Treasurer.: Capt. Weston distributed the monthly financial report and drew attention to the following points;
 - A) £28 received in subs. For 2007/8
 - B) £10 paid in for Christmas Cards.
 - C) The final account for the Christmas Feast not yet complete but it is expected to show a profit of £60.Capt. Weston pointed out that the end of the financial year was approaching and it was usual for the Society to pay a donation to the Church for use of the committee room . After a short discussion it was agreed that the sum of £ 120 be paid this year.
- 8) The Membership Secretary, Mrs Cope reported that there had been three new members during the month bringing the total number of members to 453. The new members are:- Mr & Mrs P. Lohan of Danes Court. and Mrs Jean Hendry of Folkestone. .Mrs Cope announced the death of Joe Harman a long serving member of the Society. It was agreed that a wreath should be sent to the funeral from the Society.
- 9) Projects. Mr Cope said that there was little to report this month as the work in Cowgate had been rained off and the Committee for the River Dour had not yet met
- 10) The Social Secretary. Mrs Hooper reported that there were 81 members booked for the Wine & Wisdom. The French visit arrangements were developing. The date of 6th June had been confirmed, the provisional arrangements were that the party would travel direct to Canterbury where they would divide into two groups , one visiting the Cathedral and one shopping. Then return to Dover for lunch after which a tour the town stopping for an English afternoon tea before

returning to their ferry at 1800 hours. The question of payment resulted in a prolonged discussion on the practicalities of the difference in currencies Euros & Pounds. For example would the coach driver accept a tip in Euros and what currency will be acceptable for the other various charges which will occur Talks continue.

- 11) Planning & Local Govt. Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of 111th meeting of the S/C . The question of the retrospective planning application for T. Rix was discussed and it was agreed that a letter be sent with a series of questions to the Leader of the DDC and Chief Planning officer. Requesting a written response.. The letter to be prepared by the S/C.
- 12) The Editor Mr Lee .reminded all contributors to the Newsletter of impending deadlines and said that the Christmas Card Scheme had been a success Capt. Weston pointed out that the bill from the printers has yet to arrive
- 13) Publications. Mr Leach said that there was nothing new to report on Publications or the Bleriot memorial
- 14) AOB There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.40 hrs

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be 8th March..