

The Dover Society

The minutes of the 214th meeting of the E/C which was held on Thursday 8th November 2007 in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover.

- 1) Present: Mr & Mrs Cope; Dr Hale; Mrs Hooper; Mr Lee; Mr Leach (Chmn); Mrs Marsh; Mr Naylor; Mrs Reidy Mr McFarnell; Mr Sencicle; Mr Sutton; Mr Wanstall; Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford
- 2) The minutes of the meeting of 8 November which had been circulated were agreed.
- 3) Matters Arising: Dover Festival: Mrs Reidy said that a request had been made for financial support for a concert by the Canterbury Cathedral Choir to take place in Dover College. In the discussion which followed it was proposed by Capt. Weston and seconded by Mr Sutton the sum of £500 be pledged, this was carried. An amendment to guarantee a sum not in excess of £1000 was proposed by Mr Cope and seconded by Mrs Reidy. After further discussion it was agreed that the sum of £500 would be freely available and up to but not exceeding £1000 would be available if and only if further finance was essential.
A letter has been sent to the local council drawing attention to the fact that non smokers need to pass through a cloud of smoke in order to access the internal non- smoking areas of some licensed hostels
The mayor has been invited to the Christmas feast but has tendered his apologies. The deputy mayor will take his place.
The cannons have been returned to their place outside the Town Hall after necessary maintenance
- 4) The Chairman: Mr Leach said that he had been invited to lay a wreath from the Society at the Cruise Terminal on Friday 9th November. Members were invited to give him support
- 5) The Treasurer. Capt. Weston distributed the monthly financial report and drew attention to the following:-
 - a) Subs received this month £26
 - B) .£200 received from Triangle Publications towards the cost of the Newsletter. plus £211 from advertising.
 - C) £6.27 paid for postage etc
 - D) £50.35 from the Projects Fund for spares & replacements for gear at Cowgate.
 - E) £16.50 For the Society's wreath at the remembrance service.
 - F) £ 20 for a floral pot for Sybil Standing after her stroke
 - G) £30.35 surplus from the October meeting thanks to £124 from the raffle.
- 6) Membership Secretary: Mrs Cope said that there is one new member this month, Grace Hinder from River this brings the total number of members to 454. Some new posters have been produced designed by Mr Sutton for display in prominent sites in the town. for example the Discovery Centre, the Tourist Centre etc.
- 7) Projects. Mr Cope reported that work in Cowgate was going well. That changes in clearing sections of the River Dour had led to criticism in the local press it was decided that a rebuttal letter should be sent to the Dover Express (a letter from Mr Cope has been published). In reply to a question from Mr Wanstall, the Chairman said that matters concerning Connaught Park would be taken under 'Projects'
- 8) Social Secretary: Mrs Hooper said that there were 47 bookings for the Christmas Feast but that it was early days and many more were expected (53 to be exact). The entertainment was now arranged, together with the raffle , raffle prizes for the feast are required

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- 9) Planning & Local Govt. Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 119th meeting of the planning S/C which was held on 2nd October. He then expanded on points of interest from the Council sub-committees.
 - 10) Press Secretary. Mr Sutton drew attention to the fact that early ordering of British Legion wreaths was essential. Noted.
 - 11) The Editor Mr Lee that the December Newsletter should be out on time.
 - 12) Publications. Mr Leach reported that the Western Heights book was now sold out. The reprint was required.
 - 13) AOB: Mr Sencicle said that there was a possibility that a scholarship could be offered to a Dover pupil by the town of Dover in the U S A. Watch this space.
- It appears that the powers that be have spoken about moving the sculpture of the 'Miner' from the sea front to one of the former mining villages. After some discussion it was agreed that the Society would oppose such a move.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.15hrs. Date of the next meeting Thursday 6th December