

# The Dover Society

## Minutes of the meeting of the E/C held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover.

- 1) Present:- Mr & Mrs Cope; Dr Hale; Mrs Hooper - Sherratt; Mr Lee; Mr Leach (chmn); Mrs Marsh Mr Naylor; Mrs Rapley, Mr Sencicle, Mr Sutton; Capt. Weston.
- 2) Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr McFarnell and Mr Woolford.
- 3) Minutes : Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2009 which had been circulated were agreed with an amendment to the last line of para 8 which should read CORE and not Cone
- 4) Matters arising. Mr Sutton said that he understood that the combination of both our Grammar School is scheduled to be completed by 2012. A reply has been sent to Mr Wanstall in answer to his inquiry about the passage behind the Telephone Exchange .A letter has been sent to DTC ref The Memorial Gardens. .A request has been received from the DTC about the Historic panels.
- 5) The Chairman: Mr Leach said that some new buildings have been added to the number available for visitors on Heritage days 12/13 September. They are:- The Bell Tower of St Mary's Dover , St Radigan's Abbey, and the Masonic Hall  
It was agreed that as is usual a wreath should be purchased for Zeebrugge Memorial day.
- 6) The Treasurer. Capt. Weston gave out copies of the monthly Financial Report and drew attention to the following points:- 1) Subs £20 paid for 2009 and £10 for 2010. 2) £3.24 paid for postage. 3) £130 donated to St Paul's Church. 4) £9.06 profit from the January evening meeting. 5) Wine & Wisdom evening a great success 96 paying members profit for the evening £165.96. As is our usual practise of sending approximately half the profit from this event to Clive Taylor for his chosen charity, the Crabble Corn Mill Trust, I propose that we send £80 to Clive. Agreed. 6) Our Insurance premium of £230 is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. This is the same as last year., Unless there are any objections this will be paid at the end of the month
- 7) The Membership Secretary Mrs Cope reported that there were four new members this month. They are :- Mr Alfred Meadows ( rejoined) Mrs Denise Smith of East Cliff. (rejoined) Mr David & Mrs Christine Pike of Walmer. They bring the total number of members to 448.
- 8) Projects; Mr Cope said that all was going well at Cowgate. The River Dour Steering Group will hold their next meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> April. There is a possibility that a War Memorial could be erected on the Western Heights, a Steering Group has been set up to examine the prospects
- 9) Social Secretary. Mrs Hooper - Sherrat said that the Wine & Wisdom had gone well in fact it could be described as.

a great success but the maximum number of tables that could fit in the Hall is 15 and in the last couple of years we have been very near that number. She then went on to point out that she needed booked numbers in advance of the meeting to provide adequate food and Capt. Weston agreed that a similar position existed with the wine. Because of numbers it was essential that all bookings should be made in advance with no bookings and payments on the night.

A discussion then took place on the provision of the large screen in the Market Square and disappointment was expressed by the fact that although we were not in favour and had informed the Council only two members of the Council disapproved. However we hope all is not yet lost, as the Council has received large number of disapproving letters and apparently having a rethink.

The question of the new hospital was discussed and Mr Sencicle asked if time could be found at the AGM for Mrs Sencicle to make a statement to the members present on the current position. After discussion it was decided that the best way of reaching all members would be by inserting a 'flyer' in the in the next Newsletter.

8) Press Secretary. Mr Sutton said that the local newspapers were being reorganised and that there was a possibility that some of the offices may be closed.

9) Bleriot Memorial Mr Leach reported that details are now available and that a planning application has been submitted.

10) A.O B Mr Sutton proposed that our sub. To the White Cliffs Touring Association £40 should be paid. Agreed.

There being no further Business the meeting closed at 21.10 hrs.