

The Dover Society Druids

at Dover Pageant 1992

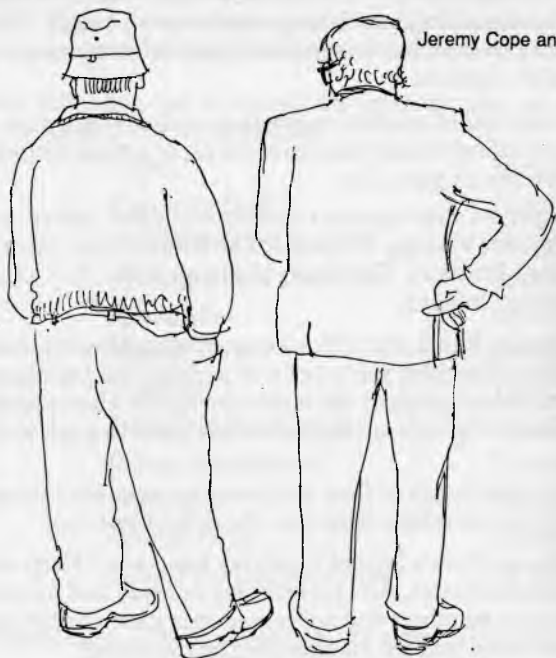


Philomena sketches the scene. Except one, all those in view are Society members



THE DOVER PAGEANT

Jeremy Cope and the Chairman watch the proceedings



Druids setting forth upon their peregrination



Old Father Time. Dover Society's Tony Payne



The Dover Pageant, 1908

Following the Dover Pageant of 1992, one of our members, Edna Littlehales, sent us a copy of the "Dover Times" Book of Pageant Pictures from 1908. She had picked it up in a second-hand bookshop some good few years ago.

The pamphlet, printed by the Dover Printing & Publishing Co., Ltd. 144



A. R. Adams, the Seneschal in the 1908 Pageant

Snargate Street, and priced at Twopence is a pictorial souvenir of the pageant, but includes notes on the seven main episodes and lists on four pages the names of all the people who participated.

The pageant took place in the grounds of Dover College.

The choice of historical subjects included King Arthur, the Saxons and the Normans, King John, Edward I, Henry V, Henry VIII and Charles I, ending with a final tableau and march past.

Some of the most fascinating entries in the pamphlet for present-day readers, are the advertisements. In 1908 you could buy Dress Tweeds at one shilling and three farthings a yard from Mann,

the General Draper in Snargate Street, Champagne from Epernay from James Binfield of Last Lane at 4/- per bottle. Binfield's tea was from 1/- a pound. You could stay at Edinburgh House Private Hotel on the Seafront, in Waterloo Crescent at the north-east corner, from 6/- a day, 35/- a week. The one advertiser with a presence today is Coulthard & Wilson, High Class Footwear, of Last Lane and Biggin Street but, alas, the only connection, since the 1930's, when the last Mr Wilson retired, is in the name itself.

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