

Nevertheless, F.D.W.C. hope and believe that there will be enough water available overall, provided the special drought order is ratified, for them to be able to honour the auld alliance with Temple Ewell Parish Council concerning "compensatory" water.

It is into Watersend pond that one million gallons a day may be pumped. If achieved, this might maintain the water level in our lakes and keep the River Dour flowing.

Meanwhile, let us count our present blessings while they last but also concentrate on what amenity societies and interested parties – and we are *all* water users! – should be saying to the water companies during the coming months and years. The companies should be seen to be spending more and more of their truly enormous profits more and more quickly on infrastructure: on repairing leaks, building reservoirs (Broad Oak, for example), inaugurating a partial national water grid and reducing the pollution of our sea beaches by improved sewage treatment and longer "long" sea outfalls. Even St. Margaret's Bay, our best beach, failed this year to merit inclusion in a list of Britain's top beaches which pass the E.C. standards for levels of pollution.

Southern Water who, as we know from our bills, are responsible for disposing of Dover's sewage, have promised improved sewage treatment and they have announced an exhibition "in the Autumn". The exhibition will display plans for a new treatment works in the Shakespeare Beach area and an outfall twice as long as the present one. So, do make a note of the exhibition and be sure to go to it *and ask questions..*

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To be continued ...

Planning Committee Matters

Ken Wraight

Planning applications are thin on the ground at the moment and therefore the Planning Sub-Committee has had a quiet time.

The decision by CRS to demolish their building in Biggin Street and rebuild sparked comment. We have pointed out that the existing façade lends a degree of distinction to the main street and that if there is no alternative to demolition then considerable thought should be given to what is put in its place.

We are in the process of drafting a letter to our M.P., Mr David Shaw, about the disgraceful state of town centre roads affected by the A.20 development.

We were ready to appear at the enquiry into the Cannon Street Amusement Arcade but, as most people will now know, the application has been withdrawn.