

6 was captain of Kearsney Bowling Club and was appointed a county coach. He was chairman of St Mary's Old Boys Association, to name but a few.

He remained fiercely independent, carrying out all his own household tasks, cooking and making his own bread, beer and wine and at 90 he revealed he could still drive his sporty car at the same number of miles per hour as his age!

"He was a son, a brother, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great grandfather. A printer, a bowler, an historian, an airman, a collector, a boy scout, a businessman, an employer and a friend. Remember him as you will," said Robert.

Our Newsletter editor, Merril Lilley, also paid tribute to Budge, speaking as a friend and also as a representative of the Society. She recalled how her friendship with Budge was established as they worked together to produce the Newsletter. She spoke of his work for The Dover Society and how he was the prime mover in getting the Rolls statue back to its rightful place on the sea front. She was astonished at Budge's knowledge of computer technology, although he had not started to learn computer skills until he was in his sixties.

On her last visit to Budge in Buckland Hospital they were signing copies of the book of the memories he and she had just published. "His razor-sharp mind was already bored by the inactivity of sitting in the rehabilitation ward and he was talking of his autobiography he wanted to finish when he left hospital. The following morning he died. It is hard to accept that he has gone. We will all miss him very much," said Merril.

Budge's coffin was carried from the church to the organ music of *The White Cliffs of Dover*. Afterwards the immediate family attended the cremation at Barham and, until their return, members of the Dover Society acted as hosts at a reception at St. Mary's Parish Centre, where Budge often gave talks on Old Dover.

The work of the

PLANNING

Sub-Committee

Reported by JACK WOOLFORD, Chairman

APOLOGY TO THE RCPYC for having misnamed the 'Royal Yachting Association' as 'The Royal Yacht Club'. We continue to await information from Dover Harbour Board on the location of the proposed Water Sports Centre.

Concerning the Port of Dover Project Plan (2001-15) we have informed the Harbour Board and District Council that whilst we support the proposed additional berths for ferries and seacats and the housing, hotel and marina proposals, we do not think that the High Speed Rail Link will be stretched to Dover Harbour and that road, not rail, transport will and should have priority. As to the extension westwards of the harbour, perhaps as far as Samphire Hoe, we will oppose further loss of Shakespeare Beach. We emphasise the need to separate port from local traffic. Since a tunnel under Townwall Street is inconceivable, we ask if the existing carriageways might be dualled and pedestrian access from town to seafront be improved by bridges.

We are pleased that the proposal for a superstore in the St James area does not reappear in the Council's address to developers, and whilst we support the Local Agenda 21 Plan aspirations to reconcile growth with conservation ('sustainable development') we note, as with all these projections, the conspicuous lack of new resources.

We continue our involvement with the 'Buckland Village' Project and are pleased that Dover Town Council will organise a spring meeting of 'interested parties' to create a local Association. We are, however, concerned that the problem is not Buckland or Cherry Tree Avenue but London Road, all

the way from Beaconsfield if not Bridge Street. The traffic congestion is insoluble but improvement of run-down premises and of street furniture - like the promised Tower Hamlets clock and seat at the Bridge St/London Rd junction - as with the HERS and former IMPACT schemes - could be greatly increased. A detailed and costed agenda must be on offer: false expectations should not be aroused.

We congratulate Dover Town Council for relocating caravan parking on the seafront and on the take-up of commemorative stones round Pencester Pavilion. We hope, however, that they will reconsider their attitude to the replanting of street trees which we have suggested.

We have joined, although not unanimously, in the protests against the Drug and Alcohol Service Centre in Castle Street and suggested alternative premises. We continue objecting to a second amusement arcade in Biggin Street and hope to persuade Dover District Council to improve the quality of conversion into houses of former commercial properties. Recent bad examples were in the Folkestone Road/Lascelles Road area. We are bemused by Dover District Council's refusal, despite an earlier undertaking, to permit members of the public to speak at planning meetings and remain unpersuaded that the so-called 'Cabinet' system differs palpably from its predecessor.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SPRING 2001

It may hardly seem possible but ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE AGAIN.

Please note that, for reasons of economy, acknowledgement is provided, even for cash, only on receipt of an s.a.e. Also, annual membership cards are unnecessary although I am always happy to re-stamp or provide new ones for members who pay their subs at the AGM. Economy needs to be the theme of the moment. The committee has considered two proposals:- to increase our subscription and to ask an entrance fee at meetings instead of holding a raffle. Both ideas were rejected, however, and the membership fee remains at present £6 for one person and £10 for two who live at the same address and share a Newsletter.

During Budge's lifetime we were well aware of the vast amount of work he did for our Society and how much money he saved us, particularly in regard to the Newsletter. With subscriptions unchanged we must scrutinise all expenses incurred in Newsletter production and distribution. We remain grateful to our distributors who save us so much in postage costs and particularly thank Bessie Newton (Whitfield) who has retired from the task after many years of duty. We are looking for new distributors in Whitfield. We also thank Marian Satterley (Deal) who was the distributor there until a year ago, when Merrill and Bruce Lilley took over the Deal round. We also appreciate the consideration of several outlying members who add extra money to their subscriptions to cover postage. Another current task is the revision of our database which forms the backbone for address labelling. Please check particulars on your envelope and inform us if any errors have crept in.

We have recently welcomed: Mr J. Mavin, Mrs F. Smith & Mr S. Thomsett, Dr A. Lane, Mrs S Timmins, Mrs M. Evans, Mr D. & Mrs R Benton. Sadly, in addition to Budge Adams, the following members have died since March 2000 and we send our condolences to their families: Mr Edward Court, Mr John Bartlett, Mrs Heather Larsen (who was a distributor in the St Margarets area), Mrs Pauline Johnson and Mr Terrence Vardon. Many music loving members will recall that in May 1996 in the Chapel of Dover College Terry gave a memorable organ recital 'Music for the Iron Voice' sponsored by the Dover Society in aid of the East Kent Hospice.

SHEILA R. COPE, Membership Secretary