

The work of the

# PLANNING

Sub-Committee

Reported by JACK WOOLFORD, Chairman

The advent of Independents on Dover Town Council made committee proceedings (even) more contentious and (even) more interesting. The (apparently) emerging consensus on eg. Christmas Lights, the River Dour, various economies, including the Town Clock on the 'Eagle' and the necessity for a high speed link to Eurostar, is encouraging. We hope that the same may apply to the Heathfield 'Home Zone', the exchange of the Salvation Army building for DOD's Mill at Temple Ewell and the need to reduce the number of houses in Lorne Road on traffic grounds.

The same appears to be true in some respects with the District Council, on such impending developments as Buckland Paper Mill, the St James's Project, the CTRL link, the relaxation of restrictions on hackney carriages and the Farthingloe Golf Course. We regret the abandonment of the proposed face-lift to Dover Priory and hope that Danish State Railways will win the auction for taking over Connex from the Strategic Rail Authority. We wonder whence will come the buyers for the continuously increasing grants of housing permits and when the market for take-away food shops will be satiated.

We are happy to report that our long quest for information about the running of the Dover Charity has been satisfactorily answered, and, in conjunction with David Ryeland, we hope that the Langdon Cliff gates will be removed.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SPRING 2004

At 442 our number of paid-up members is as high as it has ever been. Please help to maintain this happy state of affairs by letting me have your £6 or £10 as SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE. Our projects such as Cowgate Cemetery clearance, initiation and organisation of concerts and support for River Watch raise our profile with the public and help to increase membership. Of equal value, however, are personal introductions made by individual members who bring friends and acquaintances. Please maintain the good work. Recent new members are: Mr D Marples, Mr P Wells, Ms D Gasking, Mr D Beecham, Mr N Reed, Mr N Slater, Mr E Kembery, Mrs M Keress.

Three newsletter distributors have retired recently and we thank Ken Wraight, Sybil Standing and Leo Wright (posthumously) for their combined 42 years of service. We are grateful to Judith Betts and Jeremy Fox for taking over their rounds and to Jim Francis for extending his existing list. Deaths during the year include: Mrs C Walker, Mrs O Callaghan, Mrs J Cook, Mr F Fisher, Mrs R Sandiford, Mrs M Wiggins, Miss F Brook, Mr R Painter, Mrs G Massey, Mr L Wright. Our sympathies go to their families and friends.

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