

continue with this. Advertising revenues always contributed towards the cost and for two years we have been grateful for sponsorship towards one issue from Pfizer Ltd. He thanked Merrill Lilley, Editor, and her husband, Bruce, Advertising Manager, for their work and commitment.

He spoke of administration costs and hire of hall, much the same as the previous year. The cost of membership of the Civic Trust and insurance with the Trust had risen considerably. Donations made by the Society to various organisations were itemised. He ended with the good news that interest on the Society's high interest account was slightly up on last year but, best of all, the real benefit to the Society of the 'Gift Aid'

money received from the Inland Revenue, amounting in total to £1262.00, since the scheme started in the year 2000.

The Chairman then called on other members of the committee to give reports on their areas. Jack Woolford spoke for the planning committee, Jeremy Cope for the project team, Joan Liggett on outings and Merrill Lilley on the Newsletter and publications.

The elections were rapidly dealt with. There were no objections and the officers were reselected en bloc. Two new committee members were elected, Marjorie Wright and Adeline Reidy.

After the interval the speaker was Martyn Webster. His talk is reported by Anthony Lane.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Thanks again this year to all those members who simplify my task by paying subscriptions promptly and/or by Standing Order. Our current membership exceeds 450 and we trust that this number will be maintained once the few outstanding payments have come in.

We may feel optimistic because we have gained 14 new recruits since the spring, including newly wed husbands of 2 lady members. We therefore welcome:- Mrs A Knott, Mrs C & Mr M Walker, Mrs D Charlton, Mr M Groombridge, Mr P Harding, Lady Jeane Dutton-Hill, Mr T Fuller, Mrs I Small, Mr A May, Mr I Pascall, Miss S Rashidally, Mr C & Mrs D Hall.

Sheila Cope

Letter to the Editor

An error spotted in the April Newsletter.

Miss de Bourbel says that workmen killed during the construction of the London, Chatham and Dover Railway 'along the foot of the cliffs' are buried in Cowgate Cemetery. But the LC&D railway line reached Dover from Faversham via Canterbury. The line along the foot of the cliffs from Folkestone was constructed by the South Eastern Railway and was actually the first to reach Dover. The Minster-Sandwich-Deal-Dover line was also built by the SER. However, in 1901, without actually amalgamating, the two railway companies set up a joint operating committee and were henceforth, until the grouping of 1922, known as the 'South-Eastern and Chatham Railway'. So Dover got left out in the end!

Neil Turns