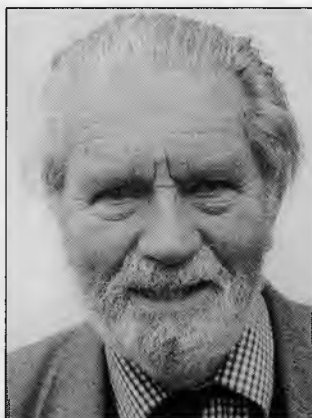


Hospital League of Friends in 1955 and remaining an active member for many years, including organising the Hospital Fete for five years. He was on the Road Safety Committee in the 1950s and on the Dover Trades Council. A life long first aider with the St. John Ambulance Brigade, he became a first aid instructor with the Red Cross in 1960 and was still training guides for their first aid badge at the age of 86.

With failing health, Joe moved to the Old Vicarage Home at Tilmanstone in August 2004. Despite not being able to stand, walk or see for the last year or so, he could still talk and remember well.



*Joe Harman at 86*

During my weekly visits we would chat about where I had been and what I had seen - he had always been there too - and of course we talked about old Dover. He always responded to my queries about Dover. Now when I get stuck in my research, and it's happened already, I won't be able to think, 'No problem, I'll ask Joe'.

What a man! What a life!

With the passing of Joe Harman, Dover has lost one of its best connections with its past, but has also lost a fine Christian gentleman who was always willing to help others. We shall miss you, Joe.

## SOCIETY MEETINGS

**November 2006**

### DOVER PRIDE

*A report by Jack Woolford on a talk by Paul Watkins, leader of D.D.C.*

Although visibly chuffed by recent victory over the threatened open prison (which reprieved Phase II of the White Cliffs Business Park), Paul Watkins, armed with the latest in desk-top projectors (but hampered by a small and wobbly screen) began with illustrations of Dover's drawbacks: its run-down areas, job shortages, health and educational shortcomings and crime. Consequently Dover Pride, set up in 2003 and with a programme manager in 2005, is a partnership of business, local and regional organizations, and the people of Dover to

improve environment, business, homes, jobs, town centre, schools, colleges and transport. Projects are to create a high quality environment, develop quality businesses and homes, regenerate the town centre, create new jobs and bring in first-class education. These already involve the Dover Town Investment Zone, Buckland Mill, Dover Priory, the Sea Sports Centre, expansion of the port, and the Channel Tunnel Rail Link. They would improve Dover's image, improve the way people feel about Dover and raise the town's profile as a visitor destination.