

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

If you received your August Newsletter later than usual, we are sorry. The delay was due to three coinciding factors:- unavoidably late publication, the postal strike and the regular distribution organisers going on holiday. However, the day was saved by John and Ann Owen who nobly took on the task of contacting the distributors and/or delivering their bundles. Thank you John and Ann!

At time of writing our actual membership number is 454 but we reached our thousandth enrolment in mid-September with Mr Ernie and Mrs Gill Spratling. Although they have migrated to Folkestone, Ernie was born in Dover and naturally wishes to keep in touch with his hometown. Gill was born in Alkham, tactfully half way. To mark the occasion, our Chairman presented our 999th and 1000th members with a bottle of wine and a copy of Budge Adams' book, *Dover Tribute*, at the October meeting. Will it take almost 20 years to enrol another 1000? Although we "run to stand still" our membership remains fairly steady at about 450 paid-up members and of course we always welcome more, finding that word of mouth recommendation is most satisfactory.

We have been pleased to add, as well as Gill and Ernie:- Ms M Stephenson-Knight, Mr S Chambers, Mrs T & Mr J Eddolls and Mrs G Hinder.

Sheila Cope, Membership Secretary



999 and 1000 members Ernie and Gill Spratling, Oct 2007

Warning! Warning! Warning! Warning!

With Christmas fast approaching it has been confirmed by Royal Mail and the Trading Standards Office that they are making people aware of the following confidence trick:

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a premium rate number).

DO NOT call this number, as this is a mail fraud originating from Belize.

If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call.

If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud Department on 0207 239 6655 or ICSTIS (the premium rate service regulator) at

<http://www.icstis.org.uk/>