

Dover that he has undertaken over 75 years and who she showed round the Town Council offices and showed him the Civic regalia. Speakership of the Confederation of the Cinque Ports was a signal honour for Diane who enjoyed the Confederation events during each of the three years she was Mayor, on one occasion sitting with eleven other Mayors on a floating pontoon as it made its way along the Royal Military Canal in Hythe on the occasion of the Hythe Venetian Fete.

When first elected a press report under the heading 'We meet the glamorous new Mayor

of Dover' commented "Diane Smallwood is unusually glamorous for a mayor, she is tall blonde and sports shiny pink lip gloss... it makes a refreshing change". Looking back in addition to the press observations it can be recorded that she

was a hard working dignified and immensely courageous first citizen easily recognised by one other prominent distinguishing feature - her colourful glasses!

In a world where perhaps the 'ayes' often have it in Diane's case it was a question of the specs and the person behind them have had it - three times and didn't she do well?!



Diane Smallwood - First Term as Mayor

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COWGATE CEMETERY

Jeremy Cope

I think we are close to the stage when an annual report is all that is required. We are on top of the maintenance, mowing and care work in a way that we have never been before - thanks to our volunteers and to those who have donated funds that enabled us to acquire the professional standard of equipment that is required.

However one snag - the District Council, ultimately responsible for the cemetery and whose work we do without charge, withdrew the free parking permits allowing us that facility on our working days. It's the CUTS, you understand, although they cost the Council nothing. My latest information is that we shall be receiving permits, much to my relief. Our volunteers should be valued by the community and parking permits are one such expression of this.

We are organising a bean feast for volunteers and their partners/pals. This promises to be a jolly occasion much in line with our working parties. By the way newcomers are always welcome. Would anyone interested please phone me on 01304 211348.