

MEMBERSHIP NEWS - SPRING 2017

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We number 463 at present, thanks to the welcome addition of Mr M & Mrs J Kennedy, Mrs B Skinner, Mr C Lungair, Mr K Palmer, Mrs S Conlon, Mr J & Mrs J Downie, Mr J & Mr R Revell, Mr J Woodland and Mr B N Simmons.

This is the season when we recall memories of former members. The following is an extract from the obituary of Jim Williams written by his daughter Zanthé:-

"A native of Upchurch, Kent and a keen amateur archaeologist, Jim Williams (1932-Nov 2016) came to Dover in 1973 to work on the newly discovered Roman Painted House. A professional bricklayer all his life, Jim worked on many building projects in the town including the former MFI building, much of Buckland Estate and restoring the clock tower at Dover Western Docks. Jim loved living in Dover, attending the local Operatic Society performances, watching the ships in the harbour, shopping in the Saturday market

and walking the cliff paths."

We lost Richard Liggett in the New Year. Dick, as he was usually known, contributed towards many local organisations and occupied a leading role in the Sea Cadets when he co-operated with John Owen in arranging competitions between local youth groups under the supervision of The Dover Society. He supported Joan in her role as Social Secretary, acting as a "rounder up" on outings. Before Dick's eyesight deteriorated he would help us with stuffing the Newsletters, transforming a tedious chore into an entertainment with his throwaway comments.

Another January loss was Hugh (Hughie) Gordon. During their time on the Committee, Hughie and his wife Lesley completed the recording of the still legible gravestones at Cowgate Cemetery a task begun by Elizabeth de Bourbel. Thanks to their sterling efforts those who seek information about their forebears buried at Cowgate may now consult the records held at Dover District Council offices. For a time Hughie led the team which maintains the area so that it is accessible to the public.

We send our condolences to the families and friends of the above members and also mourn:- Mr Ignace De Jaeger, Mr Bryan & Mrs Sheila Cope, Mr Peter Franklin, Mr John Marsh, Mrs Rita Donnelly, Mr Bill Naylor, Mr John Mavin, Mr Alan May, Mrs Dorothy Hall, Mrs Angela Gibbins, Dr Walter Mason. We shall stand to remember them at the AGM.