

# COWGATE CEMETERY

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We continue our work at Cowgate. It has been a good winter and spring for our maintenance work and I feel pleased with progress. One matter of interest, I received an enquiry as to the grave of a Colonel Logan buried in 1844. I made enquiries but with no real progress. Martyn Webster, the member who through his tour of Cowgate around the year 2000 got us into our maintenance work and care of the cemetery, then came to the rescue with

considerable information about the Colonel. Martyn even identified the tomb but unfortunately the inscription was largely illegible. Well done Martyn and thanks.

Volunteers are always welcome – my contact details on the inside cover of the newsletter. Working sessions (9.00am to noon) are first Thursday and second Saturday in every month subject to weather.

## River Dour Partnership

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A short report for this issue of the Newsletter. We are in one of those times when our projects and plans, in part outlined in the March issue, are at a stage where the hard work is going on but we have yet to see results.

Dover Tales. This is getting underway with a performance already having taken place at Kearsney Abbey with the next event run by White Cliffs Countryside Partnership and scheduled for Sunday 30 July 1.30pm details as follows:- Walk the river Dour, a chalk stream, from Kearsney to Dover. Hear enchanting river tales that will end in a final performance in Dover Town performed by Dover Tales. Please bring money for bus/train fare to make your own way back to Kearsney, or get a bus/train/lift to the start of the walk. Donation appreciated.

**Leader:** Ray Newsam, River Dour Partnership for Up on the Downs/White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806).

**Meet:** Outside Kearsney Abbey café, Alkham Valley Road, Kearsney, Dover CT16 3DZ. **Distance:** 3.5 miles (2 hours). **Grade:** 2. Dogs on leads.

River Volunteers. A reminder that volunteers are always welcome to join the working parties. The Volunteers do invaluable work clearing litter from and caring for the river. Run by White Cliffs Countryside Partnership contact is Sue Bradford on 01304 241806. Do you know any non-members who may also be interested?

Buckland Mill site and riverside walk. There was a presentation at St Mary's Parish Centre this month setting out their ideas for phase 2 of the development - houses and flats. You will be interested to hear that they are still committing to the riverside walk through the Mill site and that it will be open to the public. However I think it is a little way off but positive news.

More need for volunteers. In the last issue I wrote of matters we are pursuing. Barton Path railings restoration, Lorne Road Mill Pond, fish passes, River Dour Trail were the main items. If you would like to help with this work or be involved with the work to improve the Dour do please speak to me (contact details on the front inside cover). You have to be prepared to put pen to paper!