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## *The Objectives of the Dover Society*

*founded in 1988.*

- to promote high standards of planning and architecture
- to interest and inform the public in the geography, history, archaeology, natural history and architecture of the area
- to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest
- and commitment to the belief that a good environment is a good investment.

The area we cover comprises Dover Town Council, Guston Parish Council, Hougham Without Parish Council, Langdon Parish Council, Lydden Parish Council, River Parish Council, St Margarets at Cliffe Parish Council, Temple Ewell Parish Council and Whitfield Parish Council.

All members receive three Newsletters a year and in each year the Committee organises about ten interesting events – talks, tours, visits, Members' Meetings and usually a Christmas Feast.

The Society gives Awards for improvements to the area, monitors planning proposals and supports, joins in or initiates civic projects and arts events.

# Editorial

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At long last I hope that by the time that you read this the majority, if not all, of the emergency restrictions concerning Covid 19 will have been removed and we will be able to return to something approaching normality.

The St Mary's Church Hall has been provisionally booked so that we can resume our winter meetings and hold the traditional February Wine and Wisdom evening. What programme details we have at present appear on the inside of the back cover. So! fingers crossed they will all go ahead.

The AGM saw several changes on the executive committee. Beverly Hall has stood down, and a new committee member, Martyn Webster, elected. The updated details of all committee changes appear on the inside of the front cover.

This year's society outings, at present provisional, are included in the programme inside the back cover.

Praise must go to the port authorities for the design and layout of Marina Curve and Clocktower Square which opened to the public in June. With the addition of a mobile bar, The Horsebox, it should be an excellent area for visitors and locals to relax.

Praise also to Dover District Council for having secured several grants to improve the High Street and local area; so hopefully more improvements to come in our town.

With the continuing restoration of the Town Hall, it means that we will not be able to hold our Christmas meal this year. With the work at Russell Gardens and Kearsney Abbey almost completed, both are well worth a visit.

One poor decision by DDC is to close Co-Innovation without having an alternative site for the traders to move to. This initiative from Dover Big Local has proved to be a great success for many start-up businesses, with a number moving into High Street premises.

*Alan Lee, Editor*

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The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 102 will be Wednesday 6th October 2021. The Editor welcomes contributions and interesting drawings or photographs.

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## DOVER GREETERS

Dover Greeters are volunteers greeting visitors to Dover. We love doing it and invite you to come and try it once!

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# APRIL AGM MEETING

## The Dover Society AGM 2021

Reported by Terry Sutton

Our latest annual general meeting (AGM) was, of course, held under zoom conditions. Even so there were a good few members who "zoomed in". Chairman Derek Leach, who was re-elected, chaired the meeting. A new vice-chair was elected. Fulfilling this important role is Mrs Jenny Olpin of Temple Ewell who is a lecturer on social work at Christ Church University, Canterbury. She is also the chairman of governors of Temple Ewell primary school.

Jenny succeeds Mrs Beverley Hall as vice chair. Beverley retired from the post for health reasons. Thanks were expressed to Beverley for her service and her local government experience.

Martyn Webster, a long serving active member of the Society, was elected to the Society's executive. A third generation Dovorian and an old boy of Dover Grammar School, he has recently returned to his hometown (to live at Whitfield) after years away.

During the meeting, which lasted nearly two hours, the chairman gave an update on various

issues including the expected opening of the Marina Curve at the port.

One interesting issue related to the proposed statue of Dame Vera Lynn and the idea it should be placed on the White Cliffs of Dover. It was said at the meeting that The National Trust, owners of much of the clifftops, was not keen to have the statue on its land. Doubts too have been expressed about having it in the scoop of clifftop land, above Snargate Street, where the Commonwealth war monument could be situated. One member suggested a good place would be at Capel on the site of the Battle of Britain monument.

*Dover District Council in conjunction with The National Trust have since renamed a Meadow 'Dame Vera Lynn Down' to mark anniversary of her death. DDC has also renamed a footpath leading to the clifftops 'Dame Vera Lynn Way'.*

*Editor*

There were questions asked about planning decisions made by Dover District Council. There were criticisms, with one member describing some decisions as "perverse."

## AGM 2021 Chairman's Report Update

Derek Leach

No doubt you have read every word in my written report which had to be written early in February to meet newsletter printing deadlines! Since then, much has happened.

But first may we have a moment's silence to

remember all those members we have lost through death in the last 2 years, named in the Membership news sections of March 2020 and 2021 newsletters. (SILENCE)

Now for my update. Can I have any

questions at the end please?

Hot off the press, the controversial planning applications by a developer for buildings on the Marina Curve at the Western Docks were not approved by the DDC Planning Committee on 22 April despite being recommended by officers. The applications were deferred due to design concerns and lack of community engagement. This is great news. Also good to hear is that the new Marina Curve pedestrian pier and the impressive Clocktower Square development, which includes reuse of items from the Prince of Wales Pier, should open at the end of May.

The Executive is very concerned about the future of the Co-Innovation Centre in the former Co-op, Stembrook premises as DDC is not renewing its 2 year lease which ends in August 2021. We have urged DDC to support this valuable community enterprise by funding the costs of moving to different empty premises.

Following the abandoned bus/cycle lane project that appeared in the town last year, we were dismayed when the so called 'parklets' appeared around the town, provided without local consultation by KCC. In our view the quality, design and materials were not appropriate for conservation areas or anywhere else for that matter. The good news is that the Castle Street parklet will be removed and the remainder will be reviewed in 12 months.

A memorial to Vera Lynn has been proposed to stand on the White Cliffs, but the NT opposes the idea; an alternative site is the Grand Shaft Barracks site on the Western Heights, as part of the proposed Commonwealth War Memorial; however, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission is opposed to the war memorial and its future is in doubt.

DDC has succeeded in attracting yet another major grant. Following the recently completed Kearsney Parks Project, the Town Hall refurbishment now underway, the Market Square redevelopment about to start - comes a £3.7million grant from the government's High Street Fund towards a £4.7million project to redevelop part of Bench Street (including the old Crypt site) and for 'reimagining' the underpass - whatever that means; we are trying to find out!

That concludes my report. Any questions on the written or spoken reports?

### **Elections**

Executive Committee - I must point out the retirement of Beverley Hall who has made such a valuable contribution to the Society in recent years. It means that we are without an indoor Social Secretary which is vital if we are to resume normal meetings, hopefully this autumn. Can you help - please contact me for more information.

Also, Patrick Sherratt is standing down as Planning Committee Chairman after some 10 years of incredible work for the Society despite ill health for the last few years; fortunately, his expertise will not be lost as he is prepared to continue on the Executive. Graham Margery, his able Deputy, is prepared to take over.

Please note that Jenny Olpin is also Refurbishment Committee Chair in addition to new Vice Chair.

I shall hand over to Jenny to handle the election of the Society Chair and then, unless there are any objections, I shall propose the existing members of the Executive be re-elected 'en bloc' followed separately by the election of a new member, Martyn Webster.

# The Dover Society - Financial Statements

(Registered Charity No. 299954)

**31ST MARCH 2021**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31st MARCH 2021**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Newsletter Binders	180.16	190.66
Debtors & prepayments [Insurance]	327.87	339.74
Building Society Account [Caf]	30245.23	30231.54
Bank Current Account	23611.88	26441.89
Cash in Hand	43.56	41.84
25 x Reckitt Benckiser shares gifted to Society 06.11.08	660.75	660.75
25 x Reckitt Benckiser shares gifted to Society 26.10.12	937.50	937.50
25 x Reckitt Benckiser shares gifted to Society 09.02.15	1,400.00	1,400.00
50 x Indivior shares from Reckitt Benckiser 22.01.15	81.50	81.50
Market value of shares at 31.03.21 was £4937		
	<u>£57,488.45</u>	<u>£60,325.42</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Money held on behalf of 'Bluebird Trail'	777.44	777.44
Subscriptions in advance 2021/22	1,725.00	1,170.00
Subscriptions in advance 2022/23	10.00	6.00
	<u>£54,976.01</u>	<u>£58,371.98</u>
Represented by:		
General Fund at 31st March	30359.19	29248.61
Projects Fund Note 1.	873.78	511.28
Publication Fund (formally the Peverley Fund) Note 2.	4,169.76	4,169.76
Town Hall Fund Note 3	13,118.88	12,987.93
River Dour Partnership Note 4	6,454.40	11,454.40
	<b><u>£ 54,976.01</u></b>	<b><u>£58,371.98</u></b>



## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS &amp; DONATIONS</u>	<b>2021</b>		<b>2020</b>	
Subscriptions	2688.00		2560.00	
Donations received	<u>219.50</u>	2907.50	<u>79.00</u>	2639.00
 <u>SOCIAL EVENTS</u>				
Christmas Gathering	0.00		(18.00)	
Wine & Wisdom	0.00		167.49	
Bluebell Railway outing			71.00	
Arundel			20.00	
No Outings – Coronavirus		0.00		240.49
 <u>MEMBERS' MEETINGS</u>				
AGM and members' meetings	0.00	0.00	(23.10)	(23.10)
 <u>NEWSLETTER</u>				
Net Surplus (deficit)	<u>(1471.87)</u>		<u>(1453.40)</u>	
		(1471.87)		(1453.40)
 <u>ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS</u>				
Photocopying & Stationery	(79.03)		(13.29)	
Miscellaneous	(149.67)		(176.67)	
Postage, Telephone & Advertising	(4.78)		(102.48)	
Affiliation Fees & Insurance	(379.74)		(360.78)	
Committee Room hire	<u>0.00</u>	(613.22)	<u>(110.00)</u>	(763.22)
 <u>OTHER ITEMS</u>				
Caf Account & other interest received	13.69		45.21	
Gift Aid attracted by subs etc				
to general fund	550.48		530.22	
Donations made: Normal	(280.00)		(140.00)	
Awards and presentations	0.00		0.00	
Badges	<u>4.00</u>	288.17	<u>0.00</u>	435.43
 SURPLUS (DEFICIT) for the year		1,110.58		1,075.20
SURPLUS brought forward		29248.61		28173.41
SURPLUS carried forward		30359.19		29248.61

Bracketed ( ) items are debits or net costs. Unbracketed items are credits or net income

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

#### NOTE 1 - PROJECT FUND

The Fund arises from grants and awards made in respect of the Society's projects less cost incurred restoring Lydden Pond, Cowgate Cemetery and amenity improvement work.

#### Fund movement for the Year

Balance at 1st April 2020	511.28
Normal transactions during year	0.00
Gift Aid received this year attracted by donations made to fund during 2019/20	62.50
Donations received during year to be used within fund	<u>300.00</u>
Balance at 31st.March 2021	<u>873.78</u>

#### NOTE 2 - PUBLICATION FUND (Formally known as Peverley Fund)

The Society has published John Peverley's account of the Western Heights fortifications.

Grants in hand at 1st April 2019	5265.75
Grants/Donations received during the year 2020/21	<u>0.00</u>
Total grants received as of 31st. March 2021	<u>£5,265.75</u>
Unrecovered costs at 1st April 2020	(1095.99)
Proceeds of sales during year	0.00
Printing of 1000 open day leaflets 2020/21	0.00
Receipts from Town Hall booklets	<u>0.00</u>
Grants and sales less unrecovered costs & leaflets	<u>£4,169.76</u>
Unrecovered cost at 1st April 2021	<u>£1,095.99</u>

Revenue from unsold Town Hall booklets owing to fund is £304

The unsold stock of books in hand with Hon Treasurer is 390 cost value £427.95

#### NOTE 3 - Town Hall Fund

The purpose of the fund is to help towards projects to renovate the Town Hall. The fund consists of shares donated to the Society, dividends thereon and money arising from Town Hall guided tours.

#### Fund movement for the Year

Balance at 1st April 2020	12987.93
Normal transactions during the year	<u>130.95</u>
Balance at 31st March 2020	<u>£13,118.88</u>

(Share value in fund £3079.75. Market value at 31st March 2021 £4937.00)

#### NOTE 4 - RIVER DOUR PARTNERSHIP

This fund represents grants to less grants made by and expenses of the Partnership

# COWGATE CEMETERY Deborah Gasking

## The Power of Three

One of the most important animals in the world is the earthworm, collectively known as 'clew' from Old English 'cliwen' meaning 'ball of yarn or thread'. More of how they can save us from our trespass later, but for now more of what I've noticed in the quirky strangeness in their power of three.

- There are thought to be about 3000 different species worldwide.
- 3 categories of earthworm:
  - > Surface dwellers, about 3cm long, which live on decaying organic layer.
  - > Shallow burrowers, about 15cm long, half of the 30cm depth of soil they live in.
  - > Deep burrowers, up to 30cm long and burrow as deeply as 3m.
- The largest concentration of the largest UK earthworm, on the Scottish Isle of Rum, can be 3 times heavier than our mainland species.
- The longest earthworm, found in Victoria, Australia, can reach 3m.
- Earthworms can mate for up to 3 hours.
- The female worm's fertility drops off markedly after 3 years.
- Earthworms live for about 6 years.

## Wonderful Worms

- Aerate soil, reducing run-off from heavy rains.
- Fix carbon deep in the soil, up to 3 metres.



*Cowgate Cemetery 2008*

- Fertilize the soil by:
  - > Constantly eating decaying matter, constantly excreting and thus constantly fertilising.
  - > Love leaf litter, dragging it down into the soil, churning and mixing into the earth.

## Sad Farmland

Up to 40% of agricultural land has poor earthworm biodiversity. Pesticides, ploughing, and monoculture have massive impact on numbers which in turn has a massive impact on wildlife that depend on worms for food, which has a massive impact on biodiversity and our own survival.

## Cowgate and Worms

So! what have worms this to do with our beloved Cowgate? With this knowledge about earthworms means we are doing a grand job in how we manage these precious acres. For some time now, we have operated a no rake approach, leaving all grass and leaf fall where it lands, beneficial to:

- Nature's creatures who depend on the worm for food.
- The area is a good carbon sink.
- Preventing run-off rain from our recent downpours, reducing flooding.

If we can't influence farming practice, we can do our bit in our gardens with:

- Good management of lawns, flower beds and vegetable plots. Not to be too tidy and taking a no-dig approach which is easier on your back and easier on nature.
- Not smothering our precious soil with plastic carpets (artificial grass) or concrete.

We are back to our twice-monthly sorties giving our green space, and our own health, some well-deserved and belated TLC.

# Planning Committee

**Graham Margery**

**Chairman Planning Committee**

At the last Annual General Meeting Pat Sherratt did not stand for re-election as chairman and member of the Planning Committee, meaning I now attempt to assume the mantle. Pat deserves much thanks for all the dedicated work that he has done, and I thank him for all the help he has given me as I prepared to take over the role. Thankfully, he continues to serve the Society on the Executive, so his experience and expertise is not lost.

With all the Covid restrictions the committee has not met physically but the business has continued through electronic communication. I again thank Pat and all the Planning Committee for their invaluable help and support with this very busy portfolio.

Since the last newsletter we have reviewed some 90 applications that are potentially of interest and made formal response to Dover District Council in respect of 24 of them. The Planning Committee is always pleased to receive comments and feedback from the members of the Society, who can let the Planning Committee know their views on any application, or on any development that may concern them. This will help form the official Dover Society response. Alternatively, they can lodge their views as an individual directly with the DDC Planning Dept. in writing or via the DDC Planning portal at <https://www.dover.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-Applications/Home.aspx>

**Inland Border Facility:** In the previous Newsletter I mentioned the proposed Inland Border Facility at a site in Whitfield adjacent

to B&Q and the new Leisure Centre. We have since responded to the public consultation and written again to the transport minister setting out our concerns about traffic disruption, noise and light pollution and the use of "White Cliffs" in the name of the facility. The reply, when it eventually arrived, was simply a standard letter that failed to address the specific points we raised and attempted to reassure us that everything possible would be done to minimise any adverse impact. The planned operational date of May 2021 will be missed and, as yet, no construction work has started. There is a faint possibility that in the light of our post-Brexit experience the facility may not actually be needed but I am not very hopeful.

**Dover District Council Local Plan:**

Thanks to Pat we submitted a formal response to the public consultation. The Local Plan is a crucial document which will be used in the assessment of future planning applications, so it is vitally important that, as far as possible, our interests are incorporated within it. We will wait and see but it will be a very slow process.

**Town Centre Improvements:**

DDC has announced that it has secured £3.2m Future High Streets Funding that will be used to "comprehensively redevelop part of Bench Street. Providing a key thoroughfare between the waterfront and town centre, a new creative space will form part of a mixed-use development that will also include seven residential units." And "reimagining of the subway under the A20 on Townwall Street will encourage greater movement of people between the town

centre, waterfront and cruise terminals.” What this actually means in detail is not clear so we have written to ask for more details and an assurance that this will at last address the former Crypt site that has been a derelict eyesore for decades and a disgrace to the town. In reply we have been given nothing additional to the press release, no assurances about the Crypt and no indication of time scales. This scheme is in addition to the £2.95m Coastal Community Fund project to revamp Dover’s Market Square, mentioned in the last newsletter. There has been no public consultation about it, so we have written to DDC expressing concerns and with some alternative proposals. The funding for schemes in Dover is undoubtedly good news but without any details of how the money will be spent, it is impossible to say whether it will actually deliver the improvements we all look forward to.

**Ashen Tree Lane:** What is now Ashen Tree Lane lies to the east of the River Dour at the foot of chalk downland hills beneath Dover Castle in an area of land that remained undeveloped until the nineteenth century. In the mid fifteenth century a market was held regularly on the hills which was known as the “Upmarket” and it is quite likely that local traders would have brought their wares to supply the castle garrison. The area later became known as Tinker’s Corner. In the mid nineteenth century a few cottages were built in the lane that were extended and modified until being replaced with the creation of a dairy. What is now Ashen Tree Lane runs off Maison Dieu Road and Castle Hill Road and lies within the boundary of the Dover Castle Conservation Area. There have recently been several planning applications for properties in this lane and there has been some concern that the character of the area would be adversely affected so we have been keen to comment on them to ensure that any development is

carried out sensitively. Two such relate to Ashen Tree House which at one time was used by KCC as a non-residential day centre, but it was then boarded up and left neglected. The new plans are to bring the house back to its original residential use and carry out conservation works together with an extension using matching materials.

To the rear of Ashen Tree House lies a piece of land where proposals have been submitted to build several new dwellings. An application was made in August 2019 for six dwellings and there was much concern from local residents, particularly regarding traffic movements and we too could not support the scheme as there were simply not enough details provided to ensure that the development would be in keeping with the area. This application was withdrawn. A year later a new plan was submitted which was a considerable improvement being of reduced scale and of a design that corresponded well with the surrounding buildings, so we were pleased to offer our support. Subsequently the plans have been amended again to add an additional building and reduce the size of the others, leading to an overcrowded development, so we have objected to this change. So, a lot has been going on in this quiet lane and we wait with interest to see how things turn out.

**Former Westmount Education Centre:** Many Dover residents will remember the Westmount Education Centre in Folkestone Road which ran courses for adults including short evening classes. Since the centre closed there have been numerous planning applications to develop the site, the first of which was to convert the Westmount building into 23 flats and build 21 houses in the grounds. Although approved the scheme was never delivered. Subsequently a scheme was approved for 97 dwellings, but this too was never delivered. Sadly, through neglect and vandalism the Westmount

building become unusable and in 2015 approval was granted for its demolition. The land has remained unused ever since. This is a particular case that illustrates the problem of the nation's slow house building programme. It is not that Local Authorities hold up the planning process, but rather that developers fail to deliver the schemes that are approved. In a recent national newspaper article, it is reported that there are over one million brownfield sites which have been granted planning permission, but the developers have not yet built on them. The proposed changes to planning legislation seek to accelerate the house building programme by relaxing planning controls but they will not address the problem outlined here. We will end up with the worst of both worlds! More recently, a planning application has been made to install an array of solar panels on the Westmount site. Whilst the generation of green energy is to be welcomed, we have expressed concerns that this scheme might

frustrate the development of the site for housing. We wait and see.

**Marina Curve:** Sufficient people including the Dover Society wrote to object to the plan to use shipping containers to build a hotel and retail facilities on the new Marina Curve, that the planning application went to the full DDC Planning Committee. Unusually, the heads of tourism and Inward Investment wrote in support of the scheme so we wrote back to them setting out our support in principle for the beneficial impact that this would have for the town but objecting to this particular scheme. Whilst not actually refusing planning permission, DDC has deferred the decision and we understand that it is now no longer likely to go forward.

It appears that winter might actually be coming to an end at last and things are slowly getting back to normal. I wish you all well and an enjoyable Summertime.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS **Sheila Cope**

As I write, we number 480 and so members are to be congratulated for maintaining their subscriptions at a time when two virtual AGMs have taken place and there have therefore been no opportunities to hand over subs. in person. Many members have set up new Standing Orders or paid by Direct Debit, but old fashioned cash and cheques are equally welcome.

About 40 members have now opted to receive a Newsletter by email thus saving postage in many cases. However, if you change your mind, please inform Jeremy on [jeremyclope@willersley.plus.com](mailto:jeremyclope@willersley.plus.com). The

same applies if you wish to stop or start receiving our intermittent email messages.

The hand-delivery of Newsletters continues, and we do appreciate the help of those who undertake this vital task. Especially we thank Anne Mole who has delivered in the Priory/Tower Hamlets area since the early days and has now handed over to Frances Sykes.

We have recently welcomed to membership: Mrs A Mole, Ms J Pearson, Mr H Mayhew, Mrs G Barlow, Mr C & Mrs S Borley, Mr G & Mrs E Toland, Ms E Sanchez-Magner and Mr R Arthur.

# A Scottish Secret

Terry Sutton

Once again, the controversial issue of self-rule for Scotland is being debated, leading to the threat of the break-up of the United Kingdom. It was in Dover that the secret of unification of the two nations was first revealed. The two, Scotland and England, have been one since the Acts of Union in 1707, although there had been the “union of crowns” since James VI of Scotland became king of England as James I in 1603.

Historic documents, secret at the time, reveal it was at Dover that the merger of the two countries was first suggested.

It was two years before the death in 1603 of Queen Elizabeth I, while in Dover, that she revealed her secret plan to name James of Scotland as her successor as monarch. The date was 1601, when Elizabeth was enjoying herself at Dover Castle and entertaining a French minister who was later to become the Duc de Sully.

Elizabeth had quietly travelled to Dover with the hope of persuading the French king, Henry IV, to cross the channel for top level talks. The two of them were on good terms, especially after Henry signed the Edict of Nantes giving more religious freedom to Protestants in a Catholic country.

But Henry refused to cross the channel and, in turn, invited Elizabeth to cross the Strait to Calais for talks. She, in her turn, refused. This resulted in an impasse until it was agreed that Henry should send his senior minister the Marquis de Rosny, to Dover.

Rosny, a Huguenot and a trusted minister of Henry, wrote about his Dover visit in his Memoires. These tell, that during gossiping, Elizabeth, realising she was reaching the end of her days, whispered to Rosny that she

intended to make King James of Scotland her heir. This way she hoped the two countries would be unified. It was the first time the idea had been mooted in official circles.

And what happened to Rosny after he returned to France to tell his king of Elizabeth's secret? His next mission for France was to negotiate the Peace of Savoy and two years later he was back in England to serve as France's ambassador to the new monarch's court. He later returned to France, where he contributed to the rehabilitation of his country and remained a constant friend of Henry IV until his king was assassinated in 1610 by a deranged Frenchman, Charles Ravaillac.

It was not Queen Elizabeth's first visit to Dover. That was during her procession around England when, it was reported at the time, there were 300 followers including knights and nobles, including the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. The procession topped the hill from Folkestone and entered Dover via Cowgate and then down the lane now known as Queen Street (hence the name). She remained at Dover Castle for two weeks, distributing honours to Kent's folk and while there asked about the neglected state of Dover harbour. Told of the issue of financing repairs, she promised to try to do something about that.



*Queen Elizabeth I*

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# Monarchy

Terry Sutton

The vital role played by Dover in one of the most important days in British history is recalled in a replaced wall stone at the entrance to Dover Harbour Board's new Marina Curve.

The inscribed stone tells that near that spot was where the 30-year-old Charles II stepped ashore in his kingdom in May 1660 after years of exile in the era when the nation was ruled by the two Cromwells during the Commonwealth.

Charles, whose father had his head chopped off on the orders of Oliver Cromwell's Parliament, had escaped abroad disguised as a labourer. Although virtually penniless Charles enjoyed himself as he and his small court lived in Cambrai, Mons, Liege and Spa.

With little to do, Charles spent much of his time in bath houses and brothels where he sought new mistresses.

Then came news that Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of the Commonwealth, had died

and that his son Richard had succeeded him. But Richard's popularity didn't last long and soon there were behind-the-scenes negotiations to restore the monarchy.

On liberal terms, an agreement was reached, and Charles II returned to England landing at Dover where he was welcomed ashore by national leaders, the mayor of Dover and Protestant clergy.

As king, he lived on through plagues, the great fire of London and unbridled debauchery among a string of mistresses, including the teenage actress Nell Gwynn, until his death, aged 54, in 1685.

\* The Restoration of the Monarchy and Charles II landing was commemorated in 1960, the 300th anniversary, by the unveiling of the stone beneath a strongly-built canopy, by the then Lord Lieutenant of Kent. The canopy shelter has not been replaced, says Dover Harbour Board, because of its poor condition.



*Clocktower Square and Marina Curve, now open*

# River Dour Partnership

Deborah Gasking

## The River's Eels.

Something drastic is happening to our eels! Not just ours, but across Europe.

The eel might not be as charismatic as the Giant Panda and Polar Bear; however, the once-abundant eel is now classified alongside them as critically endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species, and at risk of extinction.

The number of juvenile eels reaching European coasts has crashed since 1980 to just 1-5% of their pre-1980 levels.

The eel reproduces only once from around age 20 years (although eels can live to 100 years), so restoration is expected to take several of the eel generations.

This drastic situation is thought to be due to a combination of factors.

- Man-made
  - > Obstructions (overcome the Dour's obstructions), weirs. Eel passes have been introduced.
  - > Illegal fishing
  - > An introduced parasite which affects their swim bladders.
- Climate change
  - > Warming seas and altering ocean currents, in particular the Gulf Stream which affects their migratory route to and from the Sargasso Sea, their spawning waters 6,000 km (3,700 miles) from our chalk stream. Named after the mats of free-floating sargassum, a common seaweed, this area provides shelter and habitat.

From the Sargasso, eels take around three

years to reach UK waters. And thus, the cycle rotates.

So... rejoice if you see one of our eels for you are favoured.



*River Dour at Buckland Bridge*

## River Clean Ups have re-commenced.

No guesses allowed as to what the main category in our sacks of litter collections is. Yes! PLASTIC. Did you know that the birth of this evil was benign, even altruistic: The rising numbers of the Victorian middle class demanded many an adornment made from elephant ivory, such as piano keys, umbrella hands and billiard balls. Consequently, ivory became a scarce resource.

In 1863, a newspaper advertisement set up the challenge for replacement of billiard ball ivory. Before the end of that century, our fate was set with the invention of celluloid.

Jumping forward to the 1980s, the 'Western World' began to use more resources than the earth could replenish – consumerism

was now rampant:

- our throw-away society was ravenous.
- our hunger for single use plastic was endless.
- manufacturers created life-limited items feeding this hunger to continually replace and adorn.

Plastics begin life as Nurdles, resin pellets the size of lentils, melted, moulded, and manufactured into a rainbow of colours and shapes.

As a discarded item tossed away into our rivers, it degrades as it travels downstream and into the sea where it is tumbled and turned and trashed until often returning to its Nurdle state. These micro plastics, with their greater exposed surface area attract banned toxins and those which we are perpetually washing down our drains. These Nurdles are ingested by sea life causing infertility, stunted growth, and immune deficiency:

- from plankton, the very bedrock of sea life, which become trapped in a tangle of synthetic microfibres.
- to the microscopic arrow worm which die after ingesting a single fibre entirely blocking its gut.

- to the single mussel, filtering up to 20 litres of sea water a day.
- to the largest fish feeding on all sea life, thus ingesting those microplastics.
- to human consumption.
- to being absorbed into our biology, interfering with organ function, growth, and development.
- to being passed on into the placenta and a mother's milk.

We need a culture of Pride of Place; a return to a circular system of creating goods: re-use, repair, recycle; company buy-back schemes, particularly e-waste with its heavy toxic burden. No more one-way Take-Make-Waste squandering our planet's resources.

Further to the weir passes, Affinity Water and South East Rivers Trust are looking at the viability of installing a fish pass at Halfords Weir soon. This will help trout naturally spread their genes throughout the river making the species more robust. As you know smaller gene pools make fish more prone to illness, disease and less likely to spawn successfully. Currently, the weir is much too high for them to swim up.



*The Dour running down to Charlton Green*



*River Dour Charlton Green Pond*

# Memories of Dover

## A Nostalgic Personal Perambulation.

### Part One - Biggin Street to Market Square

Peter Sherred

As a Dovorian I have always had a real affection for this town and it has been my great pleasure to have been involved in many organisations and societies in Dover over the years, many in leadership roles, where I have sought to promote, defend, and fight for the interests of the town at many levels. Restrictions on movement during the pandemic have enabled me to reflect on changes in my hometown over the last seventy years or so. What follows is from my personal recollection, but I am conscious of the fact that other people's recollections may differ from mine and one's memory is both selective and fallible.

Dover today is a vastly different place to the town into which I was born in in the 1940s. For instance, unlike today there was no one way traffic system in the main thoroughfares of the town. Before the highway engineers set about changing things there was two-way traffic through the town which did not seem to cause much trouble but there again the volume

of traffic was so much lighter than today. A well-known 'pinch point' was at Biggin Street which was much narrower than it is now and was only improved with the redevelopment of the left-hand side, undertaken just beyond the Town Hall. Dover's strength and arguably its greatest weakness has always been, in my mind, the fact that the main retail street has stretched from near the sea front all the way up to Buckland Bridge although the town centre has probably always been considered as stretching from Biggin Street to the Market Square via Cannon Street. In this area there used to be a wonderful profusion of shops and stores from small local outlets to larger high street names. Permit me to take you on a wander down the town from the Town Hall to the seafront pointing out, if my memory permits, well-known shops and places of interest I can recall - always remembering there has been constant change and a town does not remain static. As intimated at the start others may have different memories of the places I recall. Wherever I refer to Right-Hand Side (RHS) and Left-Hand Side (LHS) it is as walking from the Town Hall seawards.



*Biggin Street Before Widening*

Immediately adjacent to the Town Hall was the Town Public Library (currently the offices of Dover Town Council, called Maison Dieu House). I recall the reference section was on the ground floor and the lending library was on the next level up. Walking along Biggin Street towards Cannon Street the 'Prince Albert' Pub on the RHS remains to this day. Just a few doors down on the RHS was a sports

shop owned by Eddie Crush, a former Kent cricketer I believe. On the LHS, after what is now the parade of new shops, one encountered the former head office of the Dover & District Co-operative Society where I recall one purchased, among other things, milk tokens for the delivery of milk overnight to the doorstep. The site is now occupied by the Specsavers Opticians and Argos complex. Between them and Pencester Road one would come across the Salem Baptist Church (present site of Boots) and on the corner of Pencester Road was the Midland Bank. On the RHS of Biggin Street, among the many outlets, was the General Post and Telegraph Office in an imposing building on the corner of Priory Street (demolished and rebuilt as a fashion shop) and a little way further down was an extremely popular place – F W Woolworth (Woollies) - which spread from a frontage on Priory Street to a frontage on Worthington Street as well as having a frontage on Biggin Street. Pick 'n Mix was a favourite counter! Peppin the tailor, which became George Lock Ltd tailor, was alongside the Woolworth store on the Biggin Street frontage. On the corner of Worthington Street there was a substantial Timothy Whites store.



*Timothy Whites Corner, Worthington Street*



*Pencesterr Road*

On the LHS of Biggin Street, after crossing Pencester Road which was where all the East Kent buses stopped and started on their journeys, the first retail outlet one encountered on the corner, was Murdoch's music, piano, and record store alongside which was a big high street name – Marks and Spencer Ltd (now B&M). Beyond which, heading towards St Mary's Church, were, among others, Vye and Sons grocers, Dewhurst butchers and, still in situ, John Angell (Dover) Ltd jewellers, including clocks and watches, then came a pub or hotel whose name I believe was, The Wellington. St Mary's Church and churchyard came next and that too remains in situ. Meantime on the RHS after crossing Worthington Street the first shop on the corner was Boots the Chemist (right opposite Timothy Whites). In the stretch between Boots and opposite St Mary's Church there was several shops, including the grandly named 'Home and Colonial Stores' as well as a cinema, the Gaumont if I recall correctly (where the Gala Bingo Hall is today), and nearer to New Street was a rather grand but quaint old fashioned drapers' department store called G W Hatton Ltd. A feature I recall here was the overhead zip wire money boxes for payment and change. (Hatton's site is now the site of W H Smith).

# One of Dover's Quiet Heroes David Norris 1921 - 2021

Margarita (Maggie) Waite

David Norris was born in Winchelsea Road and attended Belgrave Road School and then St Martin's, until he left at age 14. He swam for the school, belonged to 2nd Dover Sea Scouts and was a talented pianist, playing from seven years old.



David Norris (1921–2021)

A bricklayer by trade, after completing his apprenticeship he worked on the construction of Old Park Barracks right up to the outbreak of war. David then enlisted in the Merchant Navy, serving initially on the troopship *King George V* which had originally been built for the Inveraray service. From 1935 the vessel was based in Oban, cruising round Mull to Iona, Staffa, and Fort William. In 1940, after being requisitioned as a troop carrier, she helped rescue thousands of British soldiers from Dunkirk, making six trips in all, returning the soldiers to both Dover and Margate piers. David was awarded the Dunkirk medal.

He also took part in the Normandy landings in 1944, serving on the supply vessel *Jesse J Cotting*, making four trips to the Utah and Omaha beaches carrying vital supplies.

In 2017 he was awarded the French Legion of Honour, which was presented by Mr James Ryeland, the Honorary Consul for France, at Dover.

After the war, David returned to bricklaying and built his house in River, where he lived for the rest of his life. He also had his own fishing boat, which he kept on Dover beach for many years. He cooked, grew his own vegetables and made preserves well into his nineties. When his beloved wife of sixty years became ill in her later life, one of his greatest achievements was the

loving care that he gave her, at home, right up to her death in 2016.

David was always cheerful and was as big a hero in his personal life as he was during the war.



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# Anne Pratt

5th December 1806 – 27th July 1893

—Deborah Gasking—

Anne Pratt was a botanical and ornithological illustrator who wrote more than 20 books, which she illustrated with chromolithographs. The process of chromolithography involves printing each colour individually. The colours are oil-based and, when multiple colours are applied, the outcome is a vibrant print with a depth that is like a painting.

Born in Strood, Kent, Anne was the second of three daughters of grocer Robert Pratt and his wife Sarah. As a child, she was sickly and would sit and draw while her sisters played. It was at this time that a family friend, Dr Dods, introduced her to botany and her elder sister fostered the interest by collecting plants.

Anne had her first book published in 1838 and in 1846 she moved to London to work as an illustrator.

Three years later, in 1849, possibly for health reasons, Anne came to live in Dover at 39 Castle Street, which obviously agreed with her, for the seventeen years that she lived there proved to be her most prolific period. The importance of her books in spreading a knowledge and love of botany was acknowledged by a grant from the Civil List.

It is unclear if Anne met John Peareless in Dover, but they were married at Christchurch, Luton, Kent on 15th December 1866 and then moved to East Grinstead and later Redhill. Once married she ceased to write, but when in 1879 the copyright for *Flowering Plants and Ferns of Great Britain* expired, she was persuaded by publishers Frederick Warne and Co to

revise it. Published in a cheaper form the following year, it was an instant best seller.

Her works were written in a popular style but were said to be accurate and are partly responsible for the popularising of botany in her day. From her first book, *Flowers and Their Associations*, her work sold well, but she never achieved critical acclaim, owing to prejudice against her on the grounds that she was self-taught and a woman.

Through her books, she attempted to instil a love of botany in her readers. She also endeavoured to inspire and educate them, sprinkling her works liberally with religious references and little-known facts. She wrote under the "Bluebell" entry in her book *Wild Flowers*, "Although the bluebell has no particular use now, in former times it was greatly prized.... When still ruffs were worn, the sticky juice of the bluebell was used as a starch. Book binders used it also to stiffen the spines."

Her works included:

- 1 *The Field, the Garden, and the Woodland*, 1838.
- 2 *Flowers and Their Associations*, 1840.
- 3 *The Pictorial Catechism of Botany*, London: Suttaby and Co., 1842.
- 4 *The Ferns of Great Britain*, c. 1850.
- 5 *Wild Flowers*, 1852 (2 vols.). Also published as classroom wall hangings.
- 6 *Poisonous, Noxious, and Suspected Plants, of our Fields and Woods*, 1857.
- 7 (Her masterpiece) *The Flowering Plants, Grasses, Sedges, and Ferns of Great Britain and Their Allies the Club Mosses, Pepperworts, and Horsetails*, London: Frederick Warne and Co., 1855–1873, 6 vols. (Originally only 5 volumes,

published 1855–1866, as *The Flowering Plants of Great Britain*. The 6th volume, on grasses, sedges, and ferns, was added in 1873).

This work had a remarkably long life as a standard reference work. The illustrations of ferns in the final volume continued to be used into the second half of the twentieth century, appearing, unattributed and very much reduced in size and in half tone, in the *Observer's Book of [British] Ferns*. Although expensive, at the time, it was to be found in nearly every wealthy drawing room in the country. It contains details of 1500 species, with 300 illustrations.

- 8 *Chapters on Common Things of the Seaside*, Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, 1850.
- 9 *Our Native Songsters*, Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, 1853.
- 10 *Haunts of the Wild Flowers*, Routledge, Warne and Routledge, 1863.
- 11 *The Garden Flowers of the Year*, Religious Tract Society, 1846.
- 12 *Wild Flowers of The Year*, Religious Tract Society, 1846.
- 13 *The Excellent Woman as Described in Proverbs 31*, Religious Tract Society, 1863.

Now virtually unknown, Anne Pratt remains an important Victorian illustrator, naturalist, and populariser of science. Her book, *Wild Flowers* (1852), made such a strong impression on Queen Victoria that the Queen made a royal command to receive all of Anne's subsequent publications.

While Anne's works addressed a largely female audience, her profound botanical knowledge and astute insights into flower study, had an ever broader reach into the general public. Although she brought the interest of botany to the masses, she never received academic acclaim.

Her studies, according to one biographer, were written in “popular style,” “accurate,” and “instrumental in spreading a knowledge and love of botany.” A Royal Agricultural College Special Collections Exhibition Catalogue, *The Art of Botanical Illustration*, includes Pratt among women illustrators of the nineteenth century whose studies were “aimed at a general, and often primarily female, audience.” She was celebrated for her “accurate, clear, and precise writing,” “winsome paint-ings,” and “delightful anecdotes about plants.” A naturalist of “great talent,” Pratt was able to “blend botany with the romance of nature,” fulfilling, on the one hand, “the demand for nature writing and flowers” and, on the other hand, “the need for botanical knowledge for ladies.”

Anne died in Shepherd's Bush, London, in 1893.



*Columbine and Larkspur, (Wild Flowers 1852), Anne Pratt*

# Retirement of the Admiralty Judge from the Confederation of the Cinque Ports

Peter Sherred

Among recent changes of personnel within the Confederation of the Cinque Ports Lord Clarke has retired from the post of Admiralty Judge with effect from April this year after nearly a quarter of a century in the post. Lord Clarke (more properly Baron Clarke of Stone-cum-Ebony PC) succeeded the previous occupant of the post of Admiralty Judge, Gerald Darling RD QC, in 1997. Gerald Darling, who died in 1996, had been elected leader of the Admiralty Bar in 1978 and in 1979, on the invitation of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the then Lord Warden, he was appointed to the ancient post of Admiralty Judge of the Cinque Ports. Following his death, a memorial service for him was held in The Temple Church in London on 21st November 1996. Sir Alastair Aird, GCVO, who had served in the Queen Mother's household since 1964, had succeeded Sir Martin Gilliat upon his death in 1993 as her Private Secretary. He was made an Honorary Bencher of the Middle Temple. Upon Gerald Darling's death Sir Alastair asked the Treasurer of the Middle Temple, Michael Sherrard QC, for an idea about who should succeed Gerald and Tony

Clarke was suggested, and then duly appointed by the Queen Mother as Lord Warden.

The Admiralty Judge is supported by a Deputy and Surrogate Judge Official and Commissary of the Confederation of the Cinque Ports and when he was appointed Admiralty Judge, Gerald Darling's Deputy and Surrogate was George Henry Youden former Senior Partner of local law firm Stilwell and Harby. Upon George Youden's death and after consultation with Clarence House, I had the privilege of being appointed in his place by Gerald Darling. The Judge Official and Commissary of the Court of Admiralty of the Cinque Ports (to use the full title) is appointed by the Lord Warden and until the early years of the twentieth century presided over sessions of the Admiralty Court on behalf of the Lord Warden. Although still entitled to act in that capacity, in practice the position is now an honorary and ceremonial one. Once appointed, Lord Clarke confirmed my continued appointment as Deputy and Surrogate Judge. Lord Clarke has served the Confederation well over the years of his office and he and Lady Clarke have graced many occasions, such as Speaker's Day, with dignity and style.



*Lord Clarke, Admiralty Judge of the Cinque Ports and Surrogate Judge Peter Sherred*

Anthony Peter Clarke (known as Tony) was born in Ayr to Harry and Isobel Clarke. He was educated at Oakham School and subsequently attended university at King's College Cambridge where he read economics and law. He was called to the Bar at Middle Temple in 1965 and practised at 2 Essex Court where he developed a commercial and maritime law practice and subsequently he enjoyed a distinguished career in the law until his retirement in 2017.

He took silk, becoming a QC (Queen's Counsel), in 1979 until he became a judge in 1993. Between 1985 and 1992 he sat as a Recorder in both civil and criminal courts and was for several years in the 1980's Head of Chambers becoming a Bencher of the Middle Temple in 1987. His practice was commercial and maritime and included both advocacy and, as time progressed, arbitration, working as both counsel and arbitrator. He undertook several cases in Hong Kong and Singapore as a silk. He played a part in a good number of shipping inquiries during these years and of local interest this included the Herald of Free Enterprise in which he acted as counsel for the owners.

In 1993 Tony Clarke became a High Court judge and was appointed a Knight Bachelor. He was allocated to the Queen's Bench Division and succeeded Mr Justice Sheen as the Admiralty Judge in 1993. He sat in the Admiralty Court, the Commercial Court and the Crown Court, trying commercial and criminal cases respectively. Five years later Tony Clarke was promoted to the Court of Appeal of England and Wales in 1998 and was sworn of the Privy Council. Shortly after he led the Thames Safety Inquiry and in the following year as Lord Justice Clarke, he conducted the judicial inquiry under the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 into the collision on the River Thames between two vessels, the Marchioness and the Bowbelle, which took place in the early hours of 20 August 1989 resulting in the deaths of 51 people. 131 people were on board the pleasure boat Marchioness when it was hit by the dredger Bowbelle. Among its findings the judicial inquiry into the disaster found that poor lookouts on both vessels were responsible for the collision and it specifically discovered that the captain of the Bowbelle, had drunk six pints of lager on the afternoon before the collision. Further, the inquiry found the Emergency Services had no contingency

plan for such a disaster. In its published report 30 river safety recommendations were made including a requirement that all older vessels on tidal rivers should be brought up to modern safety standards. All the recommendations made by the Inquiry were accepted by the then government. By January 2002, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution introduced four lifeboat stations on the River Thames.

In 2005 Tony Clarke became Master of the Rolls and so head of Civil Justice. This involved presiding in many significant civil cases and commercial disputes (including arbitration) and a wide range of public law cases and procedural disputes. He was chairman of the Civil Justice Council and the Rules Committee and promoted the Review of Civil Cost carried out by Lord Justice Jackson in 2009 which was subsequently in large part brought into force. His tenure of office as Master of the Rolls ended in 2009 the year in which it was announced that he would be created a life peer being duly gazetted with the title of Baron Clarke of Stone-cum-Ebony, in the County of Kent. He took his seat as a crossbencher in the House of Lords on 1 June 2009.

Tony Clarke was one of the first eleven justices appointed to the new Supreme Court (when it was instituted in 2009 as the final court of appeal in the United Kingdom



*Marchioness Disaster 1989*

replacing the House of Lords which had previously been the final court of appeal) and he had the distinction of being the first High Court judge to be appointed directly to that court when it came into existence on 1st October 2009. The Supreme Court is in the building in Parliament Square immediately opposite the Houses of Parliament and was previously known as The Middlesex Guildhall. A Grade II\* listed building it was initially an administrative and court centre for Middlesex County, and later served as a Crown Court building, until the establishment of the Supreme Court. Tony Clarke remained as a Supreme Court justice until retiring at the end of September 2017. During this period he regularly sat in the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, which remains the final court of appeal for a number of Commonwealth countries. The Supreme Court (and the Privy Council) only hear cases which the Court concludes involve questions of public importance. These include, not only criminal and public law cases, but commercial cases, including maritime and general commercial cases and those involving insolvency, arbitration, and private and public international law. During his illustrious career in the law Tony Clarke has taken part in many decisions of considerable significance, both between 2005 and 2009 when he was Master of the Rolls and between 2009 and 2017 when he was a Justice of the Supreme Court. On ceremonial occasions with the Confederation of the Cinque Ports Tony Clarke was easily distinguishable from all others because of the distinctive Supreme Court robe he wore.

Lord Clarke sat in the House of Lords until his retirement from the House on 14 September 2020. As a member of the Shipwrights' Company, he was an Assistant from 2000 and Prime Warden for 2014–15. He was appointed to the Court of Final Appeal of Hong Kong in April 2011 as a non-permanent judge.

Tony married his wife, Rosemary, in 1968 and they have three children, Ben, Thomas and Sally. Lord and Lady Clarke live in retirement in Rye, East Sussex, one of the “two antient towns” of the Confederation of the Cinque Ports.

He is succeeded as the Admiralty Judge by Sir Nigel Teare who sat as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division from 2006 until his retirement from the High Court in September 2020. He was the judge in charge of the Commercial Court and the Admiralty Judge. During a distinguished career on the Bench he decided many of the most high-profile cases of recent years across many different business sectors and now acts as an arbitrator in London. We welcome him to his post with the Confederation and look forward to seeing him from time to time in Dover as and when Confederation events are held in our Cinque Port town.

Members of Dover Society will recall that Pat Cunningham, who lived in the town and who had been the Admiralty Sergeant from 2004, died in January 2020 and an article on him was included in the March 2020 Newsletter (no 97 p. 45ff). He has been succeeded as Admiralty Sergeant by Jon Bartholomew, who has been Town Crier of Hastings for many years and is a qualified Toastmaster. He served as Town Sergeant of Hastings for several years and had previously served in the Military Police before returning to civilian life.

Historically, in each of the Cinque Ports and limbs the Lord Warden, as Admiral, appointed a *droit gatherer* to notify his staff in Dover immediately a wreck occurred, or flotsam or jetsam was recovered along the coast of the Confederation ports. *Droit gatherers* would keep records of the goods recovered and expenses incurred by the salvors so that the respective claims of the Lord Warden and the Ports could be



determined. The Sergeant of the Admiralty was the principal *droit gatherer* and had responsibility for those functions within Dover, as well as for enforcing orders of the Admiralty Court. The Admiralty Sergeant is, today, a purely honorary position whose main role is to bear the silver Admiralty Oar before the Lord Warden on ceremonial occasions.

The Registrar and Seneschal of the Cinque Ports since 2005 is Ian Russell MVO MA MSocSc, formerly Director of Central Services and Solicitor to Hastings Borough Council. He provides administrative advice and support to the Lord Warden and, as Clerk of Dover Castle, plays an ongoing part in the induction of each new Deputy Constable. Ian also acts as Webmaster for the Confederation of the Cinque Ports website. He had previously served as Joint Solicitor to the Confederation from 1991 to 2020.

The current Joint Solicitors are Christine Barkshire-Jones, recently retired as Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer of Hastings Borough Council and Robert Cowan, Enforcement and Litigation Solicitor with the same Council. The Joint Solicitors handle the day-to-day administration and financial affairs of the Confederation as well as providing legal and procedural advice and they monitor Parliamentary legislation to ensure that the Ports' unique role and position remains protected.

Lord Clarke was the second Admiralty Judge to whom I have had the privilege of being the Judge Surrogate, a position I have held since 1992 when my appointment was sanctioned by the Queen Mother as Lord Warden. Lord Clarke has been a most affable and very approachable individual in his role of Admiralty Judge, a post he has discharged with dignity and grace. Indeed, he was very generous in his role of a Supreme Court Justice when he invited members of the

South Foreland Rotary Club to a personal tour of the Court building. Such was the response that at least two tours had to be organised both of which he personally led and gave much time to the visitors, particularly in answering their questions. Also, he accepted an invitation to be a guest speaker in Dover where he gave a talk about the history and development of the Supreme Court, and he was happy to take questions following his talk and provide detailed answers.

The Cinque Port Town of Dover particularly and the Confederation as a whole will miss him and his wife Rosemary for the contributions they have made, individually or together, to the ceremonial occasions at which they were loyal and regular attenders, and they are to be thanked for their long service and commitment to the Confederation and their support of the Lord Warden, the Lord Boyce, to whom I leave the final words of this tribute:

"As might be surmised from above, Tony Clarke is an extraordinarily distinguished lawyer and so I felt both delighted and privileged when he agreed to be my Admiralty Judge when I was appointed Lord Warden in 2004; and it was an honour to have him alongside me at my Installation in 2005. Since then, we – together with his wife Rosemary - have become firm friends; and we have shared many occasions both in the Cinque Ports and elsewhere – such as my becoming an Honorary Bencher of Middle Temple, at his instigation, or my speaking at his Installation as Prime Warden of the Shipwright Company. He is a most affable and sociable companion – belying the fact that he was reckoned to have one of the sharpest legal minds in the country when he was in practice - and he has an abiding affection for, and loyalty to, the Cinque Ports which I know will continue in his retirement. We shall miss his presence at our Confederation gatherings."

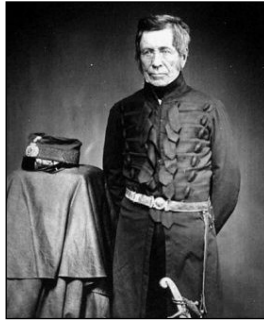
# Field Marshal Sir John Fox Burgoyne

Barry O'Brien - Dover Tales

Born the illegitimate son of widower General John Burgoyne and opera singer Susan Caulfield, Burgoyne was educated at Eton and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich being commissioned into the Royal Engineers as a Second Lieutenant in 1798.

Burgoyne saw action at the 1801 Siege of Alexandria and, during the Peninsular War, served, firstly, as Commanding Engineer to Sir John Moore, and, at both the Siege of Badajoz and the Battle of Vitoria, to The Duke of Wellington. Chief engineer during the war of 1812 in North America Burgoyne was also official advisor to Lord Raglan prior to the outbreak of the Crimean War when he advised on the fortification of Constantinople as well as that of the Dardanelles. In 1831 Burgoyne took the post of Chairman of the Board of Public Works in Ireland. Having served copiously throughout the years, Burgoyne became Colonel Commandant of the Royal Engineers November 1854 and promoted to full General in September 1855. In January 1856 he was made a Baronet although despite advice given to Burgoyne at the time that title did not carry on to his heirs and the title no longer survives.

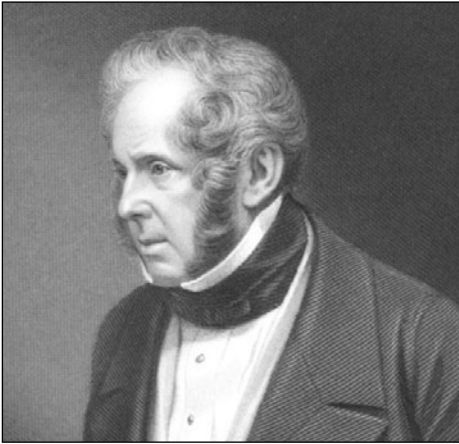
With growing concerns over the declining state of the country's ability to defend its shores the Prime Minister, Lord Palmerston, wrote to Burgoyne on Aug 2nd, 1856, that he wished "very much to have a meeting with you at the Ordnance Office or at The Treasury, to go over with you all the plans of the defensive works at



*Field Marshal  
Sir John Fox Burgoyne*

home and abroad, now in progress of construction." Taking advantage of this favourable state of affairs Sir John devised a complete scheme for the fortification of home ports and Naval arsenals. These works might cost an estimated £4m and, it was calculated, would occupy some 64,400 serving men "they will not, however, require to be always at their posts. Many organised and armed bodies that would be inefficient for a manoeuvring army in the field would be very appropriate for the fortifications, such as pensioners, Dockyard Battalions and Volunteers".

In 1858 the British Government received information of extensive and secret preparations for war being made on the part of the French Emperor Napoleon III. A secret committee was convened consisting of the Duke of Cambridge, Lord Seaton, Sir John Burgoyne, Sir Fenwick Williams, and Sir James Scarlett, with Major General Henry Storcks acting as Secretary, in order to consider the best means of preparing against any attempted invasion by French forces. Britain's military strength had improved slightly since the Crimean War, but the country continued to be involved with insurrection in India as well as a war with China, which meant there remained in the field an active force of some 37,500. There were approximately 42,000 "less efficient troops" which could extend to a maximum available force of some 115,000 should those numbers include those receiving military pensions, the Yeomanry and a



*Lord Palmerston*

militia which had received 'some degree' of training.

Whilst it was considered that a force of some 34,000 was the minimum needed to garrison the arsenals in England and the Channel Isles, it was estimated that an additional 100,000 effective troops would be needed should the enemy, even for a short while, achieve Naval superiority in The Channel with any new recruits needing a minimum four months training. Clearly, the country was in a perilous state.

With Palmerston's return to office, following a 15 month hiatus surrounding the events of the 1859 General Election, he determined to improve the defence of the nation's dockyards and proposed to Parliament to construct the necessary fortifications by means of a special loan additional to the previously allocated Military budget. With this objective in mind a Royal Commission was called to consist of six eminent Naval and Military officers, together with a civilian architect. Although Burgoyne did not sit on this committee, he did write an article for the

Westminster Review in support of the Royal Commission expressing 'his opinions on all the vexed questions of national defence' which included many of his earlier proposals to Palmerston and which would later form much of the basis for the Commission's final recommendations.

It was subsequently resolved that the military presence should be strengthened along the British and Irish coastlines, with new defences to be built at a number of key locations including the Bristol Channel, the River Clyde, the Channel Islands, Plymouth, Portland and Dover, the latter to include work at the Admiralty Pier Turret, Archcliffe Fort, the Dover Castle complex, Langdon Battery, the Western Heights complex and the construction of a fort at Castle Hill to be known, appropriately enough, as Castle Hill Fort although one reference suggests that it may, initially, have been proposed that it be named Fort George.

General Burgoyne identified the location from which the best defence of the Castle might be afforded and where the new fort would be constructed as the high ground to the north of Dover Castle.

Designed by Captain Edmund Du Cane RE, construction of Castle Hill Fort duly began in 1861 and was finally completed by the end of 1868 at a total cost of £88,053 [£9 million at a modern equivalent].

Having passed out of the Royal Military Academy aged 18, as head of his intake, Du Cane had previously spent 5 years in Australia overseeing the restructuring of the Convict Labour programme and was also engaged in the design of fortifications at Plymouth, and, later, Wormwood Scrubs prison in London; the prison is located in DuCane Road.



*Fort Burgoyne*

A member of a Royal Commission on Army Promotion Sir John Burgoyne was also a Permanent Member of The Defence Committee and President of the Army Signal Committee.

He served as Honorary Colonel of 1st Middlesex Engineer Volunteer Corps and of 1st Lancashire Engineer Volunteer Corps. In March 1852 he was made Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath and in Dec 1854 was one of 17 generals to receive the thanks of both Houses of Parliament for victory at Alma, the next month receiving similar acknowledgement for victory at Inkermann.

A Juror for the Great International Exhibition in Paris he was also an Honorary Doctor of Civil Law at Oxford University and was awarded a First Class Order of the Medjidie.

In 1856 Burgoyne was made a Fellow of the Royal Society, created a Baronet, and awarded the French Legion of Honour, 2nd Class. He served as a member of the War Office Committee to consider and report on the probable effect of rifled cannon on the attack and defence of fortifications and was President of the Committee ordered to inspect the War Department Magazines

and to report on the storage of gunpowder following the explosion of a large private powder magazine at Erith, Kent.

Given the Freedom of the City of London in 1868 Burgoyne was also appointed Constable of the Tower of London and, on his retirement January 1st, 1868, promoted to Field Marshal. He died at his Kensington, London, home on 7th October 1871 and is buried in the nearby Brompton Cemetery.

Castle Hill Fort in Dover was renamed Fort Burgoyne in his memory.

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*Statue to Sir John Fox Burgoyne, Waterloo Place, London*

# Refurbishment Committee

Jenny Olpin

Refurbishment continues to focus on the quality and appearance of our Town. As we hopefully move out of lockdown, we are beginning to get out and about but still staying local. We are enjoying the lovely Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens that take us further into the wilds of Bushey Ruff and, for some, onto the Kearsney Loop. The beautiful sea front now provides us with lots of outside refreshment, where, as the weather improves, it will be lovely to linger with tea or coffee or even a Pimms!

Our meetings continue to be online, and the Zoom habit is now a natural experience but one that we should soon break. That said we are still busy. Since our last report we have, as have many of you, focussed on the new parklets. We continue to urge that KCC and DDC involve Dover's community representatives in the way forward for our town, particularly in the face of the very significant changes that town centres in general are facing, with the decline of High Street shopping.

At our recent meetings we have had the opportunity to update on those who find themselves homeless or are from our itinerant population. The Government Covid-19 scheme is still operational in providing accommodation and now Dover District Council, in partnership with Folkestone and Hythe, have obtained funding for a 12 unit accommodation provision for short term stay. We were also advised (and this is useful for all of us to know) that "If we have concerns about a homeless person, the Porchlight organisation provide an Outreach worker who will help". Their contact details are on their website. They are open 24/7:

<https://www.porchlight.org.uk/information-support> or call their free helpline on 0800 567 7699.

It was reported that the Dover Foodbank is still in great demand and they are very grateful for their team of volunteers, as the Foodbank is still doing deliveries only. The Food Pantry in the Charlton Centre is proving successful for those on low income, so do not hesitate to signpost anyone you know having difficulty. The Sunrise Café opened at the beginning of July and is for those who are hungry. It is run by the Dover Outreach team and Noel Beamish, one of their leads, will be coming to speak at our first 'face to face' post-Covid Dover Society Meeting at St Mary's Hall in October.

Our interest has also been the closure of the Co-innovation Centre. This highly successful initiative has supported the 'graduation' of eight fledgling businesses into various shops throughout the town. We can only hope that its success is not ignored and that an opportunity is quickly found for the Centre to re-locate and to continue being a refreshing, interesting, eclectic venue for the many people of our town who have supported it since its inception and who benefit from its friendly and inclusive approach.

We are due to meet with Kent Police again in October, so do let me know if there is anything in your area that is resulting in anti-social behaviour. I will endeavour to speak to the Detective Inspector about it on your behalf. Those of you who came to the AGM, or viewed the meeting on our website, will have a good idea as to what Refurbishment's remit is, so do consider joining us, or emailing if you think we may be able to help.

# James (Jim) Clifford Strevens Pople

Jenny Olpin

Our dear friend and Dover Society member Jim Pople has decided to relocate to Winchester following the passing of his dear wife of over 50 years, Sheila.

He was born in 1927 as James Clifford Strevens Pople, at Burnham on Sea Somerset. His father was a Master Builder who had served in the Signals Regiment during WW1 in Palestine and knew Lawrence of Arabia. Mr Pople Senior was an organist with the local Baptists Church and Musical Director and Conductor of the local operatic society. Jim's mother was herself a well-known local singer. It was in this environment of music and performance that Jim was fortunate enough to experience a very happy childhood.

Jim spent his early school years at Chelmsford Hall Boarding School, Eastbourne. However, following the death of his father aged only 42, Jim, then 11 years old, returned home to his mother and grandmother where he attended the County School for Boys, Weston-Super-Mare.

During these early war years Jim found himself engaged, whilst still at school, as an ARP Messenger who was tasked with cycling between incidents carrying messages from wardens. '..... when I was on duty, I used to do my homework' recalled Jim.

Jim's father had given him a cine projector which initiated his interest in film. As a 15-year-old Jim acquired a better cine projector (no crank!!) which enabled him to give film shows, selling tickets to a

variety of friends, family, and neighbours in aid of the war effort.

On leaving school, through the influence of the president of the local Operatic Society the well-known playwright Ben Travers, Jim was offered a job at Denham Studios in the cutting room on the film "A Canterbury Tale".

As an 18-year-old he was called up. After six weeks of Primary Training in Winchester he was lucky to be posted to the Army Film and Photographic Unit at Pinewood Studios. Before being wound up the AFPU produced its last major film "Burma Victory" on which Jim worked as Sound Editor. When that was disbanded Jim reverted to his actual Army Grade of Storeman 1st Class. Next posting .... Singapore!

Not being wildly excited at this development, he was offered to run the



*Jim 1959, Film Editor BBC TV Film Unit, Alexandra Palace*

Unit Theatre and Cinema at the Base Ordnance Depot which was in danger of closing down due to demobilisation. It was luck that when, after six months, it was time for his return to 'civvy street' and once more back to Pinewood Studios. His career now began to take off and, as an assistant editor for David Lean, was involved in such films as "Passionate Friends" and "Madelaine".

The British Film industry was having one of its occasional crises and Jim was made redundant. Working as a swimming pool attendant for 3 weeks he received a call from an old Army friend who was the Supervising Film Editor at the BBC TV Film Unit at Lime Grove. Jim had just signed up when he had another call from a friend asking him if he would like to work at Shepperton Studios on a new film. That was the moment when his career switched from film to TV. Such is fate!

Jim spent four years at the BBC and his last production was to edit five programmes in their major series "War in the Air". It was 1955 and the start of ITV. Jim was wooed away with the offer of a generous salary as a Film Editor/Director. Always willing to try something new, he moved into live TV, first with two cameras on late night promotions with Steve Race and a piano and later with four cameras on live Advertising Magazines.

In 1964 Jim met and married Sheila who was to be his life-long partner. She qualified as an SRN in Midwifery and Tropical Medicine. Sheila then moved into freelance occupational health, advising management in health and welfare at large firms such as Rank Xerox.

Jim then stepped into children's television where he experienced the most 'serious' fun of his career involved with the

production of magazine programmes such as "Tuesday Rendezvous" and "Small Time" as well as six-episode drama serials with titles such as "The Blackness" and "Frontier Drums". This was 'live' television and Jim recalls that during 'Frontier Drums' two of the actors completely 'dried up'! Everyone smoked during this time and Jim recalls being authoritatively instructed to ensure that those playing the 'family fathers' roles smoked a pipe and not a cigarette.

It was now that Jim moved into Outside Broadcasting. In 1977 Jim was pleased to be awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal and covered various Royal events. This proceeded two of his most notable achievements which were producing the OBs for Thames Television of the weddings of Prince Charles and Prince Andrew.

Jim retired in 1989 and, after all the 'Wish You Were Here' programmes and looking to travel, moved to Dover to be close to France and the continent. In November 2020, after Sheila had sadly passed away, Jim moved to a retirement complex near Winchester to be with friends and ex colleagues and with shops nearby. Jim looks forward to spending his days with new company and without the pressure of gardening and cooking! I am sure you all join me in wishing Jim a happy and peaceful life in his new environment.



*Queen's Silver Jubilee, Royal Opera House*



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# Typhoid Outbreak at Fort Burgoyne

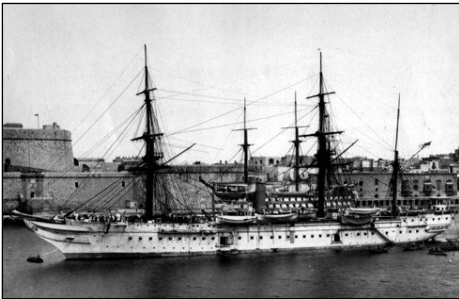
Barry O'Brien - Dover Tales

On June 21st, 1887, the *Glasgow Herald* newspaper reported that the 4th Brigade Scottish Division Royal Artillery had left their Barracks in Cupar, Scotland, en route for Fort Burgoyne.

Situated almost midway between Dundee and Glenrothes, the town is believed to have grown around the site of Cupar Castle, which was the seat of the sheriff and was owned by the earls of Fife. Today it is home to 'C Squadron' of the Scottish and North Irish Yeomanry, as well as ATC 571 (Cupar) Squadron.

Having completed the 25 mile train journey to Burntisland, the Fife Militia then boarded *HMS Tamar*, the fourth ship of the line to bear that name. Launched in June 1863, *HMS Tamar* was built in Cubitt Town on London's Isle of Dogs, a dual-powered vessel with masts and a steam engine, giving a speed of 12 knots. The ship had formed part of the 1874 Naval Brigade during the Ashanti War and had taken part in the 1882 bombardment of Alexandria.

It had been expected that the overall journey from Cupar to Dover would take



*HMS Tamar*

the Fife Militia two days to complete and it is clear that the troops travelled with no small degree of trepidation, given recent events at their destination i.e., "Fort Burgoyne, so far as its construction will permit, the remainder of the Corps being encamped close at hand". Presumably this encampment would have been at Northfall Meadow.



*Buffs Badge*

Since the December 1886 death from Typhoid, at Fort Burgoyne, of 28 year old Lt Herbert St David Jarrett, serving, at the time, with the 'The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)', the fort had been under close scrutiny, with standards of sanitation there having been a matter of discussion in Parliament on several occasions.

In nineteenth-century Britain the risk of catching typhoid, (a bacterial disease acquired by the consumption, of water mainly, but sometimes of food, that has been contaminated by sewage containing

the salmonella typhoid bacterium), was almost an accepted fact of life. Furthermore, the disease would infect all walks of life. Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's consort, was thought by many to have died of the disease in 1861 and the Prince of Wales (later Edward VII), his servant and Prince Leopold all contracted it while staying at the same country house.

Although known about for centuries, probably since Roman times, during the nineteenth century, typhoid appears to have travelled along the trade routes to most corners of the world, causing several pandemics as it did so. On three occasions, during 1826-1838, 1846-1854 and 1863-1868, the disease entered Britain, giving rise to nationwide epidemics.

Speaking in the House of Commons on February 8th 1887, Edward Norris, MP for Tower Hamlets, Limehouse, campaigner for public charities and Captain commanding the 2nd Sussex Artillery Volunteers, asked the newly installed Secretary of State for War, Edward



*Secretary of State for War, Edward Stanhope*

Stanhope, "Whether, since the death of Lieutenant Herbert Jarrett from typhoid fever, said to have been contracted at his quarters in the barracks at Dover, any official inspection of those barracks has been made; and, if so, with what result; whether any measures have been taken, or are being taken, to remedy the insanitary condition of certain quarters in these and other barracks from which complaints have been received; and, if he will state who is responsible for the general supervision of such matters of vital importance to the health of our officers and men?"

In response, The Secretary of State confirmed that "The barracks at Dover have, since Lieutenant Jarrett's death, been most carefully inspected by the principal Medical Officer and the Commanding Royal Engineer, who have failed to discover any insanitary condition which would account for that sad event. The drains were in perfect order. The water has been analysed and found quite fit for human consumption. Even the milk used at the mess was tested without result. There was a little dampness found in the officers' quarters, which is now being remedied; but it was quite insufficient to account for an outbreak of typhoid fever. The general responsibility for sanitary matters rests with the principal Medical Officers of districts acting under the General Officers commanding. Immediate steps are always taken to remedy such defects as are brought to light." Stanhope responded to a further remark by Mr Norris that he "was not aware whether similar complaints had been received by the War Office with regard to the insanitary condition of the barracks at Portsmouth and at Dublin".

This latter remark referred to several reported instances of typhoid fever among the troops of 2nd Battalion Royal Welsh

Fusiliers stationed at Dublin Barracks, mostly amongst the officers, with a small number of cases proving fatal. In response to a question in Parliament from Colonel Hughes-Hallett, MP for Rochester, asking whether the Dublin Barracks should be condemned, Mr Northcote assured the Colonel that "all precautions which can be taken to ensure good ventilation and drainage in the Royal Barracks in Dublin are thoroughly attended to, and money is provided in next year's Estimates for this purpose".

In April 1887 Mr. Norris again returned to the matter when he asked the Secretary of State for War, "Whether any further information has reached him as to the sanitary condition of the barracks at Dover ... whether the death of another young officer, Mr. [Charles?] Keegan, and the illness of a private soldier, are attributable to typhoid fever contracted in the barracks; and, if so, whether he will cause immediate and searching inquiry to be made into all the facts of these cases, and, if he will state whether complaints have reached him as to the insanitary condition of other barracks".

In response Mr Stanhope advised that "According to a report received this morning, careful investigation has failed to discover in Fort Burgoyne, where these cases of enteric fever unfortunately occurred, any insanitary conditions which will account for the disease; but a further minute inspection shall be made and steps taken to remove immediately every possible source of disease to which any suspicion can attach ... We have received complaints from other barracks also; and we shall in every case, if the complaint appears to be well-founded, remedy it with the least possible delay".

Mr Preston Bruce, MP for Fifeshire, West, doubtless mindful of impending plans for

the Fife Militia, also raised the issue in Parliament on May 17th asking the Secretary of State for War, "Whether a 'further minute inspection' has been made into the sanitary condition of Fort Burgoyne, at Dover, as promised by him; and, if so, with what result?"

Replying on behalf of the Secretary for State Surveyor General of the Ordnance, Mr Henry Northcote, MP for Exeter, advised that "Examinations have been made, both by the Medical and Engineer Departments, without discovering any cause which will account for the recent cases of typhoid fever at Fort Burgoyne. Arrangements have, however, been made for an independent examination by an expert of the Local Government Board, which may, I hope, result in the discovery and removal of any insanitary condition." Mr Northcote went on to confirm that three companies of the 2nd Battalion East Kent Regiment were quartered in the Fort as recently as May 12th when the battalion went to Lydd for training, although it appears, his response overlooks the reported death by typhoid of Officer Keegan.

Two months later and only 8 days prior to the planned departure from Cupar of the Fife Militia, Mr Preston Bruce once again spoke on the matter in Parliament, asking Mr Northcote "Whether the expert of the Local Government Board has inspected Fort Burgoyne, with reference to the cases of typhoid fever which occurred there; whether he reports the sanitary condition of those barracks to be satisfactory, or as in need of improvement; and, whether it is still intended to quarter here, about the 23rd instant, a portion of the 4th Brigade Royal Artillery (Fife Militia)?"

Mr Northcote replied that "The Report of the Inspector of the Local Government

Board as to the sanitary condition of Fort Burgoyne has not yet reached me; but the General Officer at Dover has telegraphed that the Inspector is of opinion that the fort will be in a perfectly sanitary condition, providing certain small alterations are made. These can easily be effected before the 23rd instant; and, under these circumstances, the 4th Brigade, Scottish Division, Royal Artillery, will be moved there on that date."

Fortunately, the stay of the Fife Militia at Fort Burgoyne during the summer of 1887 appears to have passed off without further incidence of typhoid and, save for the 1897 Maidstone epidemic, there were no further reported outbreaks of typhoid in Kent.

The Maidstone epidemic was the last of the 19th century, commencing mid-August and over by the year's end, with a total number of 1847 reported cases including 132 deaths, the cause reportedly being traced to extremely low standards of accommodation and sanitation at nearby hop gardens, although the hop-pickers only arrived at those accommodations on 20th August and the incubation period for the disease is at least two weeks. Moreover, the Public Inquiry found no evidence of typhoid among the hop-pickers themselves, but did observe that the privately owned Maidstone Water Company had, at the request of the Town Council, reduced the frequency with which samples of the water supply were tested from monthly to quarterly intervals, the last of the samples before the epidemic began having been taken in June.

A successful trial of a typhoid vaccine developed by bacteriologist and immunologist Sir Almroth Edward Wright was subsequently carried out among the staff at nearby Barming Asylum. Having graduated in medicine in 1883, Wright

worked with the British Armed Forces to develop vaccines and promote immunisation and by the early 20th Century a widespread typhoid vaccination programme had been introduced.

Problems with sanitation at Dublin Barracks continued, with a March 1889 article in the *British Medical Journal* reporting a memorandum written by Mr Stanhope that "A sum of £10,000 was taken for services in connection with the Royal Barracks at Dublin, the sanitary conditions of which have attracted our very serious attention." The Barracks remained occupied, however, and were taken over by troops of the Free State Army in December 1922 when they were renamed Collins Barracks. They were only closed as recently as April 1997, having been in continued occupancy since 1704.

Lt Herbert St David Jarrett lies within St Mary's Church burial ground, Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex.

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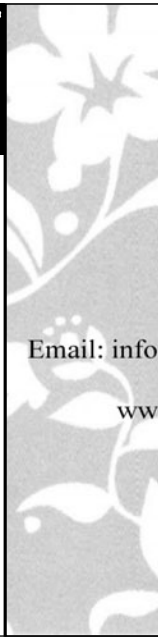
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# PROGRAMME 2021/22

*Non-members are welcome at all meetings except that only members may vote at the Annual General Meeting. You may join, pay on the night and vote at the meeting.*

The Executive has made provisional plans for a winter indoor live programme. We have decided to be cautious and not to make plans that would be difficult to cancel at short notice. Therefore, there will only one speaker per evening. There will be an interval for refreshments. The meetings will take place, as usual, at St. Mary's Church Hall.

I am very pleased to say that we have a new Indoor Social Secretary, Lyn Smith, whose contact details are on the inside cover of this Newsletter.

## 2021

September      **Day Trip to Denbies Winery**  
Etbc              Either; 8th, 9th, 21st, 22nd or 23rd. Date and itinerary to be confirmed.  
Monday 4th Oct **4 Night Trip to Exmouth** (*In conjunction with Sellindge Gardeners Association*)  
to Fri 8th Oct    Includes: trips to Exeter, the Donkey Sanctuary, and RHS Gardens at Rosemoor.  
£399pp          Single supplement applies.

If interested in these or other trips that may be available. please contact Rodney Stone;  
Tel: 01304 852838. Email: randdstone29@gmail.com For full costs, details and itinerary.

18 October      **Speaker: Noel Beamish** "Ending Homelessness -  
Monday 7.30    Dover Outreach Centre's Approach"

15 November   **Speaker: Melanie Wrigley** "Our Chalk Landscape" Flora and fauna of our  
sites and a general update about the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership.

December      **Dover Society Christmas Lunch**  
We are sorry to announce that this has been cancelled

## 2022

January          **Speaker:** to be arranged  
Monday 7.30    Date to be confirmed. **Details in November Newsletter**

15 February    **Dover Society "Wine and Wisdom" Quiz Night**  
Thursday      Our ever popular light-hearted quiz evening held in St Mary's Church Hall  
7.15 for 7.30pm with Clive Taylor and his team. Make up your own table of six, if you are unable  
Etbc              to, we will fit you in and where appropriate. Prizes for 1st & 2nd (in the event of  
a tie, there will be a play-off). At present it is planned to run the event in the  
style of an American Supper style evening. The cost, full details and the booking  
arrangements will be in the November Newsletter.

March           **Speaker:** to be arranged  
Monday 7.30    Date to be confirmed. **Details in November Newsletter**

April            **Dover Society Annual General Meeting**  
Monday 7.30    **Speaker:** to be arranged. Date to be confirmed. **Details in November Newsletter**

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