

old wood in a dappled or shady spot (this also makes use of any bulky cuttings). Log piles can look quite architectural and rustic, though many people prefer to tuck them out of sight.

Decaying wood in your log pile would provide an ever-rarer habitat to a range of specialist wildlife that is growing increasingly uncommon. One simple pile of logs can quickly become a flourishing wildlife community. Then simply leave nature to do the rest! You should not dismantle the pile but could

gently lift logs to see your new thriving insect world.

Guided by White Cliffs Countryside experts, we at Cowgate have been creating log piles in numerous areas within the cemetery for a few years now, so we are pleased to report that our little corner of Dover is supporting a network of habitats for our smaller creatures.

Bliss.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS **Sheila Cope**

Dr Glyn Hale, the Society's Archivist and long-time member of the Executive Committee, died on 14th September 2021, aged eighty-nine. In his younger days he was active at events and projects. He spent his childhood in Dover during the war, one of a small band whose primary education was intermittent and who had considerable freedom, he implied, to roam around the town. He was an old boy of the Grammar School. Glyn's doctorate was probably awarded in the USA or Canada because he spent some years there and his son still lives in Canada. Librarianship was his speciality. He may also have been an officer in the Canadian army.

Many of Glyn's views were unconventional, but he had the skill to manage recalcitrant French students in a language Summer School setting. His home was in Temple Ewell, where he was the Village Correspondent for the local press, regularly attending events in the village hall and George V playing field and reporting on model boat contests at the lake in Kearsney Abbey. He was also a

celebrant for Humanist funerals.

Dover Society members now number 465, about ten more than this time 2 years ago, so it is encouraging that the pandemic has not depleted us. We held a stall at the Urban Fete in Pencester Gardens in September where we recruited five members. Such events, together with the distribution of Newsletters, help to raise our profile and sometimes bear fruit at a later date. Welcome to new members who include Miss A Parkin, Ms J Seiler, Mr T Tugnut & Mr R Senecal, Mr J Glass, Mrs J Grey, Mr S & Mrs H Bell, Ms S Cooper, Mr J Benjafield & Mr B Elsey.

After 30 years as Membership Secretary, I hope to hand on the task to a younger person with IT skills who will be able to attract more new members, perhaps by means of the internet.

There is a job description, and I am looking forward to hearing from someone who would enjoy the challenge. It is an excellent opportunity to meet people and to have a role at the heart of the Society.