

The Dover Society
Minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting
7.30pm Monday 17th April 2023
At St Mary's Parish Centre

1. Apologies; Sheila Cope, Alan Sencicle, John Morgan.
2. Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting. Carried unanimously.
3. Matters arising. There were none.
4. The Chairman's report – Jenny Olpin
- 4a. Those present stood and observed a minute's silence in memory of those members who had died in the past year. Names reported in the Newsletter over the year.
- 4b. Chairman's update to the report included in the March 2023 Newsletter.
- 4c. The Society plaque to commemorate Lord Lewin is to be situated on the Priests' House next to St Paul's Church.
- 4d. The Executive is maintaining its regular meetings with local authorities with several taking place in the last month.
- 4e. Members are urged to get involved and to be active within the Society.
5. Appointment of President – Derek Leach.

Chair spoke to the meeting setting out the tremendous contribution Derek had made to the Society and to Dover. She spoke of his great love of the town and its history including the books he had written about Dover. The meeting was then asked to confirm the appointment of Derek Leach as Society President. Carried unanimously.

6. Treasurer's Report – Jane Jones

This is Jane Jones first report as Treasurer. The year has a small deficit of £128 due to exceptional cost of two blue plaques (£1340). Other matters include a drop in subscriptions (those that have not renewed over the year are being contacted). There were no outings and the deficit for the Society's evening meetings was slightly less this year. Newsletter deficit increased, due in part to postage. Thanks, given to Jean Marsh for bringing in £489 from advertisers. Administration costs show an increase due in part to room hire for committees. Interest received from CAF accounts remained derisory and these accounts have been closed and funds transferred to Barclays. Donations made were £412 and received £105. Gift aid was slightly up at £595. Jane emphasised the importance of members signing up for this. Miscellaneous costs, including wreaths for Memorial Day services, totalled £224. The Treasurer then described the various funds; Projects (included a generous donation of £500), Publications, Town Hall Fund, and funds held for River Dour Partnership and Bluebird Trail. The Treasurer's report and financial statement. (subject to audit) were accepted.

7. Election of Officers

Chairman Jenny Olpin, (proposed Derek Leach, seconded Jeremy Cope). Carried unanimously.
 Treasurer Jane Jones, (proposed Mike Weston, seconded Jenny Olpin). Carried unanimously.
 Vice Chairman (Acting), Graham Margery (proposed Jenny Olpin, seconded Derek Leach). Carried unanimously.
 Hon. Secretary, Carol Duffield (proposed Jeremy Cope, seconded Jenny Olpin). Carried unanimously.

8a. Election of the Executive Committee

Executive Roles - Ann Burke Membership Secretary, Lyn Smith Winter Social Secretary, Alan Lee Editor, Lesley Easton Environmental, Graham Margery and Ann Burke Planning & Local Government, Jean Marsh Advertising Manager, Alan Lee Web Master, Deborah Gasking Projects and Ecological matters, Martyn Webster Plaques, Alan Sencicle, Patrick Sherratt, Derek Leach, Mike Weston. Executive Members. Carried unanimously.

8b. Non-Executive Roles not subject to election

Terry Sutton Media Officer, Rodney Stone Summer Social Secretary, Jeremy Cope Email Communications, Mike McFarnell Deputy Web Master.

9. Appointment of Audit Committee

John Widgery, John Morgan. Carried unanimously.

10. Any Other Business.

Rodney Stone briefed members on the September day trip which includes a Thames boat trip and a visit to the Royal Savile Gardens.

*Then the meeting broke for refreshments followed by drawing of the raffle.
After the interval the speaker was Andrew Nunn "The Duke of York's Royal Military School".*

THE DOVER SOCIETY

36th Annual General Meeting: 7.30pm Monday 15th April 2024 At St Mary's Parish Centre

Resolutions for discussion and nominations for officers and committee members should be submitted to Carol Duffield, 46 Friars Way, Dover CT16 2WD, cddoversociety@gmail.com, by Friday 29th March 2024. Nominations should be supported by a proposer and seconder and the written consent of the potential candidate.

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2023
- 3) Matters Arising
- 4) Chairman's update. Report included in the March 2024 Newsletter
- 5) Treasurer's Report
- 6) Election of Officers

*Chairman to stand down for election of new Chairman, to be supervised by
Vice-Chairman or another Executive Member.*

- 6a) Chairman Jenny Olpin (proposed Alan Lee and seconded by Carol Duffield)
*The elected Chairman to take control of the meeting. Named Executive posts be voted on followed by the
Committee. Any other dominations received by the deadline will be added to the list for a vote.*
- 6b) Hon. Treasurer Jane Jones (proposed Alan Lee and seconded by Jenny Olpin)
- 6c) Vice Chairman Graham Margery (proposed by Jenny Olpin and seconded by Derek Leach)
- 6d) Hon. Secretary Carol Duffield (proposed by Jenny Olpin and seconded by Alan Lee)
- 6e) Election of the Executive Committee
Existing members willing to stand have been proposed by Jenny Olpin and seconded by Graham Margery, Ann Burke, Lesley Easton, Deborah Gasking, Derek Leach, Alan Lee, Jean Marsh, Alan Sencicle, Patrick Sherratt, Lyn Smith, Martyn Webster, Mike Weston,
- 6f) Nominations for any other members willing to stand for the Executive Committee
Paul Wells (proposed by Jenny Olpin and seconded by Alan Lee)

The Executive will appoint elected Committee members to fill the following roles at the earliest opportunity. Until that time existing holders, if elected, will remain in post.

Membership Secretary, Editor, Advertising Secretary, Environment Planning & Local Government, Ecological Projects, Minutes Secretary, Web Master, Plaques, Winter Social Secretary, Summer Social Secretary. Non-Executive Roles will be appointed by the Executive Committee if and when required.

- 7) Appointment of Audit Committee
John Widgery and John Morgan
- 8) Any Other Business

*The meeting will then break for refreshments followed by the drawing of the raffle.
After the interval, the speaker will be Josianne Murrel on "Alkham Valley Community Project".*