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#### Trees in Crabble Avenue:

We were shocked to see a number of mature trees being felled in Crabble Avenue in the athletic ground. On making enquiries of DDC we were told that one tree had fallen into the garden of a neighbouring property but without damage to the house. Since all the trees in the vicinity were of the same species and were planted at the same time, there was fear that others may fall with, possibly, more serious consequences. As the trees were not the subject of a Tree Protection Order nor in a Conservation Area, DDC as landowner was at liberty to prune or fell tress as it saw fit. In all some eighteen trees were felled but, considering the cost involved, this is not a decision that would have been taken lightly. We are assured that they will be replaced with a mix of indigenous species.

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Cricket was played on the meadows where Beaconsfield Road was built. Football does not get a mention, but skating was popular in hard winters, using Priory Ponds, at Effingham, as well as Maison Dieu Fields, which were deliberately flooded for the purpose.



Early Ferry at Admiralty Pier

Cross channel traffic in 1858 was carried out by Mr. Churchward's local company on behalf of the government's Mail Service, although the South Eastern Railway also operated a vessel to Calais. The Admiralty Pier was not completed until 1875, but it was put into partial use in 1851. The paddle steamers, assisted at times with a lug sail, took on average one hour and twenty-five minutes for the crossing.

The Crimean War had ended in 1856, but what we call the Indian Mutiny was not over, although Queen Victoria's speech proroguing parliament, reported in the first issue of the Dover Express on 7th August 1858, expressed hopes for an early end. That happened and in January 1859, 'in the still dilapidated Maison Dieu', officers of the Dover garrison gave a dramatic entertainment to raise funds to provide a window, which is a memorial to soldiers who fell in both conflicts.

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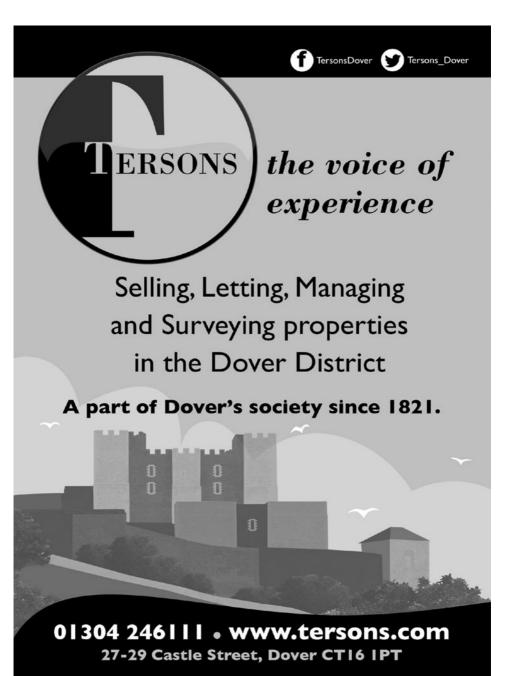






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Although plans were made to rebuild, the decision was taken to sell the business to a national company, which then closed in the 1950s. Charles, already over seventy, retired, but the brand name of Chitty's Self-Raising Flour lived on for some years.

Charles loved to travel and visited most countries in Europe, especially Switzerland where he enjoyed mountaineering and made many friends over the years.

At seventeen the family moved to Castle Avenue in Dover, where he lived until moving to a care home in very old age. He enjoyed a long and happy marriage with his wife Marian, but they were never blessed with children. Marian, whom he called Birdie, died in 1945. Charles was still

driving at ninety-two and was President of the Dover Liberals from 1924 until 1972. When one hundred, his remaining ambition was to see a Liberal MP representing Dover and Deal.

Charles' father was a Unitarian. When a boy he asked his mother, a Baptist, what that was, she replied that they were people who did not believe in Jesus. Despite that Charles became a Unitarian and in 1924 became Chairman of the Dover Unitarian Church in Adrian Street, saying that he was tied to no creed, free to believe what seemed to him to be true. Charles wrote his own epitaph in his memoir: 'I hope that I have not been unfair to or misjudged anyone. I have no enemy. I have experienced great kindness from many quarters and from many friends.



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