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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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For the first time in the last year, it was very pleasing for the Dover Society to welcome about fifty of its members and guests to their general meeting in St Mary's Parish Centre.

The committee has changed the format of the meetings, having taken into account the length of time since the last meeting and the effects of the pandemic. Our Chairman, Derek Leach, opened with a heartfelt greeting and an update on the society's activities over the last few months.

Following his years of dedicated service to the Society, Patrick Sherratt was elected as a Vice-President of the Society.

Then followed the single speaker for the evening, Noel Beamish, reported on page 7. Refreshments were then taken, giving those present time for a chat with old friends. The evening closed with our normal raffle organised by Denise.

The February quiz night (details are inside the back cover) has one major change over previous years. It will be run along the lines of an American supper. This means that you will have to bring your own food and drinks. The size of each team and the format of the quiz remains the same as in previous years.

We are in need of more members to become active on the Executive Committee, see page 19. We only hold eleven meetings each year, not in August. They are usually held on the third Monday of the month from 7.30pm to 9pm.

I am pleased to report that the Co-Innovation indoor market (now Biggin Market) has found a new, temporary, home in the old MacDonald's building, 68-70 Biggin Street, in the precinct next to Gregg's. They are now trading both upstairs and downstairs offering a wide range of goods for sale at reasonable prices. Your support would be most welcome.

*Alan Lee, Editor*

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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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# COWGATE CEMETERY Deborah Gasking

## **Leave Your Roots**

In nature, when a plant dies, there is nobody to come along and yank it out of the ground, roots, and all. Instead, the roots are slowly decomposed by soil microbes, deep underground.

Plants devote a significant amount of their energy to cultivating and feeding beneficial soil microbes; and in return, soil microbes feed and protect the plants and roots.

Worms, bacteria, fungi, and other organisms all nibble away, converting dead roots back into nutrients available for other living plants. And so the cycle repeats. In the process, soil organic matter and carbon, plus overall soil structure are all improved. If plants are ripped out of the ground, the soil will be robbed of a good meal and a degrading of long-term soil fertility. Also, a lot of good microbes that live around the root systems of your old plants that could help future growth, will be lost.

As they develop, peas and beans produce nodules on their roots which is a perfect habitat for nitrogen-producing bacteria. Thus, the plants provide a nursery for the bacteria, and in return, the nitrogen they produce helps to feed the plant. These nitrates have effectively been taken from the air so, when left, they will decay and add nitrogen to the soil, leaving it ready for your next crop.

Furthermore, a bare soil surface might lead to crusting, soil erosion and drying. So, apart from fixing nitrogen and good microbes in the earth, plant residue (roots and short stalks) can be an

effective mulch to retain moisture, protect the soil from raindrop impact and increase water infiltration.

And so, onto Cowgate Cemetery . . .

Obviously, we do not pull up any of the growth – not even the beastly, bright yellow ragwort – as we like to think we are preserving these acres as a nature reserve. But in this way, we have been obeying the rules of nature – even in our ignorance.

## **Log piles**

Britain was once almost entirely covered in woodland, and so wood is a natural habitat for many of our wildlife species. However, half of that habitat has disappeared since the 1930s, and population numbers of vital insects are declining.

Increasing the biodiversity of your garden does not have to be hard or compromise the way your garden looks. One small change you could make to bring major benefits for the creatures that call it home is to leave a small pile of



*Glorious Cowgate*

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**

**D**r 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.

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# OCTOBER MEETING

## “Ending Homelessness” Dover Outreach Centre’s Approach

A talk by Noel Beamish

Reported by Terry Sutton

Our society held its first face-to-face public meeting, after months of only Zoom get-togethers, in October 2021, when Noel Beamish was our guest speaker. The meeting, unexpectedly well-attended, was held as usual at St Mary’s parish centre. We went home with the realisation that Dovorian Noel Beamish is a really remarkable organiser and leader.

Noel, a former chairman of Christians Together in Dover, makes no bones of the fact that he believes God told him to give up a well-paid career in order to serve the poor, the homeless and those in need. “The Bible calls us to do so,” explains Noel.

In his mission to help the needy he played the major role in opening, at St Paul’s RC church, a daily drop in centre where rough sleepers were offered facilities such as showers, free phones, a postal address, and navigation to other social agencies.

From this enterprise sprang up Outreach Enterprises, offering painting and decorating services locally. Since this enterprise began, about £250,000 of work on forty properties has been completed.

From this social work, Noel and his team, with the co-operation of Dover churches, provided night shelters for three to four winter months. This took rough sleepers off the cold, winter night-time streets, with up to fifteen receiving hot meals and a warm place to sleep.

Still expanding this outreach work, Noel and a team of volunteers opened the Sunrise (community) Cafe in Snargate Street which is open to all with the slogan that you pay what you can afford for your meals and beverages. If you generously offer a little extra payment, the excess helps those who are unable to afford the publicised very reasonable prices.

Physically linked with Sunrise Cafe, in a former Snargate Street shipwrecked mariners’ hostel, Noel and his team have taken a lease on the complete property which provides seventeen single-occupational flats, with those living there on a two-year licence to remain.

Still expanding, Noel and the charity is now looking to obtain access to a property, possibly a new build, to provide a home with around twenty spaces for those previously homeless. Noel revealed his team is engaged in talks with St Paul’s RC Church - for use of land they own - and with a local developer to further this next stage in his work to serve the poor and needy.



*Sunrise Cafe and Outreach Centre, Snargate Street*

# Lorna Bomford

29th December 1883 – 25th February 1962

— Alan Lee —

The new, and largest local development in the town, is the £12.5m redevelopment of the former brownfield site at Harold Street. It provides sixty-five new homes with a mix of tenures, including social housing for affordable rent, shared ownership, and private sale.

The Dover District Council's social housing element comprises eighteen two-bedroom apartments, and six one-bedroom apartments in a three-storey building on Harold Street. The properties will be occupied by local people on the Council's housing waiting list.

In honour of one of the now largely forgotten heroines of Dover's Woman's Suffrage, Lorna Bomford, this element of the development has been named Bomford Place.



*Bomford Place, Dover, 2021*

Born on 29th December 1883 she was the daughter of Sir Gerald Bomford and Mary Florence Eteson. When in England they lived at Hillesdon, 14 Godwyne Road. Lorna was baptized in India on 23rd March 1884.

In later years Lorna lived at Milestone House, Temple Ewell, Dover, Kent, England.

On Thursday 22nd April 1909 the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, Dover Branch (NUWSS), held a public meeting at Dover's Maison Dieu, Town Hall. Lorna was elected as Honorary Treasurer.

In 1909 Lorna was one of the signatories to a letter published in the Dover Express. This, along with other points, stated that women should not be disqualified from voting solely on the grounds of their sex and they would be present with their petitions at the general election in January 1910. George Wyndham won the seat for the Conservatives and pledged to support the women's movement. The Liberals still held power and formed the government.

After this election the Dover committee became more militant and by the middle of the year, they voted to join the much more radical Woman's Social and Political Union (WSPU). Thus, distancing themselves from the NUWSS.

However not everyone agreed with women's suffrage. A powerful lobby was arranged against them led by the Anti-Suffrage League (ASL), founded by George Curzon, 1st Baron Curzon of Kedleston, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports 1905-6. Supporters of the aims of the ASL included the Trade Unions, the Socialists, the then Prime Minister Herbert Asquith and much of the popular press of the time. During one demonstration, outside Parliament, on Friday 18th December, 'Black Friday', over one hundred were arrested, many beaten,

when the Home Secretary, Winston Churchill called out the police to disperse the demonstration.

Lorna was, by now, even more committed to the cause with much of the Dover women's activities planned from 14 Godwyne Road. Near to the new Bomford Place.

With the suspension of most of suffrage activity during WWI Lorna volunteered to work as one of the main organisers with the Food Rationing Office in Dover. After the war, a change in the law allowed women to stand for public office. In January 1919 Lorna, a survivor of the 1917 Crabble Hill tram disaster, won a by-election at River and became the first female town councillor on the Borough of Dover Corporation, holding that seat until 1921. She became actively concerned with early Council Estate buildings sitting on the Housing, and Higher Education Committees. She was the driving force in the naming of the new roads at the beginning of the Buckland Estate project.

In April 1927 Lorna became the first woman from Dover to become a County



*Lorna Bomford, 1933*

Magistrate, holding the office of Justice of the Peace (J.P.) for Kent until 1945.

During WWII she once again was a leading figure with the Food Rationing Office.

Much of her spare leisure time was devoted to painting in oils and pastels. She exhibited several her works in the Paris Salon "Salon de Paris" located on the Champs-Élysées. For many years this was the premier art exhibition in Europe.

Lorna had three siblings.

**Sir Hugh Bomford KB, CIE**, [12th August 1882 to 19th January 1939]. Indian Civil Service 1906. 1938 was acting Governor of the Central Provinces of India. He lived at Folkestone with his wife Margaret Evelyn Ord [born Dover 1886] Married on 6th September 1916.

**Nora Bomford** [24th March 1894 to 12th May 1968]. In WWI did social work among the poor in North London. Her WWI poetry collection "Poems of a Pantheist" was published in 1918. Married her cousin Major General Claude le bas Goldney CBE, CB, MC, on 8th June 1938. They lived at 38 Mount Hermon Road, Woking, Surrey.

**Brigadier Guy Bamford OBE, MA, D.Sc., FRICS** [29th June 1899 to 10th February 1996] Born River Road, Temple Ewell. Buried Sutton Courtenay, Oxfordshire. Married Audrey Edith Barclay, born at Kearsney, on 23rd May 1925 in India. Divorced 1934. Married his second wife Annette Isolde Brown on 7th November 1935. They lived at Hainton Lodge Sutton Courtenay, Oxfordshire.

Lorna Bomford never got married. She died, aged seventy-eight, on 25th February 1962 at her home Milestone House, Temple Ewell, Dover, Kent, England.

# Refurbishment Committee

Jenny Olpin

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The Refurbishment team is pleased to be meeting in person once again. An ongoing interest has been the future of the Co-Innovation Centre and we are very pleased that it is re-opening next to Argos. Our team members have also raised their concerns as to an application for a 'late' licence for the Marina Hotel which could result in late night events that could continue into the early hours. This would cause a significant disturbance for the many residents in close proximity to the Hotel and it is hoped that overnight events are limited.

Staying with our lovely sea front, the team is following up on the 'health' of the trees planted on the Marina Curve. They are clearly struggling and at our regular meetings with the Port of Dover our representative will seek confirmation that the well-being of the trees is being monitored. We have questioned with the Port of Dover the state of the plastic roofing over the eastern end of the De Bradelei building. I am pleased to observe that the plastic cover has now been renewed, although it is unfortunate that this is not being renovated properly.

Further up the Town we have enjoyed observing the Market Square dig and the exposure of the Guildhall Foundations. Sadly, there was not the opportunity to investigate too deeply as I am sure there would have been some interesting Roman archaeology.

Deborah Gasking, of our Refurbishment Team, has been actively proposing, with Dover District Council, the installation of a 'green corridor' from the Dover Priory Station down towards the Town. The vegetation by the Station is now very

overgrown and the air raid shelter, which is a listed building, is barely visible. Deborah is also busy lobbying Dover District Council as to their schedules for the emptying of Dog Poo Bins. Members of the team have been upset by the overflowing bins especially those in close access to Schools. She has been successful with this, and we have established the sequencing of their emptying schedules. Deborah will inform Members in due course, and we will be monitoring where we can.

Ever active Deborah also organises a litter picking group called 'The Wombles'! The ever growing group has, since their inception, picked over one hundred bags of litter from the Shakespeare Beach. They welcome anyone who may wish to join them. In our remit to monitor and report litter issues, our refurbishment member Alan Senicle has reported the increase in litter on the North Downs Way between Old Charlton Road and Connaught Road and separates the cemeteries of St James and St Marys.

We are continuing to liaise with our refurbishment colleague, and Dover Town Council 'Walkers are Welcome' promoter, Pam Brivio, in developing our ideas for a Circular Walk that includes the Sea Front, up to the Castle and Langdon Cliffs. Following lobbying of Kent County Council, Deborah Gasking has also secured the protection of the Astor Avenue grass verges resulting in the installation of bollards. We also monitor and discuss litter discarded on the verges especially on the A2 and A20 routes into Dover.

Should you be inspired and interested in our role as The Dover Society Refurbishment Team then please do not hesitate to consider joining us. We meet

monthly, currently on a Monday, and usually break for the summer holidays. My contact details and those of Refurbishment Secretary, Jeremy Cope, are in the front of this Newsletter. The Dover Society includes many rural areas around the town, and it would be good to have your voice regarding the area that you live to promote the –

- High standards of planning and architecture
- Interest in the geography, history, and natural history

- Protection, development, and improvement of features of historic or public interest
- Commitment to the belief that good environment is a good investment therein.

I would especially like to thank our Dover Society member Carol Duffield for her help and support at the Urban Fete where we were seeking to recruit new members. Many thanks Carol.

# River Dour Partnership

— Deborah Gasking —

Japanese knotweed, a sheep in wolf's clothing, beautiful but deadly, has been described as having the biodiversity value of concrete! Brought to Britain from Japan as an ornamental garden plant in the mid-nineteenth century, it has become widespread in a range of habitats, particularly roadsides, riverbanks, and derelict land.

Its creeping roots spread rapidly, and stem growth is renewed each year from the stout, deeply penetrating rhizomes (creeping underground stems). Although it rarely sets seed in this country, Japanese knotweed can sprout from very small sections of rhizomes.

In spring, reddish-purple fleshy shoots emerge from crimson-pink buds at ground level and grow rapidly, producing dense tall bamboo-like canes up to 2.1m (7ft) tall.

Famed for pushing through tarmac, concrete and drains, its effect on native species is often devastating as it covers large tracts of land to the exclusion of the

native flora and associated fauna. Very few, if any, insects, or fungi can be found on the plant.

Its dense summer foliage causes heavy shading of small streams, reducing aquatic plant communities. Then, in winter, riverbanks become exposed when the knotweed dies back, increasing erosion and silting fish spawning gravels.

Control of, and damage caused by, Japanese knotweed costs Great Britain an estimated £165m every year. Under the provisions made within Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, it is an offence to cause Japanese knotweed to grow in the wild. Contaminated soil should be treated as controlled waste under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, requiring disposal at licensed landfill sites. Fines up to £5,000 or a maximum prison sentence of 2 years can be passed if contaminated soil or plant material is transferred to spread into the wild.

The plant usually takes at least three to

four seasons to eradicate, using a weed killer. Professional contractors, however, will have access to more powerful products that may reduce this period by half.

So why this discussion of Japanese knotweed? The tiny island alongside Pencester riverbank has been invaded by this beast. White Cliffs Countryside rangers have been spraying for the second year and, fortunately, some reduction has been noted after last year's spraying.

Our Finest Dour has been extended until April 2023 due to the under-spend during the COVID19 pandemic. Education activities are commencing on the river now that White Cliffs Countryside staff have been double vaccinated.

The Buckland River Dour Education Centre is being re-considered to determine how such a small space can open safely. Because the river has been at a record high this summer, the steps at the centre have still not been fully completed (although they largely are).

The illegal poaching and bad fishing practices we are seeing now along the Dour, is a constant problem. Thus, following talks with The Wild Trout Trust,



*A River Dour Brown Trout*

a cunning plan has been put together.

### **Catch and release fishing.**

Fish are too valuable to be caught only once. The only way that trout are going to survive is if they aren't all caught and killed. Beyond the survival of any one fish or even any single population of trout, catch and release has helped fishing continue to grow as a sport. Many once-dwindling fisheries in popular spots have rebounded after being designated as "catch and release only" areas. That relieves pressure on the trout population, while still allowing anglers to enjoy the sport. And when more people can enjoy fishing for trout, more people have an interest in conservation efforts to protect trout habitats.

Moving this concept on, a pilot river fly-training group took place in August so that people learn to fly-fish on the river rather than badly fish. Fly-fishing is a way to enjoy the sport without harming the fish. It is the Dour's best chance at being policed:- if the group is successful, their constant presence should deter illegal poaching and the bad fishing practices we are seeing now.

Another river fly session is planned to be held this October and a further fly-fishing course next year.



*Trout in The Town Silver Certificate*

# The Hippodrome Theatre

Terry Sutton

The Dover Society continues to provide plaques around town honouring famous people and places. One plaque that could be replaced, in Snargate Street, would recall the years when the popular Hippodrome theatre dominated the narrow, but once important street.

There was once a plaque there commemorating the theatre, but this disappeared during redevelopment of the area. It was replaced by a large stone inscribed tablet, let into the frontage of a building. But one night that mysteriously disappeared. Do either of these long-forgotten items, a plaque, and a stone tablet, exist in someone's cellar?

It was on Monday, 25th September in 1944, when a 16-inch German shell wrote the final chapter in the life of our Royal Hippodrome. After that shell, the large building never reopened as a theatre, although a licensed bar continued to serve drinks for a while afterwards.

The theatre, built from public subscriptions in 1790 by a group of wealthy Dovorians, opened as the Clarence Theatre named after the Duke of Clarence who was a regular patron. Following demolition, a new theatre on the same site was opened as The Tivoli but

that was not a financial success and the name was changed again to the Theatre Royal, presenting music hall programmes. At the beginning of the 20th century the name was changed yet again to the Royal Hippodrome.

During both world wars, with Dover packed with servicemen, the Hippodrome did a roaring trade (especially when there were strip shows). The theatre even hit the national headlines in December 1943, when the Lord's Day Observance Society intervened, and a show had to be cancelled. This angered comedian Tommy Trinder so much he put on a Sunday charity show which got round the Lord's Day restrictions. Stars from London took to the Dover stage including Tommy Trinder, Sonnie Hale, Tessie O'Shea, Derek Roy, and Jerry Allen and his Trio. It proved a huge success with a big fat cheque for the Prisoner of War charity fund.

The last Dover saw of the war-wrecked Hippodrome building came in January 1951 when demolition gangs pulled down the last remaining wall of the theatre, still displaying the proud name of the Hippodrome. It made a dramatic departure. The wall collapsed right across Northampton Street (a highway that has now disappeared into dockland), instead of falling inwards onto the site as intended.



*Royal Hippodrome Theatre, Snargate Street*



*Demolition of the Hippodrome, 19th January 1951*



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# Dover Golf Club

## Barry O'Brien - Dover Tales

Founded in 1890 when Colonel Galivey and Mr Ramsay Hunter laid out the links, Dover Golf Club was described thus: "A terrifying chalk pit, a farmyard and ramparts of a fort with artificial bunkers are hazards of this course"

Measured at 2,540 yards, the course lay between the Dover - Deal Road and Upper Road, on a site apparently owned by The War Department and occupied by Broadlees Farm.

Initially listed as a 10-hole course by 1914 it had been reduced to 9-holes which is how it stayed until its final days prior to WW2, although as the Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News of March 1st, 1902, noted "a good nine hole course is better than a bad eighteen." The article went on to report that the course had some "sporting holes" although the site was limited in size with the links being so close to Dover Castle. There was also suggestion in the article that plans were in hand to re-site the seventh hole to Broadlees Bottom "where a flat natural green already exists."

Born in Edinburgh, Ramsay Hunter was the son and Grandson of Joiners and Cabinet Makers and was apprenticed to the family business whilst learning to play golf on the Bruntsfield Links, the fourth oldest Golfing Society in the world and located, at the time at Musselburgh, east of the city.

A somewhat more esteemed member of Bruntsfield Links Golfing Society Dr. W. Laidlaw Purves, who had established a, quite literally, worldwide reputation as an aural and ophthalmic surgeon, accepted a position at London's Guys Hospital in 1874 and joined the London Scottish and

Wimbledon Golf Club on Wimbledon Common, later becoming Club Captain.

Together with fellow Scot and keen amateur golfer Henry Lamb Dr. Purves began to look along the south coast of England for a site suitable for siting a links golf course similar to those they had played on the east coast of Scotland. Finally, in 1887 they selected a site at Sandwich in Kent where Purves designed and supervised the laying out of a course which would later become Royal St Georges Golf Club.

Laidlaw Purves invited Ramsay Hunter to consider accepting a position as greenkeeper and club maker at this new Sandwich course, an opportunity he duly accepted, subsequently employing his brother at the course in 1890. Such was his



*Poster, Dover Golf Club*

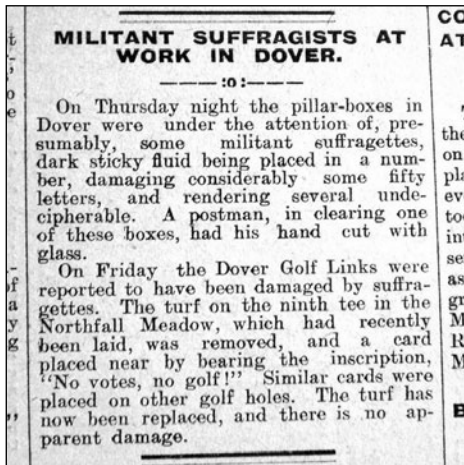
own reputation that Ramsay became instrumental in the design and layout of the course at Dover.

As an aside Henry 'Harry' McGregor Hunter who joined Ramsay in Sandwich, residing in Golf Cottage, Golf Club House, Sandhills, Shoulden, laid out the Cinque Ports Golf Club course in Deal where he remained for 43 years.

An original member of the PGA Ramsay died in 1909 while professional at Mid-Kent Golf Club, Gravesend.

The course at Dover, sadly, did not prosper in the same way as its associated near neighbour in Sandwich and in February 1913 suffered the ignominy of being damaged by Suffragettes, a movement very active in the disruption of golf at the time so much so that many clubs were taking out special insurance policies to cover the cost of damage so caused to courses and property.

It should, perhaps, be noted that Dr Laidlaw Purves was an active supporter of



*Dover Golf Club, Dover Express Cutting*

women's golf and presided over a meeting in 1893 which led to the formation of the Ladies' Golf Union, his support being described as crucial to its foundation, Purves himself being described as the "fairy godfather of ladies' golf".

Founding Club Captain at Dover was Lieutenant Colonel Davidson of the King's Own Regiment who had first taken up Golf at Gullane, North Berwick some twenty miles to the East of Edinburgh and was thus fully acquainted with the subtleties of Links Golf. Indeed, during his time Davidson laid out a course whilst quartered at Parkhurst, Isle of Wight, and at Gosport in Hampshire while at Fort Monckton, that course now occupied by The Gosport and Stokes Bay Golf Club.

Club Secretary at Dover, Colonel M Morris died during the Club's early years to be succeeded by A R Smith together with Assistant Secretary P King, of 'Mayville,' Castle Avenue, Dover.

The professional until 1907 was L Job who held the course record at 80. while Mr V G Smith held the Amateur record with a score of 82.

Visitors' fees on introduction were, 2/- a day, 5/- a week and 10/- a month although, for reasons unknown, it was not possible to play the course at weekends when the nearby links at St Margaret's were available to Dover Club Members.

By 1914, however, Sunday play was allowed with caddies, the course, now nine holes, having been extended to 2,650 yards. "Besides artificial bunkers the principal hazards were the bushes in the chalk pit, a high bank, an old farmyard and, curiously, the ditches of the "Dummy" fort," this latter obstacle presumably referring to the East Wing of Fort Burgoyne.

By this time there was a membership of 150 paying subs of £2/2/0 for Gentlemen while Ladies and Juniors paid 10/6.

With play suspended on 25th March 1915 the course remained closed for the duration of WW1 and when it did resume, on May 14th, 1920, it was under the auspices of the United Services Golf Club with Brigadier General A H Merinden and Lieutenant Colonel Johnson R.A.S.C hitting the opening shots. While civilian members were permitted "nothing definite had been announced on the subject" although it was later clarified that civilians were, indeed, eligible, but their names had to be posted for 48 hours in addition to being proposed and seconded by a member of the club.

A meeting was duly called in June 1920 at The Grand Hotel to discuss the matter of civilian membership at the club, at which meeting it was decided that civilian golfers would be asking the United Services Golf Club to recognise the former Dover Golf Club and allow equality of membership.

Two months later, in August of that year, it was announced that the course was to be open to the public, on payment of a green fee, on Bank Holidays as well as Wednesday and Saturday afternoons which restrictions appear to have placated the

civilian golfers although records suggest their involvement with the Club would be minimal and the course appears to have been mainly used by military personnel.

At a committee meeting held in August 1928 it was announced that the War Office were prepared to transfer the lease of the course on Castle Hill to the Dover Golf Club, subject to the approval of the Military Authorities at Dover who duly gave their assent and Club resumed in full the following month.

The entrance fee would be £2/2/0 or £3/3/0 for man and wife, £1/11/6 for ladies and 21/- for schoolboys under eighteen. Green fees would be 1/- a round, 1/6 a day and 10/- a week with tickets available at various shops in the town. Mr Burvill, the greenkeeper, would also be available to give lessons at a very reasonable rate.

The first tee would be at the top of Castle Hill, handily placed near the bus stop., and the construction of a nearby pavilion was started in October.

The military connection had not been completed erased however as Club Captain at this time was Colonel Ogilvie, who presented two cups for competitions.

The card of the course.

Hole	Name	Yards	Bogey
1	Fort	257	4
2	Short	136	3
3	School	353	5
4	Chalk Hole	188	3
5	Spion Cop	330	4
6	Farm	281	4
7	Broadlees	378	5
8	Road	402	5
9	Home	297	4
	Total	2622	37



*Grand Hotel Dover, Postcard*

On Saturday 9th May 1931, before a large crowd, Miss Diana Fishwick, the Lady Open Golf Champion, visited Dover Golf Club with a view to setting the par score for ladies. The Ladies Golf Union had fixed the par at 69. Mr Dunville of the North Foreland Golf Club partnered Miss Fishwick against the Dover pro/groundsman, Mr A Burvill and Mr Calam, who had recently the amateur course record with a score of 71.

A member of many clubs including North Foreland, Canterbury, St Augustine's, Wentworth, and Sunningdale Ladies Miss Fishwick had won the British Ladies open Championship 1930, had represented England in International Matches against USA and France, and would go on to Captain the Curtis Cup Team v USA and Canada 1950.

From the Dover Express May 15th, 1931: "The beautiful, controlled swing of Miss Fishwick was an object lesson. She certainly missed Spion Kop each time, but the first time she took another ball as she was testing the course and hit it over the brow within mashie [a medium iron] distance of the green and she got a three with a long putt. The second time she played the ball from under the front bank at the bottom and got the ball out of a very

nasty place with a fine nibbick [an iron with a heavy, lofted head] shot that took the ball close to the guide flag. From the ladies' tee she got on to the seventeenth green with her second shot, but here she made the only bad putt of the round missing a yarder, but most of those who know this green with its very deceiving slope which the adjoining ground so effectively hides, were not altogether surprised. Miss Fishwick went round in seventy-six. The course is to be lengthened at Whitsuntide when hole three for men will measure 450yards and the Spion Kop hole is likely to be lengthened for both ladies and men. The new green will make this about 460yards. The great trouble is that a mistake on almost any hole on the Dover course is very costly."

By February 1939 a circular had been sent out by the committee to members with the intention of gauging support for an extension to the clubhouse and, despite worldwide events, In November 1939 the committee decided that the course should remain open whilst introducing a reduced green fee of 1/- a day for members of the services, members fees having been increased to 2/- earlier in the decade. Owing to the difficulties of the time, however, the AGM was postponed and, inevitably, the course closed in 1940.



*Miss Diana Fishwick at Dover (Dover Express)*

A meeting was held at the end of March 1946 to consider reviving the golf club once again with the Club Secretary duly detailed to suggest the Town Clerk should approach the Military Authorities with a view to forming an eighteen hole municipal golf course. A year later the War Office responded with the suggestion that 'in the light of the present national emergency and agricultural needs, and in fairness to the tenant who had grazed the land throughout

the war, they could not agree [to the proposal]! They did though offer the land previously used, sufficient for a 9-hole course, at a nominal rent of £10 for three years and thereafter at £50, subject to reservation of training rights and grazing rights. The committee were clearly not taken by the War Departments proposal and recommended that the Corporation could not entertain the proposal. As such

Dover Golf Course was never re-instated and appears to have been dissolved in 1948 when the secretary was T E Archer of Harold Terrace, Dover.

At the time the nine hole course had a Standard Scratch Score of 71.

## **The Dover Society Executive Committee**

### **Jenny Olpin**

**O**ur Society is now in its 34th Year and continues to support, challenge, and develop all planning and day to day issues that affect our lovely town of Dover. During that time various teams and committees have evolved so as the varying interests of active members can be directed into meeting the Society's core objectives. Currently we have the Planning and Refurbishment Teams which meet mainly monthly. In addition to this there are the Project Teams such as Cowgate Cemetery and the River Dour which are physically active in meeting their remit.

Overseeing all this action is the Executive Committee comprising Chairman, Vice Chair, Honorary Treasurer, Secretary and between eight to twelve members. Roles covered by members include Membership Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Newsletter distribution, Chairs of Planning and Refurbishment, Press Secretary, Social Secretary and Web Master. We are needing to give some of these long serving members a rest as they have 'served their time' and will be stepping down at the next Annual General Meeting in April. The Executive Posts that are available for you to consider are:-

Honorary Treasurer  
Secretary  
Membership Secretary

We have 'job descriptions' compiled by the current holder, and these are available on request to either [alan.lee1947@ntlworld.com](mailto:alan.lee1947@ntlworld.com) or [jenny.olpin@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.olpin@gmail.com) Further contact details are available at the front of this Newsletter. Certainly, do not hesitate to speak to those whom you might know and who are currently active on any of these Society groups.

Further to this our long serving Chairman is also involved in the Winter Monthly meetings. He now needs support with this role in seeking speakers and operating the 'tech' at the events held at St Mary's Hall. Monthly meetings are only held in October, November, January, March and April, the February meeting being a Quiz Night. Does this sound like a job you could do?

It is time to bring in new members to these Executive roles, which are not arduous, but crucial to the ongoing purpose and influencing the future development of The Dover Society. We need you and look forward to speaking with you.

# Planning Committee

**Graham Margery**

**Chairman Planning Committee**

At last, with the easing of Covid19 restrictions, the committee has started meeting again physically and this has greatly helped the quality of discussion as we consider planning applications and other related matters. I am most grateful to the committee members for all their help and support.

Since the last newsletter we have reviewed some 113 applications that are potentially of interest and made formal response to Dover District Council in respect of fifty-seven of them. The Planning Committee is always pleased to receive comments and feedback from the members of the Society. Members 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:** This ongoing saga is very much a good news bad news story. The original plan was for a facility with capacity for 1200 lorries at the site in Whitfield adjacent to B&Q and the new Leisure Centre, but as a result of fierce objections from local residents and from The Dover Society, we now understand that the facility will be reduced to a capacity of just 96 lorries with the remainder being processed at the existing site at Sevington off the M20 near Ashford. Although some concerns remain, this is clearly good news. The bad news is that

the facility may become permanent. The provisions of the Special Development Order specify that the facility will cease operations by 31st December 2025 and that the land will be reinstated to its original condition by 31st December 2026, but with work to create the facility running well behind schedule, it is quite possible that the Special Development Order will be amended to extend its life. There is still a faint possibility that in the light of our post-Brexit experience the facility may not actually be needed or may be very short lived, but I am not very hopeful.

**Town Centre Improvements:** Many of you will have been interested to see the archaeological excavations in the Market Square being carried out ahead of the redevelopment project starting very soon. Part of the foundations of the Medieval Guild Hall dating from 1605 were exposed and recorded by Canterbury Archaeological Trust. The site has since been backfilled so if you did not see it, I am afraid you are too late! The redevelopment scheme is funded largely from a Coastal Community Fund grant and work is due to start "in the Autumn." We wrote to DDC in response to the original plans as available in January 2021 but did not get a reply until September 2021, but it appears that some of our comments and concerns were still taken into account as there have been some changes to the scheme. We have since expressed concern about the lack of public consultation, but it appears that it fell victim to Covid19 restrictions and on-line meetings with the result that we missed the opportunity to engage more fully although we expected

our letter to have been noted six months earlier than it was! The work will be carried out under Permitted Development Rights so there will be no planning application and therefore no further opportunity to influence the design. Details of the scheme can be seen at <https://www.dover.gov.uk/Planning/Regeneration/Market-Square/Reinventing-Dovers-Market-Square-Dover.aspx>

**Adrian Street:** A planning application for the redevelopment of the former Karma Leisure site in Adrian Street has been approved at a meeting of the full DDC planning committee. There were over one hundred responses from the public, objecting to the proposal which is to build two buildings incorporating twenty-nine flats. The Dover Society also wrote to object to the scheme and Dover Town Council also objected. Although the provision of much needed housing of reasonable quality is to be welcomed, the proposed buildings are simply too large and have no respect for the local heritage or the dominating effect on the skyline. Not only are we dismayed by the granting of planning approval, but we are also concerned that the views of the Heritage Officer, which were not supportive of the scheme, were not made public until the meeting agenda papers were published leaving it too late for other members of the public to read them and take them into account if they would even be aware of where to look. We wrote to the planning officer about this expressing our concerns even though it is all too late. I fear that Dover will be saddled with a reincarnation of Burlington House being a blot on the landscape for generations to come.

**Conversion of commercial premises:** With the sad but inevitable decline in the retail sector and the closure of town centre shops it is gratifying to see a number of

planning applications coming forward to convert them into residential accommodation rather than let them remain empty and fall into disrepair becoming an eyesore. In some cases, this is to return the property to its original purpose. One such conversion being considered at present is 67-69 High Street, including the former Good Luck Chinese takeaway. The plan is to remove the extended shop front and convert the two properties into three apartments each along with extensive repair and renovation works. Although the properties are not Listed or in a Conservation Area, they are immediately adjacent to the Grade II Listed Highland Cottage built circa 1700 so we are pleased to see that the works will be sympathetic to the character of the area. We have therefore supported the application which bring a much need improvement to the appearance of this part of the town.

When we consider applications for conversions to residential accommodation, we not only take into account the external appearance of the property but also the amenity value for the would be residents. One particular interest is to ensure that flats are of adequate size. There are national standards that cover this and DDC has its own policy but sadly we have seen these policies violated on occasion, granting permission for rooms that are simply too small and not just marginally so. Nevertheless, we are pleased to support such conversions whenever they are of adequate quality.

As I write this, we are enjoying a late summer and possibly a record breaking September so it is time to start sweeping up leaves and get the secateurs out, or shall I just read some more planning applications!

# Rock for Rog

—Peter Sherred—

On Saturday 28th August a commemoration in memory of Roger Marsden took place on the school playing field in Temple Ewell organised by his widow and daughters and some of his good friends. The weather could have been kinder, but the occasional shower of rain did not deter hundreds of people from attending the event for which the gates opened at 12 noon and with various bands playing from 1.30pm until about 9.30pm.

Throughout there were games for children and adults and several stalls provided opportunities for raffle prizes, food and drink, face-painting, and a beer tent. Seven bands participated during the event for varying lengths of time and towards the end of the evening the beacon was lit in memory of Roger, by courtesy of the consent of the local Parish Council. Many of the villagers attended demonstrating the high regard in which Roger was held as a former resident of Temple Ewell. Rotary Club of Dover members helped in the organisation of the event and were instrumental in running the beer tent and collecting funds for Cancer Research UK. Admission to the event was free and attendees were invited to donate whatever they wished.



*and the Band plays on...*

It was a wonderful tribute to Roger, who died in August 2020, and provided a way of saying thank you to the prime mover and organiser of the Dover Music Festival which ran successfully between 2014 and 2017. A tribute to Roger appeared in the Newsletter edition no 100 of March 2021 pp.42-44. Roger had been a valued member of the Rotary Club of Dover, so it was a privilege for club members to be involved in the organisation and running of the memorial event which proceeded under the title of "Rock for Rog".

Roger's widow Carole and his daughters Carrie, Sammie and Jessie were present throughout the event which slightly overran its timed programme with kind permission of the Chairman of the Parish Council who was in attendance as the event drew to a close. The family members were extremely grateful to all those who attended and had devoted time to produce the event. Many attending wore T-shirts with an image of Roger on the front. The family were delighted with the result which raised a significant sum for Cancer Research.



*Widow Carole (r) and daughters*



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# A Future Queen Briefly Stays at Dover Castle

— Tim Boyton-Adams —

On 11 July 1540, a husband wrote to his wife the following words (the spelling has been modernised): 'You shall find us a perfect friend, content to repute you as our dearest sister. We shall, within five or six days...determine your state, minding to endow you with £4000 of yearly revenue...your loving brother and friend.'

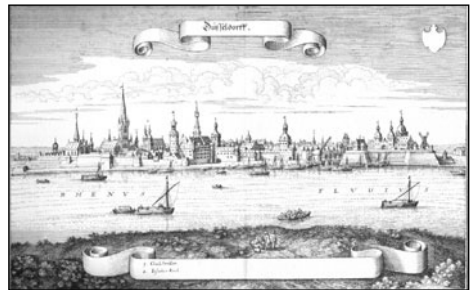
Strange words you may think from a husband to his wife; but the husband was none other than Henry VIII. The wife was the king's fourth, the so-called 'Flander's Mare' (incidentally a 17th Century name for her), Anne of Cleves (1515-1557). However the date is significant: the 11 July 1540 was the very day that Henry's marriage to Anne of Cleves was annulled after barely seven months of marriage.

Henry's third wife, his beloved Jane Seymour, had died as a result of complications following the birth of his only legitimate son, the future Edward VI, on 24 October 1537, in the royal lodgings at Hampton Court. Her heart was interred before the altar of the Chapel Royal there, while her body was conveyed in state, in a chariot draped in black velvet, to St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, where '...there was a solemne masse of requiem sunge by the Archbischopp of Canterburie...' The following three years saw Henry's chief minister, Thomas Cromwell, scouring the courts of Europe for a suitable replacement, eventually settling upon the little-known Anne of Cleves. At first, Henry was reluctant even to think about remarrying after Jane Seymour's death, but Cromwell, consummate royal servant that he was, managed to persuade the king that remarrying was essential. Not all those approached by Cromwell and others welcomed the thought of marrying Henry VIII. Christina of

Denmark, Duchess of Milan (1521-1590), a celebrated beauty of the day, famously declared: 'If I had two heads, one would be at the disposal of the king of England!'

Anne of Cleves was the daughter of Duke Johann III of Julich-Cleves-Berge, an influential nobleman and a member of the Schmalkaldic Bund (League), a confederation of German states keen on independence and reform, free from the influence of Charles V, the Holy Roman Emperor. Hans Holbein the Younger's portrait of Anne is a beautiful image of noble innocence, but with a touch of determination and confidence, traits that came to the fore later in Anne's life. It can now be seen in the Louvre, Paris.

Cromwell wanted an alliance with the Schmalkaldic League and Anne was part of the deal. Negotiations extended from March to October 1539, and Henry's envoys reported favourably of Anne during this time. When, finally, the deal was done, Anne departed Cleves on the 26 November 1539 and travelled overland with a considerable entourage. It made its way very slowly, due to the winter weather, through Antwerp, Bruges and on to Dunkirk. On the 11 December Anne reached English territory, Calais, but foul



*Duesseldorf 'Kupferstich Merian 1647'. Birthplace of Anne of Cleves*

weather kept her there for sixteen days. She eventually managed to cross the Straits of Dover on the 27 December 1539.

However, the crossing did not go well. Due to a heavy northerly wind and strong tide, the ships were driven onto the beach at Deal. Anne had never been to England before and her English was very poor. The king's new castle at Deal, still under construction, offered some shelter to Anne and her retinue for a few hours before the party moved on in the darkness to Dover Castle and the royal lodgings in the Great Tower there. The Spanish ambassador, Eustace Chapuys, recorded a slightly different account in a letter to his master, Charles V (the spelling has been modernised): '...This year on St. John's Day, 27 December, Lady Anne, daughter of the Duke of Cleves in Germany, landed at Dover at 5 o'clock at night, and there was honourably received by the Duke of Suffolk and other great lords, and so lodged in the castle.'

Two days later, on the feast of St Thomas of Canterbury, 29 December 1539, Anne and her party journeyed on to Canterbury, where they were lodged in the former abbot's house of the dissolved abbey of St. Augustine,



*Anne of Cleves by Hans Holbein the Younger*

outside the city walls. Again, Eustace Chapuys records: 'And on the following Monday she rode to Canterbury where she was honourably received by the Archbishop of Canterbury and other great men, and lodged at the king's palace at St. Austin's, and there feasted...'

The following day saw Anne and her party travel on to Sittingbourne and thence to Rochester on 31 December. It was at Rochester that King Henry made a surprise visit to Anne who, apparently, did not recognise him, disguised as he was with others in his party in '...mottled cloaks and hoods...'. He tried to kiss her, but she pushed the 'stranger' away. It was that first real glimpse of Anne that apparently did not please the king, he is reported to have declared later: 'I see nothing in this woman as men report of her'

The wedding, however, did go ahead as planned on the 6 January 1540 at the palace of Greenwich, the ceremony performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer. But the new queen was never crowned and the relationship quickly soured. Although the couple spent nights together, the marriage was never consummated. By the 16 May 1540, the king's displeasure was widely known, and he began to court the young and vivacious Katherine Howard. On the 24 June, Anne left court and five days later an official enquiry into the marriage began, ultimately ruling that Anne had not been free to marry due to an earlier betrothal to Francis of Lorraine, for which no dispensation from the contract could be found. On 6 July, Anne's agreement was sought. She resisted for several days, but gave in when it was confirmed that England's alliance with Cleves would continue. The marriage was annulled on the 11 July and the king went on to marry his fifth wife, Katherine Howard, on the 28 July 1540.

Anne settled down to a very comfortable life in England. The king granted her a substantial financial allowance and much property, including Anne Boleyn's former home at Hever Castle. As the 'King's Sister', Anne made frequent visits to court and became a favourite with the royal children. When she died in 1557, Queen Mary I, gave her a state funeral at Westminster Abbey. Of all the wives of King Henry VIII, Anne of Cleves was, perhaps, the most successful, managing to outlive the king by ten years and to maintain her independence in the years that followed. As for Thomas Cromwell, he felt the king's displeasure following the breakdown of the Cleves marriage and other issues. Arrested for treason on the 10 June 1540, he was beheaded on Tower Hill in front of a vast crowd on 28 July, the very day the king married Katherine Howard. His final

letter to the king is very telling: '...I am a most woeful prisoner, ready to take the death, when it shall please God and your Majesty: and yet the frail flesh inciteth me continually to call to your Grace for mercy and pardon for mine offences; and thus Christ save, preserve and keep you. Written at the Tower this Wednesday, the last of June, with the heavy heart and trembling hand of your Highness's most heavy and most miserable prisoner and poor slave. Most gracious Prince, I cry for mercy, mercy, mercy!'

The last word must be given to Edward Hall (c1496-c1547), the Tudor historian: Cromwell '...godly and lovingly exhorted them that were about him on the scaffold...patiently suffered the stroke of the axe, by a ragged and butcherly miser, who ungodly (sic) performed the office.'

## Dover's Forgotten Commando Raid

Phil Eyden

Remembering Seamen Angus Mackenzie and Cyril Pegg who set out 79 years ago, on the evening of 21st April, onboard Motor Gun Boat 312 "Knight" to tow the Canadian landing party for the Operation Abercrombie coastal raid. After the two Canadian Assault Landing Craft, containing the landing party were released a couple of miles offshore from Hardelot, the MGB awaited their return.

Whilst waiting, MGB 312 was ambushed by a German patrol vessel and a firefright broke out. Angus and Cyril, the gun crew, were killed by flying shell splinters. Angus is buried in Charlton cemetery, Dover.

Telegraphist Hugh McCutcheon was also killed following a hit on the wheelhouse of MGB 316 "King" which had towed Lord

Lovat's craft and the Canadian command craft. All were attached to the 14th Portsmouth MGB flotilla which provided the gun boats.



Angus and his grave at Charlton Cemetery. KIA 22/04/42

# Memories of Dover

## A Nostalgic Personal Perambulation.

### Part Two - Cannon Street to Seafront

Peter Sherred

Before continuing my perambulation to the Seafront, which I started in the last issue, I would like to thank John Richards for providing additional information on Eddie Crush, whose shop I made reference to in Biggin Street. John informs me that Eddie Crush was a Kent cricketer, well remembered for dismissing Don Bradman in 1948 (which must have been some feat having regard to Bradman's record). Apparently, Eddie bowled swing and off-breaks and John recalls going into his shop to buy not only for himself but also for his Club, Alkham CC.

So, to Cannon Street and I recall among the shops on the LHS Goulden & Wind, another music, piano, television, and wireless store and then a real household name for shoes – Freeman, Hardy and Willis! On the RHS I recall a quality men's and women's clothes shop, the name of which may have been Alston's, as well as a greengrocers' and, right opposite St Mary's Church in what is now Wetherspoon's 'Eight Bells,' was another cinema (which may have been called The Plaza) together with the Metropole Bars and flats.

The Market Square was quite different to today's set up because, of course, traffic flowed through and round it. East Kent buses had a terminus stop near to what is now NatWest Bank. Other features in the Square included Worsfold and Hayward Auctioneers and Estate Agents, Lloyds Bank (where it remains) and on the corner with Church Street was Igglesden and Graves, restaurant, and bakers. Crossing the bottom of Castle Street and on the

corner with Market Square was a furniture Store called Flashmans. Walking from there towards the seafront one came across Elizabeth's Restaurant where the aroma of burnt coffee beans used to drift around the area – beautiful! The Top Hat (or Pelosi's) was another coffee bar (this one seemed to go through a regular name changing, Buttery One possibly? and is currently the Turkish restaurant Aspendos). Just beyond The Top Hat and what was, I believe, a former Post Office building in King Street was Walter and Son shoe shop (immediately opposite Queen Street) which had a reputation for Clark's shoes (quality!). Two other features of the Market Square remain but in modified form – The Elephant & Hind Pub (now renamed) and the listed frontage to what was once Market Hall, the indoor market, but now the façade of the Museum. The Indoor Market was an amazing place with so many diverse types and sizes of stalls and it also had an entrance off Queen Street as well as Market Square.

Of course, York Street dual carriageway did not exist and when that was developed, along its route between Snargate Street and Folkestone Road, much of old Dover disappeared including, among other things, the former St Mary's Junior School and an old pub called 'The Cause is Altered' – well it is now, it was demolished and the site of it is under the York Street carriageway! Moving from the Market Square towards the seafront there was no subway under Townwall Street dual carriageway because there was no Townwall Street dual carriageway! What





*Hotel de France*

there was in this area of King Street and Bench Street on the RHS was the 'Dover Tavern,' on the corner with Queen Street, and further along the extremely popular 'Shakespeare Bars and The Crypt' restaurant the vacant site of which, following its disastrous and, indeed, fatal fire, still exists. In this stretch of road, also on the RHS between Queen Street and Snargate Street, I recall a John Lukey off licence (there was also one immediately opposite the Town Hall) while on the LHS was a quaint shop of Dover's boot maker – Fred Greenstreet (who eventually moved to Victoria Crescent) and further along was Geerings, stationers and booksellers. There was also a store called Brewingtons as well as the Bench Street Post Office.

Located between Snargate Street and Northampton Street (how many remember

this street and its fate?) was The Hotel de France, Café de Paris, all of which was demolished and obliterated by the Townwall Street dual carriageway when it was created completely transforming this area as one approached the sea front. Dover Borough Council Town Clerk's Office was in

New Bridge House on the LHS (it became famous for a TV series called 'Telford's Change' where a bank was seemingly located in this building). Whatever happened to Peter Barkworth and Hannah Gordon I wonder?

Townwall Street was not the large expanse of dual carriageway it is today but was a narrow street of small shops including Lawrence fishmongers, Woottons grocery store, Quedsted's butchers, Tersons Auction Mart, Ray Warner's photography shop (formerly Lambert Weston) and The Britannia Pub. At its top, on the corner with Bench Street, was Reillys' 'The Bench Street Newsagent' all now, sadly, consigned to history. And when one reached the seafront? Well, often one could witness an unusual feature – a steam train running along a track on the seaward side of the roadway. This goods train connected the businesses then to be found within the Eastern Docks (including Parker Pens) with the Western side of the harbour. Memory fails me as to where this train went after it reached the clocktower end of the Esplanade, but I suspect it must have crossed over the swing bridge towards Snargate Street and the old Dover Harbour Station. Others will, I am sure, remember.



*Telford's Change*



*Seafront Train*

# The Voyage of the Silver Falcon

Ann Tomalak

In Autumn 1618, a 40-ton pinnace called the Silver Falcon lay at anchor in Dover Harbour. To modern eyes it would have been terrifyingly small to be a cargo ship on the transatlantic route, but that was the plan. The joint owners, Edward Lord Zouche and a merchant trader called Jacob Braems, intended it to sail to Virginia to set up a tobacco business. They would leave men there to plant tobacco and corn, and to trade for furs and salted fish.

The Virginia Colony had been established in 1607 but had a poor start. The first settlers were gentry and craftsmen, not farmers, and they contended with famine, disease, and often tense relationships with the native Americans. The local tobacco was dark and bitter, not at all to English tastes, but by 1613 a milder Spanish variant

was being sown, though the Spanish still claimed a monopoly on its trade to Europe. Yet from 1619, basic infrastructure was in place to export it, with ports, warehouses, and an inspection system.

Edward, the 11th Baron Zouche, was the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and Constable of Dover Castle. He was also a Commissioner of the Virginia Company. He had been a royal ward in his teens, in the care of William Cecil, and held a string of public appointments throughout his life.

Jacob had arrived from Flanders towards the end of the 16th century, probably fleeing religious persecution, and settled in Dover. Two decades later he owned wharves and warehouses along a huge stretch of the dockside and his business was flourishing.



*11th Lord Zouche, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports  
1615-25*

Aboard the Silver Falcon was a mariner called John Anthony. John had not been born in England. He was likely brought here by Henry Mainwaring, a ship's master. Mainwaring was, to put it politely, a privateer – an officially-sanctioned pirate. Henry was well-educated but, as a younger son, had to make his own fortune. After buying his first ship in 1612, he preyed on Spanish vessels off the coast of Morocco, seizing more than thirty ships and their cargoes. Unfortunately for him, relations between England and Spain became more friendly and James I set him an ultimatum: return to England, surrender the ships and he would receive a free pardon; otherwise, an English fleet would be sent to destroy him. He chose well, and Lord Zouche then employed him to oversee the construction of the Silver

Falcon, which was launched in August 1616. Mainwaring was knighted in 1618.

It seems possible that John Anthony was found aboard one of the seized Spanish ships, but he might also have met Mainwaring in one of his shore bases at Marmora or Tunis, or even arrived in England by another route. He speaks of Mainwaring as his “master,” in the sense of a working relationship. Certainly, by 1619 Anthony was described as “a mariner of the town and port of Dover” and was a sailor on the Silver Falcon.

In the early 17th century, Dover was an important port and trading centre, the “eye of the kingdom”, with a good, well-defended harbour and easy access both to continental Europe and routes west to Africa and the Americas. Dover was the leading member of the Cinque Ports and many of the 3,000 population were involved in seafaring. Although Henry VIII had spent a lot of money on the harbour, by 1550 the entrance was blocked by a bank of pebbles and shingle. Elizabeth I's commissioners initiated a new project to enclose a “pent” that filled with water at high tide. The outflow at low tide then scoured the entrance clear. The work took place during summer 1583 and, from then on, larger vessels could dock once more.

There were problems that autumn, 1618, that delayed departure; rumours of unrest in Virginia and a Spanish attack on the Governor, who was implementing the reforms of the Great Charter. Some mariners were reluctant to sail into danger; investors withdrew funds. Finally, the Silver Falcon got a warrant to travel to Virginia in February 1619 and sailed on 2nd March. There were twenty-five men on board, including John Anthony.

But the voyage did not go according to plan.

Instead of heading for Virginia, the ship met a Spanish frigate off Bermuda, carrying 20,000 lbs. of sweet tobacco grown in the Caribbean. Officially, it was traded for goods aboard the Silver Falcon, though the Spanish later claimed it had been stolen. It was certainly possible that the crew, picked by Mainwaring, had previously sailed with him, and learnt the skills of privateering. The Silver Falcon then returned to Europe, but not to Dover. It headed for Flushing in the Netherlands, which further fuelled the accusations of piracy.

Jacob Braems crossed the Channel to Flushing in haste and attempted to sell the tobacco to merchants from Amsterdam. His co-owner, Lord Zouche, was furious and dispatched the Mayor of Dover to Flushing to stop him. He confiscated most of the cargo and the Amsterdam buyers pulled out of the deal. Amid accusations and acrimony, the tobacco was left to rot. There was no profit for the owners and other backers; in fact, they lost money on the venture.

With no profits, the mariners could not be paid. John Anthony had been relying on his wages as he planned to invest them in goods to take on his next voyage, to sell or exchange for profit. Eventually, like the rest of the crew, he twice petitioned Lord Zouche and the Privy Council for payment and that is why we know about him - the legal paper trail. He was owed £30 back pay and says he owes, £3 for board and lodging and could not get further credit. He has, also pawned his best clothes but needed to provide for himself with winter coming, plus kit himself out for his next voyage. This was important; he could not go back to sea until he had his money, but he had no means of support while in port.

£30 was a good wage. Ordinary mariners earned up to £2.50 a month (far more than

a land-based labourer), specialists like boatswains or carpenters up to £5 per month. Sailors were also provided with meals aboard and often expected a share of the profits on a trading voyage (especially a privateer). They could also take goods aboard themselves, to trade on their own account. Anthony finally received his wages, plus interest of 17s/6d, in Spring, 1620.

What happened next?

Lord Zouche had James I to stay at his country estate, Bramshill, in 1620. He continued to hold public offices and remained involved with the Virginia Colony until his death in 1625. But since he had only daughters, the Barony then fell into abeyance until 1815.

Henry Mainwaring never achieved the status he felt he deserved. Zouche made him Lieutenant of Dover Castle "out of pity" but dismissed him a few years later since he was rarely there, accusing him of brawling in the streets and being a notorious womaniser. Whilst in that office, Henry wrote *The Seaman's Dictionary*, not published until 1644. He served one term as MP for Dover but attempts to get re-elected came to nothing. He later served in the Ship Money fleets, controlling piracy in the Channel, rising to vice-admiral. Mainwaring tried to improve his finances through marriage, but was outlawed for debt in 1641 and died, intestate, in 1653.

Jacob Braems established a dynasty in Dover. His son, Arnold, married into Kentish gentry, and joined him in the family business. Together, in 1623 they built a Custom House near the pier, which survived until 1806. The National Archives holds Jacob's Will, dated 2nd July 1641, which suggests a man of means, owning businesses and property and living comfortably.

As for John Anthony, the petitions give one more snippet of information. He is described as a "negar" in one, "blackmore" in the other, contemporary terms for an African. We might speculate whether he was discovered on the Spanish ship by Mainwaring as crew or as "cargo," since the Spanish were already trading in slaves. But whatever the English did overseas, it was never legally possible to be a slave here. In a court case of 1549, in which a master sought to justify whipping his slave, it was stated that "The air of England has long been too pure for a slave, and every man is free who breathes it." This is often misattributed to Lord Mansfield, who supposedly quoted it when giving judgement in the 1772 case *Somerset v. Stewart*, though it was more likely from a speech by the barrister William Davy. The words were taken to mean that enslaved people were free the moment they set foot in England though, in reality, by the 18th century many African servants were "owned" by their masters, to be bought and sold.

We can be certain Anthony was a free man as he was called "a mariner of Dover," was paid wages and was able to testify in court; he had the pride and confidence to take on a Baron and win. We see him and his life for a brief moment as he seeks justice and then he vanishes from the records again. Or does he? There is a John Anthony, a ship's carpenter and, later, ship builder, who married twice, had several children, sailed to Brazil, and made his Will in Lisbon in 1650 - but it is a common-enough name.

1619 is a significant date for the first permanent English colony established on the North American mainland. That year, an English privateer took twenty plus Africans (from the Kingdom of Ndongo, present-day Angola) from a Portuguese

slave ship and traded them in Virginia for provisions. By 1661, Virginia had passed a law allowing any free person to own slaves. But what if the voyage of the Silver Falcon had gone to plan and it had reached the colony first? What if the first African in Virginia had been a free man, a skilled mariner, a man of worth, with the

eloquence and confidence to speak up for his rights? Could John Anthony's mere presence have re-set the thinking of the first colonists, so that ever after they saw Africans as co-workers and fellow human beings, never as possessions? Could one sailor, a man from Dover, have changed the course of North American history?

## **Saving the Roman Forts**

### **Dr. Brian Philp, MBE**

**Director, Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit**

November 2021 will be the 50th Anniversary of the successful battle to prevent the total destruction of two major Roman forts under the York Street bypass. Our team of Kent Rescue Unit had battled for 140 days to discover and record two important Roman forts ahead of the construction of the York Street bypass. The earlier was that of the Classis Britannica naval fort with dozens of buildings and other structures surviving to a remarkable extent. This is the only Roman naval fort surviving across the Roman Empire.

The second fort, one of the late-Roman shore-forts, had been sought for over four hundred years, but eventually eliminated from the record doubt. Again, we found long lengths of the defensive fort walls, bastions and great defensive ditches had survived. Sadly, all were to be destroyed by the construction of the new bypass planned to be cut very deeply into the slope of the hill.

Such was the quality of the structures that the unit had to launch a fierce battle for preservation against strong opposition. However, good support came from across Kent and from the New Dover Group, the latter encouraged by Jack Woolford and Doug Crellin. Finally, the unit appealed to

the Government and won the battle on the very last day of operations and the A20 bypass was then raised six feet. A victory for Dover, Kent, and Britain. Our young active reporter of the day, Terry Sutton, raced to the site with the news of the victory and gave it front-page coverage in the good-old Dover Express. I have been an avid reader every week since then! Our excavations have continued across Dover ever since and have covered more than forty sites including the famous Roman Painted House. Most of the sites have already been published in four large volumes still on sale at the Roman House.



*Bastion*

# Motivational President Provided Dover Rotary Club with Exceptional Year

Peter Sherred

As the Rotary year ended on 30th June Rotary Club of Dover President, Tony Cook, could have looked back on an extraordinarily successful year in leading the club through the incredibly challenging period created by the Covid pandemic. With face-to-face meetings unable to take place all meetings of the Rotary Club members had been virtual, held on Zoom chaired by Tony, which proved an excellent way of maintaining the fellowship of members. But Tony realised more had to be done and so initiated a weekly Newsletter which he edited and produced for club members during the many months of the early Covid clampdown. This weekly production was much appreciated by club members, several of whom contributed articles to it.

With traditional ways of fundraising being restricted, Tony came up with the idea of a Christmas video with club members singing "Jingle Bells" to lift peoples' spirits. While some club members made fools of themselves demonstrating their singing prowess, or lack of it, their efforts turned a fun event into a good fundraising exercise over social media. Monies raised were for vouchers for the café at the Outreach Centre which caters for the homeless.

Leading from the front, Tony was a volunteer, with many of his club members, at Dover Health Centre for the vaccination process for local people which has been ongoing since the winter through to the present and the volunteering effort has helped make a great success of the local vaccination centre's administration of the Covid vaccine. At the beginning of the Rotary year, he was present in Dover's hospital when the original plaque commemorating former war-time surgeon and local GP Gertrude Toland, was mounted on a wall in the Reception Area alongside its replacement. The original plaque

had been commissioned by the Rotary Club but had been thought lost when the former hospital was vacated and demolished, so the Club provided a replacement for the new hospital. The original plaque was subsequently found and is now on public display once again and Tony was present, with the Past President of the club who had witnessed the original plaque being unveiled, when both plaques were first exhibited alongside each other.

During the year, under his leadership, the Dover Club's Rotarian members raised money to save Dover Film Festival which had been badly hit by the lockdown and this has enabled Honorary Freeman of the town, Mike McFarnell, to look forward to the future with optimism. Tony organised the club's litter pick contribution to the 'Keep Britain Tidy Campaign' in June when considerable amounts of litter and other rubbish were removed from Green Lane right down through the Buckland estate to Brookfield Avenue. Under his organisation Rotarians from both Dover clubs (South Foreland being the other club) participated in this significant service activity. In addition, Tony's ambition to help the Dover Outreach Centre at Victory House in Snargate Street saw the club raising money for renewal of the boilers in the premises. A cheque for £5000 was handed over to Noel Beamish of the Centre in August.

In June Tony was at the forefront of an exercise by club members to "adopt" a circular flower bed, at Granville Gardens, from Dover District Council enabling club members to plant hundreds of flowering plants in the circular sea front feature which had originally been the location of a fountain. Dover District Council provided the site and the plants, but Tony was, with his helpers, reduced to his knees as he led the planting exercise – all for the benefit of Dover.

He recently led a working party to clear a town centre footpath between Millais Road and Barton View Terrace.

Tony was a former Rotarian of the Sandwich Club and has twice been made a Paul Harris Fellow for his outstanding service ethic. When his successor as President suffered a bereavement Tony could not stand down as usual at the end of the Rotary year but remained in post as Acting President of the club. He was present, with other club members, at the commemoration to Roger Marsden at Temple Commell at the Bank Holiday

weekend. He has been Dover Club's 98th President and will be a hard act to follow. After the transfer to his successor on 30 September at the club's meeting place at Whitfield, he continues to serve the club as its secretary. Dover should be profoundly grateful for his leadership of the town's Rotary Club and for the example he has set during a particularly difficult year (plus three months) in his service activities and the club's fund-raising by his focus on positivism rather than negativism during long periods of enforced restrictions. He lives in Whitfield with his wife Sandra.

## **Dover's Successful Youth Competition**

### **Peter Sherred**

On Saturday 7 August the President of the Rotary Club of Dover, Tony Cook, presided over a successful prizegiving following a tremendous response to the Youth Competition run by the Club and organised by its President-Elect Roger Knight, and his wife Melanie. There was a very good response with over seventy entries, as well as a very high standard produced by entrants to the competition, covering a range of artistic talent from paintings and drawings to writings and computer presentations. One of the entries was a song, written and recorded by an entrant who won the President's Prize.

The judging of the competition was extremely challenging because of the high standard of all entries but decisions had to be made and those who were successful were rewarded with certificates and cash prizes. The Rotary District Youth Officer, Jean Shrub, attended the prizegiving and was impressed by the excellent nature of the competition run by Dover Rotary Club for the benefit of the young people of Dover and its immediate surroundings.

Following receipt of all the entries, the organisers of the competition not only had to deal with the difficult task of judging but also had the challenging task of displaying them for a two-day Public Exhibition in St Mary's Parish Centre, enabling people to have the opportunity of

appreciating the high standard of the submissions. A principal actor in the preparation, judging and setting up of the exhibition, as well as organising refreshments over the two-day period, was Melanie Knight. The work did not end at the close of the exhibition as seventy-four certificates for all the entrants were sent to them with the return of their work.

A total of £750 prize money was provided by the Club, despite the reduced fund-raising opportunities brought about by Covid. The Leader of Dover District Council, Cllr Trevor Bartlett, a member of the judging panel, expressed his delight at the success of the competition and indicated that he would be pleased to support the event again.

At the close of the exhibition and following the presentation of prizes, President Tony Cook was pleased to be able to present a Community Service Award to representatives of Together4Dover. The award was received by Deacon Michelle Legumi of the Beacon Church. Noel Beamish, prime mover of the Dover Outreach Centre, which caters for the homeless in the town, was presented with a cheque for £5000 from the Rotary Club to assist in the cost of a new boiler. This had been President Tony Cook's project for the year.

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# Fort Burgoyne and WWI

Barry O'Brien - Dover Tales

The much documented Christmas Eve, 1914, air attack on Dover, which saw the first bomb dropped on English soil from an aeroplane, had, in fact, been preceded by an aerial attack on Dover Harbour some days prior. There may have been an even earlier attack on Dover Docks, in October 1914, this time by a submarine. It was reported that the periscopes of three submarines were seen and 'briskly' fired upon by guns of the Harbour Defence, although official reports appear to downplay this apparent attack.

Such was the unpreparedness for attack from the air (it was, after all, only five years since Bleriot had flown the Channel) that Dover's sole anti-aircraft protection took the form of a small 12-pounder sited at Langdon, although this was soon



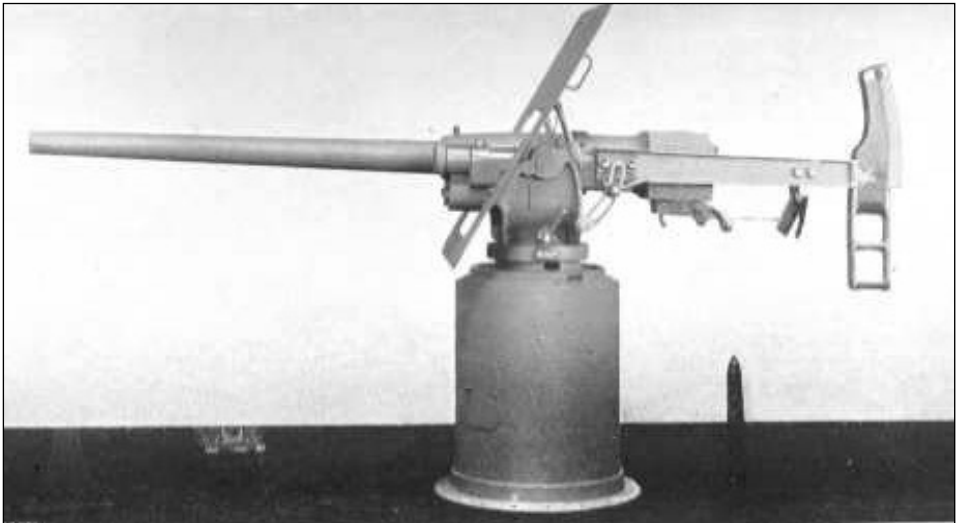
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supplemented by two 6-pounder Hotchkiss quick-firing guns located on the Western Heights, on the ground at the top of the 64 Steps, while Pom-Pom auto cannon were installed around the Castle.

As Dover found itself in the front line of mounting hostilities, the Royal Navy had moved to war stations as early as July 27th, 1914, when armed guards were placed at the dockyards and piers, while searchlights began sweeping the channel on August 1st and the first requisitioned trawlers arrived the following day.

On land, field defences soon began to be constructed at St Margaret's.

During the evening of the August Bank Holiday Monday, August 3rd, some sixty



*QF 6 Pounder Hotchkiss*



*Dover Area Map*

aeroplanes of the Army's Royal Flying Corps arrived at Swingate Downs. Britain's official declaration of war was formally announced the following day.

'Proclamations were immediately issued on Aug 5th warning the public that entrance into Dover would only be allowed under severe restrictions, that all persons would be liable to search and that letters would be liable to be opened if a censorship were established. The cliff paths to St Margaret's Bay and on Shakespeare Cliff were closed and access was forbidden to Swingate Downs and the land adjacent to Fort Burgoyne and the Duke of York's School'. Some 22,000 civilian passes were issued by the Chief Constable of Dover 'to persons desiring the requisite permission'. Furthermore, the movement of vehicles in and out of Dover was prohibited between the hours of 8pm and 5am. Such Restrictions of Movement or similar were to remain in place until one month after the signing of the Armistice.

The troops of the Dover Garrison, the 12th Infantry Brigade, under the command of Brigadier-General Wilson, CB, departed the town on August 18th, 1914, ultimately destined for France where their recently completed training was to 'stand them in good stead'. The Kent Territorial Brigade briefly filled the void before they,

themselves, removed to Canterbury. Various Regiments, many of them at full strength, were soon to occupy the town's barracks, with the 3rd Royal Sussex at Connaught Barracks and the Royal Fusiliers at the Duke of York's School, where of course, students were still away on holiday. Although most of these Regiments would stay in Dover, The Royal Sussex would only enjoy a brief stay before departing for Seaford in East Sussex, where they would establish a transit and reinforcement depot at the nearby port of Newhaven.

The Dover Battery of Territorials, 1st Kent Battery RFA, of the 3rd Home Counties Brigade RFA, were mobilised on August 4th, 1914, with a strength of 120 and were stationed at Fort Burgoyne until December, 1914, when they sailed for India and on through Mesopotamia, modern day Iraq.



*Royal Sussex Badge*

With the Belgian city of Antwerp under siege, the hastily convened Royal Naval Division was sent to its defence, marching into Dover from bases at Walmer and Betteshanger. Among their number was the poet Rupert Brooke who had been commissioned into the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve as a temporary sub-lieutenant. Antwerp, however, soon fell to the German forces, with the city's shipyards being a prime site for the construction of submarines later despatched from Ostend and Zeebrugge. Among their targets were the minesweepers and converted trawlers much known to Dover and lauded by Admiral Bacon who, in May, 1916, would record that the "drifters and trawlers, in difficult waters, and under conditions totally strange to them, had maintained their allotted stations without a single accident".

The early months of the war saw a number of temporary camps established around Dover at Northfall Meadow Camp, Longhill Camp, The Danes, and the Connaught Barracks Hutments, where the training Battalions occupied either hastily constructed huts or were in tents, moving into civilian billets or empty houses during winter.

Among the first attempts to strengthen the harbour's defences was the Navy's purchase of the SS Montrose, the ship famously used to make good his escape to North America by renowned murderer Dr Hawley Crippen. The Admiralty planned to use the ship as a blockship to protect the Harbour from future torpedo attack. However, before the Montrose could be sunk, the ship broke loose from moorings during a gale, drifted out to sea and was wrecked on the Goodwin Sands on December 20th, 1914.

By Christmas, 1914, Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS) Guston had been established, located on the eastern side of the Dover to Deal road next to Fort Burgoyne. HMS Arrogant was RNAS Guston's parent ship as it was for RNAS Dover (Marine Parade), sited in the town at the foot of the cliffs below the castle. This seaplane station was located on the site of the Roller Skating Rink opened only 4 years earlier which, in turn, had been built on former military land at Motes Bulwark (Guildford Battery). It was requisitioned and duly expanded to provide three hangers, a mess room, accommodation, stores, workshops and administration buildings, serviced by a slipway down to the beach.

As Fort Burgoyne, under the command of Major JT Chapman, was established as a Royal Garrison Artillery (RGA) Mobilisation Centre for recruits, which saw the formation of 85th Siege Battery in December, 1915. Some small respite was provided with the establishment, by a Miss Bailey and Miss Horwood, of a YMCA Hut on the site. Such YMCAs offered material, educational and spiritual support to recruits beginning their training, supplying pastoral care, writing materials and refreshments. 85th Siege Battery were sent to France in May, 1916, in charge of two 12-inch road howitzers.



*Skate Rink Dover Seafront*

Air attacks on Dover continued to be mostly by Zeppelin airship but by January, 1916, the threat of attack by aeroplane had very much become a reality, including the first moonlight raid which took place on January 23rd, 1916. Such attacks proved only to underscore the inadequacies of the town's anti-aircraft defences and led to provision of a 6-pounder Hotchkiss, such as that located at the Western Heights, at Dover Castle close by the Pharos, with two more installed at Fort Burgoyne. These guns were to fire shrapnel shells which burst at a pre-determined distance rather than on impact and, as such, had limited effectiveness.

Sadly, the guns at Fort Burgoyne had not yet been readied for use at the time of a seaplane attack at 1.57pm on March 19th, 1916, which caused considerable damage to Dover, dropping bombs on various locations across the town including Northfall Camp, where four soldiers of the Royal Fusiliers were killed, and eleven others injured.

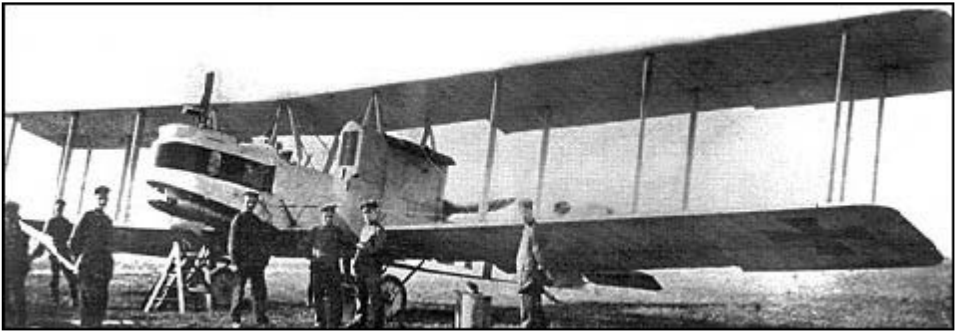
An accident at Fort Burgoyne with unimaginable consequences was narrowly avoided on Thursday, June 29th, 1916, when a Type 10 Nieuport biplane took off from the airfield at RNAS Guston bound for Dunkerque, France, piloted by Flt Lt Talbot who was accompanied by Air Mechanic 1st Class Hampson. Recalling the incident in a letter to Talbot's family sometime later, Mr A.R. George told of his having witnessed the incident first hand. "Between five and six thousand of us (RGA recruits) were drilling on the parade ground at Fort Burgoyne, and you can imagine we were closely packed in, when an aeroplane rose from behind the fort and suddenly swooped down directly over the heads of the men drilling; so closely, in fact, that many fell on their faces to

avoid being hit by the propellers. But the pilot, in order to avoid what would have been a terrible catastrophe swerved sharply to the left, and the machine fell into a sunken road near the fort. There is no doubt that the machine would have landed in the thick of the men with terrible results, but with safety to the two men in it, and it was freely admitted by all who witnessed it that the pilot lost his life in a most gallant attempt to avoid crashing amongst the dense mass of men." Mr George concluded, "I heard it said by the airmen there that air currents around Fort Burgoyne were very bad and this was probably the cause of the accident". Air Mechanic Hampson died from multiple injuries sustained in the crash the following day, June 30th, 1916.

Attacks by enemy seaplanes had not abated and four bombs dropped from two aircraft on August 12th saw one cause 'slight injuries to [seven] soldiers on parade at Fort Burgoyne', while a raid of Friday September 22nd, 1916, saw an enemy seaplane '[get] over Guston, dropping bombs in the vicinity of the Duke of York's School'. Fortunately, these bombs fell into open fields causing neither damage nor casualty.

German naval attacks were not limited to submarines and on the night of April 20th/21st, 1917, six German destroyers attempted a raid on Dover, firing a reported total of sixty-one shells which 'fell harmlessly enough in ploughed fields in the neighbourhood of Hougham and Guston'.

A daylight air-raid of August 12th, 1917, saw an enemy aircraft approach Dover from the direction of Guston. 'The first signal of its presence was a bomb dropped on the cricket ground at Fort Burgoyne which [slightly] injured five soldiers on



*Gotha G IV*

parade. Fire was immediately opened and the seaplane dropped five bombs altogether. One bomb fell in the Northfall Meadow camp of the 5th Bn Royal Fusiliers; another, obviously meant for the wireless station, hit the cliff at the back of the Prince Alfred Inn East Cliff.

As the bombardment of Dover continued, with shells sometimes passing over the town and striking the hills above, including those around Frith Farm, so the size and effectiveness of the shells developed, with one unexploded naval shell which fell at Castlemount found to weigh over two hundredweight (100kg).

Fort Burgoyne was again the subject of enemy bombing in the early hours of December 5th, 1917, the "cock crow raid" as it came to be known, when a German Gotha dropped four bombs 'from the Camber to Fort Burgoyne, setting alight a paint store on the floating dock. A number of explosive bombs were dropped, the last falling just outside one of the big buildings of Connaught Barracks and exploding a quantity of hand grenades! It was during one of the raids during 1917 that a soldier imprisoned in one of the small cells at Fort Burgoyne notoriously escaped by cutting the ventilation bars above the door, bending them back and taking flight.

The Fort Burgoyne cells were also used for the imprisonment of conscientious objectors in transit to Canterbury prison. In a deposition later given as oral history to the Imperial War Museum, one Walter Griffin describes the 'dark, windowless' cells as having been used to accommodate two people adding that they had 'damp problems'. Walter Griffin describes three cells he was imprisoned in with a Jehovah's Witness named Jim Houton, with prisoners being given military rations.

July 18th, 1918, was the last time the Dover, anti-aircraft guns were fired at an enemy machine 'but none who saw the last shot go up from the Dover guns on that July morning for a moment thought that it was the last shot from a gun on British soil in the Great War'.

In all there were 113 raids on the Borough of Dover, with 185 bombs and twenty-three shells falling on the town resulting in twenty-three deaths and seventy-one injuries. By the time of the Armistice, seventy-seven armed trawlers were based in Dover, including sixty-four employed as minesweepers, along with eleven paddle minesweepers and ten tunnel or shallow-draught minesweepers. In total twenty-nine minesweepers had been lost

during hostilities, accounting for 295 fatalities.

The first returning British prisoners of war passed through Dover on November 17th, 1918, when a party of eight hundred were met at the Admiralty pier by the Prince of Wales prior to moving on to a repatriation camp which had been formed at Northfall Meadow. During the months after the war various dignitaries passed through Dover, many occasioning much celebration

including, at different times, Marshal Foch, and Sir Douglas Haig, while on December 12th Vice Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, Naval Commander-in-Chief, Dover, and Commander of the Dover Patrol, was awarded the Honorary Freedom of the Borough as the town itself became one of three dispersal stations of the Eastern Command.

*Compiled with sincere thanks to Kathleen Hollingsbee and Phil Eyden*

## Dover Wombles and the National Open Garden Scheme

**Deborah Gasking**

I created this group in about January or February this year after walking down to Shakespeare Beach with a couple of rubbish sacks and set to litter picking. Repeat the next week. Repeat the second week? Yes, but with a friend – it did not take long to realise that the task was greater than a single picker...

So, I took a friend, then another and so on. We needed a single point of contact, thus our Dover Wombles WhatsApp group. And one has now multiplied to about eighteen.

To date, we have picked up sixty-two sack loads of rubbish plus many bulk items

Not only do we litter pick but also get stuck into planting as well. Last year we got permission from Morrisons to plant alongside the full length of their store alongside Bridge Street. However, with the double whammy of Covid19 restrictions and almost drought-like conditions, the saplings (from The Woodland Trust) that we planted before lockdown, mostly withered, and died.

Fast pedalling forward to February this year, following the end of lockdown, we

began planting shrubs, plants, and bulbs, and scattering tough seeds – calendula, poppy forget-me-nots, and many others. Weeding takes a bit of a back step, but it does get done, and there are plenty of them as we have stirred up the soil a few times releasing those weed seeds into the light.

Mostly, all contributions come from our gardens plus donations from Morrisons and Transition Dover and are of the tough variety for the tough environment this area is for growing.

We have now seen many bees and other pollinating insects here. And I get a thrill each time I walk past (pulling out the occasional weed, as I go). This month could see the end of planting in this area. So, onto the next. We have identified a couple of other areas which would benefit from our TLC.

As a member of Transition Dover, I have recruited volunteers from their team, and we are all active in making Dover a fabulous place to live. We will be erecting a banner, part sponsored by Morrisons, soon to highlight our efforts.



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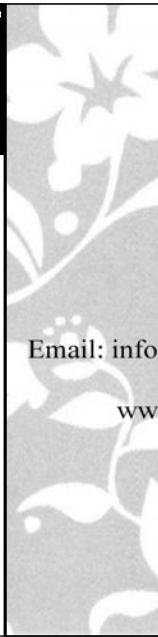
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**Society Outings** I regret that the 2021 Society trips had to be cancelled. However, for 2022, we are planning the following. The Silver Phoenix Travel Club (SPTC), 29 to 31 May, City Break in Bath. 10 to 15 July, Isle of Man. Various day trips.

**Society Members interested should contact Iain on 07842 124094**

There is no sign yet that the Sellindge Gardeners are seeking to run their postponed trip to Exmouth, for which some Members booked. SPTC coach trips still require the wearing of masks and Society trips depend on any future restrictions, and on public perception of when it is quite safe to travel. I will keep members informed. For full costs, details, and itinerary contact Rodney Stone: Tel: 01304 852838. Email: randdstone29@gmail.com.

## 2021

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 17 **Speaker: Phil Eyden**  
Monday 7.30 "Western Heights Baptism" **(to be confirmed)**

21 February **Dover Society "American Supper" Quiz Night**  
Monday **(Bring your own food and Drink)** It's back! Our ever popular light-hearted quiz evening held in St Mary's Church Hall with Clive Taylor and his team. Make up your own table of six, if you are unable to, we will fit you in and where appropriate. Prizes for winning team (in the event of a tie, there will be a play-off). We have planned this as an American Supper style evening. Bring the food and drink that suits you. To book please contact Jenny Olpin, 19 Redlands Court, London Road, River, Dover CT17 0TW Tel; 01304 825011 Email: jennyolpin@gmail.com  
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March 21 **Speaker: Andrew Richardson**  
Monday 7.30 "Three Wars, One Soldier"

April 18 **Dover Society Annual General Meeting**  
Monday 7.30 **Speaker: Martin Crowther** "Reawakening the Maison Dieu"

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