



**DOVER LADIES LUNCHEON CLUB  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016  
AT DOVER TOWN HALL**

**1. Apologies**

None.

**2. Minutes of Previous AGM on 27th May 2015**

The minutes had been previously distributed to members and were available at the meeting. The Chairman requested any comments from those present. As there were none, they were duly adopted.

**3. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's report is attached. In summary, she had had the good fortune to work with a strong Committee, who she thanked individually for their support. The website had proved a success, bringing in new members as well as raising the profile of the Club. The local press were keen to publish articles about the Club's lunches and outings. Inevitably, several members had passed away during the year while others had suffered poor health. It was therefore encouraging to see new members coming joining the Club. She was delighted to hand over to the new Chairman a club that is thriving and has a bright future.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report and accounts, which had been independently verified, were presented as attached, and showed that the Club had a healthy balance.

The accounts were presented to the meeting and were duly adopted:

Proposer: Marilyn Newham    Seconded: Nina Woolhouse

Margaret Huggins, who had verified the accounts, had requested that a donation to her chosen charity of Porchlight should be made in lieu of a fee and the Committee had therefore agreed to pay £50 to this charity.

**5. Election of Officers and Committee**

The list of candidates on the Agenda was proposed to the meeting. The Chairman noted with pleasure that Elizabeth Weaver was standing as Vice Chairman and Jean Thompson was joining the Committee.

The following were duly elected:

Chairman	Norman Nunn
Past Chairman	Jennifer Van Lens
Vice Chairman	Elizabeth Weaver
Treasurer	Denise Hadfield
Deputy Treasurer	Sandra McCreddie
Secretary and Membership Officer	Jennifer Van Lens
Programme Secretary	Avril Woolf
Events Coordinator	Adeline Reidy
Committee Members:	Margaret Sharp
	Jean Thompson

Note: Chairman, Norma Nunn, elected for 2 years

**6. Any Other Business**

There was no further business and the meeting was closed.

Attached:    Chairman's Report  
                  Statement of Accounts

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May 2016 AGM

### Report by the Chairman

It's time for me to step down after two years as Chairman. It's been a fascinating two years. I have had the good fortune to work with a strong Committee which is dedicated and working harmoniously so we have been able to achieve a great deal. For example, the financial year now ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March, making more sense of the figures presented to you at the AGM. We had an awkward transition period but thankfully that is behind us now. A huge thank you to Denise, our Treasurer, for seeing that through and taking such good care of our accounts. It's a far more difficult task that I ever imagined when I asked Denise to take it on. She is ably assisted by her Deputy, Sandra, who you see at the front desk each month, working quietly and efficiently.

Dena stood down from the Committee in January but until then, as Hostess Coordinator, she took care of the speakers each month and somehow managed to find a volunteer to give a vote of thanks. No mean feat.

Avril has added Dena's responsibility to her role as Programme Coordinator and I hope you will agree that she has put together an excellent programme for us. It's a bit of a lottery as she does not always know the calibre of the speakers but she is to be congratulated for all her efforts.

Margaret has been a stalwart member of the Committee, always willing to take on those little and not so little jobs when we are looking for a volunteer. This has been a stretch at times as Margaret has had much to cope with in her personal life but she always comes up trumps.

Norma, too, has been a great worker bee as a Committee member. I have much appreciated her contribution. Norma will take on the role Chairman and with her enthusiasm and friendly manner, I have not the slightest doubt that she will prove a great success. She has the support of a well-oiled Committee behind her and she is more capable than she begins to realise.

I've left Adeline until last because I would like to give her an extra special thank you. I have come to realise that she is the backbone of both the Committee and the Club. She has certainly been an irreplaceable guide for me, in the early months but even to this day. In my opinion, Addy is an organisational genius. She has contacts all over Dover and knows when to reel them in.

So, what have we been up to in the past year. We had that five star lunch at Faversham Golf Club in July last year. It so nearly fell through when the original Golf Club in Chestfield cancelled ten days before the event. Adeline pulled out all the stops and re-arranged everything before I could blink an eye.

We went to Polhill Garden Centre and Denbies Wine Estate in October. It was not the best of weather for a tour on the little train but the views were stunning and the driver made it highly amusing.

We had a tour of Dover Harbour in November and learned on the spot about the changes that are being made. Wasn't that a first class cream tea in the cruise terminal afterwards.

Lesley prepared a quiz for our Christmas lunch entertainment and Liz sang. That has become a club tradition now and will no doubt continue for as long as the two ladies are willing to play their part. We decorated the tables and, had an aperitif, and generally celebrated.

Finally, two weeks ago we had a day trip to France, visiting the Lace Museum in Calais and a first class lunch in a restaurant overlooking the port and English Channel. I was delighted to lead a group across the Channel and hope we will go again before too long.

Many of you will have seen the reports in the local newspapers after each lunch or event. We have had success beyond my wildest imagination so I am delighted that we have been able to raise the profile of the club in this way.

The website has also proved a success. The purpose was to provide a source of information for members but I am surprised at how many news members this has attracted too. A bonus.

Inevitably, several members have passed away during the past year., most recently Sheila Cope. Sheila had been a member of the Club for decades. She served on the Committee for many years and was an indefatigable treasurer until 2014. Her valuable contribution as a Committee member is sadly missed. In each case I have sent our condolences to their husband or relatives. Other ladies have been ill and will have received a card with our best wishes for a return to good health. It is good to see that new members continue to appear so our Club continues to grow.

I would like to thank you all for your support during my two years as Chairman. I am delighted to hand over to Norman a Club that is thriving and has a bright future. Norma will put her own stamp on the Chairmanship but I am confident you will all be there to support her.