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Lydd Club Day- 20.6.2009  
 DOC is flying its flag!

## Message from our Chairman

As you can see from this newsletter it has been a very busy, yet also very productive time for DOC over the last few months. DOC has certainly come a long way since its inauguration back in January 2008 and we have made tremendous progress in our aims to keep the Marsh safe from flooding.

Close links have been established in all the 'right' places and our voice seems to be heard where it counts.

The subject of adequate sea defences has also started to be an issue nationwide and our presence at national level will ensure that people on the Marsh will not be forgotten in Government's future policy decisions.

But DOC would have not been able to make its presence felt without your support and together we **will** achieve our ultimate aim to protect the Marsh— **our future is not negotiable!**

**Terry Preston**

## Thank You!

We would like to thank the **Rye Golf Club** for their generous donation to DOC.

A big 'Thank You' also goes to **Iden Signs** who have provided DOC with a banner free of charge.

And most of all a very big "Thank You" to all those **DOC Members** who have so generously contributed with their subscriptions, donated their time and gifts to help with fund raising and all those DOC Members who volunteered their help with the catering arrangements for our Open Evening.

## Open Meeting – Lydd – 26. June 2009



The Meeting was opened with a very informative presentation given by Deputy Director Sean Furey from Protect Kent (formerly known as the Council for the Protection of Rural England), followed by an excellent presentation by Clive Older (EA) which presented a good opportunity to all those DOC Members who attended to listen to the latest update from the Environment Agency.

Latest details from the Long Term Investment Strategy and the Climate Change report from Defra plus further details on the UK Climate Change Projections 2009 were discussed. After a short refreshment break DOC Members were able to put further questions to the panel of experts. A most informative and enjoyable evening!

## Environment Agency Update.....

### Dymchurch Sea Defence - Frontage A

The Environment Agency has prepared a further update on the Sea Defence Scheme presently under construction at Dymchurch, including Artist's impression and plan view. Once completed, this project which will reduce flooding for nearly two and a half thousand homes in Dymchurch. For more detailed information please contact the Public Liaison Officer Veronica Wells on 07931 450359.

### Broomhill Sands Sea Defence Scheme

This is the first scheme to come out of the Folkestone to Cliff End Flood and Erosion Management Strategy. The improved sea defences will be a rock revetment along most of the frontage with a softer timber groyne and shingle beach in the western end.

The EA are in the 'Business Case' stage of the project. This involves tasks such as site surveys, environmental assessment, modelling and design, to support the approval for funding. Once the EA receive approval, the scheme moves to the detailed design and planning permission stage before progressing to construction. The current forecast date for the start construction is autumn 2011.

DOC has been actively involved in both the Interest Group Workshop and Design Board Meetings arranged by the EA and held at Camber in May 2009.

## DOC Meets EA Chairman and Minister Irranca-Davies!



On 23.6.2009 DOC had an excellent opportunity to emphasise the importance of working closely with local communities in order to

guarantee a successful outcome for our sea defences during a visit by Lord Smith of Finsbury (EA Chairman) in Dymchurch.

On 6 July 2009 DOC attended a 'Coastal Communities at Risk' Conference in Westminster and gave a presentation to Irranca-Davies MP (Minister for Marine and Natural Environment) to highlight the

past and present problems associated with sea defences on the Marsh.

