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— DOVER CHAT

In this issue, as usual, there are some alterations in the advertisements. I hope members read the adverts. and support our advertisers, as we regularly remind you to do so. The main one to note this time is for the coach and taxi service at 53 Castle Street. The offices used to belong to Britannia Cars and Coaches. Now the firm has divided into two concerns ; one is Britannia Coaches, specialising in mini-coach hire; the other is Heritage Taxis, which has kept the old telephone number. Both firms have taken advertisements in The Newsletter, starting with this issue.

Another change is in the advertisement for the Pines Gardens and Museum, at St. Margaret's Bay, bringing it up-to-date with this summer's opening times.

Also members may have noticed the new advert. in Newsletter 27 for Elham Antiques, High Street, Elham. Perhaps many of you have visited the shop by now. It is a new venture of Lyn Clackett's, a Dover Society member, who also has The Warehouse in Queens Gardens, Dover. Lyn has moved all the pine, oak and mahogany furniture to Elham, where she also stocks silver, glass and kitchenalia, while the architectural antiques, like baths, brackets, fireplaces, etc., remain in Dover. The shop at Elham has a lot more space and there is a wide choice of antiques.

Please also note that the advertisement for Three Castles Antiques of 3a Victoria Road, Deal, is now changed to Fordham's and has a different telephone number. I know one member told me she had tried to contact this shop on the old number, without success.

About a dozen of our members volunteered to help Kevin Gubbins with a town survey he is conducting for the Chamber of Commerce and Town Centre Management team. Each of the volunteers chose one street in Dover to distribute survey forms.

Talking of volunteering brings me to another point for discussion. On the latest application forms there is a space which members are invited to complete, offering their help in various ways, such as projects, surveys, social, writing, etc. I have already recruited several contributors for the Newsletter in this way. However, I feel that many of the members who did offer help in other areas may not have been contacted yet and we hope to talk to them in the near future.

For long-time members who did not fill in the new type application form, if you wish to offer help in any of the above areas please contact me and I will put you in touch with the relevant committee member. By the time this Newsletter is printed, we will have held the March Member's Meeting , where members also have an opportunity to discuss contributions.

Now that our membership maintains a constant level of well over 400 members, we hope more individuals will be interested in taking on some of the work of the Society. Some may like to do this only occasionally, like running a raffle at one meeting. Others may like a greater involvement.

So - if you are one of these people, please let us know.

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