

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 the parishes or wards of Barton, Buckland, Castle, Lydden, Temple Ewell, Maxton, Pineham, Priory, River, St. Radigund's, Town & Pier and Tower Hamlets.

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

SEASONAL GREETINGS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS.

As usual at the this time of the year, my first task is to remind members that our next meeting is at Dover College Refectory for the Christmas Feast on Saturday, 19th December. We hope for the usual attendance of between eighty and one hundred members, about a quarter of our membership. Some people thought that the first of August was a little early to be sending out application forms for the Feast, so, to make sure you have a form, we are including another with this issue. Also included is the application form for the February Wine and Wisdom evening, hosted by Clive Taylor.

Successful summer outings in 1998 included a visit to Ramsgate, a trip to Calais, a tour of the Bank of England museum and, for its third year, a barge trip on the Swale. As the Swale Barge trip has been reported at length in its first two years we have omitted a report this year. The Bank of England trip was over subscribed and many members were disappointed when they were unable to obtain places. I wonder if there would be enough demand to run it again another year. The Calais trip was popular, as ever, and, as you will read in Jeremy Cope's report, benefited from having a eloquent Frenchman as a guide. Congratulations, once again, to our Social Secretary, Joan Liggett, for all her hard work and meticulous organisation of outings.

Details of next year's programme are given on the back cover of this Newsletter, with dates for all the indoor meetings at St. Mary's Parish Centre. Dates for the summer excursions have yet to be finalised and will be given in *Newsletter 34* which is due out on 1st April, 1999.

Members will be pleased to note that this issue has another article by local historian, Ivan Green, on 11th Century Building in Dover. There is also an article on the Drop Redoubt, the second in our new series on Dover's fortifications by Jon Iveson, the historian at Dover Museum.

In *Newsletter 32* we reported the opening ceremony of the memorial to Sir Clifford Jarrett on the Prince of Wales Pier. It was hoped to print an account, by Sir Clifford, of his career, but there was insufficient space in the last issue so we are pleased to include it here.

An extract from our accounts for the year ended 31st March is reproduced in this issue. They show a healthy balance of funds but, as reported at the Annual General Meeting, things are not quite as they seem. A significant part of the funds is already committed to Projects and to the Publication Fund. Last year's figures included the start of the Society paying the full cost of producing our magazine and the current year is likely to use a much greater proportion of our funds towards the production of the *Newsletter*. Any large erosion of our funds means that our ability to conduct the work of the Society will be very much impaired.

As mentioned in previous issues of the *Newsletter*, we have been exploring the possibility of obtaining sponsorship for the *Newsletter* and have approached

various local businesses for their support. We are pleased to report that we have made an excellent start with sponsorship from Pfizer, Ltd. of Sandwich, for half the cost of this issue. Pfizer provide generous sponsorship for many local charities and environmental organisations, including our neighbouring Sandwich Society.

Meanwhile, we are continuing to seek sponsorship for 1999 and beyond. Perhaps some members may be able to help, either with sponsorship, or with suggestions of possible sponsors. This may not necessarily be in the form of large companies. I notice from the *Ramsgate Newsletter* that smaller firms may sponsor minor items like supplying envelopes or paying for postage.

Our advertisers help a lot with production costs and we would like to thank them for their continuing support. We have not increased our advertising rates since the first *Newsletters* appeared and we have decided to maintain them at the present level.

Finally, thanks to all our contributors and a Happy New Year to all our readers.

DEADLINE for contributions

The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 34 will be Monday 15th February 1999.

The Editor welcomes contributions and interesting drawings or photographs. "Paper copy" should be typed at double spacing. Handwritten copy should be clear with wide line spacing. Accurate fully proofread copy on computer discs is acceptable; please ring 01304 205254 to discuss details.

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