

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, archæology, 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 READERS

The next meeting is the Christmas Feast at Dover College Refectory on Saturday, 16th December. There is an application form enclosed with this Newsletter. Joan Liggett has engaged Mike Scurfield to provide the entertainment and we hope the evening will be as popular as ever.

The programme for next year is to be found, as usual, on the back inside cover of this issue and an application form for the Wine and Wisdom evening is enclosed. As you will see, all the dates in 2001 are booked. For the May, June and July trips there will be application forms with full details inside the April Newsletter. Please note that for the trip on the Thames on the MV Pocahuntas on June 26th, Joan needs to recruit forty members to make the trip viable so she does want to know in advance if she has enough takers. A clipboard was passed around at the October meeting and twenty six members declared an interest. The list will be circulated at each Society meeting. However, if you are unable to attend any meetings and wish to join the trip, please telephone Joan and let her know.

Since the last issue of the Newsletter there have been three items to report, two outings, to the Marlowe Theatre and to the Verriere Cristallerie D'Arques, and the October meeting. The content of Derek Leach's talk on October 16th is summarised for us here by Jack Woolford. The second half of the meeting was taken up with our annual brain-storming session, which was, as usual, stimulating, thought-provoking and very useful to the committee members involved in planning the programme. The results of the group deliberations have been collated and are presented by the editor.

A major topic for discussion was Cowgate Cemetery. I received two articles for the Newsletter on this subject, one from Paul Hadaway of the WCCP and one from Derek Leach on the cemetery walk, led by Martyn Webster. Although there is some overlap in the articles I decided to include both with very few alterations, as I thought members would like to read both viewpoints. I have since received a footnote from

Derek bringing us up-to-date with developments. Certainly volunteers will be needed from the Dover Society to help with the project. Will you be one? If you would like more information ring Barry Late on 01304 202001.

The November meeting has two speakers, Clive Alexander on 'Buildings under Threat' and John Elliott on 'Planning Pfizer's Growth'. Once again we are very grateful to Pfizer Ltd. for their support in sponsoring half the cost of our December issue of the Newsletter.

It is hoped to launch the book *Dover, Collected Memories of a Century* during the interval of the November meeting, so some members will have already bought a copy by the time this Newsletter appears. Others can obtain copies from Budge Adams, Derek Leach or myself. A loose-leaf insert gives all the details.

At this time last year we reported that we were awaiting the installation of our first Millennium plaques. In the year 2000 we planned to install ten plaques. Six were in place by October with four more to put in place by the end of the year. One of the four remaining plaques is for the Lord Warden House where Napoleon III, on his exile in 1871, was reunited with his wife, Eugenie. This prompted Terry Sutton to write an

article about Napoleon III and the editor to add another on the history of the Lord Warden Hotel and to use this theme for the centre pages and the cover of this issue.

We have contributions from Dover Harbour Board and from the Town Management Centre. Thank you to Keith Southey and Mike Webb. We have three reviews, thanks to Glyn Hale, Terry Sutton and Sheila Cope. We have a page of useful local web sites, contributed by Mike McFarnell. We also include the latest Ferry Focus and a report from Terry Sutton on the last days of the Hovercraft.

Ivan Green continues his series on Dover's history with happenings in the reign of Bloody Mary and there is a seasonal article by Harry Dyer on his first experience of pantomime. A packed issue indeed. We are back to 44 pages this time.

We give thanks to all our contributors and to our advertisers. We need you all to make the Newsletter a success. A special welcome to our one new advertiser this time, Cheryl Culver of Dover Arts and Picture Framing. Have you seen her 2001 calendars? I have bought two already. They will make great Christmas presents!

Wishing all our readers a prosperous New Year.

Editor

DEADLINE for contributions

The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 40 will be Monday 12th February 2001.

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 proof-read copy on computer discs is acceptable; please ring 01304 205254 to discuss details.

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