

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

The next meeting is the fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the Society on Monday, 22nd April, at St. Mary's Parish Centre. The speaker is Dr. Fred Lansberry on 'Henry VIII and Dover'. We hope for the usual good attendance.

This will be the last indoor meeting until October. From May members can join any or all of the six summer outings organised by our Social Secretary, Joan Liggett. Joan never ceases to amaze me! Every summer she comes up with yet another fantastic choice of trips. What have we this year? There are two theatre trips, one to the Marlowe in Canterbury to see 'Sunset Boulevard' and one to the Globe Theatre to see 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. There are two country trips - always popular - one to Higham House and Gardens and one to Herstmonceux Castle and Science Centre. The French trip is to Agincourt in September (details not available yet) and August brings a totally new venture! Eight days on the Isle of Wight! Who suggested that in the last brainstorming session?

Please check the details of all these outings on the inside cover of the back page of this issue. Remember that we no longer enclose application forms for outings with the Newsletter. These will be available at the indoor meetings in March and April and from Joan at any time (telephone: 214886). Joan also has forms available on the coach at any outing so you can get forms for future trips when you see her. Having said that, it is safer to book well ahead for the popular events like theatre visits. Please help Joan by making sure you know the time of departure of the coach and let her know your chosen pick-up point, when there is a choice.

In this issue there are two reviews of books to be published shortly. One is *The Central Estate and the Hartlepoons* by Vice-President, Jack Woolford. The other is a new local book *Greetings, Dover* by Jack Hewitt, the fourth of

its kind to be launched by Riverdale Publications. As S.S.G. Hale points out, in his article *Local Heroes*, our Vice-Chairman, Derek Leach, is becoming well-known for his presentations of the lives of local personalities and is making a valuable contribution to preserving Dover's past.

There are reports of all the indoor meetings from November to February, which include four talks and the Christmas Feast and the Wine and Wisdom. All have been successful and well attended and we thank members for their support and Jack, Derek, Glyn, Ken and Shirley for their reports.

Paul Hadaway of the White Cliffs Countryside Project gives us a foretaste of their summer programme, F.G. Thomas has sent a report of the weather in 2001 and Ivan Green writes about Medieval Guilds. I had three other

contributions on diverse topics which I have grouped together in a section called 'Glimpses of the Past'. They all have a connection with Dover, however tenuous.

Mike McFarnell continues to bring the Website page up to date and invites us to attend this year's Dover Pageant on 5th and 6th May. We hope vast numbers will support it and visit the Society stand.

Hugh and Lesley Gordon report on the success of the Cowgate Project and members who attended the March Meeting will have heard more details of that. Both teams of workers have done wonders at Cowgate and deserve our praise.

Many thanks to all our regular contributors and to our advertisers for their continued support.

Editor

DEADLINE for contributions

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