

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

On 22nd April the Society held its fourteenth Annual General Meeting. There were few changes this year to the Executive Committee. All the officers were re-elected. Two committee members have resigned, Leo Wright and Audrey Wood, but two other members are being co-opted, as their applications were too late to be included in the AGM agenda. They are Anthony Lane and Ken Wraight, the latter a former member of the committee, returning after a gap of some years. Details of the meeting are given in full in this issue. The talk on Henry VIII and the Field of Cloth of Gold is reported by Tessa George and the annual accounts from our Treasurer, Mike Weston, are also included. (Since the AGM Mike has received the first cheque from the proceeds of the Gift Aid forms - it was for £381!

This Newsletter also includes reports of the March meeting and the first two summer outings to Higham Park and the Globe theatre. The new system for booking for outings seems to be working successfully and we thank all members for their cooperation in this. Details of all trips are included in your Newsletter and forms can always be obtained from Joan Liggett. Members wishing to join the trip to France in September (Agincourt £25.00) need to book now.

The next indoor meeting of the Society, at St. Mary's Parish centre, will be on Monday, 14th October, at 7.30 pm.

We are pleased to report that the first award of the Philomena Kennedy memorial has been awarded to a pupil of Dover Grammar School for Girls. This will be an annual award. Members may have followed the reports in various Newsletters by Jeremy and Sheila Cope on the progress of the discussions and planning leading up to the final form the memorial would take. Philomena died in October 1999, so the whole process has, amazingly, taken almost three years to

complete. Now, there is a plaque at the Grammar school with two original works by Philomena on the wall beside it, a lasting memorial for the school to keep.

By coincidence, the museum held a very successful exhibition of Philomena's work this Spring which included a few of her drawings for the Newsletters. I have written a short report of it here.

On the subject of memorials, planning is proceeding for the production of the memorial to Budge Adams. It is hoped that a small sub-committee will soon start work on scanning the slides to be used in a CD of Budge's collection. It is hoped that this will be completed in 2003, which again will be more than two years after Budge's death in December 2000, a reflection of how long these things take from the planning to the final outcome. Derek Leach has written an update here on the progress of the Budge memorial.

There is a wide range of subject

matter for our articles this time. Anthony Lane, our newest committee member, has contributed a very interesting article on the Varne lightship and Jim Francis has written about the Jubilee 'Party at the Palace'. I have collected four other pieces for my series of 'Glimpses of the Past', which can include any memories or accounts of happenings in Dover in past centuries, as you can see. If any readers can contribute stories of their own memories, or even those of their ancestors, these could be useful additions to the series. Does your mother/father/grandmother/grandfather/relative of any kind have an interesting anecdote to relate?

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Editor

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The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 45 will be Monday 7th October 2002.

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