

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

We hope to see many of you at the next meeting which is the Christmas Feast on December 14th at Dover College Refectory. Book with Joan Liggett if you have not already done so. Details of the rest of the indoor meetings are listed on the back cover as usual. Remember to book a table for the popular February Wine and Wisdom evening.

The last summer outing, a day trip to Azincourt, was a great success and is reported here by Joyce Molyneux, who gives us her own historian's view of the battle. Thanks to all who contributed photographs, plans and maps. Joan Liggett, with her usual efficiency, organised the event, despite many setbacks, including a last-minute switch to a different coach company, and, as ever, she deserves our congratulations.

The autumn season started with a flourish, coinciding, as it did, with the news of Dover District Council's proposed restructuring plans, perceived by most residents as unwelcome CUTS! As it happened, the speaker booked for the October meeting was none other than the Managing Director of Dover District Council, Nadeem Aziz, who had to face a barrage of questions at the end of his talk. Jack Woolford reports on this. After the interval, when our speaker had departed, the assembled company got down to the annual brainstorming session, with plenty of current ideas for discussion. As usual, I have collated the findings and presented them as they emerged at the meeting. However, as most members will be aware, the following week the Council had second thoughts on several of their proposals, after they had feedback on the views of Dover District's residents. The summary of the Society's views was sent to the Managing Director and the Chairman of DDC. A response was received stating that our views would be taken into consideration at the full Council meeting.

This newsletter includes many of its usual features, reports from Paul Hadaway and Chris Taft, an article by Ivan Green, reports from Planning and Projects and three more snippets of Dover history in 'Glimpses of the Past'. This collection is proving a

very popular feature of the Newsletter and I have four or five promises of future contributions from members. If you have any memories which you think may be suitable for the series please let me know. They can be your own memories or those of friends or relatives.

Thanks are due to all our contributors and to our advertisers. Please support them at Christmas. Culver Gallery calendars and pictures make great presents. Take a look at Serendipity's huge collection of antique

china when you are in Deal. Visit Elham Antiques. Note that Castle Fine Arts has moved, but Deborah Colam can be contacted on the same telephone number.

Our grateful thanks to all distributors, especially Joe Harman who has just given up the job, having done it from the beginning. He is replaced by Martyn Burton. Congratulations to Vice-President, Ivan Green, on the occasion of his 90th Birthday.

Seasonal greetings to all our readers.

Editor

FOOTNOTE: WANTED - AN EDITOR

I have now held the post of Newsletter Editor for eleven years, having taken over from Philomena Kennedy for the September issue in 1991. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as editor but would like to find a successor when I have completed twelve years at the job, that is after the April issue 2003. The applicant will need to have a PC and to collect all the material for an issue, edit it, send it for proof-reading and present the copy to Adams Printers on disc. Alternatively, should we find an editor with the expertise to do all the page-setting as well as the above, the Society would be lucky indeed - and it would save a great deal on printing costs. If there is an enthusiastic member out there who would like to undertake this fascinating and rewarding job, please get in touch with me. Needless to say, I will be happy to support and help the new editor for several issues and to continue to contribute articles in the future.

Merril Lilley

DEADLINE for contributions

The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 46 will be Monday 17th February 2003.

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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