

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

by Merril Lilley

THE LAST INDOOR MEETING, UNTIL OCTOBER, WAS THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Monday 14th April at St. Mary's Parish Centre, when the speaker was Bob Goldfield of Dover Harbour Board. Details of the meeting are reported here, together with the treasurer's financial report and Jack Woolford's account of the talk.

Three members have resigned from the committee, Hugh Gordon, Ken Wraight and Anthony Lane. We thank them for their contributions

Sadly the first of the summer outings for this year had to be cancelled due to lack of support from members. We were disappointed at this outcome as we had thought a May Day at Hever Castle would appeal. In the meantime the date of the river trip on MS Pocahontas was changed from June 19 to June 18 with sufficient support to make this viable. Details of the August and September outings are given on the last page of this Newsletter. In August there is a trip to the House of Commons and in September a visit to La Coupole in France. Contact Joan Liggett to book your place or if you need further information.

This newsletter includes many of its usual features, a report from Chris Taft, an article by Ivan Green, accounts of Society meetings, reports from planning and three more snippets of Dover history in 'Glimpses of the Past'. Also included is my report on the last (for the time being at least) temporary exhibition at Dover Museum on the Victorians, which led me to an investigation into the celebrations at the Wellington Pavilion in 1839.

In addition there is an interesting article from member Marion Short on Staffordshire porcelain. Marion, of Serendipity in Deal,

specialises in porcelain and has written several articles on the subject for various publications and has recently been spotted on the television programme Bargain Hunt. If you have never visited Serendipity, do pop in next time you are in Deal and see Marion's collection.

The most important announcement in this issue is the news that we have a new subeditor. In response to my advertisement, new member Steve Franks has agreed to join me in producing the Newsletter. He will be doing the bulk of the computer work, including the page-setting and will thus prove a valuable asset to the Society. In future, mem-

bers submitting copy can send it to me or direct to Steve by E-mail (steve-franks@btclick.com). We are all very grateful to him for taking on the job.

The deadline for copy for the next issue is Monday, 13th October, but, as usual, I would appeal to all contributors to send in copy earlier than this date if they have it ready.

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Editor

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