

The work of the

Planning

sub-committee

reported by Jack Woolford Chairman

We are delighted by the refurbishment of the Pencester Rd. building which houses Town Centre Management. Can it be that our 'Praise and Shame' campaign is working? Our fingers are crossed.

We congratulate our Mayor George Allt on the ceremonial opening of 'Dover In Bloom', and the Town Council for the new planters which will soon house plants as well as cigarette ends. We hope that shopkeepers will do likewise.

We are involved in the controversy over Buckland Flour Mill and spoke for the proposed conversion into flats at the Planning Committee, because it would open the millpond to the public and contribute to the Riverside Walk. The application was rejected for lack of adequate parking, premature alterations to a Listed Building, and inadequate flood and contamination surveys. The atmosphere was acrimonious, but compromise should be possible.

We are impressed by the DDC/SEEDA Plan-

ning Brief for the future of Buckland Paper Mill. Justification for the addition of housing to employment is convincing, and the revelation of the river with its millpond, caused by the demolitions, is breathtaking. The certainty of public access virtually guarantees a major addition to the Riverside Walk and the restored intervisibility of the listed house and St. Andrew's Church will offer a splendid vista. On the other hand, the intended conversion to housing of the unlisted main building, seems unrealistic. We noted at the Annual Port meeting that the demise of Westport is not as certain as forecast by Bob Goldfield at our AGM. We look forward to the report of the consultants in September on the 30 Year Plan for the port. Bearing in mind the formidable multiplicity of uncertainties involved - climatic, social and economic, national and international - extraordinary foresight and luck will be needed. Fortunately the precedents are encouraging.

Membership News - Summer 2003

Sheila Cope

The Dover Society was founded 15 years ago and we have reached the stage where the present number of members, 421, balances those we have lost over the years. The latest membership number is 853, issued to the person who has kindly volunteered to be responsible for the technological side of editorship.

New members are recruited through publicity in the press about our views and activities, our website, and even more effectively by word of mouth. We welcome all those who support our objectives. Some of our members cannot take an active role

because of distance, infirmity or other demands on their time. We are still very glad to have them. The more fee-paying members we have, the more weight our views carry. Even if you can never attend a meeting you are helping immensely by remaining a member yourself and by recruiting new ones.

And the welcome new ones are :- Miss I Skegg, Mr T Kent, Mr E & Mrs B Spicer, Miss M Mee, Mr D & Mrs C Shrubbs, Mr M & Mrs I Morecroft, Mr C Taft & Miss T Edwards, Mrs M Mellanby, Mr J Eyers & Ms M Job and Mr S Franks. Well done!