

## *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

*Merril Lilley*

Christmas greetings to all our readers.

We hope to see many of you, as usual at the Christmas Feast at Dover College Refectory on 13th December. An application form is included with this Newsletter. The cost this year is £17.00. Joan Liggett has arranged for Nicholas Harby and Elizabeth Luckhurst to provide a musical interlude and they will also accompany the carol singing. Please book your place if you have not already done so.

Application forms for the Wine and Wisdom in February are also enclosed with this issue.

The details of meetings for 2004 can be found on the back page, as usual, with the exception of the summer outings. Joan is working on the dates and venues for the trips and these will be available in the April issue of the Newsletter. Some advance information and booking forms may be ready by the March meeting.

The summer outings for this year are completed and were all very successful. They included the trip on the MS Pocahontas in June, the morning visit to Broadstairs in July, the outing to the House of Commons in August and the French trip to La Coupole rocket site in September. All four are reported here and we thank the members who wrote accounts of their impressions of the visits for the Newsletter. All the participants were unanimously enthusiastic in praising Joan for her excellent planning and organisation and, as ever, she deserves our thanks

The first meeting of the Autumn took place on 20th October, with two speakers,

Michael Hinton on Josephine Butler and Paul Bolas on the River Dour project. We have managed to include reports of these two talks although there was very little time to do so before the Newsletter was due at the printers. Jeremy Cope has written an account of Paul Bolas's talk and has also added his report on the progress of 'River-watch'. Terry Sutton has written on Josephine Butler. Many thanks to them both for meeting the deadline. The long-awaited Newsletter binders are now available and were first on sale at the October meeting. If you did not attend the meeting and wish to purchase some binders at £4.48 each please contact the editor. (Tel: 205 254)

In addition to our usual reports on Planning and Membership News, we have ongoing reports from Jeremy Cope and from Lesley Gordon on the success of the Cowgate cemetery project, which, as you will remember, is concerned with both the clearance of the site and the recording of gravestones. Both aspects of the project have been rewarding and produced pleas-

ing results. Much of this is due to the work of member volunteers who have given so much of their time to the project. The Society is also working with the White Cliffs Countryside Project to arrange for an information plaque to be placed in the cemetery.

Another ongoing project is the scanning of the Budge Adams slides, which has been undertaken by Derek Leach and another small team of volunteers, working each week in the library of Dover museum. After more than twelve months the team is nearing the end of its task and it may soon be possible to begin planning the CD and the booklet which will constitute a memorial to Budge.

Other pieces in this issue include articles by Ivan Green and Derek Leach, a report from Chris Taft of the Western Heights Preservation Society and two more contributions to the series 'Glimpses of the Past'. At the end of another year once again we thank all our contributors, advertisers and distributors.

### **Deadline for contributions**

The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 49 will be Monday 9th February 2004.

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. Computer files are acceptable; please see guidelines on page 7.

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