

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



Christmas Greetings to all our readers

We hope to see many of you at the Christmas Feast at Dover College Refectory on December 18th. An application form is included with this Newsletter. Please book your place if you have not already done so.

Application forms for the Wine and Wisdom on February 14th are also enclosed. The details of all other meetings are to be found on the back page as usual.

The two last outings of the summer are reported here, the London trip to the Bank of England and Tate Modern, by Adeline Reidy, and the visit to Lille, by John Husband.

The first indoor meeting of the autumn was held on October 25th at Biggin Hall with two speakers, Mike Dawson on Planning for Dover and Jon Iveson on the Western Heights, past and present. The discussion of the St. James' development, which provoked the most response to Mike Dawson's talk, was continued at the November meeting and will be reported in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Chris Taft contributes his usual WHPS report and is to be congratulated on his Society's work in opening up the Western Heights this summer. The Drop Redoubt and Grand Shaft were open to the public several times and attracted large numbers of visitors.

Jack Woolford, as well as his usual reports on planning and KFAS, has written a review of the last music concert. These concerts have been so successful that it is proposed to start a Dover Music Society. Details of this are to be found on page 27.

One of our usual features, 'Glimpses of the Past', did not appear in the last issue, so, as promised, it is included in this one, with four very different contributions.

The committee are delighted to announce the publication of our long-awaited tribute to Budge Adams which was launched at the meeting on November 15th. This is a selection of slides, taken from Budge's collection and chosen

and presented by Derek Leach and Bob Hollingsbee. As a memorial to Budge all members will receive a free copy of the book, one per household. Members who did not collect a copy at the November meeting will have one delivered with the

Newsletter.

With many thanks, as usual, to all who have contributed to this 51st issue of the Newsletter, to advertisers, distributors and, most of all, writers.

Editor

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DEADLINE for contributions

The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 52 will be Monday 14th February 2005. 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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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

AUTUMN 2004

This time of year is always the lowest point for membership. The final tally of non renewals, for whatever reason, is calculated and the usual increase in applications resulting from the indoor meetings has not yet occurred. Although the total at 442 is less than we had hoped, it is still higher than in any previous Autumn. Very welcome new members are Mr W P Parry, Mr A and Mrs A Jones, Mrs M Morris, Mrs H Tappe-Pearce, Mr T Croft.

We send our congratulations and best wishes to two of our members, Chris Taft and Tamsyn Edwards, who were married this summer.

PLEASE MAINTAIN RAFFLE PRIZES AND CONTINUE TO BUY TICKETS

Sheila Cope