

## *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

The next meeting of the Society will be the Sixteenth Annual General Meeting at St. Mary's Parish Centre at 7.30 p.m. on 18th April. We hope for the usual good attendance. This will be our last indoor meeting until October.

Summer outings will take place from May to September and details of these are listed, as usual, on the inside back cover of the Newsletter. The first is a visit to Chartwell on 19th May. The home of Winston Churchill, the house has beautiful gardens, overlooking the Weald of Kent. On June 23rd there is a half-day outing to 'Walkabout Hythe'. The July trip may prove to be the most popular in this 'The Year of the Sea'. Joan has arranged a day out at Chatham Dockyard. We did have a trip here several years ago but, I understand, there are a lot of new things to see at the dockyard and there is the additional treat of a cream tea on a paddle steamer. Application forms for all three events are included with this Newsletter.

The August London outing will be to the British Museum. The September French outing is in process of planning.

2005 is to be 'The Year of the Sea'. It is also the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. There are so many events locally concerned with SEABRITAIN 2005 that it is impossible to list them all in this Newsletter. However, a selection of those which may appeal to our members appears on the centre pages of this issue. More information will be available throughout the year from Dover Tourist Information Office at the side of the Maison Dieu. There is a lot happening in Dover, of course, as it has such a rich maritime history. To add to the celebration of SeaBritain I have included four sea pictures from the collection of Ivan Green, our ex-vice-president, who died a year ago on 10th February 2004. Bob and Kath Hollingsbee, also wishing to contribute to SeaBritain 2005, have sent a article about the Battle of Trafalgar.

Another major event in Dover takes place on 12th April. This is the installation of the new

Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, Admiral the Lord Boyce. Coincidentally, Terry Sutton gave a talk on the Lords Warden recently, when he stepped in, at short notice, to replace a speaker at our January meeting. An article on the subject (page 12) covers his talk and the event of the installation of the new warden.

Chris Taft contributes his usual WHPS report and reports that his Society hopes to be opening up the Western Heights again this summer, including the Drop Redoubt and Grand Shaft. These were open to the public several times last year and attracted large numbers of visitors.

Jack Woolford contributes his Planning report and an account of the talk at the January meeting. Jeremy Cope is to be thanked for sending four reports for this issue, one on the February Wine and Wisdom and the rest on various projects..

One of our usual features, 'Glimpses of

the Past', has three offerings this time, from Peter Burville, Terry Sutton and Bessie Newton, who was inspired by the Tribute to Budge Adams to write some of her Dover memories. The Editor and members of the Committee have received countless letters and messages of thanks from members, saying how much they appreciated receiving their copies of the book. We are very pleased with the response.

With many thanks, as usual, to all who have contributed to this 52nd issue of the Newsletter, to advertisers, distributors and, most of all, writers.

In addition, as this is my last Newsletter, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me in my fourteen years as Editor. It has been a rewarding and enjoyable job.

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## DEADLINE for contributions

The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 53 will be Monday 13th June 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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