

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

Before I introduce myself as the new editor I would like to thank Merrill for the many years that she has devoted to producing one of the best society newsletters in print. I am sure that all of the members wish her well, but although standing down as the editor Merrill intends to remain an active member.

Just a few words about me by way of an introduction, my name is Alan Lee and I am married and have one young daughter. I was born in Dover in 1947 and apart from when I served in the Army I have mainly lived and worked in the town. Currently I work for the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment and Queen's Regiment Museum based within Dover Castle. Having never before attempted to edit a newsletter I hope that I can continue to produce one that keeps up the high standards that are worthy of the Dover Society.

The last indoor meeting was the sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the Society held on 18th April at St. Mary's Parish Centre. Details of the meeting are given in the Newsletter together with the Treasurer's annual financial report. It is hoped that members will continue to fully support the "Gift Aid" scheme as this is of a real benefit to the society and at no extra cost for the individual, so please do sign the form. After the interval and the raffle, the best ever, the speaker was Philip Robinson on "French as she is Sung". The audience was taken by surprise at some of the unusual facts that emerged from the talk. A full account appears in the Newsletter.

In this edition special congratulations must go to the Western Heights Preservation Society for the hard work in opening up the Heights this summer. Also to all involved in the organisation of the Dover Pageant, a most enjoyable day out. May these events, and many similar ones in the area, continue to enhance and broaden our way of life.

By the time this edition appears three of the summer outings will have taken place, the trips to Chartwell, Hythe and Chatham Dockyard. As

usual all trips were well organised by Joan Liggett and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Later this month is the trip to London, there are some seats still available but to avoid any disappointment please book with Joan as soon as possible on 01304 214886. You will also find included booking forms for the September visit to St. Omer, the 200th Anniversary of Trafalgar Dinner and Dance and the Christmas Feast. These are all likely to prove to be very popular so it is advisable to secure your place by contacting Joan as soon as possible.

August also sees the Dover Regatta followed closely by the Dover Rowing Club Regatta. October then sees the return of our indoor meetings with the speaker Harry Ward enlightening us on Captain

Cook. For November we have Councillor Richard King on "The Future of Kent" always a concern for most members.

As very much the new boy on the team I will welcome any comments or constructive criticism on the Newsletter. The committee are always receptive towards any ideas or suggestions as to speakers for the meetings or destinations for society outings. I am very much looking forward to receiving any articles submitted by members, both those who have not previously contributed, and our regular contributors, your experiences would be of great interest to many readers.

With many thanks to all who have contributed or helped in any way in the production and distribution of this latest newsletter.

Editor

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DEADLINE for contributions

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