

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



The committee and editorial staff wish to extend seasonal greetings to all of our readers and to all of our advertisers

The next meeting will be held on January 16th, with Lea Oakley speaking on *Wallett's Court* and Philip Wyborn-Brown on *Hubert de Burgh*. I would also like to bring to your attention the article *More Houses* by Terry Sutton as this will hopefully start a discussion, both for and against, by way of a reply to the editor for inclusion in the next newsletter.

The next social event is our annual Christmas Feast held on December 17th in the Refectory in Dover College. We hope to see as many of you as possible and if you have not yet done so then why not come along, a booking form is included in this issue. An excellent evening is in prospect with Joan having procured the services of *Quodlibet* to provide the evening's entertainment. Would any members who intend to attend please contact Joan Liggett, Social Secretary, as soon as possible.

We would like to thank Sheila Cope for the many successful years of running the society raffle and to wish the same success to Adeline Reidy who has taken over the role. Any offers of prizes for the raffle are always welcome and should be addressed to Adeline.

As the next Annual General Meeting is to be held earlier than usual the next newsletter will be published in the middle of March. This will then reach the membership in plenty of time to remind them that any nominations for elected posts within the committee must be received by the secretary no later than 14 days before the meeting.

Congratulations to the small Cowgate cemetery recording team, through their work the society has achieved its aim of recording all gravestones, and mapping them. This has been an excellent project and should be of great benefit to the community in years to come. We must also extend our congratulations to all of the volunteers

who have managed to keep Cowgate cemetery in such a wonderful condition, this has been hard work in the last few years clearing the site and has proved a very rewarding project for the society. It now requires ongoing commitment to keep it in such a good condition.

On Wednesday 2nd November, Cllr Ken Tranter, the Mayor of Dover unveiled two mile "plaques" on the SPAR shop in London Road. The cast iron plaques, probably date from before 1836 and once adorned the Milestone Inn which stood on the same spot. Later this became Vaughan's

Outfitters which is featured in a 1923 picture in the London Road Community Forum 2006 calendar. About 15 years ago the plaques were removed but Pete McGrino retrieved them and kept them safe. Members of the forum cleaned them up and Eddie Sall, owner of the shop agreed to have the freshly repainted plaques put back. One plaque states "70 MILES TO LONDON 14 MILES TO CANTERBURY" the other "1 MILE TO DOVOR" which refers to when this was the edge of Charlton Village and it was green fields between here and what is now the High Street.

Editor

WANTED

A volunteer to take over the post of Advertising Manager for the Society Newsletter. If you are interested in this role, or you know of anyone else who may be, then contact the Chairman or any member of the committee. (See inside cover of newsletter for contact details)

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DEADLINE for contributions

The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 55 will be Wednesday 1st February 2006. 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 213668 to discuss details.

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