

Philomena Kennedy Art Prize



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On 28th June at the Girls Grammar School Jeremy and I attended the A2 and AS art exhibition. This was a display of examination work entered by Lower VIth and Upper VIth (A-level) students. We were very impressed by the immense variety and vitality of the exhibits. Explanations about techniques and thought processes accompanying the exhibits demonstrated how much hard work this one subject had demanded.

Since the prize, awarded by the Society in memory of our founder Philomena Kennedy, is intended as a means of encouragement for the Lower VIth, fellow students and volunteers to the exhibition were asked to record an assessment of each individual presentation. Thus the element of evaluation by the peer group, which has always been the criterion for choice, was maintained.

Gina Berisford and Jade Everett were equal winners and both received a Society cheque for £25 to be spent on art materials. Last year the prize was not taken up and therefore the committee was content with the two awarded this time. Our Chairman, Derek Leach, attended the final art lesson of the term to present the prizes and the Society has received letters of thanks from both winners.

DOVER SOCIETY WEBSITE UPDATE

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LONDON 2012

I have included the London 2012 website because the Olympics will provide Dover with many opportunities but only if we have the vision and enthusiasm to exploit the potential benefits. The new fast link will from Ashford to Stratford will make it possible to travel from Dover to the Olympic Stadium in an hour. Dover Castle could provide the venue for a major pre Olympic Archery Tournament. Mayor Ken Tranter has agreed to host a power point presentation to make the case to English Heritage, the Olympic Archery Committee and all the bodies involved, that Dover Castle must be a venue to benefit from the Olympics. The Friends of Dover Castle have agreed to provide a purse of 500 guineas for "Archer of the Realm" in the Olympic year. There is the potential to increase the size of the purse to attract the very best in Archery from all over the world. Dover College has expressed an interest in hosting a "Long Bow" Tournament on the same weekend. Archery is a "Cinderella sport" but with the right personality (Olga Corbet) could emerge like gymnastics.

DOVER FILM FESTIVAL

From 1st December, 10,000 programmes will be given away free to promote the 2006 Dover Film Festival which takes place at Dover Town Hall on Monday 6th February 2006 and Tuesday 7th February 2006 at 3.00pm and 7.30pm. 350 tickets were sold for the 2005 Dover Film Festival so please give your support to increase the numbers attending for 2006. The event includes the installation of the Lord Warden, visit by the Queen, Dover Pageant, Dover Carnival, Hospital fete and Dover Regatta to name but a few. The 1965 Ray Warner Film will be shown to give a glimpse of Dover 40 years ago.