

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 next meeting of the Society will be the Seventeenth Annual General Meeting at St. Mary's Parish Centre at 7.30pm on Monday 10th April. The speaker that night will be Martyn Webster. This will be the last indoor meeting until October. We hope for the usual good attendance.

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. Our Social Secretary Joan Liggett has again been working hard planning the summer trips; hopefully there will be something to interest everyone. Please note there are some changes to the previously published outings. The first visit on 13th May is to Wakehurst Place with its multitude of plants and trees. On 10th June Joan has organised a cruise in Bewl Water and following this we will move on to Lamberhurst Vineyard. This produces some of England's finest wines and after the tour a wine tasting has been arranged, something I for one am looking forward to. The outing on 15th July to Kensington Palace will, as well as visiting the State rooms, will include the Orangery and Sunken Garden. Application forms for all three events are included with this newsletter, or if you prefer just give Joan a call and book over the phone, 01304 214886. There will be no outing in August this year but the September French trip will take place and is in the process of being planned.

Will any members with any ideas or suggestions for society outings in the future please contact either Joan or a member of the committee?

As well as our regular and most welcome contributions as usual I am looking out for any articles or reminiscences from new contributors, there must be a lot of our members with tales to tell. If you would prefer to tell your story verbally then please contact me and I will arrange a

meeting with you. This edition we have two people who have not sent anything in before. One from my wife, who has never written an article to be published before, is a personal recollection of her father and their early life. The other is the first in what I hope will be a series connected to the Dover Town Council's project aiming to research all of the names on the War Memorial which stands in front of Maison Dieu House, the new Town Hall. If any of our members have details, information or photographs connected to any of the

names on the memorial, or even names that may have been omitted could you please contact the Editor.

Last but not least thanks must once again go to all who made the Christmas Feast such a success. It was the first time that myself, wife and daughter had attended and we were very impressed with the organisation, entertainment, catering and setting. We can thoroughly recommend this annual event to anyone and look forward eagerly to the next one.

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

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