

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

On 10th April 2006, the Dover Society held its Annual General Meeting at St. Mary's Parish Centre with once again an excellent turnout of members in attendance. The format of the meetings has now been changed with only the chairman and the treasurer to report to the meeting thus making it more streamlined.

The speaker after the interval was Martyn Webster who gave the members a fascinating insight into the Steber family and their travels that started with a clock.

Included in this issue are reports of the March meeting and two very different subjects; Brian Madderson talking about bananas and David Irons on the history of the Iron and Crundall families.

Three new reporters have submitted reports in this edition; Madeleine Mee and Jane Francis on the May outing to Wakehurst Place, while Denise Lee has written about the trip to Bewl Water. Well done to all three for the excellent stories, may there be many more to come. The report of the July trip to Kensington Palace will be in the next newsletter. With no outing in August, the next trip will be in September. The destination has changed to that published in the last newsletter. Instead of France the outing will be to Bruges in Belgium, included will be a tour of a brewery in the morning followed by lunch with the afternoon as time to either shop or explore the town, whatever takes your fancy. Please book up at the earliest opportunity as the September outings that take us over the Channel are always a popular choice with the members. The Christmas feast is still in the planning stage so if you know of any entertainment that you think may be suitable please contact Joan Liggett on 01304 214886 or speak with the editor.

We are always on the lookout for helpers with the society projects, you can do as little or as much as you like. They are always friendly gatherings as you can see in the photograph of



the group at Cowgate celebrating yet another one of Jack Woolford's birthdays. So do come along you will be made most welcome, although I cannot guarantee a birthday every time.

Enclosed with your newsletter is a booking form for Bruges, the Christmas Feast and an order form for Christmas

cards. This is first time the society will be publishing cards and as you will see from the advert over the page, they are a set of four old views of Dover. They are in colour and are about the same size as the cover of the newsletter.

Many thanks to all our regular contributors and all those who have sent in just one or two items, all are gratefully received and any photographs and original documents will be returned to the owner. If you would like to write something for the newsletter do not worry to much about the grammar as all articles are sent to very discrete proof readers before they are published. Some of the most popular with our readers seem to be people's stories of their upbringing of what life was like in days gone by.

Editor

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DEADLINE for contributions

The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 57 will be Wednesday 11th October 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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