

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 last indoor meeting was the eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the Society held on 16th 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 the members continue to 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.

By the time this edition appears most of our summer outings will have taken place. These as usual were well organised by Pat Hooper who puts in a lot of hard work making sure that all runs smoothly.

Later this month is the trip to St. Peter's Village Broadstairs, there are some seats still available but to avoid any disappointment please book with Pat as soon as possible on 01304 2281289. You will also find included booking forms for the September visit to Boulogne, in conjunction with our friends from Condette, and the Christmas Feast. These are all likely to prove very popular so it is advisable to secure your place by contacting Pat as soon as possible.

August also sees the Archery World Cup, the Dover Regatta and the Dover Rowing Club Regatta. October marks the return of our indoor meetings and in November we hope to have a talk on the future of Buckland Hospital and health care in Dover. There will also be an opportunity for members to have their questions answered, as we know you have many concerns on this subject.

Already this year Dover has been host to a number of events. The Dover Film Festival, the Carnival and the Multicultural Festival were all a success, all bigger events than last year and attracting larger attendances. The Dover Music Society, the Western Heights

Preservation Society, the Dover Operatic and Dramatic Society and the Blackfish Academy along with many others are all proving to be increasingly popular.

Next year will also see the Dover Festival, with many events throughout the year

and the return of the ever-successful Dover Pageant.

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

Editor

DEADLINE for contributions

The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 60 will be Wednesday 10th October 2007. 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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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Summer 2007

At 467 our membership is the highest ever and 10 more than this time last year. The overall increase is due mainly to the efforts of our most recent Committee members who have all worked hard to increase our numbers.

Please remember that our membership year runs from April 1st to March 31st. Renewals are not therefore due on the anniversary of joining, as is the case with some organisations. Nevertheless those who join "late" from December onwards are given the benefit of an initial extra month or two.

We have welcomed:- Miss M Potts, Mrs Y Green, Ms R Parkinson, Mr J Burniston, Mr P & Mrs V Franklin, Mr S Millen, Mr N Hill, Mrs J Percy, Mr E Wheeler, Mr P & Mrs L Sullivan, Mr R & Mrs O Ford, Mr P Green.

Sheila Cope, Membership Secretary