

## *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

OUR NEXT MEETING will be the Annual General Meeting, at 7.30pm on Monday 21st April at St. Mary's Parish Centre. **We would like to remind members that any nominations for elected posts within the committee and all resolutions must be received by the secretary no later than 14 days before the meeting.** The speaker will be Terry Sutton talking about the Lords Warden at Walmer Castle. This will be the last indoor meeting until October, so we hope for the usual good attendance. Ever mindful of the rising cost of living, we are once again proposing to keep the subscription rate at its present level. This offers exceptional value as the last increase was back in April 1996, as we should point out when encouraging new members to join. If you need an application form please contact the editor.

Many thanks to all who contacted me about the cover picture on the last edition of the newsletter. It is St James' Lane, with the corner of St James' St on the left, looking down towards Townwall St.

Pat Hooper has once again been busy arranging the society's summer outings. As there have been some enforced changes to the previously published dates, please take time to look inside the back cover for the updates. In September the outing will be to Lille. As it helps Pat a great deal with the arrangements could you please register an interest or book up

as early as possible on 01304 2281289. If you know of anywhere that you think the members may be interested in visiting then please contact Pat, or any member of the committee, as she is always on the lookout for new venues.

This year we have the Dover Festival, with many events taking place throughout the year, including the return of the ever-successful favourites, the Dover Pageant, Heritage Open Days and the Dover Regatta. Many of our local societies are putting on events this year so keep an eye on the local press for details.

*Editor*

### **Wanted**

Volunteers are required to assist in running the raffle, in making and serving the refreshments and with washing up at the Society's winter meetings. We only hold five ordinary meetings, plus one wine and wisdom, at St Mary's Parish Centre. Therefore, even if you can only assist at one or two of the meetings it would be of great benefit and help to the Society. If you are interested in helping out, or you know anyone else who may be, then contact the Chairman or any member of the committee, (see inside front cover of newsletter for contact details).

### **DEADLINE for contributions**

The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 62 will be Wednesday 4th June 2008.

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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