

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

I would like to remind members that the last of our summer outings is the trip to Lille and should be an interesting day. There will be plenty of time for sightseeing, a meal and of course shopping. Thanks to Pat our social secretary for organising four very interesting and diverse trips this year.

To mark the 125th anniversary of Connaught Park the society has paid to have a holm oak planted, not far from the pond with its new fountain. Thanks to Graham Wanstall for instigating and following through this project. He was also instrumental in having the new flagpole installed near to the main entrance of the park.

Congratulations also to another of our members, Lorraine Sencicle, for her dogged determination in the long battle to obtain a new hospital in Dover. She has succeeded in obtaining promises that we will have a hospital in the town.

The report from the AGM is reproduced in full, although some events mentioned may have already taken place. Our chairman Derek Leach laid a wreath on behalf of the society at the Zeebrugge memorial service on St. George's Day. It is pleasing to see the increase in the number of people attending this service to pay their respects.

The committee has been trying to get some action on tidying up Moates (Moats) Bulwark and the surrounding area and maybe in the future have it open to the public. English Heritage is

preparing a discussion document although funding may be a problem.

The committee has also authorised the release of funds to refurbish the plaque on a house in Saxon Street. One major event next year will be the centenary of the first cross channel flight by Louis Bleriot.

The next indoor meeting is on 20th October and will feature talks by Ruth Parkinson and Jon Iveson. The Christmas Feast will be held this year in the refectory in the grounds of Dover College. The entertainment will be Quodlibet. Please book your place as soon as possible as this is always a popular event and the number of tickets is strictly limited.

The Dover Festival events are continuing at various venues around the town, so keep an eye out for them. Any reports on these as well as the Heritage Open Days, supported by the society, will be carried in the next issue.

It is sad to see Mike McFarnell standing down from organising the Dover Pageant. Well done, Mike, for all of your efforts and the enjoyment you have provided over the years.

Last but not least, congratulations to Pat Sherratt and Patricia Hooper, our social secretary, on their wedding. We wish them health, wealth and happiness.

Editor

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