

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 committee would like to wish
all of our members, advertisers and
the staff of Adams the Printers
a very merry Christmas and may 2009
be a happy and prosperous year for all*

The last of the society's summer outings has now taken place and many thanks must go to Pat for arranging such a varied and interesting series of trips. We will refer to her as Patricia (Pat) Sherratt-Hooper and her husband as Pat Sherratt so as not to cause any confusion.

Quodlibet is the entertainment at the Christmas feast on Saturday 13th December. The slight increase in price is the first for many years and still good value at £19 per head. The numbers will be strictly limited so to make sure of your place please book as early as possible.

Early in 2009 English Partnerships, the body responsible for Fort Burgoyne, will be inviting ideas for future use of the fort. The committee welcome any ideas from the membership, bearing in mind the historic nature of the site and that 500 eco friendly homes are to be constructed on the Barracks site. Please contact the committee with your ideas so we can formulate a co-ordinated response for English Partnerships. They will present their development brief to Dover District Council in the autumn of 2009. The site will then be sold to a third party developer in the early months of 2010.

The fight continues to have a hospital in Dover containing some beds. It will be difficult to achieve but we must not give up. It is the very

least that the people of Dover and district deserve.

The Holm Oak in Connaught Park, sponsored by the Dover Society, has been formally dedicated by our president Brigadier Maurice Atherton CBE. Hopefully future members of the Society will plant another tree for the parks 250th anniversary.

The plaque in Saxon Street commemorating the Belgium workers who assisted Dover in rebuilding the town just after the war has now been refurbished; further details inside this issue. There will be a fuller article in the March newsletter.

Plans for the Louis Bleriot centenary event next year are now in place, following the initial representations made by the Dover Society.

A special thanks to all who help at St. Mary's hall for it is these volunteers who make the society meeting nights run so smoothly. Any member who could help in any way in the interval you will be most welcome.

I am still on the lookout for articles to be published in the newsletter, as I am sure that there are a lot of members with personal stories to tell. I am also in need of people to write about the talks by guest speakers at our meetings. Usually they can supply the text of the talk if asked so it can be summarised quite easily. Maybe you go on the summer outings and could occasionally report on the trip. If you think you would like to have a go then please contact the editor for a chat on 01304 213668.

Editor

DEADLINE for contributions

The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 64 will be Wednesday 14th January 2009. 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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