

*Jan Worthington with the Mayor of Dover*



There was still more to come on Sunday for those who had not had to catch a plane home. Several went to Buckland Church for morning service where we were given a warm welcome. Since it was a Worthington who paid to have the famous, ancient yew tree moved in Victorian times to allow church extension and had paid for refurbishment of a side chapel, I think the priest half hoped that the Worthingtons had arrived with wallets again - I jest! Following the service, we inspected the

Worthington memorial tablets inside the church before braving the pouring rain to see two family vaults and headstones in the churchyard.

After lunch Mike Webb, Town Clerk, showed the visitors round Maison Dieu House and the town's remaining regalia.

So ended a tiring, but fascinating weekend for me amongst this dedicated group of family researchers. Our visitors, both British and foreign, went away very impressed with what Dover has to offer visitors interested in history - indeed we were complimented on what we had managed to save despite the ravages of war and town planners. There was also amazement that the many 'hidden gems' of Dover are not better known.



*The Worthington group's visit to Buckland Church*

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**Autumn 2008**

With all the subscriptions paid, our numbers are slightly reduced, to 444. This is normal after subscription renewal time. We trust that the interesting programme of winter meetings as publicised in the local press will attract new members. We have also asked for our posters to be displayed in public areas such as the Discovery Centre. Please ask me for a poster if you feel you could have one put up at an appropriate site. Nevertheless personal introduction remains the most satisfactory method of recruitment.

We have recently welcomed Miss Y Austin, Mr R Frayne, Mrs J Cooper and Mr D Coles. We trust they will enjoy their membership.

*Sheila R Cope*