

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Winter 2010

Our numbers have fallen slightly, to 434.

We have an interesting programme of meetings ahead so would urge all members to encourage friends to come along and join us. Sometimes it is also necessary to remind people that to enjoy a borrowed Newsletter is not enough. It needs to be paid for by means of membership if we are to be able to maintain the Society.

We very much welcome our most recent members who are Mr D Palmer, Mrs S Swan, Mr G Beer, Mr H & Mrs C Richardson, Mr I & Mrs D Spinks.

We express our grateful thanks to Margaret Robson of Tilmanstone who has delivered Newsletters to Tilmanstone and Shepherdswell for many years. Margaret has also served on the executive and planning committees and we look forward to her continuing membership of the Society.

Sheila Cope
Membership Secretary

The work of the **PLANNING** *Sub-Committee*

**Report by JACK WOOLFORD,
Chairman**

The Planning Committee has not been idle during my absence. Indeed, Pat Sherratt's initiative against Plan DOV/10/703, to build a detached house in the back garden of 10 Harold Street, was not only echoed by the Town Council, but also rejected by the District Council! A similar solution is desirable for what amounts to another back-garden development at 11 Maison Dieu Rd.

Kent County Council has listed our complaint against the construction of a fence at Castle Rise across a Public Right of Way and Pat Sherratt represents us on the Steering Group of MP Charlie Elphicke's proposal for a Dover People's

Port. It should have equal consideration by the Secretary of State to Dover Harbour Board's privatization proposals. Bill Naylor represents us on the Committee for the 2012 Dover Pageant.

We shall of course participate in the public consultation on the now Adopted Local Development Framework with its proposed 5,750 houses at Whitfield, etc, etc, etc. The prospect of converting the YMCA into flats is very good news. Dover District Council's Scoping Plan, in advance of a planning application for developments at Farthingloe Farm and the Western Heights, is as environmentally rigorous as we could wish - including badgers and bluebells. Ramada's transformation of the Churchill Hotel into Dover Marina Hotel is also good news.

We continue to express our concerns about public toilets, the Visitor Information Centre and - especially - Waste Disposal.