

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

Let me start by welcoming two new members on to the committee of the Dover Society Mrs Diane French and Mrs Susan Jones. Georgette Rapley and Jack Woolford did not seek re-election at the AGM and our Minutes Secretary Barbara Stapleton also stood down for personal reasons. Jack still remains a Vice President of the Society.

The last couple of months have seen a lot of activity in the town. We have seen the very successful occasion of the Dover Tattoo and Tattoo Fun Day. Many thanks must go to Mike McFarnell of the Dover Society and the dedicated team of helpers who made it possible. The Olympic torch relay and accompanying festivities have also been successfully completed. One sad note is that the Dover Regatta had to be cancelled, but the organisers have vowed that it will be back next year bigger and better.

Looking forward Heritage Open Days will soon be upon us, on 8th and 9th September. Please look inside the back cover for details of this year's Christmas Feast. Owing to the spiralling cost at Dover College we have had to change venues. It will now be held at the Marina Hotel and Spa on the seafront. The other major changes are that the feast will be held at lunchtime and it will be waiter service. Meet at 12.30 for 1pm on Saturday 8th December.

Alan Lee