

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 AGM this year will take place on Monday 15th April and will also be the last of the winter meetings until October.

All nominations for elected posts within the committee and any resolutions must be received by the secretary no later than 14 days before the AGM.

Our treasurer Mike Western must be congratulated once again on managing to hold the membership subscription at the same level; the last increase was in 1996. He is doing a sterling job in keeping the finances on such an even keel.

It was a shame that the January meeting was so poorly attended, mainly due to the very bad weather. We had two excellent speakers. One, Stephen Turner-Dauncey, must be especially commended for his sympathetic restoration of Charlton House on London Road. The tours of the Maison Dieu with guides from the Dover Society are continuing to gain in popularity. This year we will be selling postcards depicting the stained glass windows.

Many thanks must go to Mike McFarnell and his team for once again producing the excellent Dover Film Festival.

I would like to remind all members that the annual Zeebrugge Raid service will take place on St George's Day 23rd April at 11am at St James' Cemetery. Then the Zeebrugge Bell will be rung at the Maison Dieu at 12 noon. This is the first event of the year when the townspeople can express their gratitude for the sacrifice that others gave for our freedom today.

Alan Lee