

Membership Secretary and joined the committee where Jeremy was already a member. Both of them were regular contributors to the Newsletter. Philomena never returned to the position of Editor.

My circle of Dover friends was increasing, Philomena, Budge, Sheila and Jeremy, Ken and Del Berry, and soon Pam Taylor and May Jones, the Newsletter's two painstaking proof readers.

The Dover Society prospered with membership increasing annually. The Newsletter continued to thrive. I was Editor for 14 years, until 2005 when Alan Lee took over the job and I joined Pam and May as proof readers.

When Derek Leach joined the Society, and subsequently became Chairman,

he worked with Budge and myself to launch Triangle Publications, which published five books, starting with 'Dover, Memories of a Century' in the year 2000. We both worked with Ivan Green, well-known local historian, to produce his book 'Dover and the Monarchy' Derek has been Chairman since then and produced many local books, some in collaboration with Terry Sutton, always a welcome and prolific contributor to the Newsletter.

As time went on I met more members and made new friends and, sadly, lost old ones. It would be an impossible task to list the hundreds of people who contributed by sending copy and helping production. I can only thank them all and send best wishes for the future of the Society and the Newsletter to the current Editor, Chairman and committee members.

## Ancient Church of St-Mary-in Castro Dover 2012 a Celebratory Year!

John Owen

A plaque celebrating both the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the 150th Anniversary of the restoration of the garrison church of St Mary-in-Castro was unveiled and dedicated during the service of Morning Prayer on St Barbara's Day Sunday 9th December 2012.

The service was conducted by The Reverend Daniel Merceron CF senior padre 2 Brigade assisted by Canon Jonathan Russell OCF.

The plaque was unveiled by the Commander 2 Brigade (SE) and

Deputy Constable of Dover Castle, Brigadier Simon Wolsey OBE.

The regular congregation was joined by the ladies of The Dover & Shorncliffe branch of the Guild of St Helena, members of the Royal Artillery Association and members of the Association of Royal Engineers.

By a happy coincidence the installation of the plaque complements both the existing memorial to the 1862 restoration at the SW corner of the nave and the later fitting of the lofty West window celebrating Queen Victoria's long reign.