

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, archæology, 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

We still have not achieved our aim of 500 members, but we are slowly increasing the membership numbers. If you know of someone you think that may like to join the Society then please bring them along to the next meeting. If you need a membership form then please contact either Sheila Cope or myself: details are inside the front cover. Membership fees remain the same again this year so it is excellent value for money.

At last there seems to be more activity in the town with various events either having taken place or due in the near future. Many of these have been supported by the Society and by the Dover Big Local. It is hoped that the majority will go on to be annual events. The Blues Festival, held at Bluebirds in Snargate Street was a success and we are now looking forward to the first three day Dover Music Festival and also the Dover Regatta.

Our Chairman Derek Leach laid a wreath on behalf of the Society at the annual Zeebrugge Day commemoration on St Georges Day. Once again we were blessed with good weather. Pictures of this event appear in this newsletter.

Members are reminded that Heritage Open Days will soon be here. This year the dates are Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September. Details appear in this newsletter. This is a great opportunity to see some of Dover's unique buildings for free.

Although it is still some way off, the Christmas Feast this year will be held in the Town Hall at lunch time. We have settled on this venue as it gives us plenty of room and it is much warmer than the Refectory at Dover College.

Alan Lee

