

## *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

The Annual General Meeting this year will take place on Monday 20th April. This is also the last of the winter meetings until October. All members are urged to attend.

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

With our treasurer Mike Weston's excellent running of our financial affairs the committee has been able, once again, to hold the membership subscriptions at the same level. The last increase was way back in 1996.

Our membership has slowly been increasing towards the elusive 500 figure. With such excellent value for money now is the time to encourage your friends and acquaintances to become members. If you know of anyone who would like to join please contact the membership secretary or the editor for an application form. Forms will also be available at all of our meetings.

I would also like to remind all members that the annual service to commemorate the Zeebrugge Day Raid will take place on St George's Day, 23rd April at St James' Cemetery (assemble at 10.30 am for 11am start). Then at 12 noon the Zeebrugge Bell will be rung at the Maison Dieu. This is the first major commemoration of the year when the townspeople can express their gratitude for the sacrifice that others made so that we can enjoy the freedom we have today.

Alan Lee

