

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

On a sunny St George's Day the Reverend Dr John Walker conducted the Zeebrugge Raid commemoration. Our chairman Derek Leach paid our respects and laid a wreath on behalf of the Dover Society. A further ceremony followed at the WW2 memorial with the Mayor laying a wreath. Over 140 people attended these services including representatives of the Belgian government.

Attention is drawn to the Society outing to the city of Oxford and to the Christmas Feast/Lunch with a change of day this year to Sunday 13th December. Details of both appear inside the back cover. A booking form for each is included with this newsletter.

Heritage Open Days this year run from Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th September. This year a Town Hall exhibition features the Faversham 1300 Magna Carta. Full opening times of Dover events can be found on page 33.

Although we have not yet achieved our goal of 500 members we are getting ever closer. If you know of anyone who would like to become a member then bring them to a meeting. If you require a membership form then please contact either Sheila Cope or me. Contact details are inside the front cover.

If you would like to become involved in any of our work parties or various sub-committees please contact any committee member. We welcome your involvement.

With great sadness I must inform the members of the passing of Mrs Pam Taylor. For many years she helped in the production of the Dover Society newsletter as a proof reader. One of the most helpful people I have ever known, she will be greatly missed. Condolences go to her family.

Alan Lee