

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

As is the usual custom our chairman Derek Leach laid a wreath on behalf of the Society at the annual Zeebrugge Day commemoration. Thankfully there was not any disruption from the protests held in the town that day.

Our Social Secretary has arranged a four day outing to Honfleur during May 2017. A departure from our usual outings the full and varied itinerary at £299 represents excellent value for money. Full details are in the one page advertisement within this edition. Early booking is essential. Other outings and events are featured inside the back cover of the newsletter.

Well done to all involved with the organisation of the Dover Film Festival for once again putting on a wonderful show. It is now a firmly established part of the Dover scene.

Events in Dover over the summer include, the free, Dover Music Festival, now at the cruise terminal, on the same weekend as the regatta. The Walking Festival and many other rambles and events have been organised by the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership and Up on the Downs. Full details of these and the Green Gang activities for younger people are on their respective websites.

At long last foundations are being laid for the St James' development. An agreement to build a new leisure centre has been reached, the location and start date is awaited. The Western Docks Revival Scheme is underway. Members interested in the upgrading of the Town Hall should keep a lookout in the local press for details of the consultation meetings.

Interested in serving on a committee, helping with projects or representing the Society at meetings. All committee contacts are inside the front cover.

Alan Lee - Editor