

will see how the bell ringers operate and in the clock chamber they will see the clock workings and various artefacts.

Saturday 1.30pm to 4pm

9 Unitarian Church

This brick-built octagonal church sitting above York Street was constructed in 1820 and its worship area reflects the shape of the building. The origins of the church go back to 1643 to a local community of Baptists who established a meeting house in 1655, but were persecuted following the restoration of the monarchy in 1660. In 1692 Samuel Taverner made part of his house available for worship and part of the garden as a burial ground. Freedom of belief and form of worship as a Unitarian Church was agreed by members in 1916. Following Second World War damage, the chapel reopened in 1952. There will be an art exhibition as well as refreshments.

Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm

10 St. Radegund's Abbey

This premonstratensian abbey founded in

1191 was visited by several monarchs. Following its Dissolution in 1538, the great abbey church was demolished and the remaining buildings with its lands were leased to tenant farmers by the monarch. Today the refectory is the farmhouse surrounded by abbey ruins. A gatehouse and a guest house survive.

Guided tours on Sunday only 10.30 to noon and 2.30pm to 4pm

Publicity leaflets

Publicity leaflets are available from the Visitor Information Centre (now located in Dover Museum), Dover Town Council Offices (Maison Dieu House), Dover Town Hall and Dover Library.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS - SUMMER 2016

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Grateful thanks as always to those members who pay their subscriptions by standing order or who pay in March or April. At time of writing I am pursuing late payers and am well aware that illness and other life events may prevent prompt payments. Because most members now provide email address and/or telephone number, the task of issuing reminders is much less onerous than it used to be in the days when letters were the only alternative to telephone messages.

Nevertheless, we still do not have an email address for some members who have email, especially if they joined some time ago. Email is useful, not only for subscription

reminders but also for informing members of imminent events. For the recent extra meeting at the Town Hall on May 16th we informed those with CT postmarks only, but thanks to email we needed to send out a limited number of letters, thus saving trouble and expense. So please inform us via our own addresses inside the front cover of the Newsletter if you think we may not have your email address.

At this time of year it is not possible to give a specific number for membership as it unfortunately dwindles due to non-renewals but we have recently welcomed:- Mr A & Mrs J Rawlins, Mrs R Emms, Miss D Everett, Mrs A & Mr M Edwards and Mrs A Klidzia.