PROGRAMME 2016

Guests are welcome at all meetings except the Annual General Meeting which is for members only.

You may pay on the night before the AGM and attend the meeting.

2016

Saturday Sept 24 N.T. Members £30.00 Non N.T.

£44.00

Waddesdon Manor

Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild bought Waddesdon Estate, originally nothing but farmland, in 1874. He wanted a country retreat built in the style of a Loire châteaux and soon engaged the French architect Gabriel-Hippolyte Destailleur. The foundation stone was laid in 1877. The completion of the Bachelors' Wing in 1880 and the main part of the house in 1883. Ferdinand's sister, Alice, inherited Waddesdon on his death, when she died, the estate passed to her Parisian great-nephew James de Rothschild and his English wife, Dorothy. After WWII James began to consider Waddesdon's fate after his death. Having no descendants, and with the end of the era of grand country house entertaining, he decided to leave the Manor, its collections of national importance and 165 acres of garden and park to The National Trust. This trip will include the opportunity to sample two Rothschild wines.

Pick-up times: The Railway Bell 07.00; Hollis Motors 07.05; Frith Road 07.10; Maison Dieu (Brook House) Car Park 07.15

To book complete the enclosed form, and return with your cheque, made payable to "The Dover Society", to Patricia Hooper-Sherratt, Castle Lea, Taswell Street, Dover CT16 1SG by Tuesday 6th September. Tel: 01304 228129

October 17 Monday 7.30 Speakers: Lucy Hutchings "Managing Dover Castle"

Lynda Pearce "Dover Pageants"

November 21 Monday 7.30 Speakers: Brian Flood "Dover's Great War Airfields"

Christine Waterman "St. Margaret's Oral History Project"

December 11th Sunday 12.30 for 1pm £24.00

Christmas Lunch/Feast

Our luncheon is on Sunday this year and will take place in the Stone Hall of the Maison Dieu. As usual, there will be a three course meal with coffee and mints. A welcome drink is included. Other drinks may be purchased at the bar. There will be musical entertainment and our end of year raffle. Please make sure you complete the booking form with your choice of menu. More details in the next newsletter.

To book: Complete the enclosed form and return with your payment to: Beverley Hall, 61 Castle Avenue, Dover CT16 1EZ Tel: 01304 202646

All indoor meetings are held at St. Mary's Parish Centre Non-members are welcome on all society outings, please book as early as possible