

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 Dover Town Council, Guston Parish Council, Hougham Without Parish Council, Langdon Parish Council, Lydden Parish Council, River Parish Council, St Margarets at Cliffe Parish Council, Temple Ewell Parish Council and Whitfield Parish Council.

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

If you are planning to attend the Christmas Lunch on Sunday 8th December, could you please book as soon as possible? If anyone would like to donate a prize for the raffle, to be held on the day, please pass it on to one of the executive or bring along on the day. The booking form can be found in the centre of this newsletter.

On 16th October, councillors voted to adopt the District Local Plan. This is the at the end of a consultation period that has lasted for six years. DDC can now set the districts development strategy up until 2040. It identifies sites to deliver the 11,000 new homes needed and community facilities, economic growth areas and infrastructure requirements. The plan is available to view on the DDC website and includes three interactive maps that cover Housing Sites, Employment Sites and Gypsy and Traveller Sites.

Are you connected to a local business, club or another type of group? Between the 1st and 24th December, at a cost of only £20, you can sponsor a complete day on Dover Community Radio. For more details, or to book email Martin Turner, DCR Ads Manger on Advertising@DCRfm.co.uk

Have you an article of local interest, either a personal story or one of a general nature, that you would like to have published. If so, then please contact the editor. Articles must have a connection with the Dover area.

It looks as if the Maison Dieu (Old Town Hall) will be handed over to the council, after a lengthy restoration, sometime in December. It should then be ready to be open permanently to the public in April.

Dover's Winter Light-up takes place on Saturday 7th December between 1pm and 7pm. A lantern procession through the town will end up at the Market Square. Here there will be stalls offering gifts, food and drinks accompanied by live music and entertainment.

The Annual Dover Film Festival will take place, in the Dover Museum cinema between 2nd and 8th March 2025. More details at www.dover-film.com

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DEADLINE for contributions

The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 112 will be Wednesday 29th January 2025.

The Editor welcomes contributions and interesting drawings or photographs.

'Paper copy' should be typed at double spacing. Handwritten copy should be clear with wide line spacing. Copy on computer disc or by e-mail is acceptable. Pictures via e-mail to be submitted in JPEG and not imbedded in the text of the article and must be in as high resolution as possible. Please ring 01304 213668 to discuss details.

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