

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

To start, I now require an extra proof reader to proof the text for our newsletter, printed three times a year. This must be someone with a good knowledge of the English language and grammar. If you are interested, can you please contact the editor.

A gentle reminder to our readers of the Zeebrugge commemorations that will take place on 23rd April, St George's Day. Further details will appear in the local press or on the Dover Town Council website.

The Roman Painted House, now managed under Dover District Council and the Roman Painted House Trust, has re-opened to the public. Entrance is free but for group tours there is a small charge. It is closed on a Sunday and Monday. Opening times Tuesday to Saturday are 10am to 4.30pm.

Between 12 and 6pm on Saturday 29th March at Pencester Gardens a free event called Impact Fest will take place. Organised by Dover Town Council it is aimed primary at 11 to 18-year-olds but is open to all. It includes music, dance, bushcraft, fishing tuition, fashion, a gaming bus and various workshops. This is the first festival of its kind and, hopefully, will be the first of many.

Details of this year's Annual General Meeting are in the centre of this newsletter including the proposal to increase membership fees, the first increase for some thirty years.

Refurbishment of the Maison Dieu (Old Town Hall) is due to be completed this year and it will be open to the public 10am to 4pm daily (unless booked for private events) from April 2025.

As usual I am on the lookout for articles for publishing in the newsletter. If you would like to contribute then please contact the editor direct, as then I will have all of your details. I also require people to report on our open meetings.

Alan Lee, Editor

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The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 113 will be Wednesday 28th May 2025.

The Editor welcomes contributions and interesting drawings or photographs.

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