

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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New Members since the last Newsletter

Louise Nixon, Julie Stanley, Phil Martin, Aileen Devonport, Steve Conroy, Susan Penn, Vic Matcham, Jane Shopland, all of Dover. Julie Kemp of Deal, Chris Tough of Deal.

Time to Renew Your Membership.

It is that time again and as a Society we are doing well with members but need people to renew to continue receiving the Newsletters and emails that we regularly send out with events of interest in Dover District. Also, you can keep up to date with our winter meeting speakers, which are always interesting. You do not need to be a member to attend these.

There are quite a few members that have not renewed and unfortunately, they will not be

receiving this Newsletter. We contact members and remind them that their subs are due, usually by email.

How to Renew

You can take out a standing order with us; please contact me on the details at the bottom of the page and I will get a form to you as soon as I can. You can pay through your bank account; our bank details are:

Sort Code 20-02-62; Account number 80864803, Barclays Bank.

You can pay by cheque made out to The Dover Society or by cash of course. Send your cheques to Mrs Ann Burke, 20 Victoria St, Dover, CT17 0EL Tel 07454 128512, Email annandjeff02@gmail.com

Letter to the Editor



Dear Sir

With ref to the new entrance to the Maison Dieu (Dover Town Hall).

I cannot believe what I see has been done to the front of Dover Town Hall, a grade 1 listed building. One cannot just change windows and doors if one lives in a grade 1 or 2 listed building but that this can be done to an ancient town hall is unbelievable!

When contacted about this new entrance Historic England's comments state: "introducing a new entrance and step free access to the Connaught Hall thereby allowing for its use independent of the Stone Hall causes a low level of harm to the buildings' significance, but we think this is capable of being justified by the very great heritage benefit of increased public access and an enhanced income stream which can contribute to the buildings future maintenance. We acknowledge the architectural language of new work is entirely contemporary, but we think such an approach is an elegant way of handling a major new opening in the buildings principal elevation and works well with the robust character of the building."

I hope others share my concern. What next a new entrance to Dover Castle?

Graham Wanstall (Dover Town Councillor).

The comment from Historic England was in a response to a freedom of information request from Councillor Wanstall. Other points he raised were addressed by Kerry Scott, Corporate Services Officer, Dover District Council. All Historic England's comments are

publicly accessible on the DDC website. Details for the new entrance door to the High Street can be seen on Listed Building Consent application number 20/00537 on the planning portal on the DDC website.

Editor