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We are honoured to be about to install, in Wyndham Road, our 19th Plaque to commemorate Dover's first lady Mayor, Mrs Dorothy Bushell. The blue plaque project has been increasingly costly, and we have been pleased to have received financial contributions to help with our last two plaques. Our Executive maintains a very fluid list of potential recipients of a blue plaque and each one that reaches the stage of installation has been subject to much deliberation. Martyn Webster, who manages and operates our Blue Plaque installations, has also worked tirelessly, along with our Planning Team, to instigate a Memorial Plinth at Charlton Cemetery to commemorate those burials that were transferred from the 'old ruin' preceding the building of the demolished Leisure Centre.

Last December 83 Members enjoyed another Christmas lunch at the Marina Hotel with entertainment by Graham Mart. It is hoped that we can repeat this again this Christmas so do look out for the details later in the year. We are also in

discussion with Iain Robertson regarding some trips this Summer. He has 40 years of experience with the travel industry, and I am sure we can look forward to an interesting trip or two.

As your Chairman I am conscious that you rightly keep us accountable in maintaining the Objectives of The Society. Our Environment Team continues to monitor and intervene on the aesthetic and quality issues, whilst the Planning Teams work hard, especially with the MacDonalds Development, to ensure that we remain focussed and operational within our Constitution, as do us the Executive. My grateful thanks to all our teams and certainly should any member wish to join then please contact us.

During the coming year we will hopefully begin to see a change in the town as the Town Hall and the Painted House now open. I look forward to our next year's report which I am confident will reflect an energy that will ignite investment in our future.

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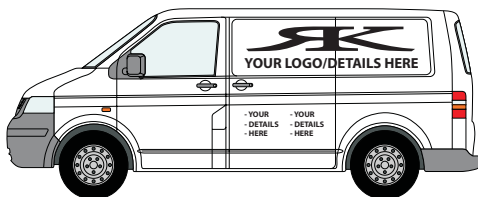


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The mob of Charltonians passed peacefully through their own territory to much relief and merriment and arrived at the Brook where a rough raft was provided by Messrs. Chitty to carry the participants to the end of their journey.

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If you would like to learn more about René Mouchotte, the St Margaret's History Society in their 2025 programme have guest speaker Jan Leeming talking about him on 18th March in St Margaret's Hall, Reach Road, St Margaret's at 7.30pm. You can book ten talks for £14 or £4 per talk at [stmargarethistorysociety@gmail.com](mailto:stmargarethistorysociety@gmail.com)

Here at Dover Museum our temporary 'Animals Everywhere' exhibition continues until May, 2025. There is an Animal Safari trail for children to complete and we have tokens for children to put in our vintage

RSPCA donation dog. Our 2025 - 2026 temporary exhibition will display fascinating models of local buildings through the ages. We open: Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 5.00pm. Open Sundays in the summer (April to September) 10.00am to 3.00pm. Admission is FREE. Tel: 01304 201066 Visit [www.dover.gov.uk/museum](http://www.dover.gov.uk/museum)

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