

## *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 with a couple of reminders.

There is an increase in the annual subscription, payable from 1st April 2026 after being held for a great number of years. The new rates are £10 for a single member and £14 for two people living at the same address. Could you please amend your bank transfer or standing order as appropriate. We have managed to hold the subscription without an increase since 1996, thirty years, but owing to increased overheads we have no option but to go ahead with this increase.

The annual Zeebrugge Raid Commemoration, 23rd April 1918, St. George's Day, as is normal, the main service and wreath laying, will be held in St James' Cemetery at 11am on Thursday, 23rd April. Then at 12 noon, outside the Maison Dieu [Town Hall], the Town Mayor will ring the Zeebrugge Bell followed a short Remembrance service.



The Annual General Meeting [AGM] this year will be held in the Silver Screen cinema, Goal Lane, by the side of the

Dover Museum, start time is 7.30pm. Details of the AGM are published within this newsletter.

Some of the executive committee will be standing down this year, this will lead to a number of vacancies that will need to be filled. If you are interested in standing for the executive committee please apply to the secretary, in writing, or by email. Please include a proposer and seconder. The application must be received by the secretary no later than ten days before the AGM.

*Alan Lee, Editor*

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