

## *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 the parishes or wards of Barton, Buckland, Castle, Lydden, Temple Ewell, Maxton, Pineham, Priory, River, St. Radigund's, Town & Pier and Tower Hamlets.

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

The next meeting is the thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the Society on Monday, 30th April at St. Mary's Parish Centre. The speaker is Dr. Michael Hinton on 'General Elections in Dover 200 years ago' and we hope for a good attendance. Our Chairman will be able to report on another successful year, with the Millennium project to erect ten historic plaques running to schedule and the programme of talks and outings for the year well received and enjoyed by members.

However, one event mars the year for us. Members will have learned, with great sadness, of the death of Budge Adams, one of our Vice-presidents and founder member of the Society. So many members wished to pay a tribute to Budge that I could have collected many contributions to his Obituary. I felt that I had already paid my tribute on January 4th when I was asked to speak at his funeral service, so I am pleased to include here, for his Obituary, pieces from our Chairman, Jeremy Cope, and our two Vice-Chairmen, Derek Leach and Terry Sutton. Budge will be greatly missed. He worked so hard and contributed so much to the Society in general and to the Newsletter in particular.

This issue includes accounts of the four indoor meetings from November to February. The meeting on 12 March was too late for a report in this number.

Members are asked to note a change in the procedure for booking any events which require a fee and which, in the past, have been advertised by flyers in your Newsletters. In future, all outings will be advertised in detail in the Newsletters and application forms will be available at all indoor meetings, including the AGM. Members who are unable to attend meetings can obtain information and forms at any time by telephoning Joan Liggett on Dover 214886. To make this easier for members there will be a new format for the Newsletter programme, which will in future cover the last two pages of each Newsletter. This can be seen, for the first time, in this

issue, so PLEASE TAKE NOTE. We hope that members will adapt easily to the new system, as it will be of substantial benefit to the Society, saving an estimated £300 a year in printing and distribution costs. We thank you, in advance, for your cooperation and understanding and hope that the number of members choosing to join the summer trips will not decrease. So far, I am pleased to report, there is no sign of this happening with a good response and record bookings for the 'London Eye' and the 'Pocahontas' trips in May and June. Anyone wishing to snap up the last places on either of these trips should contact Joan as soon as possible. Forms for the July outing will be available from 12 March.

Joan has booked two pods on the 'Eye' for the morning of 23 May and the afternoon will be left for members to choose their own pursuits. Easily reached along the South Bank are, in one direction, the Festival Hall and the National Theatre and, in the other direction, the Oxo tower, the Tate Modern and the Globe theatre. There is no matinee at the Globe on that day but guided tours are available. A little

further afield, on the opposite side of the river, Somerset House is within walking distance. A longer walk will take you to the Tower of London and, if you don't feel like the return walk there are plenty of riverboats.

Ivan Green's latest article is on Queen Elizabeth the First and I have chosen his delightful picture of her pocket pistol for the front cover of this issue. Jon Iveson has sent not one but two articles in his series on Dover's fortifications. He tells me that the second piece was written in response to a request from one of our members.

John Owen contributes an article on the unveiling of the Ramsay Memorial and Esme McConnell, who is becoming quite a regular contributor, provides us with a 'Sneak Preview' of this year's Art and Soul Festival. Esme has also sent details of the ambitious plans for dramatic artwork displays over the Easter weekend at Samphire Hoe, which will be open until midnight on all three days of the project (see page 29).

With thanks to all our contributors and our advertisers for their continued support.

*Editor*

### DEADLINE for contributions

The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 41 will be Monday 11th June 2001.

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. Accurate fully proof-read copy on computer discs is acceptable; please ring 01304 205254 to discuss details.

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