

## *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



## SEASONAL GREETING TO ALL OUR READERS

The next meeting is the Christmas Feast at Dover College Refectory on Saturday, 15th December. If you have not booked there is still time to do so. Ring Joan Liggett on 214886. Lillian Kay is organising the entertainment and we hope to have our usual good attendance.

The programme for 2002 is detailed, as usual, on the inside back cover. There is only one event between this Newsletter and the next which will need an application form. This is the Wine and Wisdom on 18th February. Forms will be available at all indoor meetings or by can be obtained by phoning Joan Liggett.

Dates have been fixed for the summer outings for 2002 and details of these will be available in the next Newsletter. In cases where the bookings are finalised earlier, application forms will be available at indoor meetings in March and April, as they were in 2001. Before this we will circulate lists at the November meeting to gauge the level of response for the outings to the Globe Theatre in June and the Portsmouth trip in July. We did this last year before proceeding with the bookings for the trips on the Pocahontas and to Zeebrugge and Brugge.

These trips were immensely popular, as you know, and were fully booked. There are accounts by members of the three summer outings which have taken place since the last Newsletter and also of the first meeting of the Autumn on 15th October, when the three speakers were James Summerfield, Deputy Town Clerk, Diane Smallwood, Mayor of Dover, and the Earl of Guilford.

At the October meeting we were delighted to see Ivan Green, signing his new book, *Dover and the Monarchy, from Conquest to Glorious Revolution*. This is Ivan's 23rd book, which has been produced by the Society, edited and presented by Merril Lilley and Derek Leach.

Details of the book are given here on page 35, together with those of Joe Harman's book, *My Dover*, which appeared in September and Peter Burville's book, *The White Cliffs of Dover, Images of Cliff and Shore*, which will be ready at the end of November.

This Newsletter contains the usual reports on Projects, Planning and Membership News. The Projects teams are continuing their good work but need some more helpers for the Saturday group (ring Hugh Gordon on 205115 if you would like to join them). Sheila Cope has good news for us in her report. The Society can benefit greatly by claiming back money already paid by all of us as taxpayers, as Sheila explains. Please help by returning to her the form enclosed with this issue - the sooner the better.

This time we have four articles of general interest, two by our regular writers, Jon Iveson and Ivan Green, and two by new contributors to the Newsletter, Bob Hollingsbee and Lorraine Sencicle. We hope you will enjoy them.

From time to time I have offers of articles from members on topics of local interest and they sound really interested in contributing and promise to send the articles for the next issue. Then the copy never arrives. This is a mystery to me. If you are one of these members, please get back to your desk or PC and finish off the article. We would love to publish it!

Welcome to one new advertiser, member Marian Short, of Serendipity in Deal, which specialises in antique Staffordshire and Quimper. Think of some of our advertisers when buying your Christmas presents. Culver Gallery in Dover have great new calendars again this year; Castle Fine Arts for pictures, prints and drawings; Elham Antiques, Serendipity and Alan Fordham for antiques and Alan also sells antiquarian books. And remember Blakes, Cullins Yard and The Cabin for your festive meals.

With thanks, as always, to all our contributors, advertisers and distributors.

Wishing all our members a happy and prosperous New Year.

*Editor.*

## DEADLINE for contributions

The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 43 will be Monday 18th February 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.

*Publication in the Newsletter does not imply the Society's agreement with any views expressed, nor does the Society accept responsibility for any statements made. All published material remains the copyright of its authors, artists or photographers.*

## EDITORIAL AND PRODUCTION TEAM

**Editor:** Mrs. Merril Lilley

**Assistant Editor:** Miss May Jones

**Proof Readers:** Miss May Jones and Mrs Pam Taylor

**Advertising Manager:** Mr. B.J. Lilley

**Distribution Organiser:** Mr. J. Cope

**Envelopes and Labels:** Mr. J. Cope

**Area Distributors:** J.Cope, E.B.Dudley, J.Francis, M.Goulding, J.Harman, L.M.Hoar,

E.M.Johns, M.Jones, M.Lilley, A.Mole, L.O'Connor, J.Owen, K.J.Palmer, M.Robson,

E.Senyard, A.Sidney-Vassey, S.Standing, C.Taylor, K.Wraight, L.Wright.