

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 FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Monday 14th April at St. Mary's Parish Centre, when the speaker will be Bob Goldfield of Dover Harbour Board. This will be the last indoor meeting until October.

Summer outings will take place each month from May to September and details of these are listed on the back cover as usual. Remember to book early for the trips you wish to join. Application forms for the first of these will be available at the AGM. After that contact Joan Liggett for forms or further information. The first outing in May is to Hever Castle and should be a very enjoyable 'May Day' experience with music and dancing for the occasion. The June event will be a river trip, probably a repeat of the very popular Thames trip on the 'Pocahontas'. Once again - book early!

This newsletter includes many of its usual features, a report from Chris Taft, an article by Ivan Green, accounts of Society meetings, reports from Planning and two more snippets of Dover history in 'Glimpses of the Past'. This collection is proving a very popular feature of the Newsletter and I was disappointed that four or five promises of contributions from members did not materialise in time for this issue. I know there is a wealth of experience and interesting anecdotes out there and have spoken to many members with tales to tell. If you have any memories which you think may be suitable for the series please let me know. They can be your own memories or those of friends or relatives.

You may remember the discussion of a 'Praise and Shame' list, which arose at our brainstorming session. Jack Woolford provides more information on this at the end of his planning report. Comments and suggestions are welcome. Please contact Jack

with your views.

The deadline for copy for the next issue is 16th June, but I would appeal to all contributors to send in copy earlier than this date if they have it ready. It is a great help to an editor (whether myself or a successor) to spread the work over several weeks instead of

leaving it for the last two or three.

Thanks are due, as ever, to all our contributors and to our advertisers. Please continue to support them. Our grateful thanks to all distributors who continue to get the newsletters to your doors.

Editor

FOOTNOTE: WANTED – AN EDITOR

I have now held the post of Newsletter Editor for eleven years, having taken over from Philomena Kennedy for the September issue in 1991. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as editor but would like to find a successor when I have completed twelve years at the job - that is after the April issue 2003. The applicant will need to have a PC and to collect all the material for each issue, edit it, send it for proof-reading and present the copy to Adams Printers on disc. Alternatively, should we find an editor with the expertise to do all the page-setting as well as the above, the Society would be lucky indeed - and it would save a great deal on printing costs. If there is an enthusiastic member out there who would like to undertake this fascinating and rewarding job, please get in touch with me. Needless to say, I shall be happy to support and help the new editor for several issues and to continue to contribute articles in the future.

Merril Lilley

DEADLINE for contributions

The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 47 will be Monday 16th June 2003.

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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