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, archæology, 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 committee, editorial and production team would like to extend seasonal greetings to all of our readers and advertisers.

I t was a great disappointment but the last summer outing, to France, had to be cancelled due to an insufficient number of members booking. The remainder of the outings have now taken place and proved to be very successful. This was in no small part due to Pat Hooper our Social Secretary and her organisational skills, thank you Pat.

The next social event is our annual Christmas feast. We are limiting the number attending this year, as it was felt that it was getting to large for comfort, so to avoid disappointment please book as soon as possible.

Jean Marsh our advertising secretary continues to work wonders by increasing the number of advertisements in the newsletter a very well done to Jean. When you use any of the services advertised please mention that you saw it in the Dover Society Newsletter.

I would like to thank May, Merril and Pam for their diligence in proof reading each edition of the newsletter, all of the distribution team without whom we could not operate and the staff at Adams for always producing the newsletter on time. Last but not least a BIG THANKS to all who cheerfully provide the refreshments and clear up at every meeting.

The format of the newsletter has changed slightly this time. As we are now attracting more whole page advertisements instead of placing them all towards the back of the newsletter they now appear throughout the publication. I would like your comments, for or against, on the new layout.

To mark the 20 years the Society has been in existence it would be a great help if we could attract more new members. The easiest way is for each existing member to induce one person to join the society. We can then go forward for the next 20 years in a much stronger position.

Editor

Wanted

Volunteers are required to assist in running the raffle, in making and serving the refreshments and with washing up at the Society's winter meetings. We only hold five ordinary meetings, plus one wine wisdom, at St Mary's Parish Centre. Therefore, even if you can only assist at one or two of the meetings it would be of great benefit and help to the Society. If you are interested in helping out, or you know anyone else who may be, then contact the Chairman or any member of the committee, (see inside front cover of newsletter for contact details).

DEADLINE for contributions

The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 61 will be Wednesday 24th January 2008. 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 213668 to discuss details.

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