

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

First a reminder that the AGM will be held on Monday 16th April. This is also the last of the winter meetings. All nominations for elected posts within the committee and any resolutions must be received by the secretary no later than 14 days before this meeting.

The guest speaker will be Bob Hollingsbee with a selection of slides and photographs of old Dover. This should prove to be a most interesting and nostalgic look back on how things used to be.

The cost of membership remains the same for this year. It was back in 1996 that the subscriptions were last increased. We have moved from a somewhat shaky position to the stable financial position of today. This has been largely achieved due to our treasurer Mike Weston and his excellent handling of the accounts.

The first summer outing is to ***Sissinghurst and Scotney Castle*** on 18th May. The second is to ***The Goldsmiths Hall and The Grand Masters Lodge of Freemasonry, London*** on 15th October. Full details and how to book are on the inside of the back cover.

The local masons have extended an invitation to the society to tour their building in Snargate Street. The best time would seem to be the middle of August or in November. The cost would be minimal, or free. If anyone is interested in this visit then please contact the editor on 01304 213668, or any member of the committee. Could you please indicate your preference as to which month the visit should be?

Dover's next large event is the Diamond Jubilee Tattoo on 1st and 2nd June, Details in this and the last edition of the newsletter. This is followed on 23rd/24th June by the **Annual Forces Day Weekend** held in Pencester Gardens and run by the Hellfire Corner Association. Then the Olympic torch will coming through Dover on Wednesday 18th July. The local **Knit and Natter Group** who meet weekly at Amina's, have an unusual project. They are providing bunting for the route that they have knitted.

The tours of the Maison Dieu now take place every Wednesday with the History

Room enhancing the experience - well worth a visit.

Mike McFarnell and his team must be congratulated for their efforts in producing the successful annual Dover Film Festival. They have continued the high standard set by Ray Warner.

Last but by no means least the annual commemoration of the Zeebrugge raid takes place on St George's Day in St James' cemetery at 11.10am on 23rd April. This concludes with the ringing of the Zeebrugge bell at the Town Hall.

Alan Lee

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