

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

I would like to remind all members that the Annual General Meeting this year will take place on Monday 24th April. This is also the last of the winter meetings until October. All members are urged to attend. All nominations for elected posts within the committee and any resolutions must be received by the secretary, Beverly Hall, no later than 14 days before the date of the AGM.

Once again the cost of the membership remains at the same level this year. This is due in no small way to the expert handling of the accounts by our treasurer Mike Weston. The last increase was 21 years ago in 1996. Please try to encourage your friends and acquaintances to join. Let us try to reach that elusive 500 member mark. Application forms are available at all of our meetings, from the membership secretary or the editor.

As a society we are always in need of volunteers to help with projects, events, writing articles or reports of meetings and serving on various committees. Any of these only take a few hours per month. If you are interested please contact the editor or any committee member.

Members are reminded that the annual service to commemorate the Zeebrugge Day Raid will take place on St George's Day, 23rd April at St James' Cemetery (10.30 am for 11am start). Then at 12 noon the Zeebrugge Bell will be rung at the Maison Dieu. This is the first major commemoration of the year when the townspeople can express their gratitude for the sacrifice that others made so that we can enjoy the freedom we have today. For further details see the local press or the DTC website.

Alan Lee - Editor