

parcel of The Society and easily taken for granted, but no less important.

Social programme

Our winter series of meetings continue to be well supported and I thank Beverley Hall and her happy band of kitchen helpers for all their work, Mike Weston our wine waiter and Denise Lee our Queen of the Raffle. Our Christmas Feast and Wine and Wisdom evening were again well supported and very enjoyable, as were our summer outings organised so well by Pat and Patrick Sherratt. Unfortunately, Pat and Patrick are having a hard time at the moment with Patrick's ill health. Thanks also to Alan Sencicle who arranges our pre-meeting meals for guest speakers as we don't offer fees for the honour of talking to The Society!

Publicity

Our Newsletter expertly edited by Alan Lee continues to be highly regarded and we are indebted to all the contributors, Jean Marsh our advertising manager, the proof readers, the envelope stuffers and all our distributors for their efforts. The excellent website, managed by Mike McFarnell keeps members up to date and

helps to interest internet browsers not only in the Society but in Dover as well. We are also on Facebook and Twitter. Terry Sutton's regular press reports also help to keep The Society in the public eye when the local papers choose to publish them.

Thanks

Two more backroom people we take for granted: that essential backroom boy, our efficient treasurer, Mike Weston, and Yvonne Miller, who has the thankless task of taking the Executive minutes and every other member of the Executive for their efforts.

Civic representation

As usual I represented The Society at the moving St. George's Day commemoration of the Zeebrugge Raid and we also laid wreaths at the Remembrance Services at the Town war memorial and at The Society's plaque to the Unknown Warrior at the Western Docks.

You will be pleased to hear, if you are still awake, that that concludes my report of yet another very busy year. I submit my report for your consideration and approval.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Sheila Cope

This year subscriptions have come in more slowly than usual and at time of writing there are still many outstanding. As ever my thanks go to those who pay promptly or by standing order so that reminders are kept to a minimum.

Inevitably we lose a percentage of members each year and it feels like running uphill to maintain the total which is 467 at present. Word of mouth is

always the best recommendation, so please do all in your power to attract new members. After all, we are fantastic value for money.

Welcome and recent new members include:- Mr J & Mrs S Yarrow, Mrs C Pierce, Mrs J Marks, Mrs J Simmons, Mrs J & Mr N Gould, Mrs Barbara Hall, Miss C Dendiro, Mrs J Easton.