## 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 draw the members' attention to the notification, on page 5, of the AGM which will take place on Monday 15th April.

We as a Society are always on the look-out for volunteers to take a more active interest in any of our sub-committees, help with our society meetings, projects, at events and submitting articles and reports for the newsletter.

A group of the society's members meet for a meal before each of our winter meetings. The evening's speakers are invited and normally attend. If anybody would like to be included in this get-together then please contact the editor. You will be most welcome.

Our new Summer Social Secretary is Mr Rodney Stone. I am sure that you all join with me to wish him well in his new post. The latest outings are printed on the programme page inside of the back cover. I ask that you book up for any of the outings that you are interested in as soon as possible.

Dover Big Local have taken a short term lease on the old Co-op building at Stembrook. It has been renamed as Co-Innovation. Space in the building will be let to give people an inexpensive way to start up a business with small office and retail units available. Part of the area will be used by Get Lost Escape Rooms who are looking to expand and move their business into a town centre location. An indoor market is already up and running on the site and takes place every Thursday.

Alan Lee Editor