

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 Dover Town Council, Guston Parish Council, Hougham Without Parish Council, Langdon Parish Council, Lydden Parish Council, River Parish Council, St Margarets at Cliffe Parish Council, Temple Ewell Parish Council and Whitfield Parish Council.

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

At long last I hope that by the time that you read this the majority, if not all, of the emergency restrictions concerning Covid 19 will have been removed and we will be able to return to something approaching normality.

The St Mary's Church Hall has been provisionally booked so that we can resume our winter meetings and hold the traditional February Wine and Wisdom evening. What programme details we have at present appear on the inside of the back cover. So! fingers crossed they will all go ahead.

The AGM saw several changes on the executive committee. Beverly Hall has stood down, and a new committee member, Martyn Webster, elected. The updated details of all committee changes appear on the inside of the front cover.

This year's society outings, at present provisional, are included in the programme inside the back cover.

Praise must go to the port authorities for the design and layout of Marina Curve and Clocktower Square which opened to the public in June. With the addition of a mobile bar, The Horsebox, it should be an excellent area for visitors and locals to relax.

Praise also to Dover District Council for having secured several grants to improve the High Street and local area; so hopefully more improvements to come in our town.

With the continuing restoration of the Town Hall, it means that we will not be able to hold our Christmas meal this year. With the work at Russell Gardens and Kearsney Abbey almost completed, both are well worth a visit.

One poor decision by DDC is to close Co-Innovation without having an alternative site for the traders to move to. This initiative from Dover Big Local has proved to be a great success for many start-up businesses, with a number moving into High Street premises.

Alan Lee, Editor

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