

high number of applications seeking to achieve the coveted city status. The final decision on the Platinum Jubilee submissions will be taken in spring 2022 and announced shortly afterwards as part of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Now is the time for Dover to pull together to create a submission in

readiness for another opportunity that is worthy of the enhanced status to guarantee a good and secure foundation for the town's future and the members of the community that form it. So, whatever area of expertise you may have, do make a contribution to this Society initiative – perhaps a once in a lifetime opportunity.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS **Sheila Cope**

### **TIME TO RENEW SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Many members now renew by Direct Credit, or BACS, into the Society's bank account which is: sort code 20-02-62, acc. no. 80864803. Please use your name and/or membership no. as a reference. If renewing by this means you might like to consider setting up a standing order which will avoid the need for future reminders. Nevertheless, cash or cheques are equally welcome. The amount remains £10 for joint members living at the same address and £6 single.

We number 483 and rejoice in the fact that we have gained several new, younger members who have moved to the town and appreciate its qualities and wish to contribute toward its improvement. Several of the "old guard" are retiring from the executive and we welcome the energy and commitment that the newcomers may bring to our Society. Another change is the retirement of Maureen Morris and Danielle Sutton from newsletter delivery. We thank them both for their service to the Society. We are grateful to Jane Allcock who has taken over from Maureen and to Chris Blackburn who has extended his round at Whitfield. Keith Sansum has also kindly undertaken to distribute to some Dover members who live on the farther fringes of the town.

There has been a record number of recent new members. They are Mr M & Mrs E Barber, Mr D Donnelly, Mr M Tait, Mr J Parkin, Mrs J Langford, Mr J Horne, Mr S & Mrs O Brice, Ms S Amos, Mr J & Mrs J White, Mr R Holme & Ms R Goodwin, Mr J Kennett, Mr T Miles & Ms R Pressnell, Mrs C Mounce & Mr C Oliver, Mr W & Mrs E Veale.

Among the obituaries, we have lost Mr Arthur Vassey who attended meetings regularly and who delivered newsletters in the Elms Vale and Maxton areas from 1991 until prevented by ill health. Dr Glyn Hale was featured in the previous Newsletter. Other deaths include Mrs Ann Thomson, Mrs Agnes (Nan) Walker, Mr James Simmonds, Mr Graham Leadbeater, Mrs Nancy Sheasby, Mr Christopher Hall, Miss Joan Parkin, Mr John Lockyer and Mrs Norma Clayton. We send our condolences to the families and friends of these former members.

Finally, although Jeremy and I will continue to oversee newsletter distribution for now, at the AGM I am looking forward to handing over my role to Mrs Ann Burke who has kindly offered to take it on. With her warmth and enthusiasm, I feel confident that Ann will help to promote the Society and that she will enjoy making connections with existing members and forging friendships with new ones.