Dover to have city status. It will be a daunting task with no guarantee of success, but, if not, it will be a worthwhile exercise that you may wish to be involved with.

Our Newsletter edited by Alan Lee continues to be highly regarded and we are indebted to all the contributors. Jean Marsh our advertising manager, the proofreaders, the envelope stuffers and all our distributors for their efforts. Terry Sutton's press reports help to keep the Society in the public eye. Behind the scenes Mike Weston continued to cook the financial books; thanks also to Yvonne Miller, who has the thankless task of taking the Executive minutes and to every other member of the Executive. subcommittees, and groups for their contributions. Lynda Smith kindly agreed to manage our indoor meetings during the year.

Three members of the Executive are retiring from their officer roles after very many years of dedicated service to the Society: Mike Weston as Treasurer. Jeremy Cope as Secretary (having previously been Chairman. Chairman, and founder member of the Executive in 1988) and Sheila Cope, Membership Secretary. I am sure that they will continue to serve the Society in other ways. In addition, I am standing down as Chairman after 18 years; it has been a great honour and privilege. Fortunately, I am confident that we shall be able to recommend replacements for your approval at the AGM.

On first being elected Chairman in 2004 I said that my aim was to increase the membership from about 450 to at least five hundred. We still have not reached that elusive number; perhaps my successor will have more success.

## AGM A reminder to all members

The Annual General Meeting this year will be held live at 7.30pm on Monday 25th April at St Mary's Parish Centre

Resolutions for discussion and nominations for officers and committee members should be submitted in writing to;

Hon Secretary: Jeremy Cope 53 Park Avenue, Dover. CT16 1HD Tel: 01304 211348 E-mail: jeremycope@willersley.plus.com

All resolutions and nominations must be received by Wednesday 6th April 2022

Nominations should be supported by a proposer and seconder and the written consent of the potential candidate.

As this is the first live AGM since 2019 and the most important meeting of the year, all members are urged to attend if possible.