

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, archaeology, 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

I will start by reminding all of the Christmas Festive Lunch on Sunday 4th December, booking forms are in the centre pages plus details are included in the programme inside the back cover. If anyone would like to donate a prize for the raffle, to be held at the lunch, could you please give to any member of the committee or pass on to Denise at the Society meeting in November.

Other events of interest:

Saturday 19th November and 17th December -The Dover Market - held at the Market Square from 10am to 3pm.

Wednesday 30th November - Dover Repair Café – held at the Biggin Hall from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Get your broken items repaired for free. Items that can be fixed include electricals, ceramics, clothing, bags, bikes and more. No need to book. Enjoy a hot drink and a slice of cake while you wait.

Saturday 3rd December - 'Dover's Winter Light Up' - Christmas lights switch on, plus much more from 1pm. Watch local press for more details

Monday 20th February 2023 - 'Quiz Night' - details inside the back cover. It will be run like an American supper, the same format as last year.

Through lack of numbers the Society had to cancel the last two outings. If you have any suggestions for future outings, contact Rodney Stone or any member of the executive committee. Details are inside the front cover.

Restoration works on the Maison Dieu, started 3rd October, and are due for completion in the summer of 2024. The Maison Dieu is the only civic commission by William Burges, and the only intact building in England still containing his decorative scheme, furniture, and fittings.

If any member has articles of local interest, either of a personal story or of a general nature then please contact the editor.

Alan Lee, Editor

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The last date for the receipt of copy for issue 106 will be Wednesday 1st February 2023. The Editor welcomes contributions and interesting drawings or photographs.

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