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## *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

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The council has temporarily closed the car park in Ladywell as it is required for contractors' equipment whilst the refurbishment of the Maison Dieu/Town Hall is in progress. On completion of the project, it will reopen once again for car parking.

Members are reminded that any resolution or nominations for the committee for the April AGM must be received by the Acting Secretary Jeremy Cope no later than 31st March 2023, 14 clear days before the meeting on 17th April 2023.

Membership is also due in April. Once again there has been no increase in the membership fees. The last subscription increase was in 1996. Very few, if any, organisation has held their fees at the same level for so long. This is excellent value for money so try to get your friends, relations or acquaintances to join.

The annual service to commemorate the fallen during the Zeebrugge Raid, in 1918, will take place on Sunday 23rd April 2023, St George's Day. The main service, including wreath laying from 11.00am, will be at St. James' Cemetery. This will be followed by the short Remembrance service at the People of Dover War Memorial, in the town, from Midday (following the Mayor ringing the Zeebrugge Bell).

The Dover Film Festival will take place at the Silver Screen Community Cinema which the council will open especially for the event. For details, please see ad in this newsletter.

Do you have a little time to spare each month? We always need volunteers to take a more active role in helping The Society grow. Help is required on sub-committees, projects, events, meetings and submitting articles and reports for the newsletter. If you are interested, please contact the Editor or any member of the committee.

*Alan Lee, Editor*