

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

It is with great regret I must report that one of our founding members and long-time committee member, Terry Sutton, passed away on 3rd February. We send condolences to all of his family and relations. Terry, so well known and knowledgeable about the town, will be sorely missed by all who knew him. An article about Terry appears on page thirteen of this Newsletter.

I must also, with great sadness, notify members that on Friday 16th February the long-time previous editor of the Newsletter Merril Lilley, aged 93, passed away. Merril was a great help and inspiration to me when I took over the role of editor.

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, organisations have held their fees at the same level for so long. This is excellent value for money so please 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 Tuesday 23rd April 2024, St George's Day. The main service, including wreath laying from 11.00am, will be at St. James's Cemetery. At midday, following the Mayor ringing the Zeebrugge Bell, there will be a short Remembrance Service, adjacent to the Maison Dieu, Dover Town Hall, at the People of Dover War Memorial, outside the town council offices, Maison Dieu House. More information will follow on the Dover Town Council website and event Facebook page.

After being our youngest member when she joined aged thirteen years, and running the raffle for the last eleven years, Denise, my daughter, has now relinquished the role to spend more time with her new baby, John. Many thanks for her dedication over the years. James Benjafield and Ben Elsey have now taken over.

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

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