

The Society also continues to take every opportunity possible to raise the problems with lorries being held at Aycliffe during Port delays. It is not only the noise and inconvenience that is very apparent, but the potential health issues.

We have been pleased to support our member Peter Sherrard in seeking support for obtaining possible city status for Dover. The opportunity to apply for this requires a national occasion and currently this is not available. However, Peter's hard work is in place for when that opportunity arises and is now held with The Society.

Our regular meetings continue with Kent Police, who are now well embedded back in the Ladywell station. Our discussion covers a range of issues, so just a reminder that if there is anything you wish us to raise with the Chief Inspector then do let us know but please remember that parking is the responsibility of Dover District Council, not the police.

Socially, we had a very successful summer trip to Windsor and the Thames. Our quiz night, in February, and our monthly winter open meetings attract both new and old members, as well as non-members. We offer a range of interesting speakers with topics that have

included The Duke of York's Royal Military School, The Royal National Lifeboat Institution and Dover's Sky at Night. Over 80 members enjoyed our Christmas lunch, once again held at the Marina Hotel.

The future of The Dover Society is assured as we recruit not only new members but also new members for our Planning and Environment Committees. We are committed to promoting and protecting the wellbeing, development, heritage, safety and natural environment of Dover in partnership with our local authorities and charities.

We have been saddened by the loss of Terry Sutton. We will very much miss his contribution to our executive meetings where he would regularly share his experience and knowledge, correcting us when necessary and allowing no room for 'small talk'!

Finally, my sincere thanks to my fellow officers and to all those who help with the social events, trips, campaigning, projects, recruitment, Newsletter and website, and represent us at the many meetings throughout the town. The Dover Society has a respected 'voice' in Dover so do come and join us as we collectively work towards making our home a 'very nice place to live'!

## **AGM**

### **A reminder to all members**

The Annual General Meeting this year will be held in St Mary's Parish Centre, Dover at 7.30pm on Monday 15th April 2024.

All resolutions for discussion and nominations for officers and committee members must be received by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024. They should be supported by a proposer and seconder and nominations must include the written consent of the potential candidate, then submitted in writing to,

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*As this is the last of the winter meetings until October and the most important meeting of the year all members are urged to attend.*