

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Time to Renew Subscriptions

It seems to come around very quickly, renewal time. You can renew at our AGM on April 15th, in cash, or cheques made out to 'The Dover Society'.

Many members now renew by Direct Debit, or BACS, straight into the Society's bank account at Barclay's Bank, Dover. The account details are The Dover Society, sort code 20-02-62, account no. 80864803. Please use your name and/or your membership number as a reference. If renewing this way you might consider setting up a standing order which will avoid the need for future reminders. Our membership fee remains at £6 for one person and £10 for joint membership (two members living at the same address). You will receive three newsletters each year and each new member will receive a free membership badge. A bargain indeed in these expensive times.

Looking Forward

How nice it is to see the daylight lasting longer each day; only a few minutes but still, it is lighter for longer. Those of us who garden can at last start planning seed sowing and planting, when the ground thaws that is. New colour to look forward to.

New Members

We would like to welcome the following as members since the July Newsletter. Jennifer Bell of Devon, Barrington and Margaret Johns of Walmer, Francesca Jones of Folkestone, Mr R Mouland of Folkestone, Mr Peter O'Sullivan of

Ramsgate, Rev Polly Mason of St Margaret's, Monica Russell of St Margaret's and Dr Markus Reed of River. From Dover we have Suzanne Holloway and Linda Barks, Phil Rose and Ros Mcintyre, Brian and Celia Walters, Carole Barret, Marion Beatty, Fazlin Blakemore, Kenneth Chapman, Susan Hill, Julia Moore and Ashley Payne.

Sadly, we have heard of the passing of Mrs Merril Lilley, Miss June Nott, Mrs Jennifer Simmonds, Mr Terry Sutton and Mrs Nina Woolhouse. All were long-term members of the Dover Society. We send our condolences and sympathy to all their families and friends of these former members.

Please think about letting The Dover Society have your email address. Jeremy Cope sends emails to members covering upcoming exhibitions, concerts, talks and lots of other interesting events that you may not otherwise know about. It is a great resource for us all. We do not pass any of your details, including your email, to anyone, without your permission.

A New Year is upon us, and may I wish you a happy and prosperous one, all be a little late.

In West Yorkshire, where I come from, my grandma always brought a piece of coal for New Year's Day. I wonder if there are any local Kent or Dover traditions that you remember?