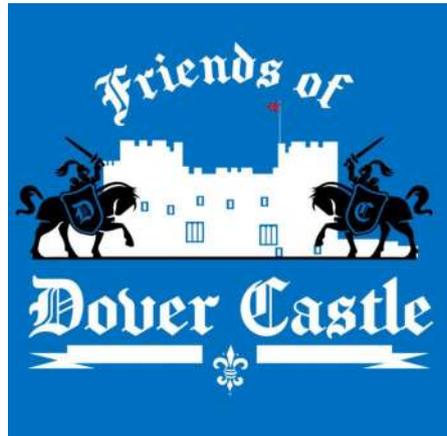


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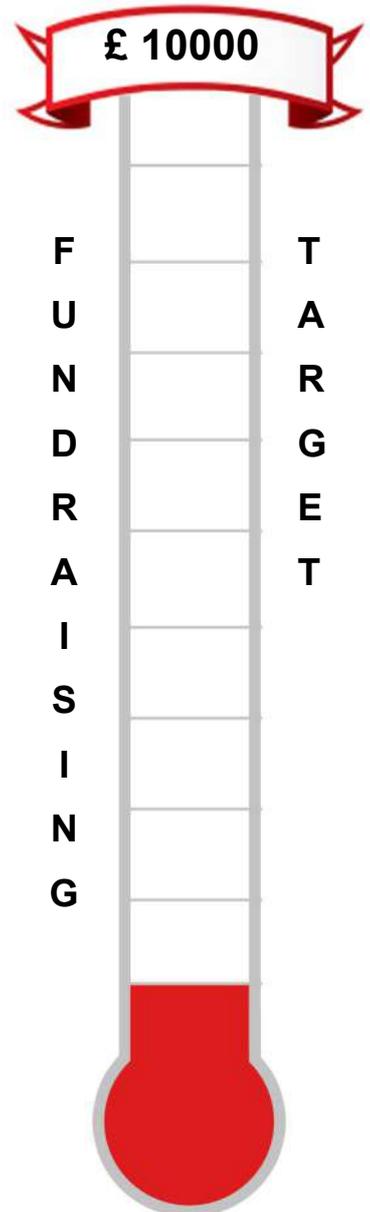
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Traditionally, this version of our Newsletter is published in March, ahead of each years, summer season. I have continually asked members to send me in articles, stories and pictures for me to use in our Newsletters but unfortunately, I have not received one picture, story nor one article. Surely some of you have visited the Castle recently and took some photos. Yet the consensus has always been that members do still want regular newsletters, so we carry on. I have published this edition but it will basically consist of my research and my articles, though I have used images of others where appropriate and permitted. I have also tried my best to include items of interest and up to date news involving us, Dover Castle and English Heritage. Doing e-newsletters has allowed us to use plenty of images and graphics which I feel produce a better read. We will need your help and support to keep these magazines going. The Editor.



CHAIRMAN'S VIEW

It is nearly 12 years since I became Chair of the Friends of Dover Castle which I believe makes me the longest serving Chairman. The original chair was of course Mike McFarnell, who was instrumental in setting up the Friends of Dover Castle and he served as Chairman from 1986 until 1994 and then again from 2010—2013 when I took over. There has actually only been 7 Chair persons including myself, which



Previous Chair persons

1986 - 1994	Mike McFarnell
1994 - 2001	Alan Ashman
2001 - 2004	Ray Harlow
2004 - 2005	Roger McCracken
2006 - 2009	Pat Sherratt
2010 - 2013	Mike McFarnell
2013 -	Graham Hutchison

is not bad going for a small charity.

In these 12 years, on reflection, I feel we have achieved so much. We have embraced the changes made in terms of communications - we use emails now and social media. We have a functional website where members can join online and we even have a Card reader to enable us to take payments remotely. We have revised our constitution several times to take account of modern technology and practices, and we now have a full Board of Trustees making us more effective and efficient in managing the Friends on behalf of the membership.

One of the first things I wanted to do when I took over was to modernise us and save money as I felt too much was being spent on administrative functions rather than on projects to enhance the visitor experience at Dover Castle. I noticed we were spending over £1000 a year on printing and postage so I proposed to publish e-newsletters and back in August 2014, I compiled our first ever electronic Newsletter and I have remained as the researcher, writer, editor and publisher ever since. Some years we have produced 4 editions and some only 2 but we have also published several Annuals in addition to the intended quarterly ones. Our aim is always to try to produce quarterly newsletters. Members have always said they like having regular newsletters as they feel this is the best way to be kept informed. I think a high for me was the Annual we produced in 2017 as part of the celebration of our 30th Anniversary and the Passport I produced to record all the special events and tours I organised that year - the Anniversary Tours, where we planned an

event every month of the year. A few members, including myself, managed to attend all the events that year, thus completing the Passport. This included a very special tour of all the towers of the Outer Curtain Walls - something I had always wanted to arrange and I managed to get Steven Brindle, a Senior Historian with English Heritage, to put together a brilliant tour and talk for us.

Of course a major project over the last couple of years, has been the Constables Kitchen Garden project where Committee members Mark and Pauline Danson have taken a lead role in transforming what had become an unused almost wasted area and restoring it into a lovely garden producing flowers, plants, vegetables and herbs and more recently fruit. Our use of the Kitchen Garden and holding Open Days, has enabled visitors to enjoy a part of the Castle they would not normally be able to, including the historic Treasurers Tower, which adjoins the Kitchen Garden. This not only enhances the visitor experience at Dover Castle but provides us the opportunity of growing and selling produce.

Another key success was being granted a dedicated office which I have been pestering for, for many years and Castle managers have now allowed us to have the office accommodation in the Education Suite block in the Keep Yard. This has enabled us to run other projects suited

30th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EVENTS 2017

ANNIVERSARY TOURS

We are organising a series of special events for members this year to commemorate our 30th Anniversary.

- MUSEUM TOUR - APRIL**
- RICHBOROUGH CASTLE** Saturday 4th MARCH 10 am £5 each
- STONE HUT** JULY
- CONSTABLES** Saturday 9th September 10.30 am
- DUMPY TOWERS & CURTAIN WALLS** Sunday 8th October 2pm / Friday 19th May 2pm
- CAROL CONCERT** Sunday 10th December 4pm
- QUIZ NIGHT** MAY
- SPECIAL BEHIND LOCKED DOORS TOUR** Sunday 25th June 2pm
- PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**
- SOCIAL - SUMMER**

What a great time to be a member of the Friends. Only £27 per year - single and £39 Joint. Annual subscription allows Free entry all year plus 10% discount on shops and cafes. All subject to accessibility and Dover Castle management and there may be others added later. See our website www.dover-castle-friends.org.uk and follow us on facebook.

to having such accommodation, such as Historic Maps and Charts where we have invested in an antique map chest. While we have regular open days in the Kitchen Garden we also need to regularly open up our office to visitors who will be able to see more of what we are about. We also have a quality branded Gazebo we will be able to use either at the Castle or external events to reach out to potential members and increase interest in Dover Castle. I think we are currently in a really strong position and I am looking forward to the next few years of working more collaboratively with Dover Castle and English Heritage, increasing our Membership Numbers and becoming a **Must Join** organisation for Dover people.



With the Reshaping of English Heritage we may have an even more important role to play and I feel it is a really great time to be a member of the Friends.

We are not a secret society or association - please spread the word, **Join the Friends.**

Graham Hutchison - Chairman.

SHORTS TUNNELS SPECIAL TOUR Saturday 5th April 2025

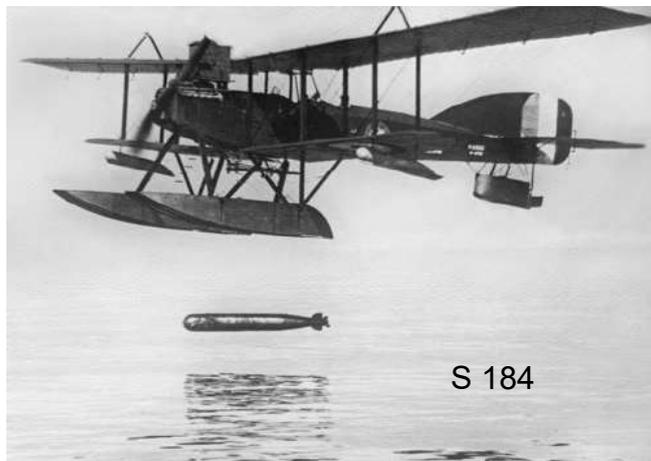
One of our members, Trevor Sage, is a regular volunteer at the Shorts Tunnels in Rochester and asked me if I'd like to run a special tour for members. We therefore agreed on a date and I went ahead and organised a tour. Considering this was a rare opportunity to visit and experience the little known underground complex, take up was surprisingly slow. I had wanted to book a coach but the cheapest was around £500 which made that avenue unviable. Anyway, 18 of us attended and enjoyed a very interesting tour and talk by resident expert, Steve Quinton.

The Shorts refers to 3 brothers, Horace (1872-1917), Eustace (1875-1932) and Oswald (1883-1969) who were aviators who originally were involved in manufacturing Balloons, initially in Hove, Sussex but later in Battersea, London. They won a large contract with the British Indian Army and the superintendent of the Royal Balloon Factory, Colonel James Templar, was impressed and introduced the brothers to Charles Rolls, who commissioned them to build a large balloon to compete in the 1906 Gordon Bennett Cup balloon race. The Gordon Bennett Cup is regarded as the premier event in ballooning and sponsored by the Millionaire sportsman and owner of the New York Herald newspaper. The first winner in September 1906 in France was the American Frank Lahm and is still being run now, with the latest winner in 2024 being Austrians, Christian Wagner and Stefanie Liller. The Shorts received many commissions from Aero Club members and it was through them they learned about the Wright Brothers in America, developing engine powered aeroplanes. The Short Brothers decided that balloon travel and therefore manufacture, was not the best initiative at that time and moved to the manufacture of aeroplanes. Oswald is reported to have said to his brother Eustace " This is the finish of ballooning! We must begin building aeroplanes at once, and we can't do that without Horace!"



They exhibited their first aircraft, the Short No.1 biplane, at the first ever British Aero Show at Olympia in February 1909 and they obtained the British rights to build copies of the Wright design. By the start of the First World War, they had become a

major aircraft manufacturer and supplied many aircraft to the Royal Flying Corps. In August 1915, during the Battle of Gallipoli the Shorts S 184 became the first aircraft to attack a ship with a live torpedo, when Flight Commander Charles Edmonds hit a Turkish supply ship in the Dardanelles. The Short brothers began producing bombers and expanded operations by buying land in Rochester by the river



S 184

Medway in 1915 and this became known as their Seaplane works. It was here the famous Sunderland Flying Boat was built. The company thrived and in WW2, Oswald, the sole



Sunderland

Stirling



surviving Short brother, decided to move the factory underground to protect the workers from inevitable bombing. Hence the Short Tunnels which would have housed 11000 workers and at times some 15000 people would have used the 2 miles of tunnels as Air Raid shelters for which there were 14 entrances. Due to vandalism and break ins, only one entrance is now accessible. In the 12000 sq.

ft underground factory, the Shorts brothers built the UKs first 4 engine bomber, the Shorts Stirling as well as the Shorts Shetland Seaplane.

The Shorts moved out of Rochester after the war and handed the tunnels over to the Ministry of Supply. Various firms used the tunnels until they were finally closed in 1995.



The first ever Friends of Dover Castle tour to the Shorts Tunnels, Rochester.

We are well used to tunnels and going underground at the Castle but this was a new experience. These Shorts Tunnels are very extensive with some tunnels being over 400 metres long. They were created in order to house an aircraft factory and also serve as an air raid shelter for all the workers and local people of Rochester.

It was said that Oswald Short insisted on spending a lot of money to build the tunnels and make them safe for his workers. A later report stated that following an air raid warning, only one person was killed and he was someone who had delayed entering the shelters following the siren—so they proved their worth in protecting the people.



The tunnels housed the aircraft factory and machine rooms, pay and admin offices, stores, generators, toilets, rest rooms and even a hospital. There are over 2 1/2 miles of tunnels. Some equipment was just abandoned when all the firms left the site in the 1990's and you can see where the tunnels used as air raid shelters were lined both sides with wooden benches. The tunnels are 180 feet underground and without light it would have been absolute darkness. Steve arranged for the lights to go off for us for just a minute and it gave us a feel of how frightening this must have been for people during the war.

Steve pointed out a lot of wartime graffiti on the walls and where people accessing the shelters often scribed their names in the walls. He is very knowledgeable and is an expert on underground tunnels and has been consulted on the tunnels beneath Dover Castle - (he is a member of the Friends) and leads on organising working groups who tackle a wide range of jobs in the tunnels. Whilst we were there, they were gaining access to additional toilet areas. This was a fascinating tour and well worth the trip.

Some feedback from the Shorts Tunnels Tour.

I received some really positive comments from everyone who came on this tour, so it was well worth taking the time and trouble to organise. Some attendees had not been on any Friends special tours before and some had only recently joined as members. It was nice to meet and chat to people I had not met previously. One lady, Jenny, commented that I really looked like my late Dad as she had known him when he was Station Sergeant at Dover Police Station. She introduced me to her grandson and I was able to introduce her to my son, James. She later wrote me this lovely letter

“Good morning, I used to have English Heritage membership and all but two visits to Walmer Castle, it was used for entry to Dover Castle. It covered taking my granddaughter but I had to pay extra for my grown up grandson. I saw Friends of Dover Castle advertised on Facebook and the terms were so good, I joined you when my EH membership expired especially as grandson lives with us and we got joint membership at less than I paid for EH.

Yesterday we went on the trip to Short’s tunnels at Rochester with you and what a fantastic experience it was. Grandson was enthralled by the experience, he even got up early to attend! This was our first trip other than Dover Castle visits and wish we had discovered you all earlier. Thank you so much for making us so welcome.

Jenny”

St. George's Day Fundraising Quiz







The Friends of Dover Castle
St George's Day Fundraising Quiz
Wednesday 23rd April 2025 : 7 pm
Dover Castle : NAAFI Restaurant
Teams of 6 £5 per person
Bring own refreshments
Quality Raffle - Great Prizes
Quizmaster - Robin Parks

Saint George and the Dragon



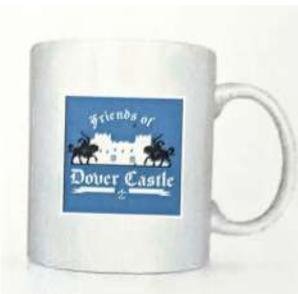
Wear fancy dress if you wish
 Prize for best dressed / themed table
 Knights, Dragons, Damsels
 Choose a themed team name

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- King Peg Potts
- The Malbecs
- None of Your Quizness
- The Dragon Flies
- Dragons
- Norfolk In Chance
- Knights of the Picnic Table
- The Six Saxons
- The Noble Guessers
- East Kent Wyverns
- Don't Put That In There
- Dover Dragons
- Dave and The Dragons



We hosted a very successful Quiz Night at the Castle on St George's Day, with 17 teams packed into the NAAFI Restaurant which was basically at capacity with nigh on 90 people in attendance. A big surprise for us all was our Chairman entering the hall dressed as St. George with his dragon. There were six "Dragons" within team names, so St George was very busy slaying all night. Question Master Robin Parks put together a challenging quiz together with one round focused on questions about St George.



There was a variety of quality raffle prizes on offer and the Committee had worked tirelessly to contact various companies and organisations to donate the prizes. The team were also responsible for collecting quiz night monies, sell raffle tickets and set the tables out to suit the teams, some of who had just 4 players, some had the maximum allowed, six. Unfortunately, the PA system failed half way through so for the final rounds Robin had to shout the questions and answers and the teams had to quieten down a bit so everyone could hear him. The image of the table set up above, is the brilliant display The Has Beens team set up. This was the brainchild of Associate Committee member, volunteer and all around good egg, Jan, supported by her husband, Chris. There was no doubt it was the best table and the quiz team actually did quite well in the quiz too. The winning team was the **Dragon Flies**, who all went home with a branded mug. The losers gained delightful FODC branded wooden spoons.

The Total raised on the night was over **£800** and with expenses, the net total raised for Fundraising was **£746.00**
 Many thanks to Robin Parks, our excellent Quiz Master.

Thanks to Jan, Chris, Loren, Paul, Mia, Chris, Stacey of the Friends, without whom this quiz would not have been so successful. Thanks to chairman Graham for organising and dressing up. Thanks to Dover Castle for allowing us to use the NAAFI and for their raffle prize. Thanks to all those who donated raffle prizes (I will be writing to them separately) and thanks to all those who turned up and also bought raffle tickets and contributed to such an incredible and fun event.

Projects Updates

This project is based around the loan of many historic maps and charts by Wendi Atherton who, many will know, lived in Constables Tower when her husband, Brigadier Maurice Atherton served as Deputy Constable 1976 to 1981. We purchased an antique chest fit for the purpose of storing and displaying the maps and charts and members will be able to view these during our Open Days.

This chest cost us £800 - but doesn't it look good in our office



HISTORIC POSTCARDS PROJECT - £400

This project is still at an early stage but we supported Dover Castle by purchasing a collection of Postcards, images and information for them as they did not have the funds nor the budget allocated for them. The Castle are unlikely to have them on display but will record them and secure them in their archives. They may be of use in the future when making applications requiring Scheduled Monument consent or

Grade 1/2 planning consent as they will give a historic and factual account of how certain parts of the Castle looked previously. As part of the collaborative agreement with English Heritage, we were granted the duplicate postcards and images and information booklets and leaflets which English Heritage did not have a current use for. We now have a suitcase full of material which we will have to sort and decide which ones to have on display. We are determined our members should be able to enjoy some of them which will be made available on our Office Open Days and we may do a digital record of them which may be accessed by members.

DEFIBRILLATOR (£1700)

Over this last year we have provided Dover Castle with their first ever Defibrillator. We are providing accessible benches which you will see at various places around the Castle. We have also continued with the Constables Kitchen Garden Project. The major English Heritage project at Dover Castle last year was the Dover Castle under Siege and we have been asked to donate two musket guns for the Siege Display. We have also recently donated a portable amplifier and speaker - gosh we could have done with this at the Quiz!

Friends of Dover Castle Fundraising Projects

- Defibrillator
- Personal PA system
- Historic Maps & Charts
- Postcards
- Benches & Tables
- Muskets
- Kitchen Garden

CORNER TOWERS FLOORING

I have spoken with Becky about being able to raise funds to do important repair work to the corner towers on the top of the Great Tower. The flooring needs replaced on the couple of towers which would enable visitors to really be "The King of the Castle" and stand on the topper most part of the Castle. This would need to go through the Curators and HQ but it is feasible.

INTERACTIVE DISPLAY SCREENS

Another idea is that parts of the Castle are just not accessible to all. For example wheelchair users and those with mobility issues are unable to ascend inner spiral staircases to enjoy the rooms and history of the Keep and certainly not the top of the Great Tower. The idea is to provide interactive display screens which will enable visitors to see

Friends of Dover Castle Potential Projects

- Interactive display screens
- Repairs to corner towers
- Additional defibrillators

£10000

inside the Castle and experience for themselves what its like to walk around the higher levels of the Great Tower and the Rooftops.

KITCHEN GARDEN PROJECT

It is hardly proper to still call this a project as it has moved on from development into sustainability, but it is still a major part of our work at the Castle, so I think we can still refer to it as a project.



Constables Kitchen Garden



The Kitchen Garden has been really good for us as we now have a Licence to occupy and use this garden which we have restored to much earlier productive times. Raised Beds have been constructed, seeds planted in the Greenhouse and Potting sheds which will produce quite a harvest for members and visitors to enjoy. It is likely we will still supply the main kitchens of Dover Castle with our produce. Mark, Pauline and all the volunteers - John, Chris, Mia, Jan and Chris. Loren and Paul have done a great job and the Committee will still continue to support this initiative which is being sustained and working towards self sufficiency.

The Kitchen Garden Hazel Arbour - Mark Danson

Hazel has a long history of use in construction, particularly in pre-European cultures. Its flexible wood was valuable for wattle and daub walls, fish traps, and bog trackways. Hazel copse also provided a renewable supply of wood for firewood, thatching, and fencing.

The practice of coppicing, where trees are cut down to the ground to regrow, allowed for sustainable harvesting of hazel for building materials and fuel. The Hazel used in the construction of the Kitchen Garden arbour came from 'Twenty Acre Wood' near Shepherdswell. Great care was taken in the selection and the coppicing of the wood to ensure that the impact on wildlife and the immediate area was minimal.

Hazel is as a fantastic material for climbing supports, its flexible nature allows you to create stunning structures in the garden that offer a sense of grandeur in places where a permanent building might be too much of a commitment. This temporary status is a great opportunity to experiment with different types of climbing beans and squashes. The versatile nature of the structure means that it can be adapted over its life span to accommodate many different types of garden produce, simply by adding or taking away parts of the structure.



This first year our arbour will be used to grow Broad Beans, Runner Beans, and French Beans.

The entire structure took 18 hours to complete and we can reasonably expect the main structure to last several years with replacement of the thinner arched sections being replaced every two years. The structure consists of several 2" diameter upright supports which are driven 12" inches into the ground and then braced horizontally with 1" diameter lengths secured with Hemp twine. Thinner lengths are then laid vertically along each side and bent over to form an arch which is secured to a central horizontal support at the apex, again using Hemp twine

Dover Castle has a long history and Hazel would have been in regular use in structures such as animal hurdles, fencing and as a construction material, so it was felt that using Hazel was preferable to the more commonly used Bamboo canes.

(author - Mark Danson)

Fundraising Heroes



You may recall that last year I took part in the Great Tommy Sleep Out to raise funds for the RBLI. This year 3 of our Committee members wanted to do the same but also raise funds for the Friends of Dover Castle. There were logistical and legal issues which prevented them trying to do this inside the Castle walls so a site not far from the Castle was chosen. The trio spent the night of March 15th camping just outside the Castle. Mark Danson and John Moat were raising funds for RBLI with the Great Tommy Sleep Out and Chris Wornell was raising funds for us, the Friends of Dover Castle. They advise me it was bitterly cold but they had a fun time and it was for a good cause.

Together they raised over £500 for the Great Tommy Sleepout and Chris raised over £150 for the Friends of Dover Castle.

Pictured here, our Secretary Chris and his dog Luna and Kitchen Garden lead, Mark.



See page 18. This is a lump of concrete from the Berlin Wall, which was brought to the UK by a member of BFG (British Forces Germany) when the wall was attacked by students and residents in November 1989

BATS Rare Bat found at Dover Castle

In February 2025, it was reported that a rare bat had been found in the tunnels beneath Dover Castle, that being identified as the Greater Mouse-Eared Bat and one that has not been seen in this area for over 40 years. Claire Munn is a principal ecologist with South East Ecology and Kent Bat Trust has been monitoring the tunnels beneath Dover Castle since 2018 and she found what appeared to be a bat that had overdone it at the gym and was on steroids. She and her fellow volunteers later had it confirmed as a female Greater



Mouse-eared Bat. It is regarded as Britain's Rarest bat species with only a handful of sightings each year. A male and female have been seen by the Sussex Bat Trust in secret tunnels in Sussex. Experts believe it may have come to Dover along the Coast from Sussex or in fact migrated over the channel. Whilst it's body length may

only be 3 inches, it can have a wing span of nearly 18 inches so is regarded as a relatively large bat.



It is not the first time Claire has discovered a rare bat at Dover Castle. In 2021, she discovered a Greater Horseshoe Bat which had not been seen under Dover Castle for over 100 years and aptly it was discovered in tunnels known as Horseshoe Bastion.



The Greater Horseshoe Bat is one of the larger bats in the UK with a body length of 3 inches and a wing span of over 12 inches - similar to the Greater Mouse-eared Bat. It is nearly as rare and in decline according to the Bat Conservation Trust. If you see a Bat help it, record it, tell www.kentbatgroup.org.uk or www.bats.org.uk

Smoke without Fire?

On April 10th there was a scare at Dover Castle when some 5 Fire Engines raced to Dover Castle after reports of smoke coming from underground drains. A spokesperson stated that the emergency services were called as a precaution as smoke had been seen in a drain shaft but nothing was found during KFRS investigation and the smoke soon dissipated. This was the scene by the entrances to the Secret Wartime Tunnels. (Images courtesy of Jessica Shepherd.)



Witnesses sought

Police are appealing for witnesses to an incident whereby it is alleged that a man sexually assaulted two women in the secret Wartime tunnels at Dover Castle.

The incident is said to have occurred on Sunday 6th April at about 1.30 pm. The attacker is described as a white male, in his forties wearing a black or grey tracksuit. If you have any information please notify the Police on 01843 222289, quoting 46/57568/25.

Air Ambulance

Dover Castle was in the news previously as on 16th December 2025 at around 1pm a person suffered a fall from height and was airlifted to Kings College Hospital, London.

The Castle was not open to the public at that time. I include this story because I

remember my late father Harry, telling me that when he was a Police Officer stationed at Dover, he had to help rescue someone who had fallen in the ditches at Dover Castle and said that it was a lot steeper than you think and far more difficult to haul someone safely on a stretcher up to base level. In those days (1960's) there wasn't an Air Ambulance. Thankfully there is now. www.aakss.org.uk



In the past 35 years, the Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance has attended over 46,000 incidents, saving lives 24/7. Running costs are £20m a year and nearly 90% of this comes from donations and fundraising. Donations always welcome.

Dover Castle

Book Shop

The Castle has set up a Book Shop in the former Prison in the buildings opposite the NAAFI. This not only brings in to use a building which was only used for special events such as WW2 weekend and special tours but it also provides a modest income stream as it is run by English Heritage Volunteers. Friends of Dover Castle members and volunteers Loren and Jan, regularly attend at the Book Shop and have become the backbone of the operation. All funds raised at the Bookshop are spent on projects at Dover Castle. The Friends of Dover Castle have thus far donated planters and flowers to enhance the entrance and also provided a new weather proof stand alone sign.



Whilst serving as the home to the Castle book shop, visitors are also able to see images of the Castle during WW2 which have been placed inside the former Cinque Ports Prison.

Another aspect of the book shop is that donated books which are not in a saleable condition are used in book folding with some of the resulting items offered for donations.



English Heritage will be offering book folding taster sessions to members.

The volunteers work really hard on the Book Shop project. Donations of books are checked and recorded and displayed for resale. Those which do not make the grade are then sorted as to suitability for book folding which the volunteers then



undertake.

Book folding is thought to have started in China, with accordion style folding examples dating from the Tang dynasty (618-907 AD)

Book Folding as an art did not really happen until 1999, developed from Origami which was invented in Japan and used for ceremonial uses from 1300 AD onwards. Recreational Origami began in 1797 with the publication of a technical manual of Origami for play. The growth in Origami in 1954 following a design by Akira Yoshizawa has led to using similar techniques to convert books into pieces of art.



The Cinque Ports prison plaque



The Cinque Ports Prison, which is located against the southern half of the western outer curtain wall at Dover Castle, was likely originally constructed in the 1770's and consists of a two storey range of domestic style brick buildings and incorporates Fulbert of Dover's Tower. Earlier plans of the site indicate that the present building was constructed on the site of an earlier structure, known as the Debtors Prison. There have been numerous changes made to the current structure, most notably in 1796 when it was extended on the southern side to provide additional cells and an exercise yard (which has now been demolished). The prison use continued until the 1850s, after which the building provided accommodation for married soldiers and offices for the Royal Engineers.

The internal spaces have been little altered since the building was vacated in the 1970s. Noteworthy features are the prison cells within Fulbert of Dover's rectangular mural tower, which retain their heavy doors (with spyholes); the arches of blocked medieval windows and remains of a garderobe on the first floor of the tower; the cramped stone vices giving access to the first floor; the mural passages cut through the thickness of the curtain wall, to allow access to the southern and northern extensions; the survival of internal joinery and fireplaces, much of it dating from the 1850s.



You can see how the prison used the existing Fulbert's Mural Tower, as you can see the remains of arches and the garderobe.

Prison life was deplorable. They had to pay for their board and also a sum of £1 to get out once their debt was paid. They had to rely on friends to bring them food or from donations. They were allowed to dangle a basket from a grill where passers by could place bits of food, usually crusts of bread. As



this would be the outer walls of the Castle adjacent to Canons Gate, it is difficult to imagine there would be many passers by but Canons Gate had become a regular route into the Castle and the roadways were different in those days and the route past Canons Gate led into Dover.

James Neild, a rich London Jeweller, visited Dover Castle and the Debtors prison in 1770 and was appalled at the conditions. When the Debtors Relief Charity was formed in 1772 he became treasurer and appealed to the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports to improve conditions. Nothing improved until Lord North was appointed as Lord Warden in 1778 when conditions improved and fees were reduced although prisoners were still expected to pay half a crown a week for lodgings. Mr Neild was angry at the lack of improvements and in 1810 transferred to Dover Corporation the trust fund of £800 from which prisoners were to be given 2 pound of bread each day. The capital sum of £800 was eventually transferred to the Dover Almshouse Charity in 1855 when the Debtors Prison closed.

James Neild is virtually unheard of but he became a Prison reform activist when one of his fellow apprentices had been confined to Kings Bench Prison over a small debt. The first accounts of the 1772 Debtors Relief Charity stated they had raised over £2800 and the release and discharge of 986 prisoners was achieved. It argued that in addition to 986 prisoners there belonged 566 wives and 2389 children so the positive impact was far greater than just 986 debtors. In, it's first 60 years, the Society released over

180,000 prisoners at a cost of £152,000 The Society still exists today administered by Governors and Trustees.

James Neild published the State of Prisons in England Wales and Scotland in 1812 which influenced Governmental reforms. He married and had two sons and a daughter but appears to be more famous for dis-inheriting his eldest son William, who emigrated to America, and his youngest son John Camden Neild, who became a miser and left the family fortune to Queen Victoria.

Fundraising



A lot of what we do is raising funds

to spend at the Castle to enhance the visitor experience. Dover Castle often make suggestions to us for us to consider and we also come up with ideas which we feel will enhance the visitor experience at the Castle. This is generally where Dover Castle or English Heritage have not budgeted for such improvements or simply do not have any spare funds. Recently, as reported in the previous Chronicles, we donated the Castle's first ever Defibrillator, which is now situated at the main ticket office.



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Recently we have collaborated with Dover Castle to provide new benches and picnic tables to be placed around the site; a mini portable PA system which will enable Explainers and Storytellers to better deliver talks to visitors. This can be used anywhere but initially will be used to deliver the Fortress Dover story at the Fire Command Post and WW1 Anti-aircraft Gun. The Musket - India pattern flintlock Brown Bess Musket - we have donated 2 such Musket's which were missing from the Dover Castle Under Siege attraction as EH simply ran out of money. We are glad to be able to finish off this particular part of the Siege interpretation.

Over £4000 donated to Dover Castle

With the defibrillator, benches, musket, portable PA, flower pots and signs, we have donated in excess of £4000 to Dover Castle so far this year. The members of the Friends of Dover Castle deserve a BIG THANK YOU. The committee appreciates that it is you, the members who continue to join and renew membership and support our fundraising campaigns who enable us to donate generously to Dover Castle.

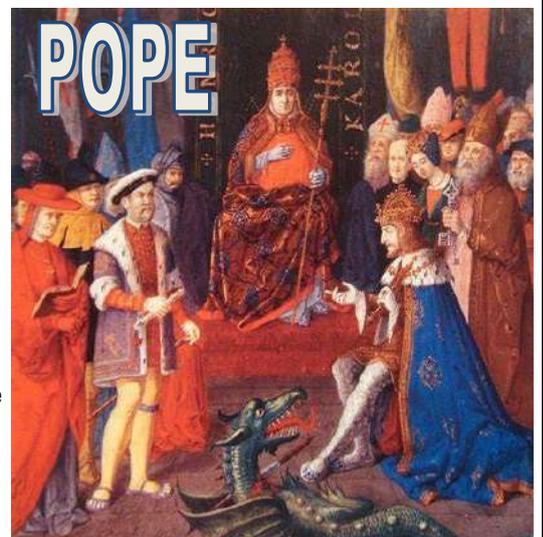
Chuffed with Choughs



It appears a breeding pair has made a home in Dover Castle since being released into the wild in July 2023

Trying to always be up to date and topical, with the recent election of new Pope Leo XIV, I have tried to find out if a Pope had ever stayed at Dover Castle.

It appears there has never been a Pope staying at our Castle but in May 1520, Holy Roman Emperor Charles V stayed in the Great Tower as guest of King Henry VIII. The painting on the right depicts a meeting in May 1520 with Henry VIII, Emperor Charles V and Pope Leo X which took place in Calais.





As mentioned on page 7 of this edition - One area I have been thinking about for some while is how can we enhance the experience for disabled visitors. As you know, access to most of the Great Tower is impossible for wheelchair users and being a scheduled monument there is little scope for doing anything practical about this.

I have seen other historic buildings have installed interactive Display Screens which allows the users to choose what areas they wish to see and can basically do a virtual tour of the Castle. Seeing videos of the spiral staircases and the roof of the Great Tower will allow disabled visitors to feel like they are experiencing this in real time which they can share with their mobile companions who are making the ascent to the top at the same time.

Also, the Great Tower has 4 corner towers with none of them accessible so you can't really be at the real top of the Castle. It is quite poignant for me as it was on top of one of these corner towers that I took the Olympic Flame in 2012 and passed it to Sophie Waller during the London Olympics Torch Relay. It is likely that it is just the flooring which needs replaced to enable visitors to again reach the very top. These items are likely to run in to thousands which is why we launched a £10,000 Fundraising campaign at the recent quiz.



I should add that these are just ideas at the moment as it will need planning and involve many departments of English Heritage but it will be great if we can put a proposal forward to facilitate these ideas.



You can all help us raise funds by signing up with EasyFundraising and registering the Friends of Dover Castle as your worthy cause - everything you buy through Easy-Fundraising raises us valuable funds. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fodc>



Another way you can help us raise funds is through the Dover Lotto. Every £1 you spend on tickets earns us 50 p, so sign us up as your worthy cause. [Dover District Lotto: Easy online fundraising for good causes - Dover District Lotto](#)

We also earn **GIFTAID** on subscriptions and donations.



ENGLISH HERITAGE - RESHAPING ENGLISH HERITAGE— Announcement in January 2025

What is happening and why? English Heritage has been reviewing its structure and developed a series of proposals that will allow the charity to meet the opportunities and challenges of the next few years from a position of strength.

All organisations need to review their structure from time to time and English Heritage has not done so for several years. In that time, our world has changed dramatically. The pandemic and its aftermath led to lasting changes in visitor expectations and behaviour, both domestically and internationally, while many of our visitors and members are facing challenges with the cost of living. High inflation has increased the cost of conservation work at our sites but significant and ongoing expenditure is still required if the condition of the sites in our care is not to deteriorate. English Heritage is a charity and no longer receives or relies on regular funding from DCMS to care for the National Heritage Collection. Like many organisations, we are operating in a challenging environment and the aim of these proposals is to ensure that English Heritage is financially resilient and can fulfil our charitable purposes.

What do we expect the impact to be? For our staff: Our proposals would see an estimated net reduction of at least 7% (189) in our current workforce of 2535 employees. We're committed to working with our employees and our Trade Unions to find ways to avoid and reduce redundancies where we can. In the last financial year, we spent £25.1m on the maintenance and conservation of our sites and the care and stewardship of the National Heritage Collection is – and always will be – based on expert, in-depth knowledge.

We are proud of English Heritage's in-house expertise and committed to it – under these proposals, we will continue to have a team of more than 75 expert curators, historians and conservators. The proposals give us the opportunity to gather together all those experts into a single centre within the charity and a more joined-up way of working will mean we are better able to look after and understand the great sites in our care and better able to share their stories with everyone.

For our sites: A reduction in opening hours at a relatively small number - approximately 10% - of the 400 plus sites in our care:

- In common with many of our sites already, 21 sites would close over our winter season – the reality is that we welcome a tiny number of visitors to these particular sites when they are open at weekends during the winter months (for instance over one weekend in November, a number of these sites only welcomed 11 visitors).
- At 22 of our other smaller sites, we want to find different ways of sharing them with our visitors. This is because our usual way of opening isn't necessarily suitable or sustainable at these sites, and for instance offering special guided tours, temporary exhibitions or partnering up with the local communities for special events will provide a richer experience than what we currently offer.

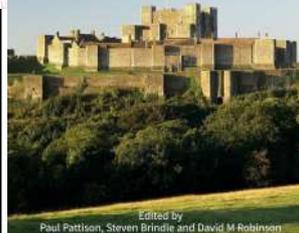
HOW DOES THIS AFFECT DOVER CASTLE?

Things at Dover Castle are basically the same with Business, sort of, as usual. However, there is an immediate reduction in big events as WW2 event has been put back to June 14/15th from the normal 3 day May Bank Holiday event it has traditionally been. This may have changed anyway, due to the transport difficulties in recent years. This will be the only major event at Dover Castle this year.

[World War II Weekend at Dover Castle | English Heritage](#)

Neil McCollum has been promoted to Operations Director, South and East. This means he has a larger territory to manage but from our perspective he is still overall manager of our area, including Dover Castle. Becky Smith remains our main contact as General Manager of Dover Castle.

I have included this article in this edition because I think it is important for members to understand and appreciate the pressures English Heritage has been under recently which undoubtedly is felt by staff at the sharp end. There will be fewer staff, less income but places such as Dover Castle will still need to be maintained and as the latest Annual Report 2023/24 states, conservation work is becoming increasingly more expensive. I think our fundraising activities and projects will become even more important going forward.



I recently attended the first of the Citadel Sessions, which is a collaborative project led by English Heritage with Dover District Council and the Citadel Café designed to bring the local community together through art, creativity, conversation and connection. The first session was a talk on the History of the Western Heights by English Heritage, Senior Historian, Paul Pattison. I first met Paul in 2013 when the bid for Fortress Dover was being developed and he was responsible for bringing the WW1 Anti-aircraft Gun from Pendennis Castle to its home as the centre piece of Fortress Dover at Dover Castle. He is a genuinely nice guy and brilliant historian. His talk encompassed how he was part of a small team doing an historic and archaeological survey of the Western Heights in 1998. The reports commissioned by the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England (RCHME) are available from Historic England. Paul gave us a fascinating insight into the history of the Western Heights and how important the fortifications could have been should we have been invaded or attacked.

Paul was the author and editor of the book "The Great Tower of Dover Castle, History, Architecture and Context" which is a very detailed account and I am proud to say I have a copy. Paul is passionate about history and passionate about Dover Castle and I am including this little article because he has accepted voluntary redundancy from English Heritage as part of the reshaping mentioned above. He will be missed

[The Western Heights, Dover, Kent. Report No. 2: The Citadel. Survey Report | Historic England](#)

SIEGES

The newest attraction at Dover Castle is the Dover Castle Under Siege Project which has transformed the Northern fortifications into an interactive display and play area, which includes the medieval tunnels, casemates, northern earthworks and the spur redan. Dover Castle has 3 siege engine replicas which are available to volunteers to show and demonstrate to visitors. This immersive display allows visitors to better engage with the new interpretation at the Castle thus enhancing the experience.

I have learnt that during works at Kenilworth Castle, they discovered a number of catapult shots dating from the 13th Century which were used during the Siege of Kenilworth Castle in 1266. These boulders weigh between 1 kg and 105 kgs and were remarkably well



preserved. I think it would be great if we could have some catapult shots on display at the Dover Castle Under Siege attraction as I found the most common question being as to how big or heavy were the shots fired from the siege engines.

The siege of Kenilworth Castle was a bit different as it was not being defended by a King or a King's forces, but was being attacked by them. In this case Henry III was attacking forces of Simon de Montford during the second Baron's War. It is regarded



as the longest such Siege in England and lasted 172 days from June until December 1266 when the defenders finally surrendered. King Henry III had spent a fortune improving the fortifications of Kenilworth Castle and had given it to Simon de Montford, Earl of Leicester in 1253 but his attempt at gaining loyalty failed dramatically as Simon sided with the Barons against the King during the 2nd Barons War commencing in 1264. Montford had defeated the Kings forces at the Battle of Lewes in 1264 and in fact taken King Henry and his son Edward prisoner (hostage) until he was killed at the Battle of Evesham in 1265. His followers encamped to Kenilworth Castle where they stocked up on supplies and withstood continual bombardment from catapults and bowmen for 6 months until being worn down by dysentery and lack of supplies. This is probably why the Castle is basically a ruin as compared to our Dover Castle.

In 1215, during the 1st Barons War, King John laid siege to rebel barons occupying Rochester Castle. After taking the bridge and outer

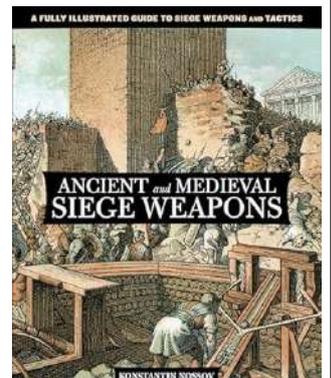


Bailey, Royal troops used siege engines and miners to undermine the Keep and after burning the fat of 40 pigs too fat to eat the timber supports collapsed allowing access to the remaining rebel troops inside the Keep. Once he had retaken the Castle, King John set about refortifying the Castle, although this work was undertaken by his son King Henry III as he died in October 1216. Rochester Castle was again besieged in the 2nd Barons War when the King's Royal forces defended the Castle from Simon De Montford and Rebel Baron's troops. They likewise overran the outer Bailey but could not penetrate the Keep which stood firm until war ceased, initially when de Montford was killed by Prince Edward at Evesham in 1265 and when the Barons were finally defeated in 1267.



The image on the left is of Caerlaverock Castle near Dumfries in SW Scotland. I include it here as it is a beautiful Castle and was in fact besieged by King Edward I in 1300. Edward had seen sieges in action accompanying his father Henry III, especially the siege of Kenilworth in 1266. (172 days) He therefore took an army of 3000 troops, 87 Barons and Knights and many Siege Engines to avoid a protracted siege. However, just 60 men thwarted his attack for several days in what is the only triangular Castle in the UK.

I have armed myself with a book on Siege Engines which not only describes the weapons but also the tactics in Siege Warfare. It is very informative and will help me when I am volunteering at the Siege showing off the replica weaponry. It is an interesting read.





This year sees the commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the end of WW2 on the 8th May.

Whilst there was not an event organised at the Castle, they did adorn the ramparts with Red White and Blue to mark the occasion.



The Castle looks resplendent when lit up and the Post Box at the Castle was adorned with a specially knitted cover including a Spitfire. VE Day is rightly celebrated as it marked the end of the War but we must never forget that over 60 million people were



killed during the war, the majority being civilians. Many more were injured.

Memoirs of my Mum, who was Molly Audrey King, aged 9 when war broke out. She lived through the War in London and experienced the Blitz, bombs dropping, doodlebugs, rationing and neighbours houses being destroyed with friends being killed. Her father, John King, had served in WW1 and had fought at the Somme in 1916 where he lost his older brother William. Mum was with her elder sister Yvonne, in Walthamstow on 16th August 1944, when a V1 bomb landed in the town centre killing over 20 people with hundreds injured. My Aunt had been on an errand and had left my mum at a park a short way away where she rejoined her just as the bomb landed. She recalls the buzzing stopping and people panicking. She writes **“the doodlebugs came and when the engines stopped, they dropped and you waited for the bang!”**



School children were given gas masks which we had to practice putting on, they smelt of rubber (not very nice) and we had to carry them around in a box.”

Everything was in short supply and we had to queue for all materials even bread.

We had an Anderson shelter at the bottom of the garden. It had 2 bunk beds in it with a gap in the middle. There was an air raid shelter at the recreation ground but it was so busy there were no seats for children. When they were bombing us every night we just went to bed in the Anderson shelter, first me, then my sister Von, then my mother then my father. **After a while you stopped being scared.**



Mother planted flowers on top and around the shelter to look nice.

We were unprepared as a country for war. We were encouraged to buy War Savings Stamps and it became quite a competition at school. The Council asked the Public to donate any type of metal to help them make ammunition. One day they took our fence and the next they took our gate.

Nothing happened for ages then because Germany was being annoying to Poland we Declared War on Germany

We had 3 bombs and 1 mine dropped on our road. There was a gap where next door neighbour but one's house had been. It was still smouldering, people said the family were saved as they were in a shelter but we saw them taking bodies away on stretchers. **That was sad.** The mine was more powerful than the bombs as when it dropped it blew our shelter door open and shrapnel smashed our windows and roof lights.

When they were bombing every night, we listened to the sirens, the drone of planes, explosions and wondered how close they were.



The **Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment and Queens Regiment Museum** is housed at Dover Castle. Some members of the Committee were treated to a behind the scenes tour of the museum by Assistant Nicky Johnson on 25th February 2025. This included a very interesting talk about the Museum and History and behind the scenes insight into some of the characters mentioned. One was **Lieutenant Matthew Latham**, a hero of The Buffs Regiment, who not only saved the Regimental Colours but was also the first wounded British Soldier to undergo nose reconstruction.

The Battle of Albuhera in 1811 was a bloody battle during the Peninsula War being Napoleon's attempt at conquering Spain. The French attacked the British Army which consisted of four regiments including the 3rd regiment of Foot (The Buffs). There was a storm meaning musket fire was useless and the French Lancers tore into the Buffs and 83% of the regiment was slaughtered. Latham saw the soldier with the Regimental Colours being killed and without any thought of himself, he waded in and grabbed the flag before it could be taken by the enemy. He was attacked during this process and in fact a lancer sliced off his arm, a chunk of his cheek and most of his nose, but undeterred he managed to take the colour off the pole and stuff it inside his jacket.

Later, a group of fusiliers found Latham but thought he was dead (he had been rendered unconscious in the attack) saw the colours and returned them to the Buffs. Latham was later found crawling to a stream to drink, barely alive but he survived. Without hospitals, antibiotics or pain killers he was taken to a convent where surgeons dressed his wounds and amputated the rest of his slashed arm.

He returned to the Buffs - the Army being deemed a safe place for him - but without a nose he suffered frequent colds and infections. While the Buffs were stationed in Brighton in 1815, the Commanding Officer, Major General Bloomfield presented Latham to Prince George (Later George IV) who was rightly impressed with Latham's heroism that he offered to pay for surgery to give him a new nose. Surgeon Joseph Constantine Carpue used skin from Latham's forehead to create a new nose in January 1815.

Latham retired from the Army and went to live in France, marrying a French woman and died in 1865. What a testament to his endurance and the surgeons work. He was hardly remembered for his heroism until 1840 when a surgeon of the Buffs wrote to the United Service Gazette and his heroism then became public knowledge. The Buffs raised a 100 Guineas to buy a Gold Medal (seen in the image above) and in 1880 commissioned 3 centrepieces of his bravery - however the sculpture shows his left arm amputated when it was actually his right arm that was cut off. (Article by Graham from extracts of a report in The Royal Society)



Carpue's drawings of the surgery, it took 3 operations



Matthew Latham in later life - clearly with left arm! Gold medal being worn



One of the 3 centrepieces showing severed left arm!



Recognise this? This is an article we saw during the Behind the Scenes Museum Tour we did in 2017. Answer will be somewhere in this edition

The tour included object handling and a try of the virtual firing range - well worth a visit.

We then treated members of the Museum to a reciprocal tour of the Friends Office Accommodation where we showed them the Historic Maps project and a tour of Constables Kitchen Garden and Treasurers Tower which included an informative talk by Mark and John played some period music on the antique gramophone. (Article expanded from submission by John Moat)

We will hopefully be able to collaborate with the Museum on future fundraising activities



The museum has lots of items which are not on display. Left is an early Machine Gun and on the right a beret, complete with a bullet hole - the wearer did survive and donated it to the museum - **more than lucky**



Signing off !

I have been the Editor and Publisher of the Friends of Dover Castle newsletters since 2013 and I have decided to stand down from the role. I feel I am becoming tired in the role, which is not surprising when considering the hundreds of hours of spare time I have devoted to producing hopefully, interesting and informative magazines for members. There have been other times where I wondered whether written newsletters or magazines still had a place in modern society but feedback from members has always been positive and that the membership as a whole still wanted regular magazines or newsletters. I just feel now is the right time for me to withdraw from the role but I've tried to sign off with a bumper 20 page edition.

I think, during my time as Editor, I have been most proud of producing 3 Annuals, in 2015, 2016 and in 2017 - a special 30th Anniversary commercially printed Edition to celebrate 30 years since the Constitution of the Friends. I am also proud of the fact that I continued producing newsletters during Covid and the Lockdowns as I am sure this, together with the competitions we organised, kept up interest in Dover Castle.



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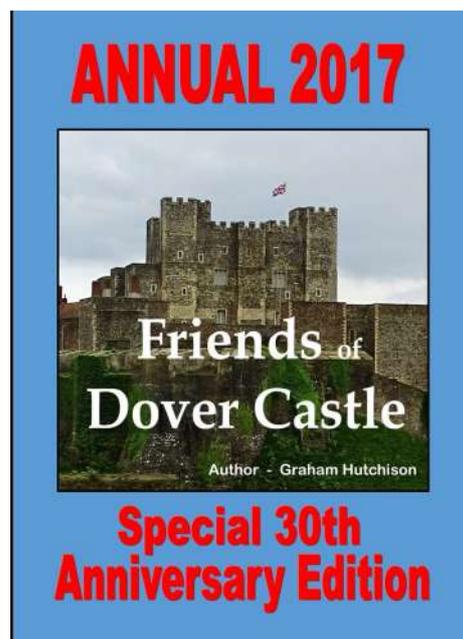


DOVER CASTLE AT NIGHT was the theme of a special evening in May 2016. The light show was actually very good - here it looks like we are summoning Batman!

This is the second Annual Bumper Edition of our Newsletter. We have decided to try a smaller format, A5 instead of A4. We hope you like the style and the information and articles it contains.

We are 30 years old this year, although officially we were not constituted until November 1987 - which gives us more scope to celebrate our Pearl Anniversary. Welcome any suggestions or ideas you have in relation to celebrating this occasion - so please let me know at my usual email address chairman@dover-castle-friends.org

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As a rough estimate, I have produced about 40 newsletters including the 3 annuals and we renamed them in 2023 as the **Dover Castle Chronicles** with this issue being number 6. All told that is probably in excess of 1200 hours of voluntary work which unfortunately does not get recorded anywhere but those who have ever been involved in any sort of publication know how much effort is involved in researching, writing, formatting, editing, proof reading and actually publishing. I have really enjoyed my time as Editor but feel I really need to hand this on to someone who has the energy and time, to keep the Chronicles going.

Thank you, to you, the reader, for taking the time to read the newsletters, magazines, annuals and now Chronicles over the last 12 years, I hope you have not been bored and have been suitably informed. Lots of members now use social media such as Facebook, but I still feel there is a use for newsletters, especially when they contain up to date information about forthcoming events. I hope someone will take this on. Watch this space!

Dover Castle Chronicle



We have decided to change the name of our newsletter and from now on it will be known as 'Dover Castle Chronicle' The Official Newsletter of the Friends of Dover Castle. We had over 100 names submitted to us as possible titles with some very creative ones. We decided on one of the first ones mentioned and this is all part of our marketing strategy to improve our communications and publicity. The logo you see here will be our emblem moving forward and we like it because it is simple and can be placed on any colour. We each have the chosen logo but however we use it, we feel this will give us an instant identity.



Exciting Times

We think 2023 will be a fantastic year for us. We are excited by moving to our new accommodation - our Kitchen Garden Project will be growing from strength to strength (don't be too sure!). We are becoming an Affiliate of English Heritage which means we will reach beyond Dover Castle and be recognised and benefit from the affiliate programme. Our members will benefit by being able to become Dover Castle Community Fundraising Volunteers who could benefit a wonderful year allowing free entry to all English Heritage Sites.

Not only will we be working more closely with Dover Castle but we are planning other working partnerships with the HISTORIC HOUSES, the Majesty's 14th Field Gun 1015, and other working others.

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Coming Up!

DOVER CASTLE EVENTS

HALF TERM FUN & GAMES

Saturday May 24th to Sunday June 1st

FREE



WORLD WAR II WEEKEND

Saturday 14th to Sunday 15th June

FREE



SUMMER FUN & GAMES

Saturday 19th July to 31st August

FREE

HALLOWEEN HALF TERM

Saturday 25th October to Sunday 2nd November

FREE

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Weekends from 22nd November to 21st December

Need to book

Extra charge of

£9.50

Tickets on sale soon—see website for details

FESTIVE FUN

Weekends from 29th November to 21st December

FREE

See www.english-heritage.org.uk for more details

FRIENDS OF DOVER CASTLE EVENTS

KITCHEN GARDEN OPEN DAYS - OFFICE OPEN DAYS - NEXT ONE 25th MAY 2025

We are hoping to open the Garden and our Offices regularly - for up to date information please see our website www.dover-castle-friends.org

SPECIAL TOURS -

CONSTABLES TOWER Sunday 29th June - 2pm

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS Sunday 3rd August - 2pm

DUMPY Saturday 18th October - 3pm

THE LEGACY OF WILLIAM TWISS special tour led by Volunteer Dave - tbc

THE GREAT TOWER, GRAFFITI & BEHIND THE SCENES - tbc

A SPECIAL TALK BY CLAIRE FRY of SPENCER & FRY - Filming Conservators - tbc

Please keep a lookout on our Facebook pages and our website for further details
-booking essential

www.dover-castle-friends.org



CITADEL EVENTS - Western Heights - FREE

June 3rd - Art at the Western Heights - Citadel Welcome Café - 6pm - 8pm

July 1st - Creative Writing at the Western Heights - Welcome Café - 6pm - 8pm

Must be booked via Eventbrite - www.eventbrite.co.uk