



WORTHINGTON 17th-CENTURY PROJECT

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Dear All,

THE ANNUAL GATHERING IN DOVER

Less than two months remain before the 2008 annual gathering to be held in Dover, Kent, England. I know that many of you have already booked for this occasion; for those of you who haven't, now is the time. The Churchill Hotel (previously known as The White Cliffs Hotel) is the best known in town. It is situated on the seafront with lovely views, not too noisy, and conveniently situated close to the town and main attractions we want to see. The Churchill Hotel, Dover Waterfront, Dover, Kent CT17 PBP, England, phone 44 (0)1304 203633, fax 44 (0)1304 216320 has a website www.bw-churchillhotel.co.uk which tells you more and you can check on availability for bookings on line. I have been making our arrangements through email to Selina at enquires@churchill-hotel.com They have 81 rooms with ensuite and many more double and single rooms. They have a brasserie and the cuisine is traditional and contemporary English. They also have parking, local car hire and room service. The nearest railway station is Dover Priory.

This third 17th-Century Project AGM gathering promises to be an interesting one. Three days of optional and interesting activities are planned and some of these require decisions in advance. A questionnaire is enclosed which we would like you to return as soon as possible to the Project office to help make things go as smoothly as possible.

Organized events will start of Friday morning 3 October and continue until lunchtime on Sunday 5 October. There will be three main events: first a reception at 5.30pm on Friday at the Churchill Hotel, to which I cordially invite all members and their guests; secondly the annual general meeting at 2.30pm on Saturday at St. Mary's Parish Centre; and thirdly the annual dinner at 7.00pm for 7.30pm on Saturday at the Sea Breeze Restaurant, Cambridge Terrace, Dover. The cost of the dinner per person is estimated at £25. The reception will be preceded at 4.20pm by talks on Dover and the Worthingtons of Dover where various Worthington artefacts will be on display. Your guests will be welcome at all these functions.

Other visits and tours are in the final stages of planning. These include a stroll around Dover to view sights in connection with the Worthington family, such as Worthington Street, the Maison Dieu and Maison Dieu House. On Friday morning the Dover Museum staff will take us into the research library to have a close look at the magnificent model of Lieutenant Benjamin Worthington's Proposed Lightship and Warning Beacon which was built in the 1830's. Other attractions at the Dover Museum include the Bronze Age Boat which was

discovered in recent years. On Sunday morning St Andrew's church in the parish of Buckland will be open for a full rites mass with choir. Inside the church is a section which was known as the Worthington Chapel. The churchyard grounds contain fenced memorials and very unusual marble entrances to vaults set in the banks.

There are many things to do in Dover which may not be fitted into the timetable, however members and their guests may wish to make their own arrangements. Examples are Dover Castle and the Churchill war tunnels which take a day to see thoroughly. There are also boat trips along the coast past the White Cliffs.

If you haven't already planned to do so, please try to come. This should be another great occasion in the life of the Project, as was our gathering in Annapolis last year.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Worthington
Chairman