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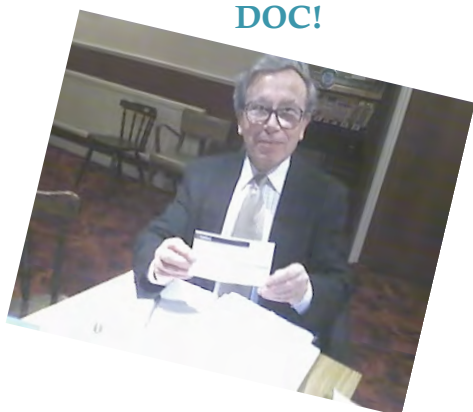
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## Message from our Chairman

With the New Year well upon us now we are delighted to report that much progress has been made in our efforts to push ahead with adequate sea defences. You may well have seen all our updates on the website, but I would urge you to check DOC's website regularly to keep yourself informed about the latest developments. The Committee is looking forward meeting up you again at the **AGM** which will take place on the **27 March 2009**. DOC has now been active for just over one year and much has been achieved during this time which would not have been possible without your generous support for which we are most grateful. Let us hope that 2009 will continue to be just as successful in our joint desire to secure a safe future for all of us who live and work on the Romney Marsh. Securing adequate coastal defences is paramount to achieve this. Fundraising continues to play an important part and we thank everyone who has contributed to DOC.

**Terry Preston**

**A big 'Thank You' to Magnox  
for their recent donation to  
DOC!**



DOC Committee Members during a site inspection at the Lydd Ranges with staff from the EA and MOD- Dec.08



## EA/Sea Defence Update

DOC has been busy meeting up with various EA Staff to discuss progress on the Folkestone to Cliff End Scheme and we are delighted to report that DOC will form part of a local Stakeholders Board for Broomhill involved at first hand during the Design/Planning stages of this section.. Our Technical Officer Tony Hills will have a direct input on behalf of our members with Halcrow (EA Consultants) who are managing the project. Various workshops are planned during 2009/10 to finalise the design work. Emergency works for Littlestone sea defences are due to start this month and the overall scheme for the Littlestone section is now at the design stage. The second stage for Dymchurch is also about to commence and DOC is keeping a watchful eye on how this will affect the local community. The time scale of all these planned works is very important and DOC continues to pressure for the schemes to be implemented as soon as possible.

## Calling all Members to the AGM!

**27. March 2009**  
**7.00 pm – Lydd**  
**Guild Hall**

DOC's AGM is open to all members of the public and supporters of DOC.

However only DOC members will be eligible to vote. Every DOC Member is invited to submit nominations for the Officers of the Association which must be returned to the DOC Secretary 7 days prior to the AGM Meeting.

Members are also invited to submit motions for debate at the AGM, providing that these are received in writing by Secretary of DOC seven (7) days before the meeting.