

THE DOVER WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

AN AMALGAMATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT ALFRED THOMAS EAVES

In Memory of Mr Denis Kehoe, who died on 11 October 2008, He was a head-teacher of St Martins Primary School and a member of the St Martin's Old Boys' Association, and believed Mr Alfred Thomas Eaves was a good example to young people.

Alfred Thomas Eaves Born

3 June 1885 at Deal, Kent, the son of Alfred A. Eaves, brickfield labourer, and Cordelia, his wife. In 1891 they were living at 15 Mill Road. Alfred ("Tommy") Eaves had then a younger brother, Harry, aged 3, and a sister Doris, 8 months. His mother was from Faversham, Kent, his father from Halstead, Essex. (1891 census)

In 1881 Alfred Eaves senior was 18, and is recorded as lodging with the family of Cordelia Davis (a milliner, aged 18), then living at 8 Mill Road, Deal. Presumably this is how Mr Eaves' parents met. Cordelia's father was named "Thomas", so Mr Eaves was probably named after his father and his maternal grandfather. .

Education – Secondary in Dover



Alfred Eaves began his teacher-training at the County (now Grammar) School for Boys, Dover. He is commemorated on a stained glass window (left) in their entrance hall, along with other Great War casualties from the school.

Photo Simon John Chambers, The Dover War Memorial Project)

Teacher Training

Information from the Archivist at Marjon (University College, Plymouth, St Mark and St John)

(Marjon was formed from an amalgamation between St John's, Battersea, where Mr Eaves trained as a teacher, and St Mark's, another teacher-training college. St John's was formerly Battersea College and is the first teacher-training college in UK (formed 1838))

Alfred Thomas Eaves was a student at the College of St. John, Battersea and successfully completed his course in 1907. He appears to have initially, on leaving college, taught at St. Michael's School, Buckingham Palace Rd, S.W. but then to have passed to St. Martin's

Church School, Dover around 1908

Although news of his death reached the Battersea Club so that following his death on 3 October 1916 his name appeared in the obituary table for the 1917 edition of the Year Book no friend or relative provided any detail as to how and where he had died whilst on active service. Regards regiments etc. - Our records have him as a 2nd Lieut. in the 17th Bn East Surrey Regiment and at the time of his death as a Lieut. with the 124th Trench Mortar Battery. He is named on our war memorial.

(below under year of 1907 – picture by Andrew Tatham).



St Martin's Scouts and Mr Eaves

from the Archive and Heritage Manager of the Scouts Association

The first Dover Scouts were at Charlton, formed March 1908.

3rd (St Martins) Dover were formed in October 1908 by A T Eaves

Incorporated (ie registered) on 19 February 1909

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Alfred Thomas Eaves obtained his warrant as Scout Master on 21 February 1910, when he was living at 32 Longfield Road, Dover. (Before the Great War groups had to be formed before the leader got a warrant from the Scout Association authorising him to be the leader of the group.) Their HQ was "The Nest" Maxton, Folkestone Road, Dover.

Alfred Thomas Eaves was the Scoutmaster from 1909 to 1914. (He was also Group Scout Master, meaning someone in charge of a whole group.)

The registration date of 3rd Dover on the Scout database was 19 January 1923 (This is registration with scouting HQ, which began only in 1919 – many groups had lost scouts and scout masters in the Great War and it took them several years to reform and register)

The new HQ – Eaves Hall – was opened on 14 April 1934 in what is now Eaves Road. It took 11 years of fund-raising. The site was bought for \$46.00, and the hall erected by £400 by Messers Dolbear and Johnson (who had themselves previously been 3rd (St Martins) Dover Scouts)

3rd (St Martins) Dover amalgamated with Dover Grammar School Scouts in March 1969.

Pharos 1909 no 2 Easter 1909 – collected by Paul Skelton (owner of Old Pharosians website)

(Pharos is is the newsletter for the Old Pharosians, former pupils of the County, now Grammar, School for Boys – "Pharos" from the Roman lighthouse up on the cliffs at Dover)

County School Boy Scouts

On Saturday, March 27th, a contest was held between Dover and Folkestone. The Dover Brigade, which comprised seven troops, including the County School, under Mr. Thomas, and the St. Martin's, under Mr. T. Eaves, an old student of the Pupil Teachers' Centre, defending Hougham Church. Their object was to keep a Union Jack (which was raised at the corner of the churchyard) flying until 5 o'clock. The first Folkestone attack commenced about 4 o'clock, and from that time the attacks became hotter and hotter. The flag was twice hauled down, but the umpire, Major Gosnold, of Folkestone, gave a decision in favour of the defenders. The flag was still flying when the bugle went at 5 p.m. The umpire then declared the result as a victory for Dover. Tea, followed by a march back to Dover, finished a very enjoyable and exciting day. The County School scouts, although they did not play an important part earlier in the game, can have the satisfaction of knowing that the last attack, if they had not repelled it, would have cost Dover the day.

Pharos No 18, March 1915 –

D.C.S. (*Dover County School*) OLD BOYS ON ACTIVE SERVICE. - The following additions or corrections to the Roll of Honour published in the last "Pharos" have come to hand:—

T. Eaves (01/05)—Sub-Lieutenant, East Surrey Regiment.

(and many other names as well –01/05 denotes the years Mr Eaves was at the school – this Roll of honour was for those serving, not those who had died)

Notes from C/E55/121/1/1 - The Log Book of St Martin's Boys' School, held at East Kent Archives

A T Eaves 07/402 – trained 1905-07

Mrs Eaves, née Miss Daisy Love 07/3426

7 Sept 1903 – the school formed - Mr E J Smith was the head, and other members of the staff were Mr Hunt and Mr Crowe

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2 March 1908 – today Mr Alfred Thomas Eaves commenced duties. Birth 3rd June 1885. trained 1905-07. Date of certificate July 07
Official number 07/402, last school was St Michael's, Pimlico

(1 May

Professor Pite from South Kensington selected some work (from St Martin's) for exhibition at an international art congress says the newspaper report. Professor Pite said he was quite hopeful as to the position of the English school of art work at the Congress. He thought Dover was to be congratulated on the work of Mr Reginald Goulden was doing (applause).

The purpose of the congress was to review the development of art in application to the industries. Reginald Goulden was the sculptor of Dover Town War Memorial, where Mr Eaves and Robert Reeder (see other sheets) would be commemorated in 1924 - M)

(A note from 17 January 1917 - average age of scholars in each class:

vi = 7.4 years

v = 8.4 years

iv = 9.7 years

iii = 10.5 years

ii = 11.5 years

I = 12.7 years)

11 Jan 1909 Mr Eaves taking Class iii

30 Aug 1909 –newspaper report – Boy Scouts in Camp. They were at Ewell Minnis (*near Dover*). There were 16 including Scout Master Eaves, with 3 tents - 2 for sleeping and one for stores. "Several alarms have been experienced during the nights and on the first night "some dear little London boys practised a few of their slum games until cleared off unceremoniously" as the Scout Master (*Eaves*) described it.

Another alarm was when the Scout Master was absent. Some local "roughs", according to the paper, tried to make trouble but were "cleared off" when the police came.

The Scouts began their camp on the Bank Holiday – the boys were busy in the morning and at leisure in the afternoons – they cooked and prepared their own food. They had had many visitors, and were having an "at home" on the Friday afternoon for visitors.

December 17 1909

classes re-arranged, Mr Eaves and headteacher took class i

Jan 1910 – Mr Eaves (c) took class i they were 54 boys ("c" means "certified teacher" – M)

by 4 April 1910 there were 47 in Mr Eaves' class

by 1 July 1910 there were 50 boys

1 Nov 1910 Mr Eaves was in charge of Class ii

1911 9 Jan, Mr Eaves in charge of class i

4 Dec – newspaper report, Basil Scarlett awarded the Emden Scout cup – for the Scout who had obtained the most proficiency badges (he had 19) - thus he also was awarded the King's Scout badge

17 April 1912 classes i and ii spent the morning in the playground observing the eclipse

24 April 1912 – the St Martin's Old Boys gained a victory over the Duke of York's Football Club

17 June 1912 St Martin's Scouts presented with the Emden trophy by the Mayor at the Town Hall. A Kinnear received a silver cup from W Emden esq – he holds 19 badges and was selected by the Commissioner – Colonel Smythe.

24 July 1912 – the St Martin's Old Boys won the championship of the Dover and District Football League

6 Jan 1913 – Mr Eaves taking class i

17 April – Mr Eaves absent owing to sickness, so headmaster took charge of class i

28 April – Mr Eaves returned to work

7 July – Mr Hunt in charge of school as headmaster off sick

30 July – Scouts won a trophy with 292 marks over the County school Scouts who got 87 marks

29 Sept 1913 attendance in last month been 92% because of hopping, the cause of much absence

20 Oct 1913 – a rearrangement owing to swimming lessons – Mr Eaves took class vi on Monday

1914 5 Jan – Mr Eaves taking class i

May 29 Mr Eaves presented with a clock and a chair on the occasion of his marriage

28 July – Emden trophy won by St Martin's Scouts. The Mayor presented it at the Town Hall

7 Sept 1914 – Mr Eaves was taking class i – other members of staff at this time were Hunt, Richardson, Watts, Scarfe, and Miss Bennett)

19 Oct 1914 – Mrs D Eaves (*wife of Mr Eaves*) commenced duties, she is assisting with class iii

11 Jan 1915 - Mr A T Eaves has joined the colours, receiving a commission in the 2nd East Surreys. Mrs Eaves appointed (*as teacher*)

Jan 10 1916 - Mrs Eaves had class iii

7 October 1916 - Lt Eaves killed at the Battle of the Somme

13 Oct school closed after morning session as a merit holiday

17 Oct - Mrs Eaves absent

27 Oct Mrs Eaves returned

There is information on the de Ruvigny Roll of Honour, accessible for a fee.

Some Local Newspaper Extracts

Mr. A. T. Eaves, one of the teachers at St. Martin's School, has received a commission as Second Lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion East Surrey Regiment. He was Scoutmaster of the St. Martin's Troop, and Hon. Secretary of the Dover Boy Scouts Association. He is the fourth master from St. Martin's Schools to join the colours, the others left being all over age, which, from a school point of view, is a good thing, as the services of those gone will be greatly missed.

From the Dover Express and East Kent News, January 1915.

**DOVER SCHOOLMASTER
KILLED IN ACTION.**

We regret to state that news has been received by his wife, Mrs. Eaves, of 196, Folkestone Road, Dover, that Lieutenant, and Acting Captain A. T. Eaves, of the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, has been killed in action. Prior to joining the Army, he was a master at St. Martin's School, Dover, where he had been since March, 1908, being previously a student teacher at Deal. Lieut. and Mrs. Eaves were only married in the spring of 1914, and since he joined the Army, Mrs. Eaves has been carrying on his duties as a teacher at St. Martin's School. The news of his death has been received with the greatest sorrow in the school and the greatest sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Eaves. Lieut. Eaves was very closely identified with the Scout movement, both at St. Martin's School, and in connection with the Dover Boy Scouts Association, of which he was the secretary prior to joining the Army. He received a commission in the East Surrey Regiment at Christmas, 1914, but a little over six months ago, was transferred to a battalion of the Royal West Surrey Regiment, and shortly afterwards, went with them to the Front. He was killed by a shell whilst he was very gallantly engaged in consolidating a captured position under shell fire.

There will be a memorial service at St. Martin's Church, on Saturday, at 3 p.m., to the memory of Captain Eaves, when the Dover Boy Scouts will attend.

Picture of Mr Eaves from the Dover Express and East Kent News – 27 October 1916



report of his death from the same newspaper, 20 October 1916

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Friends of the late Mr. F. Salmon, of the T
s.s. "Pathfinder" will be interested to know
that his son, Ernest Salmon, who is at the s
Royal Masonic School, Bushey, has been suc-
cessful in the Senior Local Cambridge exam-
ination, having gained first class honours and
distinction in English, history, geography
and art. Last year in the Junior Locals he
was top for the School, with first class hon-
ours and second distinctions. His early
schooldays were spent at St. Martin's School,
and when he left he was a pupil of the late I
Mr. Eaves, for whom he had a very sincere C
regard.

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From the Dover Express and East Kent
News, 16 February 1917

who fell asleep October 4th, 1916. R.I.P.
EAVES.—In memory of my beloved husband,
Lieut. A. T. Eaves, —th Royal West Sur-
rey Regiment, killed in action on the
Somme, October 7th, 1916.
GAGE.—In ever loving memory of our

From Mrs Eaves - In
Memoriam notice in the
Dover Express and East
Kent News, October
1917

The War Memorial at St Martin's school was unveiled on 11 September 1921 by the then Mayor –
see report on next pages.



ST. MARTIN'S SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL TABLET.

UNVEILED BY SIR EDWIN FARLEY

On Sunday afternoon the tablet erected in the entrance of St. Martin's Boys' School to the memory of the Old Boys who fell in the late war was unveiled by Sir Edwin Farley in the presence of a large gathering. Those present included the Mayor (Alderman C. J. Sellens), the Headmaster (Mr. E. J. Smith), the Rev. E. C. Robinson (Vicar of St. Martin's), the Rev. W. Holyoak, and a large number of friends and relatives of the fallen, and the boys of the School. In addition to the Mayor, the following members of the Dover Education Committee were present:—Councillor Mrs. Fuller, Miss Joad, and Messrs. V. Gutsell, F. Haynes, H. Leney and G. Golding.

The proceedings opened with the singing of the hymn "The Son of God goes forth to war," which was followed by prayer by the Rev. W. Holyoak. The lesson, Ecclesiastes xlii., verses 1-15, was read by the Rev. E. C. Robinson.

After reading the lesson, the Rev. E. C. Robinson said that they, in their turn, thought of those who left a memorial behind them. He thought that the English people must be proud of those who they were thinking about at the present time. There had never been a time when so much self-sacrifice and so much love of King and country was shown as in the late war. In spite of the things that one regretted

for them? In his opinion the answer depended wholly upon their realisation of the joy of doing work worth doing and doing it with their utmost energy. He was sure that the Old Boys who had gone were animated by this spirit. They gave all for them. Let them strive in their lives to follow in their footsteps and cultivate the spirit of self-sacrifice, and endeavour to instil the same spirit in all their young people. He could not refrain from quoting a passage from the last letter he received from Mr. Eves. It was written at one of the worst periods in the Battle of the Somme. He referred to a great many things, and the arrangements he suggested should be made in the event of his being killed. He ends with: "This is all. I am well and quite cheerful, and only trust that I shall do well in all I am required to do." What a message to them all. What an example to the boys of the next generation. A few days before he had written: "Do not forget me too soon. I feel you will not. None of my old boys remain at school, I suppose, but they will visit you from time to time, and, if I am no more, no doubt will think of old times." In what better manner could they remember their heroes than by endeavouring to do well in all their undertakings, as they did well for them in the Great War. In conclusion, Mr. E. J. Smith, on behalf of the Managers, thanked Captain and Mrs. Reeder for the memorial, which took the form of a barometer, which hung on the wall of the corridor. He also thanked Mr. Baker, one of the Old Boys, for his valuable

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(Note that in the report above, right-hand column, the head-teacher, Mr Smith, uses two quotes from a letter he had received from Mr Eaves from The Front – further down the report refers to Mr Smith as the President of the Old Boys' Association, too - M)

about it, they were able to say that those who went out did their best for the good of their country and the liberty of the world. So, although their hearts were in real sympathy with those whom they left, at the same time there was no bitterness in the sorrow. The young fellows who went out lived a short life, but in that short life they did their duty and protected the liberty of the whole world. It was better to live a few years and do some good thing than to linger on and do nothing in one's life. Whilst sympathising with those who had lost those they loved, they had the comfort to know that the lives were given for a good cause. Now they had got to see that they were not going to forget them or the meaning of their lives and their deaths. So it was a good thing that that tablet should ever be in the School to remind generation after generation of boys that there was a time when boys went from that School and gave up their life for their King and country. So the spirit of patriotism, the spirit of loyalty to their King and country, the spirit of self-sacrifice

assistance in regard to the design and erection of the memorial; Mr. Lawrence, for making and presenting the coat of arms of St. Martin that surmounted the memorial; and to their Secretary, Mr. Wickenden, who had obtained the funds for the erection of the memorial. He also thanked the Vicar of St. Martin's and Sir Edwin Farley (who had been a Manager of the School from 1903 until quite recently).

Sir Edwin Farley, at the request of Mr. Smith, then proceeded to the memorial (which is in the corridor), accompanied by the Mayor, the Vicar of St. Martin's and the relations of the fallen, and unveiled the tablet with the words:—"To the glory of God and in everlasting remembrance of the boys we knew alive, I unveil this tablet."

The Vicar of St. Martin's and the Rev. W. Holyoak then dedicated the memorial. A number of beautiful wreaths were laid below it. The tablet is a very striking and handsome memorial. It is of white marble with a border of alabaster, surmounted by the medallion of St.

King and country, the spirit of self-sacrifice and unselfishness was going to be taught to the boys of that School. May they send out generation after generation of young men who will do some good in the world, living for the glory of God and the good of their fellow men. Let it also be a lesson to them, as they thought of that tablet on that wall, that these young men gave up their lives for their good and left it to them to finish the work they began so well. Do not let the work those boys began be spoilt by our selfishness. They had given them a chance of building up a new world, and it would be sad if they did not do in their time the easier work that was left them to do. Services of that nature ought to bring home to them that spirit of sacrifice and unselfishness, so that they might go out into the world and do some little good, and when the time of death came they might say "We tried to live to the glory of God and the good of our King and country."

John S. Arkwright's hymn "O valiant hearts, who to your glory came" was then

surmounted by the medallion of St. Martin, and bears the following inscription:—"1914-1919. In proud memory of the Old Boys of St. Martin's School, who fell in the Great War. R. Amos, W. E. Blanche, C. M. Brett, J. Brinkworth, A. Brown, R. Brown, V. Brown, J. Clifton, W. Cook, E. Coombs, T. S. Dennett, C. G. Dennis, A. Duncan, A. R. Dunn, H. L. Dunn, A. T. Eaves, V. S. Evans, G. Fourre, W. Friend, F. Cabbe, H. Gates, F. Glayzer, F. Hall, T. Hunter, T. D. Jackson, T. J. Knott, H. Landall, R. R. Letty, E. J. Lewry, R. Martin, N. D. Masters, F. McLoughlin, C. Neill, E. Petit, F. Phipps, D. S. Pink, R. Reeder, F. Rich, E. C. Sedgewick, L. Stokes, A. Willis, and 'The Unknown.' 'The glory dies not' (Sir S. E. Bridges)."

Sir Edwin Farley then proceeded to the barometer which had been presented by Captain and Mrs. Reeder in memory of their son, and unveiled it. Two minutes' silence followed, after which the hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past" was sung.

Sir Edwin Farley said that he considered it a very great privilege to have

sung.

Mr. E. J. Smith, President of the St. Martin's Old Boys' Association, said that as, most of them were aware, the Old Boys' Association had only recently come into existence, and he rejoiced to think that one of their first acts was to take steps to see that a fit and proper memorial to those who had fallen in the late war was placed on the School walls. At their suggestion an appeal was made to all such Old Boys as they could get into touch with, which was a very difficult matter because the boys were scattered to all parts of the world in a very short time, but it met with a most gratifying response, some £80 or £90 being readily subscribed by the Old Boys. When one recollected that the School was only opened in 1903, only a few years before the outbreak of war and that the number of ex-scholars must be very small, the sum subscribed was a striking testimony to the affection felt by the Old Boys for their fellow scholars. The number of letters he had received from Old Boys in all parts of the world afforded evidence of this regard, and it was this strong and real feeling of brotherhood which exists among their boys that he felt most proud of in St. Martin's. That spirit of loyalty to school grew and expanded in after years, and the love of one's own country led a very large number of their Old Boys to join the Colours

been asked to unveil this memorial, as he believed that he knew personally every boy whose name appeared on the tablet. For that reason, he was glad to be there to pay his humble tribute to their greatness. He thought it a very kindly thought on the part of the Old Boys of St. Martin's who had erected that beautiful tablet to the memory of their departed comrades, who, by a noble conception of duty, set such a high standard to present and future scholars of St. Martin's. It was his hope and wish that every scholar on the last day at school, when he bade farewell to his school, would stand before that tablet and promise that, God helping him, he would try and live, and serve, and do as well as those boys did. St. Martin, after whom their School was named, was a godly and generous man, for he is depicted on that tablet sharing his cloak with a beggar. But those lads whom they mourned were equally, and he should say, more generous than St. Martin, for they gave God's great gift of life itself for King and country and for them all. For that reason they should strive to live a life of service that they lived, and boys in particular to henceforth do honour to the School to which they ought to be proud to belong. Their names were added to that noble record, and their memory would endure so long as men remember

one's own country led a very large number of their Old Boys to join the Colours before there was any compulsion for them to do so. They would be very remiss in their duty if they failed to utilise their sacrifice in the fullest possible manner. If they, in selfishness, took no thought over this, were they following in their footsteps? He hoped that every boy who attended that School and who therefore passed the memorial eight times every day in his school life, would ask himself the question and be led thereby to discover the beauty and lasting glory of service themselves without hope of reward. The members of the teaching staff must see to it that the lesson that the memorial implies was always impressed on the minds of the young boys committed to their charge. Most earnestly did he trust that the noble example of those who had gone would live in the memory of all of them and assist them in the world's broad field of battle. By thus acting unselfishly, our boys secured a happiness that was lasting. A few days ago he was reading of a Vice-Chancellor of the London University being asked to define happiness, and he said it was the result of work worth doing and well done. What a grave responsibility and a glorious opportunity was to hand. The present and past generations had got things into a tangle as a result of the war, and on the next generation rested the responsibility of getting them straight again. Would they rise to the occasion? Would they prove worthy of the great sacrifice that had been made

to that noble record, and their memory would endure so long as men remember the proudest tradition of their race. Their feelings that afternoon were, naturally, mixed. There must be regret. He always remembered those boys as he knew them—bright lads standing on the threshold of life, full of manhood and vigour. The war entirely altered their careers, and, like true citizens, they gave their all to their King and country. The memory of their whiteness, the memory of their courage, the memory of their supreme sacrifice, would never be absent from their minds. They were taught character. They were taught at St. Martin's to play the game, and they played the game and played it well. They played for the great side; they did not play for self. True sportsmen as they were, they kicked their last goal on the farthest side of the field of death. Whenever he saw the golden sun setting with beautiful colours he thought of every one of those lads who passed to the golden west. He did not think of them as dead but as living a better life. Their souls had taken wing to that great expanse above, and they are surrounding the great white throne still serving the great King of Kings.

After the singing of the concluding hymn, "For all the Saints who from their labours rest," the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. W. Holyoak. The "Last Post" was sounded by buglers of the 2nd Royal Irish Fusiliers, and the ceremony ended with the National Anthem.

The wreaths placed under the tablet were as follows:—In loving memory of 2nd

(there is a paragraph, left-hand column above, speaking about the boys who passed the memorial eight times a day during the school day and the question Mr Smith hoped each boy would ask himself)

Lieut. H. J. Gates, R.F.C., from Father and Mother; In glorious memory of our heroes, from St. Martin's Old Boys' Association, "Their names liveth for evermore"; In loving memory of the Old Boys of St. Martin's School who fell during the Great War, from the Dover St. Martin's Football Club; "Mighty by Sacrifice," from the staff of St. Martin's Girls' School; "Not once or twice in our rough island story, The path of duty was the way to glory," from St. Martin's Old Girls' Association; In proud memory, from the Dover National (St. Mary's) Old Boys' Association.

The committee arranging the design and ceremony was as follows:—Mr. E. J. Smith (Chairman); Mr. J. J. Hunt (Hon. Treasurer); Mr. A. E. Wickenden (Hon. Secretary), and Messrs. F. C. Baker, G. Lawrence, F. Trott, R. J. Fittall and E. J. Jones.

ARMISTICE DAY SERVICES AT ST. MARTIN'S.

FREE CHURCH MINISTER'S CO-OPERATION.

In commemoration of Armistice Day, a memorial service will be held at St. Martin's Church on Sunday next, at 3 p.m., in remembrance of the parishioners and Old Boys of St. Martin's School who fell in the Great War. The first part of the service is to be held in the Church, when the lesson will be read by the Rev. W. Holyoak and an address will be given by the Rev. E. C. Robinson. The choir, clergy and congregation will then proceed to the Boys' School, where the service will be continued and an address given by the Rev. W. Holyoak. A wreath will be laid at the Memorial tablet by the St. Martin's Old Boys' Association. It is desired that members of the parish and past scholars of the school will attend the service.

This is from the Dover Express and East Kent News, 9 November 1923.

(These services were a tradition kept for many years; even after the Second World War the Fallen of the Great War were remembered)

St. Martin's Old Boys Memories Revived at Annual Dinner

St. Martin's Old Boys held their annual re-union at the Dover Stage on Saturday, when over eighty were present.

The Loyal Toast, proposed by the Chairman, Mr. F. C. Wilson, and duly honoured, was followed by "The School," ably delivered by Mr. G. Lawrence and replied to by the Headmaster, Mr. D. P. Birtwistle.

The usual toast to "Teddy Smith," "Johnny Hunt" and "Tommy Eaves," described by the proposer, Capt. S. F. Kingsland as the "late Trinity," was warmly received with the name of Roland Bond, a late headmaster and old boy of the school being included.

The guests were given a hearty welcome by Captain G. Brazier, and Mr. E. T. Hopkins (St. Mary's Old Boys) replied.

A wonderful "Esprit de Corps" permeated the evening with several members not having met since their school days.

Many happy memories were revived, aided by photographs of school-days and those taken in the sports field brought along by members.

The Association extend a welcome to any old boys of the school to join. They can contact the Secretary at 125, Elms Vale Road.

Busman's Sudden Death

The St Martin's Old Boys proposed a toast each year to Tommy Eaves, and to the founder head-teacher Mr Smith, and one of the founder teachers, Mr Hunt. This report is from the Dover Express and East Kent News, 13 November 1959

(As President, Captain S F Kingsland proposed the toast – he was The Right Worshipful The Mayor of Dover in 1955 and was the brother-in-law of Miriam Tull, later Kingsland – the three-quarters sister to Walter Tull!)

(Note: the Old Boys always sang at their meetings the song "Clang, clang, clang, on the anvil" which was a school song.)

In the minutes of the Dover Borough Council meeting on 25 November 1947

“New Street off Markland Road – naming. The Borough Engineer submitted a report suggesting that a name be assigned to the presently unnamed street laid out on land between nos 16 and 18 Markland Road, and leading in a southerly direction towards Stepping Down. We recommend that the named “Eaves Road” be assigned to the street, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take the appropriate action and to serve the requisite notices as prescribed by the Public Health Act 1925”

And finally –

Warrant Officer Harry Albert Artis, RAF, previously reported missing, was reported as having died as a Prisoner of War in Japanese hands on 23rd November 1942. He was formerly Assistant Scoutmaster of St Martin’s Group. (*Report from Dover Express and East Kent News, 21 December 1945*)

Charles H Ravine married Christine Holland in June 1971. He was the 3rd Dover Scout Master and she was the leader of 3rd Dover. (*Report from the Dover Express and East Kent News, 2 July 1971*)

Marilyn Stephenson-Knight
The Dover War memorial project
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