

Granville Street School Plaque

The new plaque was unveiled on 10th February 2011. Derek Leach, Chairman of the Dover Society gave the following speech.

"Thank you all for coming today to mark the installation of a new plaque to replace the original which has unfortunately passed its sell by date. It commemorates the destruction by enemy action in 1943 of the Granville Street Boys' School on this site - the boys section of Charlton Church of England School which opened in 1875.

I would particularly like to welcome and thank:

- Lorraine Sencicle who first brought the state of the old plaque to the attention of The Dover Society
- Richard Blackman whose company owns these premises and Unipart that occupies them for their co-operation
- Mrs Carol Barrett, Head Teacher of Charlton C of E Primary School that has contributed to the cost of the plaque
- Similarly representatives of Charlton Church which has also contributed to the cost
- Members of The Dover Society that also contributed to the cost
- And finally, Jeremy Cope, my Vice Chairman, who has overseen this little project and made it happen.

Without more ado, let us unveil the plaque'.

Matthew and Jade who are year 6 pupils at Charlton School then performed the unveiling of the plaque.



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NB: Forster's Education Act of 1871 required provision of elementary education opportunities for every child (not necessarily free). This meant many more school places were needed - provided by government or church authorities. The new Charlton schools, the infant and girls school were opened in the same year, replaced the small parish school adjacent to the old Charlton Church.

After the boys school was hit the boys joined the girls at their school.



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