

New Tallis Plaque

Terry Sutton

Society vice chairman Jeremy Cope and his membership secretary wife Sheila are working on the design of the next blue plaque we are proposing to install.

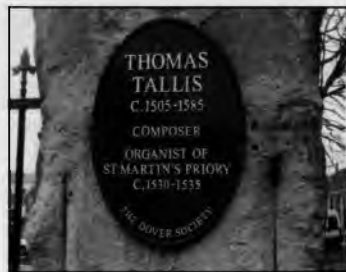
It will mark the site of the terrible run-away tram accident at Crabble, not far from the football ground at River, in August 1917 causing the death of eleven men and women and injuring sixty passengers. At the time it was the UK's worst tram accident.

The installation of this plaque will follow a pleasant little ceremony in March at the main gate of Dover College when the society's latest blue plaque was commemorated. The plaque, in honour of the early English composer Thomas Tallis, was "unveiled" by Dover College headmaster Gerry Holden. It was not really unveiled because it had been in position some weeks, thanks to the kindness of builder John Hill who fixed it without charge.

Tallis (circa 1505-1585) was the organist at the Benedictine priory (Dover Priory) in the grounds of which Dover College is now situated.

At the ceremony our chairman Derek Leach recalled this was the thirteenth blue plaque installed by the society since the first in the year 2000. He thanked Jeremy and Sheila for their design of the plaque.

Mr Holden gave a brief history of Tallis and his links with Dover Priory and cited the college's high reputation for music and the naming of the college's music centre after Tallis. A group from the college provided an enjoyable musical madrigal interlude, composed by Tallis.



Thomas Tallis Plaque 7th March 2014

MEMBERSHIP NEWS - SUMMER 2014

Sheila R. Cope Membership Secretary

At 479 our membership number is higher than it has ever been, thanks to those who have introduced new members and to those who have paid their subscriptions on time.

A record number are now paying their subscriptions by standing order which is excellent from both the members' and the Society's viewpoint because it avoids the need for reminders, saves money on

postage and provides us with an income which can be safely anticipated.

Our welcome new members in order of joining (or re-joining) are:- Mr D & Mrs P Carter, Ms C Hawkins, Mr K Vincent, Mr B & Mrs C Walters, Mr JL & Mrs FL Sykes, Mr H & Mrs L Toh, Mr L Brooks, Mrs M Harcourt-Ronaldson, Mr P & Mrs A Castle, Mrs J Bygrave and Mr W Fawcus.