NADFAS and St George’s are working together to discover the location of some Garter Banners that once hung in St George’s Chapel.

Take part in a search for the Garter Banners of some deceased Knights of the Garter. NADFAS (The National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies) and St George’s are working together to try and locate as many as possible of the Garter Banners for which there is no known location; an article appears in the NADFAS review published in mid February. The list of locations, as known at present, appears at the end of this article.

Edward III founded the Order of the Garter, the country’s most senior Order of Chivalry, in 1348. Originally Companions of the Order (as Knights of the Garter are sometimes known) consisted of the Sovereign, The Prince of Wales and 24 others. Since those early days two other categories have swelled the numbers. They are “Stranger Knights” who are Sovereigns of other countries, and members of the British Royal Family other than the Sovereign and The Prince of Wales.

The spiritual home of the Order of the Garter is St George’s Chapel. A banner hangs high above the stall of each of the current Knights of the Garter in the Quire of the Chapel. Some of the heraldic designs have been passed down over many generations whilst others have been granted in very recent times. Whatever the date of their origin the banners, together with the wooden crests displayed on top of each Knight’s helmet and the stall-plates of both living and departed Knights form a unique, spectacular and colourful display in the beautiful 15th century building. Many of the banners and crests employ visual puns – the crest of Lord Butler of Brockwell is a badger emerging from a well, Sir John Major’s banner includes three red roundels that look remarkably like cricket balls and the banner of Lord Bingham of Cornhill depicts ears of corn on a chevron.

When a Knight of the Garter dies the banner and helmet are immediately taken down; the stall is roped off so that no use can be made of the seat until a memorial service is held. The crest is returned to the College of Arms in London whilst the stall-plate remains in place for perpetuity. That begs the question of what happens to the banners of deceased Companions…..

The banner of each Knight of the Garter is presented at the altar of St George’s Chapel at the end of a memorial service; it is then handed to the family of the deceased Companion of the Order. It is up to family members to decide what happens to the banner thereafter. Some hang in Cathedrals or Parish Churches with which the deceased Companion had some link, others are kept very privately at home while others are on public display. Some of the furthest afield hang in churches in the southern hemisphere – Lord Shackleton’s is in the Falkland Islands and Sir Edmund Hillary’s in New Zealand. Closer to home banners can be found in universities (Lord Wilson - Jesus College, Oxford), churches (Lord Ismay - Tewkesbury Abbey) or buildings open to the public (10th Duke of Devonshire – Chatsworth). A location list of banners of deceased Companions over the last 100 or so years has been started but NADFAS members are asked to help complete as many of the missing parts of the jigsaw as possible and update the information if a banner has been moved, added or removed! It is worth remembering that banners displayed around the country might be Garter banners but could also be those of another Order of Chivalry.
The list of locations known at the moment can be seen on the following pages. The Dean & Canons of Windsor together with the Society of Friends of St George’s & Descendants of the Knights of the Garter would be delighted if you would assist in confirming or updating the information. The member or group with the greatest number of confirmations and/or additions by 30 September 2009 and also for finding the earliest banner not previously located will be offered a special visit to St George’s Chapel. Information should be sent to either ‘The Chapter Office, 2 The Cloisters, Windsor Castle, Berkshire, SL4 1NJ’ or chapteroffice@stgeorges-windsor.org. It would be much appreciated if envelopes were marked 'Garter Banner’ and if e-mails were entitled in the same way.
Garter Banners Location (as at 17 February 2009)
Living Knights and Ladies of the Order are shown in bold

**Sovereigns of the Order**

1901 - Edward VII - The Deanery, Windsor Castle
1910 – George V – above his tomb, Nave of St George’s Chapel
1936 – George VI - above The Queen’s stall, St George’s Chapel

**Ladies of the Garter**

1901 - Queen Alexandra – the Deanery, Windsor Castle
1910 - Queen Mary – above her tomb St George’s Chapel
1936 - Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother – Clarence House
1994 – Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands
1958 – Queen Juliana of the Netherlands
1979 – Queen Margrethe of Denmark – St George’s Chapel
1989 – Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands – St George’s Chapel
1994 – HRH The Princess Anne (Princess Royal) – St George’s Chapel
2003 – HRH Princess Alexandra – St George’s Chapel

**Companions of the Order**

**Queen Elizabeth II appointments**

1001 – Sir Thomas Dunne – St George’s Chapel
1000 – HRH Prince William of Wales – St George’s Chapel
999 - Lord Luce – St George’s Chapel
998 – HRH The Earl of Wessex – St George’s Chapel
997 – HRH The Duke of York – St George’s Chapel
996 – Sir John Major – St George’s Chapel
995 – Lord Bingham of Cornhill – St George’s Chapel
994 – Lady Soames – St George’s Chapel
993 – Lord Morris of Aberavon – St George’s Chapel
992 – Lord Butler of Brockwell – St George’s Chapel
991 – The Duke of Westminster – St George’s Chapel
990 – King Harald of Norway – St George’s Chapel
989 – Sir Antony Acland – St George’s Chapel
988 – Field Marshal Lord Inge – St George’s Chapel
987 – Sir William Gladstone – St George’s Chapel
986 – The Duke of Abercorn – St George’s Chapel
985 – Emperor Akihito of Japan – St George’s Chapel
984 – HRH The Duke of Gloucester – St George’s Chapel
983 – Sir Timothy Colman – St George’s Chapel
982 – 11th Duke of Devonshire – Chatsworth – the chapel
980 – Baroness Thatcher – St George’s Chapel
979 – Lord Ashburton – St George’s Chapel
978 – Lord Kingsdown – St George’s Chapel
977 – Sir Ninian Stephen – St George’s Chapel
976 – Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover – St George’s Chapel
975 – Viscount Ridley – St George’s Chapel
973 – Field Marshal Lord Bramall – St George’s Chapel
972 – 8th Duke of Wellington – St George’s Chapel
971 - Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk – Fitzalan Chapel
970 – King Juan Carlos of Spain – St George’s Chapel
969 – Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone
968 – Viscount Leverhulme
967 – Lord Callaghan of Cardiff - Llandaff Cathedral
966 – HRH The Duke of Kent – St George’s Chapel
965 – Lord Carrington – St George’s Chapel
964 – Marquess of Normanby
963 – King Carl Gustaf of Sweden – St George’s Chapel
962 – Lord Richardson of Dunblane – St George’s Chapel
961 – Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin
960 – Duke of Norfolk – Fitzalan Chapel
959 – Field Marshal Sir Richard Hull
958 - Sir Keith Holyoake, Te Papa, Wellington, New Zealand
957 – Sir Paul Hasluck – St George’s, Perth, Australia
956 – Lord Hunt - St Mary’s Llanfair Waterdine
955 – Lord Elworthy – St Mary’s Timaru, New Zealand
954 – 3rd Earl of Cromer, St Mary’s Westerham, Kent
953 – The Duke of Grafton – St George’s Chapel
952 – Lord Wilson of Rievaulx - Jesus College, Oxford
951 – The Marquess of Abergavenny
950 – Lord Trevelyan – Lancing College Chapel
949 - Lord Shackleton – Christchurch Cathedral, Stanley, Falkland Islands
948 – HRH Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg – St George’s Chapel
947 – The Earl of Drogheda
946 – Lord Howick of Glendale (banner never hung in St G C)
945 – Lord Rhodes
944 – Lord Butler of Saffron Walden – St Mary the Virgin, Saffron Walden.
943 – The Earl of Longford – family home
942 – Earl Waldegrave
941 – Sir Cennydd Traherne
940 – Sir Edmund Bacon
939 – Lord Cobbold
938 – Viscount Chandos
937 – Lord Ashburton
936 – Lord Casey
935 – Viscount De L’Isle, VC
934 – Viscount Amory
933 – Lord Bridges
932 – Viscount Brookeborough - ?Colebrooke, Co Fermanagh
931 – Viscount Cobham
Never hung in St George’s Chapel
929 – Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer
928 – King Paul of the Hellenes (banner never hung in St George’s Chapel)
927 – King Baudouin of the Belgians
926 – Lord Wakehurst
925 – Lord Digby
924 – Earl of Radnor – Salisbury Cathedral
923 – King Olav V of Norway
922 – Duke of Northumberland
921 – Field Marshal Viscount Slim
920 – **HRH The Prince of Wales – St George’s Chapel**
919 – Lord Middleton
918 – Lord Ismay - Tewkesbury Abbey
917 – Earl Attlee
916 – The Earl of Iveagh
915 – Anthony Eden (Earl of Avon) – Birmingham University
914 – Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia
913 – King Gustaf VI Adolf of Sweden
912 – Sir Winston Churchill – two banners - Chartwell and Blenheim.
911 – Earl Granville (never hung in St George’s Chapel)

**King George VI appointments**

910 – King Frederik IX of Denmark
909 – Viscount Allendale – Hexham Abbey
908 – Earl Fortescue
907 – 7th Duke of Wellington – Stratfield Saye
906 – Lord Cranworth - St Mary’s Grundisburgh, Suffolk
905 – The Earl of Scarbrough
904 – Lord Harlech
903 – The Duke of Portland
902 – **HRH The Duke of Edinburgh – St George’s Chapel**
901 – Viscount Montgomery of Alamein - St Mary’s Warwick
900 – Earl Alexander of Tunis – Guards Chapel
899 – Viscount Portal of Hungerford – St Clement Danes
898 – Viscount Alanbrooke
897 – Earl Mountbatten of Burma - ? Romsey Abbey
896 – The Marquess of Salisbury
895 – Viscount Addison - St Mary’s Radnage, Bucks
894 – The Marquess of Linlithgow
893 – The Marquess of Zetland
892 – 10th Duke of Devonshire – Chatsworth (the chapel)
891 – Prince Paul of Yugoslavia – was Christ Church Oxford but removed to Belgrade (though undergoing restoration at the moment).
890 – King Carol II of Romania
889 – King George II of the Hellenes
888 – Earl Baldwin of Bewdley
887 – 10th Duke of Beaufort – All Saints Church, Badminton
886 – 14th Earl of Strathmore – Glamis
885 – The Marquess of Exeter
884 – Duke of Norfolk – Fitzalan Chapel
883 – The Earl of Clarendon

King George V appointments

882 – King Leopold III of the Belgians
881 – The Earl of Yarborough
880 – Earl Stanhope
879 – The Earl of Lytton
878 – The Earl of Halifax
877 – The Earl of Scarbrough
876 – Emperor Hirohito of Japan
875 – The Earl of Lonsdale
874 – Lord Desborough
873 – The 3rd Duke of Abercorn – family home
872 – The Earl of Athlone
871 – Sir Austen Chamberlain
870 – The Earl of Oxford & Asquith
869 – The 8th Duke of Northumberland – Albury, Surrey
868 – Viscount Fitzalan of Derwent - ? Fitzalan Chapel
867 – King Ferdinand of Romania
866 – HRH Prince George, Duke of Kent
865 – Earl of Balfour
864 – The Earl of Harewood
863 – HRH Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester – Barnwell church
862 – Viscount Milner
861 – The Marquess of Londonderry
860 – The Duke of Rutland
859 – The Marquess of Bath
858 – The 4th Marquess of Salisbury
856 – Lord Hardinge of Penshurst
855 – The 9th Duke of Devonshire – Chatsworth (the chapel)
854 – Marquess Curzon of Kedleston
853 – Earl Kitchener
852 – The Earl of Chesterfield
851 – The Earl of Derby
850 – King Albert of the Belgians
849 – Earl Beauchamp
848 – King Christian X of Denmark
847 – Earl Spencer
846 – Emperor Yoshihito of Japan
845 – Sir Edward Grey
844 – The Duke of Fife
843 – The Duke of Argyll
842 – HRH The Duke of Windsor as Prince of Wales – was in his house in Paris. Sold at auction in New York to a private buyer.
841 – HRH The Grand Duke of Mecklenburgh-Strelitz
840 – The Prince Regent (Luipold) of Bavaria
839 – The Earl of Minto

**King Edward VII appointments**

838 – King Emmanuel II of Portugal
837 – The Earl of Selborne
836 – The Earl of Durham
835 – The Marquess of Northampton
834 – The Marquess of Crewe
833 – King Haakon VII of Norway
832 – The Marquess of Lincolnshire
831 – The Grand Duke of Baden
830 – Emperor Mutsuhito of Japan
829 – The Duke of Richmond and Gordon
828 – King Gustav V of Sweden
827 – King William II of Württemberg
826 – Muzaffer-ed-Din, Shah of Persia
825 – The Duke of Sutherland  
824 – The 4th Duke of Wellington – Stratfield Saye  
823 – HRH Prince Arthur of Connaught  
822 – Prince Charles Edward, Duke of Albany & Coburg  
821 – Louis Philippe, Duke of Braganza  
820 – Emanuel, Duke of Aosta  
819 – Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria  
818 – Grand Duke Michael of Russia  
817 - 9th Duke of Marlborough  
816 – The Duke of Bedford  
815 – King Alfonso XIII of Spain  
814 – Crown Prince William of Prussia

**Queen Victoria appointments**

813 – Field Marshal Earl Roberts  
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786 – Prince Henry of Battenberg – possibly Whippingham Church – Isle of Wight  
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761 - 1st Duke of Westminster - St Mary the Virgin, Ecclestone, Cheshire  
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753 – Duke of Connaught – St Anne’s Church, Bagshot  
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749 - Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein – Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park  
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725 - 2nd Earl of Harrowby - Sandon Hall, Staffordshire  
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713 – Napoleon III, Emperor of the French – Farnborough Abbey, Surrey (the crypt)

**King Henry IV appointments**

103 – Sir Thomas Erpyngham – a replica banner in Norwich Cathedral.