

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 (10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 – 11<sup>th</sup> Duke of Devonshire – Chatsworth – the chapel  
981 – Sir Edmund Hillary - Holy Trinity Cathedral, Auckland.  
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**  
974 – Sir Edward Heath – Heath museum, The Close, Salisbury  
973 – **Field Marshal Lord Bramall – St George’s Chapel**  
972 – **8<sup>th</sup> 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 Duntisbourne – 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
- 930 – Earl Alexander of Hillsborough ?Council chamber in Weston Super Mare.  
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 - 7<sup>th</sup> 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 – 10<sup>th</sup> 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 – 10<sup>th</sup> Duke of Beaufort – All Saints Church, Badminton  
886 – 14<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Duke of Abercorn – family home  
872 – The Earl of Athlone  
871 – Sir Austen Chamberlain  
870 – The Earl of Oxford & Asquith  
869 – The 8<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Marquess of Salisbury  
856 – Lord Hardinge of Penshurst

- 855 – The 9<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 - 9<sup>th</sup> 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.