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# ANNUAL REPORT TO 30th SEPTEMBER 1989 THE ACTING DEAN'S LETTER

# September, 1989

# My Dear Friends,

To command interest, let alone, support, any organisation must show to members and potential members that it is more than just a prestigious body belonging to which is a good thing! The Friends of St George's and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter IS a prestigious body and it is held in high regard by many hundreds of people all over the world but through its elected Committee it is an organisation which is actively engaged in the work of St George's Chapel in many practical ways as well as giving wonderful financial assistance. The cost of maintaining a building like St George's is considerable, quite beyond the normal income of the Dean and Canons who have the responsibility of seeing that the Chapel is kept in a good state of repair and of being good and responsible stewards of such a glorious heritage that it may be presented to future generations as a worthy inheritance.

The Annual General Meeting in May, 1989 agreed to the large expenditure of up to £100,000 on the East Wall of the Chapel and the installation of new boilers. Both pieces of work were deemed by the Consultant Architect to be urgent. The Dean and Canons are immensely grateful for such generosity.

Bishop Michael and Mrs. Jill Mann left the Deanery at the end of July 1989 for their retirement home in Gloucestershire. Michael Mann had been Dean for 13 years during which time he had worked very closely with the committee of the Friends and was always so appreciative of the work of the organisation and not least its Secretary, Tom Taylor. Many Friends have known only Michael Mann as Dean and Chairman of the Society and it will seem a little strange not to see his commanding figure at the Annual Meeting. We are grateful to him for his leadership and wish both him and Mrs. Mann a very happy retirement, though one doubts whether 'retirement' in Michael's case will mean less work, it is just that his boundless energy will be rechannelled.

Our new Dean is to be The Very Reverend Patrick Mitchell, the present Dean of Wells. His Installation is due to take place on Monday 11th December, long before this *Report* is actually published. He comes to us with a first class record both as a Priest and Pastor as well as one who knows all about the business of caring for a large and beautiful building as well as that of living in a Cathedral community. I am told that the Friends of Wells Cathedral is a very flourishing society and under his guidance has been of inestimable help to the Cathedral. The Dean comes to Windsor with his wife Pamela whose first husband died at about the same time as Patrick's first wife. Both families had known each other over many years. We wish them and their family much happiness at St George's. The Deanery is being thoroughly overhauled - some would say, rebuilt! On inspection much was found to be in need of repair and as the result of death-watch beetle, floor boards and joists have had to be replaced. In the Drawing Room the whole floor area has been excavated down to the original mediaeval floor, 2 feet below the present level. The finding of thirteenth century tiles has delighted the archaeologist!

Elsewhere in the *Report* there are obituaries to two Castle members of the Society, Sir Peter Gillett, who retired as Governor of the Military Knights at the beginning of 1989 and Lt. Col. Robert Dobbin, a Military Knight of Windsor who died in August 1989. A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Peter Gillett was held in St George's on 14th September and the funeral of Bobby Dobbin was on 15th August. Both are much missed. This year it has to be reported that Field Marshal Sir Richard Hull, K.G. who died in mid-September had a State Funeral in the Chapel on Wednesday, 4th October.

Friends will have been saddened also at the tragic death of the younger son of our present Lay Chairman and Governor of the Castle, Admiral Sir David Hallifax and his wife Lady Anne. A service of Thanksgiving for Matthew's life together with the lives of his three friends was held in the Chapel on Monday 2nd October in the presence of a very large congregation.

Garter Day, Monday 19th June was once again a glorious summer day. Many Friends were either inside the Chapel and witnessed the Installation of His Majesty King Juan Carlos of Spain as a Knight of the Garter or were in the great crowd outside the Chapel on the Friends 'stand' or on the Chapter Grass delighted by the spectacle of the traditional Garter Procession through the Lower Ward.

The immense amount of work undertaken by our Secretary Mr. Tom Taylor, Miss Rosemary Menzies and Mrs. Joan Biggs is very much appreciated by the Dean and Canons and -I write with complete confidence – by all members of the Society, we are all so grateful to them.

I write these notes as President of the College of St George during the vacancy of the Deanery. The next time I write similar notes will no doubt be for the Friends of Chichester Cathedral whose Dean I become on 15th December 1989 after eight very happy, interesting and privileged years at St George's. I intend remaining a Friend!

# JOHN TREADGOLD

# NOTES AND COMMENTS HONORARY SECRETARY'S NOTES

The *Report* allows me to have my annual opportunity of giving my resumé on the events here at St. George's during this past year. In general, it has been a very successful and, as I write these notes during the late summer, Windsor has been full of tourists from all parts of the world. Our Chapel leaflet sales have been very satisfactory.

I must yet once again put on record the Society's thanks and gratitude to all those good people who have done so much to assist both the Chapel and the Society, and I must start with the Voluntary Stewards under Jenny Rolinson's able guidance. More individually, our Chairman and Mrs. Mann, our Lay Chairman and Lady Hallifax, the Canons and their wives, Major-General Dixon and his staff, the Virger and Sacristans, Mr. Wilson (Clerk of Works), Major Eastwood (Castle Superintendent) and their respective staffs all give us a lot of help, as, indeed, do our friends in St George's House.

# The 1989 A.G.M.

Yet once again, the weather was most kind to welcome about 800 members to our ever popular A.G.M. The Minutes are published elsewhere in this *Report*. It seems to me that the Castle ladies and friends perform a miracle in finding such excellent teas for such a large number of people, and Rosemary Menzies is to be congratulated yet again on this splendid organisation.

As usual we had devised an interesting programme. Our Archivist, Mrs. Grace Holmes, ably assisted by Mr. Peter Begent, had arranged a display of some of the very interesting manuscripts, etc, suitably displayed in the Chapter Room. The Governor or the Castle had agreed, most kindly, to open the Moat Garden to our members and this was stewarded by the Military Knights. A splendid Choral Evensong followed by a superb organ recital by Christopher Robinson ended a very memorable day. It was rather sad that it was the last A.G.M. to be chaired by Dean Mann (to whom I will refer later), and it was the last occasion Mrs. Grace Holmes will give her help, she has now retired from the office of Archivist, and we all wish her well in the years that lie ahead.

#### Garter Day, 1989

Another lovely summer day helped very many of our members to enjoy the colourful pageantry of this wonderful ceremony, when Her Majesty The Queen installed His Majesty King Juan Carlos of Spain. The slightly enlarged Stand proved to be most helpful to our older members who, quite frankly, would find it really impossible to stand for any length of time. Although it is expensive, the Management Committee feel that it does reward in some degree the help we receive from members, most of whom are of many years standing. We hope to continue with this feature in future years.

# **Summer Exhibition**

Yet another summer exhibition was mounted by Michael Forman, assisted by his wife and grandchildren, Michele and Jerome. During its six weeks schedule no fewer than 19,000 people visited the Dungeon. We are enormously grateful to Michael, both for finding the exhibits and his skill of presentation. The voluntary Stewards worked extremely hard, and we are specially grateful to Major Jim Cowley, who acted as liaison officer throughout the whole six weeks.

# Concerts

The Society, through the Music Committee chaired by Christopher Robinson, our Organist and Master of Choristers, arranged no less than three Chapel Concerts, five Sunday evening Concerts in the Chapter Library, and six Organ Recitals. These have been well supported and, as you will see from the enclosed leaflet, we have another very interesting programme in 1990!

The real 'high spot' was undoubtedly the Farewell Concert for the Dean on June 23rd, when we were honoured by the presence of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

# **Christmas Card**

The 1989 card showing a fine view of the scene on the West Steps on Garter Day 1987 has been extremely successful. The 1990 card (details enclosed) is a colourful picture of the Choir itself, in the Chapel. This is likely to be equally popular.

### **Residential Weekend 1989**

Once again we had a full complement in St George's House. It is such a pity that the accommodation is so limited, and we do apologise to those of you who were unsuccessful with your applications. A very full programme included an illustrated talk by Peter Begent on *St George's Chapel and the Order of the Garter*, a visit to the Royal Chapel in the Great Park, and a walk through the ground of Royal Lodge, with tea at Chaplain's Lodge (this arranged, most kindly, by Canon and Mrs. John Treadgold and by the courtesy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother), and a visit to the Organ Loft (with a recital) by Roger Judd, our Assistant Organist. Our evening speakers were Canon John White, and Mr. George Hill, Headmaster of St. George's School. As always, everyone was well looked after by Mrs. Carswell and her staff at St George's House.

# Finance

Once again the accounts shown later in this *Report* reflect a satisfactory position, despite some heavy calls for restoration, etc  $- \pounds 76,274$  as opposed to  $\pounds 23,573$  last year. However, much will be

needed in the current year – the principal claim being costly repairs to the East Wall, where erosion has been very serious. Early in 1990, work will be done on the Crossing and some for the Nave Paving. Happily, our members realise only too well that, in an ancient Chapel such as ours, there is always maintenance needed.

May I remind you once more how much you can help by:-

- (a) Perhaps increasing your annual subscription to keep pace with never-ending inflation.
- (b) Paying your subscription by Bankers Order this saves us postal charges in sending our renewal notices and incidentally, saves you postage.
- (c) Completing a Deed of Covenant over your subscription there is a suitable form at the end of this *Report*.

#### General

I know that Canon Treadgold, as acting Dean, will have mentioned the Dean's retirement and other news of changes, etc. However, in these notes last year, I mentioned the appeal we were making to mark the retirement of Dean Mann. I am happy indeed, to report that a sum of £4,350 was subscribed by very many members. A cheque for that amount was given to the Dean at a small ceremony arranged by the Management Committee on July 5th, and, at the same time a portable table radio was given to Mrs. Mann. A letter of deep appreciation has been received – the Dean was really overwhelmed at our member's great generosity – he intends to use the money for needed improvements at his retirement home in Gloucestershire.

On page 455 you will see a list of gifts and legacies so kindly given to the Society. These are the most acceptable and unexpected extras and are thus most greatly appreciated. And, once more, and with diffidence, may I draw your attention to page 467 in regard to possible future Bequests.

Finally, I must record my personal thanks and appreciation to the staff and helpers here in Curfew Tower – Rosemary Menzies, Joan Biggs, Mrs. Higgs, my wife Laura, Brenda Bartovsky and Percy Taylor. Theirs is a continuing effort throughout the year and, as the Society grows, this becomes all the more important. I am, as always, most grateful.

# **OVERSEAS MEMBERSHIP**

# Australia

It is timely this year to particularly pay tribute to our recently retired Australian representative Mrs. Arthur Wade. Having joined the Society in 1961, she became the Society's official representative in 1976, since when she has worked untiringly and, as past *Reports* have shown, the large Australian membership is really due to her efforts – she tells me that she has written over

1300 receipts for money received! Eminent Australian members have included three State Governors, thirty Knights, and, recently, the Lord Mayor of Brisbane. Her most recent special effort was to produce \$3,300 for the Dean's Blue Cope, and further help towards the other Blue Copes. She writes 'I have felt it a great honour to have been the representative of the Society in Australia and I assure you that, but for advanced age (she is over 90) and the deterioration of my evesight, I would have continued as your representative'. Her valuable and entirely voluntary services have. of course, been acknowledged and minuted in the Society's records. She has nominated Mrs. Valerie Margaret Grogan of Pymble N.S.W. as her successor and we feel very fortunate in the fact that she has agreed to accept this office. Mrs. Grogan is particularly well known in the Sydney area. A graduate of Sydney University, she is a highly placed officer in the St John Ambulance Brigade, and also associated with several Australian cultural bodies. She is an active Anglican. She has assumed office as from 1st October, 1989.

## **United States of America**

There have been changes in the Board of the U.S.A.. Friends. Mr. Truman Bidwell has retired as Chairman. However, our very good friends Mr. Ernest Fletcher and Mr. Ross Sydney, have assumed control and doubtless our American Friends will hear from them. Mrs. Tilden Burdette Lane continues as our correspondent, as she has done for a great many years, and for which we continue as always to be extremely grateful.

# New Zealand

Mr. W.R.C. Lawrence continues to act as our representative in New Zealand and, yet again, we express our gratitude.

# Germany

Since Commander W. E. Grenfell, R.N. (Retd) started working voluntarily some years ago, he has travelled over 5000 kilometres in Germany and Holland, giving lectures which have not only brought in considerable sums of money but also led to the recruitment of many Life and Annual Members.

He writes:- 'Since I have also travelled 15000 kilometres in Europe voluntarily helping the Mary Rose Trust and lecturing to encourage tourism to Portsmouth, I can no longer manage alone. With the aim of increasing the Society's membership in Germany, I will introduce an entirely new organisation there. Germany will be divided into three areas. North Germany, to be known as the "Hanover Sektion", will be looked after by Herr Gert-Jurgen Frisch, based in Hanover. The mid German area, to be known as the "Hohenzollern Sektion" will be looked after by myself, based in Bonn. South Germany will be the responsibility of Commander Bert Ernst (Rtd) German Navy. This will be known as the "SaxeCoburg Sektion" based at Heidelberg. I shall, of course, be in over all charge. Commander Ernst a medical doctor, has done some 20 years of voluntary work for Anglo-German friendship, and Herr Frisch, a lawyer, is already a committed friend of Great Britain through his work for the English Hanover Society. I, myself, am a Descendant Member. I was, in 1983, awarded the Bundesverdienstkreuz, Erste Klasse (the Cross of the German Order of Merit, 1st class – equivalent to our C.B.E.) by the President of Germany for 25 years of voluntary work for British German friendship.'

# General

You will see that we are very actively engaged with overseas members. This is not surprising – Windsor is a National tourist centre, and the great interest shown by so many in St George's Chapel itself, the Royal Family and the Most Noble Order of the Garter, does encourage membership of the Society.

Will members living in the U.S.A., Australia, New Zealand and Germany please let their local representatives have note of any change of address, as the non-delivery of a *Report* is always unfo<sup>+</sup>tunate and can prove, ultimately, to be expensive when a new *Report* is requested. Indeed all members, whether overseas or in the United Kingdom, should continue to use the form of change of address printed on page 436.

We are, as always, indebted to our special overseas representatives who are:-

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# THE FUNERAL OF QUEEN VICTORIA

The Friends Report for 1969/70 reproduced a letter written to his mother, Mrs. Louisa Fellowes, by Edmund Fellowes (Minor Canon 1900-1951) describing the obsequies of Queen Victoria. The following letters were also written to Mrs. Fellowes by the minor canon's wife Lilian and by his younger sister Emily. Copies of the originals which are in the possession of Oriel College, Oxford, have been provided by Edmund Fellowes' son, W. H. Fellowes. They have been edited, with notes, by Peter J. Begent.

Queen Victoria died at Osborne House in the Isle of Wight on January 22nd 1901 having reigned for almost sixty four years. Despite the fact that the Queen was 81 years old, little or no thought appears to have been given to the arrangements which would need to be made for her funeral; it would seem that the various authorities which would be concerned with the arrangements were almost taken by surprise! Sir Frederick Ponsonby says that when he visited the Earl Marshal's Office on 31st January he found complete chaos; no orders having been given regarding the procedure to be followed at Windsor, and this despite the fact that the ceremonial journey was to start the next day.

Things were however cobbled together and on 1st February the coffin was brought from Osborne to Portsmouth where it lay overnight on board the Royal Yacht. On the following day it was taken by train to London and, after a short procession through the Capital, the cortege entrained for Windsor. Due to the lack of preparation and the absence of any rehearsals there was considerable delay which contributed to the fiasco at Windsor Railway Station referred to in the letters. The Funeral Service took place in St George's Chapel on the same day, but instead of the coffin being lowered into the Royal Vault it was taken to the Albert Memorial Chapel where it remained throughout Sunday 3rd February.

Queen Victoria was interred on Monday 4th February 1901 in the Royal Mausoleum at Frogmore beside Prince Albert, the husband whom she had mourned for almost forty years.

> The Cloisters February 2, 1901

# My dear Mother,

This is the first time I have been able to sit down today, we took our places at 11.20. Emily and I had we been the most honoured guests could not have had better places. We were just outside the choir under the organ loft and two people only between ourselves and the passage railed off for the procession, and we were facing the West Door, the coffin was of polished oak and perfectly huge, the men who carried it found it terribly heavy we could see. The only royalties among whom we "Spotted" the King, Emperor of Germany, Crown Prince and Duke of Connaught<sup>1</sup> and a few others of the procession went inside the choir and just by us stood Lord Roberts and Lord Wolseley<sup>2</sup>, we also made out a good many of the Cabinet Ministers and Garter Knights, it was interesting, Emily enjoyed it immensely I know.

I enclose a small flower which I most wickedly picked off a wreath where it did not show. I could not resist it though the placards requested one not to touch the flowers.

With all our best wishes,

# Your aff. d.

# L.L. Fellowes

# Emily and I were in our places from 11.20 to 4.5

#### Notes:

- King Edward VII; William II, the Kaiser (Queen Victoria's eldest grandson); Prince Frederick William, the Kaiser's eldest son and Prince Arthur, (Queen Victoria's third son).
- Frederick Sleigh Roberts, 1st Earl Roberts of Kandahar V.C., Field Marshal and Commander in Chief, affectionately known as 'Bobs', Garnet Joseph Wolseley, 1st Viscount Wolseley, Field Marshal. The attention to detail which accompanied his successes led to the phrase 'All Sir Garnet' meaning everything is as it should be.

# The Cloisters, Windsor. February 3, 1901

# My dear Mother,

I am writing this since they have gone to evening chapel at 5. I hardly know where to begin - On Friday we were out the whole afternoon looking at the flowers and watching them unpack the wreaths; they were simply magnificent, masses of them around the cloister just outside this quadrangle, and the inside of the cloister is just carpeted with them. We got into the Albert Memorial Chapel and saw some beautiful ones in there, they went on unpacking them all through the night but they say that at least 300 cases only got as far as the station, and a whole special train of them is still at Datchet. Many of the wreaths were at least 6 foot in diameter and came in most beautiful designs; those with coats of arms and devices were about the most effective.

We had to be in our places by 11.30; the outside people could eat biscuits etc., but all were famishing in the end. Lilian and I had perfect places in St Georges. We were under the organ loft and looked straight down to the West Door. We were raised and there were only 2 rows in front of us and on our left side we could almost have touched the people in the procession as they went slowly past. The whole nave was done in violet cloth with grey felt on the floor. It was the most brilliant scene to watch for the waiting time everybody being in some kind of gorgeous uniform. They all came



Plate I. Queen Victoria's coffin on the gun carriage at the foot of the West Steps. The 'false lid' with the crown and orb may be seen on the right, and King Edward VII, the Kaiser and other Royal Mourners standing behind it.

either singly or by twos and threes in by the south door and all who went in the choir had to pass close to us. We recognised Lord Salisbury, Roseberry (sic), Chamberlain, Balfour, Goschen, Harcourt, Chaplin, Ld. G. Hamilton, Duke of Devonshire and heaps more<sup>1</sup>. Just before 2 the curfew bell began which meant they had arrived at the station. Then after waiting a long time a rumour went around that there was a delay owing to the horses; it turns out since to be that the horses to the gun carriage would only go up the hill at the station at the gallop which they were afraid would upset the coffin so they hurriedly arranged for the blue jackets to draw it.<sup>2</sup> Then we heard the band coming nearer playing Chopin's funeral march, most impressive with the guns booming at intervals. Then the West Door was thrown open. We could see the people standing on the horse shoe cloisters and it was most impressive to see the men suddenly take off their hats which meant that they could see the coffin. Then the heralds came in an got along to the front of the choir procession, and then - we saw the top of the coffin coming up the steps. The choir began singing the anthems and started to move very slowly. I believe that the coffin was tremendously heavy but the guards carried it beautifully shoulder high they could only just get it through the doors by us in fact they touched the glass of the doors<sup>6</sup> - Then came the King looking most stately and dignified with the Kaiser in his English f.marshal's uniform on his right and the D. of Connaught on his left followed by three kings<sup>7</sup>, Belgium in the middle, Greece on the right and Portugal on the left, I also saw the C.Prince of Germany, P. Henry of Prussia, D. of Coburg, Prince A. of Connaught, A. of Battenberg, Duke of Cambridge (nearly bent in two and led by someone)<sup>8</sup>, Crown P. of Siam and then there were tribes of people who chiefly looked German or Austrian. The whole procession stood right down the aisle headed by the King, down to the west door, all through the service; very much crowded together to get them all in. We had Lord Roberts standing beside us all through the service and next behind him Lord Wolseley. They all got in at 3.20 and the service which was beautiful lasted 3/4 of an hour. After which we bolted home rayenous and had luncheon and tea together. I forgot to say that all the royal ladies drove straight from the station and into the royal box privately.9 Bobs was very much cheered at the station when he left in the evening. The only cheer of the day.

This morning Edmund had one ticket. The whole Royal family and household were there. In the royal box the King, Queen and Kaiser in the front with lots of other princes behind. In the box on the left were the three daughters of the King and P. Charles of Denmark.<sup>10</sup> In the stalls were the D. of Connaught and P. Arthur the D. of Coburg and Battenberg children, Duke of Argyll<sup>11</sup> and about 10 royal ladies but all veiled in crepe so that one could not see which was which. The Kaiser did a lot of peeping out of the box. Edmund sang the first part of the service and Langdon the other half.<sup>12</sup> Old Stubbs preached but very twaddly he really is too old; the B. of Winchester<sup>13</sup> was there but I suppose he thought that he had preached in that kind of way last Sunday at Whippingham.<sup>14</sup>

I hope this is not very incoherent. It has all been magnificent and it is a wonderful feeling that one is on the spot. People outside say that the silence was impressive not even the trampling of the horses.

> Much love, Your affect. daughter, Emily Fellowes

#### Notes:

- Robert, 3rd Marquess of Salisbury, Prime Minister; Archibald, 5th Earl of Rosebery, former Prime Minister; Joseph Chamberlain, prominent politician; Arthur Balfour, later Prime Minister; Viscount Goschen, former Chancellor of the Exchequer and First Lord of the Admiralty; Sir William Harcourt, former Chancellor of the Exchequer; Henry Chaplin, prominent politician; Lord George Hamilton, 2nd son of the Duke of Abercorn and former First Lord of the Admiralty; Spencer, 8th Duke of Devonshire, Lord President of the Council.
- The horses had been kept standing in the cold and when the procession moved off kicked and plunged, breaking the traces. The Naval Guard of Honour improvised drag ropes and pulled the Gun Carriage.
- 3. Sir Albert Woods, Garter King of Arms was unable through age and debility to attend, W. H. Weldon, Norroy King of Arms acted in his place.
- 4. Philip Frank Eliot, Dean of Windsor 1891-1917.
- 5. William Stubbs, Bishop of Oxford aged 75. He died two months later.
- Miss Fellowes was probably mistaken. There is no evidence that the Quire Door was glazed. Possibly she simply refers to the upper panels.
- King Leopold II of the Belgians; King George I of Greece (Queen Alexandra's brother); King Carlos I of Portugal.
- 8. Prince Henry was the Kaiser's brother (Queen Victoria's grandson); Charles Edward, Duke of Albany & Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, (Queen Victoria's grandson); Prince Arthur, son of the Duke of Connaught (Queen Victoria's grandson); Prince Alexander of Battenberg is not shown in the Order of Procession for the funeral, but Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein, son of Princess Helena, is given in the Order and possibly Emily Fellowes confused the two princes; the Duke of Cambridge, Queen Victoria's cousin and former Commander-in-Chief, was supported by his son, Rear Admiral Adolphus Fitzgeorge.
- 9. Edward IV Chantry.
- 10. Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife, Princess Victoria, Princess Maud (later Queen of Norway) and her husband later King Haakon VII of Norway.
- The children of Queen Victoria's youngest daughter Princess Beatrice (Princess Henry of Battenberg); John, 9th Duke of Argyll, husband of Queen Victoria's fourth daughter, Princess Louise.
- 'Edmund' Fellowes and Alfred Langdon, Minor Canons, Langdon had resigned on 1st January but was probably serving his notice for the present at Matins as late as 26th February.
- 13. Randall Davidson, formerly Dean of Windsor and later Archbishop of Canterbury.
- 14. The parish in the Isle of Wight in which Osborne House (where Queen Victoria died) is situated.

My dear Mother,

You will have seen in the papers the account of the horses becoming restive and the Naval Brigade turning their hands to drawing it. Today<sup>1</sup> the horses behaved quite well although the officers we could see were in a fearfully nervous state and they had besides the driver, a grenadier and a horse gunner at each horses head. Going down the Castle hill to the Long Walk they put on ropes to the gun carriage wheels and dragged it back to prevent any accident. I think that the procession to Frogmore was by far the most royal and magnificent of the two.<sup>2</sup> We were standing by the tower facing the Long Walk, the King said yesterday that he wished all the inhabitants of the Castle to be present if they wished; it was very thoughtful of him. Oueen Alexandra was leading Prince Edward of York<sup>3</sup> by the hand, he looked so pretty in his sailor suit. Altogether it was a most impressive sight and Emily and I appreciated it more because we had not seen the coffin with the pall with the crown and orb on it."

At one time we hoped the minor canons would have to keep watch while the coffin was in the Albert Memorial.<sup>5</sup> The dean's son came in last night and told us of the experience of the wretched officers who were on duty, they had to be three hours standing at the corners of the coffin holding their heads down over their swords, one fainted before his time was over, they said it was a great strain, three hours seems a long time on a stretch, the minor canons would not have had a delightful time if they had had to hold their heads down, their voices would not have been much good next day I should think. Emily told you the Bishop of Oxford's sermon was twaddle she says, today we hear it reads very well in the papers, the fact was he told Mrs. Eliot,<sup>6</sup> he lost his brain in the middle of it and had not the faintest idea what he said. He asked if he had talked rot. Mrs. Eliot did not know how to answer as he had done so. Also he said something to the Bishop' by way of conversation about the Queen's speaking to him. The poor old man said "did she, I remember some lady in the Cloisters speaking to me but I don't remember who". He was too old to have preached really. On Saturday when he reached the chancel they just managed to poke him to a chair before he fell down. Owing to the horses being unmanageable the clergy had to stand an hour at the west door.

We have just heard another interesting item. To our astonishment the chapel on Saturday was only about half full. It appears the Duke of Norfolk lost the tickets. How savage numbers of people must be at losing the chance of being there.<sup>8</sup>

Yours very affect. daughter, Lilian Louisa Fellowes

# Notes:

- 1. The day of the interment in the Royal Mausoleum at Frogmore.
- 2. Frederick Ponsonby had arranged for a rehearsal during which a number of difficulties had been revealed and obviated.
- 3. The future King Edward VIII and Duke of Windsor.
- 4. This is because the coffin had a 'false lid' upon which the pall was draped and the regalia placed. When entering St George's the 'lid' was carried up behind the coffin like a tray.
- At the conclusion of the funeral service the coffin was not lowered into the Royal Vault but was taken to the Albert Memorial Chapel where it remained from Saturday 2nd to Monday 4th February.
- 6. The Dean's wife.
- 7. Bishop Alfred Barry, formerly Bishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia.
- 8. As a result of lack of planning and organisation by the Earl Marshal and his staff. The Quire would have been half full but 'suitable people' were transferred from the Nave. No attempt seems to have been made to discover whether those to whom tickets were allocated could attend. The Countess of Antrim received her ticket whilst on holiday in Canada more than a week after the funeral had taken place.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

To: THE HONORARY SECRETARY, CURFEW TOWER, WINDSOR CASTLE, WINDSOR, BERKS SL4 1NJ.

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# THE CURFEW TOWER CLOCK. 1689-1989

by

# PETER ASHWORTH

On 23 May, 1689 at a meeting of the Dean and Chapter of St George's Chapel the following Act was passed:

'Agreed that since the old clock is quite worn out, that John Davis make a new one for the colledg, and when finished that Sir Christopher Wren be desired to sett the price.'

This referred to the clock in the Chapel Belfry or Curfew Tower and the 'old clock' had been made by Thomas Conygrave of London in 1490<sup>1</sup>. John Davis was a local smith and clockmaker and Wren, son of a former Dean of Windsor, was in charge of restoration work to the Chapel in the late seventeenth century. The 300th Anniversary of the present clock provides an appropriate opportunity to look back at the life of John Davis, give a brief account of some of the alterations made to the clock, and mention some of the men who have wound and maintained the mechanism over the years.

John Davis, born about 1650, was reputedly the son of William Davis, a local blacksmith. In fact, very little is known for certain about his early life and no record of his apprenticeship has yet been found. The skills he developed later would suggest that he learnt his trade with a master clockmaker. However, at that time there was little distinction between the trades of blacksmith, ironmonger, clockmaker, locksmith etc. and it was not unknown for the same person to be involved in all of them. In this respect John Davis, and his family after him, were no exception for throughout the eighteenth century there were references to 'Mr. Davis the Smith' in connection with all the trades mentioned as well as those of whitesmith, bellhanger, and supplier of river water to the Town and Castle.

By 1680 John Davis's name begins to appear in local records and the following year he was paid  $\pm 5$  for mending the Parish Church Clock.<sup>2</sup>

On 16 March, 1686 Davis was admitted to the Freedom of the Borough of New Windsor. Admission was required from anyone who wished to exercise any retail trade in the town or wanted to take part in civic affairs. Normally, qualification was by seven years apprenticeship or by birth and from 1683 a Register of Freeman and Apprentices of the Borough was kept. John Davis is shown to have taken on four apprentices: William Hockley in 1688, Martin Hopkins in 1699, John Davis, his son, in 1705 and in 1707 William Dawborne.

Soon after 1686 he was carrying out work in the Castle: 'John Davis for cleansing the two Sundyalls in the Tarras Walke, for mending and cleaneing the King's Clock and for Two new Lynes to it, and a New Brass Chaine and a Brass Swivell for the Cage of the Bird called Cockatoo in the Kinges Eateing Room ....£8 12s. 6d.<sup>3</sup>

One of these sundials, by Henry Wynne, is still to be seen at the east end of the North Terrace. The clock, over the State Entrance in the Upper Quadrangle, had been made by Joseph Knibb of London in 1677 but was later replaced by Vulliamy in 1829.

When the new Town Hall was being built in Windsor between 1687-9 John Davis supplied the ironwork for the roof, for which he was paid £25.<sup>4</sup>

As a Freeman of the Borough Davis was eligible for election onto the Council and on 10 September, 1694 he became a Younger Brother and over the next few years carried out a number of civic duties. In 1700 and 1701 he became Bailiff, in 1709 a Bencher, in 1712 an Alderman and finally in April 1712 he was elected Chamberlain of the Poor.<sup>5</sup>

He died in 1713 and was buried at Windsor Parish Church on the 4th June and in his will he left 'the house where I live and all my Ironwork, Implements & Materials belonging to my Trade' to his son John and 'The house where Rowland Collins now lives' to his daughter Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> (Collins was locksmith.) These properties, which adjoined each other, remained in the family for the next three generations and subsequent wills locate them in the Castle Ditch, a row of houses and shops down the east side of Thames Street close under the Castle Walls. A map of 1791<sup>7</sup> shows them to be situated just below Garter Tower, the centre of the three towers at the west end of the Castle. All these properties were cleared from outside the Castle by 1851.

Although Davis is best remembered for the Curfew Tower Clock, he also made lantern, bracket, and some very fine walnut and marquetry longcase clocks. Three other turret clocks are thought to be his work: at Bradenham Church, Bucks, the clock has JOHN DAVIS WINDSOR rather crudely engraved on the frame with no date; the one at Shottesbrooke Park, Berks, has no name or date; and the movement from Frogmore House Stables also has no name or date. All four have had later escapements fitted. John Davis's family continued to make turret clocks throughout most of the eighteenth century. His son John (1690-1762) made at least twelve and his grandson John (1722-1801) at least three, most of which are dated. The earliest and the only one which strikes the quarters is the example in the Curfew Tower which has JOHN DAVIS WINDSOR 1689 punched into the wrought-iron frame. The latest has JOHN DAVIS Windsor 1783 engraved on a brass plate attached to the frame and was made for George Vansittart at Bisham Abbey.

There is some doubt whether the Curfew Tower clock had an

external dial in 1689. It was not unusual for public and church clocks of that period to indicate the passage of time only by the striking of a bell. It is unlikely that the previous clock by Conygrave had a dial and early engravings show no sign of one. However, a view of the Castle in 1733<sup>8</sup> clearly shows the outline of a dial projecting from the belfry and by 1756 a Chapter Act on 2 June ordered 'that the Belfry be repaired and a Dial plate made of copper ...'. This refers only to the plate and it

hand and a Garter Star in the centre, is based on later watercolours by Paul Sandby. This projected from the southeast corner of the belfry roof and faced towards the Henry VIII gateway.

In 1850 on 14 March another Chapter Act ordered 'To paint face of Clock at Belfry. 3 Times in Oil Black, Figures lines etc in Gold'. An early photograph

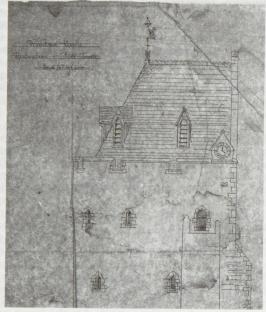
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Fig. 1. One Dial in 1756.

presumably replaced an earlier wooden one. The general appearance of the dial at this time, shown in fig. 1, with a single



taken about ten Fig. 2. Proposed site for the new dial in 1863 when the Curfew Tower was restored.

shows that the date 1850 had now been substituted in the corners

of the dial.<sup>10</sup> (Plate II) When work started on major alterations to the Curfew Tower in 1863 with Anthony Salvin as Architect the dial was removed and the old belfry timbers were encased in a new conical tiled roof. One of the early designs for re-siting the clock dial is shown in fig. 2. A far more satisfactory position was chosen which remains unaltered to this day. (Plate VI) The six foot square dial now faced more towards the Town and it was at this stage that a minute hand was fitted. The result of these alterations met with the approval of the townsfolk according to the Windsor & Eton Express of 26 July, 1865. 'The Curfew Tower has now the advantage of a clock face which those who run may read. It may be remembered that the old one, emblematic of the "Star of the Garter", had hands which could only be told with difficulty. Now a new face has been put upon the subject. On a dark blue ground proper hands and figures have been placed, and the new clock-face is the most prominent object in the tower.

The provision of a minute hand, which obviously pleased the inhabitants of Windsor, reflected the growing importance of accurate timekeeping. Daily life was changing rapidly with travel becoming easier and faster on the railways and communications becoming more efficient through the expanding postal and telegraph services, all of which relied on accurate timing and timetables. It was also possible to verify the correct time with great precision as the telegraph service allowed subscribers to receive, each day at 10.00 am exactly a signal direct, from Greenwich, where the Observatory clocks were checked regularly by astronomical observations.

Such facilities were not available to John Davis at the end of the seventeenth century. Then, the only practical way to verify the correct time was by the use of a sundial and church clocks were set to 'sundial' or local apparent solar time. Two Vertical Declining Dials outside the Beaufort Chapel at the south-west corner of St George's were kept in good repair for this purpose for on 28 March 1683 the Chapter had ordered that '*The dyalls at the south-west end of the Church be refreshed by the Treasurer*'. (Plate III).

Unfortunately this 'sundial' time suffers from two disadvantages in that solar days are not of constant length and Noon, the time when the sun is directly overhead, varies according to the longitude of the place. The difference between solar and mean time, known as the Equation of Time, varies throughout the year and can amount to as much as 16 minutes. This is caused by the tilt of the earth's axis and its elliptical orbit round the sun. Local differences arise from the easterly rotation of the earth about its axis and so Noon at Windsor is nearly 2½ minutes later than in London and at Penzance, for example, about 22 minutes later. These confusing differences had little effect on everyday life at a period when clocks and watches were not very accurate and travel was much slower. By the end of the eighteenth century, with better timekeepers available, mean time had become universal. Clocks were set from sundials with the help of Equation Tables which set out the difference between solar and mean time for each day of the year. Local variations still remained. By the middle of the nineteenth century, when it had become essential to keep a standard time throughout the country, London or Railway Time was adopted in the majority of places although, even then, there were still a few isolated communities that kept local time.

It was not until the passing of the Definition of Time Act in August 1880 that Greenwich Mean Time became the legal time throughout Great Britain.

The Curfew Tower clock has a large weight-driven, three-part quarter striking movement of 30hr duration. (Plate IV) The wheels are brass and the dead-beat escapement is controlled by a pendulum beating just over 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> seconds. A separate carillon or chime movement is released every three hours at 12, 3, 6, and 9 o'clock. (Plate V)

The escapement has been altered several times in the last three hundred years, either to improve the clock or in the course of repair work. The earliest clock by Convgrave had been controlled by the verge and foliot escapement which could only be expected to keep time to within about fifteen minutes a day. The anchor or recoil escapement and long pendulum, introduced in the late 1660's, improved the accuracy of clocks to within a few minutes per week and in 1715 further improvements were made when George Graham, a celebrated London clockmaker, invented the deadbeat escapement. Turret clocks were often converted to take advantage of each improvement. In 1689 John Davis originally fitted his clock with the anchor escapement. His son fitted the better dead-beat escapement to all his own turret clocks and also converted those of his father. The Chapter Accounts do not record when the conversion to the Curfew clock was made and although the present escape wheel is fairly recent the original design can be surmised from a similar conversion to the Frogmore Stable clock shown in Plate VIIIa. The distinctive shape of the escape wheel with teeth projecting from the side of the rim and with typically 20-24 teeth is a common feature on all Davis turret clocks.

To set the clock to time the pallets have to be disengaged from the escape wheel and the train of wheels allowed to run on and then the pallets re-engaged. Careless handling of this task can easily damage the wheel teeth and this had undoubtedly happened in the past. The present escape wheel is probably the second replacement for this reason. An earlier wheel, which has had 6 of its 21 teeth repaired, is shown in Plate VIIIb.

Davis originally fitted a pendulum with an iron rod and a lenticular lead bob. The accuracy of the clock would have been

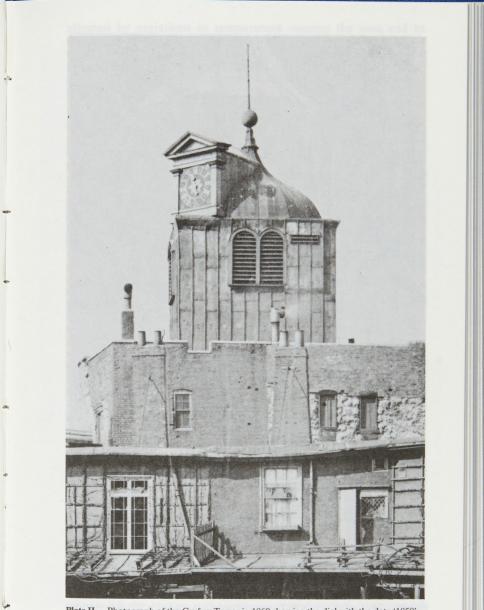
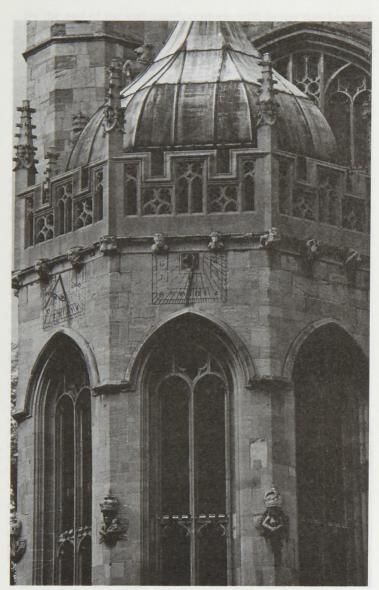


Plate II. Photograph of the Curfew Tower in 1860 showing the dial with the date '1850'.



**Plate III.** Two sundials outside the Beaufort Chapel. Photographed in 1964 since when the markings on the stonework have virtually disappeared.

affected by variations in temperature causing the iron rod to expand or contract an appreciable amount and so make the clock to lose or gain. Wood was known to be affected far less and the present pendulum, with a varnished wooden rod and cylindrical cast-iron bob, was fitted during the last century in order to improve the accuracy of the clock still further.

In 1951 the clock lines were changed from rope to wire and the last alteration to the movement was made in 1985 when autowinding was installed. Every few minutes electric motors, mounted above the frame, automatically wind up the weights which are now much smaller and have been repositioned against the outer wall of the clock room.

In 1478 the Chapel bells were transferred from the old belfry (in Mary Tudor Tower), now the residence of the Governor of the Military Knights, to the Clewer or Curfew Tower. At the same time a clock was installed which had been bought from the Parish Church for 6s/8d,<sup>11</sup> but this was replaced twelve years later by the one by Convgrave at a cost of £4-13-6d. There were eight bells which consisted of a ring of five and three clock bells. The large hour bell, named 'Edward' and weighing over 30 cwt, had originally been bought in 1377 by Edward III, founder of the Order of the Garter, for the first clock set up in the Castle twenty-five vears earlier. The other two bells were used by the clock to sound ting-tang quarters. In 1612 the Chapter decided to increase the ring to six bells and John Wallis, a Salisbury bellfounder, recast the five old bells and attempted to cast a new tenor bell by melting down the clock bell named 'Edward'. After five unsuccessful attempts he had to add one of the quarter bells to make up for the metal wasted in the previous castings. The final result was still unsatisfactory and the College sold it to pay off some debts. Nine years later they bought another tenor bell to complete the ring of six. In 1650 the ring was increased to eight by recasting the treble bell and adding two smaller ones and so in 1689 there was only one quarter bell for the new clock by Davis.<sup>12</sup> When repairs were carried out to the belfry in 1755 a Chapter Act on 5 March decreed that 'The Quarter Bell wch has been taken down is not to be put up again, but the quarters to be struck upon the second bell'. This marked the final removal of the original clock bells with links going back to Edward III. Davis's clock strikes the hour on the largest or tenor bell weighing 26 cwt and the quarters on the second bell weighing just over 6 cwt

The carillon uses all eight bells to play the psalm tune 'St David's' followed by the 'King's Change'. By 1870 the original tunes were barely recognisable and Sir George Elvey, the Organist and Master of Choristers, noticed that several pegs were missing from the chime barrel. William Willoughby, the clockmaker responsible for repairs at the time, was asked to replace these and although the tune now became intelligible the results were far from satisfactory.<sup>13</sup> Eventually in 1874 £96 was spent on a complete overhaul of the chiming side. The wooden barrel was renewed and new cast-iron pegs fitted. In 1985, following the latest overhaul, direct electric drive was installed.

The excellent condition of the clock after 300 years is a tribute not only to the skill of John Davis, the maker, but also to the care of those responsible for its upkeep during that time. The Treasurer's Audit Books in the Chapter Archives show payments made for the winding and repairs to the clock.<sup>14</sup> Unfortunately there is no record of the cost of the new clock and very few other references to it until 1776, apart from some between 1717-1723. In 1719 Davis, son of the maker, was paid the large sum of £30-12-6d which could indicate when the external dial and hand was fitted. The escapement may have been converted at the same time. For comparison, the same John Davis was paid £31 for a new clock for Great Marlow Church several years later in 1738.<sup>15</sup> Also in 1719, on 31 July, the Dean and Chapter 'Agreed with Mrt. Davis the Smith to keep the Clock & Chimes in repaire during his life for which he is to receive yearly three pounds fifteen shillings according to his own proposalls.'. After his death similar arrangements were made with later members of the family until the mid 1820's when George Davis, great-grandson of the clock's maker and a very talented locksmith, was the last to be in business in Windsor.

From 1762 onwards the records show the following to have had the care of the clock:

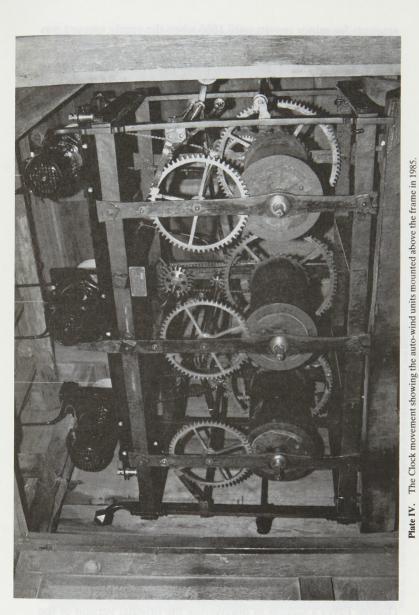
**1762-1801**: John Davis, grandson of the maker. Detailed bills from 1776 show that he received £10 per year for winding and looking after the clock and keeping it in repair. This seemed to cover all repairs for in 1797 no further charge is made for '*Taking down the large clock and putting D*° *in perfect repair, with new pinionrs, Dittants, repairing the pullies, new lines, cleaning all the work and fixing D*° *Comp*<sup>y'</sup>. In the same year, when a fall of materials from work to the roof damaged the chimes, Davis felt justified in charging an extra £1-18-6d. for straightening the hammer tails, fitting new pins and adjusting the tune on the barrel.

**1802-1825:** George Davis. He still received £10 per year for winding, cleaning and keeping in repair the clock and chimes.

**1826-1832**: William Berridge. He worked for George Davis for a number of years before taking over the business. He moved to 1 High Street in 1830. The £10 annual fee covered the winding up and regulating the clock. Extra amounts were now charged for various repairs.

**1833-1839**: Samuel Barrs, 79 Peascod Street, Windsor. He was paid about £5 per year for the winding.

**1840-1867**: William Hanson jnr., 30 High Street, Windsor, After his father's death in 1835 he took over the Warrant as 'Clockmaker at Windsor'.<sup>16</sup> He received £5 per year for the winding plus small



amounts for minor repairs until 1866 when the yearly amount was increased to  $\pm 10$ . He died in 1867.

**1868-1877**: William Willoughby, 97 Peascod Street and later at 27 High Street, Windsor. He received £10 per year for the winding and other amounts for repairs notably the £96 in 1874 for work on the chimes. He moved away from Windsor in 1877.

**1878-1907**: Thomas Hunt, 22 Horseshoe Cloisters, a Lay Clerk of St George's. Throughout the period that he had the care of the clock he received £10 per year for winding plus small amounts for some minor repairs.

**1908-1975**: Dyson & Sons, 9/10 Thames Street, Windsor. Thomas Dyson, also a Lay Clerk and near neighbour of Hunt's in the Horseshoe Cloisters had opened a jewellery business in 1878 next to the music shop he already owned in Thames Street. The family business, which held the Royal Warrant for many years, was sold in 1986. Payment for winding remained at £10-12-0d. until the 1940s. From the 1950s larger amounts are paid but no distinction is made in the accounts between winding and repairs. In 1951 the clock and chimes were completely overhauled by Thwaites & Reed of London, a specialist firm of turret clock makers, at a cost of £260.

**1976-1982**: The winding was done, for 50p per day, by one of the Lay Clerks. However, it became increasingly difficult to find volunteers for this daily ten minute task and so the Chapter decided to have auto-winding installed.

Between 1983-85 John Smith & Sons of Derby completely refurbished the dial and hands, cleaned and repaired the movement, and fitted auto-winding to the clock and chimes at a total cost of just under £8,000. At the same time essential repairs to the bells and bell frames were carried out by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London at a cost of £5,000.

Displayed in the clock room, which is open to visitors, are a number of items of interest. Behind one of the wooden doors enclosing the movement, mounted behind glass, is a small fading photograph of a portrait said to be of John Davis, maker of the clock. This portrait in oils belonged to Richard Cope, Chapter Clerk 1866-1911. Extensive searches have so far failed to locate its present whereabouts and an appeal in the Report nearly 45 years ago was unsuccessful. There is also a photograph of John Holloway, Belfry Keeper in late Victorian times and the last person to be buried in the Chapel precincts. A story is told that he was in the habit of sleeping in the corner of a chamber over which hung the clock weights. On being warned against this he laughingly said that 'nothing had ever happened.' However, one day, for some reason, he removed his bed and on that very night one of the weights came down!1/ Another item is a leaflet describing Sir George Elvey's success in discovering the original version of the

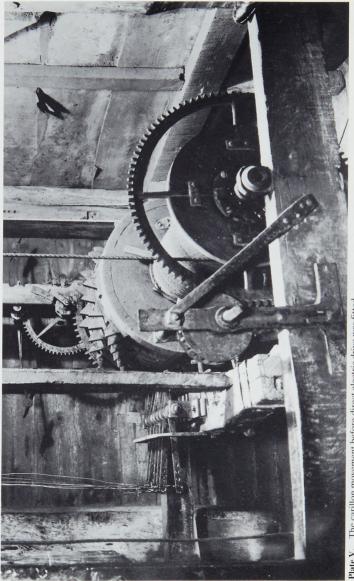


Plate V. The carillon movement before direct electric drive was fitted.



Plate VI. Curfew Tower clock 1989.

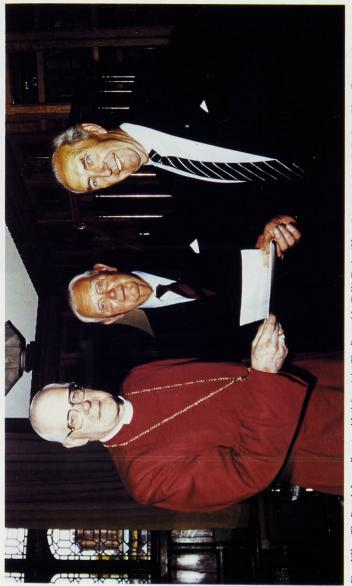


Plate VII. The Dean's farewell party with (left to right) The Dean, Mr. T. W. Taylor (Hon. Secretary), Mr. E. P. Carr (Hon. Treasurer).

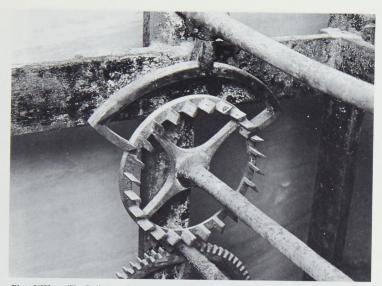


Plate VIIIa. The Pallets and the escape wheel of the dead-beat escapement.



Plate VIIIb. One damaged escape wheel.

tune played by the carillon. The 'past' and 'present' tunes are written out in full and a careful comparison of these shows that, at some time, six pegs had fallen out of the old wooden barrel and had been replaced in the wrong positions. Together with nearly 200 years of wear on the remaining pegs and hammer lifters it is hardly surprising that in the 1870s Elvey was compelled to put matters right.

To the right of the window, near the clock, many names and initials have been carved into the stone over the years and some can be identified as the men and apprentices who came to assist in the winding or repair of the clock. H. Beasley, T. Haines, J.W. Reed, are a few. (Reed was Willoughby's nephew). Higher up and carved within a square is 'W.D. 1709' It is tempting to think that this might be the mark of Wm. Dawborne apprenticed in 1707, to John Davis, the clock's maker.

Without a doubt John Davis fully justified the trust placed in him when asked by the Dean and Canons to supply a new clock for the Chapel within the precincts of Windsor Castle and it is fitting that all the work recently carried out on the dial, movement and bells, to prepare this outstanding clock for its fourth century of service, has been paid for by grants from the Society of the Friends of St George's.

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# **BOOK REVIEW**

J. Bracken, *The Most Noble Order of the Garter as Depicted on Church Monumental Brasses*, Foreword by Garter King of Arms. Privately published 1989.

This is a study which has clearly been prepared with much enthusiasm and by hard work. The author has produced a volume which, whilst its slimness reflects the paucity of surviving brasses relating to Knights of the Garter, will nevertheless be of value not only to Monumental Brass enthusiasts, but also to students of the Order and its history.

The major criticism must be that the introductory chapter concerning the Order is terse, at times it may be suggested to the point of unintentional inaccuracy. Whilst a fulsome and scholarly preface is unnecessary and indeed might well be out of place, it would have greatly assisted the non-specialist reader had this section been expanded. Nevertheless despite this failing, the importance of the work lies in the bulk of the text which relates to brasses, in respect of which the author's expertise is clearly apparent.

A few minor observations may be appropriate. The arms of Sir Francis Crane who died in 1636 (p.26) are not encircled with the Garter because this privilege was not extended to the Chancellor until 1672. The suggested identification of Sir Aleyn Buxhall as the K.G. buried under a brass in Old St. Pauls, is correct and is confirmed by Stow and by Weever. The suggestion that Sir John Doon was a Poor Knight (p.34) must be regarded as highly speculative. Poor Knights had seldom received the accolade and despite the author's assertion that records of appointment are generally poor, those for this period (c. 1500) are good. Doon's name does not appear. Sir Henry Danvers upon the absence of whose Stall Plate Bracken justifiably comments, (p.48), has recently been commemorated by a replacement Plate, a fact of which the author is unlikely to have been aware.

These comments in no way sully a most useful and interesting piece of work which gives an insight into evidence which is often, and sadly, neglected by historians. It is a volume which this Reviewer is glad to have upon his shelves.

P. J. Begent

### **OBITUARIES**

### Lt. Colonel R. W. Dobbin, O.B.E.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Wakeham Dobbin, who died on 7th August, 1989 aged 87, was a well known and much loved member of the Windsor Castle community which he first joined on appointment as a Military Knight of Windsor in 1966. He was also a strong supporter of the Society of the Friends of St George and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter throughout his service here. Bobby was born in Cork in 1901, educated at Repton, and commissioned into the Royal Artillery from the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich in 1921. His first posting was to Gibraltar where he served until 1925: this was to be followed by two Tours in India, including a two year tour at the Staff College Quetta, before the outbreak of the Second World War. In 1940, with the BEF in France, he was evacuated through Dunkirk only to find himself within a matter of hours back on French soil in the desparate bid to save St Malo. After a few months in England, he was posted to GHQ Far East, and whilst serving with the British Mission Java. was taken prisoner by the Japanese in 1942. His imprisonment in Java and Japan he endured over three gruelling years, throughout most of which his wife and young family had no idea of his whereabouts or even his survival. He rarely spoke of his experiences in captivity, and certainly showed no bitterness towards his captors. On return to the United Kingdom in 1946, Bobby served as a Staff Officer until his retirement from the Army in 1947. For his outstanding service during the war he was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

In his final months at Windsor, he was regarded very much as the doyen of the Military Knights of Windsor with over 23 years of service in that select body of retired officers. Despite failing health, and unable to march with his colleagues, he remained a Military Knight to the end, regularly appearing in uniform in Chapel to within a few days of his death. He died peacefully whilst on leave.

He is survived by two married daughters Sheila and Elizabeth, and his widow Muriel who will continue to live in the Castle precincts on moving into Chapter Mews.

### Major General Sir Peter Gillett, K.C.V.O., C.B., O.B.E.

The Society lost a stalwart and distinguished member when Sir Peter Gillett died early in July 1989. As Governor of the Military Knights of Windsor, he had been a member of the Management Committee from the date of his arrival in the Castle in 1980 and was most active in that capacity.

After an outstanding career in the Royal Artillery from 1934 he was appointed Secretary to the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood in 1968 and held that office until his arrival in the Castle. His period at the Central Chancery covered such events as the Investiture of the Prince of Wales at Caernavon Castle and the funerals of the Duke of Windsor and Earl Mountbatten.

On his retirement as Governor of the Military Knights early in 1989, he and Lady Gillett went to live in the Great Park. Alas, ill health came too quickly and his retirement was tragically brief. The Chapel was filled with his many friends at the Memorial Service on 14th September – a fitting tribute to a great and wellloved man. Our very real sympathy is expressed to Lady Gillett.

T.W. Taylor

### **Canon R.H. Hawkins**

'Robin' Hawkins died recently aged 97. He served as a Canon of Windsor from 1958 to 1970, but remained some years longer living in the Castle before retiring to Hindhead in 1977. Canon Hawkins was ordained at the outbreak of the first World War and was on active service throughout that war. Later he held various livings in the diocese of Carlisle and was a Proctor in the Convocation of York. After the second World War he was appointed Dean of Nottingham and then in 1958 came to Windsor where he rapidly became a well known figure. He made many gifts to the Chapel among which was the Missal which is in regular use at Chapel services.



### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 58th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday 29th April, 1989.

The Meeting opened with prayer. Approximately 800 members were present and were welcomed by the Dean.

### Annual Report and accounts 1987/1988

These had already been circulated in the recent Report for members to consider. In regard to the Report itself, the Dean warmly congratulated the Editor, Miss Elizabeth Cuthbert on yet another fine production, adding that although she had recently retired from the Royal Archives, she was living locally and would continue as Editor.

The Accounts showed a very satisfactory situation, there being net gains in the assets of both the General and Capital Funds. However, much money would be needed in 1989/1990, as would be reported later.

### **Election to the Committee**

Under the 3 year rule, Mrs. Susan Hill, Mr. Perter Hedley and Mr. Dick Shaw retired. All were warmly thanked for their services. The Management Committee's recommendation that Miss Jane Langton, Major Jim Eastwood and Major John Williams be elected for the next three years was accepted by the Meeting.

### **Appointment of Honorary Officers**

The four Honorary Officers were thanked for their services by the Dean who, as Chairman, proposed their re-election. This was duly seconded and accepted by the Meeting. They are:-

Honorary Secretary – Mr. T.W. Taylor, L.V.O., O.B.E. Honorary Treasure – Mr. E.P. Carr, A.I.B. Honorary Solicitor – Mr. Hugh Owen, LL.B. Honorary Auditor – Mr. J.D. Spofforth, F.C.A., J.P., A.T.I.I.

### Honorary Secretary's Notes

Mr. Taylor prefaced his remarks by warmly thanking the very many people who help the Society throughout the year – the Secretariat at Curfew Tower in the first instance, (Rosemary Menzies and Joan Biggs) ably helped by Percy Taylor and Mrs. Higgs. He spoke appreciately of the help given by the Dean and Canons, the Chapter Clerk, the Clerk of Works and Virger and Sacristans, with their respective staffs and lastly but by no means least – the Voluntary Stewards led by Jenny Rolinson.

He then outlined the day's arrangements. He was glad to say that, by the courtesy of the Governor of the Castle, the Moat Garden would be open to members (wearing badges) and their guests between 3.15 pm and 5.15 pm There was also a most excellent display of historical documents, etc., in the Chapter Room, most kindly arranged by our Archivist, Mrs. Grace Holmes and assisted by Peter Begent. Following a request, he had arranged for Mr. Leslie Grout to have on display the Book of Members, beautifully engrossed by Mrs. Higgs. Festival Evensong would be sung at 5.15 pm in the Nave, and this was to be followed by an Organ Recital given by Christopher Robinson, our Organist and Master of Choristers.

Teas would be served, as usual, in Dean's Cloister, St George's House, and the Chapter Library, and Mr. Taylor took this opportunity of warmly thanking the many ladies and helpers who had made this possible.

Recruitment of members had been good, as the Report showed. He hoped that a similarly happy situation would evolve in 1989/90.

### The Dean's Address

The Dean opened his address by saying, once again, how delighted he was to welcome such a large gathering – not many annual General Meetings could boast over 700 members present!

The principal social event in the Society's calendar was, of course, Garter Day. This would be held on Monday, June 19th, when it was hoped that H.M. King Juan Carlos of Spain would be installed. The demand for tickets had been exceptional. The Secretary was doing his best to satisfy requirements, but there would undoubted be a ballot for Chapel and Stand tickets.

The second major event would be the summer exhibition of the Mantles of the Orders of Chivalry, again organised by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Forman. This was now turning out to be annual event, with good financial results. This year it would be between 17th July and 26th

August. Extra exhibits would be found from the Archives, and Mr. Forman was being helped by Mrs. Grace Holmes. In expressing the Society's warmest thanks to these kind people, the Dean mentioned that, sadly, Mrs. Holmes would be retiring this year everyone wished her well.

The Residential Weekend would again be held in St George's House, starting on the 1st September. This is always very popular and it is already fully booked, with a waiting list for 1990! Preference here is given to overseas members, who are only able to visit Windsor very occasionally.

In regard to changes in personnel, the Dean said that the Governor of the Military Knights (Major General Sir Peter Gillett) had recently retired, after a most valuable tenure of office. Both Sir Peter and Lady Gillett had been stalwart supporters of the Society. Fortunately, their retirement home is in the Great Park, Windsor, so we shall still see them from time to time. He has been succeeded by Major General Peter Downward, who, together with his wife, Mary, was present at the Meeting. Both were given a very warm welcome and the Dean was delighted to say that they had both joined the Society as Life Members. The Dean also welcomed the latest addition to the Military Knights - Lt. Col. Tamplin and his wife.

The Dean then said that it was timely and very necessary to speak about finance. Whilst the Balance Sheet does reveal a very satisfactory situation, there were no grounds for complacency. A detailed survey on the fabric of the Chapel and Cloisters had revealed a rather unhappy situation. Canon Stanesby, as Steward, had recently presented this to the Management Committee in great detail and, after the Meeting, was prepared to show this presentation to any interested members. The two real major and urgent needs were the restoration of the exterior East Wall of the Chapel and the replacement of the boiler for the Chapel heating system. Indeed, over the next two years about £150,000 would be needed. Later in the Meeting, and to conform the Constitution and Rules of the Society, a proposition from the Management Committee would be put to the Meeting.

Turning now to our overseas membership, this does continue to grow. Our American members were specially notified by a leaflet with the Report that, to gain I.R.S. benefit, subscriptions could now be paid to our American bankers in dollars.

In regard to Australia, Mrs. Wade who has been our representative for 13 years, was retiring by reason of age and failing eyesight. She had personally telephone to give her good wishes to all at the A.G.M. She was to be warmly thanked for all she had done, and indeed, in probably finding a most suitable successor. Our German connection continues to grow through the efforts of Commander Grenfell, who has further ambitious plans.

The Dean then said it was timely to mention the Music in Chapel. The Society was closely linked with this aspect - indeed it has gained members through this connection. We had, said the Dean, a very fine Choir, whose standard was now very high indeed. This was largely due to the devoted efforts of Christopher Robinson, our Organist and Master of Choristers. A full programme of all the events - two Chapel Concerts, five Chapter Library concerts, and six Organ Recitals - had been circulated with the Report. Great interest had already been shown for the whole of the year.

The occasion could not pass without reference to the work of the Voluntary Stewards. The Chapel simply could not now function without this most valuable and unpaid help, under the able direction of Jenny Rolinson, who would be glad to discuss this kind of work after the meeting with any interested party. It was also timely, said the Dean, to record his thanks to the Honorary Secretary and all at Curfew Tower for their most competent and cheerful year's work.

Finally, the Dean said that, sadly, this would be his final Annual General Meeting as Chairman, due to his retirement this summer. Both he and Mrs. Mann had always been greatly moved by the genuine affection shown to them by the Society during these last thirteen years - the warm friendship was truly appreciated. He did know that certain efforts were in hand regarding a retirement gift - something not yet completed, he had been told - but he did express his interim thanks. More would be said later. He felt sure that the Society would continue to flourish and give to his successor the great help, friendship, and affection that had always been shown to his wife and himself. Any other business

To conform with the Constitution and Rules of the Society which make it necessary for a General Meeting to approve any specific expenditure over £25,000. Mr. Gordon Franklin proposed that the costs of the restoration of the exterior of the East Wall (in the region of  $\pounds 42,000$  and the replacement of the boiler (between  $\pounds 40,000$  and  $\pounds 50,000$ ) be authorised during the current financial year, subject to a ceiling of  $\pounds 100,000$ . This proposition was seconded by Mr. Eric Carr. The Dean put this to the meeting and it was carried unanimously.

The Dean closed the Meeting at 3.30 pm.

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### PUBLICATIONS

The following publications, issued by the Society, are on sale either at the Curfew Tower or on the Information Desk in the Chapel.

The Romance of St George's: the 14th edition of this popular book has been revised and edited by Peter J. Begent, F.S.A. It gives a history of the Chapel and of the Order of the Garter, as well as information on the treasures of the Chapel, its music and daily life. While it is scholarly in content it is also extremely readable and is clearly and concisely laid out. It contains many new illustrations in both colour and black and white. This new edition of the Romance is one which all those with a real interest in the Chapel and its history will want to have on their bookshelves.

Price: £2.00 plus 50 p for postage and packing.

A Pocket Companion: a booklet by Major General R. L. C. Dixon, C.B., M.C., (Chapter Clerk). Aimed primarily at the guides, stewards, etc. it could be useful as a working guide for visitors to the Chapel. Price £1.00 plus 26p for postage and packing.

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### Correction from 1987-1988 Report

- West Germany Worn, Herr, M. should read WORM, Herr, M.

### THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF ST. GEORGE'S AND DESCENDANTS OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE GARTER GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1989

Income:	£	f	Year ended 30 September, 1988
Subscriptions			~ ~ ~
Subscriptions Add: Income Tax Recoverable in respect of Covenanted Subscriptions		12,310 744	12,103 702
Excess of Income on Friends' Weekend Excess of Income on Exhibition Excess of Income on Concerts Dividends, Interest and Tax Recoverable Received under Deed of Covenant from F.S.G. (Anniversary Sales) Ltd. for the year ended 30th September 1989 and also Tax Recovered Donations and Gifts		13,054 392 8,618 38,790 3,150	12,805 149 8,514 281 28,253 2,900
Legacy received from R. G. Beloe, Dec'd.		6,699	7,711
		-	20,000
		70,703	
		10,103	80,613
Office and Similar Expenses         Missellaneous Expenses and Clerical Assistance         Postage and Telephone         Cost of Annual Report including Postage         Printing and Stationery         Expenses of Annual General Meeting         Hire of Stand for Garter Day         Contribution towards Dean of Windsor's Retirement         Auditors Honorarium         Professional Fee re. R. Beloe Dec'd. Legacy         Net Decrease in Value of Investments         Balance of Accumulated Fund at 30th September, 1988.	3,732 843 6,039 3,052 709 2,820 1,250 460	18,905 51,798 (344) 51,454 218,411 269,865	3,341 871 5,207 2,648 815 1,991 
Restoration and Similar Expenses New Boilers for Chapel Repairs to Chapel Exterior Clerestory Window East Wall and Windows Dean's Cloister Service and Hymn Books Embroidered Frontal Restoration of King George V Banner Cushions for Black Chairs Oliver King Chantry Trolley for Clerk of Works Sundry Chapel Renewals Balance of Accumulated Evades 20th Sector 2010	35,686 19,480 4,209 3,995 3,360 3,585 1,870 1,200 1,129 563 248 949	76,274	23,573
Balance of Accumulated Fund at 30th September 1989	-	£193,591	£218,411
			2218,411

### HONORARY AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books and records of the Society and in my opinion they have been properly kept. I have prepared the Accounts of the Capital Fund and the General Fund for the year ended 30th September, 1989 from the books etc., and cerify that they are in accordance therewith.

16/18 New Bridge Street, London EC4V 6AU 15th November, 1989

J. D. SPOFFORTH Chartered Accountant Honorary Auditor

### THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF ST. GEORGE'S AND DESCENDANTS OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE GARTER CAPITAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1989

				r ended mber, 1988
	£	£	£	£
Total of Accumulated Fund at 30th September 1988		151,695		148,229
Add: Life Membership Fees and Donations Received. Profit on Sale of 'The Romance of St George's Chapel' and 'A Pocket Companion'		7,505		7,355
Sales	 5,580		5,774	
Less: Printing Costs	 4,772	808	4,421	1,353
Profit on Sale of 'Book of Photographs of St George's Chapel'				
Sales	 165		113	
Less: Printing Costs	 243	(78)	15	98
		159,930		157,035
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Value of Investments		316		(5.340)
Total of Accumulated Fund at 30th September 1989		£160,246		£151,695

### At 30th September 1989 the Capital Fund consisted of:

Quoted Investments – at Market Value			117,061		116,745
— Deposit Account.     — Special Deposit Account		 4,569 27,000		1,518	
Business Premium Account     Unsold Copies – At Cost			31,569	_27,000	28,518
'The Romance of St George's Chapel and 'A Pocket Compa	inion'	11,616	11,616	6,402 243	6 645
Book of Photographis of St George's Chaper		 	160,246	243	<u>6,645</u> 151,908
Less: Sundry Creditors					213
			£160,246		£151,695

Note: Under the Constitutional Rules 90% of the fees received from new life members not made for a specific purpose (Rule 9D iii) can be transferred to the General Fund. There were 234 new life members this year making a contribution of £25 each.

# THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF ST. GEORGE'S AND DESCENDANTS OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE GARTER

### **GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1989**

						£	£		er ended ember 1988 £
At 30th September 1989 t	he Genera	l Fu	nd cons	isted of	f:				
Quoted Investments – at Market V Fixed Interest Stocks Ordinary Stocks and Shares			:::			68,398 13,632	82,030	80,991 11,383	92,374
Balance with Barclays Bank PLC Current Account Depost Account Special Deposit Account Business Premium Account Investment Deposit Accoun		· · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · ·	10,087 23,000 93,000 - -	126,087	7,831 20,000 73,000 20,373	121,204
Cash in Hand Amounts Owing to the Society Income Tax Repayable Sundry Debtors Loan to F.S.G. (Anniversar					· · · · · · · ·	3,033	187 <u>5,533</u>	3,089 50 2,500	175 5,639
Less: Sundry Creditors							213,837 20,246 £193,591		219,392 <u>981</u> £218,411

### F.S.G. (ANNIVERSARY SALES) LIMITED BALANCE SHEET - 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1989

						1989	1988
Current Assets:					Notes	£££	£ £
Stocks – At Cost Cash at Bank	*** *** ***	· · · ·	· · · ·	· · · ·	5	2,599 315	2,2 48 587
Less Current Liabilities						2,914	2,835
Creditors - amounts fall	ing due within one year				6	460	402
Net Current Assets						2,454	2,433
Creditors - Amounts fal	ling due after one year				7	2,500	2,400
						£_(46)	£ (67)
Capital and Reserves Called Up Share Capital					-	and a second second second	
Profit and Loss Account			••••		8	3 (49)	3 (70)
						£(46)	(67)

Approved by the Board on 15th November 1989 E. P. CARR T. W. TAYLOR Director

Directors

### AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF F.S.G. (ANNIVERSARY SALES) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements. Our audit was conducted in accordance with approved Auditing Standards. In our opinion the Financial Statements, give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 30th September, 1989 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

16/18 New Bridge Street, London, EC4V 6AU 15th November, 1989

STANLEY A. SPOFFORTH & CO., Chartered Accountants

### F.S.G (ANNIVERSARY SALES) LIMITED

### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1989

Turnover Less: Cost of Sales						 Notes 2	£	£ 13,354	Ye 30th Sep £	ear ended tember 1988 £ 13,049
								9,683		8,570
								3,671		4,479
Administrative Expense Other Operating Charge	es	· · · ·					460 58	518	402 37	439
Operating Profit Interest Received						 3		3,153		4,040
Profit on Ordinary Activ Taxation	vities befo	re Taxatio	on					<u>18</u> 3,171		<u>85</u> 4,125
Profit on Ordinary Activ Deed of Covenant to the	vities after Society o	Taxation f the Frier	nds of St	George's	- Gross	 4		 3,171 3,150		4,125 2,900
Deficit at 30th Septembe								21 (70)		1,225 (1,295)
Deficit at 30th Septembe	er 1989 car	ried forwa	ard					£ (49)		£ (70)

### LIST OF WORK DONE either entirely by, or with the assistance of the Society of the Friends and Decendants

Installation of pipeless heating system. Mediaeval paintings in Oxenbridge and Hastings Chapels restored. Tapestry restored and placed in glass frame. Restoration of painted panels of the "Four Kings". Installation of amplifying system. Candles for electric lighting in choir. Reparation work in Dean's Cloister. Painting of organ pipes. Restoration of Hastings and Oxenbridge Chapels. Work on roof and organ. Micro-filming of documents. Treatment of stonework in Rutland Chapel. Restoration of George III Shield over Cloister door. Heating & reorganisation of Chapter Library. Book of Hours purchased. Repair of John Davis Clock in Curfew Tower. Restoration of the Beaufort Chapel. Purchase of Statue for Beaufort Chapel. Restoration of FitzWilliams Plate in Brav Chapel. Restoration of the Porch of Honour. Colouring and gilding of East Door. Restoration of East Wall and oriel in Dean's Cloister. Purchase of Norfolk stallplate. New altar rails and altar frontal. New N.W. Pier in the Dean's Cloister. Restoration of the Oliver King Chapel. New doors at North-East Entrance to Chapel. Addition of 1ron gates to North-East Entrance of Chapel. Installation of an air conditioning system in the Chapter Library. Cleaning walls of Dean's Cloister. Contribution to restoration of Horseshoe Cloister. Provision of Altar Frontal, Cope, Music Stand. The Organ Cleaning and treating 14th century tiles in Vestry and Aeary. New carpeting for Military Knights' Stalls. Cleaning Gallilee Porch. Sanctus bell Silver gilded wafer box Provision of Roundels in the Horseshoe Cloister and in Deanery Courtyard. Cleaning and repairing Mortlake Tapestry

Work on Tower Record Room.

Provision of Notices in the Chapel. Furnishing of Edward IV Chantry, Provision of a carpet in Choir Stalls. Audio Equipment. Re-wiring of the Chapel. Purchase of Cope. Rutland Chapel altar table. Provision of kneelers, & carpet in Choir Stalls. A new dais for the Nave Altar. A list of Sovereigns and Deans on a wooden panel in the North Choir Aisle Nave furnishings. Rutland Chapel, five embroidery panels. Carpet in Deanery study. Restoration of Deanery Chapel. Repairs to the large Prayer Books. Re-covering of Military Knights' Cushions. Ornamental Gate to Schorn Tower staircase. Repainting Garter Panels in Dean's Study. Experimental lighting in Nave. Cleaning and restoration of external stonework, and of interior of west window. Renovation & refurbishing of the Vestry. Additional Nave furniture. Renewal of paving in the Nave, and North Quire Aisle. New carpet in Quire stalls. West Steps renewed. Christmas Crib figures. Lighting in the Nave. Lighting in Ouire and Ambulatory. Cleaning of Organ. Restoration of Altar Cross. Restoration of Clock in Curfew Tower. Grant towards maintenance of the Bells in Curfew Tower. New Piano for Chapter Library. Glazing in Dean's Cloister Fire Alarm System. Glazing of Bookshelves in Chapter Library. Restoration of: Altar Candlesticks, Roof Weathervanes, Reredos sculpture. Holy Oil Silver box New sound reproduction system. Provision of new Copes. Provision of Screen in Oliver King Chantry. Provision of Piano & table in Music Library. Provision of Chamber Organ. Grant towards Sacrament House in Oliver King Chantry. New Service Books and Hymnals New Boilers for Chapel Heating System.

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General Editor: The Reverend Canon J. White. First General Editor: Maurice F. Bond, C.B., M.V.O., O.B.E., (died 1983)

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The Banners hang in the Quire in the following order:

### SCREEN

South Side

North Side

The Duke of Edinburgh M. The Queen H.

The Prince of Wales **Oueen Mother** Kent Duke of ] The (

Jean, Grand Duke of Luxembourg Margrethe, Oueen of Denmark Carl Gustav, King of Sweden Beatrix, Queen of the Netherlands Baudouin, King of the Belgians

The Marquess of Abergavenny Sir Cennydd Traherne The Marquess of Normanby The Lord Carrington The Duke of Grafton The Lord Hunt The Lord Callaghan Admiral of the Fleet The Lord Lewin

The Earl of Longford The Earl of Cromer The Lord Shackleton

Juliana, Princess of the Netherlands Juan Carlos, King of Spain

Olav, King of Norway

The Duke of Norfolk Viscount Leverhulme The Lord Hailsham Sir Paul Hasluck The Earl of Drogheda The Lord Ashburton Marshal of the Royal Air Force The Lord Elworthy The Lord Richardson The Lord Wilson The Viscount De L'Isle, V.C. The Earl Waldegrave

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I BEQUEATH a legacy of £.....to the Society of the Friends of St George's and the Descendants of the Knights of the Garter, St George's Chapel, Windsor, and I DECLARE that the receipt of the Secretary for the time being of the said Society shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executor in respect of such legacy.

### SUGGESTED FORM OF CODICIL WHEN A WILL HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE

In all other respects I confirm the terms of my said Will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this

..... day of ..... 19.....

Signed by the Testator in the presence of us, both present at the same time who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our names as witnesses

Signature of Testator

Signatures of two witnesses present together with the testator, not being interested parties under the Codicil/Will, who should sign in the presence of the testator both being present at the same time and in addition stating their address and occupation.

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Overseas:

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Signature .....

(and Account No.) .....

Address ......

(Kindly return this Order completed to the Hon. Secretary, The Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle). This Order cancels any previous one which may have been given.

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# Covenanted Annual Subscription

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Hereby convenant with the Friends of St George's that for*years from the date hereof or until my death (whichever shall be the shorter period) I shall pay annually to The Friends of St George's on theday of
IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of
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Address of Witness
Occupation of Witness
NOTES: *Please complete term: minimum is four years. \$This date must be the same as, or later than, the date on which the Deed is signed. •Enter here the actual sum you wish to pay annually.

When completed, the Deed should be sent to The Secretary, Friends of St George's, Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle. and alone this line

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For many years a large number of our members have enhanced considerably the value of their annual subscriptions by paying under a Deed of Covenant. A Deed of Covenant is simply a formal undertaking to subscribe a fixed annual sum for a number of years (hitherto the minimum period was for seven years). By completing such a Deed donors enable the Friends, as a Registered Charity, to recover Income Tax at the Standard Rate (currently 25%), relative to the donor's subscription. The only proviso is that the donor must pay Income Tax at the Standard Rate on some part of his income.

The 1986 Budget gave highly significant concessions to Charities such as the Friends, and these are summarised below:

The first change was that from 6th April 1986, the minimum period for charitable Covenants was reduced from seven years to four years (or the lifetime of the donor, whichever be the shorter). It was felt that the previous seven-year minimum acted as a deterrent to some donors uncertain about their financial outlook, and it is hoped that the reduced period of commitment now available will enable many more of our members to enter into Deeds of Covenant. It is stressed that existing seven-year Deeds will remain current for the full period of commitment, and even though four years will be the new minimum period, members may still covenant for seven years, or indeed for any longer period, should they wish.

The second change introduced by the 1986 Budget concens members who pay more than the Standard Rate of Income Tax. From 6th April, 1986 such persons will get relief against any Tax above the Standard Rate (25%) on all their Charitable Covenants. It cannot be overstressed that nothing is changed for the Charity, which will still be able to recover the basic 25% and no more. The new relief goes wholly to the donor. The only way the Friends can benefit from this major concession will be if members affected by this change (i.e. higher-rate taxpayers), pass on the benefit they will receive by signing increased or additional Covenants.

It is emphasised that the Friends do not, of course, have any knowledge of members' tax positions, which are an entirely private matter between individduals and their tax inspectors.

The higher rate relief provision will not affect this in any way. A blank Deed of Covenant form is reproduced at the back of this *Report* for the benefit of those who wish to covenant their subscriptions for the first time.

The Friends Office staff will do their best to answer any questions you may have on Deeds of Covenant. Why not drop us a line, give us a ring, or better still come in to see us?

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