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Dear Member,

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Nave of St George's Chapel at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 7th May, 1994. Members may bring their friends but the latter must not vote on any issue. Friends and Descendants are asked to wear their Membership Badges.

The Agenda is set out on the reverse, and any members wishing to give notice of any motion to be submitted to the A.G.M. should send it to me in writing together with the name of the seconder, not later than 8th April 1994.

Members wearing their badges will be welcome in the Moat Garden as Sir Patrick Palmer's personal guests.

Festival Evensong will begin at 5.15 p.m. in the Nave followed by an Organ Recital to be given by Andrew Lumsden from Lichfield Cathedral.

TEAS

By kind permission of the Chapter and the Warden of St George's House, teas will be served in the Dean's Cloister, the Chapter Library and St George's House, from approximately 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Admission to tea will be by ticket only and applications on the attached form accompanied by payment of £2.00 per head, together with a **stamped addressed envelope**, must reach this office by Monday, 25th April 1994.

CAR PARKING

It is regretted that, in the interest of security, car parking within the Castle will not be possible this year. There are, however, a number of public car parks within easy reach of the Castle - River Street, Victoria Street and Arthur Road. There is also a Park & Ride facility from the Datchet Road car park to Castle Hill.

Members should ensure that they are wearing their badges, or are in possession of tea tickets, in order to gain FREE entry to the Castle precincts.

GARTER CEREMONY

This will be held on Monday 13th June, 1994. The Society has no say in either the number or location of seats in the Chapel. As in previous years the Society will be erecting a stand, for our older members, on the South side of the Chapel overlooking the Chapter Lawn. To help defray the costs the Management Committee have again decided to ask for a donation of not less than £5.00 per seat from members applying for stand tickets. Tickets for the Chapel, Stand and Chapter Lawns are issued to **Members ONLY**; on the basis of **ONE ticket per Member** as allocation permits. In the event of over-application a ballot will take place.

Applications with **stamped addressed envelopes (5in x 4in) and cheque where applicable must be made on the enclosed form** and must be received by Monday, 25th April, 1994. **APPLICATIONS WITHOUT STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.** It is regretted that applications cannot be acknowledged. Tickets will be issued during the last week of May.

FRIENDS WEEKEND

The Friends and Descendants Weekend will take place at St. George's House from 16th to 18th September, 1994. Please see attached leaflet for further information.

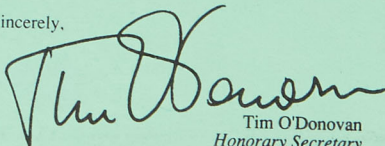
CHRISTMAS CARD 1994

The card for 1994 is a watercolour 'Winter Evening, Lower Ward, Windsor Castle' specially painted by Sir Hugh Casson C.H., K.V.C.O., P.P.R.A., R.D.I. for the Society. Orders can now be sent to the Curfew Tower on the accompanying form.

CONCERTS 1994

The continued success of Chapel concerts has again encouraged the Music Committee to promote further events in 1994. A leaflet is enclosed and Members are recommended to follow the advice contained in this leaflet and make the necessary diary notes.

Yours sincerely,



Tim O'Donovan
Honorary Secretary

JANUARY, 1994

AGENDA

Annual General Meeting
Saturday, 7th May, 1994
St. George's Chapel, Windsor, Castle
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (circulated in Annual Report).
3. Matters Arising.
4. Annual Report and Accounts.
5. Nominations for election to Management Committee (three vacancies).
6. Appointment of Honorary Officers.
7. The Honorary Secretary's Report.
8. "The Tasks Ahead" a talk by Dr. Charles Brown FRIBA, Surveyor of the Fabric
9. The Dean's Address.
10. Any other business.

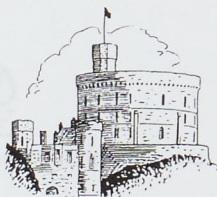


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- II: Shady hats and parasols were the order of the day for Members on the Friends' stand on Garter Day, 13th June 1994.
- III: The Hon. Secretary, Tim O'Donovan, and his wife Veronica, with Valerie Grogan, the Australian Representative of the Friends, and Nicholas Hasluck, at the Queen's Birthday Reception in Sydney on 21st April 1994.
- IV: Members of the Friends outside St Albans Cathedral on their visit on 23rd March 1994.
- V: Members of the Friends leaving the Prior's Hall at Winchester on their visit to the Cathedral, 27th September 1994.
- VI: The Members who attended the Friends' Weekend in September 1994, outside the Prince Consort's Dairy at Frogmore.
- VII: The costumes, past and present, of the Military (formerly the Poor) Knights of Windsor.
- VIII: Pinnacle on the south side of the Chapel, showing serious erosion, especially of the carved heads.
- IX: Newly carved stones for the pinnacle are assembled in the workshop.
- X: The stone Beast sitting comfortably on his new pinnacle, with its superbly grotesque heads.

ANNUAL REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1994

THE DEAN'S LETTER

November 1994

On behalf of the Chapter, I wish to thank the Friends of St George's for their amazingly generous help during the past year. Some urgent works could not have been done without the money which you subscribe and raise; and other desirable improvements were made possible, so that considerable progress can be reported on several fronts. The following operations were not all begun or completed within the past year; but during 1993/94 these projects have been in train:

- Sanctuary lighting in the Quire
- Complete lighting scheme in the Nave
- Restoration of two external pinnacles
- Book-trolley (in memory of Mr Tom Taylor)
- Repair of embroidered dossal in Hastings Chapel
- Central heating boiler for the Chapel
- Computer for the Aerary
- Shelving for the Music Library
- Cupboards in the Choristers' Vestry
- Computer for Friends' Office in Curfew Tower

The total outlay on these items was £51,078.

Already we are looking forward to the next big project, which is the scaffolding and cleaning of the High Vault in the Quire. The upper walls and the stonework surrounding the High Altar will be tackled at the same time. All this work will start in January and will last for two or three months. The ultimate effect should be breathtaking.

It is appropriate to record our thanks to Canon Derek Stanesby for his work as Steward in caring for our buildings and property. He has now been succeeded in this office by Canon Michael Moxon. Our Clerk of Works, Mr Fred Wilson, and his staff also deserve our gratitude.

Dr Charles Brown, Surveyor of the Fabric, has continued to plan comprehensively for necessary care of the Chapel, so that work can be continued in a steady and orderly fashion. External stonework needs constant attention; and when scaffolding is erected, it is wise to tackle other problems in the same area to reduce ultimate costs. Dr Brown has also prepared a design for the new Paschal Candlestick which the Australian Friends are giving in memory of the late Sir Paul Hasluck, K.G. This will be made and dedicated for use in 1995.

On Garter Day in June, Her Majesty The Queen installed four new members of the Order: Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal became a

Lady of the Order; and the three Knights Companions are Lord Ashburton (whose father was a Knight of the Garter till his death in 1991), Lord Kingsdown (formerly Governor of the Bank of England) and Sir Ninian Stephen (formerly Governor-General of Australia).

Two Garter Knights died during 1994: the Marquess of Normanby, whose father was a Canon of Windsor, and Lord Shackleton. The latter was the son of the famous explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton; but he also achieved great distinction himself in several fields. He explored in Sarawak, the Arctic and Borneo; and he became Minister for the Royal Air Force, Leader of the House of Lords and Lord Privy Seal.

Let me conclude by expressing thanks to the Honorary Secretary, Mr Tim O'Donovan, whose energy and imagination are leading us in fresh directions, such as the successful visits to St Albans and Winchester Cathedrals, and the planning of a new structure for the American Friends. He is ably supported by a hard-working team in the Curfew Tower.

With my love and gratitude to you all,

Patrick Mitchell.

PATRICK MITCHELL

STOP PRESS

As we go to press, we announce with deep sadness the sudden death of Mrs Marjorie Higgs following a motor accident. For many years Marjorie beautifully engrossed the Society's new members' certificates and entered their names in the Book of Honour. All of us who had the privilege of knowing Marjorie will miss her, and we send our deepest sympathy and good wishes to her family.



We also announce with deep regret the death of Mrs. Tom Taylor, who died peacefully in her sleep on New Year's Eve. Laura gave unstinted support to Tom during his 20 years as Honorary Secretary of the Society.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY'S NOTES

The highlight of the year, from a personal point of view, was attending the Australian members' annual reception on the Queen's Birthday at Sydney University. It was particularly stimulating to be with such an enthusiastic and loyal gathering of Friends and Descendants on the other side of the world, and to be able to thank them all for the generous cheque for the Society, which was presented to me by the Dean of Sydney, the Very Reverend Boak Jobbins. It was a wonderful opportunity of meeting the Australian Committee, and thanking them personally for all they do for the Society.

Both my wife, Veronica, and I received a most hospitable welcome in Sydney, where we stayed for ten days after our holiday in Western Australia. We were especially privileged to be invited to Parliament House, for the Australian Britain Society dinner for Her Majesty's birthday, and to Government House, for dinner with the Governor of New South Wales and Mrs Sinclair.

Valerie and Peter Grogan were most generous hosts, and we cannot thank them enough for all they did, together with Mary Drost, Angela Lind and Peter Fitzhardinge-Seton, to make us so welcome on our visit.

I should like to record my thanks to Sir Colin Marshall, Chairman of British Airways, for kindly arranging for us to be up-graded to Club Class, thereby making our long journey so much more comfortable.

The 1994 A.G.M.

We arrived back home, via Hong Kong, just in time for the A.G.M. Once again a large number of members and their friends gathered in St George's Chapel. The meeting was, as usual, conducted by the Dean, and the Minutes are published later in this *Report*.

Sadly, the weather was most unfriendly and as a consequence very few members braved the rain to visit the Moat Garden, which General Sir Patrick Palmer had very kindly agreed to open for our members. I should like to thank the Military Knights of Windsor, who volunteered as stewards on such an unpleasant day.

For reasons beyond our control, we were unable to use the Chapter Library and St George's House; instead teas were served in a marquee on Denton's Commons. An excellent tea was once again organised by Jane Speller and her willing army of volunteers.

A large congregation attended Evensong, which was followed by an organ recital by Andrew Lumsden from Lichfield Cathedral.

Garter Day 1994

In contrast with last year, we were blessed with a wonderful English summer's day, and again we were able to accommodate everyone who applied by the due date, but not always with their first choice of ticket.

We were very pleased to meet several members from overseas, Australia, France, Germany and U.S.A., including Val Grogan, who had flown over especially for the installation of Sir Ninian Stephen. It was an

opportunity for my wife and me to return some of the hospitality we had enjoyed in Sydney.

I should like to thank those members who sent donations, which helped to defray the cost of our stand.

Concerts

The Music Committee, under the chairmanship of Jonathan Rees-Williams, Organist and Master of Choristers, arranged another varied and enjoyable programme of concerts and organ recitals. I am extremely grateful to Brenda Bartovsky for all the work she does in administering the concert programme.

Christmas Cards

The card by Sir Hugh Casson has proved very popular, and it was necessary to order a reprint.

I am extremely grateful to Peter Wagon, one of our members, who has very generously painted a picture of the Quire for the 1995 card. The Society is very fortunate to have had the last two Christmas cards painted by living artists. At the time of writing these notes, I am discussing the possibility of producing Peter Wagon's picture as a limited-edition print for sale to members.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Percy Taylor for handling the sale and dispatch of Christmas cards.

Residential Weekend 1994

Another successful weekend was held at St George's House from 16th to 18th September, a little later than usual, so our visitors could enjoy the singing of our choir at services. Previously these weekends were held a fortnight earlier, when the choir was on holiday. We were pleased to welcome eight visitors from U.S.A. and three from Australia.

The Dean gave a most interesting and detailed tour of the Chapel after dinner on Friday evening. On Saturday we started the day with an early departure to London by coach, for a visit to Buckingham Palace, which was preceded by an unscheduled tour of London.

After lunch at St George's House, we visited the Prince Consort's Dairy and the Royal Mausoleum at Frogmore in the private part of the Home Park, by gracious permission of The Queen. I am extremely grateful to Mrs Williams and Mr Harrison for giving up their Saturday afternoon to show us round, and to Bridget Wright for her talk about the Royal Mausoleum.

The Constable and Governor and Lady Palmer very kindly gave a drinks party in the Norman Tower before dinner, which was followed by a most interesting and amusing lecture given by Peter Begent on "The Naval Knights of Windsor".

I am pleased that we shall be holding a similar weekend in 1995.

Excursions

These have been very popular, and our visits to St Albans and Winchester each attracted some 80 members and their friends. On both occasions we were very fortunate with the weather, and we were most warmly welcomed

by the Friends of the respective Cathedrals. The trip to Winchester included a tour of the Deanery, and I am most grateful to the Dean and Mrs Beeson for allowing our party to explore their home.

You will see from the enclosed leaflet that a weekend visit to Durham and an excursion to Westminster Abbey have been arranged for 1995.

Finance

Once again the audited accounts published at the end of this *Report* show a satisfactory position in spite of a drop in the value of our investments, owing to the volatile nature of the Stock Market in recent months. In addition, the Society gave the Dean and Canons extra financial help compared with the previous year. The Society's regular income showed a satisfactory increase, in spite of a reduction in interest rates. We did, of course, miss the one-off injection of nearly £19,000 profit from "The Queen is Crowned" exhibition. Next year will see the cleaning of the Quire, and the Management Committee have agreed that the Society will pay for this important work to the very heart of the Chapel. I am certain that there will be other calls on our financial resources in addition to the ongoing programme of renovating the pinnacles.

To maintain a healthy financial future we need more members and donations, and I take this opportunity of thanking those of you who have introduced new members, and those who have generously supported the Society over the past year. Again I draw all readers' attention to the Form of Bequest on page 217.

General

During the past year we lost two generous friends of the Society. Richard Chipps sadly died in March after a brave fight against illness, and an obituary appears on page 191. All of us in the Curfew Tower miss Richard's regular visits, and we extend our best wishes to his widow, Cobie, who is closely involved in helping the Chapel in many ways. In June David Graham Wood died very suddenly. He had been a wonderful supporter of the Society and Chapel. The Nave Altar will be lasting memorial to his generosity and the Society has benefited from the lovely postcards which he gave us to sell. I am delighted that the Management Committee have made his widow, Joan, an Honorary Life Member.

Turning to everyday administrative matters: I have, since my arrival in the Curfew Tower, been keen to modernise our office procedures. We have now made a big step forward, and invested in our first computer, which will do all our word-processing and hold our membership data base on disc. For the first year, we shall maintain our membership records on the old card-index system while we input the data on to the computer. I am certain that the new system will improve the way we service our members, particularly with the dispatch of our *Annual Reports*. In the past, and at present, we are lucky to have willing volunteers who maintain our records, produce name-and-address labels, etc. I do not believe that we can necessarily continue to rely for ever on volunteers. The Society should, therefore, keep up-to-date with modern methods.

The cost of producing and mailing our *Annual Report* has also been of concern. We spend in the region of £9,000 per annum, with printing, envelopes and postage; I am anxious to reduce this large expenditure, so you will see that this year we are carrying advertising to help defray costs. Any members who can influence advertising in our direction will be helping in a most positive way.

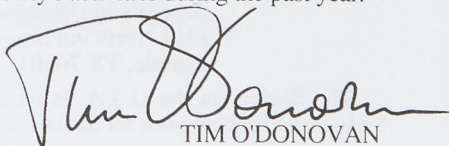
Finally, I should like to thank everyone who has helped the Society during the past year, in particular Jane Speller and Joan Biggs, who looked after everything whilst I was away in April; also Dennis Garrett, who came to the Curfew Tower, and assisted with the book-keeping and banking during my absence. Mrs Marjorie Higgs continues to engross the new members' certificates and enter their names in the Book of Honour with her beautiful calligraphy. There are all the many volunteers who help with Report packing and those who distribute Reports in their neighbourhood. This is an important operation, and saves the Society a great deal of postage. Many of these volunteers, augmented by others, do wonderful work on the day of our A.G.M., helping provide the excellent teas. On the subject of teas, I must thank Jack and Eileen Speller for all their help throughout the year.

During the year the Society receives a great deal of help and support from the Canons and their wives, the Chapter Clerk and Mrs Newman, and everyone in the Chapter Office. We said goodbye to our Virger, Ron Hengist, who retired in July, and I wish Ron and Jean very many years of happy retirement. Congratulations to David Wilson on his appointment as Virger, and my thanks to both of them and the Sacristans, who help us in so many ways. Likewise to our Clerk of Works, Fred Wilson, and his team, who are always ready to assist when we cry for help!

We much appreciate the co-operation we receive from the staff of St George's House, especially Sylvia Stephens, for making our weekend guests feel so welcome; and from those in the Chapel Bookshop. A special "thank you" to Mrs Jan Williams and the Voluntary Stewards, who man the Information Desk in the Chapel, and sell our leaflets and booklets. They also assist throughout the year, especially at our A.G.M. and concerts.

Major Eastwood, the Superintendent of the Castle, and Chief Inspector Mahony, and their staffs, are always generous with their time and help. This year is the first time there has been a charge for entry to the Castle precincts, and our members enjoy free entry. Being a new system, this has had some teething problems, and I should like to thank Audrey Laing and her staff in the Royal Collection Enterprises for their patience and understanding.

Finally, I should like to thank the Dean and Mrs Mitchell, and the Society's Lay Chairman and Lady Palmer, for their support during the past year. I cannot end without a special "thank you" to my wife for her support, and for helping to host many of the Society's activities during the past year.



TIM O'DONOVAN

OVERSEAS MEMBERSHIP

Australia

Membership in Australia continues to flourish and grow under the care of Mrs Valerie Grogan, who writes:

"The highlight of our year was the ten-day visit to Sydney of the Honorary Secretary of the Society, Mr Tim O'Donovan, and his wife Veronica. They were Guests of Honour at the Queen's Birthday Reception, held on 21 April 1994 at the University of Sydney, when Tim enthused those present with an account of the workings of the Society.

Mr Nicholas Hasluck, A.M., Q.C., delivered an excellent address, 'The Garter Box Goes Back to England', in which he gave an enthralling account of the steps he took to honour the undertaking given by his father, the late Rt Hon. Sir Paul Hasluck, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., at the time of his appointment as a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter. [An abridged version of this address appears on p. 185.]

We are delighted that the Rt Hon. Sir Ninian Stephen, K.G., A.K., G.C.V.O., K.B.E., Governor-General of Australia 1982-1989, and the Australian Ambassador for the Environment since 1989, was appointed a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter by Her Majesty The Queen. I was honoured to be present at the Installation Ceremony at St George's Chapel on 13 June 1994. During my visit to Windsor, Tim and Veronica O'Donovan extended splendid hospitality and made my stay most memorable.

The Queensland Honorary Secretary, Mrs Jill Ryan, has been active in that State, and organized two functions for members, at which I spoke of my recent visit to Windsor and the work of the Society.

Our membership continued to grow during the year, and we welcomed 3 new Life Descendant members, 11 new Life Friends and 14 new annual members. Six Friends transferred from annual to Life membership. We forwarded \$8393.34, including donations of \$2930.13, to the Society."

The Society owes a great debt of gratitude to Mrs Grogan and her Committee for all their energetic work on its behalf.

United States of America

The Society is most grateful to Mr Ernest Fletcher who continues to look after our interests in the States, and the Society has, once again, benefited from the continued generosity of our American members.

Those members wishing to make a donation to the Society should send their cheque to:

Mr Ernest Fletcher,
President & Treasurer of the American Friends of St
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The Honorary Secretary has much enjoyed meeting so many American members during the past year, on Garter Day, the Residential Weekend and on numerous other occasions.

New Zealand

Mr Warwick Lawrence continues to represent the Society in New Zealand, and we are most grateful to him for his continued support and interest.

Germany

Unfortunately Commander W. E. Grenfell has suffered from ill health during the past year, which has necessarily reduced his activity on behalf of the Society.

In spite of his enforced stay in the U.K., he has continued to look after and develop our interests in Germany. All of us in the *Curfew Tower* send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery to good health.

General

The Society is lucky to have so much devoted assistance from our overseas representatives, and all those, both at home and abroad, who work so hard on behalf of the Society. We look forward to making personal contact with our members; particularly those who visit Windsor from overseas.

Will members living in Australia, New Zealand and Germany please let their local representatives have a note of any change of address, as the non-delivery of a *Report* is always unfortunate and can prove ultimately to be expensive when a new *Report* is requested.

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THE GARTER BOX GOES BACK TO ENGLAND

by

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Abridgement of the address given in Sydney (see p. 183)

Soon after my father died I unlocked the safe containing his valuables and came across a black rectangular box, slightly larger than a family Bible, marked in gold lettering "Garter Box". I opened it. There, at rest on a small blue velvet cushion within the shallow enclosure, lay a gold badge and a brilliant silver star dominated by the red cross of St George. Beneath the velvet cushion was a blue sash.

Garter Box! Such an enigmatic description; two simple words, but in combination enriched by mystery. I went back to the safe for guidance. A Deed of Covenant signed by my father on 15th June 1979, shortly after his appointment as a Knight of the Garter, supplied the answer.

I, Paul Meernaa Caedwalla Hasluck, hereby covenant and promise that I will make provision for the restoration by my personal representative on my decease of the complete insignia of the Order of the Garter, including the Garter, the Lesser George, the Star, and the Collar with the George appendant, which I have received on my appointment to be a Knight of the Order.

An accompanying letter revealed that the Garter Collar was held at Central Chancery in London. It had fallen to me to return the insignia to the Queen. This is an account of the steps I took to honour the undertaking given by my father at the time of his appointment.

My father was the soul of discretion, and he would probably not be pleased to learn that what passed between his personal representative and the monarch might become common knowledge. On the other hand, he thought of "The Garter" as one of the many subtle links in the bond between two nations. I see this as the justification for providing an account of how a particular link was forged and finally severed.

A few years ago, in the course of an address to the Friends of St George's Chapel, my father said that Australians should avoid the risk of becoming so involved in their own nationalism that they forget they are a part of civilisation. He added that one could not expect an Australian of Greek origin to forget Agamemnon any more than one should expect an Australian of Anglo-Saxon origin to forget all about the chivalry of King Arthur. In telling the tale of a journey with an unusual destination, I will explore the implication of those remarks. They are relevant to the ongoing constitutional debate in Australia today.

It would be petty-minded to slam shut the Garter Box with a gesture of the anglophobic derision fashionable in modern-day Australia. The Order of the Garter is one of the world's many richly rewarding mysteries. Thus, it is with a sense of persistent "curiosity", and with that ability to view things from the new and distinctive vantage point which forms part of our geographical inheritance in the antipodes, that I turn now to some of the customs associated with the Order and St George's Chapel.

The Most Noble Order of the Garter was founded in 1348 and is the

oldest order of chivalry in Christendom. The number of Knights Companion is limited to twenty-four. Appointments are made by the Sovereign's own decision, not recommended by the government, and are usually announced on St George's Day, whenever a vacancy occurs.

A newly created Knight is sworn in at a solemn ceremony of investiture in the Throne Room at Windsor Castle in the presence of all the members and officers of the Order. The ceremony is followed by a service of installation in St George's Chapel, where the Knight takes his place in a stall allotted to him. His banner is mounted above the stall.

The collection of heraldic plates affixed to the various stalls over six centuries is truly unique. Out of a total of about six hundred Knights of the Garter during the past 640 years only two have been Australian-born, namely Lord Casey and Sir Paul Hasluck. Visitors from down under, I am told, have always been keen to see the stalls allotted to their compatriots, and to press the Chapel guides for information about the heraldic devices.

At the time of his death, the banner hanging above my father's stall contained a device of his own design - three catherine wheels - adopted from the coat of arms granted in 1563 to "Aslake" of Holme in Norfolk, an early version of the family name. The armorial bearings, granted to him by the College of Arms, incorporated distinctively Australian features. The supporters are a pelican and a cormorant and the crest includes the seven-pointed Australian Commonwealth star and formalised Xanthorrhoea (the plant known as the blackboy). In returning the insignia to the Queen at Buckingham Palace, arrangements also had to be made for the removal of my father's banner from his stall at St George's Chapel.

The first step I took was to write to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra, who advised me that they would be happy to transport the Garter Box to London via the "Safe Hand" bag. I wrote a letter to the High Commission in London to accompany the Garter Box on its peregrinations, and added a silent prayer for its safe arrival.

I also wrote to the Queen's Private Secretary. I was advised that the Queen would receive me at Buckingham Palace. The Private Secretary informed me that at the audience with Her Majesty I would only hand back the badge and star of the Order - the items in the Garter Box - as the Collar would continue to be held at Central Chancery. The property in the insignia is vested in the Garter Principal King of Arms.

I then commenced a correspondence with the Very Reverend Patrick Mitchell, Dean of Windsor, as a result of which arrangements were made to hold a Memorial Evensong for the laying up of my father's banner on Friday, 28th May 1993, two days after my audience with the Queen. Family and friends were invited.

Soon after arriving in England, I drove to Windsor, to finalise details concerning the Memorial Evensong. I called in at Runnymede on the outskirts of Windsor, a site well-known in the annals of English history. There in June 1215, King John and his rebellious barons swore to abide by the agreement, known eventually as Magna Carta, the Great Charter of English liberties. Englishmen came to regard Magna Carta as their

chief constitutional safeguard against unjust or arbitrary rule. Its terms were carried across the seas by colonists, being reflected eventually in various written constitutions, including our own. It was to have its influence on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1948.

I went on to Windsor, and St George's Chapel. In the course of wandering around the Chapel one cannot help but reflect upon the beauty of the structure and upon the links in the building with men and women of the past. In the quire, for example, one finds a slab which bears a haunting inscription: *In a vault beneath this marble slab are deposited the remains of Jane Seymour, Queen of King Henry VIII, 1537, King Henry VIII, 1547, King Charles I, 1648, and an infant child of Queen Anne.*

The words call to mind a turbulent period in English history, as significant as the fray at Runnymede. From 1629 to 1640 Charles I contrived to rule without calling a parliament. This led to the Civil War, and to his downfall. When he was executed in 1649, interment in Westminster Abbey - then still the traditional place for royal burial - was out of the question, for a centre of popular veneration would have greatly embarrassed Oliver Cromwell's government. Instead, the King's body was brought to Windsor. This gave it royal burial, but in a castle completely controlled and garrisoned by the Commonwealth forces and unlikely to become a focus of Cavalier devotion.

The inscription is not only a reminder of the damaging confrontation between the executive and parliament but also conveys a lesson to any nation on the brink of momentous constitutional change: a lesson which appears with even greater clarity when one looks at the record of the trial.

It was an axiom of English law that all justice proceeded from the sovereign. Oliver Cromwell and his supporters in the House of Commons tried to replace this keystone of the system by proclaiming the sovereignty of the people and equating it with their own. The King said at his trial: *It is not my case alone, it is the freedom and liberty of the people of England; and do you pretend what you will, I stand more for their liberty. For if power without law may make laws, may alter the fundamental laws of the kingdom, I do not know what subject he is in England, that can be sure of his life, or anything that he calls his own.* In short, if a king can be tried and be executed without the tribunal in question being obliged to explain or justify its assumption of power, what ordinary man or woman is safe?

The King's words were prescient. Subsequently, the name of Cromwell stood before the world as one who had compassed and achieved the death of the legitimate king, who assumed all, and much more than, the murdered man's authority, who maintained it for a moment against every attack and who died in possession of it.

It emerges, then, from these examples, that St George's Chapel and its environs are rich with historical associations which not only reverberate in the imagination but also continue to find expression in the laws and customs of the English-speaking world, not least Australia. The spectre of fundamental constitutional provisions being swept aside by a Cromwellian

figure possessed of arbitrary power operates as a restraining influence upon the conduct of political affairs generally. The separation of powers, a principle which finds expression to some extent in the Australian Constitution, represents an impediment to any section of the governmental system getting too big for its boots.

The appointed day for my audience with the Queen arrived. I was collected by the official car and driven towards Buckingham Palace, a journey into the unknown. The car passed through the front gates, under the visitor's arch in the east front and came to rest in the inner quadrangle. From the Grand Entrance I was guided to the Bow Room, asked to wait, and was then looked after by various members of the Queen's household.

It soon became apparent that the Queen was receiving a succession of visitors at roughly fifteen-minute intervals. Shortly before my turn came to be ushered into her presence, the Master of the Household gave me some instruction in matters of protocol. He said he would accompany me to the entrance to the audience room and then, having announced the visitor, he would retire. I would go forward to meet the Queen. It was in the course of receiving those instructions that the Garter Box containing the insignia was returned to me so that I would be able to deliver it to the Queen in person. Here it was again, back in England, its fourteen-year sojourn in the antipodes now over.

The moment came. I accompanied the Master of the Household to the threshold of the Audience Room. The doors were opened. My name was announced. I entered . . .

We are not bound by our fathers, but it often happens that we act in accordance with their habits, and with their wishes, that being the way in which customs are handed downwards, independently of what the law prescribes. So, for that reason, aware of a need for confidentiality in certain circumstances, I choose to say nothing about my conversation with the Queen. I can confirm, however, that I acted in accordance with the Deed of Covenant; I delivered the insignia to her. The Garter Box has gone back to England, but recollections of my excursion will remain with me, enriched by remembrance of journeys undertaken by others throughout the ages, linking the diverse countries of the world.

Two days after my audience with the Queen, I returned to Windsor for the Memorial Evensong. As the choristers appeared and their heavenly voices floated through the Chapel, one was reminded of how much history is associated with this patch of sacred ground.

Towards the end of the service the Military Knights of Windsor entered the Chapel with a slow and solemn tread, and delivered my father's banner into the hands of the Dean. He laid it on the altar, with a prayer to revere the name of the departed Knight and those Companions of the Most Noble Order "who have left to us the fair pattern of valiant and true chivalry". The banner will eventually be installed in St George's Cathedral, Perth, a visible reminder of the bond between the Anglican Church in Australia and the rich and varied history of the Church of England for many centuries in the British Isles.

OBITUARIES

The 4th Marquis of Normanby, K.G., C.B.E.

On 30th January 1994, the 4th Marquis of Normanby died, aged 81. He had been a Knight of the Garter since 1985. His family links with Windsor and the Royal Family included the fact that his father, the 3rd Marquis, was made a Canon of Windsor by Queen Victoria in 1891.

He was born in 1912, and educated at Eton, and at Christ Church, Oxford, before entering the Foreign Office. He succeeded his father in 1932, inheriting both the title and the family estates near Whitby. In the Second World War, he joined the local regiment, the Green Howards, and served with them in France, before being wounded and captured at Dunkirk.

As a Prisoner of War in Stalag 9C, he worked energetically to improve the lot of PoW's blinded in action, impressing the German authorities so much that he was repatriated with them in 1943. He was awarded a Military M.B.E. for this work, and he continued for the rest of his life to help the blind, through charities such as St Dunstan's, of which he was Vice-President from 1980, and the National Library for the Blind, of which he was Chairman for thirty years and then President for eleven.

Having made his maiden speech in the House of Lords soon after his return to England, he held various junior posts in Churchill's administration, but after Attlee's election victory in 1945, he joined the Labour Party. In 1950 he left it, in disagreement with what he saw as ruinous economic policies, and thereafter sat on the cross-benches.

As well as actively managing his estates, he devoted time to bodies as diverse as King's College Hospital, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, the Order of St John of Jerusalem, and York Minster. He was High Steward of the latter from 1980 to 1988, and was one of the landowners who gave timber to help with the restoration of the roof after the fire in 1984. Another position which gave him great satisfaction, in view of his pride in his Yorkshire origins, was that of Lord-Lieutenant for the North Riding of Yorkshire, and then for its successor, North Yorkshire, from 1965 to 1987. He also maintained strong links with the Green Howards and local Volunteer units and associations.

His artistic interests, not least as a practising restorer, led to his appointment in 1981 as Chairman of the National Art-Collections Fund, a post which he held until 1986. He campaigned for tax concessions to be given, to encourage owners of outstanding works of art to sell them to national galleries, rather than to rich institutions abroad.

In 1951 he married the Hon. Grania Guinness, daughter of Baron Moyne, and by her he had five daughters, and two sons, of whom the elder succeeded him. The Society wishes to extend its deep sympathy to his family in their loss.

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Lord Shackleton of Burley, K.G., O.B.E., P.C., F.R.S.

Lord Shackleton, who had been a Knight of the Garter since 1974, died on 22nd September 1994, at the age of 83. As the son of Sir Ernest Shackleton, the renowned explorer of Antarctica, he was the natural choice

to lead the team conducting an economic survey of the Falkland Islands for the Foreign Office in 1976. Ironically, their report received far less publicity on its publication than it did in 1982. In that year the result of successive Governments ignoring the report's recommendations became apparent, when Argentina invaded the Islands. In the aftermath of the operation to regain them, Lord Shackleton was asked to update the survey, on which the Government this time based their policy. Its success led the Islanders to grant Lord Shackleton the Freedom of Stanley in 1988.

Edward Arthur Alexander Shackleton was born in 1911, and educated at Radley, and at Magdalen College, Oxford. He was the Surveyor to two Oxford University Expeditions: to Sarawak in 1932, where his pioneering ascent of Mount Mulu won him a Royal Geographical Society prize; and to the opposite climatic extreme in 1934-35, to Ellesmereland in the Arctic, where, iced in for the winter, he learnt Inuit (Eskimo), to add to his stock of languages. He funded his exploration by writing and lecturing, and by working as B.B.C. Talks Producer.

During the Second World War, he served in the Royal Air Force, mainly in Intelligence work, for which his knowledge of languages, was useful. He was awarded O.B.E. in 1945. The following year he entered Parliament as Labour M.P. for Preston, and held the seat (later Preston South) until 1955. He was created one of the first Life Peers in 1958, and held various offices in the Labour Government of 1964-70, notably Minister of Defence for the R.A.F. 1964-67, and Leader of the House of Lords 1968-70. He continued as Labour Leader in the Lords, in Opposition from 1970 to 1974.

In 1967 he headed the mission to Southern Arabia, which resulted in its independence, and the peaceful withdrawal of British Troops from Aden. His Falklands Survey in 1976 has been mentioned above. Since 1976 he had been the Chairman of the Political Honours Scrutiny Committee.

Outside Parliament he was a Director of J. Lewis Partnership from 1955 to 1964, and of R.T.Z. from 1973 to 1983, Personnel being his sphere in both companies. He was a member of various committees on aspects of science, technology and commerce. His interest in exploration led to Chairmanship of the Alpine Club, and his Presidency of the Royal Geographical Society from 1971 to 1974.

In 1938 he married Betty Homan, and they had a son (who predeceased him) and a daughter. The Society would like to express its deep sympathy with his family on his death.

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Hugh W. Owen, LL.B.

Although Hugh Owen came to Windsor in 1953, only a year or so before I joined my present firm, he was already entrenched in the legal life of the town. We both appeared in the Windsor Magistrates and County Courts, and our litigious paths crossed daily. Hugh was a sound lawyer, and a courteous and persuasive advocate, with a justifiably large clientele. To me, our many jousts were enjoyable and instructive.

Hugh Owen was the son of a solicitor in Aberystwyth and father to a

solicitor. He had originally considered an engineering career, but evidently the lure of the law triumphed over his scientific leanings, and he qualified in 1939, two years after the death of his father.

With the outbreak of war, Hugh joined up and found his niche in the Intelligence Corps, in which he served for the duration of the conflict, about which he would never talk. Towards the end of the War Hugh was posted to Italy, a country which he loved and to which he returned frequently for holidays. It was there that he met his future wife, returning with her to Wales in 1947. Mrs Owen's appointment with the Research Station at Hurley triggered their move to Berkshire.

Hugh was appointed Clerk to the Windsor Bench when the post fell vacant in 1960, and he upheld the responsibility and dignity of the position for over seventeen years. In 1967 he started his own firm and for a while was also Clerk to the Maidenhead Bench. In 1971 Mrs Owen joined him in his practice and thereafter they always worked together.

In 1965 Hugh became Solicitor to the Friends, an appointment which gave him much joy, for although he never abandoned his affection for St David, he was immensely proud of his association with St George.

Hugh died, as he had lived, wedded to his profession from which he never retired. Lord Peter Wimsey adjured his solicitor, Mr Murbles: "acid man you are. No reverence, no simple faith or anything of that kind. Do lawyers ever go to heaven?" Mr Murbles modestly rejoined that he had "no information on that point". Hugh Owen, on the contrary, lacked acidity, while reverence and simple faith were his characteristics. If any lawyer has a chance of heaven, it is Hugh.

John Handcock

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Richard George Chipps

Richard Chipps died on 22nd March 1994, aged 71. He was born in Islington, and in 1939 volunteered for service with the R.A.F., spending much of the war in the Middle East. Upon demobilisation, he formed New Pro Foundries, Ltd, and in 1950 married his beloved Cobie. A Freeman of the City of London, he was a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Bowyers.

In 1979 he joined the Friends of St George's, and falling quickly under the spell of Tom Taylor became not only a strong supporter of the Friends, but also involved himself in those 'behind the scenes' activities, which add so much to the sensitive efficiency with which the Society is administered. Richard served on the Management Committee from 1987 to 1990 and from 1991 until his death.

Generous both with his time and with his purse, he continued to devote his energy to the services of the Chapel and the Society, despite his failing health. Kindness and courtesy with him were ever present, for he was truly a gentle-man and will be sorely missed. *Requiescat in pace.*

Peter Begent

LADIES OF THE ORDER OF THE GARTER

On St George's Day, 23rd April 1994, the announcement of the new members of the Order of the Garter included the welcome news that The Queen had appointed her daughter, the Princess Royal, a Royal Lady of the Garter, in recognition of her public service. By that declaration, Princess Anne became one of the very select group of Royal Ladies of the Garter: the others are Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Princess Juliana and Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, and Queen Margrethe of Denmark. These are all supernumerary, that is, over and above the statutory number of the Order, which consists of the Sovereign, the Prince of Wales, and twenty-four Knights Companions, or, since 1987, Lady Companions. The first, and as yet only, Lady Companion of the Order is Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk, so created in 1990.

The Princess Royal was duly invested and installed on Garter Day, 13th June 1994 (see Plate I). The only precedent this century for the Garter appointment of a Princess is that of The Queen herself in 1947. As Princess Elizabeth, she was appointed Lady of the Garter by her father, King George VI, on the day before her marriage to the Duke of Edinburgh. She and her husband, who had been created a Knight of the Garter the same day, were invested and installed on Garter Day, 23rd April 1948.

In later mediæval times, numerous Ladies of the Garter are recorded as taking part in the ceremonies of the Order, even though no provision for them is made in the Statutes of the Order. The practice presumably arose from the lady's rôle in chivalric society, namely encouraging her Knight and rewarding his success in the tournament.

King Edward III, the founder of the Order, gave Garter robes to his Consort, Queen Philippa, and their eldest daughter, Isabella. The first record of the Queen's receiving robes is in 1358, when she attended the Feast of St George in the Chapel, with the Knights. The robes were similar to the Knights' surcoats, being fur-lined and embroidered with garters.

The practice burgeoned in King Richard II's reign (1377-99). About thirty Ladies received robes, including his mother, Joan, the Fair Maid of Kent. It is said that, as Countess of Salisbury, she dropped her garter at a ball, and that the Order sprang from King Edward's gallant rebuke to his sneering courtiers. The other Ladies were the wives of Knights or were related to King Richard. Both of his Queens Consort received robes, as did the wives and daughters of his uncles, John, Duke of Lancaster, Edmund, Duke of York, and Thomas, Duke of Gloucester. His half-sisters, by his mother's marriage to the Earl of Kent, were included.

During the fifteenth century, the Ladies of the Order comprised the Queens Consort, other female relations of the Kings of England, and the wives of Garter Knights, now including those of foreign Knights. One such in 1405 was Margaret of Burgundy, wife of William, Count of Hainault and Holland (K.G. 1399-1417). Many Ladies of the Garter were both daughters and wives of Garter Knights. One of these was Beatrice, daughter of John I of Portugal (K.G. 1408-33), wife first of Thomas Fitzalan, 5th Earl of Arundel (K.G. 1400-13), and then of John Holland,

1st Duke of Exeter (K.G. 1416-47).

There is evidence that it became the custom at least by the middle of the century for a Lady of the Order to wear the Garter on her left arm. Two surviving monuments show Ladies thus. That of Margaret, wife of Sir Robert Harcourt (K.G. 1463-70), is in Stanton Harcourt Church in Oxfordshire. The other, of Alice, wife of Thomas de Montacute, 4th Earl of Salisbury (K.G. 1414-28), and later wife of William de la Pole, 1st Duke of Suffolk (K.G. 1421-50), is in Ewelme Church, also Oxon.

By the reign of King Henry VII (1485-1509) the creation of Ladies of the Order seems to have been dying out. The only ones who received robes, according to extant records, were his Queen Consort, Elizabeth of York, his mother, Margaret Beaufort, and two of his daughters. The last record is of the gift of robes in 1495 to the latter; to Margaret, who married King James IV of Scotland, and became great-grandmother of King James VI of Scotland (I of England), and to Elizabeth, who died later that year, aged three. Thus the last surviving mediæval Ladies of the Order were Margaret Beaufort, who survived her son by only three months, and Margaret, Queen Dowager of Scotland, who died in 1541.

For the next four centuries no Ladies of the Order were appointed, although there were tentative plans mooted in King Charles I's reign and in 1731 under King George II. It was not until the Accession of King Edward VII in 1901 that the custom was revived. On 12th February 1901, it was announced in the *London Gazette* that the King had conferred the title and dignity of Lady of the Garter on his Consort, Queen Alexandra, and authorised her to wear the Insignia of the Order. In one respect, this appointment went further than mediæval practice, as Queen Alexandra was allocated a stall, over which her Crown and Banner were displayed.

King George V likewise admitted his Consort, Queen Mary, to the Order soon after his Accession, choosing his own birthday, 3rd June 1910, as the date of the announcement. King George VI, charmed by that precedent, hastened to create his Queen, now Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, a Lady of the Garter on *his* birthday, 14th December 1936, just days after his own Accession. Each Consort was granted precedence in the Order immediately after the Sovereign.

The custom of admitting foreign Royal Ladies to the Order was revived in 1944, when King George VI honoured Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands in this way. The three current foreign Royal Ladies of the Garter were each created by declaration only: Queen (now Princess) Juliana in 1958, her daughter Queen Beatrix in 1989, and Queen Margrethe in 1979. In 1953 a new Statute of the Order laid down that Knights and Ladies become members of the Order by the Sovereign's declaration, dispensing with election or special statutes used hitherto. Thus the last creation of a Lady of the Garter by special statute was that of Her Majesty The Queen in 1947.

Acknowledgement: I am deeply indebted to Mrs Grace Holmes, who kindly permitted me to base this largely on her introduction to her Historical Monograph on the Order: *The Order of the Garter: its Knights and Stall Plates, 1348 to 1984*, (1984). B.A.W.

THE APPOINTMENT AND INSTALLATION OF A POOR KNIGHT IN 1826

by

PETER J. BEGENT

In the Chapter Library is a manuscript history of the Poor Knights of Windsor written by Lieutenant Joseph Fowler,¹ who was appointed to that body on 5th April 1826, having previously served in the 3rd Royal Veteran Battalion.² Veteran, Garrison and Reserve Battalions manned various forts and garrisons, and were raised from Out Pensioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.³ Fowler does not appear as an officer in the Army List before 1804, when he is recorded as a Lieutenant in the 15th Garrison Battalion. His commission is dated 9th July 1803, and is described as 'temporary'. It may therefore be that he saw active service as a senior non-commissioned officer, and was commissioned upon joining a 'pensioner' battalion. He died in Edinburgh in August 1835.⁴

Fowler's history contains a number of fascinating details, not least a section relating to the appointment and installation of a Poor Knight.

As to the application for the post: 'the best means', he says, 'is through the medium of others, secondly personally and lastly by memorial.'

'If the situation is granted, your name and rank as well as the circumstance of your being a married man, if it is so, should be stated in writing to J. Burder Esq., Solicitor, 7, Parliament Street, Westminster (Secretary to the Chancellor),⁵ for the purpose of enabling him to make out the Patent. The fees (£2-2-0d) due at the Secretary of State's Office⁶ should be promptly paid to Mr Plaskett who will then, and not sooner, send out an official letter to Mr Burder to make out the Patent. He will get it completed as soon as possible. The fees of his office are from £4-8-0d, according to the extra trouble he may have had in doing the business, and the expense he may have been put to in transmitting it, if need be to Salisbury and back.'

It is of interest that these fees, now abolished,⁷ were the subject of some debate a few years later. The matter was raised in the House of Commons in May 1865,⁸ as a result of which the fees paid to the Home Office, which at that time dealt with applications, were remitted. Further enquiries were instituted in 1867 by the Home Secretary, Spencer Walpole, who enquired of the Chancellor how the fees charged by his Secretary were made up. The Secretary, John Davenport, replied in full, his answer showing the procedure which was generally followed during the nineteenth century.

'Upon receiving from the Home Office the nomination of a Knight, I have to write one or two (sometimes more) letters inquiring certain information as to the nominee (the wording of the Patent differing for instance in the case of a married or a single man),⁹ and next a complete Draft of the Patent is written upon Draft Paper. The document is then engrossed on vellum in the graphic style in which these patents have always been prepared and my Agent in London takes the Patent to the

Home Office for the Queen's Sign Manual,¹⁰ and afterward calls for it (usually more than once). He next takes it to Messrs Halphide, Engravers, Coventry Street, who attach to the document (in a tin case)¹¹ an impression of the Garter Seal. The Patent is then returned to me, and I enter a copy of it in a Book, and then despatch it with a Letter to the Governor of the Military Knights.¹² It may be noted that Davenport, anxious to justify his expenses, which he says amount to £4-10-4 although he only charges £4-7-6d, omits to record that the Patent is signed by the Chancellor.

But to return to Fowler. He too being concerned with monetary payments says: 'The fees at St George's Chapel are always the same, viz. 17/ 2d. For the Chapter Clerk 6/8d, the Virger 2/6d, the Sexton 2/-, the Porter 1/- and the singing boys 5/-. They are paid to Mr Brown the Chapter Clerk who satisfies the rest'.¹³ Of other financial matters he says: 'New robes cost about £9.¹⁴ Your predecessor's robes, or those of another deceased Poor Knight, cost £3-6-0d to £5 according to quality. The fixtures of the house are the property of your predecessor and are bought at valuation between £5 and £15.' (The robes are shown in Plate VII).

Fowler makes particular note that, in order to be installed, the Poor Knight must attend in person. A Proxy is not acceptable. This injunction seems to modern eyes unnecessary, but it may be observed that only nine Poor Knights attended the great Garter Feast of 1805. Pleading that they had received 'insufficient notice', the remainder sent proxies.¹⁵

The ceremony of installation is then described: 'On arrival at Windsor Castle with your Patent you report your arrival to the Governor, who takes you to the Chapter Clerk with whom the Patent is left, and he gives notice to the Dean, if present, or in his absence to the Canon Resident, that you desire to be Installed. The next morning, if convenient to the Dean or locum tenens, you go to the Chapter House and take the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy. You are left there, (your Patent being restored to you) until after the reading of the Psalms, when the two junior Knights come for you. You, being already dressed in your robes, present your Patent to the junior Knight, and move between them (the older Knight on the right and the junior on the left) to St George's Chapel. As soon as you have advanced a few paces into the Quire, the three Knights make an obeisance to the Altar, then advance four more paces more nearly to the Reading Desk, when they turn round and make an obeisance to the Sovereign's Stall, turn round again and advance past the Reading Desk, and make obeisance to the Altar. By this time you are near your own Stall, (every new Knight is installed in the fourth Stall nearest the Altar on the right or Sovereign's side).¹⁶

'You enter, the senior Knight giving you your Patent, and congratulating you upon receiving the gracious mark of Royal favour, and wishing you health and long life to enjoy it. When divine service is rendered, you return to the Chapter House and hear the Statutes read, which you swear to obey during your tarrying there, so far as they concern you and are required of you.¹⁷ The Governor then takes you to the house which belonged to your predecessor, giving you the key thereof and such orders

as the Dean may have directed.¹⁸ Thus you are established a Poor Knight of Windsor, and from the next [quarter]¹⁹ inclusive become entitled to all the Knight's entitlements as enjoyed by your predecessor.'

Notes

1. St George's Chapel Chapter Library Catalogue, VII C.50. The details of appointment and of installation appear on pp.47 *et seq.*
2. E. H. Fellowes, *The Military Knights of Windsor 1352-1944* (1944), p.75. *Army List* 1825. A copy of Fowler's Patent is in Oxford County Record Office (Oxford Archive): Oxford Diocesan Papers, C.770, p.68. It is dated 1st March 1826.
3. A.S. White, 'Garrison, Reserve and Veteran Battalions and Companies', in *Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research*, vol. XXXVIII, No. 156 (Dec. 1960), pp. 156 *et seq.*
4. *Army List* 1804. Fellowes *op. cit.*
5. The Chancellor of the Order of the Garter at this time was the Bishop of Salisbury.
6. The Home Office. Appoints are today made through the Ministry of Defence and the Keeper of the Privy Purse, by a Warrant, which is a smaller typed document.
7. The fees payable to the Chancellor's Secretary were abolished in 1904.
8. 8th May 1865. *House of Commons Journals*, Vol. 120, p. 246.
9. Article 2 of the Statutes of Queen Elizabeth I, by which (subject to additions and amendments) the body is still governed, provide that the Knights shall be unmarried. If one shall marry he is to be dismissed. Probably from the end of the seventeenth century until late in the reign of Queen Victoria, a clause giving dispensation to a married man, or one dispensing with dismissal if a single man should marry, was inserted in the Patent. Although it has never been formally repealed, the Elizabethan Statute is in practice ignored, and applicants are today required to be married men.
10. Until about 1803 the Chancellor personally presented the Patent to the Sovereign for signature. Letter from John Fisher, Bishop of Salisbury to Col. McMahon, 7th March 1811: Royal Archives, Georgian Papers 17690-1.
11. The tin case containing the impression of the Seal is called a skipket. Warrants are today sealed with the Signet of the Order, not with the Great Seal.
12. The exchange is noted in Oxford Diocesan Papers, C. 774, pp. 57-8.
13. A fee of 17/2d (86p.) is still payable.
14. At this time the Poor Knights wore a red cassock-like gown buttoned down the front, over which was a blue mantle bearing a small shield charged with the cross of St George upon the left shoulder. The present uniform was first worn by the Knights upon Christmas Day 1833 (see Plate VII).
15. The establishment was at that time eighteen, five on the Lower or Crane's Foundation, and thirteen upon the Upper or Royal Foundation.
16. The stalls then used by the Poor Knights were the lower stalls or 'chairs'. They did not use the centre stalls until 29th November 1942. Fellowes, *op cit.*, p. liii. New Knights are today installed in the second stall from the gangway on the North or Prince's side.
17. Installation today follows a similar pattern, save that the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy are no longer administered. Furthermore the Statutes are no longer read over, the Knight making only a formal declaration to observe the Regulations for the Governance of the Military Knights of Windsor.
18. The Dean and Chapter were responsible for the discipline of the Knights until 1905, when it was transferred to the Governor of the Castle. The Dean is however still responsible for the welfare of the Knights.
19. Blank in ms.

I am most grateful to Major J. C. Cowley, D.C.M., for his interest and assistance.

ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR: THE TASKS AHEAD AND THE CREATIVE OPPORTUNITY

by

Dr CHARLES BROWN

To some, my title as Surveyor of the Fabric is a matter of some mystery. So mysterious that I have received at York, where I enjoyed the same title, a letter addressed to the "Surveyor of the Cloth". An interpretation which would not be likely to receive favour with the Dean and Canons of Windsor!

Surveyor of the Fabric is but another title for the Architect responsible to the Dean and Canons, to advise them on the care necessary to preserve and continue the life of a remarkable and beautiful building, St George's Chapel, to ensure that its visible witness to the continuing Christian cycle of worship is safely enclosed in a weathertight envelope, and to advise and share in the privilege of seeking to enhance the inherent glory of it.

Surveyor one has in fact to be, for it is a prime duty to inspect the fabric, to examine the walls, stone by stone, internally and externally, to crawl through the incommodious, but so interesting, spaces between the incomparable stone vaults and the wooden beams supporting the lead roof. To examine those beams and all the woodwork to see what damage woodworm or rot may be doing, to inspect the ancient glass to see what damage our polluted man-made environment may be doing to the surface of it. To examine the floor to see the damage that so many thousands of feet of worshippers, pilgrims and tourists may be doing. Literally above all, to see how the miracle of the stone vaults of nave and quire are behaving.

It is necessary to inspect the lead roof covering and record where it needs repair. Lead roofing has a wonderful resilience, it can last many, many decades. However, lead is vulnerable, not only to theft, but to our own demand for our environment always to be warm. In the childhood of many of us, it was our experience to huddle around the open fire, toasted on the front, frozen on the back. We took clothes into bed to get them warm before daring to emerge from the comfort of bed into the arctic climate of the bedroom. Now we expect not only our homes to be warm, but everywhere else, including our places of worship. So, for a few hours in most churches, the interiors of churches are warmed to an extent never before in their existence. The warm interior air, made moist by the presence of worshippers and visitors, rises through the vault and boarding to the possibly very cold underside of the lead sheet roof. Here it condenses on that surface and the water beads threaten the wooden boards, and combine with the lead to form corrosion on the underside of the lead. Thus our own demand for bodily comfort contributes to the decay of the Chapel structure.

The Surveyor must further inspect furnishings, monuments, electrical wiring, etc., etc., and all these findings of the inspection are incorporated in a written report. The report entitled the Quinquennial (for it is to be



Plate I: H.R.H. The Princess Royal leaving the West Door of the Chapel, after she and three new Knights of the Garter had been installed, 13th June 1994 (see page 192).



Plate II: Shady hats and parasols were the order of the day for Members on the Friends' stand on Garter Day, 13th June 1994 (see p. 179).



Plate III: The Hon. Secretary, Tim O'Donovan, and his wife Veronica, with Valerie Grogan, the Australian Representative of the Friends, and Nicholas Hasluck, at the Queen's Birthday Reception in Sydney on 21st April 1994 (see p. 179).



Plate IV: Members of the Friends outside St Albans Cathedral on their visit on 23rd March 1994 (see page 180).



Plate V: Members of the Friends leaving the Prior's Hall at Winchester on their visit to the Cathedral, 27th September 1994 (see page 180).



Plate VI: The Members who attended the Friends' Weekend in September 1994, outside the Prince Consort's Dairy at Frogmore (see p. 180).



Plate VII: The costumes, past and present, of the Military (formerly the Poor) Knights of Windsor. (Watercolour by Maj. Gen. C.W. Carey, reproduced in Capt. J.C. Coley-Bromfield, *A Short History of the Military Knights of Windsor*, (1916).)



Plate VIII: Pinnacle on the south side of the Chapel, showing serious erosion, especially of the carved heads (see page 198).



Plate IX: Newly carved stones for the pinnacle are assembled in the workshop.



Plate X: The stone Beast sitting comfortably on his new pinnacle, with its superbly grotesque heads.

done every five years) on completion is submitted to the Dean and Canons.

It is a dubious pleasure to submit a document of some thickness. By implication your client is aware that much must be recorded, of structural fault or repairs that must be executed. It would be all too easy to become lost in the inevitably lengthy catalogue of matters requiring attention. An essential chapter must be a programme setting out which matters require priority attention, which matters can wait for some time. A picture must emerge from the Surveyor's report of the tasks that lie ahead.

Structural reports are not a creation of our own age, however. That most illustrious architect, himself the son of a Dean of Windsor, Sir Christopher Wren, carried out an inspection in 1681, only some 150 years after the completion of the Chapel. His report contained, as one would expect, clear and wise advice. He informed that the Dean and Canons must engage in a quarterly inspection of all the roofs and gutters "for drips happening suddenly and one shilling reasonable expended prevents great changes and sometimes incurable damages in such fabrics as those where the [a]butments are too nice and may easily give way to the vault, which the architect hath designed with boldness enough, low and flat to ostentation. Yet I judge he hath done what is just sufficient *if it be well maintained.*" Wren's astute mind realised that the magnificent royal beasts on top of each pinnacle were not mere heraldic embellishment, but essential structural components, which by their dead weight ensure the equilibrium of the daring vault. By Wren's time obviously many beasts were in decay or missing altogether. With a confidence in his own age, which we in the timidity of our own age must admire somewhat ruefully, he recommended that the beasts be replaced by classically inspired heavy stone pineapples. In the 1920's when a great restoration was undertaken, the beasts were re-created with confidence and exuberance so that they now pierce the skyline with joyful pomp. Remember, however, they are not mere adornment, but an ingenious solution to a structural necessity.

Wren's report has been succeeded by those of many surveyors, including Scott, Pearson, Brakespear (whose careful work in the 1920's is still a matter of great thankfulness and admiration), Paget, Pace and Maguire, to name but some.

My report of 1993 is bulky, it does contain an alarming list of necessary works, but thankfully alarming not so much in nature, as in quantity. It shows that a continuing programme of repairs lies ahead, a carefully planned cycle of, in the main, *stone* and *glass* repair. If a crisis is to be avoided, necessitating the all too familiar and desperate appeal, a programme of repair to the exterior stonework must commence next year. Every "bay" of the stonework, and all glass in the windows of that bay, must be repaired and renewed where necessary. Decayed stone must be replaced, eroded gargoyles with their inventive humour must be recarved, (see Plates VIII to X) and every cracked glass panel overhauled and repaired. A common additional fault is that stone mullions and jambs have cracked, because the sturdy iron window bars embedded in them

have expanded through rust.

The resources of the Dean and Canons are limited. Nevertheless much has been achieved in recent years, including the repairs to the exterior stonework around the great east window, and at present renewal of pinnacle stones on the south clerestory of the nave is progressing. Because of financial limitations, it cannot be that the Chapel will be clad in scaffolding from one end to the other. Neither is such action necessary if, say, two bays are undertaken each year. In some twenty years the task would be complete. It is wonderful and heartening to read in *Friends' Reports* how much financial support has come from the Friends, and it is the hope of such support continuing that has encouraged the Dean and Canons to instruct me to prepare a specification for the first stage of the work to be carried out next year.

The decay of stone is an inevitable process, but again man-made conditions have accelerated that deterioration. One agent of decay is sulphur dioxide gas, a natural product of decaying vegetation, but the consumption of natural gas and fuel oil produces vast quantities of the gas, which when combined with moisture produces the notorious acid rain. Such water can literally dissolve the stone.

It is consoling to know that at last the contamination of the air is falling. The repairs carried out now should last longer than those done, say, 100 years ago. However, we have a vast legacy of decay from the air pollution of at least the last 200 years, and so the programme of repair must begin. Besides this major and most important task and commitment for many years, what other tasks were found described in the dreaded quinquennial? Commendably, again with funds provided by the Friends, much has been achieved in the recent months.

Few will know that, within the north-west staircase turret of the nave, there existed a gross asbestos "worm". This was the flue from the central heating boiler which threaded its way up the stairs to emit gas fumes beneath the decorative turret top, to the great detriment of that charming cupola. Furthermore, the heat of the flue was causing the stonework of the staircase to crack. Already the flue has gone, and a virtually invisible flue outlet can be discovered below the western steps on the north side.

The daring but sadly ineffective lighting for the main body of the nave, installed some years ago, has been replaced with a new system which has won some praise, and it is hoped that many will not have even noticed the new light sources. By way of contrast, the High Altar reredos was overlit, and lesser, more economical and more sympathetic light now falls upon that richly extravagant nineteenth-century creation, revealing its qualities rather than bleaching them.

The north transept vault was cleaned in 1993, as were the painted bosses of the nave aisles, and it is now planned to clean the whole of the quire vault and the clerestory windows of the quire. No such cleaning has taken place for some 70 years and it is fortunate that the accumulated grime can be removed largely by the most careful vacuuming and brushing. Our good fortune is that the grime is not yet chemically fused

with the stone. This can happen all too soon, and then the disfigurement is permanent and injurious to the stone, through the formation of an acidic crust which can decay the stone. To clean the vault is not just a cosmetic exercise, but a real necessity for the welfare of the structure. Further aesthetic benefit will result with the careful cleaning and conservation of the angel border around the great east window. Those delightful figures, half of whom are mediæval, will be able once more to give proper symbolic enrichment to the interior.

Other matters there are and some comments are made in the report which highlight problems, without necessarily suggesting solutions. Here are five of those problems:-

1. Should the Bray Chapel, with its content of most important memorials, house our shop? Should the spaces between buttresses on the south side be occupied by a shop and ticket office? It is proper to satisfy the needs of the tourists by permitting them to carry home reminders of the visit. Such needs were satisfied for the mediæval pilgrims by the sale of tokens, some in the form of hat badges, but should the shop occupy a chapel named after the man who endowed the Chapel so generously?

2. Should not the nave once more be provided with the powerful Christian symbol of the Cross, permanently in place on the organ screen? Chapter records show that such a cross was part of the original furnishings. Indeed the symbols carved upon the vault bosses are for the most part secular and heraldic, and so even greater emphasis was given to the cross. Now when concerts, for instance, take place in the nave, the altar and its cross are removed, and the lack of the essential symbol is painful.

3. In the nave, for most of the year the aisles are cluttered with stacks of plastic chairs, so necessary for great services and concerts. There is no store for them elsewhere.

4. Excellent work has been done very recently in the Aery: redecoration, relighting and conservation of the superb floor of mediæval tiles. However, the unique Archives housed there are separated from those in the upper floors of the Schorn Tower. Reference is thereby made difficult, and there is little space for future expansion and no space for researchers. New accommodation is desperately required.

5. The Schorn Chapel is now occupied almost entirely by the fine memorial tomb to Edward Clinton, 1st Earl of Lincoln, and his Countess. It is fortunate that the tomb is large because it cannot be seen, therefore, that behind the tomb are stored cleaning materials and equipment for which there is no other storage place!

Some tasks may take a long time to be achieved. George Pace, a previous Surveyor, in the 1970's *Report* of the Friends writes: "all the vanes and flurries of ironwork over the crossing, at the apex of the roofs of the Beaufort and Urswick Chapels, and forming finials of the western turrets, should be regilded. What a brave and glorious show this gilding would make against the sky. Incidentally, gilding in itself is a magnificent preservative!" How I agree, but 23 years on, the regilding has not been done. Perhaps we must not wait too much longer for it.

Yes, the Surveyor's Quinquennial Report will always show the tasks that lie ahead, but in some of the necessary work lies, I consider, great virtue. It is a considerable rôle of our great heritage of churches and cathedrals, and St George's Chapel is one of the greatest of such buildings, to be symbols of Eternity and Continuity. In these qualities, they physically express the overriding purpose for which the Chapel was built, to provide shelter for the acknowledgement of the continuity of God's Creation and His gift of Eternity. In the second letter to the Corinthians, chapter 4, Paul writes: "No wonder we do not lose heart. Though our outward humanity is in decay, yet day by day inwardly we are renewed". He writes of course of our human condition, but again our Chapel is so relevant, for in addition to eternity and continuity, it provides opportunity for renewal.

Every age must have opportunities for renewal because in that process is creativity. There is the desire of some to discover that unguent which, when applied to the stonework of our ancient buildings, will ensure that they will decay no more. They will be kept, as it were, in aspic. How sad that day will be if it ever comes. We do not want accelerated decay produced by our own negligence or selfishness in corrupting the environment, polluting the rain and the very air that we breathe. Natural and inevitable material decay alone gives us the opportunity for creative renewal. Men and women in every age should retain the wonderful opportunity of exercising creativity with their own hands or their wealth, thereby ensuring the continuity and eternal quality of the great and historic Royal Chapel of St. George.

ADVERTISING

Members will notice that, for the first time, this year's Annual Report contains advertising.

The Report is the Society's largest single item of expenditure, and the Society is most grateful to those firms who have supported us in this way.

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LIST OF WORK DONE

either entirely by, or with the assistance of, the Society of the Friends and Descendants

- 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 Fitz William's Plate in Bray 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 iron 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 Aery.
- New carpeting for Military Knights' Stalls.
- Cleaning Galilee 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 Quire 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.
- Repairs to East Wall & Window.
- Repairs to North Clerestory window.
- Renewal of Nave and Crossing paving.
- Restoration of the Catherine Room, including wallpaintings.
- Grant to assist in restoration of manuscripts.
- Nave Altar Rails.
- Organ humidifier.
- Renewal of Chapter Library roof.
- Restoration of Curfew Tower tenor bell.
- Provision of Canon's Garter Mantle.
- Provision of new cassocks and gowns for Virger and Sacristans.
- Repairs to South Nave Aisle and Galilee Porch.
- Repairs to Bray Chapel roof.
- Chapel alarm system.
- Repairs and cleaning of Rutland Chapel roof.
- New lighting for the Quire.
- Organ maintenance.
- Albert Memorial Chapel carpet.
- Improvements to Chapel sound reproduction system.
- Lighting in the Nave.
- Restoration of Pinnacles.
- Cabinet for Prayer & Hymn Books.
- New cupboard for Boys' Choir Vestry.
- New shelves for Music Library.
- Computer for Aery.
- New flue for Chapel Boiler.
- Hastings Chapel Dossal Hanging.

HISTORICAL MONOGRAPHS RELATING TO ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL

General Editor: The Reverend Canon J. White.

First General Editor: Maurice F. Bond, C.B., M.V.O., O.B.E., (died 1983).

- Vol. 1. *The Knights of the Garter, 1348-1939, with a complete list of the Stall Plates in St George's Chapel*, by the Rev. E. H. Fellowes, C.H., M.V.O., Mus.Doc., together with a supplement, *The Knights of the Garter, 1939-1963*. Out of print; see Vol. 16
- Vol. 2. *The Plate of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle*, by E. Alfred Jones, M.A., F.S.A. Price £5.00
- Vol. 3. *Organists and Masters of the Choristers of St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle*, by the Rev. E. H. Fellowes, 2nd Edition. Price £5.00
- Vol. 4. *The Military Knights of Windsor, 1352-1944*, by the Rev. E. H. Fellowes. Out of print
- Vol. 5. *The Vicars or Minor Canons of His Majesty's Free Chapel of St George in Windsor Castle*, by the Rev. E. H. Fellowes. Price £5.00
- Vol. 6. *St George's Chapel, Windsor, 1348-1416: A Study in Early Collegiate Administration*, by A. K. B. Roberts, B.A., Ph.D. Price £12.00
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- Vol. 8. *Fasti Wyndesorienses: The Deans and Canons of St George's Chapel*, by the Rev. S. L. Ollard, D.Litt., F.S.A. Price £10.00
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- Vol. 16. *The Order of the Garter: Its Knights and Stall Plates, 1348-1984*, by Grace Holmes. Preface by Sir Colin Cole, Garter King of Arms. Price £15.00
- Vol. 17. *The Stained Glass of St George's Chapel*, which will include contributions by Michael Archer, Peter J. Begent, Richard Marks and others. (in preparation)

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The Duke of Edinburgh
H.M. The Queen

North Side

The Prince of Wales
The Queen Mother
The Duke of Kent

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

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

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The Marquess of Abergavenny
Sir Cennydd Traherne
The Lord Ashburton
The Lord Carrington
The Duke of Grafton
The Lord Hunt
The Lord Callaghan
Admiral of the Fleet, The Lord Lewin
Field Marshal The Lord Bramall
The Earl of Longford
Sir Edward Heath
The Lord Wilson
—

The Duke of Norfolk
Viscount Leverhulme
The Lord Hailsham
Sir Ninian Stephen
Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk
The Lord Sainsbury
The Lord Kingsdown
The Duke of Wellington
The Lord Richardson
The Viscount Ridley
The Earl Waldegrave

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 63rd Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday 7th May 1994.

The Meeting opened with a Prayer. Approximately 600 members were present and were welcomed by the Dean.

Annual Report and Accounts, 1992-1993

These had already been circulated to members in the recent *Report*. The Dean thanked the Editor, Miss Bridget Wright, for all her excellent work in putting together another *Report*, which was warmly endorsed by the Meeting. The Dean drew attention to the sum of nearly £19,000, which was the profit from the exhibition, "The Queen is Crowned", and he thanked the Honorary Secretary for organising this successful fund-raising event. A motion, that the Report and Accounts be approved, was moved and accepted.

Election to the Management Committee

Under the three-year rule, Mrs Judith Newman and Mr Richard Shaw were retiring, and were warmly thanked for their services. Very sadly, Mr Richard Chipps, who was due to retire, had died just six weeks earlier. The Dean then asked the Meeting to stand for a prayer for him, and said he had been a great supporter of the Society over many years, serving several three-year terms on the Management Committee. The Committee had received four nominations for the three vacancies, and a ballot was therefore held. The result announced later during the meeting was as follows:-

Mrs Jan Williams, 328 votes; Major B.T. Eastwood, L.V.O., M.B.E., 326 votes; Mr Edwin Robard-Brown, 217 votes; Mr Gordon Franklin, C.V.O., 209 votes: the Dean declared Mrs Jan Williams, Major B.T. Eastwood and Mr Edwin Robard-Brown had been duly elected to serve on the Committee for three years.

Appointment of Honorary Officers

The Honorary Officers were thanked for their services by the Dean. Very sadly, Mr Hugh Owen, our Honorary Solicitor for many years, died in January and Mr John Handcock had accepted the Management Committee's invitation to become our Honorary Solicitor on 1st March. The Dean, as Chairman, proposed the re-election of the Officers. This was duly seconded and accepted by the Meeting. They are:

<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	-	<i>Mr T.C.M. O'Donovan.</i>
<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>	-	<i>Mr E. P. Carr, A.I.B.</i>
<i>Honorary Solicitor</i>	-	<i>Mr J. E. Handcock, L.V.O., D.L., LL.B.</i>
<i>Honorary Auditor</i>	-	<i>Mr J. D. Spofforth, F.C.A., J.P., A.T.I.I.</i>

Honorary Secretary's Report

Mr O'Donovan began by telling the Meeting about his recent visit to Australia, where he addressed the Australian Friends and Descendants at their annual reception at Sydney University on the occasion of the Queen's Birthday.

He was very pleased to report to the Meeting that our Australian branch is in very good shape, under the watchful and energetic Mrs Valerie Grogan, who does so much on behalf of the Society and is ably assisted by her excellent Committee.

While in Australia, the Secretary called on the Dean of Perth and was shown around St George's Cathedral, where Sir Paul Hasluck's Garter banner is to be laid up. He also had several telephone conversations with Mrs Wade, who started enrolling Australian members back in 1976, and continued until she handed over as Australian Representative to Mrs Grogan in 1989. Mrs Wade has just passed her 96th birthday and still takes a great interest in the work of the Society. Mr O'Donovan was particularly pleased to be able to tell her of the appointment of Sir Ninian Stephen to the Order of the Garter. It is an appointment that has given a great deal of pleasure to the Australians, and particularly to our members. He warmly thanked Mrs Grogan for the generous hospitality that had been extended to him and his wife whilst they were in Sydney.

The Honorary Secretary then went on to thank those who had 'held the fort' in his long absence: in particular Jane Speller, who not only ran the office but had made all the arrangements for today's teas. Joan Biggs had also, as usual, been a great help during this time. He gave a special word of thanks to Dennis Garrett, a member of the Management Committee, who had regularly been into the office to help with the book-keeping and banking. Percy Taylor continues to help in many ways, particularly dealing with the Christmas card orders, and this

year's card by Sir Hugh Casson was proving particularly popular. Brenda Bartovsky continues to administer our concert programme and Mrs Marjorie Higgs engrosses members' certificates and enters the new members' names in the Book of Honour most beautifully. When she is on holiday we are most fortunate to be able to ask Jane Speller's father to engross members' certificates, and the Honorary Secretary thanked Jane's parents for the help they give the Society in other ways, particularly with teas at numerous occasions throughout the year.

Mr O'Donovan then thanked all the ladies who had worked so hard in preparing and serving today's tea, which was warmly endorsed by the Meeting.

He went on to thank Ron Hengist, our Virger, Fred Wilson, the Clerk of Works, and their teams, for their continuing help during the year. The Virger was due to retire in the summer and the Honorary Secretary, on behalf of the Meeting, thanked him for all he had done for the Society, and wished him well during a long and happy retirement.

The Secretary thanked all those who had turned out in January to assist with Report packing and delivery, and the Voluntary Stewards, who do so much for the Society through the year, and particularly for the A.G.M., setting up all the tables and chairs, and stewarding on the day.

Mr O'Donovan then paid tribute to the work of Commander Eddie Grenfell, who had worked for many years in Germany on behalf of the Society, lecturing and enrolling many new members. Unfortunately ill health had forced the Commander to retire later in the year, but not before he had found a replacement to continue this valuable work. The Meeting endorsed the Secretary's thanks to Commander Grenfell for all he had done for the Society.

Our American members continue to give us most generous support and take great interest in our activities. We looked forward to meeting those overseas members who are coming to Garter Day and our weekend at St George's House in September.

In outlining the arrangements for the day, Mr O'Donovan thanked the Constable and Governor of the Castle and Lady Palmer, for kindly opening the Moat Garden. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Chapter Library and St George's House were not available for teas this year, but a marquee had been erected on Denton's Commons. The Albert Memorial Chapel would be open, and Evensong would be sung at 5.15 p.m., followed by an organ recital by Andrew Lumsden, the organist at Lichfield Cathedral.

The Dean's Address

The Dean welcomed Dr Charles Brown, Surveyor of the Fabric, and thanked him for coming to speak to the A.G.M. In introducing him, the Dean said how fortunate the College was to have the services of such a distinguished architect. Dr Brown was a great admirer of St George's and had been a member of the Society for many years. Over the years he has looked after many famous Cathedrals and churches, including York Minster, Lichfield and Coventry Cathedrals. Since his appointment in September 1992, he had already achieved a great deal, notably the new lighting in the Nave and Quire. He has a vision for the long-term care of the Chapel and it is of the future that Dr Brown was going to speak that afternoon.

A full report of Dr Charles Brown's talk, "The Tasks Ahead", is published on page 197 in this *Report*.

Before closing the meeting, the Dean thanked everyone present for being a Friend or Descendant, for this support, and for coming today. Some had made long journeys, in particular Miss Tweedie, who had come down from Glasgow by coach.

He then acknowledged the generosity of the Society during the past year, especially for paying for the new lighting, which was very much more effective and economical to run. There were big tasks ahead - cleaning the Quire, a long-term programme of stone renovation, and the organ, which will need a major overhaul in the next five years.

Garter Day, the Dean continued, would be a special occasion this year, with a Lady and three new Knights to be installed: The Princess Royal, Lords Ashburton and Kingsdown, and Sir Ninian Stephen. It would also be the last Garter Service for our Virger, Ron Hengist, who was retiring in July. The Dean thanked him for all that he had done, and wished him and Mrs Hengist many happy years of retirement. He was delighted that The Queen had honoured Ron with the Royal Victorian Medal, which he had received from Her Majesty The Queen just two days before at Buckingham Palace.

Finally, the Dean expressed his gratitude to all those who worked for and helped the Society, in particular the Honorary Secretary for his new ideas and hard work, and his team in the Curfew Tower. There being no further business, the Dean closed the Meeting at 3.40 p.m.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS **1st October 1993-30th September 1994**

Honorary Life Member

Wood, Mrs David Graham

British Members

	Ades, Miss Jane		Don, Brian
†	Ashcroft-Nowicki, Michael B. R.		Dorman, Charles Swinford
	Atkins, Mrs E.		Driver, Mrs D.
*	Atkinson, Frederick Desmond		Driver, M. D.
†	Austin, Mrs Dorothy Iris		Dunton, Mrs C.A.
†	Balson, Mrs Irene G.V.		Edward, Mrs Diana
†	Bassett, Stuart		Edward, Harry
	Bates, Bernard J.		Edwards, Mrs Mary Joy
	Bennett, Mrs Eleanor Y.	†	Elder-Sande, Ervin
	Bevin, Desmond J.	†	Esslemont, Mrs A.E.
	Blackmore, Mrs Daphne	†	Evason, Miss Anne-Elizabeth S.
	Blake, Mrs Avis	†	Everitt, Mrs Betty A.
†	Blake, Mrs C.		Farquhar, Stuart
	Blake, Jay Fraser James		Ferguson, Mrs John N.
	Bodle, Robert	†	Fitzpatrick, Mrs M.
	Bodle, Mrs Robert		Fost, P.W.
	Boys, G.		Fost, Mrs R.A.
†	Boyton, Mrs Charlotte Louisa		Gardner, Mrs Hazel
†	Boyton, William Charles	†	Garsden-Fowler, Miss J.M.
†	Bromley, Miss Margaretta	†	Gater, Alan Francis
	Brown, Stephen	†	Gates, Mrs Elinor
	Bull, Mrs R. A., R.G.N.		Goodey, Mrs Gillian
	Bulstrode, Mrs B. M.	†	Goodfellow, Mrs M.
†	Campaign, Tim		Gray, Frank Thomas
	Carder, Agnes Beryl	†	Greyfriars Nursing Home
	Castle, J. R.		Griffiths, Alan David
	Chalk, Mrs J. H. H.	†	Griffiths, Mrs G.D.
†	Compton-Burnett, Mrs G.	†	Guinness, Cecil Edward, C.V.O.
	Cook, Mrs Adela Patricia		Hacking, John K.
†	Cooper, Miss Pamela M.		Hacking, Mrs J.K.
†	Cordery, Sqn Ldr John Victor,	†	Haines, Christopher John
	M.B.E., A.F.C., B.A., R.A.F.(Rtd)		Haines, Mrs K.M.
†	Cornell, Miss Taryn Blakeney	*	Haines, Mrs Murial Frances
	Cottingham, Mrs Valerie	†	Halford, J.M.
†	Cotton, Neill Andrew		Hall, Ian
†	Crawford, Miss Lorna	†	Hall, Mrs Jane
	Cross, Malcolm E.W.		Hall, Mrs Mary E.
†	Crow, L.C.	†	Haralson, Mrs J. Ailene
	Curry, Peter		Harbottle, Mrs Dorothy
	Curry, Mrs Peter		Harker, Anne
†	Cutler, Juanita A.	†	Harland, Capt. P.A.C., O.B.E., R.N.
†	Dams, Mrs M. E.		Haywood, Mrs Moira
†	Davey, Mrs K.M.	†	Heath, Peter Robert
†	Dawes, William		Herring, E. J.
	Denison, John, C.B.E.		Herring, Mrs V.
†	Detweiler, Robert E.	†	Hill, Michael George Charles

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| * Hill, Mrs Thelma Mary | † Mist, Miss J. M. |
| * Hitchiner, Mrs Kathleen Helen | † Mitchell, Mrs Helen Isobel |
| † Hoare, Mrs Mavis | † Moore, Major R.J. |
| † Hoing, Mrs G. | † Morse, Mrs P. J. |
| † Holl, Jonathan | † Mosley, G.C. |
| † Holl, Mrs Madeline | † Moss, Mrs Rosemary S. |
| Holmes, The Revd Angus S. | † Moss, Thomas R. |
| Holmes, Mrs Angus S. | † Mumford, Mrs Sally |
| Holmes, Mrs B. E. | † Newman, Mrs Judith |
| Holmes, P. L. | † Newman, Lt Col. Nigel |
| † Hopes, Mrs Pamela | † Newman, Mrs P.S. |
| Hough, Mrs J. A. | † Nichols, Brian Leslie |
| Howard, Mrs Jean | O'Clery, Mrs Diana |
| † Hudson, Charles C. | † Parker, Mrs T.M. |
| † Hudson, Mrs Dale H. | † Penfold, Andrew Richard Linzee |
| † Humphrey, The Revd Toby Peter | † Perry, Thomas James Sinclair |
| † Hunt, B. C. | Persse, J. |
| † Hunt, Mrs Margaret Jill | † Petrie, Mrs Marjorie |
| † Hutt, Alan | Pickup, Mrs Audrey B. |
| Jackson, Mrs P.M. | † Pickup, Mrs Jane Elizabeth |
| Johnson, Miss Barbara E. | Pole, Mrs P.M. |
| † Johnson, Miss Ellen Louise | Porter, Mrs Hilary |
| † Johnson, Ian | Prehti-Wright, James |
| † Johnson, Mrs K. M. | Prehti-Wright, Mrs Marja |
| † Johnson, P.M. | † Pryse-Hawkins, The Revd Alfred |
| Jose, Mrs Gwendoline J. | † Pryse-Hawkins, Mrs Elizabeth |
| † Kennedy, Peter W. | Raisbeck, Matthew |
| King, Mrs J. A. | † Randall, Alexander John |
| King, Peter | † Read, Mrs Richard |
| † Kingsdown, The Rt Hon. Lord, | † Richardsen, Christopher |
| K.G., P.C. | Richardson, Mrs Roseanne |
| Knibb, Mrs Maureen L. | Ristway, John Ian |
| * Knight, Mrs Patsy | Robinson, Miss Ruth W. |
| Knowles, Edward Raymond | Rosamund, Miss Sheila Elizabeth |
| † Lake, Miss Margaret M. | † Rose, Mrs Patricia |
| Lamb, Mrs R. | † Rossiter, Mrs J. |
| * Lambert, N. J. | † Sanders, Mrs Margaret E. |
| * Lambert, Mrs N. J. | † Sawford, Captain Frederick Alston |
| † Landsberg, Mrs A. | † Schurtenberger, Mrs Diana Margaret |
| Lane, A.R.C. | Scroggins, Miss Kathleen |
| Lane, Mrs A.R.C. | Seller, C.A. |
| Li Guerrero, Patricia | Sharpe, Mrs Maureen H. |
| † Loake, J. N. | Sheedy, Mrs. J. B. |
| † Lowes, James | Sheppard, Mrs J.A. |
| † Lowes, Mrs Marjorie | Shield, Mrs R. |
| Lowrie, Mrs Margaret | † Simpson, Miss Mavis |
| MacDonald, The Hon. A.D.A. | Smith, Miss Betty Rosemary Gordon |
| McIntosh, Mrs Joy | Smith, D. H. |
| Mallroy, Mrs Joan | † Smith, David Lyndon |
| † Martin, Mrs Margaret Dorothy | † Smith, Mrs Margaret |
| Messa, Mrs Joy | Spurr, Miss P. |
| Messa, R.D. | * Stewart, Miss M. S. |

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| Stuckey, Mrs M. L. M. | Weaver, Mrs Helen |
| † Tanner, Mrs Janet Elaine | Weaver, Miss Marjorie Helen |
| Taylor, J.A. | Weaver, Roy Powell |
| * Taylor, Miss Laura A. | † Webber, Mrs Patricia |
| Thomas, K.J. | † Westlake, Miss Doreen |
| † Thomas, Mrs P. K. | Whalley, Mrs Eileen |
| † Thompson, Miss Emma Lucy Rose | White, Ms Vicky |
| † Tom, Mrs K. | † Whitehouse, C. J. C. |
| Turner, Miss Margaret | Wigmore, Frank Evelyn |
| Tyler, Francis George | Willetts, Mrs Mary E. |
| Vaughan, Mrs Barbara D. | Williams, Mrs G.E. |
| Vye, P.C.H. | * Williams, Mrs Philippa Tofield |
| Vye, Mrs P.C.H. | † Williams, T. M. |
| † Walker, Canon Geoffrey | Willson, Mrs Marcia Kelsall |
| † Walker, The Revd Margi | Wilson, Mrs Jeanne |
| Walker, R.W., F.R.C.S. | * Wohl, Mrs I. H. R. |
| Walls, Mrs Linda | Wood, The Revd Philip |
| † Warburton, Mrs Eileen | † Wolfenden, Ms Ann |
| Warris, Miss Emma | † Wooster, Miss Shirley Janet, F.I.P.M. |
| † Watts, A. J. | † Worboys, A. J. |

British Descendants

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| † Ashburton, The Rt Hon. Lord,
K.G., K.C.V.O. | † Chapman, R. J. |
| † Atherton, Mrs Anne Felicity | † Hunt, Daniel David Alexander |
| Blagrove, Frank Thomas | † Pickup, David John |
| † Chapman, Howard David | † Pickup, Master George Frederick John |
| | † Pickup, Master James David Ludlow |

Now Life Members

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| Batham, Mrs R.M. (<i>Descendant</i>) | Henriques, Baroness Meme De Courcy |
| Batham, S.P. (<i>Descendant</i>) | McCullough, A. |
| Batham, Dr W.H.G. (<i>Descendant</i>) | Newbold, Prof. D. E. |
| Driver, Mrs D.M. | Pearce-Gervis, Miss J. |
| Fisher, Mrs E. H. | Pratt, Mrs L. |
| | Seller, Mrs. C.A. |

Australian Friends

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| † Benson, Peter John Cresswick | Jobbins, Mrs Di |
| Benwell, Dr Philip, M.B.E. | Kropp, Mrs J. |
| † Cavanagh, P.M. | Loupis, Mrs Randa |
| Drost, Mrs Mary | Macaulay, Mrs D. |
| Fisher, Mrs Gaye | † McGrath, Dr A. G. |
| † Fitzgerald, Mrs Jennifer Rosemary | † McGrath, F.R., A.M., O.B.E. |
| Forgacs, Robert | McGrath, Mrs P. |
| Grose, Mrs L. L. | McGrath, Dr P. J. |
| † Grundy, Miss Rosemary | Macintosh, Bruce |
| Harcourt, Colin John | Marsden, Mrs Robin |
| † Holmes, Doric | Orange, John A. |
| † Holmes, Mrs Doris | Orange, Mrs Olive B. |
| † Hunter, Mrs Susan Beryl | Pfeiffer, David |

Australian Friends continued

Pring, Mrs Joan	† Swan, Rear Admiral Rothesay C., A.O., C.B.E., R.A.N. (Rtd)
† Saunders, Mrs Annette Grace	† Thompson, Craig
Swaby, Miss Kym	Winning, Mrs Davida

Australian Descendants

† Davies, Dr Mark Andrew, M.B., B.S.	† O'Sullivan, Mrs Fiona
† Marshall, Nino Lewin	

Now Life Members

Barnett, Counsellor D. R.	Gibson, Dr D.
Butt, L.	Gibson, Mrs D.
Butt, Mrs L.	Hasluck, A.G. (Descendant)
Carter, D. P. (Descendant)	Hasluck, J. J. P. (Descendant)
Collins Persse, M. De B. (Descendant)	Hasluck, L. R. (Descendant)
Earhart, Miss P. (Descendant)	Hasluck, Miss M. J. (Descendant)

American Friends

Abodeely, Robert	† Nation, Les
Bennett, Mrs Eleanor Y.	† Neilson, Lewis Levick, Jr
† Boykin, Capt. Rhodes, Jr, U.S.N.(Rtd)	Pennington, Mrs Elva Jane
Henderson, Stuart	Plimpton, Mr
Herbert, Col. Morris J.	Plimpton, Mrs Ruth Talbot
Hopkins, Mrs Astrid	Schwahn, The Revd Vincent
† Lord, Miss Saville Collins de Montenay FitzAlan de Dinan	† Sullivan, Patricia H.
† Lydon, Miss Betty	Unsworth, Giles
Maiers, G. Peter, II	† Ware, Ms Barbara
	† Worthing, Mrs Louise P.
	Zadworny, Mrs Constance M.

American Descendants

Allis, Miss Anne L.	† Dilly, Mrs Katherine Hudson
Allis, Baird S.	† Gerritsen, Mrs Carol Marble
Allis, Charles D., Snr	† Holmes, Mrs Sarah Jane
† Allis, Charles D., Jr	† Hopkins, Miss Susan Astrid
† Ames, Prof. Thomas-Robert	Hull, Warren R.
Howland, Ed. D.	† Kroeplin, Mrs Floy Myers
† Boykin, Mrs Rhodes, Jr	† Latham, Barbara Hamlin
† Breithaupt, Mrs Elizabeth Budd	† Liley, Rodger Lee
† Carter, Mrs Eleanor Jarrett	† Mitchell, Ms Jo Ann
† Charlesworth, Mrs Mary Mount Callan	† Patterson, Mrs Susan Pierce
Clafflin, Mrs Nancy-Allis	† Pattison, Frederick Woodworth
† Clark, Mrs Jeanette Louise Liley	† Silman, Mrs Josephine Calendine
† Cordes, Mrs Virginia	† Vandergriff, Mrs Dorothy Jarrett
† Davenport, Mrs Naomi Elizabeth Shattuck	† Willoughby, Hon. Walter Jackson, III
	† Wright, Jay Brown
	† Youmans, Dr John Greene

Friends in other Overseas Countries

New Zealand

Descendant

† Boocock, Michael Louis

Now Life Member

Watson, Mrs J. D.

Canada

Elwin, Mrs Vera M.
LeVaillant, Mrs Evelyn

South Africa

Tame, Gary K.
Tame, Mrs Julie

Germany

Cryns, Evelyn J.

Netherlands

van Leesten, C.A.

Italy

Mendola, Louis A.M.

Sweden

Thoren, Christian

Japan

Hughes, Thomas
Kodala, Miss Keiko

Russia

† Khitikova, Luda

Correction from 1992-93 Report

Seller, Mrs C.A. should have been shown as a Descendant.

† Life Member

* Subscriber under Covenant

Correction to the Report Volume number

It has recently been noticed that an unfortunate error has occurred in the Volume number of the last three issues of the *Report*. Nos. 2 to 4 of the current Volume (1990/91-1992/93) should read Volume VII, *not* Volume VIII.

GIFTS AND LEGACIES

(£50 and over)

To 30th September 1994

The Society records with gratitude the receipt of the following:

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| | Gift from H.M. King Juan Carlos of Spain. |
| | Gift from H.R.H. Princess Alexandra & The Hon. Sir Angus Ogilvy. |
| £5,000 | Gift from Mr E. Hogg 1980 Charitable Settlement. |
| £2,000 | Legacy from the Estate of Marion Green. |
| £300 | Gift from an anonymous donor. |
| £250 | Gift from Mrs Christopher Eadon-Clarke, in memory of her husband. |
| £250 | Gift from Mrs E. Fisher. |
| £250 | Gift from Mr A. & Mrs L. Rutherford. |
| £150 | Gift from the Carroll Estate. |
| £100 | Gift from The Clabon Charitable Trust. |
| £110 | Gift from Mrs Betty Garvey (from lectures). |
| £75 | Gift from Friends of St Mary's, Warwick. |
| £50 | Gift from Mrs D. Edenhofer. |
| £50 | Gift from the Provost & Fellows of Eton College, in memory of
Miss Joan Boyle. |
| £50 | Gift from Mrs J. Pellissier. |
| £50 | Gift from Miss Janet M. Tippetts. |
| Australia | |
| £680 | Australian Friends, <i>per</i> Mrs Valerie Grogan. |
| £500 | Gift from Australian Friends; further donation in memory of the late Sir
Paul Hasluck, K.G. |
| A\$200 | Gift from Mr Cecil Ballard, Jnr. |
| A\$100 | Gift from Fredk H. Booth & Son, Pty Ltd. |
| A\$100 | Gift from the Misses Ena & Isobel Cruse, in memory of their sister, Miss
Ida Elizabeth Cruse. |
| A\$100 | Gift from Mr Neil Cameron. |
| A\$100 | Gift from Dr & Mrs J.F. Mitchell. |
| A\$100 | Gift from The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire Association. |
| U.S.A. | |
| \$5,000 | Gift from American Friends, <i>per</i> Mr Ernest McDonald Fletcher. |
| \$4,408 | Gift from The Donald L. Bevis Revokable Trust. |
| \$825 | Gift from Mr Clifford A. Worthing. |
| \$100 | Gift from Mr Herbert Butler. |
| \$100 | Gift from Mr John G. Hollifield, in memory of his mother Mrs R.
Hollifield George. |
| £100 | Gift from Mrs Alan N. Sayford. |
| £50 | Gift from Members of the Malta Obedience of the Military & Hospitaller
Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem in the Grand Bailiwick of the United
States. |
| Germany | |
| DM340 | Gift from Herr H. Rusing & Frau I. Schmidt (1993). |
| DM350 | Gift from Herr H. Rusing & Frau I. Schmidt (1994). |
| DM150 | Gift from Ursula, Claudia & Christoph Maritz. |
| £50 | Gift from Herr H. Schaller. |

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 1994

	<i>Year ended</i>	
	<i>30th September 1994</i>	<i>30th September 1993</i>
	£	£
Income:		
Subscriptions	17,265	15,657
Add: Income Tax recoverable in respect of Covenanted Subscriptions	830	875
	18,095	16,532
Surplus on exhibition	-	18,887
Dividends, Interest and Tax recoverable	20,538	21,590
Received under Deed of Covenant from F.S.G. (Anniversary Sales) Ltd for the year ended 30th September 1994 and also Tax recovered	9,300	8,375
Donations and gifts	17,086	20,774
Surplus on Friends' weekend	1,232	1,072
Surplus on visits to Friends of St Albans and Winchester Cathedrals	525	140
	66,776	87,355
Office and similar expenses		
Miscellaneous expenses and clerical assistance	15,696	11,282
Business Rates	271	(52)
Postage and telephone	1,396	1,373
Cost of Annual Report including postage	8,843	7,686
Printing and stationery	2,229	3,729
Expenses of Annual General Meeting	1,226	1,460
Hire of Stand for Garter Day	3,402	2,960
Less: contributions from members	1,221	1,452
Bank charges	1,105	1,290
Auditor's Honorarium	764	764
Accountancy fees	-	434
	33,711	29,473
	33,065	57,873
	(5,824)	5,400
Net (decrease)/increase in value of investments	27,241	63,307
Balance of Accumulated Fund at 30th September 1993	230,387	201,590
	257,628	264,997
Restoration and similar expenses		
Altar lighting in Quire	3,600	
Nave lighting	17,500	
Restoration of two Pinnacles	7,750	
Book cabinet for Chapel in memory of Mr T.W. Taylor	2,000	
Hastings Chapel Dossal Hanging and cover for bookcase	932	
Chapel central heating boiler	8,600	
Painting Garter Armorial Bearings	75	
Computer for Aery	1,500	
Music library shelves	1,500	
Boys' Choir Vestry cupboard	1,350	
Shelving in St George's Chapel Music Library	1,600	
Computer for Friends' Office in Curfew Tower	4,671	51,078
	34,519	
Balance of Accumulated Fund at 30th September 1994	£206,550	£230,387

Note: Under the constitutional Rules 90% of the fees received from new Life Members not made for a specific purpose (Rule 9Diii) can be transferred to the General Fund. There were 104 new Life Members this year making a contribution of £90 each.

GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1994

	Year ended			
	30th September 1994		30th September 1993	
	£	£	£	£
At 30th September 1994 the General Fund consisted of:				
Quoted investments - at market value				
Fixed Interest Stocks	41,099		45,169	
Ordinary Stocks and Shares	79,510	120,609	73,239	118,408
Balance with Barclays Bank plc				
Current Account	3,936		6,781	
Deposit Account	-		10	
Business Premium Account	-		41,080	
Higher Interest Business Account	71,233	75,169	32,169	80,040
Balance with Laing & Cruickshank		2,828		10,852
Cash in Hand		24		71
Amounts owing to the Society				
Sundry Debtors	5,076		16,004	
Income Tax repayable	3,774		6,104	
Loan to F.S.G. (Anniversary Sales) Ltd.	2,500	11,350	2,500	24,608
		209,980		233,979
Less: Sundry creditors		3,430		3,592
		<u>£206,550</u>		<u>£230,387</u>

CAPITAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1994

	Year ended			
	30th September 1994		30th September 1993	
	£	£	£	£
Total of Accumulated Fund at 30th September 1993		206,404		187,317
Add: Life Membership fees and Donations received		12,840		10,486
Profit on sale of 'The Romance of St George's Chapel', 'A Pocket Companion' and 'Young Person's Guide'				
Sales	5,097	4,660		
Less: Printing costs	1,529	3,568	1,891	2,769
		222,812		200,572
Net increase/(decrease) in value of investments		(5,185)		5,832
Total of Accumulated Fund at 30th September 1994		<u>£217,627</u>		<u>£206,404</u>
At 30th September 1994 the Capital Fund consisted of:				
Quoted investments - at market value		149,758		104,791
Balance with Barclays Bank plc				
Deposit Account	16,844		10,348	
High Interest Business Account	-	16,844	760	11,108
Balance with Laing & Cruickshank		35,289		85,440
Debtors		1,246		-
Unsold copies - at cost				
'The Romance of St George's Chapel', 'A Pocket Companion' and 'Young Person's Guide'		14,490		16,020
		£217,627		£217,359
Less: Sundry creditors		-		10,955
		<u>£217,627</u>		<u>£206,404</u>

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 the year ended 30th September 1994 from the books etc., and certify that they are in accordance therewith.

82, St John Street,
LONDON EC1M 4JN.
29th November 1994

J. D. SPOFFORTH
Chartered Accountant
Honorary Auditor

F.S.G. (ANNIVERSARY SALES) LIMITED
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1994

	Year ended 30th September 1994	Year ended 30th September 1993
	£	£
Turnover - continuing operations	19,033	14,771
Less: Cost of Sales	9,822	5,114
	9,211	9,588
Administrative expenses	811	796
Other operating costs	50	29
	861	825
Operating profit before taxation	8,350	8,763
Taxation	(97)	15
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	8,447	8,666
Deed of Covenant to the Society of the Friends of St George's - Gross	9,300	8,375
	(853)	26
Surplus/(deficit) at 30th September 1993	188	(101)
(Deficit)/surplus at 30th September 1994 carried forward	£(665)	£110

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the profits above, and therefore separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.
Turnover and operating profit all derive from continuing operations. There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit for the year stated above and their historical equivalents

BALANCE SHEET - 30TH SEPTEMBER 1994

	1994	1993
	£	£
Current assets:		
Stocks - at Cost	5,235	5,414
Less: Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year		
Due to Bankers	2,633	1,862
Corporation tax	-	97
Accruals	764	764
	3,397	2,723
Net Current Assets	1,838	2,691
Creditors - Amounts falling due after one year	2,500	2,500
	£ (662)	£ 191
Capital and reserves		
Called Up Share Capital	3	3
Profit and Loss Account	(665)	188
	£ (662)	£ 191

Approved by the Board on 9th December 1994
T. C. M. O'DONOVAN)
E. P. CARR) Directors

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

The company is entitled to the exemptions conferred by S249A(1) Companies Act 1985. No notice has been deposited under S24B(2) in relation to these financial statements. The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with S221 Companies Act 1985 and preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of S226 Companies Act 1985, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 relating to the financial statements, so far as they are applicable to the company.

We have prepared the financial statements above from the books and records provided to us and from other explanations and information given, without carrying out an audit. We confirm that the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

82, St John Street,
LONDON EC1M 4JN.
9th December 1994

MORGAN BROWN & SPOFFORTH
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

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 15th 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: £2.50 plus 50p. for postage and packing.

A Pocket Companion: a booklet by Major General R.L.C. Dixon, C.B., C.V.O., M.C. Aimed primarily at the guides, stewards, etc., it is also useful as a working guide to visitors to the Chapel.

Price: £1.50 plus 50p. for postage and packing.

A Young Person's Guide to the Chapel: this follows the route taken by a visitor, and helps the younger person to enjoy their visit and increase their knowledge of the building, its history and its relevance for today.

Price: £1.00 plus 50p. for postage and packing.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I BEQUEATH a legacy of £_____ to the Society of the Friends of St George's and the Descendants of the Knights of the Garter, (Registered Charity No. 248904) 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

I, _____
DECLARE this to be a Codicil to my last Will dated the _____ day of _____ 19____

I give to the Friends of St George's for the general purposes of the Society the sum of £_____ and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or Secretary of the Society for the time being shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

In all other respects I confirm the terms of my said Will.
In witness thereof 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
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Testator both being present at the same time and in
addition stating their address and occupation.

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Date Signature

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To _____ Bank _____ Date _____

Address _____

Please pay to Barclays Bank plc., Windsor, High Street (Sorting Code No. 20-97-09), for the account of The Society of Friends of St George's and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter (Account No. 90395501).

The sum of £ _____ now, and £ _____ annually thereafter on _____ (date), until further notice.

Signature _____

(and Account No.) _____

Address _____

This Order *cancels* any previous one which may have been given.

(Kindly return this Order completed to the Hon. Secretary, The Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle, Berkshire, SL4 1NJ.)

**Society of the Friends of St George's and
The Descendants of the Knights of the Garter**
(Registered Charity No. 248904)

Covenanted Annual Subscription

I, _____
(Full Name and Description)

of _____

(Address)

Hereby covenant 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 the _____
day of _____ § in each year such sum as after
deduction of Income Tax at the basic for the time being in force will amount
to £ _____

(_____)¶

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
day of _____ 19____

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED



BY THE SAID _____
(Subscriber's Signature)

in the presence of:

Signature of Witness _____

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.

DEEDS OF COVENANT

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 for 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 concerns 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 individuals and their tax inspectors.

The higher rate relief provision will not affect this in any way. A blank Deed of Covenant form is reproduced overleaf 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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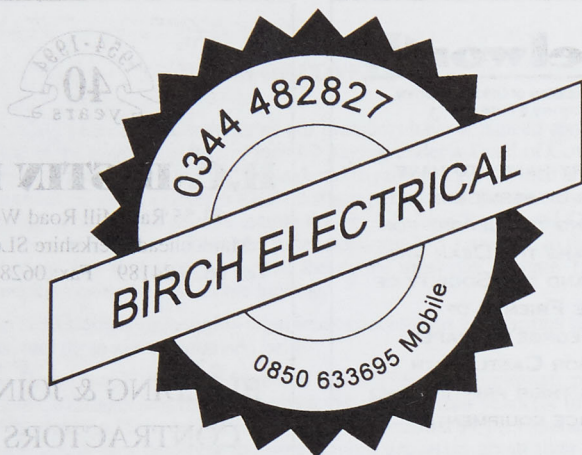
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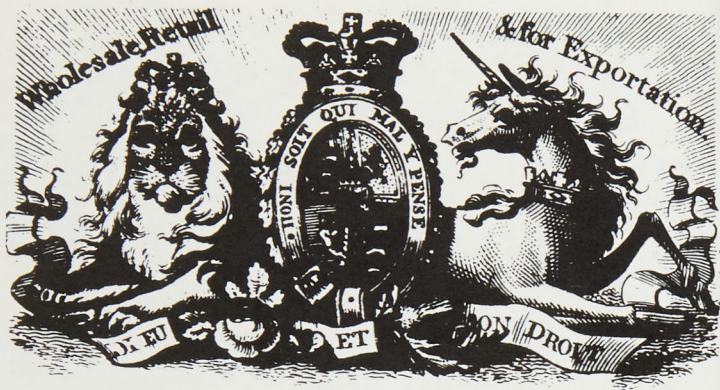
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