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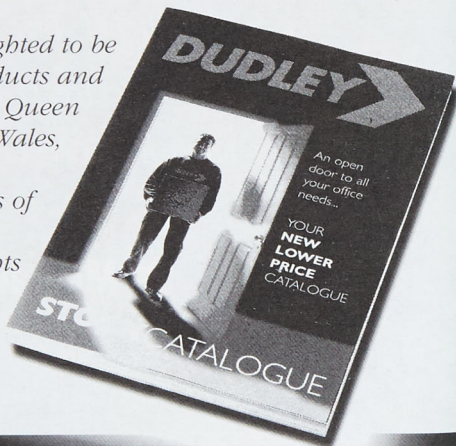
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# The Society of the Friends of St. George's and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 1998

### 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, 2nd May, 1998. 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, any member wishing to give notice of any motion to be submitted to the AGM should send it to me in writing together with the name of the sender, not later than 3rd April, 1998.

Evensong will be at 5.15 p.m. in the Nave; followed by an Organ Recital (tickets £3 payable at the door).

#### AGM TEAS

By kind permission of the Chapter teas will be served from approximately 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Applications for tickets should be made on the attached form and must reach this office by Monday, 27th April, 1998.

#### AGM CAR PARKING

Car parking within the Castle will not be possible. There are a number of car parks within easy reach of the Castle - River Street, Victoria Street and a Park & Ride facility to Castle Hill from the Datchet Road car park.

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  
via King Henry VIII Gateway.

### GARTER CEREMONY

This will be held on Monday, 15th June, 1998. 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 on the South side of the Chapel overlooking the Chapter Lawn. To help defray the cost the Society requests a donation of not less than £15 per seat from members applying for stand tickets. Tickets for the Chapel, the 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 envelope (5in x 4in) and cheque where applicable must be made on the enclosed form and received by Friday, 1st May, 1998. APPLICATIONS WITHOUT STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. It is regretted that applications cannot be acknowledged. Tickets will be issued during the first week of June.

### VISITS AWAY

Details of our visits to Christchurch, Bath & Wells plus St. Petersburg can be found on the enclosed leaflets. There will be no Residential Weekend in 1998. It is hoped to arrange one in 1999.

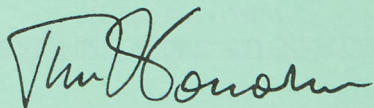
### CHRISTMAS CARD 1998

The card for 1998 commemorates the 650th Anniversary of the College of St. George. Orders can now be sent to the Curfew Tower on the accompanying form.

### CONCERTS 1998

The continued success of our concerts has again encouraged the Music Committee to promote further events in 1998. A leaflet is enclosed and Members are recommended to follow the advice contained in this leaflet and make the necessary diary notes.

The Curfew Tower  
Windsor Castle SL4 1NJ



Tim O'Donovan  
Honorary Secretary  
January 1998

# AGENDA

Annual General Meeting  
Saturday, 2nd May, 1998.  
St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle  
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Minutes of the 65th Annual General Meeting  
(circulated in the 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 Dean's Address.
9. Any other business.



## A.G.M. TEA TICKETS

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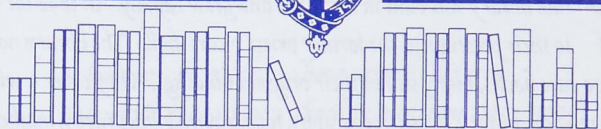
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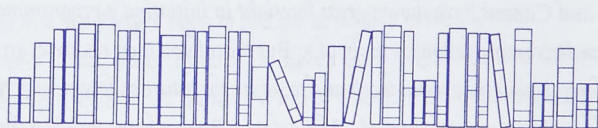
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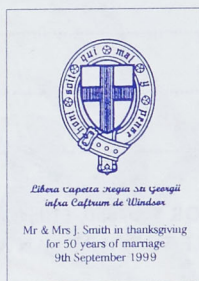
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- III: "Guess who's who!"
  - a. (top) Canon Stanesby, Col. Newman, and Canon Gunner.
  - b. (left) Fred Wilson.
  - c. (above) The Dean, Canon White, and David Wilson.
- IV: The High Altar dressed with the new Phoenix Altar Frontal.
- V: The Military Knights of Windsor with their Governor on the West Steps of the Chapel, 1st June 1997.
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## ANNUAL REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1997

### THE DEAN'S LETTER

November 1997

There is a danger that the continuing work of the Friends can be taken for granted. I am constantly amazed at your generosity; and I want to express, on behalf of the Chapter, our gratitude for your invaluable support in so many ways. In particular, let me record our thanks to the energetic Secretary and his team in the Curfew Tower.

Fresh in my mind is the recent pilgrimage of thirty-eight Friends to the Holy Land. We learned so much in those ten days in Israel and Jordan. It was a spiritual experience we shall never forget. Both the Old and the New Testaments came alive, and we joined in worship at all the significant points. This visit overseas was an extension of the Friends' expeditions to Cathedral churches, which are to continue next year. We are not merely a fund-raising organization: we are a part of the living and worshipping Church of God.

Lists of names can be tedious, but we must record significant changes. The installation of His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester by Her Majesty The Queen on Garter Day has given us great pleasure. We have welcomed Major Gainher as a Military Knight. We have said goodbye to Canon and Mrs Derek Stanesby after nearly twelve years in Windsor. Professor Richard Whitfield left St George's House after four years as Warden. Now we learn that Canon Michael Moxon is to become the Dean of Truro after Easter. His ministry of eight years has been greatly appreciated.

We have news of a new Canon, Dr Barry Thompson, who will be joining us from Chelmsford Cathedral in the New Year; and Professor Alfred Smyth will become Warden of St George's House on 1st January. We look forward to welcoming them and their families.

Sadly we record the death of Major Dickerson, for whom General Downward has supplied an obituary which appears on another page, and of Mrs Lindner, the wife of Brigadier Lindner. She had been ill for a long time and endured suffering with great patience. Let me express, on behalf of all the Friends, our sympathy for both families.

A spectacular achievement has been the gilding of the flèche over the Crossing of the Chapel. When the sun shines, the cross and crown shine out and declare the spiritual nature of the building. The Friends have also set aside money for a new white altar-frontal so that the very valuable embroidered one can be reserved for great festivals and so prolong its life.



Our Assistant Secretary, Miss Jane Speller, excelled herself with a production of *The Owl and the Pussy Cat* which raised a good sum of money for the Friends. Behind the scenes, you are all contributing to various projects which the Chapter could not otherwise undertake. The Dean and Canons continue to be grateful for all this varied assistance.

The Honorary Editor of this Report has been tireless with her scrutiny of every word. We all owe her our gratitude.

Patrick Mitchell

PATRICK MITCHELL

### DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

It was with shock and great sadness that all at St George's heard of the tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales, on 31st August 1997, following a car crash in Paris, in which her friend, Dodi Fayed, and their driver were also killed. Although she had no close links with Windsor, the Princess of Wales had during her married life attended St George's Chapel with the other members of the Royal Family for Christmas, Easter and Garter Day. Most recently she was present at the Confirmation in March 1997 of her elder son, Prince William.

After an extraordinary week of mourning, when many visited the Chapel to sign the Books of Remembrance, and thousands of floral tributes were laid on the Chapter Lawns, the day of her funeral was marked in St George's by a beautiful Sung Requiem at 5.15p.m. The Dean and Canons led a team of local clergy in celebrating the Eucharist, administering the Sacrament not only to those in the Chapel, but also to those outside in the Horseshoe Cloisters, to whom the service was relayed.

The Society wishes to express its deep sympathy with its President, The Prince of Wales, and their two sons, on their grievous loss.



## THE HONORARY SECRETARY'S NOTES

I write these notes just prior to departing on the Society's first overseas tour, a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. As this event takes place during our next financial year, a report will appear in the next *Annual Report*. I hope next year's overseas trip will attract sufficient interest: details can be found on the leaflet enclosed with this *Report*.

We have again experienced a busy year, and the activities of the Society could not take place without the loyal and dedicated support of those who work in the Curfew Tower: Jane Speller, Joan Biggs, Percy Taylor and Brenda Bartovsky, not forgetting Jane Carruthers-Hall, who maintains the Book of Honour, and Eric Carr, our Honorary Treasurer, who comes to the office on Wednesdays to do the book keeping and attend to other financial matters. Very sadly we lost one of our stalwarts, Jack Speller, who died in May after a long illness bravely borne. Jack was responsible for so beautifully engrossing the members' certificates.

The Society is also dependent on the many other volunteers who help in so many ways: Report packing, hand delivery of Reports in their locality, at our A.G.M., and on Garter Day. Many of these helpers are Voluntary Stewards who do such wonderful work throughout the year in and around the Chapel. I am grateful to Jan Williams, their Honorary Secretary, for her help and support.

The first major activity of a new financial year is the preparation, production and dispatch of the *Annual Report* and accounts, and I should like to thank Bridget Wright, our Honorary Editor, for the major part she plays in this very important project.

In April forty members travelled to York for the weekend. It was particularly nice to have Val Grogan, our Australian Representative, and her husband Peter, in the party. Staying at the Royal York Hotel, the group enjoyed a guided tour of the Minster, followed by Evensong. There was plenty of free time to enjoy sightseeing and shopping in the interesting and beautiful city of York. On our way to York we stopped in Peterborough to look round that wonderful Cathedral which, I feel, is rather disregarded by those rushing by on the A1.

The beginning of May is traditionally the time for our A.G.M., and once again a large gathering of our members assembled in St George's Chapel to conduct the business, and later to enjoy teas in the Dean's Cloister and marquee. The Minutes of the meeting can be found on page 344. Very sadly the event was marred by the sudden death of one of our members during the afternoon.

Garter Day follows on in June, and this year saw the Installation of H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester as a Knight of the Garter. His Royal Highness has graciously agreed to become a Vice-President of the Society. We received the usual large numbers of requests for Garter Tickets, including many from our overseas members, especially from the U.S.A. Everyone who applied received a ticket, but we were not always able to provide a first-choice seat. I am delighted that the Management Committee have agreed that the members' stand will be provided for 1998, and the minimum donation to help defray the cost of the stand will remain at £15 per person.

For the second year running we welcomed a party of Magna Charter Dames, who are also members of the Society, to St George's House. During their stay, visits were arranged to Eton College and Buckingham Palace. On 16th September, ninety-seven members joined our annual day trip, which this year was to Canterbury. The party, which included the Dean and Mrs Mitchell, enjoyed an excellent guided tour of the Cathedral, followed by Choral Evensong.

Three days later we welcomed twenty-four members to the Residential Weekend at St George's House. It was a particular pleasure to meet members from Australia, Germany and the U.S.A. Once again a visit to Buckingham Palace was on the agenda. We were also very privileged to be able to visit the Prince Consort Dairy and the Royal Mausoleum by gracious permission of Her Majesty The Queen. The Constable and Governor, General Sir Patrick Palmer, and Lady Palmer, very kindly hosted a drinks party, and Major General Peter Downward, Governor of the Military

Knights of Windsor, gave an after-supper talk on the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

The involvement of members in these activities is, I think, most important in bringing people together. I want members to feel that they are part of a friendly organisation in which they can meet and enjoy events with like-minded people.

The Society is extremely fortunate to have the support of so many overseas members, many of whom come to Windsor during the course of a year, and call in at the Curfew Tower or attend one of our activities. I am very pleased that Brian Kirkwood has agreed to become our Representative in Canada, and I should like to thank Val Grogan for all she does for us in Australia, and Warwick Lawrence in New Zealand. We are still going through the process of reorganising our representation in the U.S.A., and I am extremely grateful to Warren Hull for all he is doing for the Society.

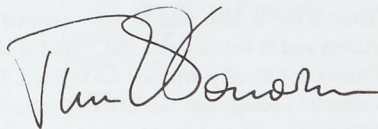
Perhaps now is the time to mention briefly the dreaded word *money*! The Honorary Treasurer's report can be found on page 322 but I should like to draw your attention to the appeal that is set out on page 355. As the Society has enjoyed a good financial year, I asked the Management Committee if they would approve the formation of a *special fund* starting with £25,000 this year. Providing it can be justified, further similar amounts would be added for the next three years, so that, at the Millennium, we should have put by, with the members' support, a substantial amount for a special restoration project recommended by Chapter. I commend this appeal to all members and I am certain with your usual generosity the Society will be able to create a significant fund.

1998 marks the 650th Anniversary of the founding, not only of the College of St George, but also of the Most Noble Order of the Garter. There will be special events to mark this occasion, and the Society has an appropriate Christmas Card, details of which you will find in the enclosed leaflet. The Management Committee has agreed to fund the cleaning of the Crossing vaulting, a major project to mark this anniversary.

The Society is organising another programme of concerts, administered in the Curfew Tower by Brenda Bartovsky. I hope members will continue to support these concerts, and thereby help to maintain the long-standing musical tradition of St George's.

I began my notes in thanking those that work in the Curfew Tower and our many volunteers, but we must not forget the others in the Castle who are generous with their help: the Virger, David Wilson, and the Sacristans, the Clerk of Works, Fred Wilson, and the maintenance staff, all those in the Chapter Office, and the Superintendent of the Castle and his staff. Major Eastwood is retiring in 1998, and the Society will greatly miss the assistance he has generously given over many years, especially during the times he served on our Management Committee. We wish him and Mrs Eastwood many years of happy retirement. The Visitors' Office are particularly helpful at the time of our A.G.M. in allowing our members access to the Castle by way of the Henry VIII Gateway. Members are privileged to be allowed free entry to the Castle throughout the year. Last but not least, I acknowledge the help we receive from the Castle Police, who always deal with our visitors and our parking requests in such a considerate way.

I cannot end without thanking our Chairman, the Dean of Windsor, and Mrs Mitchell, our Lay Chairman, General Sir Patrick Palmer, and Lady Palmer, for their very considerable contribution to the Society, and for their help and encouragement to me personally. Finally I am deeply grateful for the constant support I receive from my wife, Veronica.



TIM O'DONOVAN



## OVERSEAS MEMBERSHIP

### Australia

Mrs Valerie Grogan has sent this report:

"Our membership has continued to grow, and during the year we arranged successful functions for members in Victoria and Western Australia. Many members contributed towards a gift for St George's Chapel to recognise the work of Mrs Arthur Wade, the inaugural Australian Representative 1976-1989, during her hundredth year. We are grateful to members for their donations of over \$2000.

The Victorian Hon. Secretary, Mrs Mary Drost, held a memorable afternoon function at her Melbourne home on 20th April 1997, to celebrate the birthdays of Her Majesty The Queen and Mrs Wade. Mrs Drost read the following message from Her Majesty: 'I was most grateful to receive your message of loyal greetings sent on the occasion of my birthday. In turn I am delighted to send to all those present on Sunday 20th April my warm good wishes, and my congratulations to Mrs Mayme Lou Wade on her centenary. I hope that the occasion is a happy and memorable one for all concerned. Elizabeth R.' A message from the Dean of Windsor was read by the Dean of Melbourne, The Right Revd James A. Grant, and one from the Rt Hon. Sir Ninian Stephen, K.G., by his daughter, Mrs Mary Hayes.

The Western Australian Hon. Secretary, Mr Nicholas Hasluck, A.M., Q.C., and his wife Sally, held an inspiring function at their home in Perth on Sunday, 29th June 1997. During the course of the evening, Mr Hasluck spoke about the recently-published book *The Chance of Politics*, private notes kept by his father, the late Sir Paul Hasluck, K.G., on his political life, and edited for publication by Mr Hasluck. The Dean of Perth, the Very Revd Dr John Shepherd, invited members of the Society to Evensong at St George's Cathedral, Perth, prior to the Haslucks' function.

I appreciate the continued support of Committee members, Mrs Helen Booth, Mr Peter Fitzhardinge-Seton and Mrs Angela Lind, and the State Honorary Secretaries, Mrs Jill Ryan (Queensland), Mrs Mary Drost (Victoria), and Mr Nicholas Hasluck (Western Australia), in the ongoing expansion of the work of the Society in Australia."

### New Zealand

Mr Warwick Lawrence writes:

"The past year has seen the implementation of a New Zealand-based Royal Honours system, to replace the traditional British New Year's and Queen's Birthday Honours. This is seen by many of our older members as an erosion of links between Britain and New Zealand, rather than an enhancement of the development of New Zealand's national identity. There is regret, also, that the much revered association with historic Chapels in Westminster Abbey and St Paul's Cathedral, afforded New Zealanders by the bestowal of certain British Orders of Chivalry, will now be severed. The new system, with The Queen's approval, has come into being, and Her Majesty's New Zealand Herald Extraordinary, Philip O'Shea, who is one of our Life Members, personally designed the insignia of the New Zealand Orders.



On the tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales, a message of condolence sent on behalf of New Zealand members was graciously acknowledged by Her Majesty The Queen from Balmoral. One of our Life Members, Dame Malvina Major, has been appointed as one of the trustees to administer the memorial fund initiated by the New Zealand Prime Minister, to assist in the continuation of charitable work with which the Princess was associated.

On a happier note, New Zealand Friends were delighted that Sir Edmund Hillary, K.G., was able to attend the Installation in St George's Chapel of The Duke of Gloucester, as a Knight of the Order of The Garter. Those of our members who have connections with the Order of St John recalled that His Royal Highness, as Grand Prior of the Order, and the Duchess of Gloucester, visited New Zealand in 1985 for the Centenary celebration of the New Zealand Priory.

In conclusion, I have the honour and pleasure to send greetings and good wishes to The Dean of Windsor, the Lay Chairman, and Committee, and all who are responsible for the preservation and maintenance of St George's Chapel, particularly the voluntary staff and helpers under the guidance of Tim O'Donovan in the Curfew Tower."

### **United States of America**

With the help of Mr Warren R. Hull, Mr Ernest S. Fletcher, Jr, and Mr Ross H. Sydney, we are putting the Society's affairs in the United States on a sound and permanent basis. Negotiations are taking a little longer than expected but I sincerely hope they will be finalised in the coming year. I very much value the contribution made by our U.S. members, many of whom I have had the pleasure of meeting during the past year.

### **General**

We are delighted that Mr Brian Kirkwood has agreed to represent the Society in Canada and we are already benefiting from his endeavours. The Society owes a great debt of gratitude to all those who work on our behalf overseas. We value their efforts and always look forward to meeting overseas members when they visit Windsor.

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## THE HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to report another successful year with a combined accumulated fund, of both General and Capital Accounts, increasing by £75,882 to a total value of £560,867 (see pages 352-353). Our investments account for a good proportion of this, as the Stock Market was at a high level at our year end.

Donations to the Society are much appreciated, and with the further increase in subscription income we are able to maintain our worthwhile assistance to restoration projects, as detailed in the Accounts. It is good also to have a reduction in office and similar expenses highlighted by two items, printing and stationery, and the net cost of the Garter stand.

I have pleasure in presenting such a satisfactory set of accounts in the *Report*.

ERIC CARR

## OBITUARIES

### **The Rt Revd Robin Woods, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O.**

Robin Woods, who was Dean of Windsor from 1962 to 1971, and subsequently Bishop of Worcester, died on 20th October 1997, at the age of 83. His most notable achievement in Windsor was the establishment of St George's House.

Robert Wilmer Woods (always known as Robin) was born in 1914 in Lausanne, where his father, Edward Woods, later Bishop of Lichfield, was then Chaplain. He was educated at Gresham's School, Holt, and read English at Trinity College, Cambridge, before preparing for Ordination at Westcott House. From 1937 to 1942 he was Missionary Secretary to the Student Christian Movement, and then for four years an Army Chaplain. In 1946 he became Vicar of South Wigston, near Leicester, and in 1951 went to Singapore as Archdeacon, and Vicar of St Andrew's Cathedral there. He promoted the growth of Anglican congregations in the expanding city, and more widely in Malaya and Indonesia. From 1958 to 1962 he was Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rector of Tankersley in Yorkshire, where his interest in Church involvement in industry came to the fore.

In 1962 he was appointed Dean of Windsor and Domestic Chaplain to The Queen, at a time when a greater role for St George's Chapel in the life of the Church and the nation was under discussion. Despite opposition from some of the Canons, he pioneered the foundation of St George's House as a forum for the various sides of industry and commerce, and for in-service training of clergy.

In 1971 he was consecrated Bishop of Worcester, where he remained until his retirement in 1981. He continued his concern for industrial issues in local and national committees. In 1982, after retirement, he was made Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Gloucester, and until 1989 continued as Prelate of the Order of St Michael and St George. He was appointed K.C.V.O. in 1971, and K.C.M.G. in 1981. He is survived by his wife, Henrietta, and their two sons and three daughters, to whom the Society offers its sympathy on their loss.

***H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh writes:*** Robin Woods came to Windsor at a crucial point in the history of the College of St George. Financial stringency and an over-abundance of accommodation for the Canons, faced him with some very difficult decisions. It says a great deal for his administrative talents and for his qualities of leadership that he was able



to carry through some radical reforms. It was Robin's vision that inspired the idea of a centre for consultations between church and lay leaders on the important issues of the day. His charisma and immense energy succeeded in raising the necessary funds for the project and steered it to the success it has enjoyed ever since. While he pursued his interests with a breezy determination, he was always open to other ideas and willing to listen to other points of view. During his time as Dean, he transformed the College. He succeeded brilliantly in retaining the traditions and character of the institution while making it fit to serve contemporary conditions. Everyone involved in the College and Chapel has cause to be grateful to him for his immense contribution to this ancient establishment.

### **Major L.W. Dickerson**

Major Leslie William "Dickie" Dickerson, a Military Knight of Windsor, died in Wexham Park Hospital on 12th June 1997 after a short illness.

Dickie was born in Ilford, Essex, and at the time of his death shortly after his eightieth birthday, he had been a Military Knight for over sixteen years. He started his military career as a Territorial Army soldier with the Honourable Artillery Company in 1936, and shortly after the outbreak of war in 1939, was commissioned into the Manchester Regiment. In 1941 he was posted to the West Africa Frontier Force and saw service in Nigeria and Sierra Leone, and from 1943 to the end of the war in the Far East, served with 81st Reconnaissance Regiment of the West African Division in India and Burma. His ability as an organiser and administrator was evident in his service with 1st Manchesters, as Adjutant of the Regimental Depot, and later on the Staff of Hamburg District. His final fifteen years in the Army were as the Permanent President of Courts Martial, with a judiciary 'parish' that embraced the Army Commands in Scotland, BAOR, Cyprus, Singapore and Hong Kong, before his retirement after thirty-six years' Territorial and Regular Army service.

On 12th November 1981, he was installed as a Military Knight of Windsor in succession to Lt Col. Duncombe. Hidden talents came to the fore in his retirement, not least his love of organ music, having been organist to various garrison churches in his Army days. His early voluntary work to the local community covered 'Meals on Wheels', and very soon he became a founder member of the Windsor Hospice Committee, first as Treasurer, and latterly as President. For many years he was the Honorary Secretary of the Windsor and Eton Branch of the Victoria League. Dickie was also the inspiration behind the Military Knights' entertainment of the boys of St George's School at Christmas, but undoubtedly he will best be remembered as the instigator of the annual Conker Match between the Knights and the boys. The Conker Trophy, displaying a Waterloo-type cannon amid three polished conkers, mounted on an inscribed plinth, was dedicated on 8th October 1997 as the 'Dickerson Trophy'. In his spare time he would frequently be seen hitting a ball around the Castle golf course, a relaxation he enjoyed right to the end.

Dickie's funeral was held in St George's Chapel on Friday 20th June. In the absence of his own Regiment, at that time abroad, the coffin was borne with great dignity by a bearer party of the Grenadier Guards, accompanied by the Military Knights. In 1946, Leslie Dickerson married Eveline Mapley, who survives him, together with their three daughters, Penelope, Sarah and Bridget. On behalf of all the Friends of St George's, we extend to them our sympathy in their sad loss.

Peter Downward



## THE HERALDRY OF THE GARTER BANNERS, PART III

by

HUBERT CHESSHIRE

With this article, the series begun in the *Annual Report* for 1994-95, and continued last year, is now completed. It has been possible to include all Knights and Ladies of the Garter appointed to date, since the banner of The Duke of Gloucester, who was appointed and installed in 1997, was available for photography as this *Report* was going to press.

The Order at present comprises the Sovereign and Prince of Wales, with twenty-three of the possible twenty-four Knights or Ladies Companions. There are also five British and six foreign Royal supernumerary Knights and Ladies. The series has also included the four members of the Order who died during 1995, after the project began with the photography of the then existing banners in January 1995 (see Plates VI and VII).

### 23. H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, K.G., G.C.V.O.

Blazon: The Royal Arms as borne by the Sovereign of the Order (see no. 1, in *Friends' Report*, 1994-95), differenced by a label of five points Argent the centre and two outer points charged with a cross and the other two points with a lion passant guardant Gules.

The label bears the same emblems as his father's (red cross and lion passant guardant), though as His Royal Highness is the grandson of a Sovereign, they are displayed on a label of five points rather than three. These arms will be inherited by his descendants who no longer bear the title "Royal Highness" (see no. 5, H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, in 1994-95 *Report*).

The Irish harp in the arms follows the precedent of his father's banner and stallplate, which show the demi-female figure for Ireland (see no. 6, H.R.H. The Princess Royal in 1994-95 *Report*). When King Edward VII's Garter banner was made by the Royal School of Art Needlework in 1901 to a design by G.W. Eve, a commentator in *The Post* wrote "The most important change is in the rendering of the harp that serves for the emblem of Ireland. Instead of the unintelligible figure resembling a mermaid with wings, with which we have long been familiar, the third quarter of the new banner is emblazoned with a harp of Celtic form and ornamentation." Despite these disparaging remarks, the "winged mermaid" still seems to suit several members of the Royal Family today.

The Duke is the second son of Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, K.G. (brother of King Edward VIII and King George VI), and of his wife, Lady Alice Montagu-Douglas-Scott, daughter of the 7th Duke of Buccleuch. His elder brother, Prince William of Gloucester, died in an air crash in 1972. In that year Prince Richard married Birgitte van Deurs, G.C.V.O., daughter of a Danish lawyer, and they have a son and two daughters. Two years later Prince Richard succeeded his father as Duke of Gloucester.

The Duke was born in 1944, and educated at Eton and Magdalene College,

## SCREEN

### *South Side*

### *North Side*

The Duke of Gloucester  
 The Princess Royal  
 The Duke of Edinburgh  
 H.M. The Queen

The Prince of Wales  
 The Queen Mother  
 The Duke of Kent

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

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

The Marquess of Abergavenny

32 Sir Edmund Hillary

30 The Lord Ashburton

The Lord Carrington

The Duke of Grafton

The Lord Hunt

The Lord Callaghan of Cardiff

Admiral of the Fleet

The Lord Lewin

Field Marshal The Lord Bramall

The Earl of Longford

Sir Edward Heath

34 Sir Timothy Colman

31 The Lady Thatcher

The Duke of Norfolk

The Viscount Leverhulme 24

The Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone 25

Sir Ninian Stephen 28

The Lord Sainsbury

of Preston Candover

The Lord Kingsdown 29

The Duke of Wellington 26

The Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne

The Viscount Ridley 27

The Duke of Devonshire 33

## HIGH ALTAR

**Fig. 1:** The position of the Garter banners in the Quire as at 30th September 1997.

Cambridge, where he read Architecture. He is Deputy Colonel in Chief of The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment and of the Royal Logistic Corps, and Grand Prior of the Order of St John of Jerusalem. Among other things he is also President of the Cancer Research Campaign, of N.A.B.C. (Clubs for Young People), and of the Institute of Advanced Motorists. He is a Patron of ASH (Action on Smoking and Health), and of the Victorian Society, and Ranger of Epping Forest.



#### **24. Philip William Bryce (Lever), Viscount Leverhulme, K.G., T.D.**

Blazon: Quarterly (1) and (4) per pale Argent and barry of eight Or and Azure two bendlets Sable the upper one engrailed (LEVER); (2) and (3) Per chevron Or and Gules in chief two chaplets of roses and in base a lion's head all counterchanged (HULME).

The Lever pedigree goes back in the Bolton area at least to the early seventeenth century. Alexander Lever of Darcy Lever, a chapelry in the parish of Bolton, north-west of Manchester, married Elizabeth Ramsbottom in 1689. Sixth in descent from this couple was William Hesketh Lever, born in Wood Street, Bolton, in 1851.

William joined his father's grocery business of Lever & Co. at the age of sixteen, but later decided to specialize in soap. With his brother, James Darcy Lever, he founded the firm of Lever Brothers at Warrington, choosing the name Sunlight for the soap which they produced, mainly from vegetable oils.

In 1887 William Lever conceived the idea of building the works and village of Port Sunlight for his employees. This was a 'green' site on the banks of the Mersey, near Bebington in Cheshire, and in 1888 the first sod was cut by his wife Elizabeth Ellen, daughter of Crompton Hulme, a linen draper and neighbour in Wood Street, Bolton. The company prospered and developed commercial interests all over the world.

William Lever was created a Baronet in 1911, and raised to the peerage as Baron Leverhulme in 1917, the title being a combination of his wife's surname and his own. He was created Viscount Leverhulme in 1922, and in 1925 this benevolent and highly successful captain of industry died. One of the monuments to him which has survived is the magnificent pergola, which he created at The Hill, his Hampstead House, in order to provide himself and his guests with views over the Heath. The pergola, eight hundred feet long and supported on three hundred and thirty two columns, was restored by the Corporation of London in 1995.

Viscount Leverhulme had a grant of arms and Crest on becoming a Baronet in 1911, but when he became a peer in 1917 he altered the arms and was granted Supporters. Another alteration was made to the arms in 1923, following his elevation to the rank of Viscount, and in 1925 the quartering for Hulme was incorporated.

His grandson, Philip Leverhulme, the 3rd Viscount, was Lord Lieutenant for the City and County of Chester 1949-90, an Advisory Director of Unilever Ltd, and Chancellor of Liverpool University 1980-94. He has been active in his support of the Territorial Army and the Royal Auxiliary Air Force, and was Senior Steward of the Jockey Club 1973-76. He and his Trusts have fully maintained the family's record of generosity towards many good causes, including scholars involved in research projects, and he was made a Knight of the Garter in 1988.

#### **25. Quintin McGarel (Hogg), Baron Hailsham of St Marylebone, K.G., C.H., F.R.S., P.C.**

Blazon: Argent three boar's heads erased Azure langued Gules between two flaunches also Azure each charged with a crescent of the field.



These arms were granted by the English Kings of Arms on 3 July 1846 to Lord Hailsham's great grandfather, James Weir Hogg of Upper Grosvenor Street (then in Middlesex), M.P. for Beverley and Honiton, and Chairman of the East India Company. James was made a Baronet in 1846, and a Privy Counsellor in 1872. The pedigree recorded at the College of Arms takes the line back to William Hogg, probably from Scotland but afterwards of Lisburn, Northern Ireland, (living 1690) and his wife Elizabeth. Their son, another William, married Abigail (possibly née Hamilton) at Quakers' House, Lisburn, in 1718, and they were the great grandparents of Sir James.

By his wife Mary Claudine Swinton, Sir James Hogg had seven sons. The eldest, Sir James Macnaghten-McGarel Hogg, 2nd Baronet, took the additional surname of McGarel by Royal Licence in 1877, on succeeding to the Magheramorne estate in Co. Antrim under the will of his brother-in-law, Charles McGarel, and was created Baron Magheramorne in 1887. This peerage became extinct in 1957 when the Baronetcy went to a cousin.

Quintin Hogg (born 1845), seventh son of Sir James Weir Hogg, Bt, became a West India merchant and married Alice Anna Graham in 1871. They were parents of Douglas McGarel Hogg (1872-1950), who was created Baron Hailsham in 1928 and Viscount Hailsham in 1929, and served as Lord Chancellor 1935-38. His first wife was Elizabeth, daughter of an American Judge, James Trimble Brown of Nashville, Tennessee.

They were parents of Quintin McGarel Hogg, the subject of this article. He was a scholar at Eton and at Christ Church, Oxford, where he was President of the Union and gained a double First. His academic honours, political posts and publications are too numerous to recite here in full but they include his service as Conservative M.P. for Oxford City 1938-50, and for St Marylebone 1963-70; Lord Privy Seal 1959-60; Leader of the House of Lords 1960-63; Lord President of the Council 1957-59 and 1960-64; Minister for Science and Technology 1959-64 and (in the steps of his father) Lord Chancellor of Great Britain 1970-74 and 1979-87. He was also a Fellow of All Souls' College, Oxford, 1931-38, became a Barrister of Lincoln's Inn 1932, a Bencher 1956, Treasurer 1975, and was made a Q.C. in 1953.

Lord Hailsham succeeded his father as Baron and Viscount Hailsham in 1950, but disclaimed these peerages for life in 1963, in order to pursue his career in the House of Commons. He was made a Life Peer as Baron Hailsham of St Marylebone in 1970, and a Knight of the Garter in 1988.

The first Viscount Hailsham bore no Supporters to his arms but some were granted shortly after his death, to be placed on a monument and borne by the successors to his peerages. Having renounced the latter in 1963, the present Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone was granted a modified version of the Supporters for his Life Peerage in 1971. The two creatures are identical: two rams, one supporting a representation of the Lord Chancellor's mace and the other a representation of the Lord Chancellor's purse, but in the later grant the rams wear Baron's coronets around their necks and the purse bears the initials of Queen Elizabeth II.

## **26. Arthur Valerian (Wellesley), Duke of Wellington, K.G., L.V.O., O.B.E., M.C.**

Blazon: Quarterly (1) and (4) Gules a cross Argent in each quarter five plates in saltire (WESLEY or WELLESLEY); (2) and (3) Or a Lion rampant Gules ducally gorged Gold (COLLEY or COWLEY); over all in centre chief point (as an honourable augmentation) an escutcheon of the Union Badge without the Crown.

The Duke descends paternally from the family of Colley or Cowley of Castle Carbery in County Kildare. His ancestor Richard Colley, on succeeding his cousin Garret Wesley of Dangan Castle and Mornington, County Meath (died 1728), took the surname of Wesley. In 1746 Richard was created Baron of Mornington (the name means Mariners' Town), and in 1760 his son Garret was created Viscount Wellesley and Earl of Mornington.

Garret's eldest son Richard became a Knight of St Patrick as well as a Knight of the Garter, and his third son Arthur was the famous "Iron Duke" (K.G.1813), who was made Duke of Wellington in 1814, a year before he and Blücher defeated Napoleon at Waterloo. He was also granted for himself and his descendants as an honourable augmentation the Union Badge without the Crown, to be borne in conjunction with the quarterly arms of Wellesley and Cowley. This Badge, laid down by Royal Warrant in 1801 on the Union with Ireland, was a shield of the Union Flag imperially crowned.

Arthur had married in 1806 Catherine Pakenham, daughter of the 2nd Baron Longford, and the 8th and present Duke is fourth in descent from this couple, making him third cousin once removed to the present Earl of Longford, K.G.

The family seat, Stratfield Saye House, near Basingstoke, was given by the nation to the Iron Duke and his descendants, in gratitude for the victory at Waterloo. It is held by an ancient form of feudal tenure, whereby every Duke of Wellington must present to the Sovereign at Windsor each year, on the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, a small French "tricolore" flag, as a form of rent for the house and estate. A similar arrangement prevails in respect of Blenheim Palace: the Duke of Marlborough presents to the Sovereign annually at Windsor a banner of the French Royal Arms (the three fleurs de lys) as rent for the Honour of Woodstock.

It is a popular misconception that Apsley House, overlooking Hyde Park Corner, was presented by the nation to the 1st Duke of Wellington: in fact the Iron Duke bought it from his elder brother, Marquess Wellesley, in 1817, and it was handed over to the nation by the present Duke's father in 1949. The family jewels include a Lesser George, believed to be the one which King Charles I handed to Bishop Juxon on the scaffold.

The present Duke became a Knight of the Garter in 1990, the seventh member of his paternal family to receive this honour. He has had a distinguished military career, winning the M.C. in 1941. His positions have included Lieutenant Colonel commanding the Royal Horse Guards, and later the Household Cavalry, and Military Attaché in Madrid. He has also been a director of companies, and is associated with several organizations dedicated to the preservation of wildlife and the environment.



His son and heir, Charles, uses the title Marquess of Douro (originally Marquess Douro), which was awarded to his famous ancestor with the Dukedom in 1814.

**27. Matthew White (Ridley), Viscount Ridley, K.G., G.C.V.O., T.D.**

Blazon: Gules on a chevron between three falcons Argent three pellets (in chief the Badge of a Baronet of Great Britain).

This is an ancient Border family, whose pedigree in the Heralds' Visitation of Northumberland in 1530 goes back to Nicholas Ridley of Willimoteswick, who must have lived in the fourteenth century. Fifth in descent from him was the scholar Dr Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London, who was burnt at the stake with Latimer in 1555 for his adherence to the Reformed faith.

Ninth in descent from the Bishop's uncle, another Nicholas, was Matthew Ridley of Heaton, Northumberland, who married Elizabeth, sister and eventual heir of Matthew White of Blagdon in the same county. Matthew White was made a Baronet in 1756 with a special remainder, failing heirs male of his body, to those of his sister Elizabeth, wife of Matthew Ridley. The latter duly inherited the Baronetcy when Sir Matthew White died unmarried in 1763, and it is still held by the present Lord Ridley.

The 5th Baronet, Sir Matthew Ridley, Home Secretary 1895-1900, had a distinguished political career and was created Viscount Ridley and Baron Wensleydale in 1900. His grandson, the 3rd Viscount, married Ursula daughter of Sir Edwin Lutyens, the architect, and they were the parents of the present Viscount.

The latter is Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of Northumberland, Chancellor of the University of Newcastle, and Lord Steward of H.M. Household. Educated at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford, he served in the Coldstream Guards 1943 - 46, and later with the Northumberland Hussars. He has held several posts in the Territorial Army and was President of the T.A. and V.R.A. Council 1984-95. He has been involved in national and local politics, and a wide range of other commercial and voluntary activities.

He married in 1953 Lady Ann Lumley, daughter of the 11th Earl of Scarbrough, who, besides many other distinctions, was a Knight of the Garter. Lord Ridley himself became a K.G. in 1992.

The ancient arms of the family, confirmed for Thomas Ridley by Norroy King of Arms in 1581, were a silver shield containing a red bull standing on a patch of green grass, but by the time of the 1666 Visitation of Northumberland the present arms were in use. As Lord Steward, Viscount Ridley is titular head of the Master of the Household's Department, though most of the duties of his office have been taken over by his subordinates during the present century. He is in attendance at Buckingham Palace on important ceremonial occasions, and at State Banquets he presents the guests to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.



**28. Sir Ninian Martin Stephen, K.G., A.K., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.B.E., P.C.**

Blazon: Argent on a fess Azure between three thistle flowers slipped each between and conjoined to two sprays of wattle flowered and leaved all proper six ermine tails semy Gold.

Sir Ninian, a former Governor General of Australia 1982-89, and now a Judge with the International War Crimes Tribunal for Yugoslavia, became a Knight of the Garter in 1994. Not already having a right to arms by descent, he received a grant of arms by Letters Patent in 1996. The fess across the centre of the shield symbolizes the legal bench and the ermine tails the Judge's robes.

The thistles represent Sir Ninian's Scottish ancestry and his early education in Edinburgh, at George Watson's School and the Edinburgh Academy. The leaves have been replaced by sprays of wattle in allusion to Australia, his adopted country. The Crest, not of course shown here, is a branch of eucalyptus on which is perched a colourful king parrot, a species which occurs in large numbers in the grounds of Government House in Canberra.

Sir Ninian was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria in 1970, and was Justice of the High Court of Australia 1972-82, and Australian Ambassador for the Environment 1989-92. His many honours include the Order of Australia (A.K.), which was instituted by The Queen on the advice of her Australian Ministers in 1975. There are four classes: Knight or Dame (A.K. or A.D.), Companion (A.C.), Officer (A.O.) and Member (A.M.). The unusually-shaped Badge is modelled on a mimosa flower, and may be suspended beneath the shield in representations of Sir Ninian's arms.

**29. Robert (Leigh-Pemberton), Baron Kingsdown, K.G., P.C.**

Blazon: Quarterly (1) and (4) Ermine an estoile Or between three buckets Sable hoops and handles gold; (2) and (3) Gules a cross engrailed Argent between four lozenges Ermine.

Lord Kingsdown's paternal family of Pemberton derives from Lancashire. His ancestor Robert Pemberton, of the Middle Temple, Barrister at Law, married in 1788 Margaret, daughter and coheir of Edward Leigh of Bispham Hall, and first cousin of Sir Robert Holt Leigh, Baronet, of Hindley Hall, Lancashire; the latter died without legitimate male issue in 1843, and under the terms of his will he was succeeded in his estates by Thomas Pemberton, son of the said Robert Pemberton and Margaret Leigh.

In order to comply with the will, Thomas Pemberton was required to take the name and arms of Leigh in addition to his own. This was duly effected by a Royal Licence dated 7 March 1843, whereby Thomas and his issue were authorized to take the surname of Pemberton-Leigh, and to bear the quarterly arms, and the Crests, of Leigh and Pemberton. Thomas Pemberton-Leigh, who became an M.P., Attorney General, and Chancellor to The Prince of Wales, was made a hereditary peer in 1858 with the title of Baron Kingsdown.

Lord Kingsdown died unmarried in 1867, when the peerage became extinct, and

he was succeeded in his estates by his brother Edward Leigh Pemberton of Torry Hill, Sittingbourne, Kent (1795-1877), from whom the present Lord Kingsdown is fourth in descent. By recording at the College of Arms his descent from the Leigh heiress, Lord Kingsdown has established his right to quarter her arms. Furthermore, by special concession of Garter King of Arms, he was permitted to take the same peerage title as his kinsman the 1st Lord Kingsdown, and to bear the Leigh Crest in addition to that of Pemberton.

Robert Leigh-Pemberton, known as Robin, was born in 1927, and educated at Eton and Trinity College, Oxford (Hon.Fellow 1984). He served as an Officer in the Grenadier Guards 1945-48, and was called to the Bar (Inner Temple) in 1954; he practised as a Barrister until 1960, becoming an Hon.Benchler of his Inn in 1983. He had a distinguished career with the National Westminster Bank, of which he was Chairman 1977 - 83.

Among many other appointments and distinctions he is, or has been, a Director or Chairman of several companies and served on a number of Government committees; he was also a Trustee of the Glyndebourne Arts Trust 1978-83, and of the Royal Academy Trust 1982-88, Chairman of Kent County Council 1972-75, and Pro-Chancellor of the University of Kent at Canterbury 1977-83.

Lord Kingsdown was Governor of the Bank of England 1983-93, and has been Lord Lieutenant of Kent since 1982. He was made a Privy Counsellor in 1987, a Life Peer in 1993, and a Knight of the Garter in 1994. He married Rosemary Davina (née Forbes) in 1953, and they have four surviving sons.

### **30. John Francis Harcourt (Baring), Baron Ashburton, K.G., K.C.V.O.**

Blazon: Azure on a fess Or a cross formy fitchy Azure in chief a bear's head proper muzzled and ringed Gold.

Lord Ashburton's ancestry in this country goes back to John Baring (born 1697), son of the Minister of the Lutheran Church in Bremen. John became a merchant and cloth manufacturer at Larkbeer in Devon, and was naturalized in England in 1723. His grandson Alexander, President of the Board of Trade and Master of the Mint, was created Baron Ashburton in 1835.

The arms, which include a bear as a pun on the surname, had been used by the immigrant's family in Germany, and were confirmed for his son Sir Francis Baring, Bt (father of the first Lord Ashburton), by patent of Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms dated 1 June 1793, together with the Crest of a mullet between two wings.

As there are five peerages in the Baring family, Garter King of Arms issued a certificate in 1973 assigning a mark of difference to each peer: namely, an escallop for the Earl of Cromer; a cross formy fitchy for Lord Ashburton; a portcullis for Lord Northbrook; a hurt charged with a mullet for Lord Revelstoke; and an Eastern crown for Lord Howick of Glendale.

This step was required because, in 1972, three members of the Baring family were Knights of the Garter at the same time: Lord Cromer, Lord Ashburton (father of



the present peer), and Lord Howick of Glendale (formerly Sir Evelyn Baring), though sadly the latter died before his achievements were put up in the Chapel. Garter's certificate specified that these marks were to be depicted on the fess in each case "as and when necessary to distinguish them one from the other".

Among many other business interests, the present Lord Ashburton has been Chairman of the family merchant bank, Baring Brothers, Chairman of British Petroleum, a Member of the Court of the Bank of England, and a prominent member of several charitable and educational organizations. He has also been Lord Warden of the Stannaries and Receiver-General of the Duchy of Cornwall, and is currently High Steward of Winchester Cathedral. He became a Knight of the Garter in 1994.

### **31. Margaret Hilda (Thatcher), Baroness Thatcher, L.G., O.M., F.R.S., P.C.**

**Blazon:** Per chevron Azure and Gules in chief two lions rampant guardant the dexter cantourny supporting between them a double warded key wards upward Or and in base a tower also Or its portal Sable therein a portcullis Gold.

These arms relate to Lady Thatcher's paternal family of Roberts, although for her title she chose to use her married name. The arms were granted by Letters Patent dated 28 September 1992, and arms and Crest for her husband, Sir Denis Thatcher, were granted in the same patent.

Lady Thatcher is entitled to display the impaled arms of Thatcher and Roberts, i.e. the two coats side by side, which is the normal way of depicting the arms of a husband and wife. However, as a Peer, she prefers to use her paternal arms alone on a lozenge (the diamond shape borne by women in certain contexts), differenced with a small escutcheon to show she is a married woman.

The design includes two golden lions like those borne by English Sovereigns since the Middle Ages. They support a golden key in allusion to the Prime Minister as First Lord of the Treasury. The Palace of Westminster is symbolized by a tower with a portcullis. Women do not traditionally use helmet, Crest and mantling, so instead of a carved and painted wooden crest above her stall she has the coronet of a Baroness. The Supporters to her arms are an Admiral on active service, representing Britain's victory in the Falkland Islands; and a representation of Sir Isaac Newton, who was born near Grantham in 1642, reflecting her interest in Science. Beneath the scroll bearing her Motto, *CHERISH FREEDOM*, she is entitled to display the Badge of the Order of Merit.

Lady Thatcher's contribution to the political history of this country, and indeed her international reputation, are too well-known to need reciting here. Suffice it to say that she was the daughter of Alfred Roberts, a grocer in Grantham, Lincolnshire, her two grandfathers being allegedly a cobbler and a railway guard; and that she rose to be the first woman Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, a post she held from 1979 to 1990. She took her degree at Somerville College, Oxford, and was Conservative M.P. for Finchley 1959-92. She is Chancellor of Buckingham University, and of William and Mary College, Virginia.

Margaret Thatcher became a Lady Companion of the Order in 1995, the second L.G. ever to be appointed, the first being the late Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk. Her son Mark will succeed to the Baronetcy awarded to her husband Denis Thatcher in 1991.

### **32. Sir Edmund Percival Hillary, K.G., O.N.Z., K.B.E.**

Blazon: Azure a chevron embowed between two chevronels embowed in fess Argent all between three prayer wheels bendwise Or.

Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing reached the summit of Mount Everest on 29 May 1953, just in time for the news to reach England before the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953. Sir Edmund was made K.B.E. that year in honour of his achievement, and went on to make many further daring expeditions in the Himalayas and elsewhere.

He did not take steps to obtain a Coat of Arms until he was made a Knight of the Garter in 1995. It then became necessary, as the Statutes of the Order require every Knight to display banner, Crest and stallplate in St George's Chapel. The embowed chevron and chevronels obviously represent mountain peaks, whilst the three Tibetan Buddhist prayer wheels allude to Nepal's principal religion. His Crest is a New Zealand kiwi wielding an ice axe, and his Supporters are emperor penguins, recalling that he has been an Antarctic explorer as well as a mountaineer.

Sir Edmund was born in 1919, and educated at Auckland Grammar School. He spent many years as an apiarist, or bee keeper, before and after the War, during which he served in the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

The Everest expedition of 1953 was one of many which took him to the Himalayas, and it was highly appropriate that he was appointed New Zealand High Commissioner to India, Nepal and Bangladesh 1985-88. He also led expeditions to the Antarctic, such as the overland journey to the South Pole in 1958, and the 1967 Antarctic expedition which included the first ascent of Mount Herschel. He explored the Himalayan rivers and the Ganges in jet boats, and built the first hospital for Sherpas in the Everest area.

Sir Edmund has written and lectured extensively, and he chose as his heraldic motto the title of his autobiography, *Nothing Venture, Nothing Win*. A Director of the World-Wide Fund for Nature, of which The Duke of Edinburgh is President, Sir Edmund was accorded the rare privilege for a commoner of having The Duke as one of his supporters at his Garter Investiture, Lord Hunt being the other.

He is one of only three New Zealanders to have become Knights of the Garter, the others having been Lord Elworthy in 1977, and Sir Keith Holyoake in 1980. He is also a founder member of the Order of New Zealand, which was instituted in 1987. Like the Order of the Garter and the Order of Merit, it is very select, with a single grade and a membership of only twenty.



### **33. Andrew Robert Buxton (Cavendish), Duke of Devonshire, K.G., M.C., P.C.**

Blazon: Sable three buck's heads caboshed Argent.

The Duke claims descent from John Cavendish of Cavendish in Suffolk, Chief Justice of the King's Bench and Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, who was brutally murdered by the rebellious mob at Bury St Edmunds during the Peasants' Revolt of 1381.

The earliest entry relating to the family in the Heralds' Visitations occurs in the Derbyshire Visitation of 1611, and is headed by Thomas Cavendish of Cavendish, father of George and William. The former became a devoted servant of Cardinal Wolsey, whose biography he wrote. The latter, who was knighted in 1546, held various offices under King Henry VIII during the Dissolution of the Monasteries, from which he prospered. His fortune was further augmented by his third marriage to the famous heiress, Elizabeth (Bess) of Hardwick.

The family are entitled to quarter her arms and several others, but it was decided that the simple arms of Cavendish alone would be most suitable for the current Duke's banner and stallplate.

In the record of the 1611 Visitation, the antlers or attires of the bucks are gold, but they are often silver as on the present banner. The Crest is a "serpent nowed proper", usually depicted, as above the present Duke's stall in St George's Chapel, as a knotted and writhing green snake.

Fourth in descent from Sir William Cavendish and Bess of Hardwick was another William, who was made Duke of Devonshire in 1694, one of the nine dukedoms created by King William III in the space of six years. The first Duke of Devonshire had been made a Knight of the Garter in 1689, and all the subsequent Dukes have been similarly honoured, the present (11th) Duke having been appointed in 1996 in his seventy-seventh year.

He served in the Coldstream Guards in the Second World War, won the M.C., and subsequently had a distinguished career in politics, in which he achieved ministerial rank. He has also been prominent in the racing world, and active in many charitable causes. His wife Deborah is a daughter of the 2nd Lord Redesdale, and one of the celebrated Mitford sisters, who include the author Nancy Mitford.

The Tercentenary of the Dukedom was celebrated with great panache in 1994, when guests came from far and wide to watch an outdoor historical pageant and a dramatic display of fireworks.

### **34. Sir Timothy James Alan Colman, K.G.**

Blazon. Ermine on a pale rayonny Or between two crosses flory Sable a lion rampant Gules.

Sir Timothy's ancestors have been traced with certainty back to the seventeenth century at Wymondham in Norfolk. The name is perhaps better known in modern times in connection with the famous mustard, made by the family firm in Norwich. An earlier coat of arms was replaced by the present version in 1911, when the family's

descent from the Colmans of Wymondham was established.

Shortly after Sir Timothy became a Knight of the Garter in 1996, the following Supporters were added to his arms: on the dexter side a sea lion (representing among other things the royal lion in the arms of Norfolk, of which county Sir Timothy is Lord Lieutenant, and the lions in the arms and Supporters of his wife's brother, Lord Strathmore); and on the sinister side a sea horse Or, each creature supporting an ostrich feather Argent pennoned Gold (from the arms of Norfolk County Council). The sea horse represents Sir Timothy's service in the Royal Navy and his interest in sailing and riding.

These Supporters were granted by Letters Patent dated 23 April (St George's Day) 1997, and they stand on a grassy mound from which grow poppies and Norfolk lavender.

In 1951 Sir Timothy married Mary Cecelia, niece of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, and sister of the 17th Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne. In 1974 she and her twin sister were given precedence as the daughters of an Earl, which would have been theirs if their father had survived to inherit the title.

Sir Timothy was educated at R.N.C. Dartmouth and at Greenwich, retiring as Lieutenant R.N. in 1953. During a subsequent career in business, he became Chairman of Eastern Counties Newspaper Group Ltd, and was a Director of Reckitt and Colman plc, Whitbread plc, and Anglia Television Group plc. A Life Trustee and past Chairman of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, he is also Pro-Chancellor and former Chairman of the Council of the University of East Anglia, of which University he was made an Honorary Doctor of Civil Law in 1973. A lifelong interest in the countryside is reflected in his service as a member of the Countryside Commission, and the Advisory Committee for England of the former Nature Conservancy. Chairman of the Norfolk Naturalists' Trust from 1962-74, he was also Chairman of the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association from 1985-96. His recreations have included sailing, and he held the World Sailing Speed Record with CROSSBOW from 1972-86.

A Justice of the Peace, he was High Sheriff of Norfolk in 1970, and has been Lord Lieutenant since 1978.

## PUBLICATIONS

The Society publishes three books on St George's Chapel, of which details are given on the Membership Application form on page 357. They are for sale at the Information Desk in the Chapel, or at the Curfew Tower.

The series of Historical Monographs relating to St George's Chapel, published by the Chapter, is available from the Chapel bookshops, or by post from St George's Chapel Bookshop Ltd., 86, The Cloisters, Windsor Castle, Berks., SL4 1NJ.



## MORE THAN HUMAN ?

Look up at the south-west corner of the outside of the Chapel (you will need a pair of reasonably strong binoculars) and you will see, carved in stone, some familiar faces (see Plates II and III). Carved, if not for eternity, then certainly for some considerable time, are the faces of the Dean, Canons White, Stanesby, Moxon and Gunner, the Chapter Clerk, the Virger and the Clerk of Works. Why? Because this is all part of the rolling repair work which the Friends are generously financing. The intention is to repair and renovate the stonework on the outside of the Chapel, attempting one bay each year. However, urgent repairs can and do interrupt this regular progress of work.

Last year some pinnacles had to be replaced because they were becoming dangerous. These pinnacles were topped with what are popularly known as gargoyles, or, more correctly, grotesques. A gargoyle is defined as a spout, and often represents a human or animal figure projecting from the gutter of a building to carry the rainwater clear of the walls. A grotesque is a similar carving, but has no useful function. Both with grotesques and gargoyles, the representative figure could be of a known person, and that tradition has been observed in the new pinnacles at St George's. Whether it is considered that the new likenesses do represent the members of the Chapter must be left for you to judge!

For a detailed discussion on the gargoyles of St George's Chapel, interested readers can refer to an article by the late Shelagh Bond in the Friends' *Report* of 1956. I do recommend it as a most fascinating read.

Another interesting piece of work funded by generous donors is the repair and regilding of the flèche, the wrought-iron cross on the roof of the Crossing, where it was originally intended that a tower should be built. There is no mention of the flèche in Sir W. St John Hope's *Windsor Castle*. A flèche is however shown on John Norden's view of Windsor Castle seen from the north (1607), (see 1995-96 *Report*, Plate IV) and in Wenceslaus Hollar's 'The Prospect of St George's Chapell from the South' (c.1672).

In Sir Harold Brakspear's report of 1918 to the Dean and Canons, he refers to the "wrought-iron weather vane" in the middle of the roof over the Crossing. As part of his restoration work on the roof he recommended that "an ornamental wrought-iron and copper weathervane, on the lines of the original, be fixed in the middle".

It has been known for some time that the flèche needed repair work done to it. That has now been carried out, and the regilding means that it can catch the eye of the visitor and the rays of the sun (see Plate I) standing as a symbol of the Christian faith to which the Chapel is a compelling witness. To have restored the flèche in time for the 650th Anniversary of the Order of the Garter in 1998 is a very satisfying achievement.

Michael Moxon, Canon Steward (until September 1997).



Plate I: The newly-gilded flèche over the Crossing of the Chapel (see page 336).





a. Canon Stanesby and Col. Newman, Chapter Clerk.



c. The Dean and Fred Wilson, Clerk of Works.



b. Canons Gunner and Moxon.



d. David Wilson, Virger, and Canon White.

Plate II: The new Chapter grotesques on the east and west sides respectively of the Antelope (a & b) and Falcon (c & d) Pinnacles (see page 336).

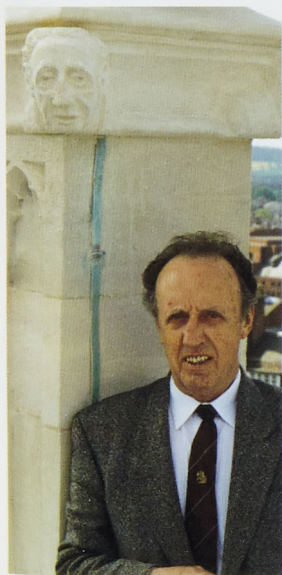


Plate III: "Guess who's who!"

- a. (top) Canon Stanesby, Col. Newman, and Canon Gunner.
- b. (left) Fred Wilson.
- c. (above) The Dean, Canon White, and David Wilson.





Plate IV: The High Altar dressed with the new Phoenix Altar Frontal (see page 343).



Plate V:

The Military Knights of Windsor with their Governor on the West Steps of the Chapel, 1st June 1997.

*Back row:* (left to right) Maj. R.J. de M. Gainther, Lt Col. R.R. Giles, Maj. R.J. Moore, Brig. T.W. Hackworth, O.B.E.;

*Middle row:* Maj. J.C. Cowley, O.B.E., D.C.M., Maj. G.R. Mitchell, M.B.E., B.E.M., Lt Col. R.L.C. Tamplin, Maj. P.B. Bolton, M.B.E.;

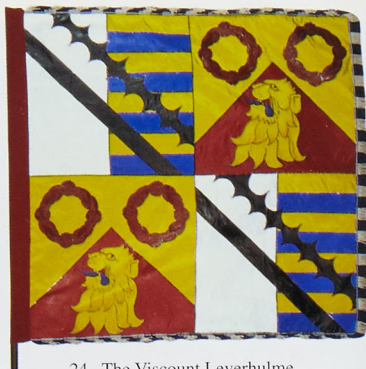
*Front row:* Maj. W.L. Thompson, M.V.O., M.B.E., D.C.M., Brig. A.L. Atkinson, O.B.E., Maj. Gen. P.A. Downward, C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C.,

(Governor of the Military Knights), Brig. J.F. Lindner, O.B.E., M.C., Maj. L.W. Dickerson.





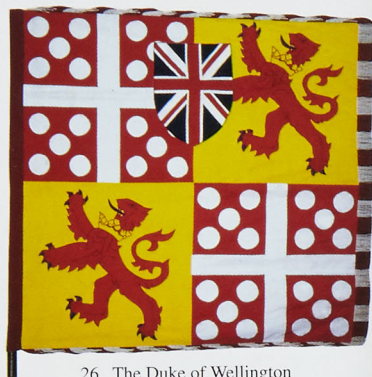
23. H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester



24. The Viscount Leverhulme



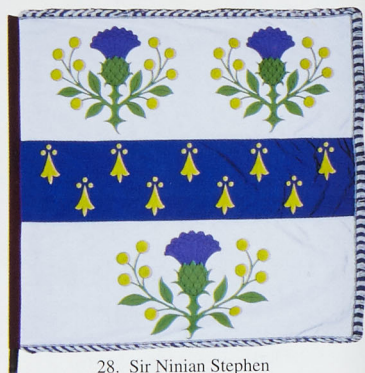
25. The Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone



26. The Duke of Wellington



27. The Viscount Ridley



28. Sir Ninian Stephen



29. The Lord Kingsdown



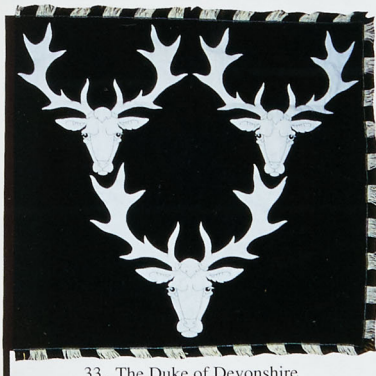
30. The Lord Ashburton



31. The Lady Thatcher



32. Sir Edmund Hillary



33. The Duke of Devonshire



34. Sir Timothy Colman





Plate VIII: a. (top):  
The West end of  
St George's Chapel.

b. (right):  
The West end of Bath Abbey,  
its near-contemporary, with  
angels on the ladders  
(see pages 337 ff.).



## BISHOP OLIVER KING AND HIS WORK AT WINDSOR AND BATH ABBEY

by  
the Very Reverend PATRICK MITCHELL

Oliver King grew up and was educated in full view of two famous perpendicular churches at the time of their actual construction: Eton College Chapel and the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge. This experience influenced and inspired him for the rest of his life. Much later, he became a Canon of Windsor and witnessed the construction of a major part of St George's Chapel. Shortly before he died, he himself commissioned one of the last great Gothic churches: the present building popularly known as Bath Abbey, which was actually the Priory Church at the time, on its ancient monastic site with a history stretching back to Saxon times and including the Coronation of the first King of all England, Edgar, in the year 973. Although he did not live to see that building finished, he took a close interest in every detail of its construction in the early years.

King's first experience was as a boy at Eton between the years 1445 and 1449,<sup>1</sup> roughly five and a half centuries ago. Eton College had been founded by King Henry VI only a few years before the young Oliver's arrival. The King himself laid the foundation stone of the Chapel in 1442. On 14th October 1443, Thomas Bekynton (newly appointed Bishop of Bath and Wells) celebrated his first Mass as a Bishop under a pavilion at an altar on the spot where Henry VI had laid the first stone in "the new church of the Blessed Mary", *nondum semiconstructa* (not yet half finished).<sup>2</sup> He had just been consecrated in the old parish church of Eton, from which he went in procession to the unfinished College Chapel for the Mass. Bekynton's link with Eton was a close one, because it was he who acted as the chief agent for the King over the endowment of the College, being the King's private secretary.<sup>3</sup>

The history of the building of Eton College Chapel is very confused. The King changed his mind more than once. He altered the proportions. The building grew in his imagination until it had a large Quire, Transepts, Central Tower and West Front, which would have reached some way down the present Keate's Lane. At the same time, Henry expressly forbade too much ornamentation or elaborate detail. The evidence makes it likely that the first building was pulled down in 1448, long before it was finished, and a fresh start made on larger, but simpler, lines. If so, Oliver King would have witnessed the construction of the first Chapel, as far as it went, and would then have watched its demolition during his few years at Eton; and if he left in 1449, he would just have seen the beginning of the present College Chapel, which is merely the Quire of the vast edifice which King Henry envisaged. The rest was never built, though an Ante-Chapel occupies the site of the intended Crossing. John Smyth was named as Master Mason at Eton in February 1448, in the estimate for the enlarged design of the Chapel. He worked there till 1453, when he became Master Mason of Westminster Abbey.<sup>4</sup>

Royal work ceased at Eton in 1461, when Henry VI was deposed. His successor, Edward IV, proposed to annex Eton College to the College of St. George in Windsor, and he actually procured a papal bull sanctioning the union of the two foundations. In 1467 he was persuaded to restore some of the plundered possessions to Eton. (Tradition says it



was the King's mistress, Jane Shore, who did the persuading.) By then there was no hope of enough money to complete the buildings on the scale envisaged by Henry VI.<sup>5</sup> So the Quire remains alone as a fragment of what might have been. When Oliver King became a Canon of Windsor in 1480, he must have been keenly conscious of his old School across the river, which St George's had so nearly absorbed some twenty years before.

Another link between Eton and Oliver King is William Vertue, whom he would have known as a leading mason at St George's, Windsor, and who with his brother Robert designed vaults for Bath Priory. William was one of the three designers for Lupton's Tower and Range between 1517 and 1520.<sup>6</sup> He was also consulted over the vaults for King's, Cambridge. At Eton again he almost certainly designed Lupton's Chapel, opening off College Chapel, which was completed in 1515, with its fan-vault.<sup>7</sup>

From Eton the young Oliver went on to King's College, Cambridge, in 1449. He again witnessed the earliest stages in the building of King's Chapel, where King Henry VI had personally laid the foundation stone on 25th July 1446. Here the work was even slower than at Eton. Construction began in 1448, just one year before Oliver's arrival. The work, interrupted by the Wars of the Roses, continued under Edward IV, Henry VII, and Henry VIII. Eventually the shell of the great work was completed by 1515.

Here the famous fan-vaults were designed by John Wastell, designer of Bell Harry Tower at Canterbury and almost certainly of the New Works in the Retroquire at Peterborough, and closely connected with the great Abbey Church at Bury St Edmunds.<sup>8</sup> One element of design at King's College is not familiar to visitors or residents in Cambridge. This is the great tower planned for the Chapel. It was never built; but the drawing, probably made about 1448, has survived. The designer was perhaps Reginald Ely.<sup>9</sup>

After Cambridge and Ordination, Oliver King had a growing number of appointments. He seems to have remained in Cambridge in a senior academic capacity. He was a Proctor. He gained a Doctorate of Canon Law in 1473, and a Doctorate of Civil Law in 1475. These qualifications opened the way for a career in Church and State. He entered the Royal Service in 1476 as French Secretary to Edward IV. We have to remember that the English kings at this date were kings of France as well: so the French Secretary was an important officer of state.

In 1480 he was appointed a Canon of Windsor in the Eleventh Stall. There were, at that time, twelve Canons of Windsor in addition to the Dean; and many of them held royal or political appointments. He remained a member of the Chapter at Windsor till his death in 1503. The archives of the College of St George reveal, in the Treasurer's rolls, regular payments to him for the whole year until 1492/3, when he is described as "Lord Bishop" (of Exeter); but payments became more rare when he became Bishop of Bath and Wells, though they did not entirely cease. Unfortunately there are considerable gaps in the College records for King's later years.<sup>10</sup> As was customary at the time for major ecclesiastics, he held various additional appointments in places which he seldom if ever visited: prebends at York, Hereford and St. Paul's besides three archdeaconries. In 1491 he became Dean of Hereford. He was Rector of St. Paul's, Calais! In Windsor, he was Register of the Order of the Garter, a task which he certainly did fulfil. When he was consecrated Bishop of Exeter in 1492, he continued to spend most of his time in the King's service.

In 1495 he was translated to Bath and Wells, and he held the see till his death eight years later in 1503. At first he found little time to visit his Diocese in Somerset; but all that

changed from 1499 onwards, as we shall see in discussing his work in Bath. The last four years of his life saw an amazing burst of energy on a new front.<sup>11</sup>

To understand Oliver King's architectural surroundings during his period at Windsor, it is best to look at an aerial view of the Castle. In spite of Wyattville's romantic alterations to the skyline, the basic contours of the Castle are the same today as they were in the fifteenth century; and at the heart of the complex of buildings lie the College and Chapel of St George. The College was founded in 1348 by Edward III; but the present Chapel was not begun till 1475, just five years before Oliver became a Canon. So again he arrived in time to witness the building of a major church, which was hardly finished by the time of his death. St George's Chapel was highly important for the influence which it had later on the present Bath Priory, and also on the Henry VII Chapel at Westminster Abbey.

The vault of the Crossing, built in 1528, completed the complex series of vaults at Windsor. It is not often realised how varied they are. There are certainly five distinct systems. They all had an ancestry elsewhere, and they were all influential for subsequent work. The ultimate achievement in the field of vaulting was Henry VII's Chapel at Westminster, which uses every device of daring construction, elaborate filigree carving and pendants.

At Windsor, an opportunity arose in February 1995, to study the Quire Vault in detail from scaffolding during cleaning. As a result, the Consultant Archaeologist, Mr Tim Tatton-Brown, produced an important article on the whole history of the vaults in St George's Chapel.<sup>12</sup> He quotes at length the very detailed contract, dated 5th June 1506, with John Hylmer and William Vertue for the vault. This shows that it is very far from the truth to imagine that mediaeval masons simply built in faith and hardly needed plans or drawings.

The work was due to take two and a half years, and to be finished by Christmas 1508. This vault replaced an earlier wooden one (a similar story to the Quire of Bath Priory) so it was not part of the original plan. The only sad result of having such a glorious stone vault is that the eastern pendant obscures the fine carving of the Holy Trinity at the head of the arch of the East window of St George's.

The significant feature of the vaults in the Nave and Quire is their flat profile and their great span. The proportion of Nave to Aisles is roughly 3:1, rather than the usual 2:1. The wide span is exceeded only at Cambridge, where King's Chapel vault is two hundred and eighty nine feet long, eighty feet high and forty-four and a half feet in span, with thirteen fans each side. Such vaults were daring in construction, carefully planned; and the flying buttresses and pinnacles in Windsor are decidedly necessary to support the vaults.<sup>13</sup>

Sometime in the 1490's, Oliver King built his own Chapel as an adjunct to St George's. It lies in the angle between the South Transept and the South Quire Aisle. There was never a chantry established in this little Chapel; and the Bishop is almost certainly not buried in it, although he may have originally intended to be. The inside of the Chapel has interesting features in the stained glass and the wall-paintings.

Outside the little Chapel, in the South Quire Aisle of the main Chapel, are four important paintings of royal people, all of whom Oliver King served as Private Secretary (Richard III is omitted because he briefly deprived him of his offices and imprisoned him for his association with Lord Hastings). These paintings have recently been cleaned by Elizabeth Hirst, and the results are impressive. The paintings were done in or about 1493, when



King had recently become Bishop of Exeter, and that fact is mentioned in the mediaeval inscription below the paintings. They represent:

Prince Edward (son of Henry VI);

King Edward IV;

King Edward V (murdered in the Tower, and shewn with his crown suspended above his head because he was never crowned);

King Henry VII.

Two major works at St George's Chapel were never achieved. The first was the vaulting in stone of the intended Lady Chapel (now the Albert Memorial Chapel, but incorporating a part of Henry III's Chapel of the 1240's). There was an ambitious plan for the vault, but it was never attempted. The second was the central Tower over the Crossing of the main Chapel. Externally, this is a great loss to the long profile of the building. No drawing survives, but we know the Tower was intended; and even into the reign of Henry VIII there were attempts to raise the money. Internally, a lantern tower would have produced a pool of light in the Crossing. As it was, even with the generous gifts of Sir Reginald Bray, the King was hard pressed to complete the Nave. Bray was perhaps the richest and most influential layman of his day. He arranged the marriage between Henry, Earl of Richmond, and Princess Elizabeth, thus uniting Lancaster and York, and securing the crown for Henry VII, who made him a Knight of the Garter. Bray controlled many of the royal building operations. He helped to lay the foundation stone of the Henry VII Chapel in Westminster in January of 1503, just a few months before Oliver King died. His rebus (a hemp-bray) occurs all over St George's Chapel and he made a significant contribution to Bath Priory.

On 15th July 1499, as Bishop of Bath and Wells, Oliver King paid his first visit to Bath. He was not impressed. Prior Cantlow was in charge. He was an old man and dispirited, and he died a month later. Already in 1482 he had written that Bath Priory was "in grete povertie for manye causes" including the "soden ruyn of the most of the church of the said Priorye [and] the charges and costs of repare." For eleven years from 1485 to 1496 the Priory was excused paying tenths to the Crown as a poor house with ruinous buildings.<sup>14</sup> So when the Bishop paid his first visit, the place was indeed in a sorry state.

The new Bishop did not sit down under the situation. He decreed that "the expenditures of the revenues of the Prior and Convent be reduced and the residue absolutely expended in erecting a new church." About this time he had a dream.<sup>15</sup> He saw angels ascending and descending, as in Jacob's dream in Genesis. He saw the Church rebuilt by an olive tree and a crown, which he took to refer to himself and the peace of Henry VII. A voice said: "Let an OLIVE establish the Crown and let a KING restore the Church." These symbols, the Olive and the Crown, are carved on the West Front of the present Priory Church which he initiated, and the turrets carry ladders with the angels ascending and descending. (It is amusing to note how the latter are shown going down head-first.)

A local factor has to be taken into account. The West Country has its own distinctive architectural tradition; and there is a striking example in the beautiful parish church of St Bartholomew in Crewkerne. Among the many fine elements there the West Front is supreme. It seems to be linked with the work of William Smyth, who also worked at Sherborne Abbey, Milton Abbey and Wells Cathedral (Stillington Chapel and Crossing Vault).

Oliver King had the good sense to plan his new church on a modest scale, seeing that

so many ambitious works of the period were left unfinished, and the finances of the monks were in a dire state. The present Church, though tall and impressive, only occupies the site of the Nave of the Norman Church. He did not even encroach on the area of the Transepts; and the Norman arch still surviving at the East end of the South Quire Aisle originally led into the Norman Transept from the Norman Aisle.

Work began in 1499, helped by the fact that a new and energetic Prior succeeded Cantlow in that year. This was William Birde. In 1500 the Bishop wrote to him with explicit instructions for the building, and Birde kept the workmen busy till he died in 1525, long after the Bishop's lifetime. His successor, Prior Holloway (alias Gibbs), also kept the work going; but he proved to be the last Prior of Bath. The Dissolution came inevitably, and he signed the deed of surrender on 27th January 1539/40. He was allowed to remain in the Prior's House with a pension of £80 a year. There "he continued his alchemy and his researches on the thermal waters and towards the discovery of the Philosopher's Stone." Before the surrender, he spent a great sum on the fabric.

While the Bishop was still alive, he supervised the work with interest and energy. However, he could not live in Bath. The Palace there had been rented out since 1336 because it was no longer needed for a bishop who lived mainly in Wells. The buildings were ruinous, though the Bishop retained the right to stay there on occasion.<sup>16</sup> King's next recorded visit to Bath was a long visit in the Spring of 1502. Probably the foundations were laid by then. In March he held an Ordination in the old Norman Lady Chapel.

In January 1503, the Bishop was back in Bath, and he stayed for six months. Robert and William Vertue visited him there to discuss the Quire Vault. They assured him: "Ther shal be noone so goodely, neither in england nor in france." Three letters from Oliver King to Sir Reginald Bray were found in the Muniment Room of Westminster Abbey by Dean Armitage Robinson, and published with a commentary by him. Two are written from Bath and one from the Palace in Wells. They reveal fascinating details about masons, including the Vertues, about bringing glass from France, and the price of it, and about plans for chantries. They show how influential Bray was nationally in procuring staff and materials, and helping to pay for them.<sup>17</sup>

Through the vision of Bishop King and the energy of successive Priors, helped by Sir Reginald Bray, and with the encouragement of the King, Bath Priory was eventually (long after King's death) brought to something like completion. The central Tower was built (unlike the towers in Windsor and Cambridge), and it is a design of great interest because it is not on a square plan but an oblong one. This raises various difficulties, but they are overcome triumphantly; and from this Tower we can perhaps reconstruct what might have been built in Windsor, where the Crossing is also oblong and not square. However, the vaults were far from finished by the time of the Reformation. They were later built in plaster in the Nave; and it was not till last century that they were finished in stone by Sir George Gilbert Scott.

In the little Chapel which he caused to be built at St George's, Windsor, in the 1490's is apparently Oliver King's tomb. His coat of arms<sup>18</sup> appears in the third panel from the left, balancing the shield of St George. The outer panels have 'O' and 'K' for his initials. Yet no chantry was ever established for him in this little Chapel, nor is there any record of funeral rites or record of burial. It is known that provision was made for a tomb in Bath Priory in the Quire, in the first arch on the north side next to the Altar. A vault was prepared,



but it was not used. The answer to the riddle lies in Wells, where the Escheator's accounts for 1502-3 include: "Oblations: at the burial of Oliver, Bishop of Bath and Wells.....ls Od." The archives of Wells Cathedral contain other provisions for an Obit, and they record benefactions from the Bishop to his Cathedral Church, including a silver-gilt image of St George weighing 48 ounces.<sup>19</sup> The evidence is clear: Oliver King was buried in Wells Cathedral; but where his grave may be is a continuing puzzle for future scholars to solve.

## Notes

1. Sir Wasey Sterry, *Eton College Register, 1441-1618* (1943), p.199.
2. H.M. Colvin, *History of the King's Works*, Vol.I (1963), p.283.
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4. John Harvey, *English Mediaeval Architects* (revised edition 1984), p.277.
5. H.M. Colvin, *op.cit.*, p.291.
6. H.M. Colvin, *op.cit.*, p.291. The others were Henry Redman and Humphrey Coke.
7. For William Vertue's complete career, see John Harvey, *op.cit.*, pp.307-309.
8. John Harvey, *op.cit.*, pp.316-325. He describes Wastell, as "Outside the royal masons ... perhaps the most significant figure in the last age of Gothic architecture in England."
9. The drawing is reproduced by John Harvey in *Gothic England* (1947), plate 115, facing p.101.
10. I am grateful to Dr Eileen Scarff, Archivist of the College, for supplying to me a list of fifteen entries from 1479-80 to 1499. Repairs to King's canonical house were still being carried out while he was Bishop of Exeter.
11. S.L. Ollard, *Fasti Wyndesorienses: The Deans and Canons of Windsor* (1950), p.146.
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16. Manco, *op.cit.*, p.92. See footnote 151.
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18. Argent on a chevron sable 3 escallop shells of the first. The charges may indicate that he had been on pilgrimage. The arms are wrongly depicted on the tomb, displaying a fess between two crowns, one in chief and as many in base.
19. *Calendar of the Manuscripts of the Dean and Chapter of Wells*, Vol. II (1914), *passim*. All entries are listed in the index.

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## THE PHOENIX FRONTAL

In 1996 the Friends made it possible for the white High Altar frontal to be restored. The frontal is a hundred years old and, even after careful conservation, it is apparent that the frontal should not continue to be used now as frequently as it was in the past, if the delicate fabric and embroideries are to be preserved for future generations. Again the Friends came to the help of the Chapter by offering to support the purchase of a new white frontal that could be brought into use on festival days which are not the very highest in the College calendar: for example, those following on Christmas Day and Easter Day.

The Canon Precentor was required by Chapter to discuss with Miss Thetis Blacker (an internationally-acclaimed artist in textiles, a member of the old Aesthetics Advisory Committee, and the specialist textile consultant with the new Fabric Advisory Committee) proposals for a new frontal. The Chapter were surprised and delighted when Miss Blacker suggested she present a design herself. The Chapter were doubly delighted when she presented her proposal for the frontal, which not only demonstrated her amazing sense of colour, but also proved to be an exciting contemporary work of art that was in total sympathy with what would be its ancient surroundings (see Plate IV).

The technique used by Miss Blacker is BATIK, a highly refined form of "tie-and-dye"(!), which uses applied wax to isolate areas of the cloth to be impregnated with colour. When the dye is fixed, the wax is removed and then reapplied to expose a different surface to be given another colour. This painstaking process is repeated many times over to build up the complex finished work. The fabric chosen for the St George's frontal, after careful scientific investigations had taken place, was an unusual silk and gold-lurex mixture. It is this textile base which gives extraordinary depth and vibrancy to the image.

The representation is that of the mythical Phoenix, the unique bird said to build its nest, at the end of its life, into a pyre on which it immolates itself, only to rise renewed out of the ashes. It does not take much imagination to realise why this creature was adopted by Christian artists in the past as a symbol of the Resurrection. Thetis Blacker's chosen subject also reflects the revival of the Castle after the devastating fire. Observant worshippers will also notice that the wood chosen by Miss Blacker for the nest of the Phoenix is from the oak tree, much used in the Castle restoration, and by ancient tradition the wood of the Cross itself.

Although she would not expect them, thanks must be given to Miss Blacker beyond those given in recognition of her inspired achievement. For she chose to make a gift of her labour to the Chapel (which work covered many months), and sent, therefore, a modest account which covered only the materials and "making-up" by Watt's and Coy. This gift was the equivalent of many thousands of pounds, though of course such a work of art cannot be given a monetary value. Miss Blacker is also to make a matching chasuble continuing the theme of symbolic birds, which will be another gift to the College, from an anonymous donor with some support from the Friends.

John A. White, Canon of Windsor and Precentor.



## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 66th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 3rd May 1997.

The Meeting was opened with a special prayer for Mr Tom Phillips, who had very unfortunately passed away that afternoon.

Approximately 500 members were present and were welcomed by the Dean.

### Matters arising from the last Annual General Meeting held on 4th May 1996

There were no matters arising.

### Annual Report & Account, 1995-1996

These had already been circulated to members in the recent *Annual Report*. The Dean thanked the Honorary Editor, Miss Bridget Wright, for her very hard work in putting together another excellent *Annual Report*, which was warmly endorsed by the Meeting. A motion, that the Report and Accounts be approved, was moved and accepted.

### Election to the Management Committee

Under the three-year rule Major Jim Eastwood, Mr Edwin Rodbard-Brown and Mrs John Williams were retiring, and were warmly thanked for their services. The Management Committee's recommendation, that Mrs Laurence Gunner, Mr Peter Begent, and Mr Alfred Fisher be elected for the next three years, was approved by the Meeting.

### Appointment of Honorary Officers

The Honorary Officers were thanked for their services by the Dean who, 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 Tim O'Donovan welcomed all those present and explained that, owing to the late start of the meeting, he would very briefly outline the arrangements for this afternoon. Once again the Governor of the Castle and Lady Palmer had very kindly agreed to open the Moat Garden for members and their friends, and the Military Knights of Windsor had agreed to steward. The Albert Memorial Chapel and the Bray Bookshop would also be open.

Tea would be served in the Dean's Cloister and the marquee on Denton's Commons. Members were asked to stagger their teas, and were assured that there would be plenty for the second sitting. Mr O'Donovan thanked the Assistant Secretary and all those who had helped in laying out and taking down tables and chairs, or by making sandwiches, serving teas and washing up. Christmas cards would be on sale at the Porch of Honour. Evensong would be in the Nave at 5.15 p.m., followed by an organ recital by Jonathan Rees-Williams, the Organist and Master of Choristers of St George's Chapel.

Mr O'Donovan concluded his remarks by thanking all those who had introduced new members during the course of the last year, and hoped that this good work would continue.

### The Dean's Address

The Dean opened his address by saying how much he personally valued the work of the Friends. Every member who came to the Chapel is welcomed as a partner in the great enterprise, which is based in the College of St George and united everyone in a world-wide fellowship. The Dean, on behalf of the Chapter, thanked everyone for their support in prayer and worship, interest, and financial support for

the fabric and furnishings. The Dean urged members to continue the good work and to persuade others to join the Friends.

The Dean said that it had been a pleasure to learn on St George's Day that The Queen was installing H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester as a Knight of the Garter on 16th June, and that the Honorary Secretary had just learned that morning that His Royal Highness had agreed to join the list of distinguished Vice-Presidents of the Friends.

The Dean then welcomed Canon Laurence Gunner and his wife Alegria to their first Annual Meeting, and another new member of the College, Military Knight, Major Robin Gainher, who had been installed on St George's Day. Later this year Canon and Mrs Derek Stanesby would be leaving the College, and the Dean expressed gratitude for their joint contribution over their twelve-year stay. The Warden of St George's House, Professor Richard Whitfield, would also be leaving.

The Dean then went on to outline how the money raised by the Society had been spent. He drew attention to the outside of the Chapel, to the new pinnacles at the high-roof level, immediately below the Beasts. They are intricate to carve, and therefore very costly; but their eroded condition makes replacement absolutely necessary, as they are structurally necessary as counterpoises to the thrust of the heavy stone vault of the Nave. Describing the eight small grotesques which enliven the top corners of the new pinnacles, the Dean explained that they represent the five members of the Chapter, the Chapter Clerk, the Virger and the Clerk of Works. He thought it unwise for one who is a subject of these carvings to venture an opinion about the likeness of the grotesques to their originals!

Thanks to the Friends, there is now new lighting in both Quire Aisles. This new development has been sensitively done, and it highlights the spectacular carvings of the roof-bosses, without over-accentuating them in the long vista of the aisle-vaults. The Friends have also paid for the re-pointing of the floor in the North Quire Aisle.

Turning to the future the Dean commended two attractive enterprises which he hoped members would be glad to support. The first was the cleaning of the fan-vault of the Crossing, with the arms of King Henry the Eighth and of twenty-seven Garter Knights of his time. It is planned to carry this out in 1998 to celebrate the 650th anniversary of the founding of the Order in 1348. This would link up with the recently-cleaned Quire Vault; sections of the vaulting which connect the fan-vault with the two Transepts, where the cleaning has already been done, would also be cleaned.

The Dean explained that the second enterprise, the restoration of the metal *flèche* which surmounts the Crossing on the outside, and is in the position where the central tower was originally planned, but never built, is perhaps an opportunity for an individual Friend who wishes to make a special gift to the Chapel. The *flèche*, forming an elaborate wrought-iron cross, is rusty and needs attention. It is an important feature of the Chapel, and states the religious nature of the building for countless visitors and worshippers. Investigation by the Surveyor has revealed that, under the present black paint, the Cross was originally gilded. The estimated cost of restoring and applying gold leaf is about £5,000. The Dean commended this project to any kind donor or donors who wanted to help St George's in a special way.

The Dean then thanked those members who had supported the School Appeal. The Lay Chairman, General Sir Patrick Palmer, had been indefatigable as Chairman of the Appeal. However, more financial help was still needed to meet the target of £2 million.

The Dean then went on to thank the Honorary Secretary, especially for the outings that he organised: this year had seen an enjoyable weekend visit to Peterborough and York, with a day visit to Canterbury planned in September, and a ten-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October. The Dean thanked Jane Speller, the Assistant Secretary, and all who worked in the Curfew Tower. Joan Biggs (Membership Secretary), Percy Taylor (Christmas card sales) and Brenda Bartovsky (Concert Secretary), together with the Honorary Treasurer, Eric Carr, Jack Speller (who engrossed new members' certificates) and Jane Carruthers-Hall for inscribing new members' names in the Book of Honour.

The Dean concluded by saying that he hoped everyone would enjoy the rest of the day, and thanked everyone for being *Friends*.

The Lay Chairman, General Sir Patrick Palmer, spoke briefly of his gratitude to all those who had so generously supported the School Development Appeal.

There being no further business, the Dean closed the meeting at 3.25 p.m.



## WORKS FUNDED BY THE SOCIETY

During its first sixty years, major works funded, wholly or partly, by the Society of the Friends and Descendants included:-

- Restoration of:** East and West windows;  
Hastings, Rutland, and Beaufort Chapels;  
Galilee Porch; West steps;  
Paving of Nave, Crossing, and North Quire Aisle;  
Dean's and Horseshoe Cloisters; Deanery Chapel;  
Organ; Curfew Tower clock;  
Tapestries; Mediaeval paintings, including Catherine Room;  
Altar Cross and Candlesticks;  
Manuscripts; refurbishment of Tower Record Room.
- Purchase of:** Copes, Altar Frontals, and sacramental silver;  
Christmas Crib figures; Embroidered panels for Rutland Chapel;  
Furnishings for Nave, and Edward IV, Oliver King and Rutland Chapels;  
New service books; a Book of Hours;  
New piano for Chapter Library.
- Installation of:** Pipeless heating system and new boilers;  
New wiring and fire alarm system;  
New lighting systems in Nave and Quire;  
Sound reproduction systems;  
Heating, air-conditioning, and bookcase glazing in Chapter Library.

Since 1991 the following have been funded:-

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| Nave Altar Rails.                              | Hastings Chapel Dossal hanging.             |
| Organ humidifier.                              | Repairs to four Pinnacles.                  |
| Renewal of Chapter Library roof.               | Restoration and repair of antique silver    |
| Restoration of Curfew Tower tenor bell.        | Verge.                                      |
| New Garter Mantle for Canon.                   | Cleaning stone in bay at South Door.        |
| New cassocks and gowns for Virger and          | Cleaning Quire Vault.                       |
| Sacristans.                                    | Regilding East Window Angels.               |
| Repairs to South Nave Aisle and Galilee Porch. | Paschal Candlestick.                        |
| Repairs to Bray Chapel roof.                   | Repairing silver-gilt and enamel            |
| Chapel alarm system.                           | Communion Jug.                              |
| Repairs and cleaning of Rutland Chapel roof.   | Cleaning the Bishop Panels.                 |
| New lighting for the Quire.                    | New hearing-aid loop in Chapel.             |
| Organ maintenance.                             | Cleaning the Royal Portraits.               |
| Albert Memorial Chapel carpet.                 | Restoration of Schorn Tower.                |
| Improvements to Chapel sound reproduction      | Restoration of sundial on Schorn Tower.     |
| system.  | New carpet for Organ Loft.                  |
| New lighting for the Nave.                     | Restoration of Pinnacles and grotesques.    |
| Cabinet for Prayer and Hymn Books.             | New lighting in North & South Quire Aisles. |
| New cupboard for Boys' Choir Vestry.           | New Organ Blower.                           |
| New shelves for Music Library.                 | Gilding of the Flèche.                      |
| Computer for Aerary.                           | Restoration of Festal Altar Frontal.        |
| New flue for Chapel boiler.                    | New White Altar Frontal.                    |

## GIFTS AND LEGACIES

(£50 and over)

To 30th September 1997

*The Society records with gratitude the receipt of the following gifts and legacies:*

£12,906.01	Legacy : Miss M.C. Mackay.
£2,000.00	Legacy : Mr B.W.J. Simpson.
£2,000.00	Anonymous contribution towards new Nave Chairs.
£1,000.00	Legacy : Mr P.J. Massey.
£1,000.00	Legacy : Miss M.K.B. King.
£824.95	Legacy : Miss Margaret Mackinnon Henderson.
£623.50	Final balance of Legacy from Miss H.M. Jones, M.B.E.
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£50.00	Gift : Sir Geoffrey & Lady de Bellaigue.
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£50.00	Beaconsfield Historical Society for lecture by the Dean.
£50.00	Gift : Mrs J.N. Pelissier.
£50.00	Gift : Mrs Margaret Whitby, in memory of Dame Joan Hammond.
£50.00	All Saints Luncheon Club, Odiham, for lecture by the Honorary Secretary on <i>The Work of the Royal Family.</i>
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A\$460	Gift from Australian Friends.
A\$120	Gift : Dr and Mrs J.F. Mitchell.
A\$100	Gift : The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire Association, N.S.W.
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£100	Gift : Dr Vita v. Wedel.
£100	Gift : Dr Adelheid v. Wedel.
£50	Gift : Herr Hermann Schaller.
<b>U.S.A.</b>	
\$2,504	Gift : The Donald L. Bevis Revokable Trust.
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\$100	Gift : Colonel Donald R. Perkins.
\$100	Gift : Mr Burton L. Showers.
\$100	Gift : Mr J.G. Hollifield.



# **LIST OF NEW MEMBERS** **1st October 1996 - 30th September 1997** **British Members**

† Ackroyd, J.M.	Fromme, A.
† Askey, Mrs J.	Fromme, Mrs J.
† Avery, Mrs C.	Furzer, A.
† Avins, J.M.G.	Furzer, Mrs G.
† Avins, Mrs S.C.	† Gardiner, Mrs J.
† Banks, G.E.	Giles, P.
† Banks, Mrs H.M.	† Giles, Lt Col. R.R.
Barlow, Miss D.E.	Goddard, Mrs L.O.
Birch, P.W.	Gorman, Mrs F.M.
† Brennan, I.G.	Gulwell, Mrs B.
† Britton, Mrs E.J.	† Hammett, Miss C.
Brooks, Miss A.	† Hammett, Miss J.
Brown, A.G.	† Hammett, Mrs M.
† Brown, M.W.	† Hammett, P.
† Brownlow of Belton, The Rt Hon. Lord	† Hammett, Miss S.
† Brunt, Mrs J.	† Hampson, Mrs G.
Bryers, Mrs M.	† Hart, G.L.
Bryers, P.	Hayden, Mrs E.J.
† Burden, N.	† Helget, Mrs B.W.
Carr, G.	† Hunt-Davis, Brig. M.G., C.B.E.
† Carter, Mrs J.	† Jeacock, M.
† Cater, Mrs G.B.	† Jenkins, Mrs S.
† Cave-Browne-Cave, T.M.	† Johnson, L.M.
† Coe, R.	Kelaart, Mrs A.
† Colley, Miss B.E.	Kerr, Mrs P.
Crawford-Smith, Mrs A.	Kimmel, Ms K.S.
Crawford-Smith, R.I.	† Kostrzewa, R.J.
Darling, Mrs B.	Kyriazis, Dr
† Davey, Mrs C.	Kyriazis, Mrs
Davidge, J.C.	Land, W.M.A.
Davies, Lt Col. M.F.	Lansiaux, Mrs A.C.
Davis, Mrs C.	Laursen, Mrs S.M.
Davis, P.J.	† Lawford, Mrs H.P.
† de La Grange Jordan de Sury, Mrs A.	† Leclerc, Mrs J.
† de La Grange Jordan de Sury, P.	Le Marchant, M.
de Maid, Mrs P.	† Leone, R.W.
† Dent, Mrs C.A.	† Lindsell, Mrs P.A.
Dobson, M.S.H., M.B.E.	Line, Dr D.H.
Dozin, D.J.	† Little, R.S.
† Dunn, T.	† Little, Mrs S.
† Ebsworth, Prof. E.A.V.	Long, C.J.
† Ebsworth, Mrs R.	† McLauchlan, M.M.
Freeman, Mrs C., S.M.T., F.R.G.S.	Macpherson-Grant, Mrs S.
Freeman, H., M.B.E., F.R.G.S.	† Maddocks, Mrs S.

- Manser, J.  
 Mansfield, Mrs G.  
 † Marshall, P.R.  
 May, Mrs C.M.  
 † Meighan, Mrs M.C.  
 Mitchell, A.H.  
 † Moore, R.G.  
 † Moreau-Feodorov, C.  
 Murphy, Mrs S.J.  
 Nason, Mrs B.  
 Nason, Major J.H.  
 † Niven, Dr A., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.G.P.  
 Norton, Mrs B.  
 Oates, Mrs M.M.R.  
 O'Flynn, Mrs L.  
 † Parsons, Mrs J.A.  
 Payne, D.  
 Penn, Mrs J.  
 Penn, K.  
 Phipps, Air Vice-Marsh L., C.B., A.F.C.  
 † Pilbrow, A.M., Eur.Ing., C.Eng.  
 Plumridge, G.S.  
 † Ponter, C.R.  
 Powell, Miss J.  
 Powell, Ms M.  
 Rawson, K.  
 Redford, Ms A.  
 Reilly, Mrs C.  
 Reilly, R.  
 † Rosario, Miss L.J.  
 Russell, Miss P.  
 † Ryder, W.J., Eur.Ing.  
 † Saunders, D.P.  
 † Saunders, Mrs Y.B.  
 Shepherd, Mrs A.  
 Shine, Mrs U.J.  
 † Short-Windsor, Mrs J.C.  
 † Simmons, Mrs D.St C.  
 † Skinner, H.L.  
 † Skinner, Mrs H.L.  
 † Slatter, D.J.  
 † Smith, Mrs P.  
 Snart, R.  
 † Stagg, S.A.  
 Steidl, Mrs R.  
 Stokes, V.G.  
 Sturt, H.  
 Sturt, Mrs H.  
 Sumner, Mrs M.I.  
 † Tarrant, Mrs J.  
 † Tarrant, S.S.  
 Taylor, Miss D.M.  
 Taylor, Mrs J.M.  
 † Thornton, R.  
 † Tonge, The Revd L.  
 Travess, B.  
 Tucker, Miss E.  
 † Tunks, L.L.  
 Tupholme, Mrs N.  
 † Vaughan-Williams, Mrs C.  
 † Walton, Mrs H.W.  
 Watson, W.M.  
 Webster, J.  
 Webster, Mrs M.  
 † West, D., B.E.M.  
 † West, Mrs G.M.  
 † West, Mrs M.W.  
 † Wheatley, Miss G.S.  
 † Williams, Mrs A.C.  
 Wills, Mrs A.  
 Wood, Mrs J.  
 Worth, Mrs P.C.  
 † Wyatt, R.G.B.  
 Yearsley, Mrs A.V.  
 Yearsley, R.B.  
 † Youell, N.  
 Youle, Mrs D.M.  
 † Young, Mrs J.  
 Young, Ms L.

### British Descendents

- † Burn, Dr A.J.  
 † Hawkins, Miss L.C.  
 † Lee, J.S.  
 † Northridge, Miss P.A.M.  
 † Northridge, R.E.H.  
 † Prichard, D.C.M.



## Now Life Members

Brown, Mrs M.  
Chanot, Mrs S.M.  
Church, D.  
Clarke, D.H.  
Cummings, K.T.

Dennis, J.A.C.  
Fisher, C.B.R.  
Goddard, Mrs K.  
Maitland-Flanagan, R.M.  
Waysbury History Group

## Australian Friends

† Adams, Mrs R.  
† Barrington, D.  
Carter, A.  
Carter, I.  
Carter, T.  
Ellwood, D.

Medhurst, Mrs J.  
Nott, R.  
† Num, Dr R., F.R.C.R., F.R.G.S.  
† Sullivan, Mrs Y.I.  
Teekens, P.T.

## Australian Descendant

† Taubman, S.P.

## Now Life Members

Billson, Prof. F.  
Billson, Mrs G.  
Leiper, Mrs P.

Macaulay, Mrs D.  
Moon, G.P.  
Taylor, G.W.

## Canadian Friends

† Cressell, T.C.  
Foo, G.  
Foo, J.Y.M., B.Sc.  
Foo, Mrs V.  
Linton, R.  
† Lloyd, Mrs B.J.

Mulrooney, J.E.  
Noonan, Ms N.  
Oakley, S.  
Shaafs, J.  
Smith, Ms M.

## American Friends

† Ansanelli, Dr V.  
† Ansanelli, Mrs V.  
† Bogart, A.L., Jr  
† Bogart, Mrs L.  
Brown, P.S.  
† Brown, R.D.  
† Clarke, Dr E.  
† Corbin, Ms S.  
† Gilkes, Mrs M.  
Goodwin, Mrs C.A.  
Goodwin, L.N.  
† Gross, Mrs B.  
† Gross, D.E.  
Hernandez, R.  
Hundley, B.R.B.

† Kasch, Ms J.A.  
† Kelly, D.F., K.C.H.S., C.L.J., K.M., N.N.  
Le Tourneau, Ms C.  
† Letson, W.N.  
† Margolin, Mrs J.  
† Morrison, Mrs A.  
† Pascucci, R.  
† Pascucci, Mrs R.  
Pasley, Mrs L.L.  
Pitts, Mrs N.A.G.  
Ramsey, Mrs B.B.  
† Schechter, M.  
† Schechter, Mrs S.  
† Scoroposki, Mrs L.  
† Simon, A.

† Simon, Mrs D.  
Taylor, R.T.  
† Treglia, J.E.

† Treglia, Mrs M.A.  
† Treloar, Mrs C.W.

### American Descendants

† Church, J.C.  
† Miller, Ms J.A.  
Pitts, N.C.  
† Pollard, J.W.S.

† Truluck, Dr J.P., Jr  
† Ward, Ms M.E.G.  
† Zumwalt, Ms J.T.

### Belgium

de Backer, Mrs M.

### Germany

† Berchmann, Dr J.M.K.

### France

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† Coxall, Miss M.P.

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† Life Member

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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 1997**

	1997		1996	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income:</b>				
Subscriptions .....		19,796		17,038
Add: Income Tax recoverable in respect of Covenanted Subscriptions .....		930		530
		20,726		17,568
Dividends, Interest and Tax recoverable .....		20,549		22,748
Received under Deed of Covenant from F.S.G. (Anniversary Sales) Ltd for the year ended 30th September 1997 and also Tax recovered .....		7,755		6,830
Donations and gifts .....		27,670		14,118
Surplus on Eton Action Fair and concert .....		406		892
		77,106		62,156
 <b>Office and similar expenses</b>				
Miscellaneous expenses and clerical assistance .....	17,480		16,271	
Business Rates .....		116		146
Postage and telephone .....		1,354		1,509
Cost of Annual Report including postage .....	10,083		10,362	
Less: Advertising Revenue .....	1,873	8,210	1,513	8,849
Printing and stationery .....		1,204		3,262
Expenses of Annual General Meeting .....		1,921		1,951
Hire of Stand for Garter Day .....	3,438		3,773	
Less: Contributions from members .....	2,703	735	1,972	1,801
Bank charges .....		745		689
Auditor's Honorarium .....		881		822
Donations .....		210	452	35,752
		44,250		26,404
		18,310		11,275
		62,560		37,679
<b>Net increase in value of investments .....</b>		200,259		198,869
<b>Balance of Accumulated Fund at 30th September 1996 .....</b>		262,819		236,548
 <b>Restoration and similar expenses</b>				
Nave Pinnacles .....	13,000			
North and South Quire Aisle Lighting .....	7,000			
Organ Blower .....	1,500			
Victorian Festal Altar Frontal .....	7,750			
Purchase of Festal Altar Frontal .....	2,000			
Gilding the Flèche .....	2,750	34,000		36,289
<b>Balance of Accumulated Fund at 30th September 1997 .....</b>		<u>£228,819</u>		<u>£200,259</u>

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 145 new Life Members this year making a contribution of £100 each.

## GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1997

	1997		1996	
	£	£	£	£
<b>At 30th September 1997 the General Fund consisted of:</b>				
<b>Quoted Investments - at market value</b>				
Fixed Interest Stocks .....	46,267		44,509	
Ordinary Stocks and Shares .....	<u>106,920</u>	153,187	<u>74,161</u>	118,670
<b>Balance with Barclays Bank plc</b>				
Current Account .....	8,389		8,167	
Higher Interest Business Account .....	<u>57,566</u>	65,955	<u>37,213</u>	45,380
<b>Balance with Laing &amp; Cruickshank</b> .....		6,260		22,466
<b>Cash in Hand</b> .....		1		13
<b>Amounts owing to the Society</b>				
Sundry Debtors .....	2,692		4,185	
Income Tax repayable .....	4,029		7,946	
Loan to F.S.G. (Anniversary Sales) Ltd. ....	<u>2,500</u>	9,221	<u>2,500</u>	14,631
		234,624		201,160
<b>Less: Sundry creditors</b> .....		<u>5,805</u>		<u>901</u>
		<u>£228,819</u>		<u>£200,259</u>

## CAPITAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1997

	1997	1996
	£	£
<b>Total of Accumulated Fund at 30th September 1996:</b> .....	284,726	253,140
<b>Add:</b>		
Life membership fees .....	12,596	14,691
Profit on sale of 'The Romance of St George's Chapel', 'A Pocket Companion' and 'Young Person's Guide' .....	1,576	3,830
	<u>298,898</u>	<u>271,661</u>
<b>Net increase in value of investments</b> .....	33,150	13,065
<b>Total of Accumulated Fund at 30th September 1997</b> .....	<u>332,048</u>	<u>284,726</u>
<b>At 30th September 1997 the Capital Fund Consisted of:</b>		
Quoted investments - at market value .....	245,729	206,384
<b>Balance with Barclays Bank plc</b>		
High Interest Business Account .....	38,962	23,488
<b>Balance with Laing &amp; Cruickshank</b> .....	37,593	43,788
<b>Unsold Copies - At Cost</b>		
'The Romance of St George's Chapel', 'A Pocket Companion' and 'Young Person's Guide' .....	9,764	11,271
	<u>332,048</u>	<u>284,931</u>
<b>Less: Sundry liabilities</b> .....	-	205
	<u>£332,048</u>	<u>£284,726</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 1997 from the books etc., and certify that they are in accordance therewith.

82, St John Street,  
London, EC1M 4JN.  
25th November 1997.

J.D. Spofforth  
Chartered Accountant  
Honorary Auditor



# F.S.G. (ANNIVERSARY SALES) LIMITED-PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1997

	1997		1996	
	£	£	£	£
Turnover .....		34,710		28,135
Less: Cost of Sales .....		26,164		20,537
		8,546		7,598
Administrative Expenses .....	896		840	
Other operating costs .....	20	916	64	904
Operating profit before taxation .....		7,630		6,694
Taxation .....		-		-
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation .....		7,630		6,694
Interest received on Higher Interest Business Account (gross) .....		126		134
		7,756		6,828
Deed of Covenant to the Society of the Friends of St George's (gross) .....		7,755		6,830
		1		(2)
Deficit at 30th September 1996 .....		(362)		(360)
Deficit at 30th September 1997 carried forward .....		£(361)		£(362)

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the losses above, and therefore no 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 deficit for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

## BALANCE SHEET - 30TH SEPTEMBER 1997

	1997		1996	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Current Assets:</b>				
Stocks at cost .....		7,248		6,023
Due by bankers .....		123		-
		7,371		6,023
<b>Less: Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year</b>				
Bank overdraft .....	-		3,060	
Corporation tax .....	-		-	
Accruals .....	5,229	5,229	822	3,882
<b>Net Current Assets</b> .....		2,142		2,141
<b>Creditors - Amounts falling due after more than one year</b> .....		2,500		2,500
		£(358)		£(359)
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>				
Called Up Share Capital .....		3		3
Profit and Loss Account .....		(361)		(362)
<b>Shareholders' Funds - (Equity Interests only)</b> .....		£(358)		£(359)

For the financial year ended 30th September 1997, the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985, and no notice has been deposited under section 249B(2). The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Act and preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985, so far as applicable to the company.  
In the preparation of the company's financial statements, the Directors have taken advantage of the special exemptions applicable to small companies provided by Part I of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985, and have done so on the grounds that, in their opinion, the company qualifies as a small company.  
The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on the date shown below and were signed on its behalf by:

T.C.M. O'DONOVAN } Directors  
E.P. CARR }

Date: 17th December 1997.

## ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS TO THE DIRECTORS OF F.S.G. (ANNIVERSARY SALES) LIMITED

As described on the balance sheet you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts for the year ended 30th September 1997 set out on the previous page, and you consider that the company is exempt from an audit and a report under section 249(2) of the Companies Act 1985. In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited accounts in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

82, St John Street,  
London, EC1M 4JN.  
17th December 1997.

MORGAN BROWN & SPOFFORTH  
*Chartered Accountants*

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## MILLENNIUM APPEAL

Following a very profitable year the Management Committee have decided to put aside £25,000 into a special account. If the circumstances allow, it is the intention for similar sums to be added to this special fund over the next two financial years, so that a sizeable sum will be available at the beginning of the new Millennium for a special restoration project recommended by the Dean and Canons; for example, the time is approaching when the organ will need an extensive refurbishment.

It is hoped that members will contribute to this special fund and cheques should be made payable to *FSG Millennium Fund* and sent to the Honorary Secretary. All donations over £25 will be acknowledged in the Annual Report.

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## 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 Codicil/Will, who should  
sign in the presence of the Testator both being present at the same  
time and in addition stating their address and occupation.

# APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name and Style. ....

Address .....

.....Postcode .....

## I WISH TO APPLY FOR \*DESCENDANT/\*FRIEND MEMBERSHIP

(\*Please delete as applicable)

**If applying for Descendant Membership, please provide  
proof of descent from a Knight of the Garter.**

ANNUAL U.K. + European Union not less than £10	£
LIFE U.K. + E.U. £100 : can be paid by:	
a. Single payment of £100 <input type="checkbox"/>	£
b. Two annual instalments of £50 <input type="checkbox"/>	£
c. Four instalments of £25, covenanted over 4 years <input type="checkbox"/> and paid by Banker's Order	see forms overleaf
ANNUAL OVERSEAS (non E.U.) not less than \$20 or equivalent in Sterling or overseas currency	\$
LIFE OVERSEAS (non E.U.) \$200	\$
..... Copies of <i>The Romance of St George's</i> (an authoritative illustrated history of the Chapel). Price £3.00 to include P. & P.	£
..... Copies of <i>The Pocket Companion</i> (a detailed guide to the Chapel following the route taken by a visitor, including much background material). Price £2.00 to include P. & P.	£
..... Copies of <i>A Young Person's Guide to the Chapel</i> (following the route taken by a visitor). Price £1.50 to include P. & P.	£
MEMBERSHIP BADGE	FREE
TOTAL	£

SIGNATURE: ..... DATE: .....

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## DEEDS OF COVENANT

For many years a large number of our U.K. members have enhanced considerably the value of their 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. By completing such a Deed, donors enable the Friends, as a Registered Charity, to recover Income Tax at the Standard Rate, 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 Standard Rate is currently 23%.

The current minimum period for Charitable Covenants is four years (or for the life-time of the donor, whichever be the shorter). Members may covenant for any longer period, should they so wish. As well as being a tax-efficient method of making annual subscriptions, payment under Covenant is an essential element of method c) for taking out Life Membership (see page 357).

Since April 1986 members who pay more than the Standard Rate of Income Tax have received relief against any Tax above the Standard Rate on all their Charitable Covenants. It cannot be overstressed that nothing is changed for the Charity, which is still able to recover only the basic 23% and no more.

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.

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.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS - British and other Overseas Members

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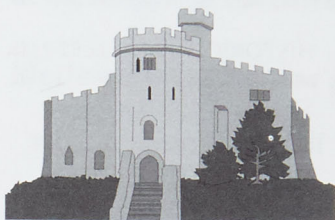
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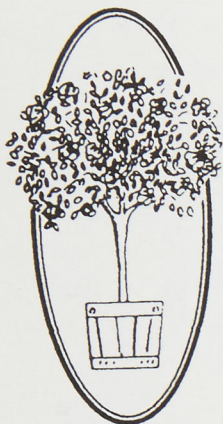


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