

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

Annual Report 2002/03



*Right:* The Blues and Royals on Garter Day on the West Front steps.

*Front Cover:* Henry VIII surrounded by a gathering of twenty-five Knights, from the Register or 'Black Book' of the Order of the Garter, compiled circa 1534.







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*(as at 30 September 2003)*

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The Lord Morris of Aberavon
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or declaration as K.G. or L.G. Names are  
in order of seniority within the Order).**



The arrangement of the  
Banners of the Knights and  
Ladies of the Garter  
is on p. 170.



# Membership of the Management Committee

At 30 September 2003

## Ex Officio or Representative

- 1 The Rt Revd David Conner,  
Dean of Windsor (*Chairman*)
- 2 Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns  
(*Lay Chairman*)
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- 4 Mr Andrew Goodhart  
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- 10 The Mayor, Councillor Dr Michael  
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- 11 Miss Patricia Lloyd (*Representative  
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- 12 (vacant)  
(*Representative of the Minor Canons*)
- 13 (vacant) (*Representative of the  
Descendants of the Knights of the Garter*)
- 14 (vacant) (*Representative of the Provost  
and Fellows of Eton College*)
- 15 Mr Roger Jones (*Headmaster of  
St George's School*)
- 16 Major General Sir Michael Hobbs  
(*Governor of the Military Knights  
of Windsor*)

## Elected Members

- 17 Mr Ralph Grenville (*2003*)
- 18 Mr Art Ramirez (*2003*)
- 19 Mr Andrew Try (*2003*)
- 20 Mrs Jan Hackworth (*2002*)
- 21 Air Vice-Marshal Leslie Phipps (*2002*)
- 22 vacant (*2002*)
- 23 Lady Johns (*2001*)
- 24 Mr Hugo Vickers (*2001*)
- 25 Mrs Jan Williams (*2001*)

## Co-opted Members

- 26 Mr Richard Russell (*representing  
St George's School Association*)
- 27 Mr Bill Topping  
(*Development Director*)

## In Attendance

- 28 The Revd Canon Laurence Gunner  
(*Canon Steward*)
- 29 The Revd Canon John Oviden  
(*Canon Chaplain*)
- 30 Miss Charlotte Manley (*Chapter Clerk*)
- 31 Miss Jane Speller (*Minutes Secretary*)

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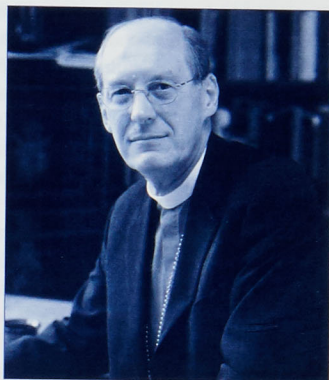




## The Dean's Letter

December 2003

Another year has passed, and life has been full, busy, demanding and rewarding for those of us who live and work within the College of St George in Windsor Castle. It is impossible (in the space available) to list and describe all the notable events of the past twelve months, but I should be entirely negligent not to mention the arrival of Nigel Hill as our new Honorary Secretary, and to wish him well at the start of his time amongst us. Equally, I want to note the appointment of our very first Canon



Emeritus in the person of Barry Thompson who, with his wife Liz, left us in the autumn of 2002. I should wish also to draw attention to the move of the Friends' Office from the Curfew Tower to the Canons' Cloister; to the fact that Jan Williams has been appointed our first woman Lay Steward; to the Royal Victorian Order Service in the Chapel in April 2003; to the Coronation Anniversary Concert in June; and to the launch of the College Website, financed by the Friends. On a more sombre note, I can perhaps let readers of this *Annual Report* know that many, many people attended daily Prayers, held in the Chapel in the course of the Iraq War. The seriousness of that period of conflict made us all well aware of the very special place that St George's Chapel is seen to hold in our national life.

Amongst our always very special annual moments was, of course, the Garter Service in June, when we welcomed as new Garter Knights Princess Alexandra, the Duke of Westminster, Lord Butler of Brockwell, and Lord Morris of Aberavon. It was good to remember that Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy had become Honorary Life Descendant members of the Society some years ago.

We have also welcomed others in the course of the last year. Bill Topping arrived in the autumn of 2002 as our new Development Officer. In December 2002, Liz Law took over as our Bookshop Manageress, and Julia Hudson accepted the position of Assistant Archivist. In January 2003, John Pritchard became one of our Sacristans. Later in the year, Military Knight David Axson took on the post of Secretary of the Guild of Stewards. As we moved into the autumn, Andrew Carter arrived as the new Warden of St George's House,

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Charlotte Manley came as our new Chapter Clerk, Henry Parkes settled amongst us as Organ Scholar, Alan Denman (with his wife Jane) moved in as the new Castle Superintendent, and Michael Boag came as our new Minor Canon and Succentor. In the course of the year, Deborah Waterfield came to work in the Chapter Office, Roxanne Hardie as Canon Gunner's Secretary, and Andrew Goodhart as our new Friends' Treasurer. They are all most welcome here, and their contribution to the life of this community is already being deeply valued.

In most cases, of course, their arrival has been a reminder of the departure of old friends. Tim O'Donovan, Secretary of the Friends of St George's, left us last December. I had the opportunity of saying a word of thanks to him at our last Annual General Meeting. He had been the Honorary Secretary of the Friends since 1992, and had completed eleven years in post. He has been a Lay Steward in the Chapel since 1978 (continuing in that office now) and has been, in every sense, a real friend to all of us. Our very best wishes go to Tim and Veronica. But others too have left us. Pat Copeman, Bookshop Manageress, retired at the end of 2002 having been with us for twenty-nine years. We were all sad to see her go. We also said goodbye to Brenda Bartovsky, Concert Secretary for twenty-eight years, who had attended her first planning committee meeting in 1973. Nigel Newman, Chapter Clerk for more than ten years, and his wife Judith, left us at the end of the summer. Joan Biggs, the Friends' Membership Secretary, and Michael Whatmough, our Honorary Treasurer for the past five years, have come to the end of their time with us. Jude Dicken (Assistant Archivist), Jonathan Rees-Williams (Organist), Alex Jupp (Lay Clerk), Charles Wallace (Minor Canon), Tom Winpenny (Organ Scholar), and the Castle Superintendent Munro Davidson and his wife Pat have also left St George's. From the ranks of the Military Knights, we have said farewell to Tom Hiney and his wife Muriel, and, after more than twenty-five years as a much-loved friend and neighbour, Tommy Thompson. Our very best wishes, and prayers for future happiness, go with them all.

The saddest moments in the last year have been the deaths of some of our oldest friends. In January 2003, we heard of the death of Anthony Davies, the first Warden of St George's House. We learned, in February, of the death of Percy Taylor (brother of Tom Taylor, Honorary Secretary before Tim O'Donovan), who had voluntarily helped the Friends for more than twenty years. In March 2003, we heard that Jessie Rushton (Chapter Clerk 1956-1963) had died. And, in August, we received the sad news that Pam Moore, wife of Military Knight Richard Moore, had died. Her Memorial Evensong in Chapel



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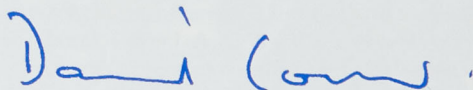
has just been attended by many of her friends as I write this letter. To all those who mourn those mentioned here, I send our deepest sympathy.

If the last paragraph or so seems to speak too much of endings, let me say how positive and wonderful it was in June to mark the marriage of David and Emily Manners. David is one of our Lay Clerks, and he and his newly-wed wife, Emily, have settled comfortably and happily into our community.

Genuine thanks are, of course, due to you, the Friends, for continued support of this very special place. During the last year, you have funded the design, development and launching of our website. You have continued to contribute to the West Front Project. You have enabled us to clean the two-hundred-year-old sanctuary carpet in the Chapel, and to re-gild the candlesticks before the altar. In addition, you have made it possible for us to embark on necessary and extensive work to the Dean's Cloister.

The support and encouragement of the Friends is always hugely welcome and deeply appreciated. It is, as often as not, expressed and channelled through enlivening enthusiasm. For all that, thank you. Your continuing interest, and curiosity about what we are involved in, inspires us to continue in our stewardship of St George's, in the sure and certain knowledge that there are very many people who genuinely and generously value what we try to do.

May I end by thanking Nigel Hill for all that he has done through the first months of his work as Honorary Secretary? His secretary, Jane Speller, is a great support to him, and that is recognised by the rest of us. He has already begun to gather around him a new and enterprising team. But many more familiar faces remain doggedly loyal. Among them is Bridget Wright who continues to edit this *Annual Report* with professional commitment, and a kind of forgiveness for those of us who somehow do not possess the wherewithal to meet the deadlines that she sets.



David Conner

## The Honorary Secretary's Report

### New Format of Annual Report

If a week is a long time in politics, then a year is a very short time at St George's. It seems no time at all since Tim O'Donovan was giving me his final briefing and now it is *Annual Report* time. I do hope that you will approve of the new format, in spite of its unfamiliar appearance. The content, in the excellent hands of Bridget Wright, our Honorary Editor, follows previous years but its presentation is designed to be more attractive, appealing and easy to read.

There are two other innovations.

Firstly, we have replaced advertisements with sponsorship. A list of sponsors appears on the inside of the back cover and we are extremely grateful to them. (Please let me know if you, or any company or organisation with which you are associated, would like to sponsor next year's Report). Secondly, we have replaced loose-leaf inserts with a single blue pull-out leaflet request form in the centre. We believe this will be more convenient as well as reducing the number of leaflets we print to the number of members who require them. Finally, do please let us have your views and comments on the new format, and indeed the content, of this year's Report so that we can continue to improve it.

### Size of Membership

The Friends exist chiefly to provide financial support to maintain the fabric of St George's Chapel. Their effectiveness can therefore be measured in the income they generate which, in turn, reflects the number of Friends and the level of subscriptions which they pay. The new computer software commissioned by the College of St George at last enables us to give an accurate figure of our active membership in any category from day to day. As I write in early December 2003, the total membership stands at 5,100. This compares, for example, with St Paul's (about 3,200) and Winchester (about 4,000).

This means that we now have a base line from which to increase our membership. Although this is primarily the responsibility of your Honorary Secretary and the Friends' Office, existing members can play a valuable part in spreading the word and promoting the cause themselves. One way is in giving membership to family members, grandchildren and friends to mark a special event or occasion.





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You will see that the new application form specifically makes provision for this. (We can send you an application form or you can download one from the Friends' page on [www.stgeorges-windsor.org](http://www.stgeorges-windsor.org)). Now is the time to think about this before the Management Committee reviews the subscription rates! (I mention this because they are below average compared with similar organisations. The Friends of both Norwich and Winchester Cathedrals, for example, have both just increased their Life Subscription to £300, whereas ours is still only £200).

### The Move to No. 1 The Cloisters

In the 1963 Annual Report, the Canon Steward wrote that 'the Office of The Friends has been given quarters in two rooms of the Curfew Tower, which we hope will prove comfortable and permanent,' after the Keeper of the Curfew Tower and his family had moved to improved accommodation elsewhere. Whether it ever proved comfortable is not for me to say but, fortunately, it has not proved permanent. Forty years later, we are now settled in a new suite of offices in the Canons' Cloister which we share with Bill Topping (Development Director), Colonel David Axson (Secretary of the Guild of Stewards) and Jonathan Bungard (Concert Manager). We have, therefore, exchanged romantic but mediaeval isolation for genuine comfort, and above all, daily contact with the Chapter Staff. Do come and visit us, if you have not already done so, and see the improvement for yourself.



The Duke of Westminster and Lord Morris of Aberavon (right) proceeding to their installation, Garter Day, 2003.

## The Honorary Secretary's Report

### The Past Year

The Society is honoured that the Garter Knights invested and installed on Garter Day 2003 have all accepted the invitation to become Vice-Presidents. I know of no other charity as fortunate as ours in having the patronage of Her Majesty The Queen, the presidency of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and such a distinguished company of Vice-Presidents. We are greatly privileged, immensely grateful and very appreciative of our unique position and good fortune.

As you would expect, our events have followed a similar pattern to previous years. There is much to be said for continuity and routine. So we had Report Packing in January, the AGM in May, Garter Day in June, and the residential weekend at St George's House in September. For the first time, the AGM teas were supplied by an outside caterer in response to a Health & Safety risk assessment. Such is the age we live in. I should like to pay tribute to Jane Speller, the Lady of the Teapot, and her band of faithful volunteers who, over the years, had diligently made sandwiches, poured tea and then cleared up afterwards. We owe them an enormous debt of gratitude and are glad that they, too, can now enjoy the AGM like the rest of us, without any more tea-making responsibilities.

A word about our AGM in 2004. This will be on Saturday, 1 May, and a Notice of the Meeting and the Agenda appear on pp. 195-196. You will notice that, for reasons of space and economy, only a simplified version of the Annual Accounts appears in the *Annual Report*. However, I do want to make it clear that the full version will be available to any member on request. The format of the day will



Jane Speller, Assistant Secretary, in her former role as 'Lady of the Teapot'.



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follow the familiar pattern but, falling on the Feast of St Philip & St James, the Service will be a Choral Eucharist instead of Choral Evensong. I would urge you to stay on afterwards for the first Organ Recital to be given in St George's Chapel by Timothy Byram-Wigfield, our new Director of Music.

Applications for tea tickets should be made on the blue leaflet request form and, as a further inducement, I can announce that we shall be entertained by 'Fascinating Rhythm', a professional jazz band led by Roderick Thomson, a former chorister at St George's (1963-1967). It should be a good day.

### Future Events

I am very pleased that the *Annual Report* contains a diary of those events which will be of particular interest to members. Many of them, like the Quarterly Obit Services, are directly related to the history of the Chapel and the life of the College (see p. 163). These, of course, are in addition to the regular cycle of worship and the great Festivals of the Church. A good proportion of our UK membership have a local 'SL' postcode but I hope that even those who live further afield, or live abroad, will find an opportunity to attend services in the Chapel and share in its ongoing commitment to daily worship, praise and thanksgiving. Its great choral tradition is a privilege, a joy and an inspiration to listen to. I hope that as many members as possible will experience it for themselves during the year.

Three outings are planned from Windsor. The first is an ambitious full day's excursion to Worcester taking in the Cathedral, the Royal Porcelain Factory and the command HQ of King Charles II in 1651. The second is to the Chichester Cathedral Flower Festival, and the third is an afternoon visit to Stratfield Saye, given by a grateful nation to the first Duke of Wellington and now occupied by the Marquess of Douro, eldest son of the present Duke (one of our Vice-Presidents). Again, if you might be interested in coming on any of these, please tick the appropriate box on the blue leaflet request form. Please also note that there will be no residential weekend at St George's House in 2004. It will now take place every other year to ensure that when the event takes place, we have a full house.

### Fund-raising Items for Sale

The Sir Hugh Casson 2003 Christmas card was a sell-out and I should like to thank Tim O'Donovan for giving us permission to reproduce his painting. I hope our Christmas card in 2004 will be a reproduction of a Madonna and Child in the Royal Collection. May I also draw your attention to the new high-quality silk tie in Garter blue with Garter badges (£25), the lady's silk scarf in white with Garter blue border and Garter badges (£39), the new 4 cm diameter member's badge which reproduces the original 'see through' design (£3) and the signed, limited

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edition print of Robert Priseman's Garter Day 1988 on sale to members (£39) and to non-members (£98)? If you are interested in any of these items, please tick the appropriate blue leaflet request form .

### Thank you

After thirty years in the Metropolitan Police and six years as a self-employed career and CV consultant, St George's has provided a new dimension in my life which has been as full of interest and activity as it has been unexpected. However, it would not have been half as much fun or half as enjoyable without the friendship, help and support of so many people. I have discovered for myself that the College is a community and I have felt welcomed as one of its members. I must, however, make special mention of three people. The first is Jane Speller, who had to adapt both to a new Honorary Secretary and a new office. It says much for her resilience and sense of humour that she has survived both. I know Tim O'Donovan valued Jane's office and administrative skills, but I couldn't have known in advance that Jane would unreservedly share her knowledge, experience and advice, whilst happily leaving me to make decisions. I am immensely grateful to her.

Secondly, I want to mention Andrew Goodhart. He had already volunteered to help with the book-keeping when he agreed to take over as Honorary Treasurer from Michael Whatmough after Michael had completed five years of dedicated service. Andrew has since been applying all his financial experience, as a former company managing director and treasurer of his own church, to the benefit of the Friends. We are very lucky to have him. Thirdly, I must express my sincere thanks to Bridget Wright. Not only has she kindly continued as Honorary Editor when she had to manage a new Honorary Secretary, but she has broken new ground in changing the format. Inevitably, this has involved extra work with our graphic designer and a new printer so that we have even greater cause to be grateful to Bridget than usual.

Finally, I should like to thank all the members of the Management Committee for their support and encouragement, particularly the Dean as Chairman and the Governor as Lay Chairman. All its members are registered as trustees with the Charity Commission and therefore take on statutory responsibilities as well as a commitment of their time and energy. I am very grateful to them all.



Nigel Hill



## Overseas Membership

Report from the Australian Representative – Mrs Valerie Grogan

This has been an exciting year, with members representing the Society at celebrations for the Golden Jubilee of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the 1700th Anniversary of the martyrdom of St George and the 50th Anniversary of the Conquest of Mount Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary, KG.

A Reception to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Coronation of Her Majesty The Queen was held in Sydney. The Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, AC, was the Guest of Honour and made a moving speech in which she said: "In remembering that historic event of the Coronation, we celebrate and honour our monarch's unflinching dedication, and the integrity and shining leadership by example of a truly beloved Queen. Fifty years later, the considerable affection and respect in which she is held extend not only across the diverse peoples and countries of the British Commonwealth, but across the world."

The Dean of Windsor sent us a message which was read by the Reverend Canon Boak Jobbins, OAM. In it the Dean said: "Do remember that the staff in the Friends' Office are always pleased to know if any of our Australian members may be visiting Windsor. You are assured of our warmest welcome and of our most grateful thanks for all your support". Many Australians have visited the Chapel during the year and been delighted with the welcome they received from Mr Nigel Hill and Miss Jane Speller. They were also delighted to see the Australian Window in the Dean's Cloister.

The Queensland Hon. Secretary, Mrs Jill Ryan, spoke about the Dedication of the Australian Window, which she attended in St George's Chapel, when she was Guest Speaker at a function organised by the Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship in Queensland, which is a member of the Society.

The Victorian Hon. Secretary, Mrs Mary Drost, made an official visit to Mr Nigel Hill to welcome him on behalf of the Australian members. She spent a



Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, AC,  
Governor of New South Wales, her husband  
Sir Nicholas Shehadie, AC, OBE, (right),  
Mrs Valerie Grogan, AM, Australian Representative,  
and His Honour Judge Peter Grogan (left).

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## Report from the Australian Representative for 2002-2003

very informative time with Mr Hill, who has been most supportive of the Australian Friends.

The Western Australian Hon. Secretary, the Hon. Justice Nicholas Hasluck, AM, was the Guest Speaker at a function for members and their friends held at the home of Mr and Mrs David Stephens. He referred to the recent dedication of the Australian War Memorial in London's Hyde Park Corner. He said that, like St George's Chapel itself, it commemorated an important link between England and Australia.

Our membership continues to grow and our Membership Secretary, Mrs Angela Lind, gives wonderful support. In addition to the Hon. Secretaries mentioned above, I should like to express my thanks to Mrs Helen Booth, Mr Peter Fitzhardinge-Seton, Mr Douglas Sturkey, CVO, AM (ACT) and Mrs Berta von Bibra (Tasmania).

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## Report from the New Zealand Representative – Phillip O'Shea

On 1 January 2003 I succeeded Mr Warwick Lawrence as the Society's New Zealand Representative.

In this first report, I wish to pay tribute to Warwick, who joined the Society as a Descendant Member in 1969, and became the first New Zealand Representative in 1980. At that time he was Secretary of the Auckland Branch of the Royal Commonwealth Society, and actively involved with other local patriotic organisations. He frequently promoted the Friends by giving talks to interested groups on St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle and the Monarchy. His July 1983 exhibition of memorabilia, in the Royal Commonwealth Society rooms in the Auckland Town Hall, to help raise funds for the Society, attracted much interest from the media. It is largely through his enthusiasm for the Society and its objects that membership currently stands at over sixty in New Zealand.



Warwick Lawrence, New Zealand  
Representative 1980 – 2002.



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The decision of the Management Committee to confer Honorary Life Membership on Warwick will be warmly welcomed by New Zealand members. It is a most appropriate honour from the Society of which he has been a devoted member for so many years.

Warwick, now aged 88, has not enjoyed the best of health over the last decade. He has, however, maintained his love of literature, history and letter-writing. Not many members will be aware that seventy years ago, at the age of eighteen, he had published his first book, a history of the town of Carterton, in which he was born and now resides. It remains a recognised history of the area. Warwick also enjoys the distinction of an entry in *The Oxford Companion of New Zealand Literature* (1998), in which he is described as a 'journalist and poet'.

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#### Report from the United States Representative – Warren Hull

**L**ate in 2003, in response to an appeal from Nigel Hill, Honorary Secretary of the Society at Windsor, the board of AmFriends forwarded a donation of \$5,000 toward the development and printing of a new visitors' brochure for the Society's use at St George's Chapel.

Since our last accounting, AmFriends has received \$5,600 in contributions from the following members: Mrs Hugh Barnes; Mr Warren Hull; Mr & Mrs Dean R. Kudich; Mr and Mrs Ellice McDonald; Mrs John Douglas Pigott; Mr Kenneth Utz; and Mrs Wallace Ward.

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## Tim O'Donovan



Tim & Veronica O'Donovan with the Dean at the farewell dinner in November 2002 to mark Tim's retirement as Secretary of the Friends.

I am most grateful to the Honorary Editor for providing the space in the *Annual Report* so that I can thank the many members who subscribed to my retirement collection.

During my time as Honorary Secretary, I was astonished at the generosity of members for their support of the Society, and in particular the Millennium and Jubilee Appeals. This time it is me that is the beneficiary, and like so many on retirement I have acquired a computer. This has, of course, been of considerable benefit, but has on occasions tested my patience, resulting in a loss of temper, and the use of intemperate language! I am assured by more experienced users that this is quite normal!

Retirement is most enjoyable, but I miss my daily visits to the Friends' office and the contact with the members, many of whom have become good friends. I am lucky that, as a Lay Steward, I have maintained a link with the wonderful Chapel we are all helping to preserve.

With my very best wishes and many thanks for your generosity and your support over the past eleven years.

Tim O'Donovan



## Obituary

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Grandy, GCB, GCVO, KBE, DSO

**M**arshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Grandy, Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle from 1978 to 1988, and Lay Chairman of the Friends, died on 2 January 2004, a month short of his ninety-first birthday.

One of the greatest distinctions that any retired RAF Officer can claim is to have fought in the Battle of Britain, and particularly as a Squadron Commander. Yet only one Chief of the Air Staff, the professional head of the RAF, could claim that special accolade: Sir John Grandy, who led 249 Squadron throughout the heroic summer of 1940. Thereafter, a glittering career culminated in his appointment as CAS in 1967. After retiring four years later, Sir John was to fill two more major appointments. From 1973 to 1978 he served as Governor and Commander-in-Chief Gibraltar (the first RAF Officer to occupy the post), before moving to Windsor when he was appointed Governor of the Castle by Her Majesty The Queen.

While the story of his life has been told elsewhere in full obituaries that properly focus on his many achievements in uniform, Sir John himself regarded his ten years in the Castle as one of the most agreeable and rewarding experiences of his life. Fully supported by his beloved wife, Cécile, he enjoyed the deep respect and affection of the community both within and without the Castle walls. Together, the Grandys offered their generous hospitality to the Friends on many occasions, including the regular opening of the Moat Garden on AGM day. In other places his wisdom and energy were generously applied to the great benefit of the Council of St George's House and The Prince Philip Trust.

For the last ten years of his life, the consequences of a stroke confined Sir John to a wheelchair. However, although physically frail, his interest in the well-being of St George's, his family and his wide circle of friends, remained unabated, and those of us fortunate enough to enjoy his company could not be but hugely impressed by his courage and fortitude.

But there was much more to Sir John than a lifetime of brave and dutiful service to his Sovereign and the nation. His presence and sense of humour illuminated any gathering, while the memory of his kindness and generosity of spirit, given so abundantly, will be long treasured by his family and friends alike. And all of us will remain ever grateful for his inspirational example of Christian faith, integrity and dedication.

Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh were both represented at Sir John's funeral, which was held at St George's Chapel on 12 January 2004.

R.J.

[While the Report was in proof stage, we learnt of Sir John's death, and his successor, the present Lay Chairman, kindly produced this obituary.]

## Dates in the Chapel Calendar for 2004

The following list shows in **bold** type the dates of the major Christian festivals, and in *italics* those of special significance for the College of St George.

The College Choir is on duty during College terms, apart from one evening a week (*usually but not always Wednesday*) when Evening Prayer is said in place of Evensong, and during College half-term.

5 January	College Lent Term begins
14-15 February	College half term
25 February	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
2 March	<i>Quarterly Obit</i>
8 April	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
9 April	<b>Good Friday</b>
10 April	<b>Easter Eve</b>
11 April	<b>Easter Day:</b> College Term ends after Evensong
23 April	<i>Feast of St George the Martyr</i>
24 April	College Trinity Term begins
1 May	Friends' Annual General Meeting: Organ Recital
20 May	<b>Ascension Day</b> & <i>Obit of Henry VI</i>
21-23 May	College Half-term
30 May	<b>Pentecost: Confirmation</b>
1 June	<i>Quarterly Obit</i>
5 June	Organ Recital
13-15 June	<i>Solemnity of St George</i>
3 July	Organ Recital
18 July	College Term ends
4 September	College Michaelmas Term begins: Organ Recital
8 September	<i>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
26 September	<i>September Obit</i>
2 October	Organ Recital
13 October	<i>Feast of St Edward the Confessor</i>
23-24 October	College half-term
27 October	Bond Memorial Lecture (see p. 177)
2 November	<b>All Souls' Day: Requiem Eucharist</b>
6 November	Organ Recital
14 November	Remembrance Sunday
28 November	<b>Advent Sunday</b>
7 December	<i>Quarterly Obit &amp; Henry VI Obit</i>
8-9 December	Christmas Concerts (TBC)
23 December	Carols for Christmas
24 December	5:15 pm Nine Lessons & Carols: 11:15 pm Midnight Mass
25 December	<b>Christmas Day:</b> College Term ends after Evensong



## The Quarterly Obit

It appears to be nearly forty years since there was any explanation given in the Friends' *Annual Report* of the Quarterly Obit, one of the major occasions of the calendar for the College of St George. Perhaps therefore a brief note would be helpful to the members of the Society, especially as the four Obits are listed in the calendar for 2004 (see p. 162).

The word 'obit' is short for 'obitus', which in Classical Latin had several meanings, one of them being 'death' or 'departure'. In mediaeval times the word came to mean, by extension, an anniversary or commemoration service.

Bishop Eric Hamilton, Dean of Windsor from 1944 to 1962, wrote a short article on the service in the *Annual Report* for 1957, in which he explains: 'Ever since the College of St George was founded it has been a pious custom or obligation for its members to gather in the Chapel so as to commend to God's keeping the Founder, King Edward the third, together with Sovereigns and Princes, benefactors and other famous persons "by whose munificence the College has been from time to time enriched".' He describes the custom as 'the solemn and thankful commemoration of this great invisible company to whom we owe a particular debt of honour.'<sup>1</sup>

Canon Bentley, then Precentor of the College, wrote in his 'Precentor's Notes' for 1964: 'The foundation statutes made special provision for commemorating the deaths of four persons: King Edward III, the founder of the College; his Queen, Philippa; his firstborn, Prince Edward; and William Edington, Bishop of Winchester, by whom the statutes were given. Later, in the Reformation period, these personal anniversaries were merged with the general commemoration of founders and benefactors which the college was required to make once in each quarter of the year.'<sup>2</sup>

An earlier article by Canon Crawley explains the nature of the chantries attached to some of the chapels in St George's Chapel: 'A Chantry was a benefice created by the gift of property for the upkeep of one or more priests, who were bound to sing masses and offer prayers for the souls of the founder and other specified persons, and usually all Christian souls.' He goes on to explain that the chantries in St George's were specially exempted from the Act of 1547, which dissolved thousands throughout the country, and that priests were appointed to at least some of the St George's ones until early in the reign of King James VI/I. However, before that, the commemorations of the various founders of chantries had been joined together. 'Injunctions of Queen Elizabeth ordained that individual commemorations were no longer to be kept on their several days, but that once in each quarter there was to be an obit service at which these and other benefactors should be named and commemorated.'<sup>3</sup>

In his 1957 note, Eric Hamilton uses the spelling 'Obiit' for this quarterly commemoration, explaining that it was a special form used in Windsor. He was able to point to certain plates that accompanied a different article in the same issue, on the subject of Windsor service books dating from King George III's reign onward. From the plates it is evident that that spelling, the literal translation of which is 'he died', had been in use since at least 1799. It was still in use in 1960, as shown by Canon Bentley's 'Precentor's Notes' for that year, but by 1964 the College had evidently decided to abandon this obscure form. In the Report for that year, he refers to the 'four general obits (or 'obiits', as they were rather oddly named for many years)'.<sup>4</sup>

He goes on to give details of when and how the four obits were observed: '[we keep them] on the Mondays before the March, June and December quarter days and the Sunday before Michaelmas. The Monday observances consist of a special adaptation of mattins and proper collect, epistle and gospel at the eucharist; the Sunday Obit in September consists of a sung eucharist preceded by the reading of the roll of benefactors and the singing of *Te Deum*.' The Quarter Days referred to are the four Christian festivals evenly spaced through the year, which have been used since mediaeval times in legal contracts, such as the payment dates of rent, tax and so on. The English Quarter Days (and I use the adjective advisedly, since Scotland uses a different set of dates) are:

March 25 Lady Day, the Feast of the Annunciation to the BVM;

June 24 Birth of St John the Baptist;

September 29 Michaelmas Day, the Feast of St Michael and all Angels;

December 25 Christmas Day, the Feast of the Nativity.

Thus the three Monday Obits, in March, June and December took place around 20th of those months at that period.

The September Obit is still held on Michaelmas Day or the Sunday next before it, and in the same form as in 1964. Since this is the grandest of the four Obits, it is this one which the Lord Chancellor, as Visitor of the College, may decide to attend. The present Lord Chancellor, Lord Falconer, decided to do so in 2003, reviving the practice after several years.

However, in the last forty years, the dates and times of the other three Obits have undergone considerable change. In 1979 they moved from Monday Mattins in the middle of the three months to Evensong on the first Tuesday in each of those months.<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, the essence of the observance remains the same.



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## The Quarterly Orbit

The special liturgy for these services, which has evolved over the centuries, is matched by the settings composed by Sir Walter Parratt, most particularly his superb setting of the anthem *As the Whirlwind passeth*.

Bishop Hamilton wrote: 'On each of these occasions the Military Knights of Windsor, as an integral part of the College, are present in uniform and the Dean or his representative reads the list of illustrious and, to some of us by now, familiar names. ...All are welcome to attend these Obits but upon members of the College and their families there lies a degree of obligation worthily to continue this solemn and time-honoured observance'.<sup>6</sup>

B.A.W.

### Notes

<sup>1</sup> *Report of the Society of the Friends of St George's*, 1957, p. 13.

<sup>2</sup> *Report of the Society of the Friends of St George's*, 1964, p. 164.

<sup>3</sup> A.S. Crawley, 'Chapels and Chantries in St George's Chapel', in *Report of the Society of the Friends of St George's*, 1941, pp. 5-8.

<sup>4</sup> As note 2.

<sup>5</sup> I am grateful to Dr Eileen Scarff, the Chapter Archivist, for this information.

<sup>6</sup> As note 1.

## 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:

West and East windows, including Angel frieze; Hastings, Rutland, Bray and Beaufort Chapels; Quire vault; Galilee porch; Schorn Tower; West steps; four pinnacles; paving of Nave, Crossing, and North Quire Aisle; Dean's and Horseshoe Cloisters; Deanery Chapel; Chapter Library; Organ; Curfew Tower clock and bell; Schorn Tower sundial; tapestries; mediaeval paintings, including Catherine Room; Altar cross and candlesticks; silver verge; Communion jug; manuscripts; refurbishment of Tower Record Room.

### Purchase of:

Copes; other vestments; Altar frontals; sacramental silver; Christmas Crib figures; embroidered panels for Rutland Chapel; furnishings for Nave, side chapels & Organ loft; new service books; a Book of Hours; Paschal candlestick; new piano for Chapter Library.

### Installation of:

Pipeless heating 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 1996 the following have been funded:

Restoration of pinnacles and grotesques.  
New lighting in Quire Aisles.  
New Organ blower.  
Gilding of the flèche.  
Restoration of the Festal Altar frontal.  
New white Altar frontal.  
Cleaning of the Crossing.  
Chairs for the Nave.  
Finials.  
Dean's Cloister Garth fountain.  
Contribution to Archive Centre.  
Organ Loft television.  
Repainting Deanery Garter shields.  
Vicars' Hall piano stool.  
Quire benches.  
Restoration of North Door & S. Quire bays.  
Painting further Garter shields.  
Chapel fire protection system.  
Restoration of the Organ.  
Chapel computer-design system.  
Internet website.  
Survey & report on West Front.  
Rewiring of the Quire.  
Rewiring of the Horseshoe Cloister.  
Cleaning the Sanctuary carpet.  
Repairing the Aerary West wall.  
Radio telephones.  
Painting of Garter panels.  
Re-leading roof of Dean's Cloister.  
Re-gilding of Altar candlesticks.



## The Work of Re-Roofing the Dean's Cloister

By Martin Ashley, Surveyor of the Fabric

On the first day of December 2003 a complicated scaffolding started to rise up from the grass plot within the Dean's Cloister Garth. Built like a tree, the scaffolding poles rise from the ground to support scaffolding beams, that branch out over the cloister roofs without touching any of the ancient walls of the surrounding buildings. A deceptively clever design. A scaffolding walkway flies right over the roof of the Chapter Room, to provide a route into the working area for manhandling the enormously heavy rolls of roofing lead that will be used upon the cloister roofs. Although completed before Christmas, the scaffolding was left unroofed to allow daylight into the windows of the buildings looking out over the cloister roofs until after the Christmas period. In the first week of January the temporary roof went on, allowing the real work to begin: the replacement of the lead and copper roofs over all four sides of the Dean's Cloister, over the Galilee Porch and Chapel Ambulatory, the Chapter Room and offices, and the Chapel Vestry.



Scaffolding rising within the Dean's Cloister Garth.



The scaffolding gantry flying over the Chapter Room.

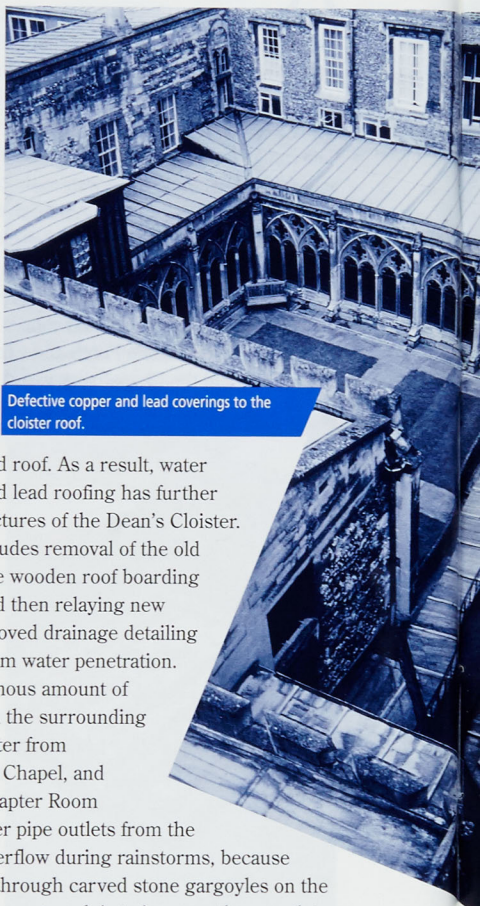
Only the roof of the south cloister walk still retained its Victorian lead roof covering, installed by Samuel Cundy in 1851-2. This probably remained owing to the complications presented by 'Queen Victoria's Walkway', the rooftop walkway

## The Work of Re-Roofing the Dean's Cloister

and iron balustrade running all the way from a doorway from the Dean's private study across the cloister roofs to the Royal Pew. By this means, the Sovereign could attend services in St George's Chapel seated at the remarkable oriel overlooking the Quire sanctuary. All of the other roof coverings were replaced in copper under Lord Mottistone's Surveyorship in the 1950s. At that time copper, being readily available and economical, was used throughout the College to replace the decaying lead roofing. However, copper roofing has a design life of only fifty to sixty years in comparison with a hundred years or more for a well-laid lead roof. As a result, water penetrating from the defective copper and lead roofing has further damaged the largely 1850s oak roof-structures of the Dean's Cloister.

The work now being undertaken includes removal of the old copper and lead roof coverings, lifting the wooden roof boarding and repairing the oak roof-structures, and then relaying new traditionally-laid sand-cast lead with improved drainage detailing to minimise the risk of future damage from water penetration. The Dean's Cloister roofs carry an enormous amount of rainwater draining down on to them from the surrounding buildings. One particular area carries water from St George's Chapel, the Albert Memorial Chapel, and the roofs of the Galilee Porch and the Chapter Room as well as its own rainwater! The rainwater pipe outlets from the cloister roof have tended to block and overflow during rainstorms, because they are constricted where they emerge through carved stone gargoyles on the parapet walls. An important part of the current work is to improve these outlets and downpipes, and to install emergency overflows, so that even if the pipes block, the stormwater can still disperse without damaging the building.

Along with the oak roof-structures being repaired within this current phase of work, special care is being taken of the fine 'sgraffito ceiling' installed between the oak rafters of the eastern cloister walk alongside the Deanery. This ceiling is



Defective copper and lead coverings to the cloister roof.



## The Work of Re-Roofing the Dean's Cloister



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work of lead roofing is carried out above.

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Purbeck stone decorative niches of 1352 in the corners of the Dean's Cloister is also being left until a future phase of conservation repairs and cleaning.

The current re-roofing works commenced on the eastern side of the cloister nearest to the Deanery, and are gradually progressing westwards towards the Galilee Porch, Chapter Room, and finally the Chapel Vestry. The works are expected to continue throughout the summer until October of this year. The main contractor, Paul Webb Roofing and Building Services, and his subcontractors, stonemasons Cathedral Works Organisation (Chichester) Ltd, and scaffolders Allen and Foxworthy Ltd, are undertaking the work to a very high standard indeed, and there seems no doubt that the completed project will be an exemplar of the quality of workmanship that should be executed upon the Chapel and domestic buildings of the College of St George.

The work has been most generously funded by the Friends of St George's Chapel. Additionally, and despite not being a Cathedral, the work has also been generously grant-aided under the English Heritage Cathedral Repairs Grant Scheme for 2003/2004 and 2004/2005.



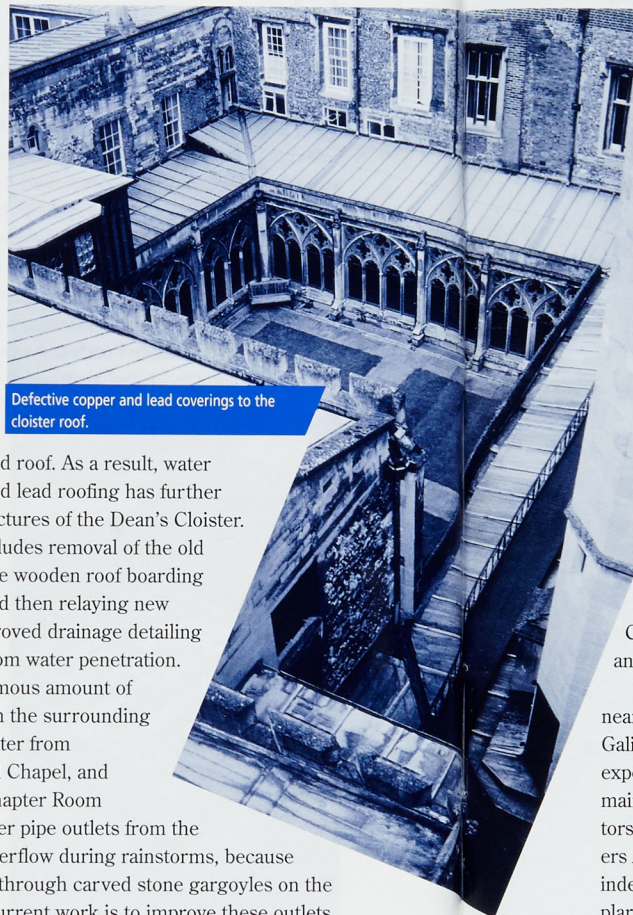
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## Positions of the Garter Banners in the Quire

### Screen

#### *South Side*

The Duke of Gloucester  
The Princess Royal  
The Duke of Edinburgh  
HM The Queen

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

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Field Marshal the Lord Inge  
Field Marshal the Lord Bramall  
The Lord Butler of Brockwell  
Sir Edward Heath  
Sir Timothy Colman  
The Baroness Thatcher

#### *North Side*

The Prince of Wales  
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The Duke of Kent

Juliana, Princess of the Netherlands  
Juan Carlos, King of Spain  
Harald, King of Norway  
Akihito, Emperor of Japan

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### High Altar

[At the time of going to press, the position of Princess Alexandra's Banner had still to be decided, Ed]

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The Friends AGM, Tea & Organ Recital

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Sunday 30 May

Four Seasons, an entertainment in The Dungeon of the Curfew Tower

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Friday 4 June

Visit to Chichester Cathedral Festival of Flowers

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Monday 14 June

Gartr Day

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Thursday 15 July

Visit to Worcester Cathedral, the Royal Porcelain Factory and Commandery

☐

Saturday 25 September

Eton Action Fair at Eton College. The Friends will have their usual stall

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Tuesday 12 October

Visit to Stratfield Saye (*near Reading*)

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Wednesday 17 November

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acknowledge someone's generosity, we  
would ask them to accept our apologies,  
and notify us so that their donation can  
be recorded in the next Annual Report.*

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## The Windsor Festival

**I**n 2003, the Windsor Festival held two concerts in St George's Chapel, and two in the Vicars' Hall. Of the Chapel concerts, the first comprised Brahms's *Requiem* and his *Double Concerto for Violin and Cello*, performed by the Southbank Sinfonia and Windsor and Eton Choral Society. The second concert was given by the London Adventist Chorale, who brought their own blend of gospel songs and the regular choral canon to an appreciative audience. Noël Coward and chamber music filled the Vicars' Hall, and throughout the Festival members made good use of the Club in the Curfew Tower Dungeon.

In addition, the Festival staged a *Son et Lumière* in the Lower Ward on the theme of Pageantry and Performance. The show traced a year in the life of the Household Cavalry, and was projected on to a thirty-foot square screen mounted against the Castle walls, with accompanying lights and music.

### Dates for the Windsor Festival 2004:

#### Thursday 23 September to Sunday 3 October

The concerts in the Waterloo Chamber will be on 23 and 24 September.

The concerts in St George's Chapel will be on 29 September and 1 October.

Full programme of events available at the beginning of June.

(For details, see [www.windsorfestival.com](http://www.windsorfestival.com))



## The Maurice and Shelagh Bond Memorial Lecture

### The Background

For thirty years, Maurice Bond was the devoted Honorary Custodian of the Chapel Archives. As a young man, he was fortunate to have met and fallen under the influence of Canon Sidney Ollard, a distinguished historian, who was largely responsible for the establishment in 1937 of the series of Historical Monographs relating to St George's Chapel. Maurice, born and bred in Windsor, was in 1946 appointed the first Clerk of the Records to the House of Lords, but he retained in his professional and scholarly activities an outstanding love for the history of St George's. Besides largely rewriting and editing the several editions of the *Romance*, he also became the General Editor of the Monographs series.

In 1954 he married Shelagh, whose charm and learning as professional archivist, palaeographer and historian were immediately directed towards St George's, where she became Honorary Archivist and undertook the professional care of the Archives. In 1960 Maurice and Shelagh became joint Editors of the Friends' *Annual Report*, and continued in that position for over a decade. On their resignation in 1972, the then Dean wrote that they 'have given outstanding service to the Society in this capacity. Happily their knowledge and services will not be lost to us in other directions.'

Tragically, Shelagh died in 1973, and Maurice, having been one of those responsible for the great *Chapel of Kings* Exhibition in 1975, resigned as Custodian of the Archives in 1976. Nevertheless, his association with St George's remained, in the continuation of his editorship of the Monograph series, and the production of scholarly work, his last article being published in 1983, the year of his death.

To both Maurice and Shelagh is owed an enormous debt of gratitude for the scholarly expertise which they brought to the Chapel, for the love and affection with which they promoted the historical studies of St George's, and for the enthusiasm and encouragement which they showed those who were pursuing similar interests. It was the late Peter Begent who in 1998 proposed the foundation of this annual lecture on the history of St George's Chapel in their memory.



Maurice and Shelagh Bond

## Memorial Lecture

The Hon. Lady Roberts

*(Librarian and Curator of the Print Room, the Royal Library)*

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### George III & Queen Charlotte at Windsor

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Wednesday 27 October 2004 at 7:00pm

#### Venue

St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle

#### Admission

Free by ticket only

#### Applications for tickets to:

The Chapter Office, Windsor Castle, Berkshire SL4 1NJ

*with SAE by Friday 22 October 2004*



## The Passhe/Plummer Chantry

in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle by Cindy Wood

**T**his paper has arisen from a study of the mediaeval chantry chapels of St George's. This is the subject of a Masters Dissertation that I am undertaking at King Alfred's College, Winchester, having just achieved my first Honours degree in History and Archaeology at the same college.

During my research, various pieces of evidence have led me to challenge the accepted fate of the Passhe/Plummer chantry as described in St John Hope's masterly study of Windsor Castle in the early twentieth century: that it was founded in 1489 in the current Urswick Chapel, and was supplanted in 1506, when Dean Urswick founded his own in the same place. There are several pieces of evidence that suggest this was not the case, and a study of the chronology of the building work, as described by Tim Tatton-Brown,<sup>1</sup> as well as study of the Quire and aisles of the Chapel, have suggested a different fate.

St George's Chapel is not only the resting place of Edward IV, its founder, but also acts as his chantry, with his Will stipulating the appointment of two priests to 'syngye and pray for us and oure wiff, oure faders and other auncestres'.<sup>2</sup> This chantry was founded, like many others, for the daily saying of Mass on behalf of the founder, such intercessions alleviating his suffering in Purgatory. These were a major feature of late mediaeval life. Chantries could be found in all types of churches, either as spectacular pieces of architecture or just as small altars, the latter often paid for by groups or guilds.

As the surviving examples show, the chantry element of St George's Chapel was not restricted to the king, but includes also his sister, Anne, Duchess of Exeter, and several associated with the subsequent reign of Henry VII, such as Reginald Bray, Henry VII's good friend. But what has survived to the present day is not the whole picture. Other chantries, such as that of Sir John Donne, established in the north Quire Aisle one bay to the west of the chantry of his brother-in-law, William, Lord Hastings, and a possible chantry of Walter, Lord Ferrers of Ferrers, from the late fifteenth century, are no longer extant. These may have been made from less durable materials, or have been merely altars, which have subsequently disappeared over the centuries.

The Passhe/Plummer chantry is another that has not survived, but much is known of it from surviving documents. In 1489 land was surrendered by John Scotte of Dorney to William Paynell and Richard Forstere, as executors or feoffees, to endow a chapel for Thomas Passhe and William Hermer, both Canons of St George's, to say an annual and daily Mass for their souls.<sup>3</sup> (The name of William Hermer has subsequently been lost in the title, being replaced by John Plummer, who is described in the records as a 'gentilman' of Windsor, and was also a virger of St George's.) This chantry is referred to as situated in



*figure 1: The rooflines of the Urswick Chapel (north-west chapel) and the Nave, showing evidence of the curtailing of the original design.*

the north aisle of the Chapel. St John Hope interpreted this to mean it had been founded in the current Urswick Chapel, the northwest chapel in the Nave, as the other purpose-built chapel on the north side had already been assigned to Anne, Duchess of Exeter, in 1481.<sup>4</sup>

But if one looks at the chronology of the building works, as outlined by Tim Tatton-Brown, in 1489 only the Quire and Quire Aisles had been finished, along with the transeptal crossing. The walls of the Nave were not completed until at least 1509. Peter Begent confirms the date for the Nave, by pointing out that the initials H and K, which appear there, commemorate the marriage of Henry VIII to

Katherine of Aragon in 1509.<sup>5</sup> The length of the Nave was finally agreed only in the 1490s, in its current shortened form, as seen by the rooflines in both the Beaufort and the Urswick Chapels (*figure 1*). In 1489, therefore, the Passche/Plummer chantry was probably placed in the only part of the Chapel so far completed: namely the Quire.

Another document that appears to suggest that the Urswick Chapel was not the site of this chantry is the surviving will of Thomas Brotherton, a local yeoman of Windsor, dated 29 December 1508.<sup>6</sup> In this he grants lands in Clewer and New Windsor to the Dean and Canons to support and maintain the chantry of Thomas Passhe and John Plummer, whilst at the same time being included in the prayers said by the resident priest. This Thomas Brotherton also granted lands to the Dean and Canons in 1506, the year in which Dean Urswick died.<sup>7</sup> It would seem odd that a local man, so intimately connected with St George's as to endow it more than once, would endow a chantry that had already been supplanted. This is therefore further evidence that the Passhe/Plummer chantry was in fact still in existence and in use at this date, only its location being different from that suggested by St John Hope.

The augmenting of the endowments of this chantry by subsequent interested parties, such as Thomas Brotherton and his wife, would have enabled the chantry





## The Passhe/Plummer Chantry in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle

These were the only north areas of the Chapel in existence in the 1490s, apart from the chantry for Anne, Duchess of Exeter, founded in 1481, and they are therefore worthy of further investigation. When searching for evidence for the chapel, it must be remembered that the Passhe/Plummer chantry might not have been built from durable materials, and has left very few physical traces. From the inventories made at various times in the past we know of other altars in the church, such as 'King Henry's Altar', which in 1504 was probably placed close to the tomb of Henry VI, in the south aisle. These also have left few traces.<sup>10</sup>

The search for the Passhe/Plummer chantry may then depend on more ephemeral evidence. The westernmost bay of the north Quire Aisle, currently containing the stairs to the organ loft, was much altered when these stairs were constructed, but it has recently been studied to ascertain which features, if any, are original. On the west wall of this bay there is an angel corbel, placed at the height of the top of the wooden Quire screen. This is obscured by the false wall built to hide the organ loft stairs. This angel corbel does not have any carved columns below it, as appear at this level in the other bays of the north Quire Aisle. To its left is a piece of stone that appears to indicate that any attempt to work the stone was stopped at this point (*figure 2*). There is no evidence that columns were planned on this wall, and the figure shows the plain stone underneath the angel that was Brakspear's work in the 1920s, with the original unworked stone to the left. Likewise on the eastern wall of this bay there are no carved columns, the stone having been left in an unfinished state. If this bay was not finished to the standard of the others in this aisle, it may have been because in the 1480s and 1490s the builders knew a chantry was going to be placed here, and therefore the creation of columns was not necessary.

*Figure 3* shows the western wall of bay six in the north Quire Aisle, which has the columns carved for the whole length. This possible planned chantry in the seventh bay may not have been built from stone, and therefore may have disappeared because its construction was less durable, or perhaps it was displaced when the access to the organ loft was created.



*figure 2: The angel corbel of the western wall of Bay 7, showing the plainwork of Brakspear underneath, and the end of the original workings of the masons in the 1490s, to the angel's left.*



## The Passhe/Plummer Chantry in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle

The evidence of both the documents and the surviving physical traces offer an argument that this westernmost bay may have been treated differently from the others in the north side of the Quire. As we know that this is where a chantry chapel was supposed to be, it is a reasonable deduction that this bay contained the Passhe/Plummer Chantry, and that it was never in the Urswick Chapel. Even after Henry VII's argument with the Dean and Canons and consequent decision to be buried at Westminster Abbey, where his Lady Chapel was built in the 1490s, it seems unlikely that two mere Canons of the College would have been permitted such a prestigious location as the Urswick Chapel for their chantry, even though Thomas Passhe had been, at various times, a treasurer of the College. The four purpose-built chapels around the nave were foundations: of the sister of Edward IV, Anne, Duchess of Exeter; of Sir Reginald Bray, who paid for the Chapel to be finished; of Lord Herbert, a member of the Beaufort family; and of a Dean of St George's, Christopher Urswick, (Dean from 1496). It is more likely that permission was given for a less substantial chantry for two Canons.

There is strong documentary evidence that the Passhe/Plummer chantry was never in the Urswick Chapel. St John Hope's interpretation is understandable in the light of the immense size of his study, but this misinterpretation should be revised. Since documents reveal this chantry still to be in existence in 1508, an alternative site must be considered. A careful consideration of available sites has led to the conclusion that the westernmost bay of the north Quire Aisle is a likely site for this chantry. The evidence of un-worked stone on both walls could indicate that a chantry was planned here during construction of the main Chapel. Columns were not required. Any other evidence that might have supported the siting of the chantry in this bay has been lost over the subsequent five centuries, owing both to the passage of time, and to the adaptations for access to the organ loft in later years.

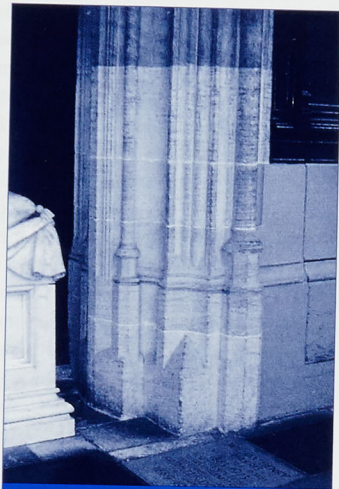


figure 3: The western wall of Bay 6 in the North Quire Aisle, showing the carved columns.

Whilst this theory can never be proved conclusively, as no convenient drawings of St George's Chapel survive from this period, this theory offers an alternative version of events that is consistent with all the evidence available at present. By looking at the documents, the chronology and the building in conjunction, answers can be given to an historical conundrum that might return their place in the Chapel to the founders and endowers of the Passhe/Plummer chantry, and perhaps preserve Christopher Urswick from being labelled a man with so little regard for the eternal souls of his fellow Canons that he ousted them from his place of prayer.

### References

I am deeply indebted to the staff of the Chapel Archives, Dr Eileen Scarff, Enid Davies and Julia Hudson, as well as to Tim Tatton-Brown, for their help, support and ideas that have led to this article. I should also like to thank Phyllis James, whose research into the work of Sir Harold Brakspear led to a new analysis of the stonework in the North Quire Aisle.

- <sup>1</sup> T. Tatton-Brown, 'The Constructional Sequence and Topography of the Chapel and College buildings at St George's', in C. Richmond & E. Scarff (eds.), *St. George's Chapel in the Late Middle Ages* (2001), pp. 3-38.
- <sup>2</sup> S. Bentley (ed.), 'Will of King Edward the Fourth', in *Excerpta Historica – illustrations of English history*, (1833), p. 373.
- <sup>3</sup> J.N. Dalton (ed.), *Manuscripts of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle* (1957), p. 104.
- <sup>4</sup> 'Indenture of Foundation of the Chantry of Anne, Duchess of Exeter, sealed with the seal of Thomas Saintleger', in *Annual Report of the Friends of St George's Chapel, Windsor*, 1941, pp. 8-13.
- <sup>5</sup> T. Tatton-Brown, *op.cit.*, p. 21, n.57.
- <sup>6</sup> Will of Thomas Brotherton, SGC I.G.14.
- <sup>7</sup> J.N. Dalton (ed.), *op.cit.*, p. 148.
- <sup>8</sup> A. Krieder, *English Chantries: The Road to Dissolution* (1979), pp. 21-23.
- <sup>9</sup> S. Bond (ed.), *Monuments of St George's Chapel* (1958), p. 66.
- <sup>10</sup> M. Bond (ed.), *The Inventories of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle* (1947), p. 271.



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## Two Events of Words & Music

On behalf of The Friends of St George's Chapel

### Four Seasons

Tony & Richard Whennell with Jane Speller (*narrator*)

Sunday 30 May 2004 at 8:00 pm

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### Royal Connections

Frances Dimond & Jane Speller with Irene Campden (*piano*)

Wednesday 17 November 2004 at 8:00 pm

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#### Venue

The Dungeon

Windsor Castle

*by kind permission of the Dean & Canons of Windsor*

#### Tickets

£7.50 to include a programme and a glass of wine

#### Available from

Chapter & Verse

Friends' Office

1 The Cloisters

Windsor Castle

Berkshire SL4 1NJ

#### Cheque payable to

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## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

The 72nd Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Saturday, 3 May 2003 at 2:00 pm in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. The Dean of Windsor was in the Chair and opened the Meeting with a prayer.

**The Minutes of the 71st Annual General Meeting**, held on 4 May 2002, had been printed on pp. 126-128 of the 2001/2002 *Annual Report* previously distributed to members. They were duly approved as a true record and signed by the Dean. There were no matters arising.

### Annual Report and Accounts

The Dean paid tribute to Miss Bridget Wright, the Honorary Editor for her hard work in producing an excellent Report. Turning to the audited accounts on pp. 134-139 of the *Annual Report*, the Dean put the motion that they be accepted and the thanks of the Meeting to Mr Michael Whatmough, the Honorary Treasurer, be recorded. This was proposed by Mr Dennis Garrett, seconded by Mr David James and passed *nem. con.*

### Nominations for Election to Management Committee

Under the three-year rule, Lady Palmer, the Hon. Lady Roberts and Major Munro Davidson were due to retire and were warmly thanked for their contributions during their term of office. The Management Committee had nominated Mr Ralph Grenville, Mr Art Ramirez and Mr Andrew Try to serve from 2003 until 2006. These nominations were approved *nem. con.* Furthermore, the Dean announced two new representative members – Mr Tim Brown in place of Mr Jonathan Bungard (Lay Clerks) and Mr Richard Russell in place of Mr Andrew McCullough (St George's School Association).

**Appointment of Honorary Officers** The Dean announced that Mr Michael Whatmough had resigned after five valuable years in office, for which he expressed his gratitude. He then proposed the following officers who were elected *nem. con.*

*Honorary Secretary* Mr Nigel Hill

*Honorary Treasurer* Mr Andrew Goodhart

*Honorary Solicitor* Mr John Handcock

The Meeting approved the re-appointment of Mrs Jennifer Carr as Independent Examiner.

### The Dean's Address

The Dean welcome members to the AGM, not least for the opportunity it provided to thank the Friends for their generosity. He then listed the special payments they had provided and, in particular, their donations to the Jubilee Appeal.



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The Dean mentioned by name Canon Barry Thompson (appointed by The Queen as the first Canon Emeritus of Windsor), Brigadier John Lindner (celebrated his 90th Birthday and 25th year as a Military Knight of Windsor), Mrs Jan Williams (appointed as the first woman Lay Steward), Messrs Garry Williams and Alastair Bruce (new Lay Stewards) and Dr Derek Stanesby (former Canon of Windsor and making a good recovery after recent heart surgery). He said that November 2002 had marked the 650th anniversary of the granting of the College Statutes and the tenth anniversary of the Windsor Castle fire.

The Dean mentioned arrivals and departures during the past year. Mr John Pritchard, ordinand, for Mr Des D'Arcy (Sacristans), Miss Julia Hudson for Miss Jude Dicken (Archives) and Messrs James Atherton, Biraj Barkakaty and Gareth Jones for Mr Alex Jupp (Lay Clerks). He congratulated the new Garter Knights on their recent appointments.

He then expressed his thanks to staff who had retired after long service: Mrs Pat Copeman (Book Shop Manageress for 29 years) and Miss Brenda Bartovsky (Honorary Concert Secretary for 30 years). He welcomed Mr Bill Topping as the College's first Development Director. Changes during the year included the Reverend Charles Wallace (Minor Canon moving to St Thomas', Fifth Avenue, New York) and Colonel Nigel Newman and his wife Judith (Chapter Clerk since 1990) to be replaced by Miss Charlotte Manley (Private Secretary to HRH The Duke of York).

Faithful servants of the College, who had died during the past year were Rear Admiral Anthony Davies (first Warden of St George's House), Mrs Jessie Rushton (Chapter Clerk in the 50's and 60's) and Mr Percy Taylor (the Friends' Christmas Card Secretary for more than 20 years).

The Dean praised the work of Mr Tim O'Donovan (Honorary Secretary 1992–2002), highlighting in particular, his organisation of exhibitions to mark Royal occasions, trips and tours both in the UK and abroad, (including a visit to the Holy Land in 1997 led by Dean Mitchell) and appeals to raise a huge amount of money for Chapel projects. The Dean admired the way in which he had fostered and developed links with Friends at a personal level and with overseas Friends in particular. He was glad that he and his wife Veronica would continue to live close to Windsor. The Committee had already invited Mr O'Donovan to accept Honorary Life Membership of the Society. The Dean then presented Mr O'Donovan with a bound copy of the *Annual Report* spanning 1991–2002 and a cheque from members. (*A letter of thanks from Mr O'Donovan appears on p. 160*).

The Dean spoke of the work of the College of St George being centred on the worship of the Chapel but embracing service to society, (discharged chiefly

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## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

through educational endeavour) and hospitality to thousands of visitors. He thanked his colleagues for giving so much of their time to this work, and the Friends for their interest which was a great source of encouragement.

Finally, the Dean introduced Mr Nigel Hill as the new Honorary Secretary since the beginning of the year, following a career in the Metropolitan Police. He said that he had a sensitive understanding of the College as a religious institution within the Castle, pointing to a reality about what it really means for us to be really human beings. He welcomed him and thanked him for what he had done so far.

### The Honorary Secretary's Report

The Honorary Secretary paid tribute to Mr Tim O'Donovan, his predecessor, Miss Jane Speller (Assistant Secretary) and her mother Eileen for their support, Mr Michael Whatmough (Honorary Treasurer) for keeping him on the rails, Mrs Jane Plowden-Roberts for her work as Honorary Calligrapher and Mr Ralph Grenville as Honorary Christmas Card Secretary. He also thanked the Canon Steward and the Clerk of Works and his team for preparing the new office accommodation at 1 The Cloisters, and facilitating the move from the Curfew Tower where the Friends' office had been for forty years.

The Honorary Secretary then referred to the College of St George website to be launched on 1 June, and the College's new computerised database to be in commission before the end of the year. Both technological innovations would be of enormous help in promoting and extending membership.

He then discussed the afternoon's arrangements, which included tea provided for the first time by professional caterers, use of the Moat Garden by permission of the Governor, a table treasure hunt in the Porch of Honour, sale of Christmas cards and other items in the Albert Memorial Chapel, Choral Evensong and an Organ Recital by Mr Roger Judd, acting Organist and Master of Choristers. He wished everyone a very happy afternoon.

### Any Other Business

Mr Alfred Fisher proposed that the Honorary Secretary write a letter to Sir Edmund Hillary, KG, on the 50th Anniversary of his ascent of Mount Everest. This was agreed *nem. con.* It was also agreed that the Honorary Secretary should write to the new Garter Knights inviting them to become Vice-Presidents.

The Dean then closed the business of the meeting and introduced Mr Robert Priseman, the artist, to describe how he had approached the challenge of painting *Garter Day 1998*, commissioned by the Friends for The Queen's Golden Jubilee.



## Summary Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year to 30 September 2003

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2003 £	Total 2002 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
<b>Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources</b>				
Subscriptions	28,043	16,954	<b>44,997</b>	41,002
Donations and bequests	20,470	14,132	<b>34,602</b>	54,774
<b>Incoming Resources from operating activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives</b>				
Investment income	3,713	15,697	<b>19,410</b>	21,279
Net income of trading subsidiary	2,949	—	<b>2,949</b>	2,640
Profit/(loss) on sale of booklets	—	2,217	<b>2,217</b>	1,418
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>55,175</b>	<b>49,000</b>	<b>104,175</b>	<b>121,113</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>				
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>				
Jubilee fund-raising costs	—	—	—	4,597
<b>Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects</b>				
Grants made to St George's Chapel	45,500	4,847	<b>50,347</b>	49,336
<b>Support Costs</b>				
Management and administration	31,811	—	<b>31,811</b>	25,308
Annual Report and General Meeting	14,352	—	<b>14,352</b>	10,094
Garter Day	3,283	—	<b>3,283</b>	1,157
Accountants' independent examination fees	1,046	—	<b>1,046</b>	895
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>95,992</b>	<b>4,847</b>	<b>100,839</b>	<b>91,387</b>
<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers</b>	<b>(40,817)</b>	<b>44,153</b>	<b>3,336</b>	<b>29,726</b>
Transfers between funds	14,162	(14,162)	—	—
<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources</b>	<b>(26,655)</b>	<b>29,991</b>	<b>3,336</b>	<b>29,726</b>
<b>Gains/(Losses) on investments in the year</b>				
Realised	—	1,721	<b>1,721</b>	343
Unrealised	—	25,828	<b>25,828</b>	(73,009)
	—	27,549	<b>27,549</b>	(72,666)
<b>Net movement in Funds</b>	<b>(26,655)</b>	<b>57,540</b>	<b>30,885</b>	<b>(42,940)</b>
Fund balances at 1 October 2002	91,629	375,330	<b>466,959</b>	509,899
<b>Fund balances at 30 September 2003</b>	<b>64,974</b>	<b>432,870</b>	<b>497,844</b>	<b>466,959</b>

All amounts above are derived from continuing activities

## Summary Balance Sheets

At 30 September 2003

	Group		Charity	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Investments	324,776	343,892	324,779	343,895
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Stocks	21,557	19,035	16,027	16,352
Debtors	2,270	—	6,359	1,140
Short-term deposits	87,268	98,092	87,268	98,092
Cash at bank and in hand	68,201	9,450	65,115	7,667
	179,296	126,577	174,769	123,251
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6,228	3,510	4,204	2,687
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	173,068	123,067	170,565	120,564
<b>Net Assets</b>	497,844	466,959	495,344	464,459
<b>Funds</b>				
Restricted Funds	432,870	375,330	432,870	375,330
Unrestricted Funds	64,974	91,629	62,474	89,129
<b>Total Funds</b>	497,844	466,959	495,344	464,459

These summary consolidated accounts are a summary of information extracted from the full consolidated accounts and trustees' report.

Copies of these can be obtained from: The Honourary Treasurer,  
1 The Cloisters, Windsor Castle, Berkshire SL4 1NJ.

The full consolidated accounts and trustees' report were approved by the trustees on 27 November 2003.

Approved by the Management Committee on 27 November 2003  
and signed on its behalf by:

N.J. Hill *Trustee*

A.N.D. Goodhart *Trustee*



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## Independent Examiners Report

For the Year ended September 2003

We have examined the unaudited summary consolidated accounts of The Society of the Friends of St George's and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter for the year ended 30 September 2003.

### Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The trustees are responsible for preparing the summary annual report in accordance with applicable law. Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the unaudited summary consolidated accounts with the full unaudited consolidated accounts and trustees' report.

### Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners.

### Opinion

In our opinion the unaudited summary consolidated accounts are consistent with the full unaudited consolidated accounts and trustees' report of The Society of the Friends of St George's and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter for the year ended 30 September 2003.

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**1 December 2003: Jennifer R. Carr, FCA Tenon Limited**

Amberley Place, 107-111 Peascod Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1TE

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## Gift Aid Donations

Since 2000, the Inland Revenue has considerably simplified the process of making tax-free donations to charities for those who pay Income Tax in the UK. Donors to a charity only need to indicate that they wish any such payments to be treated as a **Gift Aid donation**, so that the charity can reclaim the tax. The only condition is that the donor must pay in any one year an amount of tax (whether Income or Capital Gains Tax) at least equal to that reclaimed by the charity. There is no limit to the amount of subscription or donation, nor is there any future commitment (unlike the old covenant arrangements).

As all subscriptions are now deemed eligible to be Gift Aid donations, it is hoped that all UK members who pay sufficient Income Tax will make this declaration. This will considerably increase the income of the Society, by 28p for each pound given, without any additional cost to the members. A form for making this Gift Aid Declaration can be obtained from the Friends' Office.

## Gifts and Bequests

(£50 and over) to 30 September 2003

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

- £2,500 Bequest: Mrs O.M. Hattan.  
£710 *War & Peace*: Mr John Pritchard & Miss Jane Speller.  
£536 Eton Action Fair.  
£500 Bequest: Mr D. Hannaford.  
£346 *Around the World (50%)*: Mr Peter Bishop,  
Mr John Pritchard & Miss Jane Speller.  
£306 Gift: Mrs B. Garvey, from giving talks.  
£250 Gift: Mrs M. Thompson, in memory of her husband.  
£184 Gift: Mrs P. Lindsey, from giving talks.  
£150 Gift: His Honour Judge Rutherford & Dr Lucy Rutherford.  
£100 Gift: Mrs A.A.P. Bland.  
£100 Gift: Mr D.F. Rees, OBE.  
£100 Gift: Mr G.L. Manchester.  
£60 Gift: Mr D. Harris.  
£54 Gift: Professor M. Leonardo de Calcina-Goff.  
£50 Gift: In memory of Mr Peter Drost.  
£50 Gift: Caley's of Windsor.  
£50 Gift: Mrs J.N. Pelissier.

### Australia

- A\$225 Gift: The Australian Friends: Mrs L. Addison, Dr M. Foxton  
& The Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship  
in Queensland (Gold Coast Branch in Bundall).

### Germany

- £50.00 Gift: Mr H. Schaller.

### USA

- US\$1,000 Gift: Mr C. Allen Foster.  
US\$300 Gift: Mr & Mrs Clifford A. Worthing.  
US\$100 Gift: Mrs Lynette M. Robinson.  
US\$100 Gift: Mrs Susan Jernigan.

### The Netherlands

- £50 Gift: Mr P.J. Vogel.

### Portugal

- £500 Bequest: Mrs D.R. Rees.



## List of New Members

1 October 2002 to 30 September 2003

### Honorary Life Friends

Biggs, Mrs J.  
Lawrence, Mr W.R.C. (*New Zealand*)  
O'Donovan, Mr T.C.M.  
Whatmough, Mr M.J.

### British Friends

Agar, Mrs P.  
Aimer, Mr D.  
Allen, Professor B.F.  
Andrews, Mrs S.M.  
† Ashley, Miss E., MBE  
Baker, Ms M.G.  
Balcombe, Mrs S.M.  
† Barnes, Mrs J.  
Baxendale, Mr S.A.  
† Bennington, Mr C.  
Bigmore, The Revd G.P., JP, BTh  
Blackburn, Mr J.C.  
Blackburn, Mrs M.  
Blackmore, Mrs S.  
Bridge, Mr A.P.  
Bryant, Mr P.P.  
† Burder, Mr J.R.  
Buss, The Revd Dr G.V.A.  
Butler of Brockwell,  
The Lord, KG, GCB, CVO  
† Caldon, Mr A.J.  
† Clark, Professor R.P.,  
Hon. FRPS, FSEE  
Combe, Mr C.C.  
Corbett, Mr P.P.  
Craig, Mrs T.R.  
Crake, Mrs J.E.  
Crake, Mr P.A.  
Davies, Mrs E.C.S.  
Davies, Mr M.J.  
de la Fuente, Mrs D., BSc

de la Fuente, Dr J., MRCP  
Deverson, Mrs P.  
Dobbinson, Mrs J.  
Ewing, Mr C., MBE  
FitzGerald, Dr M.V.J.  
Fromme-Gilles, Mrs B.  
† Gaskell, Dr S.M.  
George, Mr W.S.  
† Gledhill, Mrs D.  
† Griffin Tebbutt, Mrs L.A.  
† Hall, Mrs M.E.  
† Harris, Mr D.D.  
Harrop, Mr W.J.B.  
Hill, Mr P.S.  
Howard, Mr G.V.R.  
Jenkins, Miss S.N.  
† Jeremiah, Mr M.G., CB, JP  
Jones, Mrs Z.  
Judd, Mr C.M.  
Keenan, Mrs D.M.P., MITG  
Lancaster, Mrs E.P.  
Ley, Mr B.J.  
Lowe, Miss E.  
McChrystal, Mrs D.J.  
Mackinder, Mrs M.H.  
Mazes, Mrs H.  
Mazes, Mr M.  
Midgley, Mr J.A.  
Mill, Mrs T.A.  
Morgan, Mr A.D.  
Morgan, Mr B.  
Morris of Aberavon,  
The Lord, KG, PC, QC  
Neal, Mrs A.M.  
† Olorenshaw, Mr J.  
Pilling, Dr B.  
† Plowden-Roberts, Mr H.M.  
Pooley, Mrs L.C.

† Represents Life Member

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Price, Mrs S.  
† Pye-Beraet, Mr P.  
Robertson, Mrs J.S.  
† Rowntree, Mr A.J.M.  
Russell, Mrs S.  
Scott, Mr A.  
Scott, Mrs A.L.  
Scott, Miss R.A.  
Severn, Mr G.  
Severn, Mrs M.  
Sewell, Mr R.  
Sheldon, Mr G.K.  
Smith, Mr A., FCJ, MInstD, MIPR  
Smith, Mrs B.  
Stanton, Mrs J.I.  
Suddick, Mrs J.  
Tanner, Wing Commander  
    B.D., (RAF, Ret'd)  
Tansley, Mrs E.  
† Telford, Miss P.W.  
Wadleigh, Mr S.  
† Walters, Mr L.F.  
Webb, Mr S.J.  
Webber, Mrs M.A.  
† Westminster, The Duke of,  
    KG, OBE, TD, DL  
Wood, Ms L.  
Woodhall, Mrs B.M.  
Woodward, Mrs B.W.D.

### British Descendants

Adams-Draeger, Mrs P.J.  
Clayton, Lady Mary  
† Hill, Mr N.J.  
† Lead, Mr W.A.P.  
† Milward-Oliver, Ms J.  
    Summerfield, Mrs M.B.  
† Williams, Captain M.R.  
    Williams, Mrs V.E.

### Now Life Friends

Coldwells, Miss K.  
Hale, Ms M.  
St George's C of E. Primary School,  
    Atherton

### Australian Friends

† Brayshaw, Miss N.  
† Campion, Dr M.J.  
† Chalmers, Miss M.  
† Cloros, Mrs J.  
† Grosz, Mrs B.  
† Harvey-Sutton, Dr P.  
† Jackel, Mr S.  
† Lambert, Mrs B.  
† Rutter, Mrs C.  
† Seton, Ms K.

### Australian Descendants

† Livolsi, Mrs E.A.  
† von Bibra, Mr J.E.K.  
† von Bibra, Miss R.

### American Friends

† Battles, Mr T.G.  
† Grimes, Mr W.L.  
† Klein, Mr A.  
† Lybass, Ms O.E.  
† Manger, Dr W.M., MD, PhD  
† Page, Mr C.C.

### American Descendants

† Barta, The Revd Canon F.K., MDiv, OSJ  
† Butt, Ms A.F.  
† Butt, Ms M.E.B.  
† Croucher, Mrs R.S.  
† De Lozier, Ms S.K.  
† Dowling, Mrs A.B.  
† Foster, Mr C.A.  
† Foster, Miss C.E.



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- † Foster, Mr C.H.
- † Foster, Mr C.H.E
- † Foster, Mr C.S.
- † Foster, Mrs D.C
- † Foster, Miss S.
- † Foster, Mrs S.B.C.
- † Foster, Mrs S.E.C.
- † Jones, Mr L.
- † Lord, Mr H.A.F.
- † Lynch, Ms S.A.B.
- † Moore, Mrs D.D.P.
- † Page, Mr R.B.
- † Perryman, Mr F.L.
- † Piggott, Miss A.W.
- † Piggott, Dr J.D., III, MD
- † Pundmann, Mrs M.C.L
- † Theberge, Ms P.E.C.
- † Walker, Mrs J.W.

### Now Life Friend

Kennedy, Miss M.

### Now Life Descendants

Barasch, Mrs D.  
Barasch, Miss S.A.  
Moore, Rear Admiral H.S., (USN Ret'd)

### Germany

Matz, Mr B.

### Italy

Salvi, Mr S.

### Spain

† Hovious, Mr M.R. (*Descendant*)

### Switzerland

### Now Life Friend

† Zeller, Mr M.

### Corrections to the 2001-2002 List

Foulger, Mr K.J. was omitted from the Now Life Friends list;  
Issitt, G.F., in Corrections to 2001-02, should be Isitt, Mr G.F.;  
Jones, Ms L.S.B., in American Descendants, should be Jones, Mrs L.S.B.;  
McLeod, Captain W.H.H., OBE, RN, in British Friends, should be shown as a Life Friend.

## Bequests to the Society

A bequest to the Society represents an extremely valuable gift, free of Inheritance Tax, to the Friends' funds for members – and indeed non-members – wishing to benefit the Society after they have died. The form that such a gift should take is set out below and members are recommended to ask their own solicitor to insert the bequest in their testamentary provisions.

### 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, Berkshire SL4 1NJ 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.'

## Notice of the Annual General Meeting 2004

The 73rd Annual General Meeting of the Society of the Friends of St George's & Descendants of the Knights of the Garter will be held on Saturday, 1 May 2004 at 2:00 pm in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. The Agenda is set out on p. 196.

### Please note:

Members are invited to bring family and friends who are not members. However, non-members attend as observers only and may not vote.

Any member wishing to raise any matter under Item 11 – Any Other Business is asked to give advance notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary before 26 April 2004.

### The arrangements will be as follows:

*Tea Tickets:* Tea tickets must be ordered in advance. You may request an application form by ticking the appropriate box on the blue form in the middle of this *Annual Report* and returning it with a stamped addressed envelope to the Friends' Office.

*Fascinating Rhythm* led by Roderick Thomson, a former chorister of St George's, will provide entertainment during tea.

*A Sung Eucharist* to celebrate the Feast Day of St Philip & St James will commence at 5:15 pm in the Nave. Members will be particularly welcome.

*An Organ Recital* will be given by Mr Tim Byram-Wigfield, FRCO, the new Director of Music, at 6:30 pm. You may request an application form by ticking the appropriate box on the blue form in the middle of this *Annual Report* and returning it with a stamped addressed envelope to the Friends' Office. Alternatively, there will be tickets at the door.

*Car Parking:* There is no car parking available within the Castle. However, there are public car parks within easy reach of the Castle, in River Street, Victoria Street and Datchet Road.

*Access:* Members wearing their membership badge, and non-members in possession of a tea ticket, may enter the Castle precincts via King Henry VIII Gateway.

*Please note that members and non-members without a badge or tea ticket must pay to enter through the Visitor Centre.*



## Annual General Meeting Agenda 2004

- 1 Opening Prayer
- 2 Minutes of the 72nd Annual General Meeting  
*(previously circulated in the Annual Report)*
- 3 Matters arising
- 4 Annual Report and Accounts
- 5 Nominations for election to the Management Committee  
*(There are three vacancies)*
- 6 Appointment of Honorary Officers *(Secretary, Treasurer and Solicitor)*
- 7 Appointment of Independent Examiner
- 8 The Honorary Secretary's Report
- 9 Life Subscriptions – Recommendations of the Management Committee:
  - a That, as from 1 January 2005, the minimum life subscription for new overseas and European Community members should be £200 (the UK rate) or the equivalent in their own currencies.
  - b That, as from 1 January 2005, new UK and European Community members may no longer pay their life subscription by instalments.
- 10 The Dean's Address
- 11 Any Other Business

### NOTICE

You may have heard or read in the press that The College of St George needs to raise a very considerable amount of money for the repair, restoration and renovation of St George's Chapel and its associated buildings and to sustain the choral tradition of its Services. Urgent work has already started and the whole project is due to be completed by 2008.

Because the Millennium Organ Appeal (2000-2001) and the Golden Jubilee Appeal (2002-2003) are of recent memory, there is no intention on the part of the Management Committee to launch another Friends' Appeal at present.

However, in 2006, the Friends of St George's Chapel will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of their inauguration in 1931. This will provide a timely and appropriate occasion for members of the Society to make their personal contribution. *Timely* because more money is certain to be needed then to complete the project. *Appropriate* because any donation would become a practical thank offering to God for the Society's growth and activity in support of St George's Chapel over its first 75 years.



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*Left: The Life Guards on Garter Day on the  
West Front steps.*

*Back cover: Mr Roger Judd, Acting Organist  
and Master of Choristers, with the Choristers  
and Probationers of St George's Chapel in  
September 2003.*





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