God our Father, by whose inspiration our ancestors were given the faith and vision to build this Chapel and in succeeding ages to care for its maintenance and adornment: Give grace and mercy to the Friends of St George’s wherever they may be. Bless all those who by their love and their labour maintain it, so that it may speak to every generation of beauty and holiness, and be a witness to the abiding presence in our land and in our lives. Grant that as we love the habitation of the house and the place wherein thine honour dwells, so may we all grow in love for thee and for our neighbours in this life, and come to enjoy the promise of eternal life through thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Prayer of the Friends of St George’s and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter.
KNIGHTS & LADIES OF THE GARTER

AT 31 AUGUST 2015

HM The Queen
HRH The Prince of Wales
1947 HRH The Duke of Edinburgh
1972 HRH Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg
1979 HM Queen Margrethe of Denmark
1983 HM King Carl Gustaf of Sweden
1985 HRH The Duke of Kent
1988 HM King Juan Carlos of Spain
1989 HRH Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands
1994 HRH The Princess Royal
1997 HRH The Duke of Gloucester
1998 HRH The Emperor of Japan
2001 HM King Harald of Norway
2003 HRH Princess Alexandra, The Hon. Lady Ogilvy
2006 HRH The Duke of York: HRH The Earl of Wessex
2008 HRH The Duke of Cambridge

1985 The Lord Carrington
1990 Field Marshal The Lord Bramall
1992 The Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover
1994 Sir Ninian Stephen: The Lord Ashburton
1996 Sir Timothy Colman
1999 The Duke of Abercorn: Sir William Gladstone, Bt
2001 Field Marshal The Lord Inge: Sir Antony Acland
2003 The Duke of Westminster: The Lord Butler of Brockwell:
   The Lord Morris of Aberavon
2005 Sir John Major
2008 The Lord Luce: Sir Thomas Dunne
2011 The Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers:
   Admiral of the Fleet The Lord Boyce
2013 Marshal of the Royal Air Force The Lord Stirrup
2014 The Baroness Manningham-Buller: The Lord King of Lothbury

(The dates above are those of nomination or declaration as KG or LG. Names are in order of seniority within the Order. The positions of the Garter Banners in the Quire are on p. 354.)

THE FOUNDATION

AT 31 AUGUST 2015

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Music found on the wall behind panelling in No. 25, Denton’s Commons.

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I write this letter as I sit at my desk in my study in the Deanery. The Deanery refurbishment was completed in April, and we moved back soon after Easter. This wonderful building should now be in good repair for many years to come.

An article about the work appears later in this Review. At this point, however, I am delighted to record a heartfelt word of thanks to members of the Canadian Bray Fellowship, who have so generously funded this project, and to all those people through whose industry and skill such a great deal has been achieved.

The Hon. Mrs Galen Weston (Founder of the Canadian Bray) was honoured in The Queen’s Birthday Honours List. Military Knights Major Richard Moore and Lieutenant Colonel Ray Giles were also honoured, as had been Sue Pendry (recently retired from St George’s House) and Sue Hill (wife of a former Head Master of St George’s School) in the New Year’s Honours List. Warm congratulations go to each of them.

During the year, we have been pleased to welcome a number of people to this community. Duncan Dewar, as Castle Superintendent, together with his wife Helen and children, is already well-settled into the Castle. The Reverend Franklin Lee, our new Minor Canon and School Chaplain, has been with us since September, as has Asher Oliver, our Organ Scholar for the year. Éilis Crowe has come as a trainee in the College Archives, and the staff of St George’s House has been joined by Christine Chamberlain and Susan Suchodolska. To these, and to others whom it has not been possible to mention by name, I offer the happiest of welcomes.

Some people have been with us for a long time but have taken on new responsibilities. Among them are Hugo Vickers, who has become the Captain of Lay Stewards, and Sue Pendry and Helen Cotterill, who were installed as Lay Stewards in May. We are all genuinely grateful for their service to St George’s.

Others of course have left us since you received the last Friends’ Review. Stewart Conley-Harper (Lay Clerk), his wife Claire and their children have moved to Haslemere. Alex Hamilton (Organ Scholar) has gone to Trinity College, Cambridge. Brigadier Tim Hackworth has become a supernumerary Military Knight of Windsor and, with his wife Jan, has moved to Wantage. Canon James Woodward has become the Principal of Sarum College. Scott Burton has left our Works Team, and Gemma Martin has moved on from the College Archives. In many ways, and for many reasons, they will each...
be missed, and we wish them every blessing in the future.

Jan Hackworth and Peggy Giles were the chief Chapel Flower-Arrangers for many years. They relinquished this responsibility in the summer. To them must go an enormous Thank You for all that they have done for us. It is with a mix of relief, pleasure and gratitude that I am able to record the fact that Francesca Pearson and Sue Pendry have taken on this significant task.

Each year, as I write this letter, I am reminded of the passing of time – not least because I am made conscious of the deaths of so many loyal friends of this place. Letty Jones, MVO, died in November 2014. Before her retirement, she had worked in the Chapter Office for thirty years. In December 2014, Jan Williams died, and the same month saw the death of the Duke of Wellington (obituaries of both of these appear later in this Review). In January, Colleen Garrett, a faithful member of our congregation, and Jane Langton, CVO, former Registrar of the Royal Archives and Committee Member of the Friends, died. In February came the death of Major ‘Jim’ Eastwood, Superintendent of the Castle from 1984 to 1998, also a former Committee Member. The Very Reverend John Treadgold, former Canon and Chaplain in the Great Park, died in March 2015 (an obituary relating to Henry VIII. From April onwards, this was replaced by an exhibition on George III’s refurbishment of the Chapel. In the Dean’s Cloister from March until Easter there was an attractive exhibition of the work of local schoolchildren in response to Magna Carta. In September, Tim O’Donovan mounted a remarkable exhibition of photographs and memorabilia to mark ‘The Longest Reign’. All this has resulted from a great deal of hard work, and has been appreciated by the ‘home team’ as well as thousands of visitors.

The year under review has also seen a number of interesting publications. In the autumn of 2014, ‘King Charles I, his burial and relics’ with an introduction by Clare Ridler was published. In the spring of 2015, Dr James Willoughby’s ‘The Medieval Library of St George’s Chapel, Windsor Castle’ was published, as was David Axson’s ‘Guide to Garter Stall-Plates’ (in CD form also). At the same time of the year, Sir William Gladstone’s book of ‘The Order of the Garter’ appeared. These works much enhance understanding of our roots. We are fortunate in being able to benefit from the scholarship, interest and diligence of so many people.

Now, towards the end of this letter, I wish to thank all Friends who read this Review for your continuing interest and support. The Chapel goes on benefiting from your financial generosity. Just as important, those of us most closely associated with the Chapel remain grateful for your encouragement, and not least for your prayers.

Of course, I am pleased to thank Canon Martin Poll, Colonel David Steele, Linda Aitken and Annette Parsons for working so hard to ‘keep the show on the road’. I am always heartened to hear from Friends of the care they receive from our team. As always, it is a privilege to be able to offer a word of thanks to Bridget Wright. Her editing of this Annual Review is a labour of love, appreciated far and wide by those who have the well-being of St George’s at heart.

David Conner
appropriate that we should recognise what might be the secret, even the ‘mystery’ perhaps, behind this enduring unconditional commitment.

I think it begins in a sense of ‘vocation’; the hearing of a kind of call. That call, the voice of God in our lives, is a call that comes to each and every one of us, yet one that must be responded to in and through the particular circumstances that happen to be ours. Our responding to it generates a profound sense of ‘responsibility’: accountability to something that far transcends our superficial and selfish wishes, whims and desires. It is, of course, this voice of God in our lives, the call of Love. The hearing of that call is part of the secret.

But the hearing of the call, the response to the call and the accompanying sense of profound responsibility, leave us all too aware of our own inadequacy. We cannot manage in our own strength alone. We are in constant need of being strengthened; in need of being blessed by some inspiration. Prayer for such strengthening and inspiration arises in the heart, and becomes the root through which we receive our daily nourishment. This praying is part of the secret.

And, strange though it may seem to many people, this praying is answered, and our natural response is one of thankfulness. The call has brought along with it the burden of a great responsibility but, as through some kind of miracle, we discover that the ‘yoke is easy’ and ‘the burden is light’. Something like joy ensues. That joy is also part of the secret.

As Christians, of course, in and through the life of Jesus Christ, we at least glimpse the identity of the One who calls. We come to understand that we are not only called to bear the burden of loving, but much more to enjoy the assurance that we are loved – and loved without conditions, with a love that conveys God’s unqualified promise that, at the last, all shall be well. The enjoyment of that assurance is part of the secret.

I have spoken perhaps a little obliquely. You will understand the reason why. It would have been wrong to have been too intrusive. But, in this very special place, it would have been equally wrong not to have at least hinted at the faith that I believe has been the secret of the keeping of an unqualified promise, made many years ago: a promise that maybe we now see as one that reminds us of what some have called ‘an everlasting covenant’.

At the time of The Queen’s Accession to the Throne, I was a boy of five. You have to be getting on a bit to remember the years before the Reign of Queen Elizabeth the Second. It has been a long reign, and we are now giving thanks for the fact that Her Majesty has become this country’s longest-serving monarch.

Things have changed very much over the years: some things for the better and, no doubt, some things for the worse. One of the things that I seem to notice, and that I regret, is that it feels as though we are living in an increasingly ‘contractual’ world. By that I mean that our relationships, both personal and professional, are more and more ‘conditional’. As often as not, they are supposedly safeguarded by written agreements, the breaking of which by one of the partners in the arrangement allows for the release from any sense of obligation on the part of the other. If there should be a dispute about any particular outcome, as often as not it is to the Courts that people look to find an impartial ruling or judgement. The days when they used to say that a gentleman’s word was his bond do seem to have dissolved, and with them a culture of trust and a culture of forgiveness; a sort of ‘grace’, you might say, has faded away.

When Queen Elizabeth the Second became Queen, She promised that, for the whole of Her life, She would dedicate Herself to the service of Her people. In doing so, She struck a very different chord from the one with which we are all too familiar today; the one that I have just described. No conditions were laid down; there was no bargaining; there were no ‘ifs’ allowed. She gave us what could be described as ‘an unqualified promise’. Her service to the nation has not always been accepted graciously. We have frequently been ungrateful, and ignorant of the cost involved. She has, however, for well over sixty-three years, remained true to Her word.

Throughout the country today, many words of appreciation will have been spoken. The Queen’s life of dedicated service will have been recognised and celebrated in a host of different ways by a host of different people. Here, in this Chapel, in this place that has been set aside for centuries so that people might see more deeply into things, to understand that there is more to life than meets only the outward eye, it is perhaps
REPORT OF THE HONORARY SECRETARY TO THE FRIENDS AND DESCENDANTS

COLONEL DAVID STEELE

This year has gone rather quickly: I suppose time flies when you are enjoying yourself, or perhaps it is that time passes quicker when you get older! There has been much activity in the Friends, and we have again contributed to the life of the Chapel in no small measure.

We have provided funds in support of the following projects:

The purchase of a rare book by John Marbeck, Organist in the sixteenth century;
The purchase of a framed sixteenth-century engraving of Windsor Castle, and of framed illustrations of Christmas Card designs by A.Y. Nutt, offered by Mr Henry Hoppe, a Friend who lives in Windsor;
The construction of a ramp for disabled access, adjacent to the Rutland Chantry;
The publication of the book on the history of Windsor organs by Mr Roger Judd, who was Assistant Organist in the Chapel from 1985 until 2008;
The production of a CD recording of the Chapel Organ, played by our Assistant Director of Music, Mr Richard Pinel, issued by Resonus Classic.

Friends’ Consultative Committee Our programmes and policies are regularly debated, analysed and confirmed by our hard-working Consultative Committee, which is chosen from the Friends. Canon Martin Poll is our Chairman, Mr Stephen Day is our Lay Chairman and there are a number of Ex-Officio Members; Mr Day has written about the Committee later in the Review (p. 364).

I have also been greatly heartened by visits from our Friends from overseas, both at Garter and on other occasions. These have included representatives from Australia, Canada, Germany, New Zealand and the United States. Long may that continue.

The Foundation This year has been the eighth complete financial year of the Foundation, and copies of the accounts will be available from the Company Secretary, Foundation of the College of St George, 2 The Cloisters, Windsor Castle, Windsor, SL4 1NJ.

Events There have been a number of excellent visits and other events, all very well attended. I believe that the nature of what we achieve is what it says ‘on the tin’ – ‘Friends’ means we should be good for each other. Thus our programme of visits and meetings throughout the year is most important. You can read Linda Aitken’s Report on pp. 340-41 – and we are most grateful to her for arranging the programme. We commend our 2016 programme to you (see p. 388).

On Wednesday, 21 October, many of us attended a Memorial Service at the Royal Hospital Chelsea for the late Major General Sir Peter Downward, KCVO, CB, DSO, DFC, who was Governor of the Military Knights from 1989 to 2000, and a long-time Member of the Friends; he died on 18 October 2014. As he had been Lieutenant Governor at the home of the Chelsea Pensioners from 1979 to 1984, a plaque was unveiled in his honour after the service. This photograph was taken by Lieutenant Colonel Jolyon Willans, Staff Officer to the Military Knights.

Friends’ Financial Report and Appreciation – Income In the Financial Year from 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015, the total income (less legacies) received by the Friends’ sector of the Foundation was £72,545. The chart below shows the details:

Unrestricted Donations £11,057 15%
Garter Stand & Donations £14,232 20%
Subscriptions & Gift Aid £40,565 56%
Events £6,691 9%
This is my first annual report on the Australian Friends since assuming the role of Representative, upon the retirement of our dear long-time Representative Mrs Valerie Grogan, AM, last November. Valerie’s retirement and special contribution to the Friends was acknowledged with a luncheon of Friends from various parts of Australia, held at the Australian Club in Sydney. This was attended by fifty Friends, including Robert Thomson, who has assumed the role of Victorian Representative, coming from Melbourne, and Geoffrey McMahon who travelled from the USA. A parallel luncheon was held on St George’s Day, where Emeritus Professor of Law David Flint, AM, gave a stimulating address on the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta, and its importance and legal transcendence to the time of Edward III. The luncheon was well attended by local and visiting Friends from Queensland.

Mrs Sue Labordus, the Administration and Membership Secretary of the Australia-Britain Society, has agreed to maintain the Australian Friends’ membership details as shadow records of those maintained by Annette Parsons at Windsor. This will facilitate annual advices locally to celebrate St George’s Day. With postage and stationery costs increasing, in 2016 we are aiming to support this data with electronic data, and many Friends have given Sue Labordus their e-mail addresses to expedite advices. From an analysis of local Friends, many are Life Members, elderly, and scattered throughout the country, and consequently are not able to attend events. However, we are grateful to those who have sent us donations in lieu of being able to join in the annual celebrations.

One advantage of using the Australia-Britain Society record system and e-mail advices is that we can invite Friends to join in with this Society, to celebrate events that involve no administrative and postage costs to Friends. In late May this year, a gala black-tie dinner in honour of The Queen’s Birthday was held in Sydney for 150 members of various Societies, in the company of His Excellency the Governor. It included a special musical tribute to our retiring Governor Professor Dame Marie Bashir. A large table of year, and to those who have completed Gift Aid declarations and supported our events so well. Especially, I should also like to thank our wonderful volunteers, who gave their time in administering the many activities, and in raising money from lectures, visits and other special events. It is a delight to have such loyal support from so many dedicated people.

Expenditure Expenditure for the year amounted to £47,432. Details are shown in the chart below:

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Overall the sum of £25,113 was credited to the Foundation of the College of St George for use by the Trustees.

Legacies We are also most grateful to the late Members, who kindly left the Friends legacies - the details are at the head of p. 385. Since the Society of the Friends of St George’s and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter was incorporated into the Foundation of the College of St George in 2007, all legacies have been used to support the on-going conservation of the Chapel.

Look Forward In 2016 we have many interesting events planned and I hope that many of you will come to some of them.

Once Again May I ask all of our readers to recruit a new Friend for us in the coming year. I hope to meet more of you at our events in 2016.

Finally I should like to thank our Honorary Editor, our Administrator, the Consultative Committee and the Accounts Department for all their hard work and support throughout the year. I must also thank all contributors to the Annual Review for their articles, photographs and other positive help and advice. Above all, let me thank all our Members for their continued friendship.
Friends attended, and Valerie Grogan made a special tribute and presentation to Dame Marie on behalf of the Friends attending. These joint invitations can be extended in 2016 to include events such as an Australia Day week buffet at the Union and Schools Club, plus black-tie dinner in late May to celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Her Majesty.

St George’s Day in 2016 falls on a weekend, and a celebratory luncheon of Friends (and their guests) will be held during the prior week in Sydney, at one of the main exclusive clubs that can offer special private facilities for groups up to 150 people. To facilitate attendances, these are priced at cost plus a small margin, and we are hoping that Friends can support this with donations even if they cannot attend. Our joint aim is to raise funds to support St George’s Chapel and to provide functions to enable Friends to meet in a convivial background. I am indebted to Valerie Grogan, Helen Booth, Angela Lind and Robert Thomson in Victoria, for their continuing support to the local Friends’ activities.

In June, seven Australian Friends joined the Garter ceremony at Windsor for a fine day, with seating arranged by Annette Parsons. Canon Poll hosted tea following the ceremony, where Friends from around the world could meet. The Australian attendees thank Canon Poll and Colonel David Steele for facilitating this memorable occasion. We hope this Australian contingent can continue to join in this paramount celebration headed by Her Majesty every year. This has been supported by Valerie Grogan and her close colleagues where the collective donations of our local Friends can be presented to the Society in Windsor.

On 9 September Her Majesty became the longest-serving British Monarch. Joint services of gratitude and thanks by Friends were held at St James’ Church, King Street, and St Andrew’s Cathedral in Sydney. I understand these services were held in all capitals at which Friends would have been involved. Her Majesty’s ninetieth birthday celebrations in 2016 are planned for, and will involve a wide range of British cultural Societies joining together for this event.

His Excellency The Honourable General David Hurley, Governor of New South Wales, has indicated that he welcomes more use of Government House by Societies, especially those who he is the Patron. The Australia-Britain Society, through the Governor’s patronage, will be aiming to hold either a gala ball or afternoon tea in this exclusive location overlooking the Harbour in 2016 to which Friends will be invited. Our aim is to extend the access by Friends to a range of social events, that can facilitate a closer fellowship between Friends, and to make a small margin towards the work of St George’s Chapel.

On a personal level, I am pleased to be teaming with Robert Thomson to further the activities, interests and, we hope, donation support-level to St George’s Chapel. My roles as Representative and that of President of the Australia-Britain Society are ones where we can synthesise these events towards not only Friends’ enjoyment, but primarily generating donations to such a wonderful cause as the continuity of St George’s Chapel and its part in the ecclesiastical framework of worship throughout the world. Please contact me on email mott@optushome.com.au or Sue Labordus at suelabordus@idx.com.au if you have special areas of interest, or if you can assist with fund-raising.

With best wishes to the global Friends, to your friendship, fellowship and the privilege to serve in a small way such a wonderful institution.

THE NEW ZEALAND REPORT

MR PHILLIP O’SHEA

The New Zealand Roll totals 43:
Life Descendants 8
Life Descendant (10-year membership) 1
Life Friends 31
Annual Friend 1
Corporate Life Friends 2 (includes one Honorary)

Membership I record with regret the death of Miss Kathleen Hazel Bell, LRAM, LRSM, a Life Friend, on 7 January 2015, aged ninety-four. She thoughtfully made a bequest to the Society.

I also record the death of Sir Russell Pettigrew, a Life Friend, on 20 March 2015, aged ninety-four. Sir Russell, a prominent businessman and philanthropist, was knighted in 1982 for his services to the transport industry, sport and the community. He was a past President of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union.

As this report was being prepared, a review of our membership was undertaken with the assistance of the Hon. Secretary at Windsor. The main focus was on Members who have not notified changes of address. It has been ascertained that a further two Members have long been deceased, and their names have been removed from the Roll. During the year two Friends transferred from the United Kingdom to the New Zealand Roll.

News and Activities The birth in London on 2 May 2015 of Princess Charlotte of
Cambridge to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge was widely and warmly welcomed throughout the country. For the occasion New Zealand Post issued a commemorative coin.

The United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) on 25 July 2015 disclosed that two newly-discovered ranges in the Sputnik Planum Region of the planet Pluto had been named the Hillary Montes and Tenzing Montes, after the late Sir Edmund Hillary, KG, ONZ, KBE, and Tenzing Norgay, GM, the first men to reach the summit of Mt Everest in 1953.

HRH The Prince of Wales, KG, on 3 August 2015 was appointed an Admiral of the Fleet in the Royal New Zealand Navy, Field Marshal in the New Zealand Army, and Marshal of the Royal New Zealand Air Force. He joins his father, The Duke of Edinburgh, KG, who was appointed an Admiral of the Fleet in the RNZN in 1958, and a Field Marshal in the NZ Army and Marshal of the RNZAF in 1977. The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall propose to visit New Zealand in November.

On 9 September New Zealand, along with her other Realms, celebrated Her Majesty The Queen passing Queen Victoria in length of reign. New Zealand Post marked this historic occasion with the issue of a commemorative coin and special postage stamps.

I thank the Committee, Colonel David Steele and Annette Parsons of the Secretariat for their support for the New Zealand membership, as small as it may be. Historical notes The first settlement of the New Zealand Company in early 1840 was named ‘Britannia’ by Governor William Hobson. However, at the request of the Company Directors in London, the name was changed to ‘Wellington’ in honour of the victor of Waterloo, Arthur Wellesley, first Duke of Wellington, KG, a supporter of the Company’s objects. On 26 July 1865 Wellington was declared the capital of New Zealand. The 150th anniversary of this event was widely celebrated throughout the city.

The year has seen a number of anniversaries relating to both the First and Second World Wars. These occasions provide an opportunity of reflecting on our heritage, as well as the links with Windsor.

On 25 April 2015 New Zealand marked the centennial of the Gallipoli landings and campaign. One distinguished member of the forces was British-born and New Zealand-educated, Lieutenant-Commander Bernard Freyberg, RNVR, of the Hood Battalion, RN Division, who received a DSO (London Gazette, 3 June 1915) for his conspicuous gallantry during the night of 24-25 April. For his gallantry at Beaucourt sur Acre in France on 13 November 1916, he was awarded the Victoria Cross (London Gazette, 15 December 1916). During the Second World War he commanded both the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force and 2nd New Zealand Division. As Lieutenant-General Sir Bernard, later Lord, Freyberg, he was Governor-General of New Zealand from 1946 to 1952. He then served as Deputy Constable and Lieutenant Governor of Windsor Castle from 1953 to 1963.

THE UNITED STATES REPORT

JULIAN V. BRANDT III

The Ambassador Room of the Ritz Carlton Hotel Pentagon City, Washington DC, was the setting for a Tea and Annual Meeting of the American Friends on Monday, April 13th, 2015. President Brandt reviewed the accomplishments of the preceding year, encouraging participation in the Saint George’s Chapel Adopt-a-Boss and the Creative Sculpture Program, as well as the involvement of members in attending Garter Day at Windsor Castle.

The following Members of the Board of Directors were approved by the membership for a one-year term (2015-16): Anne Read Brandt; Julian V. Brandt III; C. Allen Foster; Barry C. Howard; Mrs Peter I.C. Knowles; Ms Karen McClendon; Craig H. Metz; Mrs John D. Pigott, Jr; Mrs Dianne Alley Robinson; John McC. Shannon; Mrs Cornelia Covington Smithwick; Captain Joseph J. Spurr IV; William L. Truscott; and Mrs Shelby D. Ward. Officers elected by the Board of Directors for the year are: Julian V. Brandt III, President; Mrs Peter I.C. Knowles II, Vice President; Anne Read Brandt, Treasurer; Dianne Alley Robinson, Secretary; and John McC. Shannon, Genealogist.

The membership voted unanimously to sponsor one of the Creative Sculptures and two Major Bosses.

After a series of meetings in America and Windsor, a new policy was established for processing Descendant Member applications. This will hold to the highest genealogical standard the proofs required to establish this special category of Membership. Mr Brandt and Mr Shannon met Heralds from the College of Arms, who approve British genealogies, to ensure those same strict standards are maintained for American applicants.

President Brandt reviewed the United States Report.
American Friends who attended Garter Day in June 2015 included: Mr and Mrs Julian V. Brandt III, John Cupschalk, Lt Justin James Lawrence Rojek, Dr and Mrs Walter Smithwick, Mr John McC. Shannon, Dr Ellsworth George Stanton III, MBE, and Mr and Mrs Mark Leuck.

On Tuesday following the Garter Service, Mr and Mrs Brandt along with Dr and Mrs Smithwick were guests at a luncheon hosted by Canon James Woodward in the Cloisters, where a check from the American Friends was presented. Also at the event were several members of the Consultative Committee.

The American Friends are pleased to announce that the 2016 Annual Tea and Meeting will be held at the Sulgrave Club in Washington DC. The special guests of honor will be Canon Martin and Mrs Poll and Col. and Mrs David Steele.

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West Pymble
NSW 2073
Australia

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USA

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AmFriends celebrating after attending Garter Day.

Canon Woodward (centre) receiving the cheque from Mr and Mrs Brandt (right) and the Smithwicks.

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DATES IN THE CHAPEL CALENDAR FOR 2016

*All dates are subject to change. Please refer to the website at www.stgeorges-windsor.org*

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.

6 January  The Epiphany
10 January Full Choir resumes
10 February  Ash Wednesday
1 March  Quarterly Obit
7 March  Chapel closed
8 March  Castle closed
10 March-9 April  Exhibition in the Dean’s Cloister
12-20 March  Windsor Spring Festival
20 March  Palm Sunday
23 March  Chapel closed
24 March  Maundy Thursday, Castle closed
25 March  Good Friday
27 March  Easter Day; College term ends after Evensong (3.30 pm)
11 April  College Trinity term begins
19 April  Friends’ visit to Portsmouth
20 April - tbc  90th Birthday Exhibition in the Dean’s Cloister
21 April  The Queen’s 90th birthday
23 April  Feast of Title: St George the Martyr
5 May  The Ascension
7 May  Friends’ Day & Annual Meeting
9 May  Evensong to mark the 600th anniversary of the Treaty of Windsor
15 May  Pentecost: Confirmation
20 May  Obit of Henry VI
1-2 June  RBL concerts
7 June  Quarterly Obit
10 June  The Duke of Edinburgh’s 95th birthday
12-14 June  Solemnity of St George (Garter Day 13 June)
2 July  Feast of Title: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7 July  Friends’ Tour of St George’s Chapel
17 July  College term ends
11 September  Full Choir resumes
19 Sep – 2 Oct  Windsor Festival–Chapel concerts and Exhibition
25 September  September Obit: Eucharist at 10.45 am
8 October  Friends’ Dinner in Vicars’ Hall
13 October  Friends’ Visit to the College
17-28 October  Choir half- term
19 October  Bond Memorial Lecture (see p. 353)
2 November  All Souls’ Day: Requiem Eucharist
3 November  Friends’ visit to St John Museum
13 November  Remembrance Sunday
27 November  Advent Sunday
6 December  Advent: Officer and Obit of Henry VI
12 or 13 December  December Concert (TBC)
22 or 23 December  Nine Lessons and Carols 5.15 pm (TBC)
23 or 24 December  Nine Lessons and Carols 5.15 pm (TBC); Midnight Sung Eucharist 11.15 pm
25 December  Christmas Day; College term ends after Evensong (3.30 pm)
6 January 2017  The Epiphany
15 January  Full Choir resumes

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PATTERN OF REGULAR SERVICES

**SUNDAYS**

8.30 am  Holy Communion
10.45 am  Sung Mattins with Sermon
12 noon  Sung Eucharist
5.15 pm  Evensong

**MONDAY – SATURDAY**

7.30 am  Mattins
8.00 am  Holy Communion
12 noon  Holy Communion
(Fridays only)
5.15 pm  Evensong (except Wednesdays when the service is said)

On major Saints’ Days there is a Sung Eucharist at 5.15 pm. When the Choir of St George’s is away, either services are all said, or some are sung by a visiting choir.

Obits are at Evensong except 25 September.

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ORGAN RECITALS

**Tuesday** at 1.10 pm *(free)*
17 May, 24 May,
14 June, 21 June, 28 June, 5 July
Visit to the Royal Hospital Chelsea, Wednesday, 15 April 2015 We started the year with a tour of the historic Royal Hospital Chelsea, home of the Chelsea Pensioners. Forty Friends made the trip.

The story of the Royal Hospital Chelsea begins over 300 years ago in the reign of King Charles II. Aware that the army was supporting a growing number of soldiers who were no longer fit for active service, and inspired by Les Invalides in Paris, the King resolved to create a welcoming and safe home for veterans, who had fought for their country, and who were now ‘broken by age or war’. His vision for such a home was brought to life by Sir Christopher Wren, whose elegant buildings still stand majestically on the banks of the River Thames in the heart of 21st-century London.

But it’s not just the buildings that have survived into modern times. Charles II’s understanding that the country owes a debt of gratitude to its old soldiers informs the spirit of the Royal Hospital today. The residents of the Hospital, known the world over as Chelsea Pensioners, have all served as ordinary soldiers in the Armed Forces at some point in their lives, and now, in their later years, find a warm welcome amidst the camaraderie and banter of their fellow veterans.

We were very well entertained by our In-Pensioner guide, Mr Dave Thomson, who took us round and explained details both ancient and modern. His style was both amusing and informative; I must add that it was to the whole party’s delight that Dave had not caught up with the term ‘Politically Correct’, which made for a very amusing afternoon. Apart from the Chapel there, the grounds are beautiful and well worth a visit.

Garter Day, Monday, 15 June, 2015 This proved to be another outstanding day at Windsor Castle, with perfect weather. This year we had a larger stand, and we were able to accommodate 236 guests. It was again a great pleasure to welcome Friends from Australia, New Zealand, Europe and the USA. This year about 500 Friends came to Garter Day, and almost all received the tickets of their choice.

Then came Members of the Royal Family, with the Officers of the Order, and finally to loud cheering, HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

After the service, the Royal Family returned to the Upper Ward in a carriage procession, and the other Garter Knights and Ladies by car. A hundred members of the Friends then had tea in the Vicars’ Hall, with many taking advantage of the Cloister Shop being open. The Chapel was also open for viewing, with the Lay Stewards on hand to answer any questions. The day was a memorable occasion, and while we look forward to welcoming some regular Friends back, we should be delighted to see some new Friends as well in 2016.

St George’s Chapel Tour, Thursday, 9 July 2015 The Chapel Tour in July was again a great success, with Charlotte Manley giving a most informative presentation on happenings in the Chapel during the twentieth century. The period covers many historical events which shaped the development of our country, and there was much to talk about. It was a very pleasant and interesting evening, and twenty-three Friends attended.

Battlefield Tour to D-Day Beaches in Normandy, 7 to 10 September 2015 The Tour to the Beaches of Normandy was a first-class and well-organised event. Twenty-seven Members took part. A full report by Mrs Philippa Johnson is on pp. 342-44.

Dinner in the Vicars’ Hall, Saturday, 10 October 2015 The annual dinner was held in the Vicars’ Hall and was attended by sixty-four Friends. It was an excellent evening, with a delightful meal and first-class service. Canon Poll gave an amusing and informative speech. The staff of St George’s House again did us proud. It was good to see so many Friends, both old and new, on this special occasion.

Tour of BBC Broadcasting House, London, Tuesday, 20 October 2015 There was a large demand for this tour, and we had to have three start times, so a total of sixty-six were with us over the course of the afternoon. The event took us through Broadcasting House, where we saw how news and events are put together, and how very complex and wide-ranging the work of our national broadcasting service is. Some of us were able to practise a radio play; others tried presenting both the weather and the news; one or two well-known Friends may get a job offer (or perhaps not!). It was a most enjoyable and interesting afternoon.
THE FRIENDS’ VISIT TO THE NORMANDY BEACHES,
SEPTEMBER 2015: ‘LEST WE FORGET’

BY MRS PHILIPPA JOHNSON

Two years ago a party of the Friends of St George’s visited the Great War battlefields of the Western Front. The visit was led by Col. Piers Storie-Pugh, Chief Executive of the ‘Not Forgotten’ Association (NFA). On September 7-10 this year a group, led again by Piers, who was ably assisted by Ann Milcoy, visited the Normandy Beaches.

We left The Union Jack Club, where some had stayed the night, at 06.30 in a coach which was decorated with insignia of the England Under-21 Football team — the envy of the road and so distinctive we could easily spot it! We were in the good hands of our driver Mark. We crossed from Dover to Calais on the ferry with a five-hour drive to Caen, stopping once for lunch. On the road we watched the film ‘The Longest Day’ to set the scene of where we were going. We stayed in Caen, which was an excellent central point for the sites we were to visit.

On Tuesday, September 8, we began by visiting Juno Beach at Bernières-sur-Mer.

Today we went to Juno Beach: it was so nice and clean, the sun was shining brightly and the picture so serene.

But as we stopped and listened of landings on the beach, of feats so unimaginable their targets so to reach,

our hearts were filled with sorrow at how they must have felt, at how they must have wondered at the hand they had been dealt.

How terrible it must have been to jump out of each boat, to see their friends and comrades dead but still afloat,

so many lives were lost there, so many injured too; and perhaps today we pondered on just what we would do if faced with such a mission, how dreadful it would be, and I’m sure we all felt lucky that these men made us so free.

Ann Milcoy wrote this poem inspired by seeing Juno Beach. On a calm sunny day we were all trying to imagine the scene, over seventy years ago, of the thousands of soldiers coming ashore, soaked from jumping into the water and trying desperately to avoid the barrage of bullets that poured down on them. With the house that is seen in all the films in the background, Piers explained it all to us.

This house was liberated on D-Day by the (Canadian) Queen’s Own Rifles, but over 100 of them were killed or wounded in the first few minutes of the landings. Stan Cornforth, one of our party and a meteorologist, told us how the weather had played such a vital part in deciding the date and time of the landings. Nearby, at the Canadian memorial, Sir Ian Macfadyen laid a wreath, with prayers led by Canon Peter Johnson.

We went on to Gold Beach, where there is a statue of CSM Stan Hollis, VC, of the 6th Green Howards. Piers told us about Hollis’ actions on D-Day, which led to the award of his VC.

Our lunch stop was at Arromanches, where we could see the remains of the Mulberry artificial harbour. To quote a plaque on site, ‘Without “Mulberry B”, the liberation of Europe would not have been possible. The deeds of those who created, launched and planted Mulberry B remain unsurpassed in the annals of British Military Engineering.’

The German Battery at Longues-sur-Mer gave us a sense of the size and strength of the German Army emplacements in the Atlantic Wall.

The last stop of the day was Bayeux, where we visited the Battle of Normandy Museum, before going to the Bayeux War Graves Cemetery, the largest WW2 cemetery of Commonwealth soldiers in France, with 4,648 burials. A short walk from the Museum to the cemetery enabled us to see the memorial to those who had no known graves — a sobering list to contemplate as we went to the War Graves Cemetery itself, where Piers showed us some graves of soldiers who had been awarded the VC.

Here, in a very moving little ceremony, wreaths were laid by Peter Johnson (for St George’s) and Ann Milcoy (for the NFA). There were brief prayers, and members of the group read some unusual poems, produced by Piers, which reflected on various aspects of what people then and now experienced. One of the poems read was At the British War Cemetery, Bayeux by Charles Causley (Collected Poems, 1951-2000).

A long day concluded with us having to find our own dinner that evening; an excellent restaurant across the road did very good trade that night.

On Wednesday, September 9, there was a busy day ahead as we boarded the coach to travel the short distance to Sword Beach, where we clambered down a sandbank to see the German gun emplacements. By the beach is the statue of Piper Bill Millin, who had so bravely led the troops through heavy gunfire while playing his pipes. ‘Give us “Highland Laddie”, man!’ shouted Lord Lovat, as he told Millin, his personal piper, to march up and down the beach playing his pipes. Later Millin was to lead the Commandos over the newly-captured ‘Pegasus’ bridge. By this splendid statue Col. David Steele, equally well...
dressed, laid a wreath. Prayers were said, and there were contributions from David Steele and Lt Col. John Humphreys-Evans, with Chris Atiken reading Robert Burns’ poem A Man’s a man for a ‘that’. The memorial says ‘If they remember the bagpiper, then they won’t forget those who served and fell on the beaches’.

At Colleville-Montgomery there is another statue: of Montgomery himself. Piers read us two accounts of Monty’s life and character, giving contrasting assessments of this extraordinary man.

Hillman: This half-hidden site was a key part of the German defence of Caen, with a vast network of tunnels and a field kitchen. There were commanding views of the sea, with hidden bunkers offering look-out points, and gun emplacements below ground, but with periscopes that could be cranked up as needed. Inside one of these bunkers were drawings of directions and distances to key places.

Merville Battery, scene of another dramatic action, is now a War Memorial as well as a museum. It covers a large area and has very good displays, not to mention a graphic film inside a German bunker, where we experienced the terrific and terrifying noise of guns firing in a confined space. Even so it was all hard to imagine on a bright warm sunny day.

Next stop was the Pegasus Bridge Café, where we had stopped for coffee earlier on. Arlette Gondrée was a girl of five when the British 6th Airborne Division landed in the night of 5 June 1944 as a spearhead of the Allied Armies. She has fiercely defended the ownership of this house, now a café. Piers presented her with a wreath from the NFA, which she will put on the house. Arlette gave us a lunch of the freshest baguette and most delicious tarte aux pommes, which she had made specially for us (Piers has known her for some time). After lunch we were able to walk over the bridge and see where some of the gliders involved in securing the bridge had landed.

Our final visit was to Ranville war cemetery. Here, to draw our visit and thoughts together, we held a Remembrance service. Wreaths were laid, and poems read by Lt Col. Michael Harding, Mike Thompson, Caroline Sanders and Sally Macfadyen. Ann also read her own poem. As he had done at each wreath-laying, Ian Macfadyen recited ‘They shall grow not old…’ and the Kohima epitaph. We all sang ‘O God our help in ages past’ and of course our own poem. As he had done at each wreath-laying, Ian Macfadyen recited ‘They shall grow

At the memorial at Ranville Cemetery.

When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today.’

It was sad that the Duke of Wellington should die on 31 December 2014, a few hours before entering the year of the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, and within a few months of his 100th birthday. He had been determined to attend the great service at St Paul’s Cathedral. He had also been active throughout 2014, and present at the Garter ceremony that June. Every year, before the annual Garter luncheon (or in earlier years before the Waterloo Dinner in Ascot Week), he presented the Stratfield Saye rent-banner to The Queen, his annual payment for the Hampshire estate conferred on the 1st Duke. His last visit to St George’s Chapel was on 25 November 2014, for the laying-up of the Banner of Lady Soames.

Arthur Valerian Wellesley was born in Rome on 2 July 1915 to unconventional parents. His father was Lord Gerald Wellesley (later 7th Duke and a KG), an architect, the third son of 4th Duke of Wellington. His mother was Dorothy Ashton, stepdaughter of the 10th Earl of Scarbrough, KG. Both his parents were interested in the arts, his mother being an intuitive poet much respected by W.B. Yeats. Rex Whistler painted a conversation-piece of the family. But in 1922, after a marriage that ran on a similar path to that of their friends, Harold Nicolson and Vita Sackville-West, his parents separated.

Valerian longed for an army career, and after a period at New College, Oxford, passed through Sandhurst and joined the Royal Horse Guards. In 1941 he took part in the march to relieve RAF Habbaniya, and was awarded the Military Cross for the dashing way he conducted fighting patrols against the Vichy French. In 1944 in Jerusalem, as Marquess of Douro, he married Diana McConnel, daughter of his commanding officer, Major-General Douglas McConnel. He went on to serve in the Italian and German theatres of war until 1945.

In 1952 he commanded the mounted escort for King George VI’s funeral procession. Later he led his regiment in action against Eoka terrorists in Cyprus. He was Silver Stick-in-Waiting and Lt Colonel Commanding the Household Cavalry, followed by a year as Commander 22nd Armoured Brigade and two years as Commander the Royal Armoured Corps (1st British Corps) in Germany. He then served for three years as Defence Attaché in Madrid.

Other appointments included being President of the Game Conservancy Trust, a trustee of the Royal Armouries and Governor of Wellington College. He was a Hampshire county councillor and involved with many animal charities.

The Duke was a keen protector of the 1st Duke’s reputation and the battlefield of Waterloo. He became exasperated by the commercialisation of the site, and in particular the number of Napoleonic souvenirs on sale at Waterloo, implying that Napoleon had been the victor.

He was appointed LVO in 1952, OBE in 1957 and a Knight of the Garter in 1990,
being installed on the 175th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. He was also made an officer of the Legion of Honour in France, a Knight of the Order of St Michael of the Wing in Portugal and of the Order of Isabel the Catholic in Spain. The Queen attended his nineteenth birthday party at Stratfield Saye in 2005.

He has been succeeded as Duke by Charles, the eldest of his four sons, a former MEP, who was born in 1945 and is married to Princess Antonia von Preussen, a great-granddaughter of the last German Emperor. In 2015 he was elected to sit as a hereditary peer in the House of Lords.

Hugo Vickers

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the next few years Jan and I worked closely together on the multifarious aspects of the Voluntary Stewards’ duties. Jan’s energy and enthusiasm were prodigious. She was the epitome of tact, not the least in her preparation of the minutes of the twice-yearly meetings in the Vestry, which were models of detailed accuracy. She was totally committed to St George’s and all it stood for.

Several years later, the Council, having served its purpose, was dissolved, and the Voluntary Stewards were in 2002 metamorphosed into the Guild of Stewards. Then this same dedication impelled Jan to take on the Secretarship of the new body. Perhaps the most notable aspect of the change was that she willingly accepted responsibility for all the various facets of the work, which had hitherto been divided among a dozen or so Senior Stewards.

With the inauguration of the Guild, Jan took overall charge of rotas, a new parking system, the opening of the Albert Chapel, and the challenging implications of the demanding legislation related to Data Protection, and Child Protection and Safety, to name but a few. She was closely involved with all the events for the Choral Partnership, which were organised by her husband John.

In more recent times, Jan fell seriously ill, and was for some months nursed back to a moderate degree of health at a nursing home in Ascot. As a consequence in 2003 she and John regretfully decided that she should retire from the Secretarship of the Guild, with all its heavy responsibilities. At Evensong on the Feast of Pentecost that year, which incorporated a ‘Farewell to Jan Williams’, the Dean paid a warm tribute to her service borne out of ‘a sheer love for the place’. He continued: ‘She has been an example to us all, and I hope has found some touch of reward in the love that she has drawn out of so many people in the countless friends that she has made’.

Jan’s great contribution to St George’s was marked in two very special ways. In 2002 she was appointed as the first female Lay Steward. She and John had been immensely proud when their elder son Richard was also appointed in 1999, and they thus became the only such family trio to have all served at the same time. All three appeared in the photograph taken of the Lay Stewards with The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh in the State Apartments on the occasion of Her Majesty’s eightieth birthday in 2006. A little later a room in Denton’s Commons dedicated to the use of the Guild Stewards was named ‘The Jan Williams Room’.

On 8 December 2009, John died, and thereafter Jan’s health steadily declined. In 2010 she was honoured by appointment as a Lay Steward Emerita. Indomitable to the end, although latterly confined to a wheelchair, she continued to attend Mattins every Sunday with the help of good friends, and was able to be present at the fortieth-anniversary celebrations of the Guild of Stewards in July 2013.

Jan Williams died on 10 December 2014, and her funeral took place in the Chapel on Wednesday, 22 October 2014.

It was said of Francis Knollys, Private Secretary to King Edward VII, that he had all the qualities the job required: ‘He was wise, discreet, self-effacing, courteous, kind, imperturbable and loyal’. If one were seeking an epitaph for Jan Williams, this accolade could not be bettered.

John Handcock
masons’, who from 1245 was engaged on Henry III’s greatest project: the rebuilding of Westminster Abbey. His name may refer to Rheims Cathedral, the most important source for the design of the Abbey, but scholars have generally thought that Master Henry was an Englishman, who may have been sent to France by Henry III to study recent architecture there. Certainly, the mouldings and capitals in the Dean’s Cloister are very similar to details at Westminster Abbey. So the Windsor chapel and Westminster Abbey are closely linked, with the former coming first.

The surviving fabric confirms that the present Albert Memorial Chapel is on the same footprint as its thirteenth-century predecessor, with the same spacing to its bays. The very thick north wall was evidently intended to carry an upper stage on shallow buttresses, as it does in the present building. The surviving elements are set out very accurately: the bays to the Dean’s Cloister are exactly fourteen feet wide, while the Narthex is exactly twenty-eight feet across, matching Henry III’s original order. The King ordered the chapel to be seventy feet long, suggesting that it was meant to be five bays long internally. This strongly suggests that in its original form it had a flat east end, not a canted one like the present chapel, for it is not possible to arrive at a seventy-foot length with a canted plan. Putting this all together, we have strong evidence that the building was laid out to a plan with a module of seven feet or fourteen feet. The exact coincidence between the King’s original order and the actual dimensions also confirms that the building was designed using English feet, not French feet (which were slightly longer),

for wages until Michaelmas next. ¹ On 19 December 1248 the keepers of the works at Windsor were given £200 to complete the chapel. ² Decorating and furnishing it went on for several more years.

The chapel was dedicated to St George, Edward the Confessor and the Virgin Mary; in the reign of Edward III it was re-fitted with stalls for the Garter Knights and the members of the newly-founded College, as the original St George’s Chapel. It was rebuilt by Henry VII, c.1489-91, and further remodelled in the nineteenth century as the Albert Memorial Chapel. Today, the visible remains of Henry III’s chapel are the lower part of its west front, now enclosed in the Ambulatory at the east end of the present St George’s Chapel, the walls enclosing the Narthex on all four sides, and the lower part of the north wall facing the Dean’s Cloister. They retain enough detail to give us a sense of its rich design: the blind arcading on the north wall; the three arches on the west wall; and the west door with its magnificent ironwork signed by the smith Gilebertus. Furthermore, we know that the designer of the chapel was probably Henry of Reyns, ‘master of the king’s painting, and to cause the chapel to be roofed with lead and four gilded images to be made in the said chapel and to be set in the places which the king had previously arranged for them to be put and a stone turret at the front of the same chapel in which may be hung three or four bells. ³

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strengthening the supposition that its designer was an Englishman.

The most difficult, but most crucial thing, in reconstructing the original design of the chapel, is to establish its likely height, and thus its elevations. Here, mediaeval approaches to geometry can help. The dimensions seven, ten, fourteen, and twenty-eight feet all occur in the chapel’s plan, numbers which were probably based on the ratio of one to the square root of two, that is, approximately 1:1.4. This would probably have been calculated by simple geometry, rather than done arithmetically: the diagonal of a square with sides of seven feet is ten; the diagonal of a square with sides of ten feet is fourteen, and so on. Applying this kind of thinking, there seem to be two plausible heights for the chapel: forty-nine feet to the top of the vault (generated from the square root of three), or fifty-six feet (generated from the square root of two). The reconstructions presented here are based on the former calculation, but the latter is just as likely.

In the reconstruction, the chapel has been given traceried windows, based on those at Rheims Cathedral and Westminster Abbey; bar tracery made one of its very first appearances in England at the Abbey, and it may well have been pioneered here at Windsor. A building account of 1295, which refers to repairs of the chapel’s windows, suggests that it had a round or rose window at its east end, and another large traceried window at its west end: this has been reconstructed in a similar form to the huge windows of the Westminster Chapter House, designed by Master Henry c. 1245.

We know from Henry III’s letter of 1243 that the chapel had a timber vault painted to imitate stone, on the lines of one the King had seen at Lichfield Cathedral. Its interior would have been richly decorated, for there are numerous references to Brother William of Westminster, a monk-painter, working there from 1248 until 1256. Just two painted areas survive today, in odd isolation, as tiny fragments of this scheme. A fragment of a beautiful Purbeck marble font, almost certainly made for the chapel, also survives at St George’s. These fragments, together with the ‘Gilebertus’ doors, give us some slight hint of its rich fittings and furnishings. The account rolls have numerous references to other furnishings: in May 1251, for instance, Edward of Westminster was ordered to send a series of books and vestments to Windsor, and in September 1251 he was ordered to have ‘a large and beautiful basin made, with chains’ for the new chapel. By Michaelmas 1249 four chaplains had been appointed: they were to reside in lodgings ‘opposite the King’s chapel’.

Henry III was one of the greatest patrons of the arts ever to sit on the throne of England, and he transformed Windsor into a magnificent palace. Sadly, very little of his work survives, but there is just enough of his ‘Great Chapel’ that remains to allow an attempt to be made to reconstruct its original architecture, and give us a hint of its original splendour.
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| £20 for the following members/guests | £ |
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| **Annual Meeting: Saturday afternoon, 7 May 2016 (p. 386)** |
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| £16 | £ |
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Voluntary contribution to Friends’ Day expenses

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Friends’ Administrator
8a The Cloisters
Windsor Castle
Windsor, SL4 1NJ

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**POSITIONS OF THE GARTER BANNERS IN THE QUIRE**

**AS AT 31 AUGUST 2015**

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**SCREEN**

- The Prince of Wales
- The Duke of York
- Princess Alexandra
- The Duke of Kent

**HIGH ALTAR**

- The Earl of Wessex
- Jean, Grand Duke of Luxembourg
- Margrethe, Queen of Denmark
- Carl Gustav, King of Sweden
- Beatrix, Princess of the Netherlands
- Sir Antony Acland
- Sir Thomas Dunne
- The Lord Ashburton
- The Lord Carrington
- Marshal of the RAF The Lord Stirrup
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- Sir John Major
- Field Marshal The Lord Inge
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- The Lord Luce
- Sir Timothy Colman
- The Lord King of Lothbury

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- Harald, King of Norway
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GARTER DAY APPLICATION FORM

Please apply by 30 April 2016 (tickets will be distributed by ballot, mid-May)
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Please send me tickets for Friends’ events (p. 388) £

Visit to Portsmouth, Tuesday, 19 April 2016, at £40 per person
(names).................................................................................................
St George’s Chapel Tour following Evensong, Thursday, 7 July 2016, at £15 per person (names).................................................................
Dinner in Vicars’ Hall, Saturday, 8 October 2016, at £55 per person (names)..............................................................................................
Add St George’s Chapel Tour following Evensong for £15
Add accommodation and breakfast for £78 per person, single/twin (delete)
Visit to St John Museum, Thursday, 3 November 2016, at £20 per person (names)..............................................................................................

............. tickets inside the Chapel (named members only)
............. tickets outside on Chapter Grass (named members only)
.......... Stand Tickets (named members or guests). Please donate £55 per ticket solely to defray the cost of the Stand. (Max. of ONE guest per member)
1. M. No./guest 2. M. No./guest 3. M. No./guest 4. M. No./guest
Voluntary contribution towards Friends’ Garter Day expenses £
No. ............. Tea Tickets for the Parish Church (members or guests) @ £20.00 £

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Please check the name and address on your envelope, and notify any changes to: The Friends of St George’s and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter, 8a The Cloisters, Windsor Castle, Windsor, SL4 1NJ, United Kingdom
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St George’s Chapel holds at least three services daily: Mattins, Holy Communion, and Evensong or Evening Prayer. Admittance is via the Henry VIII Gate usually 15 minutes before the start of services. Please see the Chapel Calendar on p. 339 in this Review for timings. For specific information please refer to the website www.stgeorges-windsor.org.

Christmas Services are open to all members of the public, including the Friends. Entry is via the Henry VIII Gate. Please be aware that these services are very popular, so queues may form.

December Concert Entry is by ticket purchase, and information on this will be publicised via the website and in the e-Newsletter, The Dragon. This concert is very popular and tickets sell rapidly.

Lunchtime Recitals These are advertised in the Chapel Calendar. Recitals are held at 1.10 pm (no additional charge, the usual Castle entrance applies). The times, dates and content of the recitals will be publicised on the website and in The Dragon.

Website St George’s Chapel website www.stgeorges-windsor.org has a range of information on the life of St George’s Chapel, including the Diary of services, information on the music, concerts and other events, as well as articles from the Archives and the Friends. The Chapel’s facebook is stgeorgeswindsor.

The Dragon is the weekly St George’s Community e-Newsletter, and the Friends’ Office sends this pdf publication to our Members on request. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please send your request to friends@stgeorges-windsor.org.

Full-colour Annual Review can also be sent to your computer as a downloadable pdf document, rather than in its traditional paper format, which will save us money on printing and postage. You will receive an e-mail with the web link and passwords. To request this format, please send an e-mail to the Friends’ Office friends@stgeorges-windsor.org.

Friends’ Passes and Access to Windsor Castle The Friends of St George’s do not automatically issue these Passes. In order to access St George’s Chapel free of charge at times other than services, a Member must apply for a valid Entry Pass. This is a requirement due to the security at Windsor Castle.

If you wish to visit the Castle in the next year, please apply for a Pass using the form in the centre of this Review. This Pass allows the named Member access to St George’s Chapel free of charge when presented at the Visitor Entrance. The Castle precincts (the external areas of the Castle open to the public) are included in this Pass access. However the State Apartments, the Dolls’ House and Drawings Gallery are administered by the Royal Collection, and the holder of a Friends’ Pass may purchase a discounted ticket (currently £11.70) to tour these areas.

If you wish to visit only St George’s Chapel and the Castle precincts, the Pass will suffice. On arrival at the Visitor Centre please state that this is your intention, so that you are not asked to pay. Guests of Members, however, must pay the full visitor cost of entry.

FRIEND’S PASS APPLICATION FORM
Please apply for a Friend’s Pass effective from 1 September 2016. This Pass is to allow the named Member entry to the Castle to visit St George’s Chapel.

Name
Address
Post Code
Telephone (in case of query) Membership No

Friend’s Passes for the following members:
1. M. No.
2. M. No.
3. M. No.

Please enclose a separate 16 x 11 cm stamped addressed envelope and apply before 30 June 2016, when new passes will be distributed.

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Please use this section to apply for the College of St George Badge

Name
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College of St George Badge or Descendant’s Badge (Delete as applicable)

Cost (including p&p) Number required

£5.00

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MEMBERS’ INFORMATION

We regret that, unless attending a service, or a special event in the Chapel for which entry via Henry VIII Gate has been specifically granted, Members cannot enter the Castle via the Henry VIII Gate for security reasons.

To obtain your Pass, please complete the box on the blue pull-out form in the centre of the Review. New passes (valid to August 2017) will be distributed in July 2016.

Please note that this is NOT a Membership card, but an access arrangement. If you have any questions regarding your Membership renewal please contact the office.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES MADE DURING THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE DEANERY

BY JOHN CROOK, ARCHAELOGICAL CONSULTANT TO THE COLLEGE OF ST GEORGE

Just in time for Easter 2015 the Dean and Mrs Conner moved back into their home, which for over two years had been undergoing a major refurbishment.

The works had long been planned under the overall direction of the Surveyor of the Fabric, Martin Ashley, with Susan McDonough as project architect, but for most members of the design team the symbolic start was a walk-around on 1 March 2013, when the scale of the task ahead became apparent.

My role as the College’s Archaeological Consultant was to fulfil the planning condition, that as much historical information as possible should be obtained from the operation, that all below-ground interventions or opening up of historic fabric should be fully recorded, and that at the end of the works all the findings should be brought together into a comprehensive report. What follows are merely some of the highlights of an exciting voyage of discovery, and the results are still being analysed.

The Deanery, as many readers will know, started life as the Warden’s lodgings of the newly-founded College of St George, spiritual arm of Edward III’s Order of the Garter. The College buildings made use of surviving elements of the short-lived royal lodgings and chapel that Henry III had established in the Lower Ward. The lodgings had burnt down in 1295-96, but the building’s south wall was retained in Edward’s scheme, as was a cloister between the lodgings and Henry’s chapel. This old cloister was remodelled as today’s Dean’s Cloister. A chapter house was constructed for the Garter Knights along most of the east side of the cloister in 1350–51; the Warden’s chambers were located above it, and other parts of his house occupied the northwards continuation of the chapter house range and extended to the north-east. The latter area was the site of the Middle Ward ditch: this must have been partially infilled in preparation for the new buildings, which included a hall built in 1350–51. The buildings would have included the usual kitchen, buttery, and service rooms.

Of these mid-fourteenth-century buildings only parts of the walls of the chapter house survive above ground level. However, the recent reconfiguration of drains and other ducts below ground-floor level revealed interesting archaeological discoveries. For example, several Purbeck shaft fragments and an abacus fragment of the same material were found below the kitchen floor, which occupies the ground floor of the Long Gallery. These were identified as deriving from Henry III’s lodgings (see fig. 1). Also discovered were a large number of decorated tile fragments (and a few complete tiles) from the Penn tile works, similar to those that may still be seen in place on the first floor of the Aerary porch (see fig. 2). The surviving accounts show that in 1352 tileur John Bovet supplied 10,000 tiles for the Warden’s hall, and it is likely that our excavated fragments came from that building. Bovet supplied a further 10,000 tiles to floor the Knights’ chapter house, and some of these were discovered in 1989 when the floor of the Dean’s drawing room was renewed. I should add that the fact so much archaeological information has been retrieved is a tribute to the careful work of Site Manager Tony Parsons and his team, who assiduously excavated many of the trenches using small trowels and scrapers.

Less spectacular than these wonderful finds, but of equal historical interest, was the information retrieved about the way the area had been prepared for the new chapter-house range and Deanery. The junction of the range and the earlier Henry III wall was excavated, and one could see how Edward III’s builders had imported a large volume of hard clay, which was tamped down in order to raise the ground level in this area.

Of the mid-fourteenth-century buildings, only the shell of the ground storey of the former chapter-house range stands above ground, forming the west wing of the present Deanery, with the Dean’s drawing room in the southern half and service rooms north of the entrance passage of 1721. There have been many changes to the building, initially resulting from its change of use from chapter house to Deanery hall, and continuing with alterations made by occupants who had the means to undertake such works. The effects of fire and civil war led to further loss of mediaeval fabric. However, the elegant tierceron vault of the former Knights’ vestry, between the chapter house and original chapel, is a fortunate survival, as are the doorways and single window in the west wall of the building, within the Dean’s Cloister. On the east side, the big ground-floor windows are the original openings, but with Gothick traceried inserted by Dean Hobart in the 1830s. During the recent works the render coatings of that period and later were removed and replaced, and for a time the complexities of the masonry of that façade were exposed to view, allowing a full archaeological record to be made (see fig. 3).

The upper part of the west wall of the chapter-house range appears to have been completely reconstructed in 1498-99 by Dean Urswick, and remains of the heads of four three-light windows, stylistically datable to this period, were discovered during repairs to the external wall face. The masonry on the east side, with bands of Reigate stone, probably survived Urswick’s intervention, and areas of infilled windows suggest that he may have inserted windows here as well. Apart from the window detail, we know...
The present roof over this wing, invisible behind the parapet, is a nearly flat replacement of the 1960s by Seely and Paget. Those architects covered it in copper for economy, but this has been replaced in lead by Paul Webb Roofing and his team. The 1960s roofs replaced an earlier structure that was certainly in place by 1672 when it appeared in Wenceslaus Hollar’s bird’s-eye view of the Castle (see fig. 6). This earlier roof consisted of four (later modified to three) pitched roofs running transversely and a similar pair oriented longitudinally over the domestic range at the north end. It was gratifying to discover that good evidence for these roofs survives within the roof space in the form of the plates at the foot of the roof slopes, and scars on the lateral walls. All these historical clues have been accurately recorded by 3D-surveying techniques, and future historians will even be able to make a virtual tour of the roof space, thanks to a computer program called TruView. Those pitched roofs do not appear in John Norden’s earlier bird’s-eye view of the Castle of 1607, which shows a continuous lead roof over the west wing. The evidence is still being weighed up, but at present it still seems most likely that the pitched roofs were of post-Restoration date.

Viewed from the entrance courtyard, the main façade of the Deanery is well-dated to 1710 on documentary evidence. Dean John Robinson enlarged the entrance hall and dining room (and the bedroom above it) by moving the front wall forward. The recent works allowed an analysis of the mediaeval cross-wing that survives behind Robinson’s façade. Probably dating from the fifteenth century, this east-west range was
North of the cross-wing, extending as far as the Castle’s curtain wall, the wing housing the Long Gallery and service rooms beneath it date in their present form mainly from the late seventeenth/early eighteenth century, and at the same period the cross-wing was extended slightly northwards, incorporating the earlier timber pentice walk leading from the west wing. Vestiges of an earlier building on the same footprint as the Long Gallery were discovered during the works, and elements of its timber roof were recorded, embedded within the fifteenth-century cross-wing.

Much of the appearance of the Deanery results from a drastic refurbishment which Dean Baillie began in 1917 and continued for several years. He moved historical items around within the building and acquired others, to the confusion of architectural historians. The seventeenth-century panelling of the Dean’s study and its access passage were reset at this date. Baillie also salvaged the pre-Commonwealth ‘Garter Panels’, and these have been conserved and refixed as part of the present works. Very little painted decoration was discovered during the works, but this is hardly surprising given the vicissitudes of the building.

In conclusion, the Deanery is a complex and multi-phase building, remodelled and refurbished on several occasions. Working out its history from the archaeological discoveries and historic archive is proving a fascinating challenge.
The Work of the Friends’ Consultative Committee
By Stephen Day, Lay Chairman & Trustee

You will probably not be surprised to learn that, in addition to the Annual Meeting of the Friends each May, your Consultative Committee formally meets at least three times each year: typically April, October and February. These meetings are planned to be held a few weeks before each of the meetings of the Trustees of the Foundation of the College of St George in May, November and March, to which the Consultative Committee reports.

The Friends’ Consultative Committee is made up of a good number of keenly-interested individuals, who are either formally associated with St George’s Chapel in some way, or are active supporters of the aims of College. Very often they are also regular members of the St George’s community at services throughout the year. The Dean has delegated the Chairman's role of this Committee to the Canon Chaplain, currently Canon Martin Poll. Canon Poll has the support of the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Editor of the Annual Review and the Descendants’ Representative. There are up to six elected Members of the Friends, each serving on the Committee for a three-year term, with the possibility of their tenure being extended for a second such term. One Member from this group is nominated both as the Lay Chairman and as a Trustee of the Foundation of the College of St George. Currently the role of Lay Chairman is undertaken by me, Stephen Day, whose current and final tenure of this specific post expires in 2018. In addition, the meetings are attended in an ex-officio capacity by the Chapter Clerk, the Virger, the College Financial Accountant, the Fund-raising Manager and the Events Co-ordinator, and we are all kept in order by the Friends’ Administrator.

Each of these meetings covers a very wide range of topics on your behalf. The preparation is meticulous, with Chairmen briefed ahead of the meeting, and discussion carefully marshalled for efficiency and keeping the meetings to time! A typical agenda will often have about sixteen items being discussed or presented. This will include reports from ad-hoc groups which cover: Strategy, External Communications & Outreach, the ‘Annual Review’ and Finance. The work from each of these carefully-studied aspects of our work could easily fill the single hour we have for the whole meeting! Therefore, Canon Poll, and sometimes Yours Truly, has quite a Chairman’s task ahead of him, with so much to discuss. All members are very keen to make sure that we do the very best we possibly can in a myriad of ways.

You will be pleased to learn that we do manage to maintain good humour, enjoy quality debate, and respect all opinions. Remembering that we are here to serve you, the Friends of this very special place we know and love, we do our very best to undertake each meeting diligently, efficiently and with a forward-looking perspective. We trust this honours the living history, of which we are a very small, but we hope useful, part today.

New Companions of the Order of the Garter
By David Axson

On St George’s Day, 23 April 2014, HM The Queen appointed Baroness Manningham-Buller and Baron King of Lothbury to replace the late Viscount Ridley and the late Baroness Thatcher as Companions of the Most Noble Order of the Garter. They were installed on Garter Day, 16 June 2014, and their Banners, Crests and Stall Plates were mounted in early 2015.

The following description of their Arms uses the terms of heraldic tinctures: azure (blue), murrey (maroon) and sable (black); and of heraldic metals: argent (silver) and or (gold).

The Baroness Manningham-Buller, LG, DCB

Baroness Manningham-Buller of Northampton joined the Security Service in 1974, where the main focus of her work was counter-terrorism, both international and domestic. She was promoted to the Service’s Management Board in 1993. In 1997, she was appointed Deputy Director General, and then served as Director General from 2002 to 2007.

The Banner of Baroness Manningham-Buller is taken from the coat-of-arms of her father, the 1st Viscount Dilhorn (Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller, Bt, QC, PC) and no symbolism is recorded. It may be described as Quarterly, 1st and 4th, Sable on a Cross quarter pierced Argent four Eagles displayed Sable (for Buller); 2nd and 3rd, Sable a Fess Ermine in chief three Griffin’s Heads erased Or (for Manningham).

Traditionally, Lady Companions do not use a Crest, Helm or Mantling, so instead of a carved and painted Crest above the stall, she displays the coronet of her rank.
The state capital of Bavaria evokes a multitude of images and associations, even, I’ve found, in those who have never visited. Perhaps foremost in the mind of the errant Lay Clerk is its beer culture, at least as ancient, sophisticated and varied as our own treasured choral tradition, with shared roots in mediaeval Christianity. Though the oldest breweries are to be found a short drive to the north, in touristic terms, Munich still dines off the frothy bonanza that is the Oktoberfest. It is Germany’s most expensive city, a favourite with new money, footballers and the glitterati who flock there for its high-end shopping, exclusive nightlife and Mediterranean alfresco lifestyle. Shave a few pounds off the massive columns, the stone lions, the rusticated façades, and you could be in Florence.

Except that every year, millilitre for millilitre, it rains more in Munich than in Manchester. Thus it was on the first weekend of May 2015, when the Choir of St George’s Chapel, Windsor Castle, undertook a miniature concert tour to this damp alpine metropolis. Forming the rear-guard of the Windsor delegation, a motley crew of Lay Clerks assembled at Henry VIII Gate for the crisp 5.00 am start. Our final destination was the magnificent Theatine Church of St Cajetan, in the heart of Munich. There we were the guests of Father Robert Mehlhart and his fellow Dominicans, who, as a team of half a dozen, act as the guardians of this cavernous building and its many baroque splendours.

I should come clean at this stage, and tell you that I have known the city of Munich and the Theatine Church for some time. Back in 1986, my mother, father and two sisters left these shores and relocated to a foreign country that, unbeknown to anyone, was about to change size and shape dramatically. In its current form, the Federal Republic of Germany and I were born within two years of one another, and I grew up, to all intents and purposes, a Bavarian. Much as I might complain when asked to translate every item on the dinner menu for the third or fourth time, it gives me huge pleasure to bring friends and colleagues back with me to my cultural cradle.

For many of the men, it was the second time singing at St Cajetan, after a very successful trip some two years previously, which I had helped to arrange during my stint as Music Administrator. Thanks to the efforts of the new incumbent of this post, Chessy Alden, I was able to enjoy our return visit without the pressure of being in any way in charge. During our stay, the men were hosted privately by ardent choir enthusiasts, Phil and Vera, relations of Windsor Lay Clerk, Tim Carleston. Their generosity and the idyllic, rural surroundings of their home provided the perfect backdrop for some Julie-Andrews-esque frolicking (in between the torrents of rain).

For this clutch of Choristers, it was their first foreign tour, the culmination of many months’ hard graft in Chapel, often working as a crack team of seven (!). One would have forgiven them for being apprehensive or fidgety, but as it was, these seasoned
professionals proved completely unfazed by the alien surroundings, and coolly got on with the job in hand. The evening’s concert programme showcased some of the very best of English church music, and the venue was gratifyingly packed out. As well as some spectacular solo work from members of the back row, the highlight for me was Christ Rising Again, Byrd’s thrilling verse anthem featuring extremely demanding treble duets. Its previous high-profile outing had been at Easter Day Mattins before Her Majesty The Queen. Then, just as now, the trebles’ performance was nothing short of virtuosic, a testament to their energy and dedication throughout the year.

The success of the concert was crowned with a sumptuous meal at the Paulaner brewery restaurant. Mountains of pretzels, beer and other stereotypes were showered upon us by our kind hosts, ensuring that we left Munich a heavier choir, not least for the weight of new experiences, memories and friendships won along the way.

The Morning Tour

For the morning activities, we had two separate events for the twenty-three Friends who took part. First there was a tour of the exterior of the Chapel, led by Debbie Keenan, Brian Duckett and Tony Howe. There is of course a wealth of things to see round the outside of the Chapel, and much important history to relate. We shall include more such tours in the future. It was a very blustery day, but our guides kept up a lively pace and the tour was a great success.

After coffee the whole group was able to learn about some of the activities run at St George’s House, where many different topics are debated by delegates from all over the world. The House, with its motto of ‘Nurturing Wisdom’, staged a mini-consultation for us in the Vicars’ Hall, with Canon James Woodward and Programme Director Mr Gary McKeone debating the topic of ‘assisted dying’. It was very well presented and produced much lively debate and questions from the Friends who took part. This was a difficult topic but very much a current issue, and the opportunity to hear different points of view was much appreciated.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The 9th Annual Meeting of the Friends of St George’s and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter was held on Saturday, 9 May 2015, at 3.00 pm in St George’s Chapel, Windsor Castle. The Canon Chaplain was in the Chair.

The Canon Chaplain’s Welcome and Address  In opening the Meeting, the Canon Chaplain used the Prayer of the Friends of St George’s and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter (as shown on the inside front cover of this Review). He then welcomed the Friends to ‘their’ Chapel for the Meeting and to Evensong after it, and explained that he was going to give his Address at this point in the proceedings, rather than making two
He concluded: ‘I want to thank you all for your support for what we are and do. Your financial contribution is significant and you make possible many projects and schemes that we could not otherwise undertake. What is even more significant is your companionship in and understanding of our purpose and spirituality. The day-to-day running and administration of this wonderful place could lead us to being reduced to glorified caretakers. Amongst others the Friends help us to remember our national and international responsibility as a place of worship in the spirit of a broad and generous Christian Chivalry.

‘At our last meeting I was able to say that seventy-five new Friends had joined in the previous year, and I set you a challenge that each of us might find two others to become friends. Eighty-seven new Friends have since joined. I wonder what you might achieve by next year.’

Apologies The Friends’ Office had received apologies as follows: Mrs Valerie Grogan (former Australian Representative), Mr Vic Brandt (American Representative) and Mr Phillip O’Shea (New Zealand Representative), Mr and Mrs Alan Seymour, Mr and Mrs Richard Wildash, Mr Howard Franklin, Mr James Gartside, Mr Robert Hawkins, Mr Peter Heath, Miss Pamela Leslie Melville, Mr Ronald Maitland-Flanagan, Miss Margaretta Soulsby, Miss Jane Speller, Mr Kenneth Stone, Mr Bill Topping, and Miss Clare Wright.

The Minutes of the 8th Annual Meeting held on 10 May 2014 are available in the Annual Review 2013/14 on pp. 311-14. They were duly approved and signed by the Canon Chaplain as a true record.

The Nominated Trustee’s Report for year ended 31 August 2014 Mr Stephen Day expressed the Friends’ gratitude to the Dean and Canons for permission to hold this Annual Meeting within the Chapel itself, and his own for the extension of his tenure as Lay Chairman and Trustee for a further three years.

Over this past year, the Trustees of the Foundation had met three times in accordance with the Memorandum & Articles of Association. Their objectives are to continue to raise funds to:

• support of the refurbishment of the Fabric of the College and Collegiate buildings;
• support the Choir of St George’s Chapel;
• support the general activities of St George’s Chapel;
• support to the other areas of the College, as necessary.

The Foundation continued to make steady and satisfactory progress therefore.

In particular, this past year had seen the very significant Deanery refurbishment, an extensive programme of works, which was concluded on time by Easter 2015. Under large and complex scaffolding and plastic sheeting, comprehensive external repairs had been undertaken, which included the removal of defective copper roofing, and the laying of cast-lead roof coverings, and relaying of old hand-made roof tiles augmented by new hand-made tiles to match. Extensive repairs to chimneys, windows and doors had also been
carried out. Internally, structural repairs had been carried out and an innovative water mist fire-suppression system successfully installed. Extensive archaeological discoveries had been made during the course of works and had been carefully recorded to enhance greatly the knowledge of the history of the Deanery (see pp. 358-63).

During the year there had also been a very successful fund-raising event held at St. James’s Palace on behalf of The Queen’s Choral Foundation. The Foundation continued to benefit from relationships it had nurtured carefully over the recent years and had received some generous donations during the year.

The Foundation Finances were in good health, with total income for the year ending 31 August 2014 of £3,091,463 and total expenses of £2,201,726. The Friends had contributed significantly towards this healthy outcome. However even greater sums were required for the refurbishment work of the College buildings to continue, the next most urgent being the conservation of the Horseshoe Cloister, currently estimated to require in excess of £8 million to fund.

The Trustees continued to focus on activities helping towards this requirement: perhaps the Friends could play an even greater role in this in years to come. The Consultative Committee was currently giving serious consideration to assistance the Friends might be able to provide towards this ambition.

The Report of the Honorary Secretary to the Friends and Descendants The Honorary Secretary gave a briefing on matters and events concerning the Friends over the past year. He reaffirmed his grateful thanks to all members for their support. He also thanked the Chapter Clerk, Mrs Jennifer Hawkins and Mrs Karen Townsend for their photographs of events and key moments throughout the year.

Extensions to the Committee The Foundation had agreed to extend the tenure of Mr Stephen Day for an additional 3 years as our Nominated Trustee, and of Wing Commander Alan Clare as a member of the Consultative Committee. He expressed his personal thanks to all members of the Committee, both elected and ex-officio, for all the work that they did on our behalf.

Friends’ projects The Friends had supported the College by providing funds for the following projects: Repair to the main organ, purchase of a valuable book and engraving for the Archives, and the cost of production for the Stall Plate register.

Events 2014/15 The Friends had taken part in a number of very popular and successful events over the year. There had been a visit to the Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London on 10 September 2014, and one to The Royal Hospital Chelsea on 15 April 2015. He then mentioned the events still to come. Reports on these events with photographs appear elsewhere in the Annual Review. He also outlined the proposed programme for 2016 (see p. 388), and a plan to have a four-day visit to Edinburgh in September 2017.

Friends from Overseas It was good to welcome Mrs Jenny Officer from New Zealand to the Meeting. We had also been fortunate in having two visits from overseas last year. In August Mrs Valerie Grogan, the outgoing President of the Australian Friends, had visited, and in September, Mr Vic Brandt, President of the US Friends, and his wife Anne had spent a day with us. More details of these visits can be found elsewhere in the Review.

Additional points Friends were reminded that the membership fee had increased to £30 and they were encouraged to think about leaving a legacy to the Chapel.

In closing the Honorary Secretary thanked everyone for coming and invited them to recruit more Friends.

Any Other Business No items had been notified and there were no questions from the audience.

Conclusion Concluding the formal business, Canon Poll stated that the date for next year’s Annual Meeting would be Saturday, 7 May 2016, at the earlier time of 2.30 pm.

There followed a talk called 'The Military Knights’ Tale’, presented by Lt Col. Charles Webb and Col. Barrie Fariman, OBE.
THE MILITARY KNIGHTS’ TALE

By Charles Webb & Barrie Fairman

[This is a resumé of the talk given to the Annual Meeting, on Saturday, 9 May 2015, after the business of the Meeting had been completed.]

The Royal Collection asked the Military Knights in 2014 if they would be prepared to give talks on the Military Knights of Windsor, as part of the annual programme of guided visits to Windsor Castle. Lieutenant Colonel Charles Webb and Colonel Barrie Fairman settled down to compile a script, based on the book by fellow Military Knight Major Richard Moore, various historical documents, advice from the Royal Archives, as well as the thoughts of the remainder of the merry band of Knights, after they had listened to the first effort.

The presentation has now been given to members of the public since the autumn of 2014.

The Military Knights’ Tale The Military Knights live in the Castle with their respective wives, and, together with the Governor, represent the Companions of the Order of the Garter in their Chapel in uniform over fifty times each year: the majority of the parades are on Sundays. They are required to do so until they die, or are unable to carry out their duties for whatever reason. When they die, their ashes will be interred beside St George’s Chapel, together with those of their wives (probably later!).

They are now all former Army Officers with at least twenty years’ service to the Crown, but this was by no means always the case.

Anecdote – Charles Wise For instance, at the battle of Belgrade in 1688, the Duke of St Albans (aged eighteen) captured two little Turkish boys aged seven and eight. They were probably orphans; the Duke rescued them as an act of kindness and brought them to England to live with his family in Burford House on the site of the current Royal Mews. When they were aged twenty-three, they were baptised in Windsor Parish Church, and given the Christian names of George and Charles with the surname Wise. They were given the choice of returning to their own country or staying in the Duke’s service in Burford House. George chose to return and Charles stayed. It is assumed that after the death of the 1st Duke and his wife, the second Duke persuaded the King to nominate Charles Wise (alias Mustapha) as an Alms Knight. He was admitted in June 1742, and was buried in St George’s Chapel six months later. Being made an Alms Knight appears ill-omened, since in previous centuries many did not survive for long after installation.

The Order of the Garter In 1348 (the year of the Black Death) Edward III established the Order of the Garter of twenty-six Knights. This included himself and his son, also named Edward, but better known as the Black Prince, who had won his spurs at the age of sixteen, at the Battle of Crecy in 1346. The number of twenty-six Knights appears to have been selected because it represented two jousting teams, with the King and Prince as the Captains of the teams.

The new Order of chivalry, now the oldest still in existence in the world today, was to have its spiritual home at Windsor, in the Chapel which had been built in 1240 by Edward’s great-grandfather, Henry III, on the site of the present Albert Memorial Chapel (see pp. 349-53). St George is the Patron Saint of the Order.

Alms Knights Edward III first used the term ‘Milites Veterani’ (retired soldiers), when he established the Alms Knights in the same year as he formed the Order of the Garter. He wanted to help warriors who had been taken prisoner, had purchased their freedom and had been left destitute as a result.

But he had an ulterior motive too: in the Middle Ages, praying, or being prayed for, was believed to be most effective in reducing the time one spent in purgatory after death. It was assumed that a Garter Knight would be too busy to pray, what with campaigning against the French, fighting tournaments and abusing his peasants; what better solution than to have an old, impoverished soldier to do it for him?

Edward III planned an establishment of twenty-six Alms Knights to mirror the twenty-six Garter Knights in their chapel. They were required to pray for the Sovereign and Companions of the Order of the Garter, living and departed. They were accommodated somewhere in the Lower Ward until they moved into their current houses, opposite the Chapel. They were to be single; each had his own room, but ate communally. Thiers was an austere and monastic existence with daily prayer, but they were at least cared for.

Edward III depicted in full regalia.
In the event, the King’s good intentions for the Alms Knights did not work out as planned. As the Hundred Years’ War and the Crusades fizzled out, there were fewer opportunities to be captured and held to ransom. For the next century or more there were often as few as two Alms Knights in residence. It was not until the sixteenth century that the system was put on a proper footing. Henry VIII left detailed instructions in his Will for the reform of the Alms (or Poor) Knights. His daughter, Queen Elizabeth I, issued statutes to implement these reforms and the twenty-six Alms Knights were reduced to thirteen.

Under Oliver Cromwell, the Dean, the Canons, the Lay Clerks, the Virger and all the clerical elements were expelled from the Castle and their assets confiscated. It appears from some reports that St George’s Chapel was desecrated, and the Nave used as stabling for the troops and horses of the New Model Army. Some authors dispute this as Royalist propaganda. Be that as it may, the Alms Knights remained here, albeit now dressed in sombre grey cloaks, so were able (very discreetly) to continue to pray for the Sovereign and for all the Garter Knights past and present. Some cynics might well say that their prayers were not particularly effective, given what happened to Charles II!

Anecdote During the Long Parliament in the 1640s, the Military Knights continued to be paid. Their pay came either from the confiscated livings of the Dean and Canons, or from the profits accruing from Royalist prisoners kept in their houses.

One of the prisoners, a Mr Thomas Knyvett of Ashwell Thorpe, near Norwich, wrote to his wife:

‘From our pallas at Windsor Castle, 22 April 1643. You may now write “Lady”, for we are all Poor Knights of Windsor. They have lodged us in their houses. Poor men, they have been turned out and us put in, and ‘ere long we shall be as poor as they are. We had but two rooms for seven of us and one bed for all. I hope you will now say we lay like pigs-hogs indeed. We are better accommodated now, thanks be to the good women here, who are full of courtesy, yet still seven to our rooms and house of office’.

The Accommodation Their accommodation is in the Lower Ward. The original houses are between Mary Tudor Tower (the original bell-tower) and Henry III Tower. These houses are built on the site of a thirteenth-century hall and lodgings for the Castle Chaplains, who had been appointed by Henry III. They were built in 1359-60. It is not known where the first Alms Knights were accommodated in the Castle, but there were only three of them.

In about 1480, the bells were moved from the Mary Tudor Tower into the Curfew Tower in the north-west corner of the Castle, and the former tower became the house for the chosen Governor of the Alms Knights.

Additional houses were built on the site of the old pig-sties in the reign of Philip and Mary in 1557-58 between Mary Tudor Tower and Henry VIII Gate, using oolitic limestone from the Lady Chapel of the recently-suppressed Reading Abbey. Garter House was used as the Common Hall, but once it became possible for Alms Knights to be married, they ate in their own houses and Garter House was superfluous as the dining hall. It is now the home of the Superintendent of the Castle.

These houses must have been very dark, because they are built into the outer walls of the Castle. Until Prince Albert suggested breaking through the curtain wall, there was no external light on the south side of our houses. All have now been renovated and have central heating. Furnishing and minor repairs are the responsibility of the occupant. They are allocated for life and there is no opportunity to choose or change. The older houses of 1360 to the east of Mary Tudor Tower have an extra floor giving an additional bedroom. The newer ones of 1558 have only three floors and two bedrooms.

They each have a small walled terrace in the front, where one can grow plants and sit – or some just sit! Additionally allotments are available in the walled kitchen garden of Frogmore House, in the Home Park, where fruit and vegetables can be grown.

Dress Until 1833 the Alms Knights had worn madder-red gowns and dark blue cloaks, which mirrored the mantles of the Knights of the Garter, with the Shield of St George but without the Garter, on the left shoulder.

William IV then ordered that, as former army officers, the Military Knights should wear the uniform of the Unattached List, i.e. officers not gazetted to any specific regiment, which was the lowest form of commissioned military life at the time. Red stripes were added to the uniform trousers in 1857.

Under King Edward VII, the black waist-belt was replaced by a white shoulder-belt with the brass plate bearing the Star of the Order of the Garter. In other respects this Full Dress uniform has remained virtually unchanged and is the oldest pattern still worn in the Army. There is also a black cape available for inclement weather.

The Undress uniform consists of a blue frock-coat together with the same accoutrements (hat, sword, sash and white belt), but with medal ribbons only. This Undress uniform is worn between Remembrance Sunday and Easter Day, apart from Christmas Day, or when a ceremony such as the Presentation of a Banner or the Installation of a Military Knight takes place. On those occasions we go back into the scarlet Full Dress uniform. Incidentally following true Army logic, the scarlet uniform is worn for the most part in the summer and is fully padded and made of thick material. The blue winter uniform is made of much thinner cloth with no padding.

Appointment How are Military Knights appointed? First of all they have to apply for consideration to the Ministry of Defence. The Governor of the Military Knights and a panel of two other officers then call the potential candidate for interview. A waiting list is compiled from those that are successful. A further series of interviews is held later in Windsor Castle, and the potential candidate’s wife is also present. There are meetings with the Dean, the Constable of Windsor Castle, the Governor and the Military Knights...
and their wives. The candidate must be married, under sixty-seven years of age when appointed, have had a distinguished career in the Army and no criminal convictions.

From the middle of the seventeenth century Alms Knights could be married with permission, and Military Knights nowadays are required to be married on appointment and, with their wives, attend the Church of England services in St George’s Chapel. Seniority within the Military Knights is determined by the date of installation, not their previous military rank.

The Military Knights consider it to be a great privilege to be here, and whereas they were originally Alms or Poor Knights, all of them now have an army pension. None of them can therefore be described as poor. They must also now make provision for their widows, because they have a limited time in the house once their husbands die.

On appointment of a Military Knight, the Dean installs him, in a ritual that dates back many hundreds of years. Prior to the actual ceremony in the Chapel, the new Military Knight has to swear a short oath of allegiance in the Vestry in front of the Dean, Canons, Governor and the Chapter Clerk, who has the challenging task of reading out verbatim the warrant signed by Her Majesty and witnessed by the Chancellor of the Order of the Garter. Then the new Military Knight is required to pay the princely sum of 82p to the Dean and Chapter, today’s equivalent of the original sum required.

Anecdote

The late Brigadier Lindner, MC, then senior Military Knight, was a very polite and correct gentleman. When asked by Her Majesty how it felt to be the senior Military Knight, he replied, ‘It’s all very well, Ma’am, but there is very little future in it’.

Military Knights’ Duties

These were first actually laid down in writing in a Papal Acclamation in 1522, and remains the Military Knights’ raison d’être – ‘To pray for the Sovereign and Companions, living and departed, of the Order of the Garter’.

Duties are divided into scheduled and ad hoc duties.

Scheduled Duties They attend the Sunday Choral Mattins during school term-time and whenever the Choristers or Lay Clerks are there.

They attend Garter Day Service, having marched down the hill at the front of the procession;

They attend four Days of Obligation (not in uniform) and four Obits, or Memorial Services, when the Dean reads out a list of benefactors, starting in 1240 with Henry Ill.

Ad Hoc Duties Laying up Banners of deceased Garter Knights;

Military Knights’ funerals – one every eighteen months on average!

Coffin Guard for Royal funerals in St George’s Chapel: the Military Knights guard the coffin in the final hour before the service;

State Visits, when they are held in Windsor Castle;

Special ceremonies in London.

They are let loose in London in uniform approximately once or twice every ten years and in all, they parade about fifty-four times a year in the Castle.

Anecdote Major Dusty Smith, aged eighty-five, was on leave in Buenos Aires at the outbreak of hostilities in the Falklands War. He was very nearly incarcerated as a POW, being on the Active Army List, but managed to get back to the UK by the skin of his teeth.

Other Tasks They carry out various other tasks both within the organisation and in the College as a whole:

If requested, Military Knights can assist Wardens in showing VIPs around the Castle;

Three Military Knights regularly conduct evening tours in the Chapel, and several Military Knights act as Chapel Stewards;

One Military Knight is Honorary Secretary to the Friends of the College of St George – a full time appointment previously undertaken by a civilian.

Their wives also play their part:

One wife is a Spanish-speaking Chapel Steward;

One wife encourages visitors to sponsor a Chapel Ceiling Boss;

One wife, with the help of others, purchases and arranges all the Chapel flowers.

One Military Knight acts as Staff Officer. He is the point of contact for all enquiries and reminds them of when they are to turn up and what to wear. He is venerated as their first (and maybe last) line of defence against Alzheimer’s;

One Military Knight is responsible for co-ordinating the opening of the Constable’s Moat Garden to the public during the August weekends, the proceeds of which go to local charities;

One Military Knight supervises the welfare of the Military Knights’ widows (there are currently 5);
One Military Knight is our Funerals Liaison Officer, who is pretty sad; But the saddest one of all is the Treasurer. They are not restricted in what they do in their spare time, and are not required to confine themselves to the Castle, as long as they appear on parade on time in the correct uniform.

Summary To summarise, the Military Knights of Windsor have been in existence and have lived continuously in Windsor Castle for 667 years. The numbers and dress and even the title have changed over the centuries. Their principal duty, however, has not altered since its inception – to pray for the Sovereign and Companions, living and departed, of the Most Honorable and Noble Order of the Garter.

They belong to a select group of retired Army Officers and their wives who maintain the traditions and customs of the Military Knights of Windsor to the best of their ability. They are probably better behaved now (they hope) and certainly better dressed than when they were first established. As a small group of people who live cheek by jowl in a closely-knit community, they have to be of similar mind. They are happy to report that they all get on extremely well together and, probably more important, so do their wives. They are proud of and much appreciate their good fortune to have been selected as Military Knights of Windsor.

A full muster of the Military Knights in the Canons’ Cloister in 2014.

MR EDWARD WHITELEY, DIPLO ARCH, ARIBA
AN APPRECIATION

It was with great regret that the College of St George heard of the death of Edward Whiteley on 1st March 2015, at the age of eighty-five. As a partner in the Windsor-based architectural practice Edgington, Spink & Hyne, he was much involved in alterations and improvements to the domestic buildings of the Chapter area in the 1970s and 1980s. He held the appointment of Domestic Architect to the Dean and Canons from 1977, after Mr Hyne retired, until his own retirement a decade later, and was also a member of the Aesthetic Advisory Committee for the Chapel.

Among the Chapter projects on which he worked were: the conversion of No. 3 Canons’ Cloister into a retirement flat for Canon Hawkins and a house for Canon Verney; the modernisation of the Deanery for Bishop Lancelot Fleming; and the alteration of No. 8 into accommodation for Canon White, plus various offices. Perhaps the largest undertaking was the building of Chapter Mews, the complex of flats, in which various Chapel staff and some Military Knights’ widows live, on the Old Stables site beside St George’s School. He also converted the Dungeon in the Curfew Tower, without impinging on the original structure.

He lived for many years in King’s Road in Windsor, in a house he designed for himself and his wife Beryl. He moved to Basingstoke in 1994, where he lived with Mr Edward Mitchell. He became an annual Member of the Society of the Friends of St George’s in 1971/72, and three years later he took out Life Membership of the Society. He has generously left a legacy to St George’s in his will, to continue the work of upkeep of the buildings he cared for so long.

DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS
A bequest to The Foundation of the College of St George represents an extremely valuable gift to St George’s, free of Inheritance Tax, for Friends and Companions wishing to benefit St George’s after they have died.

The form that such a gift should take is set out below, and Friends and Companions 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 Foundation of the College of St George, Windsor Castle (Registered Charity Number 1118295), whose registered office is at 2 The Cloisters, Windsor Castle, Berkshire SL4 1NJ, for its general purposes and I DECLARE that the receipt of the Secretary for the time being to the said Foundation shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executor in respect of such legacy.’

If you need any help or advice on this matter, please consult the Honorary Secretary to the Friends and Descendants, in the first instance.
LIST OF NEW MEMBERS
1 SEPTEMBER 2014 – 31 AUGUST 2015

+ represents 10-year Membership

**BRITISH FRIENDS**

Adams, Mr C.J.
Adams, Mrs J.
Adams, Mr R.N.
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Watson, Mrs N.J.
Watts, Mr C.
Watts, Mrs C.
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Watson-Gandy, Professor M.

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+ Mattern, Mr J.E.

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+ Binder von Krieglstein, Dr R.
LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS 2014-2015

During 2014-2015 we have learned with regret that the following Members have died:

UNITED KINGDOM

Allen, Mrs A.
Bayley, Mr M.H.H.
Briggs, Mr P.J.
Brooks, Miss A.
Carter, Mr P.G.
Charlton, Mr W.M.
Clark, Miss J.
Clayton, Mrs J.M.
Cottle, Mrs J.
Davey, Mrs K.M.
Dell, The Reverend Dr M.J.
Dyson, Mrs B.
Eastwood, Maj. B.J., LVO, MBE
Fitzgerald, Major J., RM
Garrett, Mrs C.
Hall, Mrs B.J.
Hankford, Dr F.W.
Hempsall, Major E.
Hengist, Mrs J.
Hockedy, Mr R.E.
Jones, Mrs L., MVO
Kew, Miss R.
Kronfli, Mr G.F.
Langton, Miss J., CVO
Messenger, Mr A.W.
Milbank, Miss D.J., JP
Northall-Laurie, Mr P.D.
Parry, Mr G.
Pettitt, Mr S.J.
Platt of Writtle, Baroness, CBE, DL, FREng
Pollock, Mrs N.M.
Pope, Mr J.A.
Rose, Mrs B.
Shorter, Miss D.J.
Stevens, Mr I.G.
Summers, Mrs S.P.
Treadgold, The Very Reverend J., LVO
Vranch, Mrs M.J.
Wellington, The Duke of, KG
Whitby, Mrs M.W.
Whitley, Mr L.J.
Whiteley, Mr E., Dipl Arch, ARIBA
Williams, Mrs J.

AUSTRALIA

Broun, Mr M., OAM, QC, BA, LLB, CYC
Hart, Mr D.G.
Kater, Lady A.M.
Mohr, Mrs D.
Morgan, Mrs M.E.
Sharwood, Professor R., AM
Talbot Price, Mr M.H.C.

NEW ZEALAND

Bell, Miss K.H., LRAM, LRSM
Pettigrew, Sir R., FCIT, FINSTD

SPAIN

Summers, Lord J.

LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS 2014-2015 (continued)

Legacies, Donations and Fund-Raising

LEGACIES

£10,000.00 Mrs Margaret Whitby
£6,022.65 Mr Warren Hull (US$10,000)
£624.41 Mr Kenneth R. Utz (US$ 1,000)

DONATIONS

U.K. MEMBERS

£800.00 Anon.
£500.00 Mr J.P. Lee
£360.00 Mr M. Blandford-Baker
£250.00 Mr Alan Buckingham, MBE
£200.00 Mr Brian Duckett
£200.00 Mrs P.M. Hockedy, in memory of her husband, Roy
£200.00 Lt Col. and Mrs William Williams
£200.00 Miss M. Wilmshurst
£200.00 Mr William G. Winterbourne, MBE
£180.00 Mrs Amanda Maclean
£150.00 His Honour Judge A. Rutherford & Dr Lucy Rutherford
£150.00 His Honour Judge M. Rutherford & Mrs Judith Rutherford
£150.00 Mrs Lilian Whitely
£120.00 Mr Richard Seaton
£100.00 Anon.
£100.00 Mrs Christine Brickwood
£100.00 Mrs Janet Callender
£100.00 Mr D. Cook
£100.00 Mr M. Denny
£100.00 Mr Howard Franklin (Baron de Cattaro)
£100.00 Mrs Elizabeth Gibson
£100.00 Mr & Mrs Michael Hill

OVERSEAS MEMBERS

£8,413.86 Donation from American Friends for the on-going work of the Friends of St George’s (US$13,600)
£400.00 Mrs Diana Edward (USA)
£400.00 Herr K.-E. Sittel (Germany)
£200.00 Dorothy Rae Anstee
£200.00 Mr John Chambers (Australia)
£200.00 Mr Igor Diksa (Russia)
£150.00 Dr R.A. Bohringer (Germany)
£150.00 Mr Alexander Ishutin
£100.00 Dr Johannes Berchmann (Germany)
£100.00 Mrs Michele McCarthy (Canada)
£100.00 Mr Herbert Rogers (Canada)

FUND-RAISING

£510.00 Mrs B. Garvey, from giving talks, and donations at her 80th birthday party
£278.21 Tour of St George’s Chapel, 9 July 2015
£230.44 Tour of St George’s Chapel, 6 November 2014

In addition we should like to acknowledge many other donations of less than £100 from members; your generosity is greatly appreciated.

£509.00 Miss Kathleen H. Bell, LRSM, New Zealand
£500.00 Mr Leslie Frederick Richards
£100.00 Miss S. Jenazian
£100.00 Mr James D.S.M. Mackenzie
£100.00 Miss E. Anne Mason
£100.00 Mr N. Pond
£100.00 Mr C. Richardson
£100.00 Mrs Maureen E. Rouse
£100.00 Mr A. Sandifer-Mallard, MBE, CStJ
£100.00 Mr Richard Seguin
£100.00 Mr Geoffrey Short (donation for 65 years a Friend)
£100.00 Mr Michael Thompson
£100.00 Mrs Ann Thornhill
£100.00 Mr Peter Vennard

£100.00 Noteworthy Group
£100.00 Michael Thompson, from sale of books and other donations
The 10th Annual Meeting of the Friends of St George’s and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter, as Associate Members of the Foundation of the College of St George, will be held on Saturday, 7 May 2016, at 2.30 pm in St George’s Chapel, Windsor Castle.

The Agenda is set out on the next page. Whilst this will not preclude questions being asked on the day, Members wishing to raise matters under ‘Any Other Business’ are asked to give, where possible, one week’s notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary to the Friends and Descendants, Colonel David Steele, in the Friends’ Office, 8a The Cloisters, Windsor Castle, Berkshire SL4 1NJ, or by e-mail to (david.steele@stgeorges-windsor.org).

Arrangements

Guests: All Members of the Friends are invited to bring their family and friends as (non-voting) guests, as a way of introducing them to the College of St George and encouraging them to join as well.

Car Parking: There is no car parking available within the Castle, but there are several public car parks in Windsor within easy reach of the Castle.

There is, however, car parking available at the Royal Chapel for those on the morning tour. Vehicle Registration Numbers and type of vehicle will be required in advance.

Access: Access for the afternoon meeting will be through the Henry VIII Gate. Friends who wish to attend must apply for a named ticket for themselves, and named tickets for the guests they wish to bring; please complete the blue pull-out form in the centre of the Review, and return it with a stamped addressed envelope to the Friends’ Office. Those for whom the very short walk from the gate to the Chapel would be difficult should write to the Friends’ Office in advance, to request alternative arrangements.

Special Tour: There will be a special tour in the morning of The Royal Chapel, Windsor Great Park, followed by coffee in the Jubilee Room. Afterwards Mr Stan Cornford will give a talk entitled ‘Climate Change: from Science to World Faith’. Mr Cornford had a distinguished career in meteorology, and his last appointment was Director (Special Duties), World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in Geneva. From June 1990, he was involved in the management of, but not a negotiator in, the multilateral international conferences which culminated in the United Nations’ Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), ‘the World Summit’, in Rio de Janeiro in June 1992.

This event will start at 09.30 am and end at about 12.30 pm, with a break for coffee. The tour is limited to 30, and the tickets, for a donation of £20 per person, must be ordered in advance on the blue pull-out form in the centre of the Review.

Afternoon Talk and Presentation: Following the business of the Annual Meeting, there will be a talk by Wing Commander Alan Clare: ‘Some aspects of Windsor in World War II’. Alan served for 36 years in the Royal Air Force as an Air Traffic Controller. He has 15 years’ experience as a staff officer at various Headquarters, and his last appointment was as a Project Manager and the senior RAF officer on the team buying new equipment for control towers. Having left the RAF, Alan started work as a consultant to the Ministry of Defence, a role that continues today.

The Cloister Shop: The Cloister Shop has kindly agreed to offer a 10% discount to Friends wearing their badges.

Vicars’ Hall: The Dean and Canons have kindly arranged for the Friends to use the Vicars’ Hall for tea in the afternoon.

Tea Tickets: Tea tickets cost £16 and must be ordered in advance. Please complete the blue pull-out form in the centre of the Review, and return it with your payment and a stamped addressed envelope to the Friends’ Office.

Friends’ Choral Evensong: The Friends’ Choral Evensong, sung by the full choir, will commence at 5.15 pm in the Nave. Friends are encouraged to stay for this service.

Overnight Accommodation: Some overnight accommodation may be available in St George’s House. Please contact the Friends’ Office to request this.

Annual Meeting Agenda 2016

1 Opening Prayer.
2 The Canon Chaplain’s Welcome and Address.
3 Endorsement of the extension of Mrs Philippa Johnson as a Committee Member for an additional three years, and the nomination of Colonel David Axson for a three-year term.
4 The Nominated Trustee’s Report.
5 Report of the Honorary Secretary to the Friends and Descendants.
6 Any Other Business.
7 Date of the next Annual Meeting – Saturday, 6th May 2017.
8 Talk - Wing Commander Alan Clare.
FRIENDS’ & DESCENDANTS’ EVENTS IN 2016

Tuesday, 19 April 2016 – Visit to Portsmouth. This event is open to Members and one guest. This will be a visit to Portsmouth, including the Cathedral and an opportunity of visiting HMS Victory and taking a tour by boat of the harbour, to see from the water some Royal Navy vessels (subject to weather/availability). Transport will be by coach from Windsor. We shall meet at 08.45am at Henry VIII Gate. If you wish to attend, please use the blue pull-out form in the centre of the Review. Tickets are £40 per person.

Saturday, 7 May 2016 - Friends’ Day and Annual Meeting. Details are on the previous page. If you wish to attend, please use the blue pull-out form in the centre of the Review to apply for entry & tea tickets: entry will be via the Henry VIII Gate with a named ticket. Tickets will be distributed about one month before the event.

Monday, 13 June 2016 – Garter Day. Please note that Chapel and Grass tickets are for Members only, but that Stand tickets may be obtained by Members for themselves and one accompanied guest. If you wish to attend, please use the blue pull-out form in the centre of the Review. Tickets will be distributed about one month before the event. Tea will be in the Parish Church nearby from 4.15pm.

Thursday, 7 July 2016 – St George’s Chapel Tour following Evensong. This event is open to Members and their guests. Attend Evensong at 5.15 pm in St George’s Chapel, which will be followed by a tour of St George’s Chapel, led by Miss Charlotte Manley, the Chapter Clerk, focusing on woodwork of the Chapel. A glass of wine will end the evening. If you wish to attend, please use the blue pull-out form in the centre of the Review. The donation will be £15 per person.

Saturday, 8 October 2016 – Dinner in Vicars’ Hall. This event is open to Members and one guest. There will be a formal dinner in Vicars’ Hall commencing at 7.15 pm for 7.45 pm; dress is Black Tie. The cost will be £55 per person, to include pre-dinner drinks in the Dean’s Cloister. Overnight accommodation, in en-suite single or twin-bedded rooms with breakfast, is available in St George’s House for £78 per person. For members who wish to attend Evensong at 5.15 pm, this will be followed by a Chapel tour for a donation of £15 per person. If you wish to attend, please use the blue pull-out form in the centre of the Review.

Wednesday, 19 October 2016 – Bond Memorial Lecture. Details are on p. 353. To request tickets, please apply to the Chapter Office by 5 October 2016, sending a self-addressed envelope marked ‘Bond Memorial Lecture’, and including the names of all those requiring tickets.

Thursday, 3 November 2016 – Visit to the St John Museum, Clerkenwell, London. This event is open to Members and one guest. We will assemble at 2 pm at The Museum of the Order of St John, St John’s Gate, St John’s Lane, Clerkenwell, London, EC1M 4DA.

The tour will include a tour of the Museum and Priory, after which tea will be provided in a local establishment. The cost of the visit will be £20 per person. If you wish to attend, please use the blue pull-out form in the centre of the Review.

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