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.
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 HM Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands
1994 HRH The Princess Royal
1997 HRH The Duke of Gloucester
1998 HIM 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 Prince William of Wales
1976 The Duke of Grafton
1983 The Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne
1985 The Lord Carrington
1990 The Duke of Wellington: Field Marshal The Lord Bramall
1992 The Viscount Ridley:
   The Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover
1994 Sir Ninian Stephen: The Lord Kingsdown:
   The Lord Ashburton
1995 The Baroness Thatcher
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
2004 The Lady Soames: The Lord Bingham of Cornhill:
   Sir John Major
2008 The Lord Luce: Sir Thomas Dunne

(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. 481.)

“The Lion of England” on the south side of the roof.
April 23rd, 2008, was a very special day in St George’s annual calendar. In the Chapel on that day, in the course of a memorable service, we celebrated the 660th anniversary of the institution of the Order of the Garter, and the 60th anniversary of the re-establishing of the regular observance of the Garter Ceremonies by King George VI in 1948. It was a time for us to reflect on what St George’s ‘stands for’ and, as we also said a heartfelt ‘Thank You’ to all our benefactors, to remember what it is that our many supporters are helping us to maintain and uphold.

I tried to identify just what it is that we attempt to keep alive. I think it is the spirit of service, exemplified in the lives of the Companions of the Order of the Garter. It is therefore (and I quote from my address): “a genuine concern that the people of this nation might always be free from the greatest tyranny of carelessness, self-interest and cynicism, and find our fulfillment and our satisfaction in the making of our contribution to the common good.” However, at the end of the day what we stand for most is “the conviction that it is only in God’s strength that what will prove to be enduring and worthwhile can ever be arrived at.” These aspirations and values are what our Friends embrace and encourage when they give their loyalty to St George’s. For that, I am not alone in being profoundly grateful.

One Companion of the Order of the Garter whose life seemed to illustrate the possibility that it might be good ‘to give and not to count the cost’ was Sir Edmund Hillary, whose obituary appears elsewhere in this Review. A powerfully-moving Memorial Service took place in St George’s Chapel in April. It was a privilege to be there, and to offer thanks for the life of a most remarkable person.

Sir Edmund’s death has been felt as a significant loss in our corporate life. Others who have died are also much missed. Lady Downward, wife of Sir Peter
Downward, Governor of the Military Knights of Windsor 1989-2000, died earlier this year. She was such a wonderful supporter of the College and the Chapel, and is genuinely and deeply missed by the many who loved her. Other members of our College and Chapel family have died since I last wrote to you. We remember with affection and with gratitude: Jane Plowden-Roberts, who engrossed the Friends’ Book of Honour from 1994 until her sudden death in December 2007; Teresa Bentley (daughter of Bryan Bentley, Canon 1957-96); Alma Badger, Doreen Westlake and Jane Yandle, former members of the Guild of Stewards; Alfred Fisher, who was known as Steward, Shop-volunteer and regular member of our congregation; and Connie Wollaston, widow of Major Wollaston (Military Knight 1976-91).

This community also feels the loss of those who have retired or moved on to new responsibilities. In January, we bade farewell to Sir Richard Johns, Governor of the Castle, and to his wife Elizabeth. It was hard to see them go. While they were with us, they enriched the life of both Castle and College, and did a huge amount to help us live as members of one seamless community here at Windsor. In the course of the year, we have also said adieu to Andrew Carter, the Warden of St George’s House; Roger Judd, Assistant Organist for many years; Jeremy Filsell, Lay Clerk; John Challenger, Organ Scholar; Martin Gaskell, Director of Studies at St George’s House; Maria Ammann-West and Pierro Greco, Chapel Beadles; and Roxanne Hardy, PA to the Canon Steward. Each one of them has made a very special mark on the continuing life of St George’s, and each one of them is missed.

Our life, however, has been enriched and blessed by the arrival of newcomers. Surgeon Vice-Admiral Ian Jenkins, the new Constable and Governor, and his wife Liz, have taken up residence in Norman Tower. In no time at all, they have become loved and respected members of our community. So too have Simon Ponsford, Lay Clerk; Organ Scholar Laurence Williams; our Acting Assistant Organist, Ben Giddens (Organ Scholar 2004-05); Domi Pritchard and Boyd Goulbourn, our new Chapel Beadles; Megan Sanderson, who has taken over as the PA to the Canon Steward; and Development Team members, Louise Hine (who has now moved to America), Rebecca Goddard, Joanna Wood and Melissa Allen-Turner. How lucky we are to have such an injection of new blood, new enthusiasm and new commitment.

These people have come amongst us in the course of a year that has been typically busy and varied. Since I wrote for the last Review, amongst many other events, we have celebrated the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh in November 2007; we have received and blessed some beautifully needle-worked stall cushions; we have heard a peal rung in celebration of the birth of Viscount Severn in December 2007; there has been a Royal Wedding in the marriage of Peter Phillips and Autumn Kelly in May; three new Garter Knights have been installed: Prince William of Wales, Lord Luce and Sir Thomas Dunne; a service has been held to commemorate Paul Mellon on the 100th anniversary of his Baptism in St George’s Chapel;

Choral Evensong has been broadcast on Radio Three; the Time Team film crew have continued to investigate the life and times of Edward III; the Friends and Companions’ Day has been given a new look – especially with its morning tours; work has been done on the West Front of the Chapel, our sound system, the installation of some new grotesques, the restoration of the Rutland Chantry, the Song School, and the South Quire Aisle; and we have seen the dedication of the Book of Remembrance of the Military Knights of Windsor – something we owe very much to the imagination and hard work of Major and Mrs Richard Moore.

In the course of the last year, some of our Chapel Plate has been included in the Treasures of the English Church Exhibition in Goldsmiths’ Hall. The Dean’s Cloister has been home to exhibitions illustrating our recent restoration work, and of photography by Eleanor Curtis. Many of Eleanor Curtis’s photographs were made for the contents of a beautiful book: St George’s Chapel, Windsor A PORTRAIT. It was published within a short while of the arrival of Hugo Vickers’ book: St George’s Chapel Windsor Castle. Both books, in very different ways, provide the reader with a lasting taste for this place.

You will see that there is always something going on. You will also understand that we rely on the good will and hard work of many people. I cannot mention them by name, though perhaps I can use this opportunity to say a general Thank You.
However, this Review might allow the space for me to thank those to whom the thanks of the Friends are especially due. Jane Speller has continued to support us, not only through her work as Membership Secretary but also in her fund-raising through her entertainments and her Eton Action Fair Stall. David Axson has been a tower of strength as Clerk to the Friends and Companions. Canon John Ovenden, as Chairman of the Consultative Committee, is always brimful of encouragement. And Bridget Wright continues to serve us magnificently in being the extraordinarily diligent Editor of this Review, and in keeping us all on our toes.

I could go on, but must not. I hope I have conveyed sufficient information to give you some impression of our life here. Of course, at the heart of it all, is the daily round of worship; it never ceases, and is the one ingredient in our life that we would never budge from. It gives expression to what we stand for; roots us in the conviction that I mentioned towards the beginning of this letter: “the conviction that it is only in God’s strength that what will prove to be enduring and worthwhile can ever be arrived at.”

Thank you all for your sharing with us in your understanding and appreciation of that.

David Conner

The Chapel and Castle Community were shocked to hear of the sudden death on 19 February 2009 of the Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle, Surgeon Vice-Admiral Ian Jenkins. He had held the post for just a year, having succeeded Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns, who retired at the end of January 2008. We offer his wife, Liz, and all their family our deepest sympathy at this most sad loss.

SURGEON VICE-ADMIRAL IAN JENKINS CB, CVO, FRCS

The Definitive Mark and New Friends’ Badge and Tie The definitive mark, which was adopted for the new Friends of St George’s badge last year, has proved to be very popular. Whilst the old one remains valid, if you wish to buy the new badge, please complete the appropriate section of the blue pull-out form in the centre of the Review (cost £4, including postage and packing). There is no change to the badge worn by Descendants of the Knights of the Garter. The definitive mark (without the surrounding lettering) has also been incorporated into the new College of St George tie, which is now available at £27.50 (including postage and packing) and may be ordered from the Cloister Shop.

Friends’ Access to Windsor Castle Members will be aware that with effect from 1 September 2008 the Friends’ badge is no longer accepted for admittance during Castle opening hours via the Visitors’ Centre. From that date, if you wish to visit the Castle precincts and St George’s Chapel between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm (3.00 pm November to March), it is necessary to obtain a Membership Card from the Friends’ Office. Please tick the appropriate box on the blue pull-out form in the centre of the Review. Annual Members must apply each year for a renewal, and Life Members and 10-year members are issued with a card valid to 31 August 2018. There is no change to the arrangements for attending Services – admittance is via the Henry VIII Gate 15 minutes before the start of the Service.

Friends’ Financial Report and Appreciation In the Financial Year from 1 September 2007 to 31 August 2008, the total income received by the Friends’ sector of the Foundation was £316,655. The chart below shows the details.

We are most grateful to members for their generous donations during the year.
Overall the sum of £276,040 was credited to the Foundation of the College of St George for the use by the Trustees in the maintenance and on-going conservation of St George’s. The net contribution of the Friends, excluding the impact of the legacies, was a very positive contribution to the Foundation. I should like to thank all the Friends for their support – particularly those who continue to send us donations and those who made donations towards the Annual Meeting and Garter Day expenses – your generosity is very much appreciated.

**Friends’ Consultative Committee** During the financial year, the Consultative Committee met three times, and its major work has been to examine ways of increasing membership. This has included the design of a new application form, the design of the Friends’ section of the new College web-site, utilising existing supporters and networks, more events and opportunities for giving, and so forth. It is here that Friends can help us very much indeed by introducing new members to us: if you are able to help, please contact the Friends’ Office for some application forms.

**Future Friends’ Reviews** Only six out of our 5,100 members said that they would prefer to receive next year’s Review as an e-mail attachment, so we shall not pursue this option for the time being.

**Finally...** I should like to thank the many people who have given me much help and support in my work as your Clerk. The Dean has been a constant guide, Canon John Ovenden the patient Chairmen of the Consultative Committee, and many members have tendered valuable advice and guidance. Sir Michael Hobbs, Charlotte Manley, Rebecca Goddard and Georgina Grant Haworth have always been available to give me their much-needed sage advice. There are also two stalwarts who have both served the Friends for over fifteen years. Jane Speller continues to support all the Friends from the Membership desk, as well as having a vast knowledge of our affairs (see p. 480 for details of her next fund-raising production in the Dungeon); and Bridget Wright, our Honorary Editor, has edited our Annual Reports with great dedication and accuracy. Linda Aitken has helped tirelessly with the events, and has planned the imaginative programme for 2009. Andrew Goodhart has continued to help us with our Gift Aid records and claims, and Anthony Farnath continues to represent the Descendants. I am most grateful to many of my colleagues in the Guild of Stewards for their help in organising visits, and to Betty Garvey who raises so much with her talks. Finally, I am most grateful to Yvette Day who has very kindly taken on the engrossing of our Book of Honour. So, thank you all!

and to the willing volunteers who gave their time in administering the many activities, and in raising money from lectures, visits and other special events. We are also most grateful to the late members, who kindly gave the Friends a legacy – the details are at the head of p. 507. ‘Legacies not yet realised’ refers to the estimated share in two properties yet to be sold.

Expenditure was kept to a minimum during the year and amounted to £40,615. Details are shown in the chart below. Office Costs and Miscellaneous included a generous contribution by Mr Keith Blackmore, in memory of his mother, for the purchase of the new sterling silver font liner for St George’s Chapel. Professional Fees were paid in respect of the properties mentioned above.

**FRIENDS OF ST GEORGE’S AND DESCENDANTS OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE GARTER**
Existing Life Members
Life Members are encouraged to make additional donations in order to meet increased running costs. As from 1 September 2008 Life Membership is no longer available to new members, and has been replaced by a Ten-Year Membership.

Ten-Year Membership
UK: 50 Ten-Year Memberships per annum will be available for a minimum subscription of £250 (effectively freezing a member’s annual subscription for ten years). The number of Ten-Year Memberships available each year will be reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

Overseas: An unlimited number of Ten-Year Memberships will be available to Overseas Friends for a minimum subscription of £275 (or equivalent in own currency), being the UK subscription plus 10% as a contribution to overseas postage.

Annual Membership
The minimum annual subscription is £25. Members are encouraged to pledge more per annum if they wish. Annual Membership is available only to UK members.

Membership Benefits
Members will have:
• A Membership Certificate signed by the Dean of Windsor.
• Their name engrossed in the Book of Honour displayed in the Chapel.
• A College of St George Badge or Descendants’ Badge.
• Access to the Chapel and Precincts during Castle opening hours through the Visitors’ Centre, with a Membership Card (available on application).
• A full-colour Annual Review, including articles on the conservation work and history of the College buildings.
• A programme of special visits to the Chapel and to other places of historic interest, often with privileged access.
• The opportunity of attending the Friends’ Gala Day and Annual Meeting, and of applying for tickets for the historic Garter Day in June.

Thank You
Grateful thanks are due to all those Annual Members who have kindly increased the amount of their Bankers’ Orders for the current year and wish to continue with their membership of the Friends, and to those who have completed the Gift Aid declaration. We are also most grateful to all those Life Members who have generously agreed to give an annual donation to top up their membership fees, and to any members who have encouraged their family and friends to join us.

The highlight of the year was the visit to Windsor by the Choir of Sydney’s St Swithun’s Anglican Church, Pymble, to sing all sung services in St George’s Chapel from 11 to 17 August 2008. Descendant Member Mr Jim Wiseman (a Descendant of King Edward III) undertook the planning and preparations with a willing committee. He and his wife, Ingrid, and the Choir Director, Mr Phillip Linquist and his wife Suzanne, visited Windsor and St George’s Chapel during the two-year planning period to meet Colonel David Axson, who was the main contact between the St Swithun’s group and St George’s Chapel.

They also visited Mr Nigel Hill, whom they had met when he worshipped at St Swithun’s Church during his visit to Sydney in 2006. We are most appreciative of the tremendous amount of time that Nigel gave with advice in the planning of the sight-seeing trips around Windsor, and then in accompanying the group on many of them.

A number of members made a special trip to England to accompany the Choir of thirty-six, which included the Organist and the Choir Director, and thirty more spouses and friends. Mr Geoffrey McMahon came from America to join the group. He continues to be a most generous supporter of the Australian fund-raising efforts and his presence in Windsor was much appreciated. Other members already in England joined us on Sunday 17 August for a most enjoyable Reception for one hundred and thirty in the Dean’s Cloister, hosted by the Choir to thank all who had contributed to the week, including Friends and supporters. Special thanks and presentations were made to Colonel and Mrs David Axson, the Vice-Dean, Canon John White, the Reverend Andrew Zihni, and the Virger, Mr Vaughn Wright.

Our members generously donated $7,500 as a gift to celebrate the anniversary of the Incorporation of the Society into the new Foundation, and the Friends becoming Associates of the College of St George. I was delighted to be able to present the cheque to Colonel Axson at the Choir’s Reception.

Sydney members had an opportunity to hear some of the repertoire that
the Choir would be singing in St George’s Chapel, when they were invited to a special Evensong Service held in St Swithun’s Church on 3 August, just before the Choir left for Windsor. I had already left for England but was delighted that Mrs Helen Booth represented me and, with other members, enjoyed the Service and delicious Afternoon Tea.

The Queen’s Birthday was celebrated in Western Australia, where Mr David Stephens organized members to join with the Joint Commonwealth Societies at a Dinner held on Saturday 19 April.

Victorian members joined members of the University of Melbourne’s Friends of the Baillieu Library and Heraldry Australia on 7 May, to hear Professor Stephanie Trigg, Professor of English at the University of Melbourne’s School of Culture and Communication. Professor Trigg is currently writing a cultural history of the Order of the Garter, funded by a Discovery Grant from the Australian Research Council. Afterwards, members were able to join Professor Trigg for dinner in the Karagheusian Room at University House. The function was co-ordinated by one of our members, Mr David Studham, who is also the Victorian Vice-President of Heraldry Australia.

The Very Reverend David Richardson hosted many functions for our members at St Paul’s Cathedral while he was Dean of Melbourne. On 10 December 2007 he was appointed the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Representative to the Holy See and the Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome, commencing duties after Easter 2008. We are grateful to him for his contribution to the Society, and wish him well in his new position.

Dr Frank McGrath, AM, OBE, and Dr Amy McGrath, OAM, represented the Australian Friends at the 2nd 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, on Saturday 3 May 2008 in St George’s Chapel.

I wish to thank Colonel Axson for his generous help and support during the year. Members who visited Windsor greatly appreciated the hospitality he and Sheana extended to them. They have also appreciated the interest that Jane Speller takes in our members as the Membership Secretary, and her kindness in greeting them.

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The New Zealand report

Mr Phillip O’Shea

Sir Edmund Hillary, KG, ONZ, KBE The year has been overshadowed by the death on 11 January 2008, at Auckland, of our only resident Knight of the Garter and Vice-President of the Society, Sir Edmund Hillary. Sir Edmund was accorded a State Funeral, an honour normally reserved for a serving or former Governor-General, or serving Prime Minister of New Zealand. Towards the end of the funeral service I had the honour, as New Zealand Herald of Arms Extraordinary, to proclaim the deceased’s styles and titles:

Thus it hath pleased Almighty God to take out of this transitory life unto His Divine Mercy the late Sir Edmund Percival Hillary, Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Member of the Order of New Zealand, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, upon whom has been conferred the Polar Medal, Member of the first class of the Most Puissant Order of the Gurkha Right Arm of the Kingdom of Nepal, recipient of the Everest Medal in Gold of the Republic of India, Commander of the Order of the Golden Ark of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Commander of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland, Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa, of the University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, and of Victoria University of Wellington, Honorary Doctor of the University of Waikato, mountaineer, explorer, benefactor, New Zealander.

Two Friends made a special contribution to the State Funeral. A fine drawing of Sir Edmund’s Armorial Bearings, prepared by Mr Roger Barnes, appeared on the cover of the Service, and Dame Malvina Major sang “How Great Thou Art”, a favourite hymn of Sir Edmund’s. As a personal tribute, I wore the Society’s badge and necktie for the lying-in-state ceremonial.

After the service of Thanksgiving in St George’s Chapel, on 2 April 2008, the Dean of Windsor handed the Garter Banner to the Hillary family, and it was returned to New Zealand. On 24 August 2008 in a private service, in the presence of Their Excellencies Governor-General and Susan Satyanand, and the Prime Minister, the Rt Hon. Helen Clark, Lady Hillary and members of the family presented the Banner to the Dean of Auckland, the Very Reverend Ross Bay, for permanent display in St Mary’s in Holy Trinity. The Reverend Michael Boag, Succentor and Dean’s Vicar, on a visit to his homeland, assisted the Dean of Auckland at this event.

The State Funeral and the Service of Thanksgiving in St George’s were covered live by New Zealand television and extensively covered by the print media, thereby providing the country with a unique focus on St George’s Chapel and its rich history.

Other Obituaries Three other New Zealand Friends died during the year. Sir Lawrence Govan, of Christchurch, died on 6 November 2007, aged eighty-eight. He was a prominent businessman and benefactor. Dr Cedric Day, KStJ, QSM, MB, BS, of Whangaparaoa, died on 16 December 2007, aged eighty-two. After qualifying and working in England, he was a long-serving general practitioner in South Auckland. In addition he was active in community, educational groups, and the Order of St John, to which he gave outstanding service. The Honourable Herbert (Bert) Walker, CMG, of...
Christchurch, died on 4 January 2008, aged eighty-eight. Mr Walker was a Member of Parliament from 1960 to 1978, during which time he served as a Minister of the Crown from 1969 to 1972 and from 1975 to 1978.

**Roll**
The New Zealand membership roll totals 55:
- Honorary Life Member (Descendant) 1 (Mr Warwick Lawrence)
- Life Descendants 12
- Life Friends 39
- Annual Friend 1
- Honorary Corporate Friend 1 (Heritability Society of New Zealand)
- Corporate Friend 1 (Royal Commonwealth Society, Auckland Branch)

**Activities and News**

Dame Malvina Major, DBE, an internationally-acclaimed opera singer and Friend, was appointed a Principal Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (PCNZM) in the New Year Honours 2008 (announced on 31 December 2007) for services to opera.

The Royal Society of New Zealand has accorded another Friend, Dame Joan Metge, DBE, the eminent anthropologist, the rare distinction of having a medal struck in her honour. It was my privilege to design this medal, which will be awarded every two years for excellence in social sciences.

A biography of the late Sir Keith Holyoake, KG (1980), *Kiwi Keith: a biography of Keith Holyoake* by Dr Barry Gustafson, was published in November 2007.

Unfortunately I was unable to meet the Reverend Michael Boag during his visit. Mrs Jenny Officer, however, on my behalf met him, and they talked about various matters relating to the Friends and College of St George.

To date a number of tributes to the late Sir Edmund Hillary have been announced. New Zealand Post has issued commemorative coins, in silver and gold, and will issue a set of five commemorative postage stamps (including one of Sir Edmund in climbing robes) on 5 November. The New Zealand Government has announced a Hillary Fellowship to enable people from India or Nepal, with the potential to be leaders, to visit New Zealand. In Nepal, 29 May has been declared ‘Mount Everest Day’. A DVD tribute is now available which includes the State Funeral and Service of Thanksgiving in St George’s Chapel.

The Choir of the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul sang in St George’s Chapel on 27 and 28 July 2008, under the direction of Michael Fulcher, Director of Music, as part of their tour of UK and France, and were very well received.

Mrs Jenny Marbeck, an Auckland Friend, visited the Society’s office in June. Mrs Jenny Officer attended, and represented me, at the second Annual Meeting of the Friends on 3 May. On my behalf Jenny conveyed a message expressing appreciation of the assistance provided by the Society’s officers. In addition, she mentioned that New Zealand officials involved with the Hillary Service of Thanksgiving were extremely grateful for the assistance given them by many within the College community, especially the Dean, the Chapter Clerk, and the Succentor and Dean’s Vicar.

**Conclusion**
The assistance given by Mrs Jenny Officer, a Descendant and an enthusiastic supporter of the Society, has been greatly appreciated. I record my appreciation for the on-going support and friendship given by Colonel David Axson, the Clerk of the Friends and Companions, and Miss Jane Speller, the Membership Secretary.
ST GEORGE’S EVENTS IN 2008

BY LINDA AITKEN

Friends and Companions’ Day and Annual Meeting, Saturday, 3 May 2008

Some forty Friends gathered in No. 25 The Cloisters for coffee prior to a special visit. On the route for the morning were: a visit to the Moat Garden, where they were met by the Constable and Governor, Surgeon Vice Admiral Ian Jenkins, and were escorted round by Lieutenant Colonel Stuart Watts; a tour of the Albert Memorial Chapel with Mr Brian Duckett; a visit to the Vestry to see the Chapel plate and copes with the Virger, Mr Vaughan Wright; and an organ demonstration by the Director of Music, Mr Tim Byram-Wigfield. Following the Meeting (see p. 498 for the Minutes) about 130 members had tea in the Vicars’ Hall and then stayed for Evensong, which was held in the Nave.

Garter Day, Monday, 16 June 2008

Garter Day is the most important day in the calendar of St George’s Chapel and in 2008 dawned not too brightly. Preparations for the day started many months beforehand, and by mid-morning all is ready. The Chapel is immaculately laid out, as ever, and outside various stands are in position including the Friends’ Stand, which this year owing to popular demand has been expanded to accommodate 168 Friends and Guests.

At the beginning of the year, we in the Friends’ Office are allocated a number of seats in the Chapel, as well as tickets for the Chapter Grass and, of course, the Friends’ Stand. Once we receive the completed blue forms which are enclosed in the Annual Review, we process the applications as quickly as possible, trying to ensure that Friends get the tickets they have requested. This year about 480 Friends came to Garter Day, an increase of 80 on last year, and almost all got the ticket of their choice.

The Friends’ Stand has one of the best views of the Garter Procession, and the Service is broadcast outside so that everyone can join in. Before the Procession, there is plenty to see, including dismounted Household Cavalry marching down the hill to take up their positions, and with two military bands to listen to. The Constable and Governor of the Castle leads the Procession, followed by the Military Knights of Windsor, in their scarlet uniforms. After the Officers of Arms, the Knights and Ladies of the Garter walk in order of seniority, with the most junior ones in front. Members of the Royal Family then follow, with the Officers of the Order preceding The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

After the Service, carriages and cars are in place at the West Door to convey The Queen, Members of the Royal Family and the Knights and Ladies of the Garter with their spouses back up the hill.

This year, as the procession came down the hill, the skies had cleared and the sun was shining! After the Service had finished and the carriages and cars had gone back up the hill, over 200 Friends joined us for tea in the Vicars’ Hall and were able to take in the stunning views towards Eton over the Lookout wall. A most enjoyable day was had by all.

Preparations are already underway for 2009. The whole day is such a memorable occasion, and, while we look forward to welcoming regular Friends back, we should be delighted to see some new Friends this year too.

Evensong and Chapel Tour, 11 September 2008

Over forty Friends and their guests attended Evensong in the Quire and then, following a short presentation on the history of the Chapel and the Order of the Garter, visited the Organ Loft for a demonstration, the Quire, the Vestry and the Albert Memorial Chapel. The visit concluded with drinks in the Dean’s Cloister.

Visit to St Cross and Winchester Cathedral, 2 October 2008

Following an early start from Windsor Castle, the group of twenty Friends were greeted by Mr Clive Mc Cleester, the former Virger of St George’s, and attended Mattins at St Cross, the United Kingdom’s oldest almshouse. After the service and coffee, two of the brothers gave the party an outstanding guided tour, and we concluded the morning by receiving the Wayfarer’s Dole, consisting of beer and bread. Most people had lunch at the Winchester Cathedral refectory. In the afternoon, we were greeted by Mr Michael Calle, the Chairman of the Friends of Winchester Cathedral, and Mr Michael Honeysett, who had arranged a splendid tour of the Cathedral with two of their guides. This was followed by tea with some Winchester Friends, and Evensong, sung by the combined choirs of Eton and Winchester Colleges.
Visit to Blenheim Palace and Dorchester Abbey, 9 October 2008

In the morning, a small party of Friends visited Blenheim Palace, where we were greeted with coffee, followed by a conducted tour of the state rooms with an extremely knowledgeable guide. After lunch, many members of the party visited the new exhibition, Blenheim Palace – The Untold Story, before moving on to Dorchester Abbey. There we were greeted by Sue Dixon, who gave us a particularly interesting tour round this ancient centre of Christian worship. The day was rounded off with an excellent tea – complete with home baking – provided by volunteers and Friends of Dorchester Abbey.

Friends’ Weekend at St George’ House, 31 October to 3 November 2008

Twenty-two Friends of St George’s attended the Friends’ weekend at St George’s House, and enjoyed a very full programme of visits, which had been organised well in advance. The Saturday included a tour of the Home and Great Parks, a visit to the Royal Dairy (by gracious permission of Her Majesty The Queen), the Royal Chapel and Royal Mews. This was followed by a tour of the Albert Chapel and St George’s Chapel by night. On Sunday the group visited Eton College, kindly hosted by Roderick Watson and Nigel Jaques. In the evening Catherine Watts and one of her students, Hannah Poulson, accompanied by Andrew Carter (piano) and Stuart Watts (trumpet), gave a recital in the Vicars’ Hall. The group, which included six Americans, an Australian and a German, departed on Monday morning, having spent a memorable weekend at Windsor, as well as having attended many of the services in St George’s Chapel.

MRS EILEEN SPELLER

As the Review goes to press, we have heard with great sadness that Jane Speller’s mother, Eileen, died on 16 February 2009, after months of ill-health. Since Jane came to the Friends in 1992, Eileen has been a constant help to her, with both the Society’s entertaining and her many fund-raising events. Many Friends will remember her warm, welcoming hospitality at AGM and Garter Teas, and we should like to express our deep sympathy to Jane.

Mrs Eileen Speller

Dates in the Chapel Calendar for 2009

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.

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Regular Services

Sundays

8.30 am Holy Communion
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11.45 am Sung Eucharist
5.15 pm Evensong

Monday – Saturday

7.30 am Mattins
8.00 am Holy Communion
12 noon Holy Communion (Friday 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 27 September.
OBITUARY

SIR EDMUND HILLARY, KG, ONZ, KBE

Sir Edmund Percival Hillary died on 11 January 2008 at Auckland, New Zealand, in his eighty-ninth year. He was born in Auckland on 20 July 1919, one of two sons and a daughter of Percival Augustus and Gertrude Hillary.

He attended Tuakau Primary and Auckland Grammar schools. On leaving school he worked for a brief time as a law clerk and undertook part-time study at Auckland University College, but he preferred outdoor activities and work. His father, a veteran of the Gallipoli campaign, had moved from a career in journalism to beekeeping, which had been his hobby. The young Hillary worked with his father from 1936 until 1943, when he joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force. During 1944–45 he served as a navigator on Catalina flying boats in the Pacific. He returned to beekeeping in 1945 and from 1951 to 1970 was a partner, with his brother, in an apiary. From 1945, however, his real career or serious interest in mountaineering commenced.

In 1946 Hillary climbed New Zealand’s highest peak, Mount Cook in the Southern Alps, and during 1950–51 undertook several major climbs in Switzerland, before moving in 1951 to the challenges of the Himalayas. In 1953 Brigadier John Hunt invited Hillary to join the British Everest Expedition. On 29 May 1953 with Sherpa Tenzing Norgay, Hillary became the first person to reach the summit of Mount Everest, an achievement announced to the world on the eve of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II (2 June 1953). On descending, Hillary learnt that he had been knighted, receiving a KBE. Hillary’s achievement, one of the great events of the twentieth century, changed his life forever. In the ensuing years other climbs and expeditions followed, innumerable lecture tours throughout the world. He was leader of the New Zealand party of the 1955-58 Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition, and in 1977 undertook an expedition, from the ‘Ocean to the Sky’, from the Bay of Bengal up the Ganges River to its source in the Himalayas.

On returning from Everest Hillary married Louise Rose and they had a son, Peter, who has undertaken many expeditions of his own, including an ascent of Mount Everest, and two daughters, Sarah and Belinda. Tragically, Louise and Belinda died in an aircraft accident in Nepal in 1975. Hillary’s affection for the people of Nepal, especially the Sherpas, and his desire to assist them, developed into the formation of the Himalayan Trust in 1963. This international organisation builds schools, hospitals, bridges and other amenities, and provides essential medical and educational services in Nepal. Sir Edmund, his family and brother Rex, along with many friends, raised funds and made hands-on contributions to these undertakings. He was made an honorary citizen of Nepal in 2003.

Hillary provided support and patronage to many organisations, both within New Zealand and overseas, that focused on conservation, recreation, youth, leadership and foreign aid. He was Patron of the Antarctic Heritage Trust and a UNICEF Special Ambassador.

From 1984 to 1988 he was New Zealand High Commissioner to India and Bangladesh and Ambassador to Nepal. On returning to New Zealand he married his companion, June Mulgrew, widow of his long-time friend Peter who died in the 1979 Air New Zealand aircraft crash on Mount Erebus in Antarctica. On 6 February 1987 Sir Edmund became a foundation member of the Order of New Zealand, New Zealand’s highest royal honour. His appointment on 22 April 1995 as a Knight Companion of the Order of the Garter was unusual. It was, and remains, the first occasion that a Commonwealth citizen from outside the United Kingdom, has been appointed other for vice-regal services. At his installation at Windsor on 19 June 1995, The Duke of Edinburgh, KG, Patron, and Lord Hunt, KG (1979), leader of the Mount Everest Expedition, were Hillary’s supporting Knights.

Following his death, Sir Edmund was accorded a State Funeral, an honour normally reserved for a serving or former Governor-General, or serving Prime Minister of New Zealand. On 21 January his casket lay in state in the Auckland Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, and the following day was taken in procession to St Mary’s in Holy Trinity, the historic church next to the Cathedral, where the State Funeral service was accorded. He was cremated and, as he wished, his ashes were scattered at sea in the Hauraki Gulf, and at a ceremony in Kathmandu, Nepal.

At St George’s Chapel, Windsor Castle, on 2 April 2008, a Service of Thanksgiving for Sir Edmund’s life was held, attended by Her Majesty The Queen and other members of the Royal Family. His Garter Banner was returned to New Zealand, and in a private service on 24 August 2008 members of the family presented the Banner to the Dean of Auckland for permanent display in St Mary’s in Holy Trinity.

Hillary’s achievements gave him an international, if not legendary, status, and are well documented in several autobiographies, numerous books, television and film documentaries. His portrait appears on the current New Zealand five-dollar banknote, so familiar to all New Zealanders.

Towards the end of his funeral service I proclaimed Sir Edmund’s styles and titles, concluding with words that perhaps best sum up his life: ‘mountaineer, explorer, benefactor, New Zealander.’

Phillip O’Shea,
New Zealand Herald of Arms Extraordinary
The 500th anniversary of King Henry VIII’s accession to the throne will be marked at St George’s during 2009. An exhibition of art by pupils from years 3 to 8 at St George’s School will be on display in the Dean’s Cloister from 23 March to 4 April. Some of the most important and beautiful treasures to survive from Henry VIII’s reign will be brought together from St George’s Chapel Archives and the Royal Collection, in a year-long exhibition to be held in the Drawings Gallery, Windsor Castle, opening on 8 April. Music at Evensong on 21 April will reflect the anniversary, as Henry VIII succeeded to the throne late in the evening of that date. Music and events during the Windsor Festival in September will also mark the anniversary in a number of ways.

St George’s Chapel was finished in 1528 during Henry VIII’s reign and became his burial place in 1547. There are other aspects of the building where the man is in evidence. Henry’s Garter stall-plate dates from his appointment to the Order in 1495 as Duke of York, the title he held until after his elder brother’s death in 1502. Some of the stone vaulting is alive with the heraldic devices of the King, his Garter Knights and his first wife, Katherine of Aragon. Stained glass in the South Quire Aisle and a statue on the south face of the Chapel show that, even centuries after his death, he had made his mark sufficiently to be depicted in glass and stone.

There is another aspect of the Chapel which has long fascinated me: to the north of the High Altar lies the burial place of Edward IV and above it is his chantry chapel. Between about 1511 and 1519 Henry VIII inserted an oak window from where his young Queen, Katherine of Aragon, could look out into the Quire of St George’s from the small chapel (see fig. 1). Coats of arms, cyphers and heraldic badges of the couple are painted on the wood. Pomegranates entwine with the Tudor rose (see fig. 2); the Spanish Royal Arms are impaled with those of England (see fig. 3); a spray of pomegranate arches over the Spanish badge of a sheaf of arrows, and the cyphers of H and K are encircled by the Garter and pomegranate stems respectively (see fig. 4). The pomegranate is the heraldic badge of Granada and can still be seen today on King Juan Carlos’s Garter Banner hanging in the Quire (see p. 481 for position). The painted images are, however, destined to confuse. In 1843 Thomas Willement removed the stone-coloured paint that had previously covered the window. The Archives hold the bills for the cleaning work, but there is tantalisingly little about the heraldic painting or re-painting. Carved Tudor roses and pomegranates pre-date Willement’s work and take us back to the time when the window was new, as does the wonderful menagerie of heraldic beasts on the roof of the window. Willement describes these beasts as ‘Antelopes, greyhounds, lions and dragons’. I think this beastly list can be expanded and given some heraldic ancestry: what follows is my amateur attempt to clarify what can be seen.

There are certainly carved lions in place but they are of two different forms. The lion of England is there, yes, but also perhaps the white lion of Mortimer or March – a badge inherited from Henry VIII’s mother, Elizabeth of York. The Mortimer lion is depicted crownless, lying or sitting but with its head...
relation to a real tiger). If the carved animal on the oriel window is a yale (see fig. 7), it lacks golden spots, but nevertheless could well represent the badge of Henry’s VIII’s grandmother, Henry VII’s mother, Margaret Beaufort. The heraldic antelope was a badge of Henry V and Henry VI, inherited from Mary of Bohun, the wife of Henry IV. The yale and heraldic antelope can be seen as having a rather entwined relationship, for Henry IV’s third son, John, Duke of Bedford, used the yale as a supporter, punning on his lesser title, Earl of Kendale. On his death without issue in 1435, his titles became extinct, but a new creation of that Earldom was linked to the title Duke of Somerset for his cousin, Sir John Beaufort, in 1443. Margaret Beaufort was his daughter, and her son became Henry VII. However, the Duke of Bedford’s mother was Mary of Bohun, who also used the antelope as a badge – no wonder the two animals swap characteristics! Of the two options I should pick the yale as being the more likely. As to the hind (see fig. 8), that is another Yorkist badge and was used by Edward V, and also by Philippa of Hainault, Edward III’s Queen.

Definitive heraldic descriptions will have to wait awhile for closer and more expert inspection than mine, but in the meantime, when you have an opportunity, look up at the north-east corner of the Quire and enjoy the zoo-like procession put in place by a young King Henry VIII.
NEW KNIGHTS OF THE GARTER
BY DAVID AXSON

On St George’s Day, 23 April 2008, HM The Queen appointed Prince William of Wales as the thousandth Companion of the Order of the Garter since the establishment of the Order by King Edward III in 1348.

She also appointed the Lord Luce and Sir Thomas Dunne to replace the late Sir Edward Heath and the late Sir Edmund Hillary. All were installed on Garter Day, 16 June 2008.

The following descriptions of their Arms use the terms for the heraldic tinctures: Gules (red) and Sable (black); and for the heraldic metals: Or (gold) and Argent (silver).

PRINCE WILLIAM OF WALES, KG

The Banner of Prince William of Wales displays the Royal Arms as borne by the Sovereign of the Order ‘differenced by a label of three points Argent, the centre point charged with a conche Gules’. Children, and the elder son of the Heir Apparent, of the Sovereign, have a three-point label of difference, and the red conche (shell) represents the Spencer Arms of Prince William’s mother. His Crest is described as ‘on a coronet composed of crosses patée, fleur-de-lis and strawberry leaves, a lion statant guardant Or, crowned with a like coronet and differenced with a label as in the Arms’. His sword was newly carved and includes some timber from Nelson’s flag-ship, HMS Victory.

THE LORD LUCE, KG, GCVO, PC, DL

Lord Luce, Lord Chamberlain to The Queen from 2000 to 2006, was granted Arms that summarise many of his achievements prior to that. His Banner is described as ‘Gules two lucies naiant in pale and on a chief Or a key fesswise the wards to the dexter Gules between two martlets Sable’. The two pike are a pun on Lord Luce’s name, lucy being the heraldic name for a pike. The martlets refer to Sussex: he was the MP for Arundel and Shoreham from 1971 to 1992, and still lives in the county. The key represents his Governorship of Gibraltar from 1997 to 2000. His Crest is described as ‘Upon a helm with a wreath Or and Gules within a circlet of plumbago flowers a mute swan naiant proper gorged with a chain pendant therefrom a portcullis Or’. The swan alludes to the time he spent as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buckingham from 1992 to 1996, and the portcullis to his parliamentary career. The Convent in Gibraltar, which is the Governor’s official residence, has a plumbago hedge around its perimeter.

SIR THOMAS DUNNE, KG, KCVO, JP

Sir Thomas Dunne’s Arms also describe his career and family. His Banner is described as ‘Sable a wolf rampant holding between the forepaws a bottle Or and the label Sable on a chief dancetty of three points downwards Or two pears bendwise slipped and leaved Sable’. The name Dunne is said to mean swarthy, and black was therefore chosen as the background colour for the shield. The black-labelled bottle held by the wolf refers to the whisky-producing family of Walker, to which Sir Thomas’s mother belonged, and the zigzag shape of the chief gives a rough impression of a W (for Walker). The pears...
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WINDSOR CASTLE BEFORE 1348
BY TIM TATTON-BROWN

Adapted from the Maurice and Shelagh Bond Memorial Lecture, given in St George’s Chapel on Wednesday, 10 October 2007.

It may seem strange that my lecture is about the Castle before the College of St George came into being, but without an understanding of the early history and topography of Windsor Castle it is difficult to appreciate what Edward III was creating in 1348, and why he located his new College in the north-east corner of the Lower Ward. Of particular relevance here is the beautiful chapel, the Great Chapel, built for Henry III about 1240, which was to become the first chapel for the Order of the Garter (see fig. 1).

First, however, I want to go right back to the beginning, to Old Windsor, situated some two miles south-east of the Castle on the banks of the Thames, close to the area where the boundaries of four counties, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Surrey and Middlesex, and even more importantly four great dioceses, Salisbury, Lincoln, Winchester and London, all come together (see fig. 2). The very centre of this meeting point, a sort of ‘no man’s land’ on the Thames floodplain, is Runnymede, where the famous Magna Carta meeting took place in June 1215, but Old Windsor (and its later parish) was at the extreme eastern end of the diocese.
of Salisbury. As a result, the Bishop of Salisbury always had close connections with Windsor.

By the later Anglo-Saxon period, the king had a major residence at Old Windsor so that he could hunt in the neighbouring large Windsor Forest. We know that at the very end of his reign (c. 1061-65), Edward the Confessor spent much time here, and then gave Windsor to his newly-built Westminster Abbey in 1065. William the Conqueror got Windsor back (giving the Abbey the manor of Battersea instead, as Domesday Book tells us), and he and his sons, William Rufus and Henry Beauclerk, continued to use the residence at Old Windsor as a sort of ‘holiday home’ beside the Forest. As a contemporary has it, the Forest was ‘the sanctuary and special delight of kings, where laying aside their cares, they withdrew to refresh themselves with a little hunting.’ We know also that many important crown-wearing festivals, at Easter, Whitsun and Christmas, were held at Old Windsor between 1070 and 1107.

Meanwhile William the Conqueror had noticed the large chalk hillock, just to the north-west of Old Windsor, with its sheer cliff on the north still being eroded by the Thames. He decided that the west end of the hill would be the perfect site for a ‘motte-and-bailey’ castle, and by about 1070 one of these castles was being erected here. This type of castle, with a mound capped by a wooden tower, and a lower courtyard on one side surrounded by a bank and ditch, was a clever invention of the Normans, which they used all over England, especially in Anglo-Saxon towns such as Wallingford, to subdue the local population. Its principal purpose at Windsor was to overlook the Thames between Eton and Clewer, and, though not yet proved archaeologically, King William’s Castle almost certainly consisted of a smaller version of the mound below the Round Tower (the motte) with the bank and ditch around the Middle Ward on the west. The entry into the Castle was by a fortified gateway, rebuilt in stone in the twelfth century, which stood close to the modern gate into the Deanery garden. Unfortunately this gateway, later called the Middle Gate, was demolished in the seventeenth century. One day the site would make a very interesting archaeological excavation.

William II, Rufus, continued to live at Old Windsor, as did his brother Henry I, Beauclerk, for the first ten years of his reign, but in 1110 Henry I held his court for the first time at ‘New Windsor, which he himself had built’. This must refer to the brand new royal residence, built on top of the hill just to the east of the mound, which was then surrounded by another bank and ditch, to form a new inner bailey, now the Upper Ward. The new residence was built on the clifftop, on the north side of the new bailey, and was probably a large palace built around an inner courtyard from the beginning. The courtyard, later the Horn Court, is now covered by the Waterloo Chamber, and some traces of Henry I’s original palace were uncovered in the archaeological work undertaken after the 1992 fire.

The builder of this new palace may have been Bishop Roger of Salisbury, who often acted as Henry I’s viceroy, and was making a similar courtyard palace for the King in his castle at Salisbury (now Old Sarum), as well as building himself grandiose palaces at his own castles at Sherborne and Devizes. Surrounding both these latter castles were small deer parks, and it is likely that a deer park was also built at Windsor over the whole hilltop at this time for the King. This was the later ‘Little Park’, now the Home Park, which was enlarged by Edward III. A much bigger and separate park was perhaps already in existence, in the Forest to the south, which formed the core of the present Great Park. Domesday Book, which tells us of the five great royal forests in England including Windsor, also mentions woodland at Windsor, missa est in defensa (ie ‘put in the king’s preserve’), which is perhaps the first reference to the Great Park.

Henry I must also have been responsible for the building of the first borough at New Windsor, immediately outside the Castle’s main gate on the south-west. The heart of this new town was the large open market-place with the parish church at its centre. Much of the market-place was filled up with ‘middle rows’ by the later Middle Ages, and these now rather quaint houses can still be seen just outside the Henry VIII Gate. Henry I may also have had the first bridge built over the Thames, to Eton, but it is not documented until 1191.

It was, however, almost certainly there by Henry II’s reign (1154-89) and it is this King who started to fortify the Castle in stone and to build the great stone tower on the mound, now the Round Tower. He was also responsible for the start of the work...
on the outer bailey, now the Lower Ward, and the Pipe Rolls tell us that Henry II spent much money in the 1160s and 1170s on his houses in Windsor Castle. This must refer, in part, to his rebuilding of Henry I’s residence in the Upper Ward, but it must also relate to the building of a new house in the Lower Ward. At the centre of this ‘house’ was a large new hall and chamber block, the first traces of which were found in 1895, in crude archaeological excavations immediately north of St George’s Chapel. A useful plan and some sections were made (see fig. 3), which was very rare at that time. The site is called ‘Denton’s Commons’, because in 1519 Canon James Denton established a house here for the lesser clergy and choristers, which was regrettably demolished in 1859. Photographs of this building during demolition (see fig. 4) show that it was a much earlier structure, with thick masonry walls and a scissor-braced roof, which dated from at least the early thirteenth century.

Sir William St John Hope, when writing his great book about Windsor Castle, suggested, from the evidence of the 1895 excavations, that this large north-south building on the Denton’s Commons site was the mediaeval Great Hall in the Lower Ward. I was always unhappy with this because the building had always had a first floor, and I felt that Henry II’s Great Hall in the Lower Ward, and Henry III’s rebuilding of it, would have been a large building with a central hearth, that was open from the ground level to the roof. The building in question seemed to me to be a chamber block, and I suggested that the hall itself would have been much larger, and have extended eastwards from the chamber block. I even imagined a building like the wonderful great aisled hall of Henry III in Winchester Castle.

The opportunity to find the answer came in 2006, when I was rung up early in the year by Laurence Vulliamy, one of the senior producers at Channel 4’s Time Team, who asked me what would be good small-scale sites to excavate if The Queen would allow a ‘big royal dig’ to take place inside Windsor Castle. I suggested the Great Hall site in the Lower Ward, the Round Table building in the Upper Ward, and the site of the Middle Ward gate (mentioned above). Unfortunately the last-named site was impracticable, owing to all the traffic and tourists who cross that area, but the other two sites were approved, and The Queen gave her assent.

Over the August Bank Holiday weekend 2006, the three-day excavations were carried out and filmed, and both of them, rather remarkably, were completely successful. In the Upper Ward, a very small part of the curving foundation trench for a huge circular building, two hundred feet in diameter, was located. This was the Round Table building, begun for Edward III in 1344, but never completed.

In the Lower Ward we managed to show, first of all, that no large mediaeval building had occupied the site immediately east of the south end of the chamber block. It was always open ground occupied by the herb garden, later the Canons’ garden. We were, however, able to show that there was a very long building (one hundred feet long but only twenty-eight feet wide internally) east of the north end of the chamber block,
running alongside the curtain wall. This must have been the Great Hall, which was not like the aisled great hall in Winchester Castle, but was like the great hall close to the great keep in the inner bailey at Dover Castle. There the great hall, called Arthur’s Hall, was unaisled, and ran along the inside of the northern curtain wall. That great hall still survives, but was mutilated when it was turned into barracks in the eighteenth century.

In 1193 and 1216, two major sieges took place at Windsor Castle, and much damage was done in the unfinished Lower Ward. The Pipe Roll for 1194 mentions, for example, ‘the gate, and the bridge, and the camera, and of other of the King’s houses which were broken and burnt outside the King’s castle of Windsor through the war’ and now needed repair. After the great siege at the chaotic end of King John’s reign, from 24 June until mid-September 1216, a great deal of rebuilding work was undertaken in the minority of Henry III. In 1223–24 the Great Hall was rebuilt, and in 1228 a temporary kitchen for the hall was made. This was replaced by a new ‘great kitchen’ in 1234 (the site of which is probably under the Nave of St George’s Chapel), and in the same year repairs were made to ‘the windows of the great hall, and the glass windows of the chamber and chapel with the said hall’. This must refer to the Great Hall along the north curtain wall, discussed above, and the large chamber block to the west, which contained Henry III’s private chambers and chapel. Remarkably, the northern end of this chamber block still survives in No. 25, the residence of the Warden of St George’s House. When it was being rebuilt in 1965, various early-thirteenth-century details were uncovered, including the fireplace and chimney, some carved window jambs, fragments of fine wall-paintings and several of the scissor-braced trusses of the roof (see fig. 5), now the oldest roof in Windsor Castle. The southern end of this chamber block was sadly demolished in 1859, as we have already seen.

The other major work of the later 1220s and 1230s was the building of the massive outer curtain wall and the three towers on the western side of the Castle. The outer ditch for this required the road to be moved, and many houses in the town to be demolished, and once the work was complete, the Lower Ward, with its major gateway on the south-west (later replaced in 1514–17 by the Henry VIII Gate) was at last secure. Windsor Castle had now become the largest castle in England. The most splendid of all these new towers was that on the north-west, the Clewer (now the Curfew) Tower. This has a massive vaulted basement, now called the ‘Dungeon’, and a long underground passage and stairs leading out from it to a sally-port (see fig. 6). Similar sally-ports were made at the same time at Dover and Winchester Castles, but the Windsor one is the least-known and best-preserved.

Henry III came of age in 1227, and in 1236 married the twelve-year-old Eleanor of Provence. As a result Windsor became one of the principal royal residences in England, and much money was spent on enlarging the private residence in the Upper Ward for the Queen and her growing number of children. In the Lower Ward a new more public residence was started for Henry III in the extreme north-east corner, and it was these buildings which were to become the core of the new College of St George a century later. In January 1240, a new set of royal lodgings was ordered to be built, along with a new chapel on the south, that was to be ‘70 feet long and 28 feet wide’. Separating the two buildings, the chapel and the lodgings, was a ‘grassplat’, and this was surrounded by a simple cloister, whose internal arcades were rebuilt in 1352–57 as the Dean’s Cloister. The north wall of the beautiful chapel on the south still survives, as does the fine principal doorway on the west. Most famously the original pair of wooden doors also survives, covered in exceptionally fine decorated ironwork. The designer of this splendid chapel, which now became the finest chapel in the Castle (the Great Chapel) was possibly Master Henry of Reims, who would go on to start the colossal rebuilding of Westminster Abbey.
in 1246. North of the grass plot and cloister were the King’s and Queen’s lodgings, which we are told were under one roof, one hundred feet long. These lodgings were almost certainly at first-floor level, and the south wall of this building still partly survives along the north side of the Dean’s Cloister. In 1295–96 a major fire gutted these lodgings, and they seem to have been unrepaid for many years. A contemporary account refers to the ‘oriel before the burnt great chamber leading towards the steps of the great chapel’, and in a survey of 1327, at the very beginning of Edward III’s reign, we still hear of the camera combusta. Only in 1352–55 was the whole area between the Dean’s Cloister and the northern curtain wall rebuilt for the lodgings of the new Canons of the College for the Order of the Garter. These very fine timber-framed houses around covered walks still survive, of course, but recent work carried out during the repairs to No. 8, Canons’ Cloister, the most north-westerly original lodging, have shown that these timber-framed lodgings abutted Henry II’s Great Hall at its east end, where the buttery and pantry had been. This magnificent hall continued to be used by the Canons as their common hall until the fifteenth century, and for a short time in the late fourteenth century it was even used as the temporary chapel, during major repairs to the Great Chapel.

We have come a long way from Old Windsor to the north-east corner of the Lower Ward in Windsor Castle where the new College for the Order of the Garter was established immediately after the Black Death, the great plague of 1348–49, which had killed off nearly half the population of England. It is only thanks to new below-ground archaeological work, and detailed recording work, that we can now understand in much more detail how Henry II and Henry III’s ‘houses’, Great Hall and Great Chapel were transformed into the first College buildings.

Acknowledgements As always, I am grateful to the Dean and Canons for allowing me to crawl around all their buildings, especially those which were being restored.

I am particularly grateful to Martin Ashley, the Surveyor, and to Eileen Scarff and Eleanor Cracknell in the Archives, who have greatly assisted my work over the years. (Eleanor also kindly did the PowerPoint for the lecture.)

The excavations in August 2006 were carried out by Cambrian Archaeology, funded by Channel 4’s Time Team, and ably directed by Kevin Blockley. Without this useful work, we should not yet have relocated the Great Hall with certainty.

I should also acknowledge here the stimulating help of Professor David Carpenter, doyen of Henry III studies, who was present throughout the Time Team dig and helped me to review, and I hope understand, all the complicated mediaeval documentary evidence.

Finally, my sister Fanny Middleton has very kindly word-processed my text. A fuller version of much of this lecture, with references, can be found in Julian Munby, Richard Barber and Richard Brown, Edward III’s Round Table at Windsor, (Boydell & Brewer, 2007), pp. 13–37.

Mrs Freda Phillips
– an appreciation

The Friends of St George’s have been left the exceptionally generous bequest of £20,000 in the will of the late Freda Phillips, who sadly died on 24 July 2007 at the age of ninety-six.

Freda, who was born and brought up in South Wales, moved to Windsor in 1948, and taught history at Ashford Grammar School. After retirement in 1971, Freda resumed teaching at the Arts Educational Trust school and became strongly committed to membership of the Guild of Stewards of St George’s Chapel. Already speaking Italian, she took challenging examinations in Spanish, to assist in guiding duties. She was widely recognised in the town, and walked across it to assume Chapel duties until 23 July 2007, the day before she died. During all this service to St George’s, she was never late, nor did she ever miss a duty.

The Friends of St George’s are most grateful for Freda’s kindness in remembering us in this way, and her legacy has been used to help in the recent restoration of the West Front of the Chapel she loved so much and served so well.

BEQUESTS TO THE COLLEGE OF ST GEORGE

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, Windsor SL4 1NJ, for its general purposes and I DECLARE that the receipt of the Secretary for the time being of 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 Colonel David Axson, Clerk to the Friends and Companions, in the first instance.
ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL RESTORATION

FRIENDS OF ST GEORGES AND DESCENDANTS OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE GARTER

FIRST STAGES IN THE CONSERVATION OF THE GREAT WEST WINDOW

BY STEVE CLARE

St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle is amongst the most significant of our national architectural monuments, with its great West Window being one of the largest in any English church with its collection of late-mediaeval glass.

Friends of the Chapel will be aware that a process is under way to produce a better-informed conservation plan for the West Window. To achieve this, an investigative process was adopted. It was important that sufficient investigation of the history of the building, the architecture and the surrounding environment of the West Window, was first explored before useful conservation of the window could take place. As a result, a collaborative approach with other specialist disciplines was adopted, to ensure that the window received the best possible care for its condition. This being my usual approach, one underpinned by a desire to develop a better understanding of the building, I was selected to carry out investigations leading to the formulation of a conservation plan for the glass. This interim report outlines the process of investigation that was undertaken.

It was felt that the great West Window merited study as there had certainly been some loss of painted detail (see figs 1 & 2), and the lead work could be characterised as well on in its useful life. However, opinions of eminent fellow conservators in the recent past had ranged from recommendations that there was nothing at all alarming in the condition of the glass and that a watching brief should be adopted, to assertions that it was necessary to remove the window urgently and re-install it with a protective isothermal glazing system.

I recognised early on that I did not know enough about this building and the history of the glass within it, and therefore I could not speculate with any certainty about when damage had occurred to the glass. Was deterioration historic, and are present environmental conditions aggressive? Another consideration was how my recommendations might impact on the fabric and the fittings of the building, the fabrics and statuary, the organ, the woodwork, the panel paintings and wall-paintings, and indeed on the people, who not only use the building as a living church, but also visit it as a place of historical interest.

In the light of this, my first hurdle was to put forward a proposal based on an admission that I didn't know enough about the building and the glass to give proper advice! The journey of discovery to produce an eventual conservation plan based on better information, and on a high level of collaboration, was described and offered as a way forward; that it was accepted, is testimony to the vision and imagination of the Surveyor of the Fabric.

I elected to foster a better understanding of the building by instigating several strands of investigation. Experience dictated that these strands would in time begin to inter-relate, leading us to the best decisions for the conservation of this important window, and paying proper respect to the building.

The first stage in establishing these strands was central to the success of the project: the selection of specialists from other disciplines to be involved. Our team of specialists included Surveyor of the Fabric Martin Ashley; art historian Sarah Brown; and Tobit Curteis, specialist in the identification and control of deterioration associated with building environment. The key areas I elected to investigate were set out in a conservation policy statement. In that document I offered the opinion that the condition of the glass did not justify any perfunctory intervention. The key areas were as follows:

1. Researching the extensive archive of the College of St George at St George’s Chapel

The aim of this was to place the glass itself in historic context, establishing a timeline for its commissioning, its movements within the building and the various restoration/conservation campaigns. We also needed to explore the history and development of heating and ventilation systems in the building.

2. Environmental Monitoring

It was very important during the process of initial investigation to analyse the environment of the windows. This would enable an accurate and useful conservation plan to be formulated, after a sufficient amount of information had been gathered by the environmental tests. For this aspect of the study I turned to Tobit Curteis.

Tobit had worked with me at several sites including the closely-related scheme at King’s College, Cambridge. Importantly, it was evident to me that Tobit had carefully evaluated the available equipment used in the monitoring of glass, the data loggers, probes and sensors available, and had instigated important refinements, particularly to air-flow meters and surface-wetness sensors.

The team discussed with the Surveyor of the Fabric on site and in detail which parameters should be investigated, and which data would be useful to the conservation
process. Tobit then produced a detailed technical proposal, which was accepted.

The key areas of the twelve-month minimum environmental study involved undertaking an accurate analysis of the deterioration, to enable us to differentiate between active and historic damage, so that any subsequent treatment could be targeted at specific areas of risk. This investigation of the causes of deterioration included research into the physical structure of the stained glass and the microclimate which surrounded it. It was also important to obtain records of the current and recent airborne pollution, to establish the extent to which aggressive pollutants remained a risk to the stained glass. The aim of the environmental study was to establish the extent to which the microclimate internally and the weather externally were causing deterioration of the stained glass, thus enabling the conservators to make the necessary interventions to control future damage.

The particular areas to be examined were:

- the patterns and frequency of condensation on the internal surface of the glass;
- the extent to which naturally-occurring air movement over the surface of the glass affected patterns of condensation;
- the effects on the microclimate in the vicinity of the glass of the present heating system;
- the extent to which the heating conditions in the vicinity of the West Window were reflected throughout the Nave and the Quire;
- the effects on the microclimate in the vicinity of the glass of the ventilation and building usage.

3. Condition Survey

The third main area involved a condition survey of the glass both internally and externally. You will be aware that the external face was scaffolded, which made access straightforward. Internally a cherry-picker was used. A full written and photographic survey involved a description of the condition of the lead, lead ties, perimeter mortar, support bars, glass and painted detail. An analysis of the remaining mediaeval glass, nineteenth-century restoration and later repair was included, as well as a thorough record of graffiti found mainly on the external surface of the glass.

A secondary initial survey was provided, which was designed to highlight any specific areas where the glass was structurally weak, and might require immediate works to take advantage of the scaffolding in place at that time, as part of the wider conservation programme of the west elevation exterior stonework. This survey highlighted six panels of glass which were structurally weak, owing to failure of lead ties, or cracked and weakened solder joints. However, it was decided that, as an adjunct to the written survey, there should be a diagrammatic survey, marking the distribution of glass types, degradation patterns, etc. I designed a format for this, and went on to produce working drawings from my observations of every panel (see fig. 3).

The diagrams detailed types and extent of loss of painted detail, wilful abrasion, long-term water ingress, and internal and external corrosion types.

![Figure 3: West Window Condition Survey.](image-url)
As the study has progressed, the four main participants have held regular site meetings under the supervision of the Surveyor of the Fabric. However, we have also instigated on-going meetings with specialists and conservators involved in maintenance of the heating and ventilations systems, the organ, the wall-paintings, textiles, stonework and monuments. Their comment and advice will be sought as to how any changes proposed, for instance to the heating and ventilation regimes, might impact on the artefacts under their care. This in turn has meant that we will be informed of the condition and conservation history of these various artefacts, which will of course be taken into account in any final proposals.

The team involved look forward to reporting the results of our study to the Fabric Advisory Committee and representatives of the Dean and Canons during 2009.

4. Cleaning Trial and Studio Examination

As already mentioned, advantage was taken of the current programme of works to remove six figurative panels of glass suffering from structural weakness. Although only minor works to this glass were proposed, this did offer a good opportunity to investigate in more detail a range of problems, which would potentially better inform the conservation approach. These included the hardness and type of perimeter mortar, the stability of lead matrix when freed from support systems, and the depth and condition of support bars.

In the workshop it was possible to examine the glass and painted detail closely. Samples of corrosion and surface scaling (see fig. 4) were also taken for laboratory analysis. Further to this, I suggested that, again to inform future proposals better, a thoroughly-documented cleaning trial be carried out. The panels were then re-instated in the original position using the original fixing method.

Figure 4: Detail of panel showing considerable scaling.

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Windsor Festival

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2009

The Festival will be celebrating its Fortieth Anniversary.

Concerts will be held in St George’s Chapel on Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th September and Saturday 3rd October and in the State Apartments on Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd September.

Artists will include Vladimir Ashkenazy, Ian Bostridge, Philharmonia Orchestra, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, the Choirs of King’s College Cambridge and St George’s Chapel.

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The 2nd Annual Meeting of the Friends of St George’s and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter was held on Saturday, 3 May 2008, at 2.30 pm, in St George’s Chapel, Windsor Castle. The Canon Chaplain was in the Chair, and opened the Meeting with a prayer.

The Canon Chaplain’s Introduction  Canon Ovenden welcomed those attending the second Annual Meeting of the Friends of St George’s and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter since it was incorporated into the Foundation of the College of St George. This had not altered the service we gave to Friends in any way, but it had brought all the College fund-raising activities together under a powerful Board of Trustees, to give us impetus and firm direction for the future. As members would have read in the Annual Review 2006-2007, the Friends’ activities were now governed by the Consultative Committee, and present with him were Mr John Newbegin, the Lay Chairman and the Foundation Trustee representing the Friends, and Colonel David Axson, the volunteer Clerk to the Friends and Companions, who was now becoming well known to members.

He recalled that the Dean delegated the function of Chairman of both the Annual Meeting and of the Consultative Committee to him as Canon Chaplain following the Annual Meeting last year, and we were most pleased to see the Dean at the Meeting as Chairman of the Foundation.

Concluding, he welcomed Mrs Margaretta Soulsby, who joined the Friends fifty-five years ago, and was our longest-serving member and a great supporter.

Apologies  Apologies had been received from eight members: Mrs Valerie Grogan, our Australian Representative, who was represented at the Meeting by Dr Frank McGrath and Dr Amy McGrath; Mr Philip O’Shea, our New Zealand Representative, represented by Mrs Jenny Officer; Mr Warren Hull, our American Representative; and UK members, Mr and Mrs D.L. Smith, Mr R. Wildash, Miss C. Cundy-Cooper and Mrs D. McGrath.

The Minutes of the 1st Annual Meeting  The Minutes of the 1st Annual Meeting, held on 5 May 2007, had been previously distributed to members, on pp. 442-447 of the Annual Review 2006/07. They were duly approved, and signed by the Canon Chaplain as a true record.

Endorsement of the nominations of Elected Members of the Consultative Committee  The Meeting endorsed the nomination of Mr Andrew Try to replace Mrs Sally Adams as an elected member of the Consultative Committee for a period of three years, and for Mr Hugo Vickers to serve for a second term of three years. The Canon Chaplain thanked Mrs Adams for her contribution to the Committee over the past three years.

Annual Report and Accounts to 16 March 2007  The Canon Chaplain paid tribute to the Annual Review 2006-07 and thanked the editorial and production team, consisting of Bridget Wright, the Editor, David Clare, the designer, and David Axson, for producing a most colourful and readable report. He also thanked Charlotte Manley, Linda Aitken, Professor Ralph Griffiths and Tim Tatton-Brown for their most interesting and informative articles. He paid tribute to Mrs Jane Plowden-Roberts, who had engrossed our Roll of Membership with her beautiful calligraphy for many years, and who died suddenly in December 2007, expressing our deepest sympathy to her husband, Martin. He also thanked Miss Jane Speller for her fund-raising efforts—the Friends’ Stall at the Eton Action Fair raised over £500, and her latest event in the Dungeon raised over £1,200: the next event was on Sunday, 19 October 2008.

The Clerk referred to the final audited accounts of the Society of the Friends of St George’s, published in summary form on pages 412 and 413 of the Annual Review 2006-2007, and stated that in the period from 1 October 2006 to the date of Incorporation, 16 March 2007, subscriptions were the primary source of income, together with Gift Aid, and we continued to receive donations and bequests, about £43,000 for the period. £55,000 was expended during this period, of which £40,000 was a grant to the Dean and Canons towards the new Chapel sound-system. About £10,000 was expended in honoraria and staff costs, and the remainder on office costs and professional fees. The market value of the Society’s investment increased by £14,000, and the balance of assets amounting to £563,993 was transferred to the Foundation of the College of St George on 16 March 2007. The Canon Chaplain recorded his thanks to Mr Andrew Goodhart, the Honorary Treasurer of the Society, for his work. The meeting took note of the final audited accounts.

The Nominated Trustee’s Report  Mr Newbegin welcomed Canon John Ovenden, who was chairing the Meeting for the first time, and he offered congratulations on behalf of all the Friends on his being appointed a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order during the year. Canon Ovenden had been very active over the past year chairing the Consultative Committee of the Friends and Companions, and attending meetings of the Trustees, whilst fitting all this into his three full-time activities as Canon Chaplain, Chaplain in the Great Park and Canon Precentor. He recalled that Sir Richard Johns retired as Constable and Governor of the Castle at the beginning of 2008 and thanked him for the great support that he had given to the establishment of the Foundation; without his assistance it would have not gone through in the smooth manner that it did. He also extended a warm welcome to the new Constable and Governor, Surgeon Vice-
Admiral Ian Jenkins, who would have liked to be with us at the Meeting, but had a prior family engagement. Mr Newbegin wished him well in his new appointment. Turning to the activities of the Friends and the Foundation since we last met, there had been three meetings of the Trustees and four meetings of the Consultative Committee. The Trustees had dealt with a number of administrative items, including the finalisation of the Consultative Committee Structure, and the adoption of the Annual Accounts of the Foundation for the period ended 31 August 2007.

However the major focus of the Trustees had been on the Development side. In simple terms, £45 million was required for the St George’s Chapel Appeal, of which £20 million had been raised, leaving a balance of £25 million to be achieved. In this financial year, to 31 August 2008, the target was just over £3.8 million. Given the amounts already donated and pledged, a further £750,000 was still needed. In addition, on the revenue side the Development Team intended in the longer term to raise £500,000 net of expenses each year to assist with the revenue expenses of the College. In this financial year, to 31 August 2008, the revenue target was £327,000, which, thanks in a large part to the generosity of the Friends and Companions, the Development Team was confident of reaching. The Development Committee of the Foundation had been strengthened recently by the addition Sir John Major, the Duke of Westminster and Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke as new members. The Development Team had been expanded to deal with the additional workload.

The Consultative Committee of the Friends and Companions had been involved in a number of matters over the year and these were referred to later. One of the highlights of the year had been a very successful tour of the United States by the choir, which visited Boston and Washington DC. Sir Michael Hobbs and Georgie Grant Haworth took the opportunity of visiting New York, where six new American Companions were recruited. Much thought had been given as to how we, the Friends, could assist on the Development side. One of the results of the expansion of the Development Team had been that one of its new members, Rebecca Goddard, had been allocated specific responsibility for the Friends. At the same time a Sub-Committee of the Consultative Committee had been created to think about new ways for the Friends to help the College.

As members were aware, on 16 March 2007 the Friends transferred all their assets to the Foundation, consisting of just over £560,000. Approximately £550,000 was used by the Foundation as a donation towards the restoration of the West Front, a very suitable use of the Friends’ monies. He recorded thanks to some of the people who had worked so hard over the year: Georgie Grant Haworth, who had been putting in some very punishing hours as Development Director; Linda Artken, who was doing a wonderful job as Events Co-ordinator, and had been closely involved in the day’s activities; and lastly, but by no means least, Colonel David Axson, who had done a superb job as Clerk to the Consultative Committee, organising everything, including this day, to run in a very smooth manner.

Report of the Clerk to the Friends & Companions

Colonel Axson reported that, since the last Annual Meeting, the Consultative Committee had met four times, and decisions made had included: approval of the new badge, which was announced in the Annual Review; approval of Job Descriptions for volunteers, who helped so much in the running of the Friends’ Office; approval of the Friends’ Events Programme for 2008; and Associates’ Regulations (a copy was given to each member who attended).

In the first six months of the financial year, which started on 1 September 2007, the Friends had received a total of £103,833 including bequests, and our expenses had been only £16,887. This snapshot demonstrated our drive to reduce our running costs. He thanked all our members who had given through subscriptions and generous donations towards this sum, most of which would be spent to assist with the on-going conservation of the Chapel.

Finally, he hoped that the Incorporation of the Society into the Foundation had been seamless, and said that we were all working very hard to ensure that the service to members had not been altered in any way.

Chorister Scholarship Appeal – The Walk

Miss Manley recalled that last year she stood at the lectern, carrying a rucksack and wearing walking boots, and explained something of the plans for a 250-mile walk by the Dean of Windsor and herself, to raise funds for a chorister’s bursary. She went on: ‘Some of you here today were kind enough to sponsor us. Little did we know that we had chosen a fortnight last summer when rivers would burst their banks, rain would come down like stair-roads and the song “mud, mud, glorious mud” would take on a whole new and very deep meaning for us. Nevertheless, we completed our planned distance, walking via places linked with St George’s and the Order of the Garter. For instance, in Winchester Cathedral we visited the chantry chapel of William Edington, who, in 1352, gave the College of St George its Statutes. Over the next couple of days we walked via the village of Preston Candover (Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover, current Knight of the Garter), the parish of Hartley Wespall (in the Dean & Canons’ patronage since 1481) and Stratfield Saye (seat of the Duke of Wellington, a current Knight of the Garter, but also where the land had connections with the Sanchet family and their very early KGs). Almost every fifteen-mile day of the fortnight brought some connection with Windsor, be it current or stretching back well over 600 years. We had wonderful back-up throughout our time away, sometimes staying in b&bs and sometimes with friends. We were visited every other day by somebody from Windsor, most often Jayne Conner, the Dean’s wife, bringing not only clean socks in exchange for mud-encrusted ones, but also encouragement and care. After 250 miles we were welcomed back into the Castle, no longer in the rain but in brilliant sunshine. Kind friends and colleagues from near and far had sponsored us to such an extent that, including Gift Aid of £7,210, the total raised was £63,577. So thank you to all who supported us in whatever way, and thereby helped look after the future of the choir of St George’s.’
The Canon Chaplain’s Address  Canon Ovenden opened his address by saying that it was a great pleasure to see everybody attending, and thanked all members of the Friends for being so constant and faithful at this time of great change. These were exciting days, and the love and support that members extended through their presence in and generosity to this lovely Chapel was greatly appreciated. He felt their love and support also demonstrated that they travelled along these exciting times with us. He hoped and prayed that the friendships made would be lasting. Members might think that their contribution was small compared with the overall target of £25 million still needed for the Restoration Appeal now in progress. He stressed that no contribution, financial or otherwise, was too small or unappreciated. He concluded: ‘We value you all, and here I am sure that I speak for the Dean and my fellow Canons. May God be with you and I hope you enjoy the rest of the day.’

Open Forum  Mrs Jenny Officer read the following message from Phillip O’Shea, the New Zealand Representative, to the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Friends of St George’s and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter:

“I wish to extend my warmest best wishes to all present at this second Annual Meeting.

New Zealand Friends and Descendants, like all New Zealanders, were sad at the death of Sir Edmund Hillary, our only resident Knight of the Garter, at Auckland on 11 January this year. Sir Edmund’s passing and subsequent State Funeral in Auckland, on 22 January, and the more recent Service of Thanksgiving for his life in St George’s Chapel on 2 April 2008, have given both the Order of the Garter and St George’s, with its rich history and architectural splendour, wide coverage by both the print and television media in New Zealand. I have received a number of reports from officials who assisted with the Thanksgiving Service, and all were very grateful for the assistance given by all within the College community.

I take this opportunity also to thank Colonel David Axson and Miss Jane Speller for their friendship and assistance with the New Zealand membership.”

Conclusion  Concluding the formal business, Canon Ovenden said that the provisional date for next year’s Annual Meeting would be 2 May 2009. He then introduced the first Guest Speaker: Mr Hugo Vickers, the well-known author and member of the Friends’ Consultative Committee, who spoke about his recently-published book entitled St George’s Chapel, Windsor Castle. He was followed by Martin Ashley, Surveyor of the Fabric, and Stephen Clare, Stained-glass conservator, who described the restoration of the West Front and Window.
LIST OF NEW MEMBERS
1 SEPTEMBER 2007 TO 31 AUGUST 2008

BRITISH FRIENDS
Aitken, Mr C.
Andrade, Mr J.F.
Andrews, Ms J.E.
Bailey, Dr R.
Baker, Mrs P.
Beer, Mr T., MBE, FRES, FZS, MBOU
Bell, Miss S.A.
Bennington, Mrs A.
Bird, Mrs B.
Bird, Mr L.W.D.
Bliss, Mrs J.C.E.
Block, Miss R.H.
Bronks, Miss C.
Brooks, Master A.D.R.
Brooks, Mr R.E.
Brooks, Master R.J.W.
Brooks, Master W.E.H.
Bouch, Mrs M.A.
Bullock, Miss H.M.
Butcher, Miss A.
Cameron, Mr G.A.J.
Cameron, Mrs J.E.
Carey, Mr J.A.
Casey, Mrs C.A.
Clare, Mr D.L.
Colston, Colonel B.E.
Colston, Mrs E.H.
Colston, Mrs R.P.
Croker, Mr A.
Cronje, Mr P.
Culver, Mr A.
Daniel, Mrs I.R.
Dansiey, Mr J.
Davies, Dr E.C.
Dell, The Reverend Dr M.J.
Dell, Mrs R.M.
Dietz, Mrs R.M.
Dobie Logan, Mr W.
Dougan, Mrs J.
Douglas, Mr A.
Douglas, Mrs J.
Drew, Brigadier J.R., CBE
Drury, Miss A.
Edwards, Mr R.C.
Eiffe, Ms A., NDD, FRSA
Farrant, Mr T.J.
Fellman, Mr G.L.
Fletcher, Cllr N.M.
Ford, Mr G.
Ford, Miss L.
Ford, Mr P.
Ford, Mrs S.
Gilbert, Mr E.J.
Goddard, Miss R.
Gollop, Mr J.W.
Gollop, Mrs P.M.C.
Grant Haworth, Miss G.M.
Griffin, Mr N.
Harrington, Mr J.W.
Hinks, Mr M.
Horsfall, Mrs J.M.
Horsfall, Mr J.P.
Humphreys-Evans, Lieutenant Colonel J.G.
Hunter, Mrs M.
Jackson, Mrs A.L.
Jarvis, Mr M.W.
Jenkins, Mr B., FCMA, MITG
Johnson, The Reverend Canon P.F.
Kang, Mr D.S.
Kang, Mrs J.E.
Keenan, Miss E.
Kerr, Mr A.G.
Kerr, Mrs D.E.W.
Kronfli, Mr G.F.
Kronfli, Mrs S.C.
Lea, Mr D.G.
Lemon, Mrs S.
Le Var, Lieutenant Colonel M.W.
Le Var, Dr R.M.H.
Libson, Mr L.
Lodwick, The Reverend Canon Dr B.M.
McLean, Mrs A., MA(Oxon), FRSA
McLean, Mr R., TEP, FRSA
McNally, Mr S.J.
Maguire, Mrs B.L.
Mummary, Mrs R.
Murray, Miss B.M.
Nutbrowne, Mrs J.E.
Osborne, Mrs C.E.
Osborne, Mr R.J.
Paddington, Ms T., BA, MA, MITG
Phillips, Mr P.A., JP
Pitel, Mrs S.
Ponti, Mrs L.
Ponti, Mr R.J.
Potter, Mr L.D.
Potter, Mr G.S.
Roberts, Mr A.L.
Ruddock, Mrs J.J.
Ruffo Nash, Mrs D.
Sowry-House, Mr D.
Sowry-House, Mr M.
Stephens, Mr P.
Stevenson, Mrs K.P.
Stiles, Mr G.Q.
Tabron, Mrs J.
Taylor, Ms J.C.
Thorpe, Mr T.S.
Thorpe, Cllr Mrs V.
Tyler, Mrs M.
Unterberger, Ms I.
Wallace-Cook, Mr A.D.M.
Webb, Lieutenant Colonel C.I.P.
Whitmarsh, Mr P.W., MA(Cantab)
Whittle, Ms F.
Williamson, Mrs B.
Wilson, Ms M.L.
Woodall, Mrs R.M.
Woolley, Mr J.M., MBII

NEW MEMBERS

AUSTRALIAN FRIENDS
+ Lee, Mr M.
+ Stockton, Mr I.

AUSTRALIAN DESCENDANTS
+ Loel, Mrs P.M.
+ Wiseman, Dr C.E.
+ Wiseman, Mr M.J.

CANADIAN FRIEND
+ Kettle, Mrs M.

AMERICAN FRIENDS
+ Bryant, Ms E.
+ Krakora, Mr J.J.
+ Rohan, Mr T.C.
+ Simpson, Mr K.E.
+ Warne, Ms B.
+ Warne, Ms S.
+ Warne, Mr S.
+ Warne, Mr T.

AMERICAN DESCENDANTS
+ Hurley, Mrs B.E.
+ Langworthy, Mr J.A.
+ Melvin, Ms M.D., PhD
+ Poole Ill, Mr C.
+ Poole, Mr C.

BELGIAN FRIEND
+ Rivière, Mr M.T.

FRENCH DESCENDANTS
+ Ducourenne-Moyon, Ms A.
+ Godin-Moyon, Mme G.
+ Perraud-Moyon, Ms M.

HONG KONG FRIEND
+ Williamson, Mr A.G.

SPANISH FRIEND
+ Györi-Náray, Mrs B.

SPANISH DESCENDANTS
+ Hovius-Náray, Miss A.

SWISS FRIEND
+ Schäppi, Mr W.
LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS
2007-2008

During 2007-2008 we have learned with regret that the following members have died:

UNITED KINGDOM
Badger, Mrs A.
Balance, Mr W.S.G.
Barker, Mrs S.P.M.
Batham, Dr W.H.G.
Beharrell, Mr J.M.
Blowers, Mrs F.
Campbell, Mr G.M.
Chandler, Mr A.R.
Chipps, Mrs J.
Davies, Mrs L.L.J.
Dick, Mr A.B.
Dick, Mrs J.Y.
Dobbin, Mrs B.M.
Downward, Lady
Dudman, Mrs B.
Edridge, Mr A.S.
Fisher, Mr A.G.
Gibbery, Mr J.S.
Hamilton-Hopkins, Mr A.H., FCIS
Hawley, Sir Donald, KCML, MBE
Heenan, Mr R.
Hunt, Mrs I., SCM
Hutton-Fish, Miss W.N.
Kerr, Mr M.
Lloyd-Roberts, Mrs R.E.
Lyon, Mrs A.
Mcintosh, Mr I.A.
McKitterick, Mrs M.G.
Mason, Mr D.C.
Newbegin, Mrs P.L.
Nye, Mr G.
Oughtred, Miss M., MBE
Phillips, Mrs R.
Pionteck, Mr W.
Piper, Mrs G.
Plowden-Roberts, Mrs J., AOCA
Richards, Mrs G.
Taylor, Miss B.M.
Taylor, Mr J.A.
Terry, Mr D.
Thomas, Mrs A.
Thomas, Dr S.L.S.
Tunks, Mr I.L.
Tyler, Mrs J.A.
Walker, Mrs G.
Ward, The Venerable E.J.G., MVO
Ward, Mr R.S.W.
Westlake, Miss D.
Whicher, Mrs S.

AUSTRALIA
Barrington, Mrs P.M., MBE
Carter, Mr D.P.
Court, Sir Charles., AK, KCML, OBE
Fisher, Sir George, CMG
Golding, Mr J.A.
McLellan, Mrs C.
Parker, Mr R.W.R., QC
Seton, Mr B.V.C., BA, LLB

NEW ZEALAND
Day, Dr C.C., KStJ, QSM
Govan, Sir Lawrence
Hillary, Sir Edmund, KG, ONZ, KBE
McKenzie, Sir Roy, ONZ, KBE (NZ)

LEGACIES, DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING
(£100 AND OVER) TO 31 AUGUST 2008

We record with gratitude the receipt of the following gifts and legacies:

LEGACIES
£63,742.57 Mrs M. Miles
£20,000.00 Mrs E.F. Phillips
£11,445.64 Group Captain M. Watkins
£6,211.41 Miss F.A. Peak, BA(Hons), FRSA

DONATIONS
UK MEMBERS
£1,000.00 The Peggy Walker Memorial Trust
£500.00 Mr J.P.B. Lee
£500.00 Mr K.A. Seddington & Mrs C.A. Bernhardt
£400.00 Anonymous
£300.00 Miss J. Clark
£300.00 Miss M. Mummary
£250.00 Major C.W.F. Cook, ERD, TM
£250.00 District Judge & Mrs Mark Rutherford
£250.00 The Worshipful Company of Farmers
£200.00 Mr K. Blackmore
£200.00 Lt Col. M.W. Le Var
£150.00 Mr & Mrs D. Lyndon-Smith
£150.00 The R. & H. Woods Charitable Trust

OVERSEAS MEMBERS
A$7,500 Gift from the Australian Friends
£250.00 Mr D.E. Mullinger (Germany)
£200.00 Herr G. Kahler (Germany)
£150.00 Herr Karl-Ernst Sittel (Germany)

FUND-RAISING
£1,221.59 'We Won’t Be Serious': An Entertainment; Mrs C. Watts,
Mr A. Carter & Miss J. Speller
£520.72 Eton Community Fair Stall
FRIENDS’ EVENTS IN 2009

In 2009, Friends’ events are planned as follows:

Saturday, 2 May 2009 – Friends and Companions’ Day and Annual Meeting. Details are on pp. 509-10. If you wish to attend, please use the blue pull-out form in the centre of the Review.

Monday, 15 June 2009 – Garter Day. Please note that only Friends may apply for Chapel and Grass tickets, but both Friends and their guests may apply for Stand tickets. If you wish to attend, please use the blue pull-out form in the centre of the Review.

Saturday, 20 June 2009 – ‘Aspects of Time’. This event is open to Friends and their guests. An evening of humorous words and music by Andrew Carter and Jane Speller in the Dungeon, Windsor Castle, commencing at 8.00 pm. If you wish to attend, please use the blue pull-out form in the centre of the Review. Tickets are £8.50 per person.

Tuesday, 7 July 2009 – St George’s Chapel Tour following Evensong. This event is open to Friends and their guests. Attend Evensong at 5.15 pm in St George’s Chapel, which will be followed by a short historical summary of the Chapel and the Order of the Garter, and a guided tour. 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.

Wednesday, 7 October 2009 – Bond Memorial Lecture. Details are on p. 503. To request a ticket, please send a stamped addressed envelope marked ‘Bond Memorial Lecture’ to the Chapter Office.

Thursday, 15 October 2009 – Guards’ Museum, Westminster Abbey Tour and Evensong. There will be a visit to the Guards’ Museum (to include a snack lunch) and Westminster Abbey commencing at 12.30 pm. At the Abbey, following a short historical summary there will be a guided tour, which will include the King Henry VII Chapel, the spiritual home of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. The day will conclude with attendance at Evensong sung by the Abbey Choir. Transport to London will be under your own arrangements. If you wish to attend, please use the blue pull-out form in the centre of the Review. Tickets are £25 per person.

FRIENDS & COMPANIONS’ DAY AND ANNUAL MEETING 2009

The 3rd 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, 2 May 2009, at 2.30 pm in St George’s Chapel, Windsor Castle.

The Agenda is set out on the next page. Members wishing to raise matters under ‘Any Other Business’ should give one week’s notice in writing to the Clerk to the Friends and Companions, Colonel David Axson, in the Friends’ Office, 1 The Cloisters, Windsor Castle, Windsor SL4 1N1, or by e-mail to (david.axson@stgeorges-windsor.org).

Arrangements

Guests: All Friends & Companions 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. However, there are several public car parks in Windsor within easy reach of the Castle.

Access: Friends wearing their badges (and their guests in possession of a Coffee & Special Tour or Tea ticket) may enter the Castle precincts free of charge through the Visitors’ Centre by the Advanced Gate, and then walk to the Chapel by Castle Hill, Moat Road and Lower Ward. Those for whom the walk would be difficult should write to the Friends’ Office in advance to request alternative arrangements.

Morning Coffee and Special Tour: There will be a special tour commencing at 10.15 am (coffee in Vicars’ Hall from 9.45 am) open to Friends and their guests. Places of great interest will be included (Curfew Tower; Vestry display of the Chapel plate and copes; the Chapter Office and Aerary, the Dean’s Private Chapel and the Moat Garden). The tour will end at 12.45 pm. The tour is limited to 50, and tickets, at £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, Mr Timothy Byram-Wigfield, the Director of Music, will give a talk on the Chapel Choir and the Organ, including a demonstration of the Organ.

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 morning coffee prior to the tour and for tea in the afternoon.

Tea Tickets: Tea tickets cost £9 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 will commence at 5.15 pm in the Nave. Friends are encouraged to stay for this service, which will be led by the full choir.

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

Annual Meeting Agenda 2009

1 Opening Prayer.

2 The Canon Chaplain’s Welcome and Introduction.

3 To endorse the nomination of Mr Stephen Day to serve for a second term of three years as an elected member of the Consultative Committee, and to endorse the extension of Mr Fraser Jansen and Mr Alan Titchener for one year.

4 To receive the Financial Report of the Clerk and the accounts of the Foundation of the College of St George, Windsor Castle, for the period 1 September 2007 to 31 August 2008.

5 The Nominated Trustee’s Report.

6 Report of the Clerk to the Friends and Companions.

7 The Canon Chaplain’s Address.

8 Any Other Business.

9 Date of the next Annual Meeting – Saturday, 8 May 2010.
The Choir of St George’s Chapel, in the summer of 2008, with Tim Byram-Wigfield, Director of Music (back row, right) and Roger Judd, Assistant Organist (back row, left).