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## THE KNIGHT PRINCIPAL'S INTRODUCTION

So much has happened in the last year. Just as we were recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic and returning to something like normality, a war on European soil erupted with not only the terrible loss of life but disruption of the world economy and fuel market with the resulting cost-of-living crisis.

However, for many of us, the formative event of the year was the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, our Patron of many years. Her Majesty was 96 years old. She had worked tirelessly and constantly throughout her 70-year reign, from the moment of accession to the very end. When the news of Her Majesty's death came on 8 September, it was for me and, I think, for us all,

not only an overwhelming sadness but a huge shock, and an event with which it will take us all some time to come to terms. The nation continues to mourn the loss of a great and steadfast monarch who gave us such wonderful service, leadership and stability for so long. We were particularly fortunate that Her Majesty was our Patron. Accompanied by HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Her Majesty visited us on several occasions, most notably to our Centenary Service at St Paul's Cathedral in November 2008, during which our Knights' Chapel was dedicated.

On Monday 19 September, Lord Lingfield, Professor Sir Colin Berry, and I were honoured to be present at Her Majesty's State Funeral at Westminster Abbey, representing the Imperial Society and all Knights Bachelor by taking part in the procession with the Orders of Chivalry. No one who was there will ever forget the occasion, and nothing could match its sense of history, respect and affection.

Turning to the affairs of the Society over the last year, I am delighted to report that, since our last AGM in October 2021, 23 Knights Bachelor have joined the ISKB. This, encouragingly, is the largest number in a single year since 2012.

Sadly, in the same period, in addition to our Patron, sixteen members of the Society, all distinguished Knights Bachelor, have died. We were privileged to have had them among our ranks, and I know how much they will be missed by their family and friends. On 21 July 2022 we held our first Annual Service since 2019, at which prayers were said for those members of the Society whom we have lost in the intervening period; and we were very pleased to welcome widows and families to St Paul's, to both the service and the reception that followed.

For many, a special and most enjoyable highlight of this year was our Grand Dinner on 25 May 2022 to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, held at Drapers' Hall. Two hundred members and their guests gathered for the dinner. Our speaker was Lord Luce, sometime Member of Parliament, government minister, Governor of Gibraltar, and Lord Chamberlain, who spoke wonderfully about Her Majesty. Lord Luce's speech is on page 10 of this edition of *Chivalry*. Our guest of honour was HRH The Earl of Wessex who, I know, enjoyed the evening, and he very



The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh at St Paul's Cathedral on the day of the Centenary Service. On the left, The Lord Mayor, Ian Luder. 13 November 2008

graciously and eloquently addressed the guests at the end of the dinner. Certainly, we greatly appreciated and enjoyed his presence.

We continue to maintain and improve our Knights' Chapel with small but important additions to the fixtures and fittings of this special place. Our next Annual Service is on Thursday 20 July 2023; to be followed by a reception in Stationers' Hall, a short distance (downhill) from St Paul's. The Chapel is also available to members to use for baptisms and weddings, subject to the Cathedral's schedules.

Our relations with the Cathedral remain extremely good, and we thank our Prelate and our friend, Bishop Sarah, and all who work at St Paul's for their continuing and unflagging support. This year, I should particularly like to mention our Dean, the Very Revd Dr David Ison, a constant font of support for the last ten

years, who retired earlier this year. We welcome his successor, the Very Revd Andrew Tremlett, and look forward to working with him. We also continue to sponsor a chorister at St Paul's Cathedral School, and are delighted to welcome our gifted new chorister, who sang a wonderful solo at our Annual Service in July.

Any member who would like to attend Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral is more than welcome. The Clerk can give you details.

Following the pandemic, we have recommenced our social programme. In January, we held a luncheon at which our speaker was Dame June Raine, Chief Executive of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency. It was a particularly pertinent, uplifting and inspiring talk about some of the huge challenges that were faced and overcome during Covid, leading to a vaccine programme which has saved so many lives.

In April, at an informal supper, our speaker was 'Matt' (Matt Pritchett), the *Daily Telegraph's* cartoonist. With great humour and humility, Matt showed us many of his recent cartoons on screen, explaining how he had created them, always against the clock. In July, our lunch-time speaker was Sir Nigel Wilson, Chief Executive of Legal & General, who gave us a fascinating talk about what he and his company are doing to promote economic growth in the UK. Our final speaker this year was Sir Peter Riddell, the former director of the Institute of Government, who was actually speaking to us when a change of Prime Minister was announced.



**The Earl of Wessex and The Knight Principal. On the left, William Charnley, Past Master, The Worshipful Company of Drapers. 25 May 2022**



**The Earl of Wessex and Lord Lingfield. On the right, HRH Princess Katarina of Yugoslavia. 25 May 2022**

We have continued this year with our *Knight's Tale* webinars, an initiative that began during the Covid lock-down when all our other events had been cancelled. It has been an enormous success, and I would particularly like to thank our speakers this year, Sir Andrew Parmley, Sir Anthony Everington, Sir John Bell, Sir Christopher Greenwood, Lord Stevens, Sir Peter Bottomley MP and Sir David Wootton, and Sir Tony Baldry for the initial idea and for organising the programme. Now that we have recommenced our social programme, we are pausing to take stock in respect of future on-line events. Please do let us know (via the Clerk) of any ideas you may have.

Last year, I mentioned that we had a plan to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee with tree planting initiatives, as part of Her



Majesty's Green Canopy Project. The Council considered various options and proposals and settled on two projects which we are currently pursuing. Since the passing of Her Majesty, these will also fittingly commemorate Her Majesty's glorious reign and her role as our Patron.

Walsall is at the heart of the Black Country, an area with a fine industrial heritage but now substantial social poverty. The Arboretum is a rural haven in the heart of Walsall town centre. It covers 170 acres, and includes parkland, gardens, green spaces, play areas, and sports facilities. Part is believed to be ancient woodland. Through the generosity of our members, the Society is funding a small plantation within the Arboretum of pleached hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) and Green Vase (*Zelkova serrata*), trees of sufficient robustness to withstand the industrial environment in which they will be planted. The plantation, which has been designed in consultation with the Black Country Consortium, Walsall Council, and the Arboretum User Group, will have a natural style to blend well with its surroundings. I visited the Arboretum in late November just before the main planting was to take place and, while there is much work to do, there is a real momentum in the project.

The second project is Cashel Orchard on the banks of Loch Lomond. In brief, with the help of our generous benefactors in Scotland and in close partnership with The Royal Scottish Forestry Society's Cashel Forest Trust, we are creating an orchard of some 2,000 square metres planted with 100 fruit trees of different varieties and styles. We are also making provi-



**Drapers' Hall**

sion for an educational resource for people of all ages, including school children. This is truly a marvellous project that will benefit the people, and particularly the children, of Scotland for generations to come. I would like to thank both our own Sir Micky Hirst and Nander Robertson of the Trust for the effort and vision they have each put into this marvellous project, and our members in Scotland for their outstanding generosity.

I would like to thank all those members who have given so generously to these projects. Once we know precisely how much we have left in the fund after these projects, we intend to look at other similar projects, and will update members in due course. In the meantime, we hope there will be formal openings of these plantations in the Spring. Details will follow in the New Year.

Looking towards 2023, we will be having a number of events and speakers, including a luncheon on 25 January (where the speaker will be Sir Jonathan Van Tam) and a supper on 26 April 2023 (where the speaker will be Dame Janet Suzman). Full details of these and other events, including our Annual Service on 20 July, and Carol Service on 19 December 2023, will be published on our website.

The Council is also discussing how we may appropriately mark the Coronation of HM The King, details of which will be circulated when settled.

Finally, may I thank you all for your support of the Society in the last year; and give my very best wishes to all ISKB Members and their families, as we all look forward to 2023, a Coronation Year.

**God Save The King**

**The Rt Hon Sir Gary Hickinbottom**

## **ELIZABETH II**

**by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other  
Realms and Territories, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Head of the Commonwealth**

**21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022**

**Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

**6 February 1952 to 8 September 2022**

**a reign of 70 years and 214 days**

**Patron of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor 1975-2022**

**by Professor Sir Colin Berry  
Knight President**

In reading history at school or later, we are confronted by simple statements of fact that rarely if ever are accompanied by personal experience of events. This must be so for the years that precede our times, where our family-based notions or certain formal teaching provides us with a framework determining the essence of our personal view of ourselves as citizens, or of our notion of our nation as an entity. The simple facts - that Elizabeth II was our Queen for more than seventy years until her death on 8 September 2022 at Balmoral Castle convey little of what most of us have in our minds about the Head of State whose reign has been a central part of our lifespan. The history of the reign is well documented in the many accounts we have seen; here it is proper to consider the involvement of the late Queen with our Society in particular as an engaged and supportive Patron of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor from 1975. She had attended the annual service on 10 July 1968 and was present again at the service on 24 October 1996. In the summer of 1987 she presented prizes at the Knights Bachelor Charity Polo Day. On 3 December 1990 she attended a reception at St James's Palace, attended by more than 350 knights and their guests. She honoured the Society in its centenary year by being present at a service at St Paul's Cathedral on 13 November 2008, the congregation numbering 1,500 knights and their guests.

For my own part, I remember very clearly the day of the death of King George VI. At school, classes were interrupted by what appeared to be, astonishingly for us, visibly moved Masters who summoned us to special House meetings where the Headmaster gave us the news and dismissed us to our homes. I think some of us were aware of the illness of the King but, as with all the young, the relationship of illness to death was not well-established as a sequence nor did we understand that our teachers, a number of whom had served in the armed forces in the war of 1939-45, were affected by a sense of loss that related to their concept of the service and duty expected of them and which had been such a disruptor of what might have been the expected pattern of their lives.

Disruption of an expected pattern of life was imposed on the young Princess Elizabeth, born in Mayfair, London, as the first child of the Duke and Duchess of York in 1926. The unexpected accession of her father to the throne in 1936 following the abdication of King Edward VIII made the ten-year-old Princess Elizabeth the heir presumptive. Much has been written about the effects on her family but it seems clear that an understanding of how her life had changed affected her formative years. She was educated privately at home and first began to undertake public duties during the Second World War, serving in the Auxiliary Territorial Service, but the immensity of the responsibilities before her must have been clear. On the death of King George VI, in February 1952, she became Queen of seven independent Commonwealth countries: the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan,



**The Queen arriving at the Annual Service on  
10 July 1968, met by Sir Anthony Wagner**





**Sir Colin Berry meeting The Queen at the Centenary Service. 13 November 2008**

and Ceylon (later Sri Lanka), as well as Head of the Commonwealth. The number of her realms varied over time as territories gained independence and some became republics, but whatever the constitutional changes her commitment to the Commonwealth and its ideals was unwavering. As a constitutional monarch her advice was always thoughtful and well-received by her ministers, and she was an influential figure and a voice of calm at times of political upheaval. Throughout her reign she knew more than 170 prime ministers in the United Kingdom and her other realms. Her many overseas visits included highly significant and unprecedented state visits to China in 1986, to Russia in 1994, and to the Republic of Ireland in 2011.

Her Coronation in 1953 and the celebrations of her Silver, Golden, Diamond, and Platinum jubilees in 1977, 2002, 2012, and 2022, respectively all occasioned public displays of support and admiration. The Coronation was significant in providing a metaphorical “release” from war-time austerity (we still have our old family ration and clothing coupon books from that time) but later celebrations were a reflection of public appreciation of her years of service. Queen Elizabeth II passed to her rest in 2022 at her much-loved Balmoral Castle at the end of a long life of unfailing commitment and service to the people of all her realms.

## **THE STATE FUNERAL of HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II** by The Rt Hon the Lord Lingfield Knight Vice-President

**O**n Tuesday 6 September HM Queen Elizabeth II was, in the words of a Palace press release, ‘undertaking light duties’, and was pictured meeting both an outgoing and an incoming Prime Minister. Alas, this was the last time that we were to see her, and her passing two days later was the commencement of twelve days of national mourning which culminated in her State Funeral on Monday 19 September, an event watched by millions across the world.



**The Principal Proclamation of His Majesty The King was read by the Garter King of Arms at 11am from the balcony above Friary Court, St James's Palace on 10 September 2022. In the centre, saluting, the Garrison Sergeant Major (Warrant Officer Class I ‘Vern’ Stokes). On the left, the Earl Marshal (The Duke of Norfolk). On the right, Mr Robert Noel, Norroy and Ulster King of Arms (the Imperial Society's Genealogist). Crown Copyright**

Her death in Scotland resulted in a short Lying-in-State there to give her Scottish subjects the chance to show their appreciation of her reign. Her coffin then was transported to England, and I was privileged to be present when it was greeted by Peers and Members of the House of Commons as it was carried into Westminster Hall on Wednesday 14 May to begin the Lying-in-State there. Amongst the heralds present in their tabards, each with a broad black crepe sash, was the Imperial Society's Genealogist, Mr Robert Noel, Norroy and Ulster King of Arms.

The current and previous Knights Principal, Sir Gary Hickinbottom, Professor Sir Colin Berry and myself, the previous Knights Principal were honoured to be invited to represent The Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor at the State Funeral and were also, on Friday 16 September, able to be ushered from The House of Lords to join the queue of those

who, in their thousands, had come to pay their respects at Queen Elizabeth's catafalque with its guard of honour from the armed services.

On the next day we were obliged to attend the Funeral Rehearsal in Westminster Abbey. Robes were required and, inevitably security was very tight. However, we were assembled into a column together with representatives of the various Orders, some of whom had come from across the world. The acclaimed opera singer Dame Kiri Te Kanawa was present on behalf of the Order of New Zealand, Sir Paul Nurse wore his badge of the Companions of Honour and the Lord Prior of the Most Venerable Order of St John had flown in the day before from Australia. Our leader throughout was Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Seagrave, Secretary of the Central Chancery of the Order of Knighthood who tactfully but firmly kept a group of not very military personnel under control! We spent much time queuing in the cloisters until it was our time to process in and to take our places in the Abbey. Not long afterwards we left with tickets and careful instructions for the following Monday.

On the day of the State Funeral, we were enjoined to arrive in morning coat and decorations at 730am at a gate to Westminster Gardens near to Black Rod's Entrance of the House of Lords. From there we were led to the Abbey by an official and thence to the room in which we would don our robes and ready ourselves for the service. At 10am we began the procession to our places; as we solemnly arrived at the tomb of The Unknown Warrior, US President Joe Biden and Mrs Biden appeared suddenly but were quietly deflected from joining us! Most members of the congregation were in their seats: we passed the former Chiefs of the Defence Staff, a group of previous Prime Ministers and their spouses and arrived at the catafalque on which the coffin of Queen Elizabeth would shortly be placed. We turned to the left and then were led to our places. We were followed by several processions, including that of the representatives of the various churches, and that of members of foreign royal families. Finally, members of the Royal Family led by The Queen Consort and The Princess of Wales arrived.

In the meanwhile, at 1035, bearers from the Queen's Company Grenadier Guards had begun the task of bringing Her Majesty's coffin out of Westminster Hall into New Palace Yard and placing it on a gun carriage which was slowly

pulled with white ropes by one hundred and forty-two Royal Naval personnel to the Abbey, arriving just before eleven o'clock. Following the coffin on foot were The King and other male members of the Royal Family plus The Princess Royal.



**The procession at The State Funeral of Her Majesty The Queen. Westminster Abbey, 19 September 2022. In the centre, Sir Gary Hickinbottom, Sir Colin Berry, and Lord Lingfield. Walking behind, also in red robe, Sir Christopher Greenwood GBE, CMG (a member of the Society) representing the Order of the British Empire and the Order of St Michael and St George**

Covered with the Sovereign's Banner and decorated with The Imperial State Crown, the Sceptre with the Cross and The Orb, Her Majesty's coffin was a very affecting sight as it was carried up the aisle to the area close to where she had been crowned sixty-nine years before. Then followed prayers by the Dean of Westminster and the first hymn *The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended*. Several readings came next and then the hymn *The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want*. The Archbishop of Canterbury's sermon preceded prayers for The King and the Royal

Family. Finally it was time for the great words of Commendation from the Liturgy for the Dead: *Go forth O Christian soul from this world in the name of God the Father who created thee*. At 1155 The Last Post was sounded, then Reveille and then, for the first time for seventy years, we sang *God Save the King*. Finally, just before The Queen's coffin was carried out of the Abbey, her Piper played a lament which echoed for some moments in the extraordinary silence before the outward processions began.

HM Queen Elizabeth II had left the place of her crowning, and of her marriage, for the last time, to begin a journey that would end that evening in the King George VI Memorial Chapel at St George's Chapel Windsor, where she would join her parents, her husband Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and her sister Princess Margaret beneath a simple black ledger stone carved with her name.



**IMPERIAL SOCIETY OF KNIGHTS BACHELOR  
ANNUAL SERVICE OF DEDICATION—THURSDAY 21 JULY 2022**

The Annual Service of Dedication took place in the Imperial Society's Chapel in the Crypt of St Paul's Cathedral on 21 July 2022. After two years when the service had not taken place due to Covid, it was a particular joy to return. The service took place, of course, prior to the passing of our Patron, Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth; and was, in part, a celebration of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

The service was taken by our Prelate and Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, who was accompanied by the Chancellor of the Diocese, David Etherington KC. Bishop Sarah's address – thought-provoking, inspiring and well received – focused on the importance of gentleness within the spectrum of chivalric and societal values.

The prayers were led by our Provost the Revd Canon Prof Peter Galloway, and the Rector of St Mary Le Bow with St Faith under St Paul's the Revd George Bush. Our Chapel is built on the former site of St Faith's Church, which was demolished in 1256 to allow for the expansion of the Cathedral; and we were delighted that the Rector of the Mother Church of St Faith's was able to join us in celebrating our service. Particular prayers were said for those members who had departed this life since our last service in 2019; and we were very pleased to welcome a number of widows, family members and friends of knights who had recently passed.

The music for the service, provided under the expert direction of the Cathedral's Director of Music, Andrew Carwood, was inspirational. The Wren Brass Ensemble provided fanfares. The organists were the Assistant Director of Music William Fox and Thomas Allery. The St Paul's Cathedral Consort, in addition to leading the hymns, sang William Byrd's anthem *O Lord, make thy servant Elizabeth our Queen to rejoice in thy strength* (particularly appropriate given the celebration of Her Late Majesty's Platinum Jubilee earlier in the year), and *O God, thou art my God, the words of Psalm 63* put to music by Henry Purcell. We were particularly fortunate that the Society's new scholar, Blaise Harvey Gutierrez, was able to join us and sing one of Ralph Vaughan Williams *Five Mystical Songs*. The congregational hymns included *Praise my Soul, Blasenwern (Love Divine)*, *Truro (Jesus shall reign where'er the sun)* and *Maccabaeus (Thine be the Glory)* – all sung with appropriate vigour.

Part of the service was held at the altar of our Chapel. In addition to members taking their knightly vows there, I was humbled to be formally installed as Knight Principal by our Prelate, before being led to my stall by our Provost.

After the service, it was the Society's privilege to hold a reception in the Nelson Chamber, immediately adjacent to our Chapel.



**The Knight Principal speaking at the reception in  
the Nelson Chamber**



**The Officers processing at the beginning of the service.  
The Registrar carrying the sword *Chivalry*, followed by  
the Knight Principal**

The Society owes a debt of gratitude to all of those who contributed to the service including our Prelate, our Provost and all those at the Cathedral who were so helpful in ensuring the appropriateness and success of each element of the service; our Esquires on duty; and our Clerk Simon Doughty for his unflinching work on both service and reception. Thank you all.

The Society is indeed fortunate to have its own space in the Chapel of St Faith in St Paul's. The Annual Service is a special time in our calendar. It was, this year, particularly poignant and uplifting. I can only commend it as an event. The service next year is being held on Thursday 21 July 2023, to be followed by a reception at Stationers' Hall, a short walk from the Cathedral. If you are able to come, please do; you, your family members and friends would be most welcome. I am sure that you will enjoy it.

**Knight's Tales 2022  
A Summary  
by Sir Jeremy Elwes CBE**

**17<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Sir Andrew Parmley  
*Coronation & Jubilee Music***

Sir Andrew, noting that few of those listening would have actually witnessed a Coronation, showed a bound volume of the complete proceedings of the Queen's Coronation in 1953 that he had been given while a student in Australia. Over the centuries the rich liturgy and ceremonial rite of a Coronation had been adorned with an impressive musical repertoire and he then focussed on the four 20<sup>th</sup> century coronations interspersing his description of the Coronation service with 14 pieces of music most of which, as a church organist, he had enjoyed performing.

The congregation had been waiting a long time and so Abbey musicians entertained them, nowadays with British orchestral and organ music. He then described eleven pieces of music that would accompany elements of the Service from the entry of the Monarch to the Exit.

Sir Andrew concluded this tour de force by reading some illuminating and amusing reflections from choristers and looking forward to the Platinum celebrations in June.

**17<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
Sir Anthony Everington**

***A Peculiar Practice: Go to your GP for pottery classes, jobs advice, gardening therapy, IT courses, a plumber, a lunch in the café, a training centre for those with learning disability and, of course, 5-star biomedicine***

That title and an opening photograph of a well-attended Easter Garden party was the introduction to the most surprising, unusual and probably unique GP medical practice. Developed over 35 years, the Bromley-by-Bow Medical Centre has become a highly successful example of what can be achieved by involving the patient in his or her treatment and lifestyle rather than simply treating or prescribing medicines.

Sir Sam heads a team of medical and non-medical people on a 3-acre estate practising what he describes as social medicine. The centre manages its own affairs and so the staff includes social workers, gardeners, physiotherapists, and on site are a food bank and a church. Sir Sam never wears a tie and sits next to a patient rather than opposite and finds out what matters to that patient and not just what's wrong at that moment.

Sir Sam's aim was to provide Fun, Friendship, Compassion and Assurance where possible and also the best biochemical/biochemical outcomes. He focuses on Prevention, Length of Life and Quality of Life so when he is discussing a patient's case, he will explain what could be done and then discuss it with the patient. The aim is getting the patient involved with and committed to his or her own health and treatment.

**21<sup>st</sup> April 2022  
Sir John Bell**

***Covid – How well did we do and what next?***

Sir John emphasised the importance of learning from the experiences of 2 hectic years so that we would be better able to deal with future pandemics. In January 2020, it was thought that the virus would "burn" out but in fact the numbers infected were far greater than anticipated. Astra Zeneca agreed to produce the first vaccine at cost and later to release supplies for the poorer parts of the world.

The first summer (2020) was not at all bad but the Autumn was clearly going to be problematic, particularly with the schools going back. In fact, the vaccine was very effective and by February 2021 the mortality rate dropped until June 2021.

In the future there will be lots of variants and the unvaccinated will pose problems. The next pandemic will require us to take action more quickly, be prepared with a range of vaccines and find manufacturers who will be globally active. There needed to be a world-wide agreement to share data and good results as well as problems.

**16<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Sir Christopher Greenwood  
*Justice has no boundaries***

Sir Christopher's early childhood in Wellingborough was followed after 2 years by life in Singapore to where his father's work had taken the family, and that was a country where international law was very important. In 1973, he read International Law at Magdalene College eventually becoming captivated by it and the process of creating a legal system, dealing with maritime boundaries, fishing rights, etc. between States and decided it would be better to teach than practice. A Fellowship at his old college became vacant and he was appointed. As a fascinating example, he described a dispute in the 1870s following the building of a ship in Liverpool for an American client when the UK tried to prevent the ship leaving. The US sued the UK for tens of billions of dollars (today's money) and won but for a lesser figure. It is still in dispute as the ship sank off Cherbourg in 1864 in what is French territorial water now but what was High Seas in 1864 so France and America are arguing about whose wreck it is! The case indicated the need for some sort of international body!

The idea of an International Court of Justice (ICJ) was reinforced by the Nuremburg Trials, and it was set up in 1945 in The Hague to hear cases between States. Before the early 1990s International Law was very much for University Dons and not for general practice but then came the Iraq war, refugees, Afghanistan, etc and in 2008, Sir Christopher was one of 15 elected judges of the ICJ dealing with disputes between States.

In questions, Sir Christopher covered the ICJ's role and operation, the Ukraine situation, the ECHR and the Rwanda/refugee issue.



**19<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**Lord Stevens**  
**The NHS**

Lord Stevens, who was Chief Executive of the NHS for seven years from 2014 to 2021, described the purpose of the NHS as being the provision of care from cradle to grave with as long as possible between the two events! The main question was how to organise care rather than the funding options. He then addressed three questions:

*Where does the NHS stand currently post-Covid?* The Covid pandemic was undoubtedly the greatest challenge the NHS had faced since its introduction in 1948. The death toll exceeded that from the 1918/19 flu epidemic. There are now 6.4 million on the waiting list for operations, 1 in 10 children exiting primary school are obese and it is estimated that by 2027 28% of adults will be clinically obese.

*What are the underlying challenges regardless?* We attract many good youngsters to be GPs but too many 50-60 yr olds are retiring or choosing to work part-time. There is a need to “join up” the parts of the NHS in a more sophisticated way. An increasing aging population with multiple medical problems needs several services.

*What are the opportunities that people might see over the next 10 to 20 years?* A real chance to improve the quality of care – better diagnostics, improved medication, chances of beating cancer and much improved early diagnosis, recruitment of bright and young people, further improvement in dealing with mental health in the young.

**20<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley MP**  
**Father of the House**

The Father of the House is the MP who has served, without interruption, for longest and Sir Peter has been a Member since 1975. The role of Father of the House is not onerous and carries no additional remuneration. One duty relating to the appointment of a new Speaker is to make way for the Proposer and Seconder who have to drag the seemingly reluctant new Speaker to his Chair

The Father of the House used to serve on the Privileges Committee but that is no longer the case; but he does, if he wishes to speak in a debate, get called early. He can be useful in breaking up a rowdy House by being called by the Speaker (so allowing the Speaker to stand, making others sit and be quiet, without appearing to be disciplining MPs). He also sends pleasant messages to new MPs, congratulating them on a maiden speech and/or encouraging them by commenting on something said or done.

Referring to differences today compared to 1975, Sir Peter noted that Honours are less automatic; it used to be the case that an MP who served 15 years would expect a Knighthood, 20 years a Baronetcy and 25 years a Barony. Sir Peter would like MPs’ remuneration referred to the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority to determine what the pay should be for the next Parliament and he would like to see, in today’s House, more co-operation with and respect for the other side, and less contempt and aggression.

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
**Sir David Wootton**  
**Reflections on the City by a former Lord Mayor**

Sir David spoke about the City and the future of the City, describing the importance of geography. England’s south coast has no natural harbours or wide rivers other than the Thames Estuary and London was the first solid land and thus the obvious choice.

When William the Conqueror arrived in London, he allowed the City to carry on and, in the 1067 Charter the Monarch would recognise the City as the business centre; the City would recognise the monarch as responsible for political matters such as defence and for creating conditions in which business could be done.

William the Conqueror had chosen Westminster for politics and the City for Business so there are no Monarchs buried in St Paul’s Cathedral, lawyers are in Temple (between City and Westminster) and until the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, it was not possible to practice law in the City.

The City Corporation is governed by three bodies: Court of Common Council (elected), Court of Aldermen (elected) and Common Hall (all Liverymen), none of which can claim sovereignty over another. The Corporation has its own funding and freedom to use it to support any activities that are not *ultra vires*. This gives it its standing and ability to promote the business of the City. The City is of increasing importance to the UK; its influence in the business world is huge and its perspective global.

The City is not complacent and is active in carving out its own winners in a global place of business. The role of the Lord Mayor, civic and historical, linked with business is a crucial asset for the City and the UK.

[A longer version of all our Knight’s Tales summaries, going back to January 2021,  
is available in the Members’ area of our website: www.iskb.co.uk](http://www.iskb.co.uk)

**The Knight’s Tale, an initiative devised by Sir Tony Baldry, was introduced during the Covid lockdown and proved to be a invaluable way of keeping in touch and providing a forum during an exceptionally difficult period when all other events had been cancelled. We have had many outstanding presentations over the last two years (15 in total). Life is now back to normal, and so it seems a good time to review the way ahead. If Members have a view about the Knight’s Tale, or suggestions for a different on-line format for the future, please send your views to The Clerk ([clerk@iskb.co.uk](mailto:clerk@iskb.co.uk))**

**SPEECH TO THE IMPERIAL SOCIETY OF KNIGHTS BACHELOR  
AT DRAPERS' HALL  
IN THE PRESENCE OF HRH THE EARL OF WESSEX  
by THE RT HON THE LORD LUCE KG GCVO PC DL  
WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2022**

**Y**our Royal Highnesses, Knights Principal, Knights President, Lord Lingfield, Ladies and Gentlemen. Like all my fellow-guests here tonight, I am very proud to be a Knight Bachelor and to join the Imperial Society for this very special celebration. Let us this evening put aside current problems and the strains and stresses of the last 70 years. Let us rather remember the glorious Reign over these years, the longest of any Monarch in our history, the Reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

Throughout these years She has provided remarkable stability and continuity in a fast-changing world. How lucky we are. I'm sure that anyone here who is over 70 can remember exactly where they were on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1952 when our much loved King, George VI, died in his sleep at Sandringham, aged 56, and his daughter, Princess Elizabeth, aged 25, became Queen Elizabeth II. I was 15 then. As a member of my school cadet corps, I recall lining the route at Windsor for the King's funeral and witnessing the emergence of our new Elizabethan Queen.

I am sure that we also remember Her arrival from Kenya, stepping from the plane as Queen, to be greeted by Her first Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, and his Cabinet. How old they seemed and how young She was.

Her Reign began in a world which no-one today would recognise: Anthony Eden was Foreign Secretary. Harry Truman was President of the United States. Tea, sugar, butter, cooking fat and sweets were still rationed, as in wartime. There were: no motorways; no computers, no supermarkets, no frozen foods, there was only one TV channel, the BBC; the last London tram was withdrawn, the first civilian jumbo jet airline was launched, capital punishment still existed, Everest had not been conquered; and Tony Blair, David Cameron, Theresa May and Boris Johnson had not yet been born.

When The Queen came to the throne the Commonwealth was in its infancy. Today we can celebrate The Queen's role as Head of the Commonwealth, adding this whole additional dimension to the benefit of our country and over 50 other countries. It was Pandit Nehru, the leader of India, who in 1949 proposed that the British Monarch, then King George VI, should become the first Head of the Commonwealth. The Queen has devoted Herself ever since to this family of Nations.

The days of the British Empire are long gone and its merits can be debated by historians until the cows come home. But in a world littered with a history of Empires, I know of no other former Empire that has successfully transformed itself into a Commonwealth of over 50 equal Nations committed to democracy and the rule of law. It is the Queen who has kept the flame alive through Her regular and prolific travels, Her patent interest in and enjoyment of, the peoples of the Commonwealth.

Why is The Queen such a successful Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth? I think that we must go back to that unforgettable broadcast from Cape Town in 1947, on Her 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday and Her famous promise. 'I declare before you (all) that my whole life, whether it be short or long, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family...but I shall not have the strength to carry out this resolution unless you join with me, and I now invite you to do so'. Do we not hear the echoes of the Golden Speech of Queen Elizabeth I proclaiming in 1601 'Though God hath raised me high, yet this I count the glory of my Crown, that I have reigned with your loves'.

Surely it is that dedicated, unrelenting service and duty to the whole nation, through bad times and good that has aroused the deepest gratitude, support and love of all people. To this very day the Queen has continuously shown affection to and interest in all Her subjects.

However, no-one must underestimate the power and effect of Her happy marriage to the late Duke of Edinburgh, always there to support and encourage. As he himself said in Ottawa in 1969 'I think it is a complete misconception to imagine that the Monarchy exists in the interests of the Monarch...it doesn't. It exists in the interests of the people.' Many other members of the Royal Family have unfailingly supported the Monarch, not least His Royal Highness the Earl of Wessex, who is present this evening, in the work, for example, that he does in support of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



In carrying out Her role as Head of State and Nation, the Queen has been a symbol of national identity, unity and pride, devoted to all parts of the Kingdom, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. We are aware of Her regular and many duties, from the Opening of Parliament, as Head of the Armed Forces, Investitures, Garden Parties, tours and the work which She and Her family do as patrons of many charitable bodies. Then there is Her role overseas where She has often acted as a conciliator for example in Her State Visit to the Republic of Ireland.



**The Earl of Wessex at the grand dinner. Drapers' Hall, 25 May 2022.**  
**From the left: The Knight Principal, The Earl of Wessex,**  
**The Knight President, Lady Berry, Lady Lingfield, Lord Luce.**

In all Her work, looking back over Her Reign, She has presided over remarkable but almost imperceptible adaptations in Her role, whether it be paying Capital Gains Tax for the first time, opening the Royal Collection to the public, more informal walkabouts and most recently has taken up virtual technology during Covid; in short heeding the wise words of Benjamin Disraeli, 'In a progressive society change is constant'.

One of The Queen's greatest strengths has been that She has remained above Party politics and, to my recollection, has never indicated any political preferences. The Crown is removed from the storms of party politics. Dick Crossman, the former Labour Cabinet Minister, once said: 'For the Queen, an election simply means, that when She has begun to know us, She has to meet another terrible lot of politicians'. She is now with Her 14<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister. As Bagehot defined it, She has the right 'to be consulted, the right to advise and the right to warn'. None of us know about the conversations at Her weekly meetings with the Prime Minister of the day, as they meet alone.

The Queen's strength has been to recognise modern limitations on the powers of the Monarchy, no longer here by divine right or political will, but by dedicated public service, by understanding Her people of all backgrounds and by concern for their well-being. She will welcome the fact that Her Jubilee provides an opportunity for communities all over the country to unite in celebration.

In all this She has been fortified by Her Christian faith, demonstrated so well in Her Christmas broadcasts. She is Defender of the Faith but She embraces and understands the importance of all Faiths and of none to the well-being of Her country. Her values are straightforward, deep and timeless. She has shown immense fortitude in coping with the inevitable family challenges but, unlike the rest of us, in the full glare of permanent public scrutiny. Her annus horribilis in the early 90s was an example of this ability to cope with courage and fortitude in facing disappointment and persistent media attention.

As part of Her duty, She has expected Her advisers to give Her fearless advice. She inspires all of us who have worked for Her to want to give of our best and to work in a productive, pleasant atmosphere. Throughout Her Reign the Queen has been steadfast and consistent in serving Her people through good and bad times. In turn She is trusted and loved in Britain and throughout the Commonwealth. She stands for all that is best in us.

Through all the changes and vicissitudes of the last 70 years Her Majesty has remained our one constant. Let us truly celebrate and be thankful for our good fortune by rising to toast Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee – may God Bless Her.

**SCOTTISH DIVISION**  
**By SIR MICHAEL HIRST**  
**CHAIRMAN, SCOTTISH DIVISION**

With the relaxation of Covid restrictions, the Scottish Division was able to hold its Annual Dinner once again in October, when 24 Knights and guests met in the impressive Royal Society of Edinburgh. The Division was delighted to welcome the Knight Principal, the Rt Hon Sir Gary Hickinbottom. The principal speaker was one of the Scottish Members, the Very Rev Professor Sir Iain Torrance KCVO, who chose the very topical issue of Coronations and possible changes in the formal Scottish Coronation ceremonial for H M King Charles III.

Members were updated on the Platinum Jubilee Orchard project by Nander Robertson, Past President of the Royal Scottish Forestry Society, who has been immensely supportive of the project. Much of the planting is now complete, though the remaining planting of fruit bushes will take place in the Spring of 2023.



Cashel volunteers helping with hedge planting in the Jubilee Orchard

Sir Michael Hirst thanked the members of the Scottish Division for their quite exceptional generosity to the Orchard project. The sums raised are not only meeting all the costs of establishing the Orchard, but are also enabling the Cashel Forest Trust to bring school children from less advantaged areas to see the Orchard in development, and learn about trees and planting from the Cashel Forest Ranger, and under supervision to help with some aspects of the project. Thanks to the funds raised in Scotland, the Ranger is developing an educational programme, from which schoolchildren are already benefitting. Sir Gary Hickinbottom added his thanks to the Scottish Members, and said that he was proud of what they had achieved.

Cashel Forest starts down at the eastern shore of Loch Lomond, and the Forest is 3000 acres. The Lord Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk is very excited about the Orchard project, describing it as the most imaginative project under the Green Canopy that he has heard about. In his opinion, the project ticks all the right boxes on sustainability, environmental improvement, and - particularly - educational benefits.

There will be an Annual Dinner in 2023, and the Ladies Luncheon will resume next year as well.

The Scottish Division is appreciative of the support it receives from the Clerk, Simon Doughty.

**MERCHANDISE FOR SALE TO MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY**

Members are reminded that the Society has a range of items available to purchase from  
our London office or directly from our three suppliers:  
Cleave & Co, the Worcestershire Medal Services, and Pooley Sword

Full details of items and prices are on our website, in the Members' area. Any queries should be directed to The Clerk ([clerk@iskb.co.uk](mailto:clerk@iskb.co.uk))



**IMPERIAL SOCIETY OF KNIGHTS BACHELOR  
THE CHAPEL OF THE IMPERIAL SOCIETY OF  
KNIGHTS BACHELOR: PICTURE AUCTION**

**A**s you will have seen, the Imperial Society's Christmas Card this year features a specially commissioned coloured drawing of the Society's Chapel in St Paul's Cathedral.

The artist, Emma Alcock, is a graduate of the Royal College of Art who has produced a wide range of exhibition and commissioned work including drawings and paintings of historic buildings. She was, for example, commissioned to produce the final painting and a series of drawings of the former Wembley Stadium before its demolition. She has a substantial body of work relating to church buildings, of which the drawing of our Chapel is an addition.

The drawing of the Chapel is approximately 36 inches by 24 inches in size (the image being about 18 inches by 12 inches). Initial reaction has been very positive. I believe it is marvellous.

The artist has kindly and generously agreed that the original coloured drawing can be sold, with the entire proceeds of sale going to the charitable cases of the Society. It is hoped that the money raised will be used to enhance the Chapel itself.

The details of the proposed sale are currently being finalised; but it is likely that the drawing will be auctioned next year. All members will be notified of the arrangements, which will hopefully include an opportunity to view the picture; but I urge you please to be generous in your bids. The drawing is quite splendid; and the charitable causes to which the proceeds will go are more than worthwhile and close to our hearts.

**The Rt Hon Sir Gary Hickinbottom  
Knight Principal**



**DATES - 2023**

<b>Wednesday 25 January 2023</b>	Luncheon. The speaker is Sir Jonathan Van-Tam, former Deputy Chief Medical Officer for England and now Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Medicine & Health Sciences at the University of Nottingham
<b>Monday 26 April 2023</b>	Early supper and speaker, Dame Janet Suzman
<b>Wednesday 19 July 2023</b>	AGM
<b>Thursday 20 July 2023</b>	Annual Service of Dedication in the Crypt of St Paul's Cathedral, followed by Annual Reception at Stationers' Hall
<b>Wednesday 26 July</b>	Summer event (tbc)
<b>Wednesday 25 October</b>	Luncheon and speaker (tbc)
<b>Thursday 14 December</b>	Carol Service, The King's Chapel of the Savoy

Booking forms for the early 2023 events are enclosed and are also available to download in the Members' Area of our website at [www.iskb.co.uk](http://www.iskb.co.uk)

**ISKB WEBSITE**

[iskb.co.uk](http://iskb.co.uk)

Members who wish to register for access to the Members' Area should contact The Clerk at [clerk@iskb.co.uk](mailto:clerk@iskb.co.uk). The Members' Area carries the latest information on ISKB events, merchandise, and information about our suppliers, and a link to *Who's Who* and *Who Was Who*

**ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SCHOOL  
BY THE HEADMASTER  
SIMON LARTER-EVANS**

At the end of each academic year, the last Evensong includes the valedictory for those choristers leaving the choir of St Paul's Cathedral. By the time you read this, those few extraordinary choristers will be ensconced in their new senior schools, most likely with music scholarships and looking ahead at new adventures. They will, however, always be part of a long history of people for whom choral music of world standing has been formative indelibly by giving so much of their time and commitment to leading worship in the nation's Cathedral.

Immediately after the end of year valediction, they and their families will join the Cathedral's director of music, Andrew Carwood MBE, the clergy and other resident staff of the school for a celebratory hog roast. A private gathering made special as we reflect on the choristers' achievements and bid our farewells. It is a moment of much laughter, followed soon after by tears as the Year 8 choristers leave the school for the last time towards the summer holidays, cars packed to the roof with duvets and toys, books and musical instruments of all kinds, and extraordinary experiences.

The school, we think established in 1123, has for 900 years provided some form of education to the choristers of St Paul's Cathedral. Among its former masters are Jeremiah Clarke and John Blow, noted composers of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. During the 19<sup>th</sup> century those responsible for the education of choristers were drawn from the church, and in more recent times, the Heads of the school have been drawn from the profession of education. Much has changed. The school today thrives in a purpose-built award-winning modernist structure, much loved by those who favour brutalist architecture. The building is to the east of the Cathedral, a modern interpretation of the aesthetics of Wren's extraordinary Cathedral. When you are next in Festival Gardens, with the side of the school ahead of you and the Cathedral to your left, look carefully- there is more in common than you might first think.

The school now educates some 240 day boys and girls from age 4 to 13, and remains the residential school for the choristers. There is an important distinction to be made: the choristers are selected via audition by the Cathedral's music department and educated at the school. The school does not determine who the choristers are. In many respects the school is operationally autonomous from the Cathedral, its governing body made up of professional advisors and a minority group from the Cathedral's chapter.

Major strategic decisions are, however, referred up to Chapter, one such being the significant £8 million investment in the school's infrastructure, funded variously through the generosity of benefactors, bank loans and school savings. In 2016, after years of negotiation, planning permission was finally granted to build new residential accommodation for choristers, which also provided for substantial rearrangement of the estate to create more classrooms and facilities for all pupils, both day and boarding. COVID inevitably interrupted the construction, but in hindsight not significantly, and the school now enjoys more space for teaching and learning, dining and playing. What COVID did do, however, was to expose more painfully the Cathedral's reliance on income from tourism. Few people know that Cathedral's are entirely self-financing organisations, without support from church or state. The school, a separate charity, continued to flourish during lockdown, albeit through a mixture of online provision and, later, teaching in contained 'bubbles'. We are now, thankfully, fully back to 'normal', with some useful hangovers from COVID, such as our much greater confidence and innovation in the use of technology.

However, the security of choristership was for a moment in time less than certain. Choristers are admitted



**Simon Larter-Evans  
Headmaster**



regardless of their family's financial circumstances, as they have always been, and this remains a vital part of being able to make choristership attractive. To that end, the Cathedral, and by extension the school, is dependent on benefactors like The Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor and the livery companies of the City, to continue the important work of the mission of the Cathedral: a glorious building transformed and transformative through world-class music. What we do together – school, church and community – changes the lives of the millions who pass through the Cathedral or enjoy occasions of national and international importance through broadcast media, the most recent and notable being the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. You can't do that on 3 shillings and sixpence a week.



**Andrew Carwood**  
**Director of Music**

The school today is a complex organisation, mid-scale in size relative to other independent prep schools, offering a broad curriculum from music to science, sport to art and humanities, and educates the children of the professional classes from just about every industry living near or in the City of London. Our parents and their children are diverse, from all over the world, as one might expect of a City based school. They are inconspicuously cosmopolitan with a keen eye on international affairs and are broadly liberal in their outlook and desires.

It is my hope that this generation of children are at the vanguard of positive social change. How we set that aspiration in train is one of careful balance. Children must not be burdened with the mistakes of the past, or brow



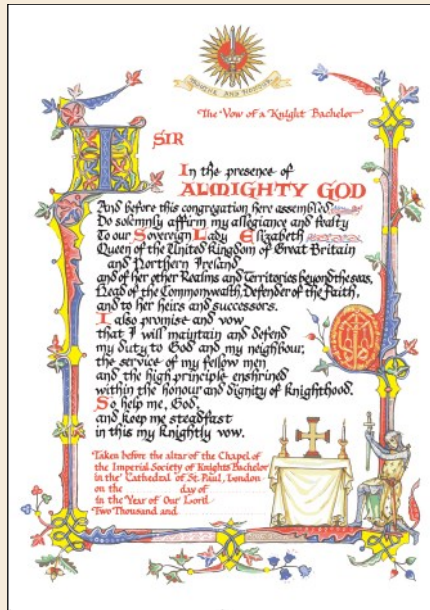
beaten by existential moral panics, but equally we have a responsibility to help them to be adaptive and optimistic. Few will remain in one profession all their lives, and in any case, an education is much more than simply establishing the foundations for economic productivity. All our children are an end in themselves, not a means to an end, which few in government seem to recognise anymore. In the anxiety of ever more competitive achievement, are we inadvertently doing our children a disservice? That said, in a culture of opportunity against the backdrop of world class excellence, our children thrive in their own ways. You are welcome to come and visit us, to see their art, hear the music, visit the science laboratory, read the work of aspiring geographers and historians, and see what your support has made possible.

The future is positive. The Cathedral has announced its intention to create a girl's choir of equal standing to the boys and, strategically, I and the governors also want to think about what the landscape of education looks like as a whole piece. Let's not confine our thinking exclusively to ourselves and instead also look outwards and at the long view. How might partnerships work, for instance, across a community of schools, and other organisations? You might have a view about that, too, and I would be keen to start that conversation. Please come and see us.

**MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE FROM THE SOCIETY'S OFFICE**  
(all prices include UK postage and packing)



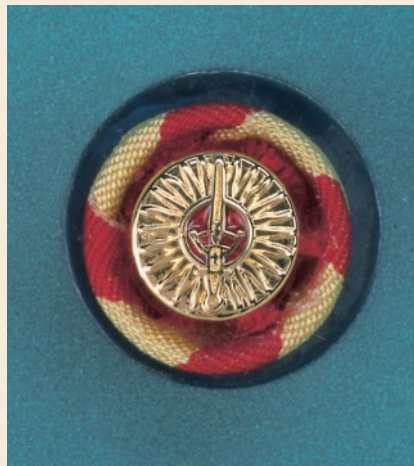
**ISKB Folder**  
**£10.00**



**Vow-Taker's Certificate**  
(Signed by The Bishop of London and Knight Principal, with  
calligraphy by the Society's Calligrapher)  
**£80.00**  
See Note Below



**Knights Bachelor Tie**  
**£30.00**



**Knights Bachelor Lapel Badge in  
presentation box**  
**£30.00**



**ISKB Ribbon**

(A) Lengths of gold and scarlet ribbon for neck badges. Cost £6 per length.

(B) Wider ribbon for adorning panama hats or similar. Price £6 per length.



**Knight's Certificate**  
(Signed by the Knight Principal and Registrar with  
calligraphy by the Society's Calligrapher)  
**£80.00**  
See Note Below



**Knight's Breast Badge  
in presentation box**

Commissioned by the Imperial Society, this breast badge (of the pattern laid down by Royal Warrant of 1926) is available for purchase from the ISKB office at a cost of **£680** (inclusive of postage & packing, by recorded delivery). The breast badge, measuring 8 x 6 cm, is of silver gilt and enamel hallmarked at Goldsmiths' Hall, and includes a presentation case. It may be worn as well as the neck badge with evening dress (white tie & black tie) and uniform. In morning dress, either breast badge or neck badge may be worn.

**Note**

Certificates reflecting the new reign of King Charles III will be available in the New Year



**THE GRAND DINNER  
IN THE PRESENCE OF HRH THE EARL OF WESSEX  
TO COMMEMORATE HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

**DRAPERS' HALL  
WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2022**



DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PAST YEAR



**The Hon Sir Ian Barker KC**  
**1934-2022**

New Zealand lawyer and high court judge



**Sir Graeme Davies**  
**1937-2022**

New Zealand engineer, academic and administrator. Former Vice-Chancellor of the Universities of Liverpool, Glasgow, and London



**Sir Ian Campbell, CBE, VRD**  
**1923-2022**

Naval officer and businessman



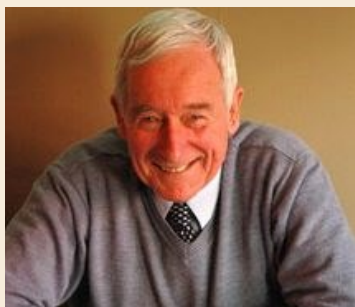
**Sir Robin Duthie, CBE**  
**1928-2022**

Accountant and businessman



**Sir Raymond Johnstone CBE**  
**1929-2022**

Accountant and investment manager



**Sir Michael Fowler**  
**1929-2022**

New Zealand architect and author



**Sir Christopher Hewetson, TD, DL**  
**1929-2021**

Lawyer and former President of the Liverpool Law Society



**Sir Alan Jones**  
**1940-2022**

Former Chairman  
Toyota (UK) Ltd



**Sir Ralph Halpern**  
**1938-2022**

Founder of Topshop  
and CEO of the Burton Group



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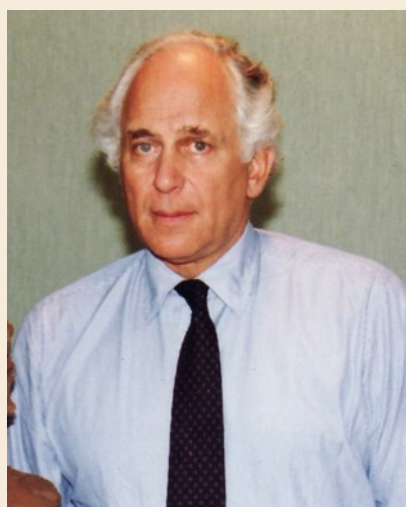
**Sir Murray Halberg, ONZ, MBE**  
1933-2022  
Former New Zealand



**Lord Plumb of Coleshill, DL**  
1925-2022  
Politician and farmer. Former President of the National Farmers' Union, Member of the European Parliament, and President of the European Parliament



**Professor Sir Duncan Rice**  
1942-2022  
Former Principal of the University of Aberdeen and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science and Vice-Chancellor of New York University



**Sir Evelyn de Rothschild FKC**  
1931- 2022  
Financier



**Sir David Samworth, CBE, DL**  
1935-2022  
Former Chairman of Samworth Brothers and the Meat and Livestock Commission



**Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover, KG, Kt**  
1927-2022  
British businessman and politician



**Sir William Sutherland, QPM**  
1933-2022

## **NEW MEMBERS**

The Society welcomes the following new members:

Sir Richard Atkins, CBE

The Hon Sir Nigel Boardman

Sir Nicholas Dakin

Professor Sir Anthony Finkelstein, CBE, FREng

Sir Bradley Fried

Sir Julian Hartley

Sir Nicholas Hilliard

Sir Peter Horby

Sir Rohinton Kalifa, OBE

Sir Timothy Le Cocq, QC

Sir Ian Livingstone, CBE

Sir James Milne

Sir Jonathan Nguyen-Van-Tam, MBE

Sir Douglas Oakervee, CBE, FREng, FICE, FHKIE

Sir Martyn Oliver

Sir Mahesh Patel OBE

Sir Paul Phillips, CBE

Sir Stephen Powis

The Rt Hon Sir Peter Riddell, CBE

Sir Aziz Sheikh, OBE

Sir Gregor Smith

Sir James Walker, CBE

Sir Bill Wiggin MP

Professor Sir Keith Willett, CBE

Sir Nigel Wilson

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