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**Stall Plates of Garter Knights linked to
Buildings in Berkshire**

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Edward III founded the Order of the Garter in 1348 when he issued a patent to found a chapel in Windsor Castle dedicated to God, the Virgin Mary, St George and St Edward the Confessor. On 23rd April 1349 the first feast of St George took place.¹ The original chapel of the Garter Knights in Windsor Castle was a chapel built by Henry III in 1240, located on the site of the present Albert Memorial Chapel.

In 1475 Edward IV began building a new chapel for the Order, the present St George's Chapel, immediately to the east of the original chapel. Once completed the stall plates were transferred. For photos and information on the stall plates see the new guide published by the Dean & Canons of Windsor.

Maidenhead Civic Society has studied certain buildings in Berkshire – specifically Bisham Abbey, St John the Baptist Church at Shottesbrooke, and Ockwells Manor. This is an account of the Garter Knights who are directly or indirectly linked to these buildings and aims to complement the photos and information on the stall plates of St George's Chapel, in the new guide published by the Dean & Canons of Windsor.² From the guide the following information was extracted: the year a Garter Knight was nominated to the Order and the number of the stall plate (cited below as a Stall Ref.) if existing. NSP = No Stall Plate. Founder Knights highlighted in yellow.

For Society publications linked to these buildings see the end of this account.

Garter Knights listed alphabetically.

In 1422/3 four plates were purchased by the Dean & Canons. A not inconsiderable number of plates both for first founders and their successors were it would appear made around this time. Many of the early plates are "cut-outs" (cut to the shape of the shield and crest). From about the second quarter of the C15th the plates, with rare exceptions, became rectangular in form and this pattern continued until the 1950s and 1960s when for a few years the cut out returned (Begent & Chesshyre p186-7).

KG	Name	Stall Ref.	Building	Notes
1400	Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick (d.1439)	N17/7	Ockwells & Bisham Abbey	Armorial glass for his son Henry, Duke of Warwick (d.1446), occurs at Ockwells. Henry married Cecily Neville (d.1450) daughter of Richard Neville, Earl of Salisbury, who had Bisham Abbey.
1349	Thomas Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick (d.1369) Founder	NSP	Shottesbrooke	Armorial once in church window.

¹ Begent & Chesshyre p15

² *Illustrated Catalogue of the Stall Plates of the Knights of the Most Noble Order of the Garter*

1436	Edmund Beaufort, Earl of Dorset, later 2 nd Duke of Somerset (d.1455)	NSP	Ockwells	Armorial glass at Ockwells extant.
1396	John Beaufort, 1 st Duke of Somerset Cut-out	S25/17	Ockwells	Elder brother of Edmund Beaufort.
c.1349	William Bohun, Earl of Northampton (d.1360)	NSP	Shottesbrooke & Bisham Abbey	Ashmole in C17th recorded an undifferenced Bohun coat in a window at Shottesbrooke. He may not have noticed the difference mark for William, who was involved with William Montacute (later Earl of Salisbury) in the 1330 coup that led to the overthrow of Roger Mortimer, Earl of March. In 1337 both Williams were made earls.
1523	Sir Thomas Boleyn (d.1539)	S15/13	Ockwells See Henry Carey, Lord Hunsdon, his grandson, below	Uses the Butler coat. His mother was the daughter of Thomas Butler, 7 th Earl of Ormond, who was the youngest son of James Butler the 4 th earl whose armorial is at Ockwells. Boleyn was later made Earl of Wiltshire & Ormond. When he fell out of favour, Piers Butler, the great grandson of Sir Richard Butler of Polestown, Kilkenny, younger brother of the 4th earl, was recognised as the 8th Earl of Ormond, resulting in two earls of Ormond until Boleyn's death in March 1539. Sir Henry Norreys, great grandson of John Norreys Esq, was one of those executed for supposed adultery with Anne Boleyn.
1500/1-1503	Sir Reginald Bray (d.1503)	NSP	?Ockwells	His niece Elizabeth married the great grandson of John Norreys Esq, Sir John Norreys of Yattendon (d.1564).

1370	Sir Guy de Bryan (d.1387) Cut-out	S21/14	Bisham Abbey	Son of Elizabeth Montacute, daughter of William Montacute, 1 st Earl of Salisbury, widow of Hugh Despenser and Sir Guy de Bryan (d.1390). Made a Garter Knight in the same year as his kinsman, Sir Thomas Grandison (NSP)
1458/9	James Butler, Earl of Wiltshire, later Earl of Ormond (d.1461)	NSP	Ockwells	Armorial of his father, James Butler, 4 th Earl of Ormond (d.1452), extant at Ockwells.
1561	Henry Carey, 1st Lord Hunsdon (d.1596)	S7/5	Bisham Abbey & All Saints Church. See Sir Thomas Boleyn above	Father-in-law of Sir Edward Hoby, son of Sir Thomas & Elizabeth Hoby, from Edwards' first marriage to Margaret Carey (d.1605), Hunsdon's daughter. Henry was the son of Anne Boleyn's elder sister, Mary, and Sir William Carey. His armorial, encircled by the garter, occurs in a window of the Hoby Chapel put up in 1609, and on his daughter Margaret's monument, both dating from after his death. Mary Carey (née Boleyn) had been the mistress of Henry VIII but ODNB discounts the suggestion Carey was the king's son.
1606	Robert Cecil, Earl of Salisbury (d.1612)	S21/11	Bisham Abbey	Son of William Cecil, Lord Burghley, by his 2 nd wife, Mildred Cooke, sister of Elizabeth Cooke married to Sir Thomas Hoby of Bisham Abbey.
1601	Thomas Cecil, Earl of Exeter, 2 nd Lord Burghley (d.1608)	NSP	Bisham Abbey	Son of Lord Burghley by his 1 st wife. Armorial glass for Thomas and his wife at Bisham Abbey, contemporary with those of James I and his wife Anne of Denmark also there.
1572	William Cecil, 1 st Lord Burghley (d.1598)	S7/11	Bisham Abbey	Brother-in-law of Elizabeth Hoby (née Cooke).
1410	Sir John Cornwall, later Lord Fanhope (d.1443)	S25/9	Ockwells	Patron of Sir John Wenlock (see below).

1349	Sir "Hugh" Courtenay (d.v.p.1349) Founder One of the plates ordered in 1422/3. It is a cut-out though smaller than the other cut-outs.	S13/15	Bisham Abbey	Distantly related to Katherine Grandison, married to William Montacute, Earl of Salisbury (d.1344). He was evidently close to Katherine's brother John Grandison, Bishop of Exeter; Hugh's coat, with the label bearing 3 bezants on each pendant, was put up on the altar screen and on the crossing of the church John Grandison built as a replica of Exeter Cathedral at Ottery St Mary. Hugh died before his father, Hugh Courtenay, Earl of Devon (d.1377), whose tomb is in Exeter cathedral.
1388	Sir "Peter" Courtenay (d.1405) Brother of the above	N9/13	Bisham Abbey	The label on this plate includes simulated bezants – Hugh's difference mark. It is rectangular and is stylistically similar to that of Henry Fitzhugh (KG 1408), in the same stall. This plate may actually be for Hugh with the plate named "Hugh" possibly being for Peter.
1633	Henry Danvers, Earl of Danby (1644)	S6/10	Bisham Abbey & All Saints Church	Brother-in-law of Sir Edward Hoby from Edward's 2nd marriage to Elizabeth Danvers. The earl's armorial occurs in the church in a window put up in 1609 to celebrate Hoby marriages. No garter as not yet admitted.
1349	Edward, Prince of Wales <i>The Black Prince</i> (d.1376) Founder	NSP	Shottesbrooke	The Royal coat with a label with ermine difference once in the Shottesbrooke church may be for him (see also Henry of Grosmont). The Prince was only seven when the college was founded but by 1341 had loaned 1000 l to Sir William Trussell possibly to help build the church.

1387	Richard Fitzalan, Earl of Arundel (d.1397)	NSP	Shottesbrooke Bisham Abbey	Armorial glass for his father, also Richard, was once at Shottesbrooke. This KG was son of the 2 nd marriage of his father. The 1 st was annulled, bastardising Edmund, his son from his 1 st marriage. Edmund was married to Sybil, daughter of William Montacute, Earl of Salisbury and Katherine Grandison of Bisham Abbey. Edmund's coat with label is extant in Exeter Cathedral, put up by John Grandison, Bishop of Exeter, Katherine's sister and Montacute's brother-in-law.
1409	Henry, 3 rd Baron Fitzhugh (d. 1424/5)	N9/10	Bisham Abbey	His grandson, also Henry, married Alice, daughter of Richard Neville, Earl of Salisbury and his wife Alice Montacute. Cookham Court records (see Darby Notebook vol 18 p187) indicate family held the manor of Bradley.
1349	Jean (III) de Grailly, Captal de Buch, Viscomte de Benauges et Castillon. Wrongly named Piers on plate. Cut-out		Bisham Abbey	His ancestor Jean I de Grailly, with Prince Edward (later Edward I) and Sir Otho Grandison, uncle of Katherine Grandison, went on crusade to the Holy Land in 1271.
1349	Henry of Grosmont, Earl of Derby & Lancaster (d.1361) Founder	NSP	Shottesbrooke & Bisham Abbey	The royal coat with a label with ermine difference may be for him. In 1337 both he and William Montacute had been made earls. In 1343 both were sent by Edward III to his cousin Alphonso of Castile to arrange a marriage treaty, ending up fighting alongside Alphonso at Algeciras. Montacute died in early 1344.
c.1370	Sir Thomas Grandson (= Grandison) (dsp 1375)	NSP	Bisham Abbey	Son of Sir Otho (d.1359), brother of Katherine Grandison. Wrong coat used for Thomas when St George's Hall restored after the fire.
1928	William Henry Grenfell, Lord Desborough (d.1945)	N18/7	Ockwells & Taplow Court	Desborough once owned Ockwells and had his Estate Office at Taplow Court built as a miniature Ockwells.

1404	Richard, 4 th Lord Grey of Codnor (d.1418) Cut-out	N19/13	Shottesbrooke	An undifferenced Grey coat of mid C14th once occurred in a window of the church; probably an ancestor.
1462	Sir Robert Harcourt (d.1470)	N23/5	Ockwells	In the escort that brought Margaret of Anjou to England in 1445. Tomb in Stanton Harcourt Church.
1349	Sir Thomas Holland, later Earl of Kent (d.1360) Founder	NSP	Shottesbrooke & Bisham Abbey	His clandestine marriage to Joan of Kent led to her marrying William Montacute, son of the 1 st Earl of Salisbury in 1340/1. He became steward of the young couple after 1344 when Montacute succeeded as 2nd Earl of Salisbury. Despite the objections of the earl and her mother, the marriage was annulled in 1349 and she returned to Holland. Her coat once occurred in the Shottesbrooke church.
1472	Sir John Howard, later Duke of Norfolk (d.1485)	NSP	Ockwells	Married Margaret Chedworth, 3 rd wife of John Norreys Esq after his death in 1466 and probably lived at Ockwells.
1602/3	James I (VI of Scotland) (d.1625)	NSP	Bisham Abbey	Two sets of armorials for the king and his wife, Anne of Denmark, encircled by garter extant at the Abbey. One set formerly in church.
1361	William, 4 th Lord Latimer (d.1381) Cut-out	S25/15	Shottesbrooke	Latimer armorial glass once in the church probably a memorial for his father, also William (d.1335).
1510	Henry Marney, later 1 st Lord Marney (d.1523)	S25/2	Ockwells	He married as his 2 nd wife, Elizabeth (Isabel), daughter of Margaret Chedworth by her 1 st husband, Nicholas Wyfold, mayor of London. Margaret had married 2ndly John Norreys Esq of Ockwells, and 3rdly John Howard (see above). Isabel had previously been married to John Norreys the younger (d.1485), son of John Norreys Esq and his 2 nd wife, Eleanor Clitheroe.

1360	Sir Walter Mauny (Manny) (d.1371/2)	NSP	Shottesbrooke	Armorial glass once in church. Mauny one of many who fought alongside Edward III.
1349	Sir John Mohun (d.1375) Founder	N11/5 Old plate	Bisham Abbey	His daughter Elizabeth married William Montacute, 2 nd Earl of Salisbury, after the latter's first marriage to Joan of Kent was annulled in 1349.
1387	John Montacute, 3 rd Earl of Salisbury (ex.1400). Wrongly named William on plate.	S7/17 Dated 1741	Bisham Abbey	Buried in priory church.
1414	Thomas Montacute, 4 th Earl of Salisbury (d.1428)	N23/1	Bisham Abbey	Buried in priory church. His figure in 1914 east window of All Saints Church, Bisham plus coats of past owners of the Abbey.
1349	William Montacute, 2 nd Earl of Salisbury (d.1397) Founder	S7/1	Bisham Abbey	Buried in priory church. Killed his son William at a tournament so his nephew John became 3 rd Earl. Armorial glass for his father and mother (Montacute impaling Grandison) extant at the Abbey.
1349	Roger, Lord Mortimer, later 2 nd Earl of March (d.1381) Founder	NSP	Shottesbrooke & Bisham Abbey	Armorial glass once in church. Roger married Philippa, daughter of William Montacute, 1 st Earl of Salisbury.
c.1369	John Neville, 3 rd Lord of Raby (d. 1388)	NSP	Shottesbrooke	The coat of his father Ralph Neville, 2 nd Lord of Raby is extant in the church.
1438	Richard Neville, Earl of Salisbury (ex.1460)	S11/11	Bisham Abbey	Buried in priory church. Earl of Salisbury in right of his wife, Alice Montacute, daughter of Thomas (see above). Extant armorial encircled by garter in Abbey. His battered effigy exists in Burghfield Parish Church (original church pulled down in 1842).

1460	Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick (d.1471) <i>The Kingmaker</i>	NSP	Bisham Abbey & Ockwells	Buried in priory church. Earl of Warwick in right of his wife, Anne Beauchamp, sister of Henry Beauchamp, Duke of Warwick (d. 1446) whose armorial occurs at Ockwells. The Kingmaker's armorial encircled by garter seen by Ashmole at Bisham Abbey in C17th. Commissioned c. 1462 the Salisbury Roll that includes a drawing of Bisham Priory Church.
1462	John Neville, Lord Montague (d.1471) <i>brother of the Kingmaker</i>	S11/8	Bisham Abbey & Ockwells	Buried in priory church. His widow, Isabel Ingoldesthorpe, married Sir William Norreys, eldest son of John Norreys Esq of Ockwells.
1366	Henry Percy, later Lord Percy and 1 st Earl of Northumberland (d.1408)	NSP	Shottesbrooke	The Percy coat once in the church was probably for his grandfather, also Henry (d.1352).
1465	Richard Plantagenet, Duke of Gloucester <i>Later Richard III</i> (d.1485)	S9/17	Bisham Abbey	Married to Anne Neville, daughter of the <i>Kingmaker</i> . Commissioned Salisbury Roll copy A that includes a drawing of Bisham Priory Church.
1472	John de la Pole, 2 nd Duke of Suffolk (d.1492)	S5/10	Ockwells	Son of William de la Pole, the 1 st Duke of Suffolk, whose armorial occurs at Ockwells.
1499	Sir Richard Pole	N23/12	Bisham Abbey	Married to Margaret Plantagenet, daughter of Isabel Neville and George, Duke of Clarence, and granddaughter of the Kingmaker. Extant armorial for Margaret and her husband, encircled by the garter, at the Abbey.

1421	William de la Pole, 1 st Duke of Suffolk (ex.1450)	N13/21	Ockwells	Plate has his coat quartered with Wingfield for his grandmother. After marriage to Alice Chaucer he quartered his coat with hers. At Ockwells their armorial is located between that of his king, Henry VI, and queen, Margaret of Anjou, emphasising his role in the peace negotiations that led to the marriage. The failure of these negotiations led to his execution in the English Channel in 1450.
1564	Francis Russell, 2 nd Earl of Bedford (d.1585)	N13/17	Bisham Abbey & All Saints church, Bisham	Close friend of William Cecil, Lord Burghley. His son John, Lord Russell (d.1584), married Elizabeth, widow of Sir Thomas Hoby, but unfortunately predeceased his father so that Elizabeth did not become a countess. However she made sure her effigy in the church wore a coronet.
1349	Ralph, Lord Stafford, later Earl of Stafford (d.1372) Founder	NSP	Shottesbrooke	Armorial glass extant in the church. With William Montacute, 1 st Earl of Salisbury (d.1344), involved in the coup that toppled Roger Mortimer, Earl of March in 1330.
1461	John Tiptoft, 1 st Earl of Worcester (d.1470)	S7/9	Ockwells	Married Cecily Neville, widow of Henry Beauchamp, Duke of Warwick (d.1446), whose armorial is at Ockwells.
c.1349	Robert Ufford, 1 st Earl of Suffolk (d.1369)	NSP	Shottesbrooke	Ufford coat with bend ermine extant in church, possibly for William Ufford, said to be the earl's younger brother. Robert made earl in 1337 when Sir William Trussell founded the collegiate church at Shottesbrooke.

1527	John de Vere, 15 th Earl of Oxford (1540) Cut-out	S7/14 Should have S7/8 inscription	Shottesbrooke	Married Elizabeth, heiress of Sir Edward Trussell. Elizabeth (d.1527) was the last of the senior line of the Trussells, dying the year her husband became a Garter Knight. The assets she had inherited included Shottesbrooke where her distant ancestor, Sir William Trussell had founded a collegiate church in 1337. This remained with the de Vere family until sold in 1578-9. John & Elizabeth's tomb, with their armorial encircled by the garter, is extant in St Nicholas Church, Castle Hedington, Essex.
1460	John, Lord Wenlock (d.1471)	NSP	Ockwells	In the great hall his armorial is next to that of John Norreys Esq and his 2 nd wife, Eleanor Clitheroe. He was the overseer of Norreys 1465 will. The stone screen to the chapel he added to St Mary's Church, Luton, has many examples of his coat, both with and without the garter.

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Bisham Abbey = Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre, Bisham, Berks, build in C13th, C14th & C16th by the Knights Templar, the Montacutes and the Hobys. After the priory church was pulled down by Henry VIII, later owners of the Abbey were buried in nearby All Saints Church which was expanded to cope.

See:

<http://www.maidenheadcivicsoc.org.uk/group/2086/Projects/Documents/Bisham%20Trail.pdf> for history trail.

See:

<http://www.maidenheadcivicsoc.org.uk/group/2086/Projects/Documents/The%20Grandisons%20-%20web%20verson.pdf> for information on the Grandison family.

Shottesbrooke = **St John the Baptist Church**, Shottesbrooke, Berks, founded 1337 by Sir William Trussell. Armorial glass, a remnant of which is extant, is dated not before 1341 when Edward III

quartered France with England. His coat and that of his wife, Philippa of Hainault, is extant. The scheme Trussell put up, probably before 1344, records coats of men who fought for Edward III in France and Scotland, some of whom were founder members of the Order of the Garter (highlighted in yellow).

Note: Bisham Abbey & Shottesbrooke are connected as William Montacute, Earl of Salisbury, who founded a priory at Bisham in 1337, was a donor to the collegiate church at Shottesbrooke founded by Sir William Trussell in the same year. The Montacute coat once in the east window of the Shottesbrooke church is most likely for this earl (d.1344).

See:

<http://www.maidenheadcivicsoc.org.uk/group/2086/Projects/Documents/Shottesbrooke%20History%20Trail.pdf> for history trail.

See:

<http://www.maidenheadcivicsoc.org.uk/group/2086/Projects/Documents/Shottesbrooke%20Armorial%20als.pdf> for an account of the personalities once represented by armorial glass in St John the Baptist Church.

See:

<http://www.maidenheadcivicsoc.org.uk/group/2086/Projects/Documents/Trussell%20Family%20Genealogy%201.pdf> for an account of the genealogy of the Trussell family from C13th to C15th/16th.

Ockwells Manor House, Cox Green, Maidenhead, Berks, built between 1450 and 1454. Armorial glass scheme, in the great hall, includes lords involved in bringing Margaret of Anjou to England in spring 1445, followed a few months later by a French embassy to try and reach peace with the English which failed.

See:

<http://www.maidenheadcivicsoc.org.uk/group/2086/Projects/Documents/SPAB%20Article.pdf> for a brief account of the Victorian restoration of Ockwells and the C15th armorial scheme in the great hall.

See:

<http://www.maidenheadcivicsoc.org.uk/group/2086/Projects/Documents/Malvern%20Priory.pdf> for a study to identify the Mortimer of Chirk coat at Ockwells.