

The Order is given by The Queen to those who have served her or the Monarchy in a personal way. It was founded in April 1896 by Queen Victoria as a way of rewarding personal service to her, on her own initiative rather than by ministerial recommendation and is entirely within The Queen's personal gift.

The Chapel of the Order is The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, a 'Royal Peculiar' but as the number of members of The Order now exceed the available space in the Savoy Chapel, a service for those who have received awards is now held in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle every four years, when members of the Royal Family who have themselves received the

award are present along with the many recipients, who include servants of The Queen who have served the Monarchy for many years.

In 2016 Ian will have served the Confederation of the Cinque Ports for 25 years, being appointed Registrar and Seneschal in 2005 by Admiral of the Fleet the Lord Boyce KG GCB OBE DL, the current Lord Warden, who succeeded Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother who Ian served as one of the Joint Solicitors to the Confederation alongside Ian Gill the former Registrar (and Town Clerk of Dover) who himself was appointed a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS - SPRING 2016

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We have a membership of 480 which now includes; Mr I & Mrs A Gisby, Mr C Blackburn & Ms J Sanders, Mr C & Mrs H Brown, Mr G & Mrs D Hutchison, Mrs S & Mr R Bradford, Mr M & Mrs J Baker, Mrs W Pollard, Mrs H Wouldham, Mr R Russell, Miss C White and Mr M Coulter. These new members are very welcome.

We send our condolences to his family and friends on the death of our founder member and first chairman Mr Jack Woolford and we also mourn Ms Pamela Taylor, Mrs Linda Leach, Mrs Cynthia Terry and erstwhile members Mrs Jean Tuckwell, Mrs Ursula Cork and Mrs Sylvia Dunford.