

the Order of the Garter including many members of the Royal Family, they process to St George's Chapel in the castle for the annual service for the Order. For part of the year from Remembrance Sunday until Easter Day the uniform worn by the Knights is their undress uniform of blue frock coat except when a ceremony such as the presentation of a banner or the Installation of a Military Knight takes place, when full dress is worn.

This historic body of people has continued the tradition of uninterrupted worship throughout its history and forms an essential part of the Community of St George and of Windsor Castle. The Military Knights have a specific prayer which runs as follows: Almighty God, thine arm is strong to defend and save; hear us as we remember before Thee our Royal Founder, King Edward III, who, in gratitude for

victory won, and of his charitable purpose caused the Alms Knights to be formed. Grant that we, the Military Knights of Windsor, by dutiful obedience to our ancient calling in offering prayer, both for the person and the kindred of the Sovereign and for the Companions of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, living and departed, may prove faithful to our solemn trust, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Military Knights are listed in the "Active Army List" and regard themselves as the oldest formation in the British Army. Most have duties within the organisation such as Staff Officer, Funerals Liaison, Uniforms and two work for the College of St George, one as Clerk to the Companions and Friends of St George's and one as Concert Manager.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Sheila Cope

Our present total is 468 which includes 24 new members, listed below, several of whom were recruited in August at our River Tram Crash commemoration event and at the Regatta. Our two new committee members, Deborah Gasking and Jenny Olpin have spearheaded a sub-committee entitled the Dover Society Marketing group whose purpose is to increase membership and the surge in numbers of new members is largely due to their initiative.

We all recognise that if the Society is to remain vibrant, more and younger members are essential not only to increase the size and influence of the Society but also to replace those of us who have served on the executive committee for many years. Watch this space.

Grateful thanks are due to Merrill Johns who has delivered our Newsletters to homes on the Northern side of Whitfield for many years. With the expansion of the area it is possible that the number of members in that location may increase and we are currently looking for a replacement for Merrill.

We welcome: Mr D Todd, Mr D McRoberts, Mr P Skelton, Mr B Vaughan, Ms A Upton, Revd. Dr. J & Revd. Canon J Walker, Mr D Hawkins, Mr C & Mrs S Precious, Mr I Palmer, Mr W & Mrs P Osborne, Mrs A Devonport, Mr N & Mrs R Winther, Mr W Parker-Gorman, Mr N Hamilton, Mrs L & Mr S Smith, Mr S & Mrs M Buhlman, Miss J Jones and Mr C Hamblin.