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**High Court of Chivalry:** on 7 December the website of the records of the High Court of Chivalry in the years 1634-40 went live at [www.court-of-chivalry.bham.ac.uk](http://www.court-of-chivalry.bham.ac.uk). This period was the busiest in the court's history, largely due to the popularity of actions for scandalous words likely to provoke a duel, essentially a civilian species of action for defamation brought by members of the gentry or nobility. Many of the cases relate to questions of status, including disputes over social rank and the right to arms. The case papers and the stories behind them constitute a rich source for the study of the language of status, of the long drawn-out attempt to prevent duelling, of the relationship between different branches of the law, and of early modern social, sexual and scatological insult. They also offer insights into gender relations, processes of litigation and dispute settlement, as well as a wealth of biographical detail on plaintiffs, defendants and witnesses. They have considerable genealogical potential.

Left: a statement by a notary public from the bundles of court records at the College of Arms, with the notary's mark in the form of a portrait.

The [website](#), prepared by a Centre for Reformation and Early Modern Studies project on the Court, publishes detailed abstracts, in a fully searchable form, of all surviving material from the 738 cases of which we have information, of over 1000 cases which went before the court in the period in question; the material is held largely at the College of Arms, with some additional records at Arundel Castle. The online version of the project also represents the first stage in a College of Arms plan to create a website for the High Court of Chivalry, exploring the history of the court and introducing the legal and heraldic questions connected with it and the Law of Arms.

Work on this project has been carried out by Dr Richard Cust and Dr Andrew Hopper of the Centre for Reformation and Early Modern Studies, University of Birmingham, with funding provided by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. A companion volume to this web site, containing an account of the court's history and summaries of the cases for this period will be published by the [Harleian Society](#) in spring 2007 as *Cases in the High Court of Chivalry, 1634-1640* edited by R. P. Cust and A. J. Hopper.

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**Welcome** to the eleventh edition of the College of Arms Newsletter, which is produced every three months and sent automatically and free to those who subscribe by entering their name and e-mail address in our [mailing list](#). Other benefits for those who submit their names in this way include advance notice of College of Arms events, relevant publications, and media appearances. If you wish to remove your name from this list, to send the newsletter on to someone else, or send a genealogical or heraldic enquiry to the College, please make use of the links listed at the top of this page.

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## Arms for Parish Councils

The Kings of Arms at the College of Arms, with the approval of the Earl Marshal, have resolved, with effect from 1 January 2007, to make grants of Arms to Parish Councils according to a specially reduced scale of official fees. A great number of District, Borough and Town Councils are already entitled to Arms. It is hoped that the introduction of a new, specific rate for Parish Councils will enable and encourage the wider use of authorized heraldry by the smaller municipal authorities of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, both locally and to represent themselves in a wider context.

## Recent Grants of Arms

A very small selection of those recently receiving grants or exemplifications from the English Kings of Arms:

**ARBIB**, Sir Martyn, of Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, DL. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 1/8/2006. College reference: Grants 171/325.

**BARHAM**, Catherine Patricia, of the London Borough of Islington and of Darwen, Lancashire. Arms. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 14/6/2006. Grants 171/294.

**BEAVIS**, Sir Michael Gordon, of the Republic of Cyprus, KCB, CBE. Arms and Crest. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 10/7/2006. College reference: Grants 171/313.

**BRYANSTON SCHOOL** Incorporated (Governors of). Alteration to Arms originally granted by Letters Patent dated 28 February 1928. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 1/9/2006. College reference: Grants 171/343.

**BURDEN**, Susan Jane, of the City of Westminster. Arms. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 7/6/2006. College reference: Grants 171/329.

**BURGESS**, Beatrice May, of Weaving, Kent, OBE. Arms and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 30/5/2006. College reference: Grants 171/272.

**FAULKNER OF WORCESTER**, Richard Oliver (Faulkner), Baron, of the London Borough of Merton. Arms, Crest, Badge and Supporters. Garter King of Arms. 8/6/2006. College reference: Grants 171/300.

**FORREST**, John Richard, of Ewhurst, Surrey, CBE. Arms and Crest. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 15/5/2006. College reference: Grants 171/252.

**GARNER**, The Revd. Martin Wyatt, of Oxfordshire. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 28/7/2006. Grants 171/319.

**HEWETT**, Derek William, of Johor Bahru in the Federation of Malaysia. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 21/4/2006. College reference: Grants 171/232.

**MARSHALL**, Sir Denis Alfred, of Dartmouth, Devon. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 1/6/2006. College reference: Grants 171/246.

**PAISLEY OF ST GEORGE'S**, Eileen Emily (Paisley), Baroness, of St George's, co. Antrim. Arms and Supporters. In the same Patent Arms, Crest and Badge were granted to her husband Ian Richard Kyle Paisley of the City of Belfast, PC. Garter and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 10/11/2006. College reference: Ulster Grants 4/215.

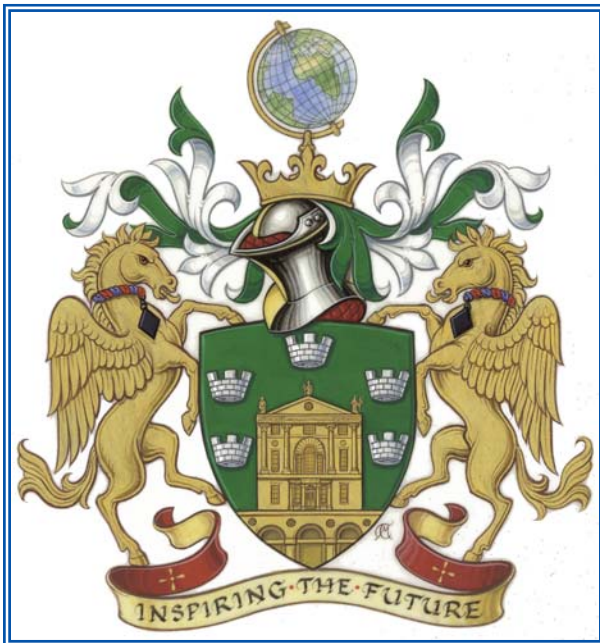
**POTTS**, Michael Stuart, of Parkgate Neston, Cheshire, DL. Arms and Crest. Garter and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 2/9/2004. College reference: Grants 171/236.

**ROE**, James Kenneth of the London Borough of Bromley. Arms, Crest and Badge; in the same Patent Arms were granted to his wife Dame Marion Audrey Roe, DBE. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 15/7/2005. College reference: Grants 171/257.

**SUTHERS**, John David, of Cardiff, South Glamorgan. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 2/3/2006. College reference: Grants 171/262.

**VESTBIRK**, Steven William, of the Colony of Bermuda. Limitations of grant extended to include descendants of his late grandfather, Jens Anthon Vestbirk of Copenhagen in the Kingdom of Denmark, deceased. Arms and Crest. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 16/3/2006. College reference: Grants 171/240.

**ZACHARY**, Stefan Hedley, of Naphill, Buckinghamshire. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 2/5/2006. College reference: Grants 171/255.



**The Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce**, which was established in 1753, incorporated by Royal Charter in 1847, and given the addition of the word 'Royal' to its title in 1908, was granted Arms, Crest and Supporters, by Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. The Letters Patent were dated 10 July 2006.

The Arms, illustrated *left*, are blazoned *Vert issuing from the base an Arcade thereon the Façade of the House of the Royal Society of Arts Or encircled by five Mural Crowns Argent. The Crest is Upon a Helm Within an Ancient Crown Or a Terrestrial Globe proper on its stand Or, Mantled Vert doubled Argent. The Supporters are On either side A Pegasus wings inverted Or about the neck a Torse Azure and Gules pendant therefrom by a Chain a Lozenge Sable.*

College reference: Grants 171/307.

## Lectures, Appearances and Publications

**Installation at Westminster Abbey:** Peter Gwynn-Jones, Garter King of Arms and Genealogist of the Order of the Bath, participated in the ceremony of installation for the Very Reverend John Hall as the new Dean of Westminster Abbey on 2 December 2006.

**Liverpool Hope University:** Peter O'Donoghue, Bluemantle Pursuivant presented Letters Patent granting Arms to this ecumenical Christian university on 17 October 2006, in a ceremony attended by Dame Lorna Muirhead, DBE, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside.

## A Notable College Milestone

**Clerk of the Records:** Keith Evans, MVO, Clerk of the Records and chief scrivener at the College of Arms, celebrates in December 2006 fifty years of service to the College. He arrived at the very end of 1956 as assistant to W. T. Lovegrove, MVO, then clerk to the registrar of the College (the post later redesignated Clerk of the Records), who had been at the College since 1931. The longest-serving officer of arms when Mr Evans was appointed was Sir Gerald Woods Wollaston (1874-1957), Norroy and Ulster, and formerly Garter, who had been made Fitzalan Pursuivant Extraordinary for the Coronation of Edward VII in 1902, and Bluemantle in 1906.

## Recently Recorded Pedigrees

**EDWARDS:** a pedigree of three generations is headed by Edward ab David of Tregeiriog in the parish of Llangadwaladr, co. Denbigh (died 1691). It ends with the children of Thomas Edwards otherwise Thomas Edward David otherwise Tho. Edd. app dd', of Rhiwlas, co. Denbigh. Cross-referenced to Surrey 31/111. College reference: Surrey 31/261.

**LORRIMER:** a three-generation pedigree headed by Walter John Lorrimer of the City of Leicester, afterwards of Barrow on Soar, co. Leicester (died 1971). Cross-referenced to Surrey 17/174 and Norfolk 38/28. College reference: Surrey 31/254.

**RIVETT-CARNAC:** a seven-generation pedigree headed by Sir James Rivett-Carnac of Upper Harley Street co. Middlesex and of Derby, baronet, MP, Governor of Bombay and Chairman of the East India Company (Born 1784). Descends to the children and grandchildren of the present baronet, Sir Miles James Rivett-Carnac. Connected with the **GUINNESS** family. Cross-referenced to Baronets 5/17. College reference: Norfolk 51/83.

**STAMP:** a pedigree of three generations shows the descendants of John Joseph Stamp and of Jacqueline May his wife, daughter of Edward Ray Fisk. Cross-referenced to Norfolk 46/121. College reference: Surrey 31/262.

**VYVYAN:** a pedigree of five generations showing a descent from Thomas Hutton Vyvyan of Penzance, co. Cornwall, latterly of Harwich, co. Essex, who married Mary Willyams otherwise Williams Grenfell in 1835. Cross-referenced to Baronets 3/253. College reference: Norfolk 51/79.

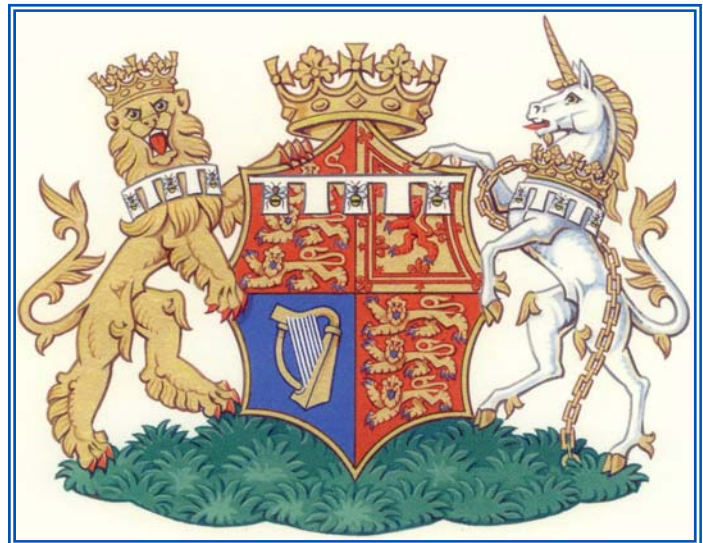
## Elsewhere in the Records

**Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrice of York:** Her Majesty The Queen granted Arms to Her Royal Highness by a Warrant dated 18 July 2006.

The Arms, illustrated *right*, are blazoned *Within a Lozenge ensigned by a Coronet composed of four Crosses formy and four Strawberry Leaves Our Royal Arms differenced by a Label of five points Argent the centre and the exterior points each charged with a Bee volant proper.*

The Supporters are to be *Our Royal Supporters charged with the like Coronet and Label.*

Ordered to be recorded at the College of Arms, where it has the reference I.85/188.



**Lord Speaker of the House of Lords:** following a Resolution of the House of Lords on 12 July 2005, and a further Resolution on 31 January 2006, by which the office of Lord Speaker was established, Her Majesty The Queen issued a Warrant dated 4 July 2006 establishing the rank and precedence of the Lord Speaker of the House of Lords as being immediately after that of the Speaker of the House of Commons. College reference: I.85/194.