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Bonnington Group Plc: a grant of Arms, Crest, Badge and Supporters was made to this long-established company of hoteliers by Letters Patent of Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms dated 1 October 2007. The patent recites the history of the company from its incorporation and acquisition in 1909 of The Bonnington Hotel in London. College reference: Grants 172/343.

The Arms are blazoned: *Azure on a Pall reversed between in chief two Fire-steels palewise the striking edges inwards that to the sinister reversed Or a Pall reversed Gules.*

Crest: *Upon a Helm with a Wreath Or and Gules An Elephant statant Gules holding in the trunk a Torch Or enflamed proper.*

Badge: *A Torch Azure enflamed proper between two Fire-steels palewise the striking edges inwards that to the sinister reversed Or.*

Supporters: *To the dexter a Badger and to the sinister a Beaver Or each holding in the interior forefoot a Torch Azure enflamed proper.*

Motto: SEMPER ACCEPTUS

Welcome to the sixteenth 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. All images are the copyright of the College of Arms.

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News

New Lord Lyon: The Queen has been pleased, on the recommendation of the First Minister of the Scottish Executive, to appoint William David Hamilton Sellar to be Lord Lyon King of Arms, in succession to Robin Blair, LVO, WS who has held the office of Lord Lyon since 2001. Her Majesty is also to appoint Mr Sellar to be Secretary of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle. David Sellar, aged 67, is a graduate of the Universities of Oxford (History) and Edinburgh (Law). He qualified as a solicitor in 1966. He has written on the history of various branches of Scots law, including marriage, divorce, incest, homicide and unjust enrichment, and has published on the Lordship of the Isles and on the origins of many Highland families. He was appointed Bute Pursuivant of Arms in 2001.



The Dering Roll: at a sale at Sotheby's in London on 4 December 2007 the British Library was able to buy the medieval heraldic manuscript known as Cooke's Ordinary, previously in the collection of the late Sir Anthony Wagner, Garter King of Arms. At the same auction the Dering Roll (illustrated *above*), an important early roll of Arms from the thirteenth century, also from the Wagner collection, was sold. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has now announced a temporary ban on the export of this '[extraordinary, iconic object](#)', and the British Library is leading efforts to keep it in the country. The British Library has asked all those able to assist in the fund-raising necessary to purchase the roll for the nation to contact [Gabrielle Filmer-Pasco](#).

Recent Grants of Arms

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

ACADEMY OF MEDICAL EDUCATORS. Arms, Crest and Supporters. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 12/10/2007. College reference: Grants 173/1.

BALSOM, Alison Louise, of Royston, Hertfordshire. Arms. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 30/8/2007. College reference: Grants 172/315.

BALSOM, Richard John William, of Royston, Hertfordshire. Arms and Crest. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 30/8/2007. College reference: Grants 172/317.

CHELL, Paul Barrington, of Claverdon, Warwickshire. Arms and Crest. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 19/3/2007. College reference: Grants 172/233.

COUSSINS, Jean Elizabeth (Coussins), Baroness, of the London Borough of Islington. Arms, Badge and Supporters. Garter King of Arms. 1/8/2007. College reference: Grants 172/280.

CUMMINS, Sir Michael John Austin, of the City of Westminster, knight. Arms and Crest. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 7/9/2007. College reference: Grants 172/329.

DADRAL, Gudrev Singh, of Iver, Buckinghamshire. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 14/9/2006. College reference: Grants 172/278.

GAILEY, Andrew Louis Hamilton, of Eton, Windsor, Royal County of Berkshire, CVO. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 1/6/2007. College reference: Grants 172/294.

GRIFFITHS OF FFORESTFACH, Brian (Griffiths), Baron, of Fforestfach, West Glamorgan. Arms, Crest, Badge and Supporters. Garter King of Arms. 24/8/2007. College reference: Grants 172/210.

HOBARD-MITCHELL, Lloyd, of Faversham, Kent, son of Gerald William Maurice Mitchell and grandson of the late Gerald Roland Hobard Mitchell, deceased. The Arms to be placed on a monument to the memory of his late grandfather, and the limitations extended to include the latter's descendants. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 1/8/2007. College reference: Grants 172/290.

HULL, Desmond, of Llangeview, co. Monmouthshire. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 11/11/2007. College reference: Grants 172/276.

KORNICKI, Richard, of the London Borough of Ealing, CBE. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 2/7/2007. College reference: Grants 172/274.

MERRYWEATHER, Roger, of Brinkley, Nottinghamshire, TD. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 30/8/2007. College reference: Grants 172/313.

PANIGUIAN, Richard Leon, of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, CBE. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 9/7/2007. College reference: Grants 173/6.

ROAD, Christopher John, of Putney in the London Borough of Wandsworth and of Estrade Bas, Department of Lot-et-Garonne, France. Arms and Crest. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 8/8/2007. College reference: Grants 172/296.

SMITH, Alan John, of the City of Durham, OBE. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 14/9/2007. College reference: Grants 172/327.

Exhibition

Who Do You Think You Are? Live: the College of Arms will be represented (Stand 257) at this significant live genealogical and historical event at Olympia in London, which will take place on 2-4 May 2008. Full details and tickets may be had from the show's [website](#).

Articles and Appearances



'Partridges: a history of a prohibition': an article with this title by Clive Cheesman appears in the Spring 2008 issue of *The Coat of Arms*, journal of [The Heraldry Society](#). The article traces the sources upon which medieval heraldic and bestiary writers drew when describing the characteristics of this bird.

Illustrated *left* is a detail from Arundel Ms 64 f. 60r in the College's collection, with the illustration to the section on partridges in book 4 of Nicholas Upton's *De Studio Militari*.

Cambridge University Heraldic and Genealogical Society: Clive Cheesman, Rouge Dragon Pursuivant, gave a talk to this long-established [society](#) on 6 March 2007 entitled 'The Armorial of Haiti', referring to the recent [publication](#) by the College of Arms.

Recently Recorded Pedigrees

BERKLEY-MATTHEWS: a pedigree shows the children of John Berkley-Matthews of Tisbury, Wiltshire, and of Susan Margaret Gyde his wife, daughter of Richard John Gyde Heaven, MC. College reference: Surrey 31/295.

BIRCHENOUGH: a pedigree shows six generations of this family headed by John Birchenough of Macclesfield, Cheshire, who married Elizabeth daughter of John Taylor. It descends via their son William Taylor Birchenough. Connected to [POZNIAK](#). Cross-referenced to Surrey 15/279. College reference: Norfolk 51/95.

BORRODELL: a pedigree of six generations showing the descent of the [DEAN](#) family from Henry Edwards Borrodell of Mersey, Essex (married 1826), via the families of [PARKER](#) and [KNEE](#). Cross-referenced to 15D14/134. College reference: Norfolk 51/103.

NORRIS: a four-generation pedigree showing a descent to the present day from Arthur James Norris of Battersea, London, and Agnes Edith his wife (married 1914). College reference: Surrey 31/289.

PHILLIPS: a four-generation pedigree headed by Eric William Phillips of Whiteleaf, Buckinghamshire (born 1908). Connected to [REYNOLDS](#) and [CHITTENDEN](#). College reference: Surrey 31/291.

REEVE: a pedigree of four generations descending to the present day and headed by John Sherard Reeve of Leadenham, Lincolnshire (died 1955). Cross-referenced to Norfolk 23/89. College reference: Norfolk 51/117.

Elsewhere in the Records

International Institute of Risk and Safety Management: a Royal Licence was granted on 7 September 2007 to this newly incorporated body, permitting it to bear and use the Arms, Crest and Supporters (illustrated *right*) granted by Letters Patent of the Kings of Arms to a former body of the same name dated 25 April 1984. College reference: I.85/213. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster duly issued their Certificate exemplified the Arms to the new body dated 10 October 2007. College reference: Grants 173/68.



Folkestone Town Council: a Royal Licence was granted to Folkestone Town Council permitting it to bear and use the Arms, Crest and Supporters granted by Letters Patent of the Kings of Arms dated 25 July 1958 to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Folkestone. College reference: I.85/215. The three Kings of Arms exemplified the Arms to the newly formed Town Council by their Certificate dated 30 November 2007. College reference: Grants 173/83.

Royal Warrant of Precedence: The Queen has issued a Royal Warrant dated 5 November 2007 establishing that the rank and precedence of the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales is to be immediately after the Lord Speaker, and that of the Master of the Rolls is to be immediately after Barons of the United Kingdom and Ireland since the Union, including Life Peers. College reference: I.85/219