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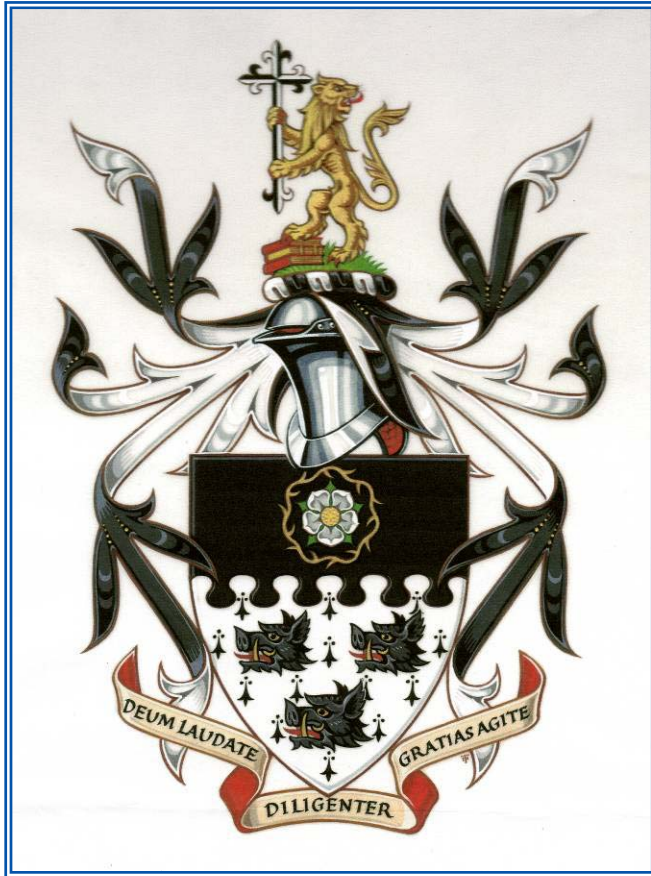
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Illustrated *left* are the Arms and Crest granted to Michael John **HUXLEY-EVANS** of Edgbaston, in the City of Birmingham, by Letters Patent of Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms dated 28 October 2010.

Arms: *Per fess nebuly Sable and Ermine in chief a Rose Argent barbed and seeded proper within a wreath of Thorns Or in base three Boar's Heads erased Sable armed Or.*

Crest: *Upon a Helm with a Wreath Argent and Sable Upon a Grassy Mount Vert a Lion rampant regardant Or resting the dexter hindpaw upon three Books fesswise Gules edged and clasped Or and holding in the forepaws a Long Cross flory gyronny of eight Argent and Sable. Mantled Sable doubled Argent.*

College reference: Grants 175/160.

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## News



**St Benet Paul's Wharf:** the Reverend Aneirin Glyn, Curate at St Helen's Bishopsgate, has been appointed priest in charge of St Benet's church (*left*), for centuries the heralds' church, as well as the Welsh church for London. He was formally installed by The Right Reverend Richard Chartres, Bishop of London, in a service on 2 October 2011. Details of services at the church, including those in Welsh, may be seen [here](#).

**Flowers in the City:** Mr and Mrs Fowler, porter and handyman to the College, have created, and maintained for many years, a beautiful courtyard garden at the College. They have now for the third time been awarded the prize for Best Courtyard, in the prestigious Flowers in the City awards scheme organized by the Corporation of the City of London and the Worshipful Company of Gardeners. They were previously winners in 2006.

## Recent Grants of Arms

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

**ADAMS**, Michael Charles, of Clifton-upon-Dunsmore, Warwickshire. Arms and Crest. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 25/8/2010. College reference: Grants 175/283.

**ARNOLD-BAKER**, Edith May, of the City of London. Arms. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 3/11/2010. College reference: Grants 175/268.

**BLEWETT**, James, of Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 12/7/2011. College reference: Grants 175/307.

**BRANSCOM**, Randal Scott, of Tulare, California, USA. Honorary Arms and Crest. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 29/7/2011. College reference: Grants 175/328.

**BROOMAN**, Thomas Sebastian, of Bristol, CBE. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 15/7/2011. College reference: 175/322.

**COATES**, Michael Joseph, of The Hague, The Netherlands. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 19/5/2011. College reference: Grants 175/300.

**COOPER**, Paul David, of Sandy Bay, Tasmania, Australia. Arms and Crest [CHECK]. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 20/5/2011. College reference: Grants 175/291.

**HENNESSY OF NYMPSFIELD**, Peter John (Hennessy), Baron, of Nympsfield, Gloucestershire. Arms, Crest and Supporters. Garter King of Arms. 30/6/2011. College reference: Grants 175/309.

**INSTITUTE AND FACULTY OF ACTUARIES**. Arms, Crest and Supporters in substitution for those previously granted to the Institute of Actuaries in 1956. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 15/5/2011. College reference: Grants 175/338.

**LANGLOIS**, John Emile, of the Island of Guernsey, OBE. Arms and Crest. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 4/1/2011. College reference: Grants 175/289.

**LEES-JONES**, William Richard, of Lower Peover, Cheshire, TD, son of Richard William Lees-Jones late of Hale, Cheshire, deceased. Arms, Crest and Badge. Limitations extended to the other descendants of his late father. Garter and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 19/8/2011. College reference: Grants 175/348.

Illustrated *right* are the Arms lately granted to **Wendy MEAD**, of the London Borough of Hackney, Sheriff of the City of London, by Letters Patent of Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms dated 30 March 2011.

The Arms are blazoned: *Per fess enhanced Argent and Sable a Pale and a Chevron all counterchanged between three Bees volant proper.*

College reference: Grants 175/336.

**OPEN UNIVERSITY**. Arms, Crest and Supporters in substitution for those previously granted to the Open University in 1971. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 15/6/2011. College reference: Grants 175/341.

**SATYANAND**, Sir Anand, of Wellington, New Zealand, GNZM, QSO. Arms, Crest and Supporters. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 6/1/2011. College reference: Grants 175/293.

**SOMMERVILLE**, Alan, of Higham, Derbyshire, OBE. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 17/5/2011. College reference: Grants 175/287.



## Appearances and Lectures

**Baronets' 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner:** this occasion on 16 November 2011 at Vintners' Hall in the City of London was to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first baronetcy creations by James I in 1611; it was organized by the [Standing Council of the Baronetage](#). Thomas Woodcock, Garter King of Arms, was principal guest and spoke on the theme of the Baronetage and the past 400 years.

**Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners:** on 25 November 2011 William Hunt, Windsor Herald, presented a Royal Charter to this livery company of the City of London at a ceremony at Drapers' Hall to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the grant of livery.

**The Eighteenth Century at the College of Arms:** Peter O'Donoghue, Bluemantle Pursuivant, gave a lecture with this title prior to the Annual Dinner of Somerset Heraldry Society at Rowlands, Somerset on 26 October 2011.

**The Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire:** on 10 December 2011 Clive Cheesman, Richmond Herald, delivered the Neville Hoskins Lecture to this learned [society](#) on the theme 'Early corporate heraldry and identity in Nottinghamshire'.

## Recently Recorded Pedigrees

**MAPLES:** a pedigree of five generations shows a descent to the present day from William Maples, who married in 1870 Lucy Harriet daughter of William Cradock Wilkinson of Spalding, Lincolnshire. College reference: Norfolk 51/207.

**MARSH:** a pedigree registers five generations showing a descent from Sir Percy William Marsh of Dorchester-on-Thames, Oxfordshire (born 1881) and Joan Mary his wife, daughter of Philip Wesley Beecroft of Yardley, Worcestershire. Cross-referenced to Irish Recorded Pedigrees 28/217. College reference: Surrey 32/69.

**PARSONS** and **ANGELL-PARSONS:** a pedigree records the descent to the present of this family from Henry Parsons of Birmingham (born 1883) and from Florence Beatrice his wife. She was the daughter of Henry Thomas Perry, by Sarah Elizabeth his wife, daughter of William Henry Angell. College reference: Norfolk 51/201.

## John Zephaniah Holwell

**John Zephaniah Holwell** of Mount Foelix at Walton upon Thames, Surrey, late Governor of Fort William in Bengal in the East Indies, claimed in his petition to the Earl Marshal for a grant of Arms, to be descended from the Holwell family of Holwell in Devon. He asserted that his family had long used the Arms *Or on a Bend Gules three Goats passant Argent attired Or*, but acknowledged that no proof of a right to them could be made.



He sought therefore a confirmation of the Arms and the grant of a Crest by Letters Patent of 1 December 1762, the Arms to include a "memorial of his Gratitude to Heaven, for his wonderful Deliverance with the few that survived the dreadful Confinement and Suffocation in the Black Hole Prison in Fort William at Calcutta". The patent includes a lengthy recital of Holwell's version of events during the siege of Fort William, culminating in the imprisonment during the night of 20 June 1756.

The Black Hole incident became notorious largely as a result of Holwell's publications on the subject. His account, now thought to be highly embroidered, and owing more to his personal ambition than to the facts, spurred the transition for the British from a purely mercantile to an imperial attitude to India. Siraj ud-Daula, Nawab of Bengal, was subsequently defeated together with his French allies by Robert Clive at the battle of Plassey on 23 June 1757.

**Arms:** *Or on a Bend Gules three Goats passant Argent attired and unguled Or on a Canton sinister Sable a Human Skull proper.* The Motto: MISERRIMA VIDI.

**Crest:** *On a Wreath of the Colours A Demi Man representing Surajud Dowla, subah of Bengal, in his complete dress, the left hand resting on the Head of a Tiger inspired with fury the right grasping a Scimitar in attitude of striking, the blade broken, all proper; and over it this Motto: SCUTO DIVINO.*