

10,000 WATCH ROYAL GARTER SERVICE

A page of history comes to life at Windsor. With traditional splendour - attended by un-traditional weather - a procession of mediaeval pageantry heralds the annual service of the Order of the Garter. The King and Queen - as Sovereign and First Lady of the Order - walk along a route lined by Household Cavalry to St. George's Chapel, there to give thanks for the foundation of this Order of Chivalry.

Resplendent in their colourful robes, the King and Queen - attended by scarlet-clad pages - leave the Chapel past a guard of honour comprising Knights of the Garter. Lord Halifax - Chancellor of the Order - is among them. Founded more than 600 years ago, the garter blue ribbon and its motto "Evil be to him who evil thinks" serves as a reminder of British greatness. There as spectators on this occasion are Princess Margaret and the Duchess of Gloucester.

With the Duchess of Kent is her sister, Princess Olga of Yugoslavia. Lords Portal and Montgomery are worthy successors to the Knights of Greycy.