



HRH Princess Alexandra, the Hon. Lady Ogilvy  
Patron



# Officers and Committee

Patron

HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, THE HON. LADY OGILVY

Founded in 1882 by

THE LADY WOLVERTON

Chairman

MRS RICHARD PARRY

Vice-Chairman

MRS ANTHONY MYERS

Secretary

MRS WILLIAM KINNEAR

Hon. Treasurer

MRS ANN WILLIAMS

President of The Royal Group

MRS MICHAEL JONES

Executive Committee

MRS JOHN DARBY

MRS JUSTIN SPENDLOVE

MRS PAULINE STOKES

MRS SEBASTIAN THAM

MRS JOHN WARDE



# List of Presidents

ARKWRIGHT, Mrs Martin  
BAILEY, Miss Jocelyn  
BRIANT, Mrs Julian  
CARTER, Miss Pamela  
CARVER, Mrs Robert  
CLARENDON, The Countess of  
CLARKE, Mrs Leslie  
CRATHERN, Mrs Anthony  
CROSSLEY, Miss Marjorie  
DARBY, Mrs John  
DENISON-PENDER, The Hon. Mrs Robin  
DENNY, Miss Jane  
ELIOT-COHEN, Mrs Christopher  
FITZGERALD, Mrs Brian  
GREIG, Mrs Robert  
HELLIAR, Mrs Norma  
HEWSON, Mrs Anne  
HOATH, Mrs Lilian  
HORTON, Mrs Brenda  
JACKSON, Mrs David  
JONES, Mrs Michael  
MACKINNON, Mrs Charles  
MARSH, Miss Wendy

MYERS, Mrs Anthony  
NABARRO, Mrs Cecily  
PARRY, Mrs Richard  
PYARI, Mrs Soami  
ROBINS, Mrs Charles  
SAMPSON, Mrs Jamie  
SILLINCE, Mrs Brian  
SMITH, Mrs William  
SPENDLOVE, Mrs Justin  
STEEL, The Lady Rosemary  
STOKES, Mrs Pauline  
THAM, Mrs Sebastian  
THOMAS, Mrs David  
TICKLE, Miss Joan  
TREACHER, Lady  
TROTTER, Mrs William, MBE  
WALLACE, Mrs Nicholas  
WARDE, Mrs John  
WHITBREAD, Mrs Michael  
WILLIAMS, Mrs Ann  
WILLIAMS, Mrs Jeffrey  
YOUNG, Mrs Thomas

Number of garments provided 24,541

## SCOTTISH PRESIDENTS

BENGE, Mrs Lynn  
BROWN, Mrs Etta  
DUNLOP, Mrs Mary  
DUVILL, Mrs Elizabeth  
GARROW, Mrs Aileen  
RUSSELL, Mrs Oliver

Number of garments provided 561



# Object of the Guild

The object of the Guild is to provide new clothing and household linen, through relevant charities, to the sick and needy within the British Isles.

It is open to men, women and children of all ages and is interdenominational.

## ORGANISATION

The Guild is divided into Groups. Each Group consists of a President, Vice-President and Associates.

The Presidents appoint their Vice-Presidents and Associates, and each Vice-President undertakes to find as many Associates as she can, and to send in a good collection of clothes, all of which must be new. The Vice-Presidents and Associates send their contributions to their President. The President usually sorts and packs the collection of her Group, and sends it on the day, to the place appointed for distribution. The Presidents hold an Annual General Meeting, when they have the opportunity of discussing the affairs of the Guild.

The Executive Committee consists of a minimum of seven Presidents including the Ex-Officio members: The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, President of The Royal Group, The Hon. Treasurer, the Secretary and other Presidents who are elected by

the Committee as ordinary members. Ordinary members retire by rotation after serving for three years and are not eligible for re-election, unless appointed as Officers, for a further three years.

The Executive Committee, of whom five shall be a quorum, shall hold not less than three meetings in any year, and shall have power to appoint from this number a sub-committee to report to them and make recommendations to them.

The Executive Committee arranges for the reception and distribution of the garments. Each 100 garments sent in by a President entitles her to nominate a charity to receive a Grant within the British Isles. The application must be approved by the Executive Committee, who decides the number of garments allocated to each charity.

The Presidents must ascertain, before applying for a Grant, that the charity for which they appeal is a suitable one, and that the garments will be distributed with care.

The expenses are helped by annual subscription from Members of the Guild, which should be paid by Standing Order to the Hon. Treasurer and preferably under Gift Aid (if applicable) which enables the Guild to reclaim tax.



# History of the Guild

In 1882 the matron of an orphanage asked Lady Wolverton if she could provide 24 pairs of hand-knitted socks and 12 jerseys for children. This gave Lady Wolverton the inspiration of starting a small Guild amongst her friends to provide not less than two garments a year each and help other charities as well.

By 1883, 460 members had enrolled in the London Guild. Unions, as they were then called, were started in other counties all over the country. In 1885 Her Royal Highness Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, became Patroness and then, in 1889, President of the re-named London Needlework Guild.

In 1897, on the death of Her Royal Highness, her daughter, Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York, later Queen Mary, became Patron. Her Majesty had worked for the Guild from early youth and it was said to be her favourite charity, as it was the first one to arouse her interest. Queen Mary formed her own group and personally supervised the arrival and unpacking of the parcels at the Imperial Institute. The Guild was now distributing parcels to hospitals and Parishes all over London.

In 1914 the Guild opened its doors wider. It became Queen Mary's London Needlework Guild and supplied the troops, at the same time not forgetting the needs of the former applicants. This distribution under its Royal patronage took place at Friary Court, St. James's Palace and contributions were sent to the Queen from all over the world for the sick and the wounded.

Her Royal Highness Princess Mary, later The Princess Royal, took an active interest during this period, also having formed her own group, of which she became President in 1911.

The years between the wars saw Queen Mary's London Needlework Guild at full strength, producing an average 60,000

garments a year, with the distribution once again taking place under the auspices of the Royal ladies at the Imperial Institute.

The Second World War brought many difficulties with coupons, but the Guild managed to surmount them on a small scale. Immediately hostilities ceased, Her Majesty, realising the need, did much by her counsel and guidance to relight the flame. By this time the county branches had more or less dropped out because of their own personal needs, and the numbers had therefore greatly reduced.

In 1953 Her Majesty invited the Presidents to Marlborough House for the Annual General Meeting and tea. Unfortunately, she was too ill to be present, and the next day the sad news of her passing was announced.

In 1953 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother graciously became our Royal Patron, and in 1966 Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, took over Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal's group. Her Majesty's tremendous personal help and kindness gave us the inspiration to carry on this important work at St. James's Palace, which the Queen graciously allows us to use.

In 1986 the name of the Guild was changed to Queen Mary's Clothing Guild as this was considered more descriptive of the work of the charity.

In 2002 sadly both Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret passed away. The two Royal groups were combined to form "The Royal Group".

In 2003 Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, the Hon. Lady Ogilvy became our Royal Patron.



# Executive Committee Report

The Annual General Meeting was held on 30th April 2008 at The Lansdowne Club in Central London. Mrs Caroline de Guitaut, Assistant Curator and Loans Officer of the Royal Collection Trust gave a fascinating talk, using old newsreel and photographs, on Norman Hartnell's famous 'White Wardrobe' made for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother for the State Visit to Paris in July 1938.

In June 2008 Mrs Martin Arkwright, the Secretary of Queen Mary's Clothing Guild for the past seven years, resigned due to pressure of work and family commitments. We are extremely grateful to her for all her hard work on our behalf, not least for the computer systems that she put in place, which have resulted in increased efficiency and cost saving. We are very pleased that she will remain in the Guild as a President.

Mrs William Kinnear has taken on this position and has experienced her first Packing Week. We welcome her to the Guild and thank her for all her work in the second half of the year.

Packing Week took place at St. James's Palace at the end of September and was achieved, from unpacking to collection by the charities, in the usual record time of three days. Sadly Princess Alexandra was unable to come to visit during Packing Week, however we had a record number of visitors to View Day.

The raffle raised £1,174. A huge thank you goes to everyone who bought and sold tickets and of course those who provided the wonderful prizes which made the job of selling tickets so much easier. Mrs Clarke and her team of helpers are always enthusiastic and efficient so a big thank you to them.

We would like to state how grateful we are to all of you who give up so much time to come and help during this hectic week. The increased number of people helping with the task of un-packing

and packing made the days run quickly and smoothly. We also thank Mr Andrews and his team who always make Packing Week run like clockwork.

During the last twelve months, the Guild has continued to support 62 charities in the United Kingdom with grants of clothing and bedding. This is a reduction from 2007 due to some charities closing down or their requirements changing. We are looking for some new charities. If any of you know of charities that you would like us to consider for any category of donations, please speak to either The Secretary or The Chairman.

All the charities were extremely grateful and we have received many effusive letters of thanks from which the following extracts have been chosen:-

**From Veterans Aid:** Our hostel manager could not believe the standard and amount of clothing and bedding that was provided. Needless to say some of the items have been put to good use with our residents already, some who have not had anything brand new for some time. Whilst they may not be aware from where these items have come, they have gone a little way to helping them regain their self respect and in some measure, the confidence in enabling them to realise they can move on in their lives at a later stage. We are seeing pleasing results currently in re-housing individuals.

**From Chelsea and Westminster Hospital Neonatal Unit:** I should like to thank you very much indeed for your generous donation of clothes and blankets for babies in the neonatal unit. They will always come in very useful.

**From Spring House Family Support Centre:** Two of our trustees attended the view day and said how beautifully the garments and linens were displayed and how very helpful and charming the Guild members were.



Mrs Warde and Mrs Tham have retired from the Executive Committee due to rotation and we thank them on your behalf for all that they have done during the past three years. Mrs Russell, The Hon Mrs Denison-Pender, Miss Denny and Mrs Thomas have been elected to serve for the next three years. We thank Mrs Carver for her work as Website Co-ordinator, Mrs Clarke for being the Raffle Co-ordinator and Mrs Parry who will continue as Schools' Co-ordinator after her retirement as Chairman.

Our grateful thanks go to Mrs Greig, Lady Treacher, Mrs Horton, Mrs Crathern, Mrs Garrow (Scottish President), Mrs Dunlop (Scottish President) and Mrs MacKinnon who have decided to retire as Presidents. However, Miss Denny and Mrs Helliard have joined as Presidents. We are still looking for more volunteers to take on this important role. It need not be too arduous as each President organises their group, large or small, in a way that suits them. If you would like to discuss becoming a President please talk either to The Secretary, The Chairman or any member of the Executive Committee - you would be very warmly welcomed.

RACHEL PARRY  
CLARE KINNEAR

## Report - The Royal Group

Once again The Royal Group has had a wonderful year. I have to thank all members both for financial contributions and the wonderful collection of garments that have been made. I was very proud of everyone's efforts and what I was able to buy with the contributions. You have all been extremely generous.

We had an excellent Packing Week with many helpers, plus some

new ones. It all went like clockwork and we finished in the allocated three days.

I am afraid this coming year we will have to work even harder with the financial crisis facing the country. More garments for the down and out will be desperately needed, so if you know anybody who doesn't like knitting much they can always make scarves!!

Again thank you for all your help, without you we would not exist.

LIZA JONES  
PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL GROUP

## Report - Scotland

In 2007 I decided, with a very heavy heart, to call it a day as with my many more commitments in the county, a very changing world, rising costs and endless legislation, it was the time to give up.

A year on, I am delighted to be writing another report. Owing to one of my most kind and generous knitters who knitted for Scottish charities for 20 years, we are back again, albeit in a slightly different way. Mrs Pipe, who was blind, knitted the most beautiful Aran jerseys - almost one a week. She always said the Guild was her lifeline, and that she could not live without it. Hence, her marvellous legacy, the income from which will be used every year to provide wool for my small amount of knitters and will enable us to buy a lot of clothes and bedding which can be delivered to several charities straight from the wholesalers. I know that this would have been what she would have wished, and her legacy will go on providing help for those less fortunate for very many years.

CLARE RUSSELL



## Report - Schools' Group

Heathfield St. Mary's School and Manor House School continue to be our most active supporters. They have been involved in fund-raising, making and buying clothes, as well as coming to St. James's Palace to help us during Packing Week. Some other schools, from our 2000 recruitment drive, still express an interest in the work of the Guild and they will be contacted again in 2009.

Many schools encourage their students to take part in activities designed to foster the "giving time" and "service to others" spirit of volunteering, seeing how their help can improve and enrich the lives of people in difficulties. I hope to revive this spirit in more schools next year, showing them that by helping in the work of Queen Mary's Clothing Guild they can reach so many diverse groups of people, really making a change in those people's lives.

If you have a school in your area that might be interested in extending the scope of their charity work, please give me their details and I'll be very happy to contact them and tell them all about the Guild.

We are very grateful for the members of staff and parents who give their time to help the students in all that they do. Mrs Squires and Mrs Taylor from the above mentioned schools go out of their way to encourage their students, as you can see from the reports of the activities mentioned below.

This past autumn four **Heathfield St Mary's** girls returned again to St. James's Palace accompanied by Mrs Squires, their Textiles Teacher at the school. They brought with them the new clothing that they had collected, along with children's clothing that the Lower Sixth Students had designed and made as part of their A Level Coursework. In the previous school year over £400 was made by selling sports clothes; this was used to purchase more clothing at the Kundra Warehouse.

The girls had an exciting day and were very impressed by the work done by the Guild and the huge amount of clothing collected. For the forthcoming year they have decided to design and sell pyjama bottoms to raise even more money. The designs will be made in a local factory and will incorporate the school logo on specially woven elastic. Camisoles in pastel colours will be sold to co-ordinate with the designs. The school hopes to raise even more money with which to buy clothing.

MRS SQUIRES

### Manor House School

Queen Mary's Clothing Guild has always conjured up pictures of glamorous palaces and trips up to London! Over the years, we have watched the House Captains and Head Girls give presentations on their experiences of "The Viewing Day" and of meeting Queens and Princesses. It all seemed so magical. But we knew that in order to get there, hard work was needed. We were so determined that this year we would collect the most items of clothes – ever, and make that trip to St James's Palace to help pack. We worked hard, holding cake sales to raise money to buy clothes. We also set up competitions between the three Houses to see which House could bring in the most clothes. We also tried a new fund raiser – selling fruit cocktails and "smoothies" at short break to bring in extra funds. After an intense few weeks, it was time to bag up the clothes and make the trip we had all been dreaming of! Although the Princess was not able to be there, we "worked our socks off" and had a lot of fun too!

The House Captains, Manor House School. MRS TAYLOR

RACHEL PARRY  
SCHOOLS' CO-ORDINATOR



## List of Grants

999 Club, Deptford  
Age Concern, Canterbury  
Bethnal Green Methodist Church  
Broadway Centre  
Burned Children's Club  
Canterbury Oast Trust  
Care UK - Combat Stress  
Chelmsford CHESS  
Chelsea & Westminster Hospital - Neonatal Unit  
Church of our Lady, Lisson Grove  
City & Hackney NHS  
City of London, Hackney, Islington & Tower Hamlets SSAFA  
Coram Parents' Centre  
Crawley Open House  
Croydon Churches' Floating Shelter  
Field Lane Foundation  
Given-Wilson Institute  
Hammersmith & Fulham Primary Care Trust  
Hammerson House for the Elderly  
Home of Comfort Nursing Home  
Hospice in the Weald  
Iain Rennie Hospice at Home  
Independent Age  
Kids Company  
Leonard Cheshire Disability - Chipstead Lake  
Leonard Cheshire Disability - St. Cecilia's  
Little Havens Children's Hospice  
Little Sisters of the Poor - St. Peter's Home  
London City Mission  
Nazareth House  
North Kensington Social Services  
Northwick Park Hospital - Neonatal Unit  
Open Doors (City & Hackney PCT)  
The Passage  
Pimento  
Positive Parenting & Children  
Prisoners' Families & Friends  
Providence Row  
Royal London Hospital - Neonatal Unit  
Salvation Army  
Simon Community  
S.O.S. Sleeping in the Streets  
Spring House Family Support Centre  
St. Christopher's Fellowship



## List of Grants (Continued)

St. Christopher's Hospice  
St. Edward's Convent - Sisters of Mercy  
St. Mary's Convent & Nursing Home  
St. Raphael's Hospice  
St. Thomas' Hospital - Neonatal Unit  
Sure Start, North Kensington  
Trinity Hospice  
Veterans Aid  
Westminster Society for People with Learning Disabilities

### **SCOTTISH GROUP**

Aberdeen Cyrenians  
Barnardo's, Edinburgh  
Bethany Christian Trust  
Cardinal Winning Pro-Life Initiative  
Highland Hospice  
Jericho House  
Little Sisters of the Poor  
Open Door Trust, Glasgow  
Wayside Club, Glasgow  
Women's Aid (Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow & Inverness)



# Accounts - Queen Mary's Clothing Guild

Receipts and Payments Account for the year Ended 31 December 2008

	2008 £	2007 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Subscriptions & Donations	7,996.68	11,535.32
Sales of Badges	25.00	65.00
Income from Investments	7,454.65	6,525.76
Proceeds from Raffle	1,109.23	1,110.03
Interest on Deposit Accounts	10,472.63	9,842.62
Sales of Dishes	642.00	1,072.00
Sales of Notelets and Cards	280.00	318.00
Tax Repayments	858.28	650.47
Sales of Investments	7,246.50	31,344.29
Legacies	1,000.00	-
Mrs Pipe's Legacy	3,000.00	-
	<u>40,084.97</u>	<u>62,463.49</u>

## Balances at Bank at 1 January

NatWest Current Account	2,292.43	3,275.76
NatWest Treasury Deposit	211,317.15	211,317.15
Yorkshire Building Society	4,202.20	10,580.59
Carr Sheppards Crosthwaite	10,126.36	7,753.80
	<u>268,023.11</u>	<u>295,390.79</u>

## Cost of Investments Held at 31 December 2008

550 Aviva	3,090.36
2,500 Bankers Investment Trust	6,934.69
650 BG Group	4,522.47
500 BHP Billiton PLC	4,754.30
1,000 BP	5,055.61
2,250 BT Group plc	8,850.76
188 Cadbury PLC	1,269.11
700 Cadbury Schweppes	3,309.84
3,000 City of London Investment Trust	8,272.49
750 Experian Group	4,349.40
150 Finsbury Worldwide Pharmaceutical Trust	121.00
250 Glaxo Smithkline	3,758.78
400 HSBC	4,025.83
7,000 Insight Foundation Property Trust	7,730.26
1,000 JP Morgan Fleming	5,301.02

	2008 £	2007 £
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Wool & Clothing	19,579.44	21,345.57
Postage & Travel	332.12	276.18
Printing & Stationery	2,307.00	1,755.60
Venue Hire for AGM & Packing Week	6,068.75	6,310.35
Secretarial Fees	4,019.98	3,800.00
Purchases of Investments	7,425.07	28,971.73
Purchases of Bags	489.09	446.51
Purchases of Notelets and Cards	450.63	-
Miscellaneous Expenses	14.98	-
Purchase of Dishes	-	3,275.02
125th Celebrations/Service	-	1,271.69
	<u>40,687.06</u>	<u>67,452.65</u>

## Balances at Bank at 31 December

NatWest Current Account	6,257.99	2,292.43
NatWest Treasury Deposit	211,317.15	211,317.15
Yorkshire Building Society	8,813.12	4,202.20
Carr Sheppards Crosthwaite	947.79	10,126.36
	<u>268,023.11</u>	<u>295,390.79</u>

10,000 Land Securities 5.292% 2015	10,000.45
250 Land Securities Group	4,889.94
1,500 Lloyds TSB Group	6,830.77
5,000 Medicx Fund	5,097.50
300 Scottish and Power Energy	4,359.56
800 Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	2,452.97
10,000 Scottish Power 6.625% 2010	10,423.92
10,000 Tesco 5.125% 2009	10,229.44
700 Tesco Group	2,268.93
10,000 Treasury Stock 4.75% 2015	10,117.64
4,500 UBS Global Asset Mgt UK Smaller Cos	5,412.40
6,250 UBS Global Asset Mgt US Equity	4,690.08
10,000 UK (Govt of) 5% 2018	10,024.30
2,187 Vodafone Group	6,076.00
700 WPP Group	4,658.69
Interest on Cash Balances	947.79
	<u>169,826.30</u>

I have prepared the above account from the records of Queen Mary's Clothing Guild that were submitted to me. The account has not been audited.

9 Bridge Street, Walton on Thames, Surrey KT12 1AE

Mark J Heyburn & Co - Chartered Certified Accountants & Registered Auditors  
26 February 2009



# Accounts - The Royal Group of Queen Mary's Clothing Guild. (Previously HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother's Group of Queen Mary's Clothing Guild) Receipts and Payments Account for the year Ended 31 December 2008

2007	Receipts:	2008	2008	2007	Payments:	2008	2008
£	Balances at 1st January 2008:	£	£	£		£	£
91	Bank: Current Account	156.57		8,001	Garments, Materials etc	7,811.08	
5,939	Building Society Account	6,317.39		161	Stationery and Postage	209.92	
				184	Other Expenses	242.91	
6,030	Total Opening Balances:		6,473.96	8,346	Total Payments:		8,263.91
7,435	Subscriptions and Donations	7,245.00			Balances at 31st December 2008:		
855	Subscriptions under Covenant	860.00		156	Bank: Current Account	130.04	
321	Income Tax Rebate	232.38		6,317	Building Society Account	6,725.67	
178	Building Society Account Interest	308.28					
8,789	Total Income:		8,645.66	6,473	Total Closing Balances:		6,855.71
<u>14,819</u>			<u>15,119.62</u>	<u>14,819</u>			<u>15,119.62</u>

I have examined the above Account and have found it to be in agreement with the books and vouchers of The Royal Group of Queen Mary's Clothing Guild,

Duncan Ball  
12th January 2009