

THE NEWS



President - Mr Randolph Churchill

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HAPPY 2012

Do hope you all had a good Christmas and the 'Man in Red' delivered all you had hoped for.

As we enter this year of the Olympics, Jubilee celebrations and more promised hard times, what can you expect from your Chartwell Branch?

Well we start the year with a meeting at Chartwell on 23rd February with a talk by Allen Packwood, Executive Director of The Churchill Centre UK and the Churchill Archives. In April we will hold our AGM and 'KBO" Churchill Quiz, this will be at The Grasshopper on The Green in Westerham. We also plan to organise a trip to the Churchill archives in Cambridge, date and time to follow.

I am grateful to Dorothy Oram for her contribution to this edition, hopefully it will inspire others to send in something for inclusion. I have to say that I thoroughly agree

with her comments regarding Rohan McCullough, I had the pleasure of seeing her performance at the local Barn Theatre in Oxted, I don't suppose 'Three Days in May' will make it to the same venue!

I thought the image below was fascinating, it appeared on a chat site to which I subscribe and is apparently a 'Hallmark' christmas card from about 1950. More information is being sought, if you know any more please let me know.



Car to Oxted, 6.15am, train to Victoria and the comfort of a black cab, overcame my worries about reaching Grosvenor Square for the scheduled 7.30am start of my 'duty' day at the International Churchill Conference.

Very quickly 'duty' became 'pleasure', assisting and advising members, discussing books and authors and a whole variety of topics with very friendly, interested and interesting people.

It was a pleasure to work with Bridget Warrington, one of the conference organisers, both of us very busy bees as the other scheduled helper was unable to attend.

My special treat was to see and hear Rohan McCullough's monologue "**My Darling Clemmie**" - a magical experience indeed. Smitten by Winston's 'pale blue eyes' we were sensitively drawn into Clemmie's feelings as a bride, motherhood and the grief of them both when their happy little 'Duck-a-Dilly', Marigold, died just before her third birthday.

Clemmie's and Winston's trust and understanding of each other were wonderfully expressed, including little disagreements and much humour and always the power of 'those pale blue eyes' hovering around us.

Rohan McCullough mesmerized every member in the packed hall, until the silence was ultimately shattered by prolonged applause for this incredible and revealing performance. Hopefully there will be further opportunities to come under the spell of "My Darling Clemmie".

Another real MUST is '**Three Days in May**' by Ben Brown. I was very moved by Warren Clarke's portrayal of Churchill during those critical days when our divided cabinet debated our future to succumb to Hitler or to fight on to the end.

Dorothy Oram

BOOK REVIEWS

"Dinner with Churchill" by Cita Stelzer

A riveting, informative and entertaining book which should appeal to a wide audience, including cookery enthusiasts and detectives who like to probe what goes on behind the scenes.

"Great Contemporaries" by Winston S Churchill

This extended new edition will be published in 2012. Professor James Mullen has researched and presented the notes in a more accessible format - it is interesting to read how WSC perceived other great personalities.

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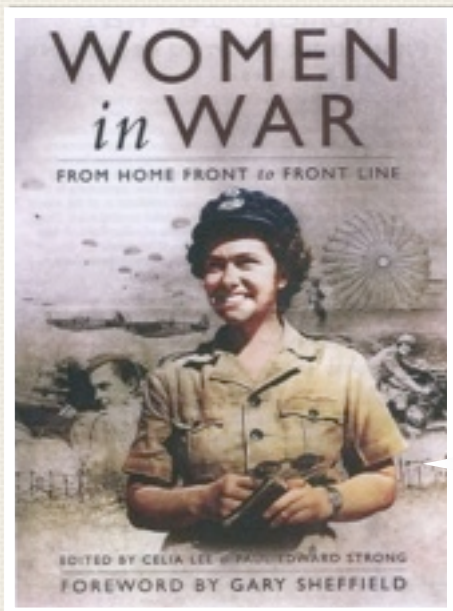
WE ARE INDEBTED TO OUR MEMBER, MICHAEL HANNAH, FOR SUPPLYING A NUMBER OF IMAGES RELATING TO WSC, SOME OF WHICH ARE SHOWN HERE.

I WILL ARRANGE FOR AN ALBUM TO BE AVAILABLE AT OUR FUTURE MEETINGS FOR ALL TO SEE AND KEEP THE PHOTOGRAPHS SAFE.

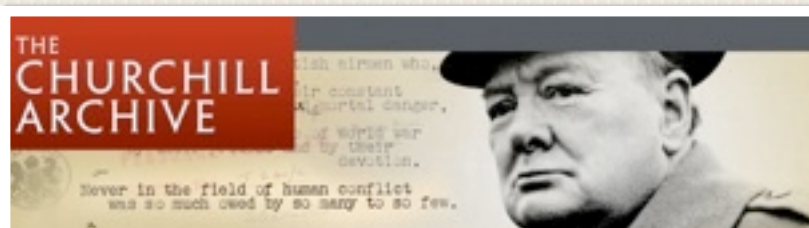


Not sure where I obtained this - but great sentiment.

This is a Canadian poster. Note the Churchillian defiance on the Lion's face (plus cigar) and bandaged tail. The Canadian Beaver wears a steel helmet with a maple leaf. This demonstrates the side-by-side commitment from Canada.



This new book will be published in March 2012. Jointly edited by our own Celia Lee, featuring amongst others, Minnie Churchill, Sarah and Winston.



The **Churchill Archive** will launch in August 2012 and feature more than 800,000 private letters, speeches, notes, manuscripts and other primary source documents between 1874 and 1965.

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