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WACF Newsletter Summer 2017

Welcome from our chair Lynda Warren

I took over as Chair of WACF from Kathy Seddon at our AGM on 29 April. It is both a privilege and a challenge to take on this role. Kathy was an exemplary chair, full of enthusiasm, caring for all Fellows, and always looking for ways in which she could promote the Fellowship and its work in Wales. She worked tirelessly to make sure we had a full and varied social calendar and it goes without saying that she will be a hard act to follow.

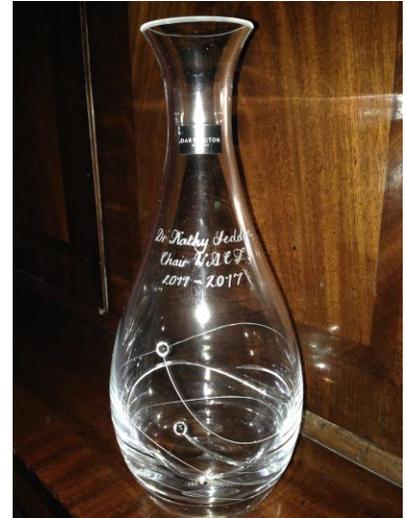
As this is my first newsletter as Chair, I thought I should introduce myself to Fellows who might not know me. I was awarded my Fellowship in 2007 to investigate the environmental impacts of uranium mining in Namibia and Australia. At that time there was renewed interest in nuclear power and even organisations that had held long-term anti-nuclear policies changed their mind because they could see the benefits of nuclear power as a stepping stone towards a more sustainable renewable energy future. The advantage of nuclear power generation is that it does not contribute to climate change emissions in the way that fossil fuels do. The question I sought to answer was whether the process of obtaining the basic fuel – uranium – was also as climatically ‘benign’. My conclusions were that the environmental impacts were more to do with the storage and disposal of toxic mining and processing waste than with global warming gaseous emissions.

2017 AGM Tredegar House Newport

We held the AGM in the Orangery at Tredegar House, followed by lunch and then a private tour of the House which was once owned by the Morgan family but more recently became famous as the School Kathy Seddon attended! It was hard to imagine how some of these gloriously proportioned and decorated rooms could have been adapted to provide classrooms for schoolgirls but Kathy took great delight in telling what the different rooms had been used for!



We celebrated Kathy's time as chair with a presentation from Fellows consisting of a cut glass wine decanter adorned with Swarovski elements from Dartington, with something suitable to put in it and a bouquet of flowers. As you can see from the photo there was a strong pink theme – luckily echoed by Kathy in her choice of outfit!



Fellows' Fortnight

From **Monday 5th June to Sunday 18th June 2017** the Trust is making a special request to Fellows to help spread the word about the Travelling Fellowships, as part of Fellows' Fortnight. Applications for travel in 2018 opened on Tuesday 9th May, and we want to ensure that as many people as possible, from the broadest range of backgrounds and locations across the UK, get to hear about the opportunity to apply for a Travelling Fellowship. This year we had a record number of 12 new fellows in Wales and it would be great if we could keep this up in the coming year.

Josh Williams (2015 Fellow) has arranged for the Young Persons Committee of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales (WLCow) to host a 'Winston Churchill Memorial Trust' evening focusing on the Travelling Fellowships. The Committee has two Churchill Fellows within its ranks and the evening will see presentations from both members about their experiences, their learning, and the opportunities the fellowship has afforded them in developing their respective careers. Kathy Seddon will be there as well to give an overview of the Fellowship application process and criteria.

The evening will be held at Cardiff University (Council Chamber, Park Place) on the 20th of June 2017, commencing at 1830 hours. Following the close of the presentations, the Committee will be seeking light refreshment at the nearby Buffalo Bar, and would love guests to join them there.

Please do your bit to publicise this event. Anyone seeking an invitation can obtain one from https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/young-livery-guild-invitation-learn-about-the-churchill-fellowship-grant-tickets-34834403639?utm_term=eventname_text.

Your WACF

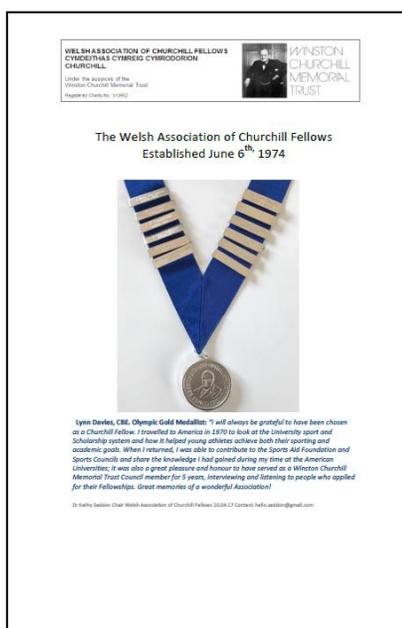
We have more than 200 Fellows in Wales and I would like to think that all of us are proud to be part of WACF. It would be really great if more Fellows came to our events; it really is 'the more the merrier'. We try to arrange events covering a range of tastes and in different parts of Wales so please join us if you can.

If you have any suggestions for events or visits that you think would be of interest to Fellows, please let me know. Your Committee works hard to devise a programme each year but fresh ideas are always welcome. And if anyone is interested in joining the Committee, please let me know that as well (lm.warren@btopenworld.com).

This Newsletter is the main way in which we can connect with Fellows in Wales. I would like to include a section on **Fellows' News** to include not just things relating to the Fellowship but anything you would like to share with us – a bit like a Facebook for Fellows. I will give a couple of weeks' notice before sending out the next Newsletter to give you a chance to send things in.

If you haven't already done so, do register on the WCMT Fellows page at <http://www.wcmt.org.uk/> where you can find out more about what's happening in other Regions. There is also a section on Fellows Networks which are designed to enable Fellows with similar interests to link up with each other.

Last but definitely not least in this section, I can strongly recommend Kathy's final effort for us as Chair – her booklet on **The History of the WACF**. This is available to download at <http://www.wcmt.org.uk/fellows/news/short-history-welsh-association-churchill-fellows> or you can get a printed copy direct from Kathy for £5.00 (helloseddon@googlemail.com) if you let her know by **June 9th**



Forthcoming Events

All Fellows and guests are warmly invited to the meetings detailed below. Please complete the attached response form

Tuesday June 20

Young Persons Committee of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales (WLCOW) to host a 'Winston Churchill Memorial Trust' evening at Cardiff University (see above for details)

Saturday July 1

Summer meeting in West Wales. We will visit the Welsh Woollen Museum at Drefach Felindre near Newcastle Emlyn for coffee and a self-guided tour and then move on the Wales Wildlife Centre at Cilgerran for a buffet lunch followed by a talk by Trust staff and/or a guided tour around the reserve, weather permitting. There will be time afterwards for Fellows to visit Cilgerran Castle which is nearby.



Saturday October 7

Biennial Dinner in North Wales, probably at Llandudno or Conway. Details tbc in the near future.

May 27- June 2 2018

Visit to Orkney. This is a trip organised by Noel Hulmston. As many of you will know, Noel has previously arranged trips for Fellows to the Shetlands, Hebrides and Ireland all of which have been greatly enjoyed by all who were able to go.



Response Slip

Fellow:.....

Contact Mobile Number:.....

Date & Purpose	Location of Visit	Timings	Cost	Number & Payment
Summer Meeting Sat July 1st	National Wool Museum, Drefach Felindre	10.30 coffee 11.00 tour 12.00 depart for Cilgerran	To be paid by individuals on day Free entry	n/a
	Welsh Wildlife Centre, Cilgerran	13.00 lunch	£16.00 per head	
Biennial Dinner Sat October 7th	North Wales	Please indicate if you are likely to attend	Approx £30-35 per head	Numbers only needed at this stage
Orkney Trip May/June 2018	Orkney	Please indicate if you are interested in finding out more	tbc	Numbers only needed at this stage

I enclose £16.00 per head payment for lunch for Fellows and guests. Cheques should be made payable to WACF.

Please print and complete this response slip and send with your cheque to:

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Please reply by Monday June 12th as we have to let the Wildlife Centre have numbers