Dear Fellow,

As a Churchill Fellow you will know that next year, as well as being the anniversary of Churchill’s death, also marks 50 years since the founding of our Trust. Together with an alliance of other Churchill related organisations there has been much thought put into how best to mark this important year.

I am thrilled that the Duke of Marlborough has agreed to hold a Fellows’ Day at Blenheim Palace on Wednesday 27th May, for what promises to be a unique and exciting coming together of Fellows from across the last five decades. We received a huge response to the questionnaire we sent out to you all in the summer and the day we have planned has been largely shaped by your suggestions. I do hope you and your families will be able to join us.

Blenheim Palace featured prominently in Sir Winston Churchill’s life. He was born there on 30 November 1874 and it was there that he proposed to his wife Clementine in 1908. He was a regular visitor when his cousin, ‘Sunny’, was the ninth Duke and spent much time there researching for his monumental biography of their ancestor, the first Duke, John Churchill. It is therefore very fitting that we should be celebrating fifty years of Churchill Fellowships in this beautiful and significant setting.

In addition to the Fellows’ Day there are two opportunities to have tea at the House of Lords and a tour of the Houses of Parliament. I am delighted to be hosting one on Friday 26th June and we are very grateful to Lord Cormack for doing so on Friday 6th November.

Many of the Associations are planning special events to mark the year and details of these can be found on the Calendar of Events enclosed, as well as on our website. We hope that you will be able to attend events in other regions as well as your own. Trustees, Advisory Council members and members of the Churchill family will be attending too, and are looking forward to meeting you.

In addition to our events, many other organisations will be holding exhibitions, talks and concerts to mark the anniversary. We have included details in the calendar enclosed and will update our website with any additional information.

I do hope that you will be able to join us for at least one event, and very much look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Fellowes
Chairman of the Trustees

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<td>Science Museum, London</td>
<td>The exhibition will spotlight individual scientists and their achievements under the direction of Winston Churchill. It will explore the science of the Second World War and its immediate aftermath. The exhibition will run all year. For more information please visit:</td>
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<td>30\textsuperscript{th} January</td>
<td>Havengore Journey</td>
<td>Tower of London to Festival Pier</td>
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<td>Westminster Abbey</td>
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<td>‘Churchill’s Final Journey’ Exhibition</td>
<td>National Railway Museum York</td>
<td>A display showcasing the newly restored locomotive Winston Churchill, the funeral train which carried him from Waterloo, London, to his final resting place in Oxfordshire. For more information please visit:</td>
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| 28th Mar   | Thameslea Association                                     | Knebworth House                   | Winston Churchill had a long friendship with the family at Knebworth, and this event, with private tours, will include a talk from an expert about Churchill's connections with the house.
Afternoon tea will be served during which there may be a number of short 'table talks' by Fellows and a Churchill themed raffle. | www.knebworthhouse.com                                                                           |
| 10th Apr   | Opening of De Gaulle/Churchill Exhibition                 | Musée de l'Armée, Paris           | An exhibition addressing the pros and cons of the relationship between the two great leaders. For more information please visit: www.musee-armee.fr/en/english-version.html |                                                                                               |
| 25th Apr   | North West Association                                    | Museum of Military Life, Carlisle  | As well as a tour of the Museum and a special Churchill themed talk from the Head Curator, this event will include presentations from Cumbrian Fellows and the unveiling of the display '50 years of North West Fellowships'. See: www.wcmt.org.uk/fellows/events/churchill-2015-carlisle |                                                                                               |
| 25th Apr   | Scottish Association                                      | At Scottish Parliament             | This event will be held at the Scottish Parliament. Date and details to be confirmed.            | www.scottish.parliament.uk/index.aspx                                                             |
| 9th & 10th May | South West Association                                  | Plymouth                           | A two day event to mark the 50th anniversary with the Mayor and a guest from the Trust as special guests.
For more information please visit: www.wcmt.org.uk/fellows/events/annual-general-meeting-and-2015-celebration |                                                                                               |
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<td>Ditchley Park, Heythrop Park Hotel &amp; Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire</td>
<td>This event will begin with dinner at Ditchley Park on 26th May. The conference officially opens on 28th May at the Heythrop Park Hotel, that day concludes with dinner at Blenheim Palace. Speakers include historian Sir David Cannadine, and broadcaster Jonathan Dimbleby. On 29th May, Lord Dobbs will discuss Churchill in print and film followed by a memorial service at Bladon. Fellows can apply to attend. For more information please visit <a href="http://www.winstonchurchill.org">www.winstonchurchill.org</a></td>
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<td>The Churchill Memorial Concerts</td>
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<td>Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill (daughter of 11th Duke of Marlborough) is hosting a concert at Blenheim which is open to all on purchase of tickets. For more information please visit <a href="http://www.churchillmemorialconcerts.org">www.churchillmemorialconcerts.org</a></td>
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<td>BBC Radio 4 Appeal</td>
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<td>We have successfully applied for a BBC Radio 4 Appeal, which will be broadcast on Sunday 31st May 2015 at 7.55am and again at 9.26pm. It will be repeated on Thursday 4th June at 3.27pm.</td>
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<td>1st June</td>
<td>Official opening of Churchill Memorial Garden</td>
<td>Blenheim Palace</td>
<td>The 11th Duke of Marlborough commissioned this commemorative garden to celebrate the life of Sir Winston Churchill. For more information: <a href="http://www.blenheimpalace.com">www.blenheimpalace.com</a></td>
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<td>East Anglia Association</td>
<td>Thetford</td>
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<td>A visit to Bentley Priory, headquarters of Fighter Command during WWII. The day will comprise of a talk and a guided tour by Neal Potter, designer of the exhibition. For more information please visit: <a href="http://www.wcmt.org.uk/fellows/events/churchill-2015-east-midlands-association">www.wcmt.org.uk/fellows/events/churchill-2015-east-midlands-association</a></td>
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<td>National Museum Cardiff</td>
<td>A full day event starting at 10.30 am, including a lecture by Professor Richard Toye (Author of <em>Lloyd George and Churchill: Rivals for Greatness</em>, Macmillan, 2007). For more information please visit: <a href="http://www.wcmt.org.uk/fellows/events/churchill-2015-cardiff">http://www.wcmt.org.uk/fellows/events/churchill-2015-cardiff</a></td>
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Fellows’ Day at Blenheim Palace - 27th May 2015

This will be our main event to mark our 50th anniversary and it will bring together Fellows from across the last 50 years to celebrate your achievements, and the achievements of the Travelling Fellowship Programme. This unique opportunity will offer you the chance to meet other Fellows from similar fields of interest from all over the UK, as well as from your own region, and members of the Churchill family, WCMT Trustees, Advisory Council members and staff.

Programme

As well as the Blenheim Palace attractions described later, the day will consist of a series of activities focusing on Sir Winston’s life and plenty of opportunities to meet and exchange ideas and stories with fellow Fellows. Included will be:

- Talks on different aspects of Sir Winston’s life in the Gallery Room. Speakers will be:
  
  a) Sir David Cannadine: ‘Churchill the Man’. Sir David is an historian of modern British history and has published many books, focusing particularly on the British aristocracy; urban development and the structure of power in British towns; issues of class in Britain and the themes of cultural expression and ceremony both within Britain and its empire. He also chairs the Churchill 2015 Alliance.
  
  b) Graham Farmelo: ‘Churchill and the Bomb’. Graham is a biographer, science writer and Adjunct Professor of Physics at Northeastern University, Boston, U.S.A. He is also a WCMT Churchill Archives By-Fellow.
  
  
  d) Roland Quinault: ‘Filial Politics: the influence of Lord Randolph Churchill on Winston Churchill’. Roland is a researcher of British political and social history from the Victorian period to the later 20th century. Much of his research has focused on the character and contributions of leading politicians including Churchill. He is also a WCMT Churchill Archives By-Fellow.
  
  e) ‘Churchill and Chartwell’ - To be confirmed.

Tickets will be free and available on a first come first served basis on the day.

- Talks by WCMT Fellows in the Orangery and Marlborough rooms on what you did and what you have achieved through your Fellowships.
- Short performances from individual and/or groups of Fellows that may include music, dance, theatre etc.
- A display of Fellows’ posters to enable greater sharing of ideas and networking.
- A special Churchill exhibition created for Churchill Fellows.
- For those who wish, a served Blenheim Afternoon Tea with champagne in the Orangery.
- A Closing Address at 5pm by our Chairman in the Great Court, followed by a Spitfire fly-past and a Sounding Retreat by an Army band. The Duke of Marlborough and Randolph Churchill will take the salute.
The final programme will be sent out in advance and will include timings and titles of Fellows' talks, posters, more information on guest speakers' talks and other relevant information.

**Blenheim Palace Attractions**

Blenheim Palace is not only the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and home to the 12th Duke and Duchess, but is a World Heritage Site. With over 300 years of history, tour the Palace state rooms and visit both Churchill exhibitions. Explore over 2000 acres of ‘Capability’ Brown Parkland and Formal Gardens where you will discover the Rose Garden, Water Terraces and Column of Victory, as well as much more. You can also take the ‘Walk in Churchill's Footsteps’ trail that has been created for 2015 to gain a better insight of his time spent at Blenheim Palace.

A free shuttle bus circuit will run to Bladon for anyone wishing to visit Churchill's grave.

See the Blenheim Palace website [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com) for further details, including a map of the grounds.

**Ticket Prices**

The Duke of Marlborough has kindly agreed to a special entry price for Churchill Fellows. These prices are only valid on tickets booked in advance.

Adults: £14.30; Concession £12.20 and Child £7.60 (all VAT inclusive).

**Any tickets purchased on the day will be charged at the full rate.**

Afternoon Tea: £22 and Champagne Afternoon Tea £30 (VAT inclusive).

**Important Information**

On the day, a WCMT information point will be established near the entrance at the East courtyard. From here you will be able to pick up your talk tickets, a visitors’ map and your name badge, which will help you network with other Fellows and guests, who will include members of the Churchill Centre, Churchill College, the English Speaking Union (ESU) and Chartwell.

An Accessibility guide is enclosed. If you have any special requirements please note these on the return form, but any assistance that you can provide yourselves would be very much appreciated such as wheelchairs, scooters, sign language interpreters, etc. as Blenheim Palace resources are limited and are on a first come first served basis.

To help us plan, and in order to confirm the final programme, please click on the Blenheim Palace Link in the email and submit the form by **Friday, January 30th 2015** if you are planning to attend. We will confirm receipt of your form and provide a link after 30th January through which you will be able to purchase your tickets directly from Blenheim Palace, and also inform them of your dietary requirements.

We very much look forward to seeing you there.
Accessibility Guide

Blenheim Palace strives to ensure visitors with accessibility limitations can enjoy as much of this magnificent estate as possible.

Accessibility Requirements

Blenheim Palace has nine manual wheelchairs available for visitors to borrow. Three are available from Flagstaff Visitor Information Point. These have large wheels and are suitable for using in the Palace and grounds. Six are available from the front door of the Palace. These have smaller wheels and are used within the Palace. Six electric scooters are available to borrow from the Flagstaff Visitor Information Point. These scooters are provided by Event Mobility. Blenheim requests a small deposit when you borrow one; this is returned to you on the return of the scooter.

All wheelchairs and scooters will be available on the day of the event on a first come first served basis. As the availability of wheelchairs and scooters is limited, if you require either we recommend bringing your own to avoid disappointment.

Visual Impairment

A Touch Tour of the Palace is available for the visually impaired, combining a guided tour with the opportunity to touch and feel some of Blenheim Palace’s most famous artefacts. You will be assigned a dedicated guide, who will give you a rare access to Blenheim Palace’s collection of art and furniture - including the sculptures of Sir Winston Churchill and Clementine, The 9th Duchess Consuelo Vanderbilt and The 7th Duke and Duchess (Sir Winston Churchill’s grandparents).

Guide Dogs

Guide assistance and support dogs are welcome at Blenheim Palace.

Audio Impairment

Blenheim Palace does not have audio guides or induction loops in the State Rooms.

Sickness or Injury

Blenheim Palace has first aiders present on site at all times. In case of sickness and injury, please contact nearest member of Blenheim Palace or WCMT staff.


Or call 01993 810 500/530. Blenheim Palace’s free, 24 hour information line is also available on 0800 849 6500.
Churchill Memorial Concert at Blenheim Palace Friday 29th May 2015

The purpose of this concert is to celebrate the life and achievements of Sir Winston Churchill and to benefit national and local charities.

The Churchill Memorial Concerts Trust
The Churchill Memorial Concerts Trust was established in 1993 to expand the range of distribution of the proceeds of the Churchill Memorial Concerts. These concerts were conceived as a means of providing funds for the Music Therapy Charity and continued to do so exclusively until 1993. It was then decided to bring other charities into the net whilst continuing to support Music Therapy Charity, the policy of the Trustees being that the charitable purposes should be primarily (though not exclusively) for Oxfordshire and be of the smaller variety, for which local funding is a crucial element.

The evening
In the presence of The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, the concert is staged in Blenheim Palace’s spectacular Long Library and is preceded by a Champagne reception in the Great Hall and Grand Saloon. To complement the setting, music will be performed by The Academy of Ancient Music and the Harrow School Choir, with the tribute to Sir Winston given by The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney PC, CC, GOQ, Lawyer, Politician and former Prime Minister of Canada.

Champagne Reception: 6.30pm - 7.15pm
Concert in the Library: 7.30pm
Dress: Black Tie

Tickets
Champagne Reception and Concert tickets - £90.00 per person
Champagne Reception, Concert tickets and Dinner in the Orangery - £150.00 per person
Champagne Reception, Concert tickets and Dinner in the Palace Great Hall - £300.00 per person
To register interest or attend the concert please email churchillmemorialconcerts@hotmail.com.

More information will be available on the website www.churchillmemorialconcerts.org.