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WACF Newsletter Summer 2014

Welcome from our chair Dr Kathy Seddon

We were saddened by the news of the death of Sir Winston Churchill's daughter, Lady Soames, LG, DBE, 1922 – 2014, Churchill Fellow Emeritus. As the Director General said in his email *"Her presence and inspiration will be much missed, and all our thoughts are with her family at this time"*

It was good to see many Fellows at this year's AGM, held at the Pierhead building in Cardiff. Vaughan Gethin A.M. was our sponsor. We were delighted to welcome our four New Fellows: Dainis Dauksta, Robert Jones, Tim Leyshon and Carole Phillips. They outlined their plans and had many offers of help from those present.



We discussed Jamie's report and would like to encourage more applications from Wales this year. We agreed that Fellows would send the Flyer to contacts and offer support to applicants (See below).

I was delighted to be endorsed for a second term as your chair and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

We hope that you can join us at this year's exciting events - where possible.

It is now less than a month to our visit to the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth. We are very privileged to have two Kyffin William's experts presenting to us. Further details of this and other forthcoming events can be found below.

In 2015 the Trust hope to award 150 Fellowships. We all know the value of 'word of mouth' encouragement to potential applicants. We would ask Fellows In Wales to try to promote applications this year, when there will be a higher number of awards. Please do not hesitate to pass on my contact email (hello.seddon@googlemail.com) to anyone who would like help and guidance on the application process.

Congratulations to Ferenc Blisko (2008 Fellow) for his proposal to the European Commission - named as one of the top ten ideas in Europe to potentially tackle unemployment. Ferenc will tell us about this wonderful achievement at our October bi-annual lunch in Chester.

Events and visits 2014

All Fellows and guests are warmly invited to the meetings detailed below

July 5th 2014

We are delighted to have been invited to visit the National Library of Wales by John Gittins (Fellow 1973) There will be a presentation by Lona Mason & Lloyd Roderick - lead staff at the National Library on the work of Kyffin Williams. They will show us paintings, diaries of Kyffin, manuscripts of his books and much more. There will also be a major Chaucer Exhibition at the Library. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of the visit. Lunch is available in Pen Dinas in the museum

October 19th 2014 Visit to Chester and Bi - Annual lunch.

We plan to meet in **Oddfellows Hotel, Chester** for coffee, at around 10.30 a.m. After this, Fellows can explore the city with it's wonderful Cathedral, Roman Amphitheatre, and Walls. We will reconvene at Oddfellows at one p.m for our bi-annual lunch. After lunch Ferenc Blisko (2008 Fellow) will tell us about his European Award and Dr Andy Carson - Stevens (2013 Fellow) will describe his Fellowship.

Events and visits 2015

April 18th 2015

Next year the AGM will be at the Centre for Alternative Technology Machynlleth. Paul Allen (Fellow 2013) has invited us to share their 2015 anniversary celebration. Paul has asked us to share the link to the video they have created. In less than 4 minutes you can watch what Zero Carbon Britain has revealed.

See link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3MPbav-wDU>

***** May 27th (Wednesday) 2015 Churchill Fellows Open Day At Blenheim**

Fellows and guests will meet at Blenheim to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the death of Sir Winston Churchill. More details to follow

October 3rd 2015 'Churchill 2015' in Cardiff



At 10.30am A lecture at the National Museum Cardiff. Professor Richard Toye (Exeter University) will present on "Churchill and Lloyd George".

Richard is the author of "*Lloyd George and Churchill: Rivals for Greatness*", Macmillan, 2007.

The lecture will be a National "Churchill 2015" event

After tea and coffee with the "friends of the museum", Rachel Conroy (2012 Fellow) will give us a short tour of the current exhibition This will be between noon and one pm.

We hope to have a Millennium Stadium tour/rugby event mid/late afternoon.

We will have our bi-annual dinner in the evening at the SWALEC stadium.

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Date	Location of Visit	Timings	Number
July 5 th 2014	National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth Kyffin Williams archive and Chaucer exhibition	10.30 am Coffee +Cakes Followed by presentations Lona Mason & Lloyd Roderick - lead staff at the National Library on the work of Kyffin Williams. Room and presentation cost £10 per head	

National Library - Room and presentation costs £10.00
Lunch is not prearranged so can be purchased on the day at Pen Dinas restaurant in the library
I enclose payment for the National library cost for Fellows and ... guests.
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Cardiff CF14 6TT .

Please could cheques be made payable to "Welsh Association of Churchill Fellows"

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Please could you also indicate if you are likely to join us on the Chester visit (October 19th 2014)
This is for future planning and not a firm commitment

Please feel free to ring me if you need any further information – 02920 625238 or email -
John.nic@hotmail.com. You can also contact Kathy on 07776 487 025

Date	Location of Visit	Timings	Number
October 19 th 2014	Chester	I am interested in joining the visit to Chester on the 19 th October.	
		I would be interested in the bi- annual lunch (£25 per head for three courses and coffee)	
		I would be interested in the tour of the city on the Vintage Bus (£8 per head	