ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE CHURCHILL ARCHIVES CENTRE
2014-15
 Highlights

“The first half of 2015 was dominated by the Churchill 2015 commemorations and associated activities. I am delighted that the Centre was able to play a lead role in organising and supporting events, exhibitions, competitions, television programmes and websites. However, the real achievement of the Archives Centre team was to do this while also opening the Mitrokhin archive and Lady Thatcher’s Falklands memoir, and responding to the intense media interest in both, at the same time as developing an exciting new Churchill resource for schools, managing very busy reading rooms, and while continuing major cataloguing projects on the papers of Julian Amery, Tam Dalyell, Aaron Klug, Sarah Churchill and Lady Soames. From a joint exercise with the fire brigade to more proactive plans for College records management, this has been another varied and productive year.”

Allen Packwood, Director
New collections

Highlights of new collections received during 2014/15 include the papers of:

- John Biffen, Conservative Cabinet minister in the 1980s (1930-2007)
- James Cornford, academic & social reformer (1935-2011)
- Professor Anthony Kelly, materials scientist (1929-2014)
- Valentine Lawford, diplomat (1911-91)

With additional papers received of Lord Gladwyn, Sir William Hawthorne, Arthur Pollen, Lord Rodgers & Lady Soames, as well as Winston Churchill’s desk diary for 1918.
In February 2015, the Disaster Contingency Plan was thoroughly tested during a large simulation exercise involving five fire crews and impacting on the whole college. More audio-visual material has been preserved and made available through specialist digitisation (both in-house and external), including unique Duncan-Sandys gramophone records, Thatcher open reel tapes and several moving image films. A pilot project to create high resolution digital images of the key albums in the Broadwater and Spencer-Churchill collections has been successfully completed paving the way for a large project next year. Extensive refresher and induction training relating to the preservation of the collections has been carried out on the many new and the existing staff. Improvements have been made to the smoke detection and fire suppression systems and to seal the sliding doors in the NW.

The disaster simulation exercise in full swing, February 2015
Conservation

- The majority of the conservation work is preventive, including this year a large amount of custom-made and specialist packaging – including made to measure boxes of different types, encapsulation and mounting of material within a diverse range of collections including Thatcher, Scott, Mitrokhin, Mary Soames, Broadwater and the College Archive.

- Interventive work has included surface cleaning, deacidification, humidification, flattening, tissue support, infilling etc of papers, photographs and albums in Burgess, Hailsham, Spears, Broadwater, Churchill and Churchill Additional. The main interventive project continues to be the badly mould/insect damaged material in the Julian Amery collection, but four delicate and damaged albums in BRDW II 5 were fully conserved in preparation for digitisation.

- Some of the interventive work above and a large amount of condition reporting, mounting etc was carried out mainly on the Churchill papers in preparation for two major exhibitions in Paris and at the Science Museum in London.

Mould and insect damaged folio (Amery papers) on a light Box, having thin Japanese tissue applied to it as part of the Conservation treatment.
Preservation of collections
Packaging and storage

- A large project to extract, where possible, the inherently unstable film-based photographic material (still negatives and transparencies) from mixed media storage was carried out and further surveying of this material was undertaken.
- Cold storage for the media above, possibly using the old fire suppression gas basement store is being considered and plans have been drawn up by a buildings surveyor.
- All the open reel tapes (approximately 430) were re-housed into specially made archival boxes.
- A large amount of retrospective preservation packaging has been carried out on many collections including Slim, Godfrey-Faussett, Churchill press cuttings, parts of Churchill Additional as well as many others. Packaging of Churchill (CHUR 4) and Rotblat continues.

Archive box containing newly packaged material and including custom-made phase boxes
Work has continued on the Amery Papers throughout this year, with the end now firmly in sight.

Amery’s extensive press cutting collection has been completed (28 boxes), as have the speeches and articles (26 boxes) and the large series of literary papers, including his biography of Joseph Chamberlain, his edition of Leo Amery’s diaries, and various volumes of his own war memoirs (109 boxes). The next series being catalogued is Amery’s constituency papers (c 150 boxes), after which there only remains his photographs, audio/visual material and his personal accounts.
The remainder of Tam Dalyell’s archive, including other political correspondence, visit files, and drafts of books and articles (111 boxes), has been catalogued and made available to researchers.

Detailed cataloguing has begun of the first section of Sarah Churchill’s archive, comprising letters to her mother, Clementine Churchill, 1921-53 (3 boxes), including important letters from the Cairo, Tehran and Yalta Conferences and from her post-war travels with her father to Lake Como, 1945, and Marrakesh, 1947.

Letter from Sarah Churchill to Clementine Churchill from the Hotel de la Mamounia in Marrakesh, 11 December 1947.
Processing collections:
Sir Aaron Klug

128 boxes catalogued

Highlights include:

- Aaron Klug’s 3d models
- Photographs of virus structures
- Correspondence with Prof. Reginald James who was part of Shackleton’s *Endurance* expedition
- Correspondence with Rosalind Franklin
Mary Soames’s papers arrived in several batches, mainly in February and September 2014, and overall come to about 200 boxes. As demand for this collection is likely to be high, they were sorted and boxlisted as a matter of priority, and work has now begun on cataloguing them in detail.

Mary Soames’s diaries, which mainly concentrate on the war years, are likely to be most in use, and these have been fully catalogued already (10 boxes). However, as Mary Soames used the diaries extensively herself while writing her memoirs, “A Daughter’s Tale”, she interleaved them with hundreds of notes and sticky post-its, which is going to be a considerable conservation challenge! Once the collection is open, it’s hoped that extracts from the diaries (which are great fun to read, reflecting the teenage Mary in all her ups and downs) can be serialised on the college blog.

Besides the diaries, Mary Soames’s correspondence (chiefly letters of congratulation on her engagement and marriage and the births of her children, and letters of condolence on the deaths of her parents and of Christopher Soames) has also been catalogued (13 boxes), while next up for cataloguing are the papers relating to her life in the British Embassies in Paris and Rhodesia.
In October 2014 the Centre opened over 40,000 pages of Margaret Thatcher’s personal & political papers for 1984, including materials on the miners’ strike and Brighton bomb.

A substantial additional portion of Lady Thatcher’s papers was received in lieu of inheritance tax in June 2015. The material donated included three handwritten personal memoirs by Mrs Thatcher, all written as Prime Minister and including her 128 page account of the Falklands conflict.

The memoirs and other key documents were opened by the Centre and made available online on the website of the Margaret Thatcher Foundation. The site is free to use and remains the largest contemporary history site of its kind.

Extract from the opening page of the Falklands memoir
In July 2014, the Archives Centre opened the papers of former KGB archivist Vasily Mitrokhin, which comprise his copies of official documents from the KGB archive.

During the year, this material was viewed by 55 researchers of various nationalities consulting 888 files.

To date the College web page for the release has received 8,617 unique page views. This is the highest number of hits yet (at time of writing) for a news or blog piece across the College’s website!
The Archives team, and especially our Archives Assistants, fit in an impressive amount of collection processing work around the demands of a busy reading room and enquiry service.

This year we have spent a lot of time on the papers of Sir Joseph Rotblat. Rotblat was a nuclear physicist who worked on the Manhattan project, until asking to leave the project on grounds of personal conscience. He believed that scientists should always be concerned with the ethical consequences of their work. He became one of the most prominent critics of the nuclear arms race and dedicated his life to campaigning against nuclear weapons. The Rotblat Papers are an extensive collection and this year Amanda Hawkes has steadily worked through repackaging an impressive 63 boxes of files, making them ready to be issued in the reading room. Emily Morris, Gemma Cook and Natalie Adams also re-numbered and retro-converted 800 files in order that the catalogue to the complete collection could be published and searched together on Janus.

We also spend time reviewing and then opening material, especially from our more modern political collections: 48 files from the Hailsham Papers and a further 36 from other collections (including a fascinating set of case files from the Hutton Papers which show the impact of the work of the Cambridge Refugee Committee finding homes for Jewish refugees).

Churchill Archives Centre received a number of new accessions from the Churchill family: papers of Lady Soames, Christopher Soames and Sarah Churchill. These have all been box listed to establish preliminary information about the content. Repackaging work has also continued on Churchill’s Literary Papers (CHUR 4).

Other collections we have been working on include: Lord and Lady Gladwyn; Churchill’s secretary, Patrick Kinna; Chris Child, from Neil Kinnock’s private office; Sir Edward Spears; Enoch Powell; Leo Amery; the Dracone oil barge project.
• **New accessions**: The College Archive received a total of 48 boxes and 88 individual files or items of new accessions during the course of the year, in addition to a number of regular deposits of records that were made by administrative staff. Significant acquisitions included a letter offering the first undergraduate place at Churchill, a selection of Boat Club records ranging from the 1960s – 1990s, files of the former College Registrar, and posters and artwork from the 2015 Spring Ball.

• **Outreach**: In July, approximately 40 former Alumni visited a display at the Archives Centre that was held to coincide with the College’s reunion dinner for students who matriculated between 2003 and 2006. The display showcased archives from the students’ time at Churchill and included matriculation and Spring Ball photographs, Boat Club memorabilia, pantomime scripts, memorable news stories and photographs of student life.

• **Oral history**: This year marked the relaunch of the College’s Oral History Project, which aims to capture the memories and experiences of former College Fellows and staff members. This project is being led by the College Records Officer who in December 2014 undertook a one-day training course in oral history recording at the British Library. To date, appropriate recording equipment has been purchased and the necessary documentation for the future administration of the project has been prepared.
Records Management

- **Policy**: At the beginning of 2015, the College’s Records Management Policy was revised and updated as the first step in a new records management initiative.

- **Strategy**: In the spring, the Records Manager conducted preliminary interviews with staff members from each department in order to lay the groundwork for a comprehensive survey of the College’s records. The objective of these interviews was to gain an overview of the current recordkeeping environment in the College and to briefly review the extent of the records generated and maintained by each department. A report containing a summary of recommendations and an implementation plan was produced to provide a framework for the development of the College’s records management programme in the months ahead.

- **Semi-current records**: Work has begun on tidying up the Semi-Current Records Store (SCRS) that is located on the administration corridor. The aim of this project is to move all non-record material, such as stationery and merchandise, to alternative storage areas in the College. This work will allow for the better organisation and administration of the storeroom and will ensure that sufficient space is available to accommodate the records that departments no longer require to consult on a day-to-day basis.
How many visitors do we get?

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The high number of new readers and increase in daily visits can be partly explained by the opening of the Mitrokhin archive, which has attracted a large number of overseas researchers specialising in intelligence. Usage of the Archives Centre has continued to rise over the last five years in spite of digitisation of the Churchill Papers.
Where do our researchers come from?

Nationalities of readers using the Archives Centre 2014-2015

UK: 324
US/Canadian: 78
European: 68
Other: 39
Joint: 9
Not given: 10
How are our collections being used?

*Excludes the use of the Churchill Papers Collection (now accessed on-line)*

### Top 10 collections by number of readers using them

- THCR  Thatcher papers  66
- AMEL  Leo Amery papers  58
- MITN  Mitrokhin papers  55
- AMEJ  Julian Amery papers  47
- KNNK  Kinnock papers  34
- DSND  Duncan Sandys papers  26
- HNKY  Hankey papers  24
- POLL  Powell papers  21
- NBKR  Noel Baker papers  20
- CSCT  Clementine Churchill  18

### Top 10 collections by number of files issued to readers

- THCR  Thatcher papers  1035
- MITN  Mitrokhin papers  888
- AMEL  Leo Amery papers  435
- AMEJ  Julian Amery papers  313
- FISR  Fisher papers  247
- BORN  Born papers  202
- POLL  Powell papers  191
- KNNK  Kinnock papers  174
- WCHL  Other Churchill papers  168
- DSND  Duncan Sandys papers  144
How many files have we issued?

Number of files issued to readers

- 2013-2014: 7412 files
- 2014-2015: 8068 files

Breakdown:
- Churchill
- Other collections
How many remote enquiries have we dealt with?

Remote enquiries dealt with by the Archives Centre
July 2014 - June 2015

This only includes email to the general inbox, and calls to the reading room phone, and is therefore only an indication of pattern and volume of contacts.
Websites and Social Media: The Churchill Archive On-line

The Churchill Papers are now accessed on-line, both within the Churchill Archives Centre and at 37 subscribing institutions worldwide. The Churchill Archive is published by Bloomsbury Academic. As expected, there was a healthy use of the collection at Churchill Archives Centre (both by researchers and staff). Between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015 there were 6711 records viewed and 6389 searches made (5044 searches from July 2013-May 2014). We are not privy to statistics of usage by other institutions who have subscribed to the product but are exploring ways to find out more about offsite use of the collection.

The digital images of the Churchill Papers themselves are kept behind a paywall, but we also have information about the interest in the site and global usage of the content which is in front of the paywall from the following Google Analytics data. A significant proportion of this usage is generated through online exhibitions and promotion through social media.

Google Analytics (worldwide usage)

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Bloomsbury also continue to commission leading academics to write Higher Education modules and ‘Focus on…’ pieces. These are pitched at undergraduate level and introduce various topics (such as *The Cold War and Nuclear Weapons*) and include links to key documents from the Churchill Papers.
Websites and social media: Churchill Archive For Schools

Pitched at secondary school students, Churchill Archive for Schools is published by Bloomsbury Academic and is freely available to students worldwide. The site content has been written by expert teachers and currently includes 8 investigations (such as *Just how special was the ‘special relationship’ in the Second World War?*) drawing on a range of primary sources from the Churchill Papers. The investigations are designed to encourage students to develop their research skills and engage with the documents.

[www.churchillarchiveforschools.com](http://www.churchillarchiveforschools.com)
Websites and social media: blog news

We have put up 28 posts on the College’s blog this year (accounting for almost a third of the total number – the web editor must be getting sick of the sight of us). Our posts have amassed an amazing 13,691 views between them (almost 10,000 of which were for just one entry, admittedly, on the opening of the Mitrokhin archive). Our posts have included:

- New accessions, including Churchill’s 1918 desk diary and a rare photograph of his wedding cake (taken by the baker herself).

- Opening of previously closed material, such as Vasiliy Mitrokhin’s KGB archive and Baroness Thatcher’s 1984 papers.

- Anniversaries from our collections, such as the birth of the inventor of the jet engine, Frank Whittle, or indeed the 50th anniversary of the Archive Centre’s first accession.

- News of events and exhibitions with which we’ve been involved, such as the Science Museum’s “Churchill’s Scientists”, the exhibition on Churchill and de Gaulle, put on by the Musée de l'Armée in Paris, and the Director’s interview with the actor Robert Hardy, aka Cornelius Fudge, on playing Churchill.

- Particular to this year were several posts marking the 50th anniversary of Churchill’s death. Over the course of a week, leading up to the actual anniversary on 30 January, we put up images of key documents relating to Churchill’s funeral, finishing with the moving farewell from Churchill’s daughter, Mary Soames, telling her “loving, generous father” that she owes him “what every English man, woman and child does – Liberty itself”. This post in particular was very successful, and was the College’s most popular click-through link on Twitter for the whole month.
Support for commemorating events in January 2015.
Support for Chartwell, Blenheim and English-speaking Union public speaking competitions.
Support for new Churchill Central website.
Support for major exhibitions in London and Paris (see separate slides).
Appearance on major TV programmes including *The Nation’s Farewell* presented by Jeremy Paxman (Jan 2015) and *Masterchef* Apr 2015, both on BBC 1.
“Churchill’s Scientists”, which is on at the Science Museum from January 2015 until March 1916, is just one of several exhibitions this year marking the 50th anniversary of Churchill’s death. We have contributed 30 or so scans from our wartime scientific collections and from Churchill’s own papers, including his far-sighted articles on the advances of science, and are continuing to supply a selection of the original proofs from his history of the Second World War, which we change every few months, to avoid damage from light exposure. These proofs reveal Churchill's fascination with the rapid advances in radar and weapons technology which helped to win the war, and also his deep fear of the German U-boats which aimed to starve Britain into submission by attacking merchant shipping. As he said, "The only thing that ever really frightened me as Prime Minister in the war was the U-boat peril", likening it to a diver with sharks biting at his air pipe, and the image which we’re showing here tells you exactly why Churchill was so worried. It is one of a series of Statistical Branch charts from the papers of the economist Sir Donald MacDougall, showing the thousands of tons of merchant shipping lost up to April 1941.

The exhibition *Churchill-De Gaulle* was on display at the Musée de l'Armée at Les Invalides in Paris from 10 April to 26 July 2015. Curated by the staff of the Historial Charles de Gaulle, it explored the two men’s lives and their relationship with each other through a fascinating selection of artefacts, texts, photographs and film footage drawn from collections in France and Britain. The Archives Centre contributed 42 documents and 9 rare books and was the major foreign lender to the show.

The display was visited by more than 53 000 visitors, almost half French and half from abroad.

6 000 catalogues were published.

The exhibition appeared 351 times in media (162 times in newspaper, 151 on the web, 33 on TV and radio, 5 press agencies) and 122 journalists were given tours of the exhibition by curators.

The College staged a successful alumni event at the exhibition on 9 July 2015 (just outside the official period of this report).
New publications using the Archives Centre collections

- *Churchill and the ‘black dog’ of depression*  Wilfred Attenborough
- *The man within: Winston Churchill – an intimate portrait*  Alison Carlson
- *Churchill’s final farewell: the state and private funeral of Sir Winston Churchill*  Rodney Croft
- *Churchill and the Islamic World: Orientalism, empire and diplomacy in the Middle East*  Warren Dockter
- *The Churchill Factor: how one man made history*  Boris Johnson
- *Winston Churchill, der späte Held: eine biographie*  Thomas Kielinger
- *To keep the British Isles afloat: FDR’s men in Churchill’s London, 1941*  Thomas Parrish
- *Down your street: Cambridge past and present. Volume III: West Cambridge*  Sara Payne
- *The Prime Minister and his Mistress*  Oliver Popplewell
- *First Lady: the life and wars of Clementine Churchill*  Sonia Purnell
- *The Kennedys amidst the gathering storm: a thousand days in London*  Will Swift
- *Winston Churchill und die Schweiz: vom Monte Rosa zum Triumphzug durch Zürich*  Werner Vogt
Michaelmas 2014 – Dr David Gill, Associate Professor in the School of Politics & International Relations, University of Nottingham and Research Associate at the Centre for Financial History, Cambridge
Research topic: An unwelcome ali: British diplomacy in the Southwest Pacific, 1945-1956

Michaelmas 2014 – Dr Roland Quinault, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Historical Research, University of London, with award of a By-Fellowship grant by the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust
Research topic: Filial Politics: the influence of Lord Randolph Churchill on Winston Churchill

Easter 2015 – Dr Cameron Hazlehurst, Adjunct Professor at the Research School of Humanities & the Arts, Australian National University
Research topic: The Triumph of Lloyd George: The Political Crisis of 1916
Staff

- Mr Allen Packwood (Director)
- Ms Natalie Adams (Senior Archivist – part-time)
- Miss Gillian Booker (Records Manager & College Archivist – part-time) from Sept 14
- Ms Sophie Bridges (Archivist – part-time from Jan 15)
- Ms Gemma Cook (Archives Assistant) left Aug 14
- Ms Amanda Hawkes (Archives Assistant – initially full time then part time) from Sept 14
- Ms Jana Kostalikova (Conservation Assistant, initially part time then full time) from Aug 14
- Ms Sarah Lewery (Conservator)
- Ms Emily Morris (Archives Assistant) left Sept 14
- Mr Andrew Riley (Senior Archivist)
- Mrs Julie Sanderson (Archives Administrator – part-time)
- Miss Natasha Swainston (Archives Assistant) from Nov 14
- Miss Katharine Thomson (Archivist)
- Ms Louise Watling (Archivist)
- Mrs Anne Woodman (Archives Assistant) from Sept 14, Maternity Leave from March 15
Archives Centre Governance
Archives Committee

- Dr Adrian Crisp (Chairman)

- Professor Christopher Andrew
- Mr Douglas Boubert (JCR representative Michaelmas Term 2014)
- Sir John Boyd KCMG
- Ms Amanda Chen (MCR representative from Easter Term 2015)
- Dr Helen Curry (from Lent Term 2015)
- Professor David Edgerton
- Mr Ahmed El Mezeini (MCR representative Michaelmas Term 2014 & Lent Term 2015)
- Professor Mark Goldie
- Professor Melissa Hines
- Dr Frank King
- Dr Sean Lang
- Mr Anthony Layden CMG
- Professor Simon Laughlin FRS
- Dame Norma Major DBE
- Mr Allen Packwood
- Professor David Reynolds FBA
- Mr Ludovic Sappa Cohen (JCR representative from Lent Term 2015)
- Dr Pieter van Houten
Archives Centre Governance
Archives Centre Trusts

- **The Sir Winston Churchill Archive Trust (SWCAT):**
  Owns and administers the Churchill Papers collection on behalf of the Nation.
  Chair: Dr Alice Prochaska
  - Charity Commission Charity number 1045646

- **The Margaret Thatcher Archive Trust (MTAT):**
  Owns and administers the Thatcher Papers collection
  Chair: Sir Julian Seymour, CBE
  - Charity Commission Charity number 1061822

- **The Churchill College Archives Trust (CCAT):**
  Administers an endowment fund supporting the work of the Archives Centre
  Chair: The Master of Churchill College
  - Charity Commission Charity number 273633

Follow links to Charity Commission website [http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/find-charities](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/find-charities) for further information, names of Trustees and reports, or ask Director of the Archives Centre.
Finance

In the financial year 2014-2015 the Churchill Archives Centre met expenditure of £514,178 from income.

Main sources of income were:

- Drawdown from existing endowments (£274,260)
- Grants from the Churchill College Archives Trust and the Sir Winston Churchill Archive Trust (£94,199)
- Support for the College Archives and Records Management function from Churchill College (£20K)
- Commercial income (£85,539)
- Support from the Wellcome Trust (£28,677)
- Support from Patrons, donors and friends for particular special projects (£11,503)
In the financial year 2014-2015 the Churchill Archives centre received £173,065 in donations.

Largest among these were gifts from:
- Anthony H Wild (alumnus) for the Wolfson Foyer display
- The Daft Family foundation for the Churchill Professorship Appeal
- Gurnee Hart for the Churchill Professorship Appeal
- Michael Lewis (alumnus)
- The Rushbrook Charitable Trust
- Elizabeth Churchill Snell

We are also grateful to the many friends and donors who gave smaller amounts. Without this support there is much that we would not be able to do.
Looking Forward

Work has begun on the Wolfson Foyer exhibition area (and this should open in November 2015).

A lot of time during the year was spent preparing the case for Archives Accreditation, a national standard for archive repositories run by the National Archives. The Archives Centre gained accredited status in July, just after the end of this reporting period.