Annual Report of
The Churchill Archives Centre
2011-12
This was the year in which the Archives Centre attempted to conquer North America, with a high profile display in Ottawa and a major exhibition in New York.

It was also the year that witnessed the digitisation of the Churchill and Thatcher collections.
Conservation of collections

Paper and photographs

- Preparation of Franklin papers for digitisation (flattening, paper repairs, tape removal, etc).
- On-going work on badly mould/insect damaged folios in the Julian Amery papers which are currently unfit for production (deacidification, tissue support, infills).
- Completed work on Pitt-Rivers photographic material, in particular the cleaning and consolidation of highly degraded and delaminating glass plate negatives and the re-housing of film negatives and lantern slides.
- The preparation and mounting of folios (mainly the Churchill papers) for exhibition at New York, Ottawa and Cambridge.
- Other interventive work on the Dickens, Hailsham, Noel-Baker, Churchill additional, McKenna and Jay papers.
Conservation of collections

Audiovisual material

- Continuation of records project to assess, clean, re-house and copy our gramophone records.
- College audiovisual services on-going project to copy audio cassette tapes (and occasional video) from the Thatcher papers and college archive.
- Copying of moving image films in the Edwards papers and the college archive using an external company.

[NB: copying in this context denotes transferring to an electronic format.]
Padded artefact boxes have been custom made for objects in the Thatcher, Klug, Edwards papers and other specialist mounting/packing has been carried out for the college archive.

Protective boxes have been custom made for volumes in the Churchill, McKenna, Lunghi, Jacob and Leeper papers.

Retrospective archival packaging by conservation staff and archives assistants is completed in the Fisher papers and CHUR 3. It is on-going in Roskill, Bevin I, CHUR 2 and CHUR 4 [CHUR 2,3, & 4 are parts of the post 1945 Churchill Papers collection].

The Churchill papers have been moved to the New Wing where conditions are optimal.
Preservation of collections
Buildings and disaster prevention

- We continue to monitor temperature, humidity, light and insects in our stores and overall conditions have been good.

- Improvements have been made to our building management by:
  - Relocating the inergen gas store and upgrading inergen control panel
  - Upgrading the strongroom HVAC with a new controller and adjustments to heating elements
  - Annual deep clean of the storage areas
  - Shelf repairs in strongroom.

- Up-dating of the Disaster Contingency Plan was completed in January 2012.

- The Archives Centre hosted a familiarisation training day for the Fire Service in November 2011.
New material received

Total material accessioned, 2011/12

circa 350 archive boxes

- Including additional papers of:
  Baroness Thatcher, 55 archive boxes
  Sir John Major, 53 archive boxes
  Sir William Hawthorne, 45 archive boxes
  Lord Carrington, 43 archive boxes
  1st Lord Gladwyn, 24 archive boxes.

- New papers of:
  Angus Maude, 12 archive boxes
  Mark Bretscher, 9 archive boxes.
Peter Jay’s archive of 154 boxes has been catalogued and will be opened to researchers in Autumn 2012. It contains particularly interesting material relating to his economic journalism at The Times and later; his career in broadcasting, including as a presenter of current affairs programmes at London Weekend Television and founder of the breakfast television station TV-am; and his time as British Ambassador to the United States.
All of the public and political papers of the Conservative minister Lord Amery of Lustleigh have now been catalogued (132 boxes). Subjects include Amery’s wartime exploits for SOE in Yugoslavia and Albania, work towards a United Europe, and Amery’s ministerial papers 1957-74, from the War Office, Colonial Office, Ministry of Aviation, the Dept of the Environment and the Foreign Office. Work continues on Amery’s extensive correspondence.
In addition to our major cataloguing projects, we have produced catalogues to:

- Papers of Anne Seagrim, Private Secretary to the Duke of Windsor (14.5 boxes)
- Papers of the wartime interpreter Hugh Lunghi (3 boxes)
- Papers of Peter Rawlinson (34 archive boxes)
- Papers of Patrick Jephson (32 boxes)
- Additional Churchill family papers
- Additional correspondence of Leo Amery
- Additional papers of Sir Hermann Bondi

The Archives Assistants have continued with the process of converting our older type-written catalogues so that they can be published online and this year have retro-converted the Lord Lloyd of Dolobran (GLLD) and Cosslett (COSS) catalogues.

Our catalogues and finding aids are available online (see http://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/archives/collections/).
British Diplomatic Oral History Programme

Completed interviews:
- Sir Patrick Fairweather, Ambassador to Italy and Albania, 1992–96
- Sir Paul Lever, Ambassador to Germany, 1997–2003
- John Sankey, High Commissioner to Tanzania, 1982–85; UK Permanent Representative to UN, 1985–90
- Sir Stephen Wall, Head of European Secretariat, Cabinet Office, and EU Adviser to Prime Minister, 2000–04.

Interviews still being processed:
- Alan Brooke Turner, Minister to Moscow, 1979–82; Ambassador to Finland, 1983–85
- Hywel George, Governor of St Vincent, 1969–70
- Anthony Layden, Ambassador to Morocco and Mauritania, 1999–2002; Ambassador to Libya, 2002–06
- Sir David Manning, Foreign Policy Adviser to Prime Minister, and Head of Defence and Overseas Secretariat, Cabinet Office, 2001–03
- Sir Kieran Prendergast, Ambassador to Turkey, 1995–97.
The highlight of the year was the discovery and subsequent digitisation of a film documenting the construction of the college. The film was directed by Dr Andrew Sinclair and has been a focus for college events and gatherings throughout the year. The college archive has also featured in displays for 50th anniversary events and reunions and this has led to further material about early student life at Churchill finding a safe home in the archive.
The Churchill Papers are being published online in autumn 2012 by Bloomsbury Academic (http://www.churchillarchive.com).

So this year has seen collaborative work with our commercial partner to digitise 900,000 microfilm images and tie the images to our catalogue, build and test the website, develop teaching modules based on the Churchill Papers and clear copyrights.
In March 2012 we opened over 35,000 pages of Margaret Thatcher’s personal & political papers for 1981.

(There was a parallel release of key sections of the material on the official website of the Thatcher Foundation.)

Margaret Thatcher quietly took away “doodles” made by President Reagan at a G7 summit in 1981.
Digitisation of collections: Thatcher papers

- A two year project to scan 900,000 pages from the collection was completed in February 2012.

- All items were scanned on site by a commercial partner, Transmedia.

- The project was completed with the support of the Margaret Thatcher Archive Trust.

A Bookeye scanner used by Transmedia
Digitisation of collections: Rosalind Franklin papers

The majority of the Franklin papers were scanned during 2012. The digitised material will shortly join the Wellcome Digital Library of scanned images relating to modern genetics.

Portrait of Franklin, circa 1956

Page from Franklin’s laboratory notebook on DNA structure, 1953
Archives Centre Volunteers

- Max Schapiro (Thatcher Foundation) 5-8 July 2011
- Averil Condren (retired archivist) 18 July-29 September 2011
- Fiona Beresford (Churchill College, Cambridge) 19 October-30 November 2011
- Liz Yamada (Conservation volunteer) from 6 January 2012
- Damian Fletcher (Conservation volunteer) from 12 January 2012
- Harriet Stephen (Anglia Ruskin University) 27 January-23 March 2012
- Christopher Pell (recent graduate of Durham University) 2-5 April 2012
- Michael Beesley (recent graduate of UEA) 23-27 April 2012
- Daniel Adamson (Perse School) 25-29 June 2012
Accessing collections: In the reading room

Number of readers visiting Churchill Archives Centre

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Accessing collections: Use of collections

Top 10 collections by number of files issued to readers

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- THCR Thatcher papers
- AMEL Leo Amery papers
- CHUR Post-1945 Churchill Papers
- POLL Powell papers
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- THCR Thatcher papers
- AMEL Leo Amery papers
- ACAD Cadogan papers
- HNKY Hankey papers
- NBKR Noel-Baker papers
- POLL & AMEJ Powell & Julian Amery papers
- STED Stead papers
- DSND & HLSM Sandys & Hailsham papers
Accessing collections remotely

Remote enquiries dealt with by the Archives Centre July 2011 - June 2012

Postal  Telephone  Email

[Bar chart with data for July 2011 to June 2012 showing monthly counts for postal, telephone, and email requests.]
From July 2011-June 2012 we dealt with a total of 1323 enquiries sent by email, 474 telephone enquiries and 21 postal enquiries. [NB: The collated figures do not accurately capture all telephone enquiries, as many come through individuals rather than general numbers.]

Enquiries dealt with included:
- media enquiries
- copying orders
- specific questions about collections including queries relating to family members, places and property
- requests for visiting the Archives Centre.
Media and publication use

- Scanning of all Enoch Powell’s non-Parliamentary speeches, for use in a collection of essays for the centenary of his birth, ‘Enoch at 100’.
- Use of pulsar charts from Professor Antony Hewish’s papers in a book entitled ‘The Cosmos’ by Jay Pasachoff and Alex Filipenko and in a NHK TV programme entitled ‘Cosmic Front: Pulsar’.
- Use of documents from the Philip Noel-Baker papers and the Viscount Thurso papers in a report on Basque TV on the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Guernica.
- Use of extracts from Alexander Cadogan’s diary in a BBC4 documentary ‘The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II’.
- Use of material from the Rosalind Franklin papers in BBC2 TV ‘History Hunters’ TV programme.
- Use of the Stead papers in ‘Muckraker: The scandalous life and times of W T Stead’ by W Sydney Robinson.
Further media and publication use


- Use of material from the Broadwater collection, Clementine Spencer-Churchill Papers and Randolph Churchill papers in ‘A Daughter’s tale’ by Mary Soames.

- Use of the Churchill Papers, Broadwater collection and additional Churchill collections in ‘Dinner with Churchill: Policy-making at the Dinner Table’ by Cita Stelzer.

- Use of the papers of John Hugill in ‘Ian Flemings Commandos’ by Nicholas Rankin.

- Material from the Noel-Baker and Ernest Bevin papers were used in a Foreign Office Exhibition on ‘The 1948 London Olympics and The Cold War’.

- Facsimiles from an exhibition entitled ‘Camino con Destino’ (walking with destiny) held in Madrid in 2011 were retained and licences extended to be kept as a permanent resource in the library of el Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid.
Promoting Research
The Archives By-Fellowship

- **Michaelmas 2011** - Professor Robert Evans from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, with award of a By-Fellowship grant by the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. Writing a biography of Sir Frank Whittle.

- **Easter 2012** - Dr Paul Corthorn, Lecturer in Modern British History at Queen’s University, Belfast. Research topic: ‘Parties, Politics and Ideas in Cold War Britain’.


- Professor Evans
- Dr Corthorn
- Dr Fedorowich
Stimulating Debate

On Wednesday 22 February, Mr Robert B. Zoellick, President of the World Bank Group, visited Churchill College to give the fourteenth Roskill Lecture, on:

"Modernizing Multilateralism: Learning from Military History"
Exhibiting our Treasures

Key pages from Churchill’s “Some chicken, Some neck” of 30 December 1941, were displayed in the Library of Parliament at Ottawa from March to June, where they were seen by in excess of 100,000 visitors.
Churchill’s Triumphant Return to New York

From June until September the Archives Centre staged the exhibition *Churchill: The Power of Words* at the Morgan Library and Museum in Manhattan, attracting good reviews and high visitor numbers.

- The exhibition was opened by Boris Johnson in the presence of Caroline Kennedy. The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge and the Master of Churchill College were present to represent Churchill College and Archives Centre.

- There was excellent coverage in the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Irish Times*, and the *Sunday Telegraph*, as well as a feature piece on the celebrated Charlie Rose TV show.

- High profile private visitors to the exhibition included members of the Churchill family, Henry Kissinger and the UK Consul General in New York.

- Visitor numbers remained high throughout the exhibition run (averaging 2,500-3,000 a week).

- The exhibition featured Churchill’s Grant of Honorary US Citizenship (on loan from Chartwell), as well as specially commissioned interactive and audio visual displays.
Churchill: The Power of Words
Morgan Library & Museum, New York, 8 June – 23 September 2012
The staffing of the Archives Centre during 2011/2012 was as follows:

- Mr Allen Packwood (Director)
- Ms Natalie Adams (Senior Archivist – part-time)
- Mr Andrew Riley (Senior Archivist)
- Ms Sarah Lewery (Conservator)
- Ms Sophie Bridges (Archivist)
- Miss Katharine Thomson (Archivist)
- Mrs Julie Sanderson (Archives Administrator – part-time)
- Ms Laure Bukh (Archives Assistant – part-time)
- Dr Lynsey Darby (Archives Assistant)
- Ms Madelin Terrazas (Archives Assistant – part-time)
- Ms Bridget Warrington (Conservation Assistant – part-time)

Congratulations to Lynsey on being awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Archives & Records Management (October 2011)

Sarah attended 6 weeks of training on Advanced Photographic Conservation Techniques, commencing June 2012
It is with great sadness that the committee records the death and loss of Mr Iain Sproat, who had served on the committee from May 2003.
The Sir Winston Churchill Archive Trust (SWCAT):
Owns and administers the Churchill Papers collection on behalf of the Nation.
Chair: Dr Alice Prochaska
http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Showcharity/RegisterOfCharities/CharityWithoutPartB.aspx?RegisteredCharityNumber=1045646&SubsidiaryNumber=0

The Margaret Thatcher Archive Trust (MTAT):
Owns and administers the Thatcher Papers collection
Chair: Mr Julian Seymour, CBE
http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Showcharity/RegisterOfCharities/CharityWithoutPartB.aspx?RegisteredCharityNumber=1061822&SubsidiaryNumber=0

The Churchill College Archives Trust (CCAT):
Administers an endowment fund supporting the work of the Archives Centre
Chair: The Master of Churchill College
http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Showcharity/RegisterOfCharities/CharityWithoutPartB.aspx?RegisteredCharityNumber=273633&SubsidiaryNumber=0

Follow links to Charity Commission website for further information, names of Trustees and reports, or ask Director of the Archives Centre for further information.
The Archives Centre Financial Report

- In the College financial year 2011-12, the Churchill Archives Centre used its income and endowments to meet an operating cost of £499,153.14. This does not include the costs of the Morgan Library exhibition, which were kept in a separate project account.
- Significant support in the form of a grant of £10,001 was provided by the College to allow the Archives Centre to balance its books in a very busy year.
- The Morgan Library exhibition account was showing a deficit of £-32,879 at year end, but with further income and expenditure still to come in. The College kindly agreed to write down any deficit on the Morgan Library exhibition in 2011/12, thereby allowing the Archives Centre additional time to raise these funds.
- £21,620 of capital from the New Wing Extension Fund was used to meet the outstanding Thatcher digitisation costs. This is in keeping with the permitted uses of this fund.
Supporting the Archives Centre

- The Canadian display was generously supported by the Toronto Globe and Mail and The Woodbridge Company Limited.
- The Morgan Library exhibition was made possible by Dr Anthony H Wild & Mrs Anna Wild, Mrs Tina Santi Flaherty, the Charina Endowment Fund, Douglas N Daft & Delphine H Daft, The Winston Churchill Foundation of the United States, the J M Kaplan Fund, The Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation, Mrs Barbara Taylor Bradford OBE, Mr Michael Norwich, Mr Adrian Weller & Mrs Laura Weller, Mr Timothy N Wallach and Mr Kenneth W Rendell.
- The Archives Centre is grateful for the time, help and support given by the excellent teams at the Canadian Library of Parliament and the Morgan Library & Museum.