Annual Report of
The Churchill Archives Centre
2012-13
The year began with the completion of the exhibition *Churchill: The Power of Words* at the Morgan Library, New York. The display closed on the 23rd September (though a full report was given in last year’s report).

The Churchill Archive On-line (the digital edition of the Churchill Papers collection) became freely available within the Archives Centre. The digitised papers of Rosalind Franklin became available on the website of the Wellcome Trust.

In January, the office of Gordon and Sarah Brown announced that the Brown Archive Trust would be depositing the Brown archive in the Churchill Archives Centre in due course.

In March, the Centre opened the personal papers of Baroness Thatcher for 1982, the year of the Falklands campaign, and received considerable press coverage.

Rohan McCullough performed her one woman show *My Darling Clemmie* on 18th June.

The Archives Centre was the focus of a Radio 4 Archive Hour programme on Churchill’s record collection. This was recorded during the year and broadcast just after its end on 6th July 2013.

The year ended with the announcement that the papers of Sir Winston Churchill had been inscribed on the UK Register of Documentary Heritage, part of the UNESCO Memory of the World Programme.
New material received

Total material accessioned, 2012/13

circa 510 archive boxes

Highlights include:

- Additional papers of: Duff and Diana Cooper, Professor Antony Hewish, Professor Sir Joseph Rotblat, Sir Edward Louis Spears & Baroness Thatcher

- New papers of: Admiral of the Fleet, Baron Hill Norton, Harvey Thomas (recordings of Margaret Thatcher) & George Legget’s Potsdam diary
Preservation of collections

Packaging

- Major project to re-box the majority of the Churchill papers into best quality boxes completed.

- Specialist packaging carried out for artefacts and large format material in Churchill Additional, Broadwater, Edwards, Ingham, Roskill and college collections.

- Protective boxes have been custom made for volumes in the Churchill, Jay and Leeper papers.

- Retrospective archival packaging by conservation staff and archives assistants is completed in Bevin I, Ramsay, Gordon-Walker, Wester-Wymys and in CHUR 2 and CHUR 3 of the Churchill papers. It is ongoing in CHUR 4 and Roskill.
A major project to survey the entire holdings of the archive centre to identify and quantify the audiovisual, photographic and born digital material has been devised and part completed.

Controlled periods of switching off air conditioning in the storage areas are being trialled this year, ending next summer. This will give us data for improving environmental control in line with new guidelines PD 5454.

The Disaster contingency plan has had an annual update.

Further digitisation of film, audio tape and gramophone records has been carried out this year both in-house and by external suppliers.
Conservation of collections

Paper, photographs and audiovisual

- Dis-framing, removing mounts/tapes, cleaning, mounting/encapsulating and packaging recent Broadwater, Randolph Churchill and Churchill Additional accessions (mainly early photographic)

- On-going work on badly mould/insect damaged folios in the Julian Amery papers which are currently unfit for production (deacidification, tissue support, infills).

- Conservation cleaning and re-housing of glass and film negatives within the Bagnold collection.

- Paper conservation carried out on Hailsham papers in sections 1 and 3.

- Other interventive work on the Leo Amery, Bondi and college papers

- Further wet cleaning of gramophone records in Meitner, Randolph Churchill and Churchill Additional prior to digitisation
In October 2012, the Churchill Papers were published online by Bloomsbury, allowing subscribers to access almost a million images of archive material.

The product also includes a growing number of specially commissioned modules (including several by former Archives By Fellows) written to support undergraduates and linked to key documents in the collection.

Bloomsbury report sales to 22 major academic libraries with 43,065 visits by 24,189 unique visitors consulting 286,754 pages.

And Next year, there are plans to roll out free access to secondary schools in the UK, US and Canada.

Free access is available onsite at Churchill College to members, staff and visitors.

Visit [www.churchillarchive.com](http://www.churchillarchive.com) to find out more.
As well as the large cataloguing projects singled out elsewhere in this report, staff continue to work on processing smaller collections- including the papers of Lord Carrington, Sir Roger Stevens, and Sir Hermann Bondi, the diaries of Phyllis Willmott, and additional Churchill family material, including Randolph Churchill’s personal and family correspondence, a large amount of photographic material and previously unknown plays by Lady Randolph Churchill.

The year has also seen continued progress on retro-conversion and online publication of older catalogues.

Information from the college archive has been used to support ongoing college business such as work on alumni relations and building projects including New Court.

The team has also begun to research the issue of dealing with born-digital archives to prepare for the arrival of Gordon Brown's archive.
In July 2012, work began on a three year project to catalogue the papers of Tam Dalyell. In the first year, a cataloguing strategy has been drawn up and 120 boxes of the overall total of 340 boxes have been completed. Detailed descriptions are now available of the long sequence of chronological correspondence from 1956 to the present day, which covers some of Tam Dalyell’s best known campaigns, including those against the Falklands and Iraq Wars.
Processing collections: Julian Amery

Work is still ongoing on Amery’s lengthy run of personal correspondence, which covers the whole of his political career, but the majority (114 boxes, from the 1940s to the 1980s) has been completed, and is now catalogued in detail, with just the late 80s-1990s to finish.
Processing collections: Duff Cooper

In September 2012, we received over 100 boxes of new papers to add to the papers of Duff Cooper and his wife Lady Diana Cooper. Work has nearly finished on this exciting new accession, which includes letters received by Cooper after his resignation from the Government over Munich, material relating to his work in Algeria with de Gaulle during the war and in Paris as Ambassador to France in the 1940s, Cooper’s literary papers, his family correspondence, including his letters to his mother from the Western Front, and a complete run of his diaries. Besides this, Diana Cooper’s papers include her long and detailed diary-style letters to her friends from the 1930s and 40s, equally detailed travel diaries and material for her autobiography, particularly relating to her and Duff’s time in Singapore in 1941.
Processing collections

British Diplomatic Oral History Programme

Completed interviews:

- Sir Kieran Prendergast, Ambassador to Turkey, 1995-97

Interviews still being processed:

- Anthony Layden, Ambassador to Libya, 2002–06
- Sir David Wright, Ambassador to Japan, 1996–99
Processing Collections: Baroness Thatcher

In March 2013 we opened over 40,000 pages of Margaret Thatcher’s personal & political papers for 1982.

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

A personal plea to President Reagan during the Falklands War which was never sent, 5 May 1982

The letter to Reagan, 5th May 1982

My Cabinet colleagues and I have spent some four hours considering Mr. Haig’s latest proposals. Francis Pym has replied on our behalf but I am writing to you separately because I think you are the only person who will understand the significance of what I am trying to say.

Throughout my administration I have tried to stay loyal to the United States as our great ally, and to the principles of democracy, liberty and justice.
Archives Centre Volunteers

- Alice Fraser (Conservation volunteer) 16-17 July 2012
- Amy Joy (King’s College, London) 6-10 August 2012
- Emily Morris (graduate of King’s College, London) 8-12 October 2012
- Jana Kostalikova (Conservation volunteer) from 10 May 2013
- Brenda Jennison (College Archive volunteer) 2013
Accessing collections: In the reading room

Number of readers visiting Churchill Archives Centre

- 2011-2012: New readers 190, Existing readers 370
- 2012-2013: New readers 161, Existing readers 386

Number of files issued to readers

- 2011-2012: Churchill 1094, Other collections 7891
- 2012-2013: Churchill 515, Other collections 7862

Note: The reduction in number of Churchill files issued to readers is a result of the Churchill Papers being published online in October 2012.
Accessing collections: In the reading room

Total daily visits

Nationalities of readers using the Archives Centre 2012-2013

Daily visits by month
Accessing collections: Use of collections

Top 10 collections by number of files issued to readers

- THCR Thatcher papers: 1203
- CHAR Pre-1945 papers: 377
- AMEL Leo Amery papers: 296
- AMEJ Julian Amery papers: 282
- DSND Sandys papers: 209
- NBKR Noel-Baker papers: 202
- HNKY Hankey papers: 192
- POLL Powell papers: 182
- BGND Bagnold papers: 165
- HLSM Hailsham papers: 164
Accessing collections: Use of collections

Top 10 collections by number of readers 2012-2013

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Accessing collections remotely

- From July 2012 to June 2013 we dealt with a total of 1188 enquiries sent by email, 400 telephone enquiries and 23 postal enquiries.

- 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
Promoting Research
The Archives By-Fellowship

- Michaelmas 2012 – the appointed By-Fellow asked to defer due to ill-health

- Lent 2013 – Dr Warren Dockter, who had recently received his doctorate from the University of Nottingham
  Research topic: ‘Private Secretaries of the Prime Ministers: From Churchill to Thatcher’

- Easter 2013 – the appointed By-Fellow asked to defer due to an unexpected change in personal circumstances
Here is how the BBC described it:

- **Archive On 4: Churchill's Secret Cabinet**
  - Historian Andrew Roberts lifts the lid on Churchill's record cabinet to reveal how music played a vital role in creating the greatest British orator of the 20th Century and uncovers some rare recordings of his unknown speeches.
  - Andrew joins archivists, historians, musicians, even Churchill's own family, to discover how these rapidly disintegrating discs, some of them over 100 years old, offer new clues about his oratorical style. Their survival depends on the fast action of the Cambridge archivists in a race against time to digitise them before they quite literally turn to dust.
  - Already the work in progress has turned up some surprising revelations - including a glimpse into Churchill's very own desert island discs. The apparently unmusical Churchill turns out to be someone who treasures songs of satire, humour and intense patriotism. Andrew is able to glean from these records, valuable insights into that famous titan of British oratory - how it was not just his words, but his unique musical delivery that came to reflect and even embody the hopes of a nation.
- **Presenter/ Andrew Roberts, Producer/ Kati Whitaker, A Juniper Production**
The following publications were among those added to the Roskill Library and are based on research in the collections:

- **Churchill and Sea Power** by Christopher Bell
- **Churchill Style: the art of being Winston Churchill** by Barry Singer
- **Churchill: the power of words** by Martin Gilbert
- **Churchill: the treasures of Winston Churchill** by Christopher Catherwood
- **Engineers of Victory: the problem solvers who turned the tide in the Second World War** by Paul Kennedy
- **Great Contemporaries** edited by Winston Churchill (ed: James Muller)
- **The Last Lion [vol 3]** by William Manchester/ Paul Reid
- **Mr Churchill’s Profession** by Peter Clarke
- **Reagan and Thatcher: the difficult relationship** by Richard Aldous
- **Enoch at 100: a re-evaluation of the life, politics and philosophy of Enoch Powell** edited by Greville Howard
- **Veteran MPs and Conservative politics in the aftermath of the Great War** by Richard Carr
- **Flying roast ducks: recollections of Sir Hermann Bondi** by Paula Halson
Exhibitions

- The documents exhibited in the Morgan Library were safely returned.
- The Centre began planning for a semi-permanent on-site display within the Wolfson Foyer area.
- The Centre agreed to work with the Musée de l’Armée to support their planned Churchill and De Gaulle exhibition, scheduled for 2015.
Outreach
Rohan McCullough’s one woman performance, 18 June 2013

ROHAN McCULLOUGH in
MY DARLING CLEMMIE
BY HUGH WHITEMORE
with grateful acknowledgments to Lady Soames
DIRECTED BY GARETH ARMSTRONG

“My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me” WINSTON CHURCHILL
Archives Centre Staff

The staffing of the Archives Centre during 2012/2013 was as follows:

- Mr Allen Packwood (Director)
- Ms Natalie Adams (Senior Archivist – part-time)
- Miss Francesca Alves (Archives Assistant) from November 12
- Ms Sophie Bridges (Archivist)
- Mr Philip Cosgrove (Archives Assistant) from November 12
- Ms Elizabeth Courtney (Archives Assistant) July-October 12
- Dr Lynsey Darby (Archives Assistant) left November 12
- Ms Sarah Lewery (Conservator)
- Mr Andrew Riley (Senior Archivist)
- Mrs Julie Sanderson (Archives Administrator – part-time)
- Miss Katharine Thomson (Archivist)
- Ms Madelin Terrazas (Archives Assistant – part-time)
- Ms Bridget Warrington (Conservation Assistant – part-time) left January 13
Archives Centre Governance
Archives Committee

- Dr Frank King - Chairman

- Professor Christopher Andrew
- Mr Douglas Boubert (JCR rep Lent & Easter terms 2013)
- Sir John Boyd KCMG
- Dr Adrian Crisp
- Miss Rebecca de Hoest (JCR rep Michaelmas Term 2012)
- Professor David Edgerton
- Dr Mark Goldie
- Professor Melissa Hines (on sabbatical for this academic year)
- Professor Anthony Kelly CBE FRS
- Dr Sean Lang
- Mr Anthony Layden CMG (from Lent Term 2013)
- Professor Simon Laughlin FRS
- Mr Malcolm McBain LVO (to Michaelmas Term 2012)
- Dame Norma Major DBE
- Mr Allen Packwood
- Professor David Reynolds FBA
- Dr Pieter van Houten
- Mr Michael Vella
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: Mr 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.
The Archives Centre Financial Report

- In the College financial year 2012-13, the Churchill Archives Centre used its income and endowments to meet an operating cost of £494,091.
- Significant support in the form of a grant of £10,000 was again provided by the College to allow the Archives Centre to balance its books in a very busy year.
- The final deficit on the Morgan Library exhibition account of £31,849, was met by a very generous donation from alumnus Dr Anthony Wild.
Supporting the Archives Centre

- The Archives Centre has been awarded a grant of £81,696 from the Wellcome Trust to fund a two and a half year cataloguing programme on the papers of Professor Sir Aaron Klug.

- Alumnus, Mr Michael Lewis has generously financed the conference *Faith in Politics* on the subject of politics and religion, which the Archives Centre will host in partnership with Cambridge Public Policy on 12 and 13 November 2013.

- As stated on the previous slide, Dr Anthony Wild has made a generous donation to cover the costs of the Morgan Library exhibition deficit.