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WELCOME TO MARION

Following the resignation of our long serving secretary and founder member, Beryl, at our AGM, I am pleased to welcome Marion Catt into the position.

Marion is a long time volunteer at Chartwell and I know her background and experience will be a great asset to the Branch and the committee.

Our KBO champion this year was John Lee, the second time he has achieved this status, we may need a new trophy as three wins entitles him to keep it, so come on everyone get swatting for next year!..... but well done John.

There was total agreement that a trip to Bletchley Park later in the year should be arranged, so this will be the first item on the agenda for the next committee meeting, so watch this space.

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CHANGES AT BLETCHLEY PARK

The following is reprinted from the Daily Express of 6th March:

“A dark hour as Winston Churchill tribute gets chop”

Bletchley Park’s new chief executive sparked anger by saying Britain’s wartime prime minister was “not synonymous” with the top secret listening post which cracked the enigma code.

Churchill once described workers at the intelligence-gathering station near Milton Keynes, Bucks., as “the geese that laid the golden eggs – but never cackled” such was their importance.

But trustees plan to dismantle the Churchill Collection of pictures, posters, books, pamphlets and busts because they are no longer seen as relevant.

Chief executive Iain Standen has likened the collection to a job-lot of “Charles and Diana mugs in someone’s house”.

The exhibits will be removed and the space used instead to tell the stories of the people who worked at the intelligence-gathering station during the war.

Thanks to Peter Dunmill for pointing this out.

The following is a response from Allen Packwood reprinted from ‘Churchill Chat’

‘The wonderful collection in question is the life’s work and private collection of Mr Jack Darrah. Jack has been a magnificent ambassador for the Churchill world, and for Bletchley Park, and he and his volunteer team have welcomed tens of thousands to his exhibition and through it introduced them to the life of Winston Churchill. I and others am in touch with Jack to offer what support we can, but ultimately the future of the collection will be his decision’.

LEARNING MANDARIN

It's not just youngsters who need to learn Mandarin to prepare for the future.

Here is your Easter guide to help you...don't forget the Brits communicate with foreigners by speaking *louder*:



PHRASE	TRANSLATION
That's not right	Sum Ting Wong
Are you harbouring a fugitive?	Hu Yu Hai Ding?
See me ASAP	Kum Hia Nao
Stupid Man	Dum Gai
Small Horse	Tia Ni Po Ni
Did you go to the beach?	Wai Yo So Tan?
I bumped into a coffee table	Ai Bang Mai Ni
I think you need a face lift	Chin Tu Fat
It's very dark in here	Wai So Dim?
I thought you were on a diet	Wai Yu Mun Ching?
Our meeting is not scheduled today	Wai Yu Kum Nao?
Staying out of sight	Lie Ying Lo
He's cleaning his car	Wa Shing Ka

Next years KBO quiz will have some questions based on this introduction.

复活节快乐
Fùhuó jié kuàilè

Winston is Back....

This was the message flashed from the Admiralty in 1939 following Churchill's appointment as First Lord of The Admiralty.

Never sure if this was 'thank goodness' he's back or 'look out' he's back. However the same message could have gone out to the British public in 1951 following the Conservative victory in the General Election.



At the age of 77 WSC became Prime Minister for the second time, a feat only previously achieved by Gladstone.

His belief in the idea of a 'National'

government may have resulted in his efforts to produce a 'Ministry of All the Talents' as Grenville did following the death of Pitt the Younger.

Unfortunately not all the appointments were a success indeed some were unmitigated disasters. The recall of Field Marshall Alexander from Canada and his appointment as Minister of Defence was particularly unhappy. Likewise the appointment of Monckton as Minister of Labour resulted in the Trades Unions seemingly getting all they asked for planting the seeds of the catastrophic relationship that was to develop during the 60's and 70's for labour relations.

Interestingly the legacy of the previous Attlee government were not radically overturned, there was some de-nationalisation. However the welfare state was very popular and there was no appetite

for diminishing the role of the State for fear of returning to the poverty and unemployment of the 20's and 30's.

The conservatives, with a fairly narrow majority of 17, were therefore content not to make radical changes.

They were also fortunate that the economic conditions moved in their favour with trade picking up as a result of lower commodity prices, enabling them to expand the economy.

There is an argument that had Attlee been able to delay the election until 1952 the result may well have been different (Cleopatra's nose again).

Churchill's personal drive was to re-establish, as he saw it, the place of Britain on the World stage.



Churchill's reputation as a great war leader was still strong around the World. With Roosevelt dead, Stalin now compared to Hitler, the time was right for him to stand astride the World stage.

Unfortunately the British people did not seem to share his concern for the Empire or British overseas power, domestic issues were paramount.

Churchill was to say to his Private Secretary "I could have defended the British Empire against anyone except the British people".

Although his second term as Prime Minister is not perceived as totally successful the legacy of his administration was 13 years of Conservative government.

THE CHURCHILL COMPANION

This new publication published by The Churchill Centre, and edited by Richard M Langworth is a great tribute to the late David Hatter.

David was a steward and room guide at Chartwell for many years and he compiled and self-published a very useful booklet which was later reprinted as *Churchill Facts* and has been used ever since by volunteers at Chartwell to address questions often asked by visitors.

As the editor states: *“Before his death Mr Hatter vested all future rights to his material with The Churchill Centre, hoping it would be re-published - which it finally has, in a new and greatly expanded format. we only regret that he did not live long enough to see the result.”*

Unfortunately I never really new David, but I had the good fortune to hear his talk ‘A Tiger in the Jungle’ which he gave to Chartwell volunteers not long before his death. Despite his illness his sense of humour and obvious great respect for Sir Winston, shone through.

He was a great example to all, demonstrating that fighting to the end, in the true Churchillian tradition, was the best way to handle adversity.

This booklet, which I understand will be available in the shop at Chartwell in the near future, will be an indispensable aid to all Churchillians not just to Chartwell volunteers.



The contents cover most aspects of the ‘Great Man’s’ life in a style that is eminently readable and convenient. The booklet measures 8.25” x 3.75” (no metric here!) so fits easily in handbag or inside pocket.

I don’t know what the UK price will be, but the price in the USA is \$9.99.

I have not read it cover to cover, but have spotted one small error where it states WSC took up residence at Chartwell on 17th April 1922, but if this is all - not too bad.

