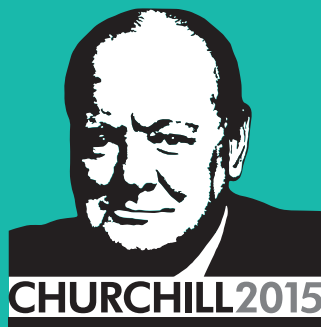


Churchill: Celebrating a life



32nd International Churchill Conference
Heythrop Park Hotel and Blenheim Palace 26-29 May 2015

Churchill: Celebrating a life



What is Churchill 2015?

Churchill 2015 is a unique international celebration of the life and legacy of Sir Winston Churchill, fifty years after his death, sixty years after his final resignation as prime minister, and seventy five years after his 'finest hour' leading the fight against fascism in 1940.

Churchill-related activity will take place around the world to commemorate his achievements, to highlight his vibrant existing legacy, to promote a range of educational opportunities and to bring his life and work to new audiences.

Churchill 2015 follows three main themes:

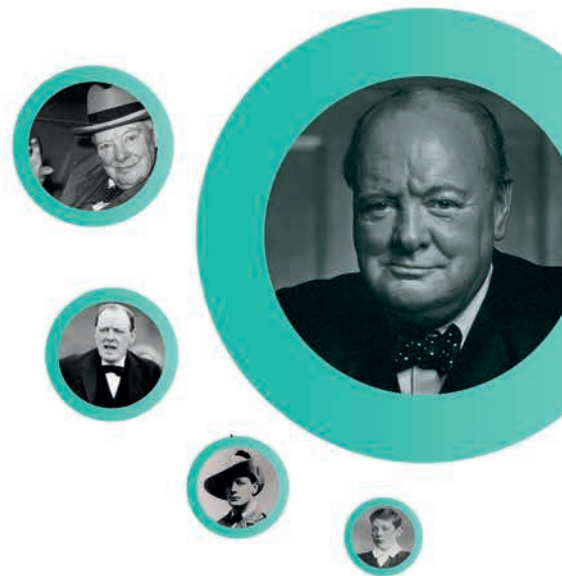
Commemoration, to mark this important anniversary appropriately;

Education, to engage and inspire future generations; and

Legacy, to highlight, develop and enhance the existing work of Churchill organisations in delivering programmes focusing on leadership, debate and public speaking.

The Churchill Centre (UK) is acting as the hosting vehicle for **Churchill 2015**.

For a list of partners and details of some of the planned activities see www.churchillcentral.com.



The 32nd Annual International Churchill Conference affords a special opportunity to mark the 50th anniversary of the passing of Sir Winston Churchill, to reflect on his accomplishments and commemorate his memory.

This occasion also offers a moment to celebrate Churchill's life; to get to know the man behind the legend. By examining the whole of Churchill's life, including the controversies surrounding him such as his role in the battle of Gallipoli and consolations in which he took refuge such as painting and bezique, the conference will illuminate much about the man voted Greatest Briton.

The conference also aims to explore the ways in which we remember and celebrate his accomplishments by considering how he is portrayed in the media and what it means to play Winston Churchill. Does placing him in a historical context alongside people like Napoleon help or hurt his memory? Through the conference we ask you to reflect on how we, the next generation of Churchillians can continue to remember his legacy as we look toward the future.

However, as we celebrate the life of Winston Churchill we must be sure to pause and remember those who have helped commemorate his legacy through the years. The losses of Lady Soames, Sir Martin Gilbert and John Spencer-Churchill the 11th Duke of Marlborough this last year will be felt and remembered during the conference.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the conference is that it unites Churchillians around the world and provides an occasion for us to meet, share ideas, reflect and raise a glass to the memory of Sir Winston Churchill.



Conference *daily schedule*

Tuesday 26 May

1.30 pm Coach departs from central London bringing VIP party to Heythrop Park Hotel

3.00 – 5.00 pm Arrival and registration at Heythrop Park Hotel

6:45 pm Coach departs for Ditchley Park from Heythrop Park Hotel

7:00 pm **Reception and Dinner at Ditchley Park**
Lounge suit/business attire
Hosted by:
Randolph Churchill and Tina Flaherty
Guest speaker:
Professor Ashley Jackson

Wednesday 27 May

10:00 am Coaches depart from Heythrop Park Hotel
– 12.00 pm for Blenheim Palace

Churchill Memorial Day at Blenheim Palace and/or free time in Woodstock

5:30 Coaches return to Heythrop Park Hotel
– 6:00 pm from Blenheim Palace

7:00 pm **Drinks Reception and Conference Buffet Dinner Heythrop Park Hotel**
Lounge suit/business attire
Hosted by:
Celia Sandys
Entertainment:
Gerri Smith, Vera Lynn tribute act

Thursday 28 May

8:00 am **Conference registration opens**

ALL SESSIONS AT THE HEYTHROP PARK HOTEL ARE IN THE MAIN THEATRE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

9:00 am **Welcome**
Celia Sandys
Conference President
Derek Greenwell
Conference Chairman

9.15 am **Tribute to the late Lady Soames**
Craig Horn

9:20 am **Session 1**
Why celebrate Churchill's Life?
Jonathan Dimpleby *Chairman*
Professor Sir David Cannadine
Professor Margaret Macmillan

10:30 am **Tea/Coffee**

11:00 am **Session 2**
The Churchill Factor
Keynote presentation:
Boris Johnson
Lord (Jonathan) Marland to introduce

12:00 pm **Lunch**

1:00 pm **Consolations 1:**
Churchill and Animals
Dr Piers Brendon

2:00 **Try your hand at bezique**
– 4:00pm
Breakout room

1:45 pm **Controversies 1**
Churchill and Islam
Paul Courtenay *Chairman*
Imam Ahmed Abdel-Rahman al Mahdi
Professor James Muller
Dr Warren Dockter



Conference *daily schedule*

3:00 pm	Consolations 2 Churchill and Painting Minnie Churchill	10:30 am	Churchill and Napoleon Dr Andrew Roberts
4:00 pm	Controversies 2 Churchill and the Dardanelles Dr David Freeman <i>Chairman</i> Harry Atkinson Professor Antoine Capet Dr Mark Hamilton	11:10 am	Tea/coffee
6:30 pm	Coaches from Heythrop Park Hotel to Blenheim Palace	11:40 am	Playing Churchill Christian McKay
7:00 pm	Pol Roger Champagne Reception	12:15 pm	Celebrating Churchill in fact and fiction Lord (Michael) Dobbs
7:30 pm	Gala Dinner Blenheim Palace Orangery Black tie, decorations optional Hosted by: The Duke of Marlborough Entertainment: Celia Sandys and Mr Robert Hardy Harrow Songs	1:00 pm	Close of formal sessions Lunch
10:30 pm	Coaches from Blenheim Palace to Heythrop Park Hotel	2:15 pm	Coaches depart from Heythrop Park Hotel for Blenheim Palace
		3:00 pm	Memorial Service, St Martin's, Bladon or tour of Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum
		4:00 pm	Memorial Service, St Martin's, Bladon or tour of Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum
		5:15 pm	Last coaches depart for Heythrop Park Hotel
		6:30 pm	Blenheim Memorial Concert PLEASE NOTE: This is optional and delegates will need to make their own booking

Friday 29 May

ALL SESSIONS AT THE HEYTHROP PARK
HOTEL ARE IN THE MAIN THEATRE

9:00 am	Tribute to the late Sir Martin Gilbert By Laurence Geller
9:05 am	Remembering Clementine Churchill Celia Sandys Sonia Purnell
9:50 am	Churchill and Cuba Professor Hal Klepak

Saturday 30 May

10:00 am	Coaches depart from Heythrop Park Hotel to take VIP party to central London
----------	--

