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## CHURCHILL HALL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER 1988

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Dawn Thomson '86

### HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY CHURCHILL HALL !

-----The Committee decided that we ought to have a special evening on 16th July 1988 to celebrate the Hall's 30th Birthday. Further, we are subsidising the evening so that members will only pay £5 per head (inclusive of wine and buffet). Our expectation is this should be popular - it will be a miracle if it is not!

As your editor, my special plea is that if you know ex Churchillians who may not be members but would like to come along then persuade them to come along and join on the evening. Also to those who have been planning to come along "One year" - please be informed that *this* is the year.

Although nostalgia isn't what it used to be.....this edition of the newsletter is meant to give a flavour of the early concerns of the Hall, the Coat of Arms, the opening, the late 50's sexist attitudes and so on. Perhaps in 1989 we can have a newsletter devoted to the "Entering the nineties" theme - this will depend on *your* contributions.

Our President A.B.R. is not able to be with us on the 16th of July, but he had a previous engagement so we decided to let him off since a). He never was one to renege and b). One evening off every thirty years seems reasonable. However I want to say a special thank you to Alan Reynolds for all he has done for the Hall in the past 30 years, knowing that Alan Rump and all of us endorse this sentiment, See you on the 16th,

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Ed.(Alan Morrell).

The Coat of Arms - "Fiel Pero Desdichado"

As is proper for a godfather, Sir Winston was interested in the possibility of new Halls long before Churchill Hall was named after him. In 1946 the Churchill Appeal made a considerable point of the vital importance of enough Halls of Residence and the Chancellor's introduction to the appeal supported its Objectives with his usual clarity and force: - "It has been my privilege to be Chancellor of this University for the last seventeen years. I have followed its fortunes with constant interest. I have watched its growth - in influence as well as in size - with pride.... It has many natural advantages and a tradition of good teaching which combine to make it of all the provincial Universities one of the most suitable for extension.

*We must not, indeed we cannot, leave the financing of such extensions entirely to the State."*

Churchill Hall has certainly not been left entirely to the State. It is proud to bear Sir Winston's name, honoured that he has followed its fortunes with constant interest and watched its growth, and delighted to hold a number of reminders of his personal concern - a splendid portrait in Hall, on loan from the University, but also a signed portrait presented by himself; his Coat of Arms over the main entrance; a badge made up of items from the Coat Of Arms and, less obvious but more personal, a series of letters showing to what extent he kept the Hall and its members in mind.

About the Coat of Arms there was some difficulty. The Architect had provided a splendid position for it and the Heralds were again helpful - perhaps too helpful, as they advised that the suggestion would more properly be made by Sir Winston and gratefully accepted, rather than proposed, by the University. This led to some misunderstanding but in November 1957 Sir Winston wrote formally to "Request you to put my Coat of Arms over your front door" and all was well. The carving and colouring, beautifully done, took about a hundred and sixty hours of meticulous work and it is therefore surprising that the sculptor's chisel should have slipped, yet, hidden in the stone mantling and certainly not visible in the copy supplied by the College of Heralds, is something remarkably like a "V" sign followed by the three dots and a dash in the Morse Code!

*(Ed. - modifications occurred when the "Lions rampant" were considered to be a little too rampant and, lest they upset the Ladies, were toned down.)*

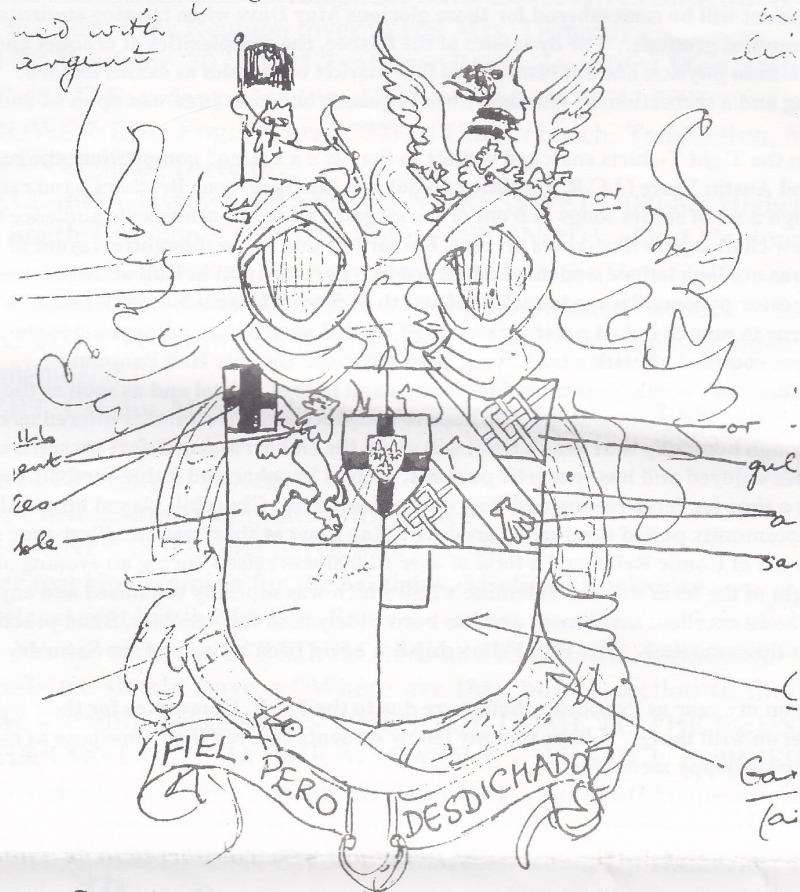
Everyone hoped that Sir Winston would be able to unveil the Coat of Arms and it was hidden under a curtain until he could formally reveal it and declare the Hall open. A programme was printed for the ceremony on December 5th 1958 and may puzzle historians because Sir Winston was unable to visit Bristol. Next Summer he was still unable to come and ambitious schemes for an opening by television failed to mature; but by this time Sir Winston wrote formally to ask the Lord Sinclair of Cleeve, as Pro-Chancellor, to open the Hall on his behalf. The letter, kindly presented by Lord Sinclair, is now framed, with a copy of the Coat of Arms and the signatures of the members and friends of Hall who were present, and makes a pleasing memento of a pleasing occasion. Sir Winston gratefully accepted photographs of the ceremony and would probably have been interested to know that the "Signature" of a popular radio entertainer appears among those of distinguished visitors.

It is a great pity that Sir Winston was never able to visit his Hall and that its members were disappointed in their hopes of seeing him. They sometimes feel that there is, after all, something appropriate about the motto on the Coat of Arms: - FIEL PERO DESDICHADO - (Faithful but unfortunate) - not at all appropriate to Britain's war-time Prime Minister or the University's Chancellor but perhaps partly appropriate to Mr. Churchill in the 1930's. The Hall, similarly, was unfortunate in its failure to entertain Sir Winston but its name, its badge and Coat of Arms and a series of interesting letters more than make up for this temporary disappointment and do not cloud the good fortune of association, not merely nominal but also personal, with a very great man.

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The Arms of Sir Winston Churchill, Knight of the Garter.



by 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Churchill (see other page), 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Spencer & gules, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters a fret or, over all on a

A shield Quartering the Arms of Churchill with those of his Paternal Family of Spencer. - The Shield shows in the first and fourth Quarters the Arms of Churchill, Sable a lion rampant argent with a canton of the last thereon a cross gules; the cross of St. George was granted as an augmentation to Sir Winston Churchill, the father of the first Duke of Marlborough, by Sir Edward Walker, Garter King of Arms, on January 20, 1661-62, in virtue of a Royal Warrant of December 5, 1661, in recognition of his service to King Charles I., as Captain of the Horse, and his loyalty to King Charles II., as a Member of the House of Commons. In the second and third quarters are the Arms of Sir Winston Churchill's paternal family of Spencer:- Quarterly argent and gules, in the second and third quarters a fret or, over all on a bend sable three scallops of the first. George, fifth Duke of Marlborough, was by Royal Licence dated May 26, 1817, and exemplification in the College of Arms on August 7 following, empowered to assume the additional surname of Churchill in consideration of his descent from the first Duke of Marlborough, and to quarter the Arms of Churchill, as here displayed, with his paternal coat of Spencer. He was also granted a Shield to be displayed over all in the centre chief point:- Argent a cross of St. George surmounted by an inescutcheon azure charged with three fleur-de-lis or, being a representation of the bearings on the standard or colours belonging to the Honour or Manor of Woodstock, as declared by an Act of Parliament made in the third and fourth years of Queen Anne and particularly set forth in a Warrant of King George I. dated July 19, 1722. The dexter Crest is that of Churchill:- a lion couchant guardant argent supporting a banner gules charged with a dexter hand couped of the first staff or. The sinister Crest that of Spencer:- out of a Coronet or a griffin's head between two wings expanded argent gorged with a collar gemel and armed gules. Sir Winston Churchill's Arms are shown here as those of a Knight of the Garter and his other orders are therefore omitted. A translation of the motto reads, "Faithful, though unfortunate."

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Letter from the J.C.R. President 1987/88

My first term as President will be remembered for those glorious May Days when tanning students relaxed and "Studied" in every corner of the beautiful grounds. The dynamics of the frisbee, the complexities of croquet and the structure of the daisy competed with quantum physics, ancient history and free market economics as exams loomed. The bar opened less, the bands stopped practicing and a recreational "Playtime" was imposed; but soon June was upon us and we revelled in our freedom.

The term ended when the Tight T-shirts snatched victory in the "It's a Fiasco" competition; the bar provided Pimms at the Holmes garden party and Austin Vince (J.C.R. President 85/86) and his Dangerous Brothers band returned to thud and blunder their way through a set of sixties songs in front of the largest and most enthusiastic audience the J.C.R. has ever seen!

October brought a new challenge as first-years arrived, but largely due to the thoughtful layout of the Hall and the excellent communal facilities, it was not long before students had settled in. Participation in Hall activities was good and I had no difficulty in finding volunteer pyromaniacs to launch £500 worth of fireworks on a November night when over 700 crammed into the Waltham Gardens to munch baked potatoes and quaff mulled wine before adjourning to the J.C.R. for a video disco. A lively Autumn term was rounded off with a traditional Irish night and the epic Hall Pantomime.

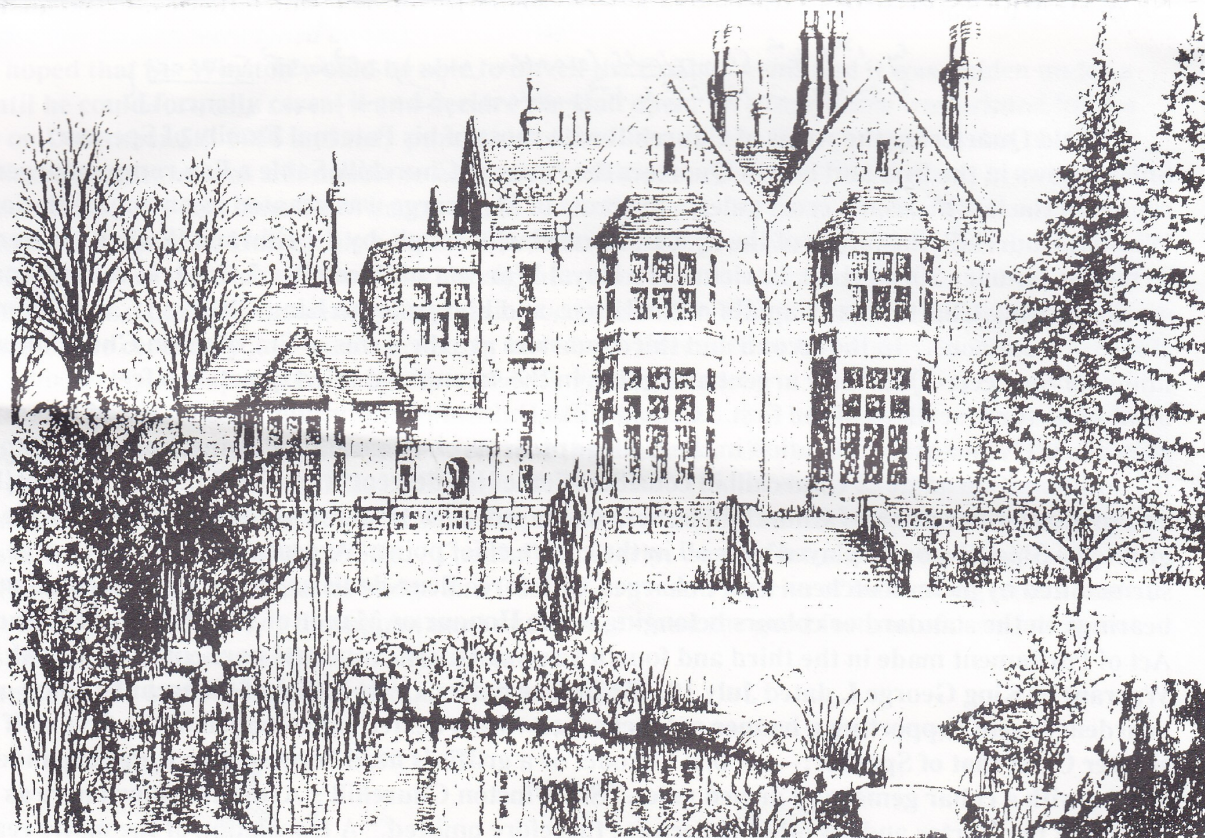
Refreshed from the Christmas break we returned to the rain and hills of Bristol and as soon as the weather eased the Hall football team flourished in their bright new strip. We hope to reciprocate the Hospitality offered us by the Churchill College Cambridge eleven, although hopefully next year's team will avoid the embarrassing defeat we suffered. The Squash and Tennis facilities have been enjoyed and less energetic pursuits, such as Snooker and Table-football, have been popular.

The Spring term was a time for fund-raising and Rag was again active. Churchill played host to the vile beer and cream eggs race and the Hall community pulled together to produce a Rag Float at short notice. First-year students worked hard to put on a special event in aid of Comic Relief and a total of over £2,000 was raised during an evening of music and comedy. Undoubtedly the highlight of the term was the Valentine's Ball which was superbly organised and enjoyed by all. The Hexagon has proved to be an excellent investment and has been widely used for Aerobics, Band practices and Martial Arts, though thankfully not at the same time. The Hall Fellowship has again been active and the Saturday lunchtime coffee bar was appreciated.

Finally, looking back on my year as President, thanks are due to the J.C.R. Committee for their hard work and to the Warden for letting us get on with things. I hope that my fellow students enjoyed their time here as much as I did. If they did, they will certainly leave with happy memories.

STEPHEN HOWELL

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## NEWS OF MEMBERS

COLIN TITMAN(1959-1962) P.O. Box 1, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX13 6BB. Silver wedding this year - hopefully bringing his wife to the Reunion (over to you Mrs. Titman!)

Lt.Cdr. H. FELGATE(Chemistry '70 - 73)

RICHARD FELL(67-68)

PETER ROBERT BOWER(Elec. Eng. 71, grad.'72)

- now with Thames TV - Lighting Director.

JANE S. CRESSWELL (nee Glasgow) and STEPHEN CRESSWELL

Steve still "Nutty" about Computers(Ed. - after 25 years in the Industry, Steve, it drives me that way too!) Jane is in the Home Office.

SIMON C.M. EUEAN-SMITH

(We can start a branch here!) - Insurance, Boxing journalism, 2 daughters sends news of other members:

CHARLES LAMBERT, Crosby, Merseyside has moved from Sports at Radio Merseyside to morning Current affairs.

ANTHONY HARVEY, Teaching in Florence.

NICK BENTLEY, in Cheltenham - Computers (Insurance).

GREG TURNER and JANET in Reading (Greg with Permutit).

DOUG MOORE after teaching training for the Ministry, Mirfield, Yorkshire.

CHRIS NIX (Accountant) and Liz in Morden, Surrey.

Thank you, Simon, - has anyone news of BILL DEANE and ROB HILL for Simon.

NOTE: Simon suggests we should have a "Where are they now?" section to find our friends - (or avoid others?) - I have a modified suggestion - WHEN YOU COME TO THE REUNION AND WANT TO ASK FOR THEIR CONTACT VIA THE MAGAZINE - WE WILL PUBLISH THE NAME IN THE NEXT EDITION along with your address (if you wish) - you get this one for free, Simon, for the suggestion!

NEW MEMBERS: PHILIP COLLINS(84-87)

JONATHON P. COOK(84-87)

JACQUELINE DAVIES(84-87)

IAN EDDLESTON(85-)

GILES MARSHALL(84-87)

Welcome to you all, and I hope we have the pleasure of meeting you on July 16th.

P.S. Peter Richards - the evening was gone before we had time to talk - do come along this year.



It is with deep regret that we inform you of the death of JOHN BUGG, who died in a road accident recently.

John read Chemistry '67 - 70 and spent his 1st year in Churchill. After 2 years teaching, John spent 15 years with British Telecomm where he met his future wife. One of his friends (Simon Euan-Smith) described him as "One of those people who got a lot out of life because he put a lot into it. He had many interests - cars, walking, music and real ale to mention but a very few - and a marvellous sense of humour. He was also a very mature person, totally dependable - in fact you couldn't have wanted a better friend."

At this time all members of CHA would wish to send our heartfelt sympathies to Lynda and their children, Graham and Jennifer.

**CHURCHILL HALL ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 1987**

1986	Income and Expenditure	1987
<b>INCOME</b>		
<u>233.40</u>	Building Society Interest	186.76
	Subscriptions	105.00
	Donation	<u>100</u>
<u>233.40</u>		<u>391.76</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
	Alumni Dues	15.00
	Reunion Subsidy	219.69
<u>44.45</u>	Post and Printing	
<u>44.45</u>		<u>234.69</u>
<u>188.95</u>	Surplus	<u>157.07</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		

54.32	Bank	24.63
3852.68	Building Society	4039.44
800.00	Loan to J.C.R.	<u>800</u>
<u>4707.00</u>		<u>4864.07</u>

**STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS**

<b>SOURCES</b>		
189.95	Surplus of income over expenditure	157.07
44.45	Decrease in Bank Account	29.69
800.00	Building Society withdrawal	
<u>1033.40</u>		<u>186.76</u>

<b>APPLICATIONS</b>		
233.40	Building Society Interest Reinvested	186.76
800.00	Loan To J.C.R.	<u>        </u>



**Our Treasurer (Keith Walton) knows what he is doing! - he says we can afford to offer the fantastic value of £5 a Head on July 16th 1988.**

**"THIRTY YEARS AGO"**

**Western Daily Press(price two pence):-**

**"My Dear Lord Sinclair.- As you will have heard from Sir Philip Morris, I am unfortunately prevented from coming to Bristol next week. Morris is anxious that the new Hall of residence, Churchill Hall, should be opened and the coat-of-arms over the door unveiled. I wonder if you could kindly undertake to do this on my behalf. I should be very much obliged to you. I am indeed sorry that I shall not be with you on Tuesday, and trust that the occasion will be most successful - Yours sincerely, Winston S. Churchill."**

**"There were 481,000 persons registered as unemployed in Great Britain"**

**"Mr. Dulles lies in State" (my favourite headline).**

**"New Morris Oxford - £550 plus £240-14-2 Purchase Tax."**

**"Lady Secretary required - suggested £500 p.a."**

**"Female Petrol attendant, attractive appearance, good prospects."**

**"Classified Advertisements per 3d word."**

**"YOUNG LADY, as Junior clerk, canteen facilities."**

**"Churchill Hall, which when completed will have cost £400,000."**

**Alan Reynolds finds new disciplinary method of "Inviting" students to make a donation to a Charity (alternative is report to University Authorities - no realistic method of discipline exists) - "Lends " £5 to Tony Byrne to do this with - Warden very popular!**

**Ladies allowed in Hall 2 evenings per week and Sun a.m.**