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President's Newsletter Report Summer 2008

Dear fellow Fellows

Welcome to 2008! The ACT CFA committee sends each one of you best wishes for the coming year. May the year bring you fulfilment in your work and may you remember, from time to time, the role that that the Churchill Trust has provided you in the development of your careers and the expansion of your horizons.

As you will all remember, the end of February is the close for new applications for Fellowships to be awarded in 2008. It is not too late to assist able people in your networks in preparing their applications for 2008. The standard of applications in the ACT is very high indeed and over the years we have some wonderful Churchill projects come to fruition. Let's keep up that standard and help those potential Fellows to achieve what we have been privileged to receive.

Your CFA committee is planning to provide you with some opportunities to connect with other Fellows during this year in stimulating and interesting events and opportunities.

These will be announced in the newsletter and also on the CFA website www.churchillfellowsact.org.au . Keep an eye out.

And if you are inspired to help further the work of the trust by supporting the ACT CFA please let us know. There is always room on the committee for new talent, new enthusiasm and new ideas! If you don't want to join the committee but would like us to consider your ideas please call me on 62844030 or email on helen.palethorpe@grapevine.net.au and these ideas will be brought to the meetings for consideration.

Helen Palethorpe

From the Deputy Editor

I apologise for the scanty nature of this month's newsletter. It has proved impossible over the holiday period to contact members and to get any contributions, other than from committee members.

As the editor said in the last newsletter, 'without your contributions we can't have an interesting Newsletter and this is one of our main means of communication within the organization. Just a few lines emailed to Wendy can make a lot of difference'.

In the Papers

Several Churchill Fellows have hit the Newspapers recently:

Lin Hatfield Dodds (CF 2003 - Holistic Poverty Reduction Strategy) in November, 2007, was the winner of the ACT section of Australian of the Year awards. She has worked for 15 years in the community service sector, is president of the Australian Council of Social Services, and national director of Uniting Care Australia.

Lorna Crane (CF2002 -Arts Programmes for the Mentally Ill) and **Berendina de Ruiter** (CF 2002 - Stone Carving) had works in the ANCA exhibition in Dickson to mark 15 years of the studios' operation:

Betty Hermes, widow of **Clarrie Hermes** (CF 1969 - Legal Procedures, Neglected Children) died on 13th December, 2007.

On 6th December 2007, the Canberra Times had a photo of **Ante Dabro** (CF 1982 - Casting in Sculpture) donating his sculpture "Reclining Figure 1986" to the University of Canberra.

Margaret Wright (CF 1991 - Recorder teaching to Children) was awarded a Certificate of Recognition for her contribution to Community activities on the National Day for Older Australians, 2007. She has been volunteering her musical skills to retired people weekly for eleven years, teaching them to read music and play recorders.

The next Churchill Convention

The next convention will be held in Adelaide 3 - 6 October, 2008.
Information will be made available as it comes in.

CFA Drinks on the House, 39th November, 2007

This annual Christmas gathering was a great success, with a variety of drinks, cheeses, breads, fruit and the finest ham in the region! The company, of course, was happy and animated.

Meg Byers made a fine cake and decorated it with two cigars, it being Churchill's birthday. He was born at Blenheim Palace on 30th November, 1874.

Wendy Dodd (CF 1987 - Textile Preservation) read out the speech made by Sir Robert Menzies at Churchill's funeral in January 1965.

Margaret Wright mentioned that as a young Aussie traveller, she had stood for hours in the chilly winter in Whitehall to watch the funeral procession, and often muses on the fact that exactly 25 years later she would be awarded a Fellowship in Churchill's name.

Margaret put together the following account of the funeral:

Within hours of Churchill's death on 24th January, 1965, the government revealed the plans for the Lying-in-State in Westminster Hall, a funeral procession through London, and a funeral service at St Paul's Cathedral to commemorate his remarkable life. These arrangements were the result of twelve years of confidential planning, code-named "Operation Hope Not".

Among the world leaders who attended were 6 sovereigns, five other heads of state and 16 prime ministers.

I was one of the hundreds of thousands of people who lined the streets to watch as the funeral procession moved slowly from Westminster to St Paul's. It was a cold day, and people had travelled from all over Britain to be there.

After the funeral service in St Paul's, the coffin was taken to Tower Pier to be loaded onto a Port of London launch to cruise along the Thames to Festival Pier, and then on to Waterloo Station.

As the launch left Tower Pier, the Royal Air Force gave their final salute to their wartime leader with a fly-past. The London dockers lowered their huge cranes, dipping them down towards the river, as the launch went past - a most moving tribute.

Churchill's coffin left Waterloo Station for its final resting place at Bladon, near Blenheim Palace, on a train pulled by a "Battle of Britain" class steam locomotive named "Winston Churchill". There the State funeral, and twelve years of military planning, came to an end.

In tiny Bladon churchyard, Churchill was buried beside his parents.

Incidentally, Fellows may remember that in 1997, Churchill's last Private Secretary, Anthony Montague-Brown, visited Churchill House in Northbourne Avenue. He had served on the Operation Hope Not committee, chaired by the Duke of Norfolk.

Churchill Quote (with thanks to **Bruce Stark** (CF 1988 - Airport Security) :

George Bernard Shaw to Winston S Churchill: I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play. Bring a friend - if you have one!

WSC to GBS : Cannot possibly attend first night; will attend second...if there is one!