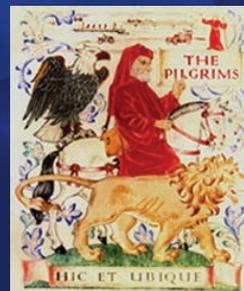


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The Pilgrims' Special Relationship lies at the heart of Justin Welby's address



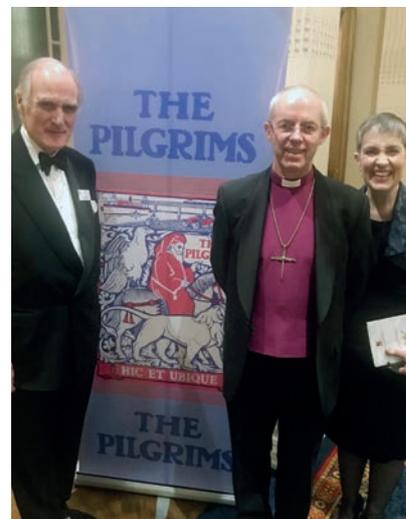
Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

On the 25th January 2018 a Dinner was held at the Cavalry and Guards Club in honour of the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Following the welcome of Pilgrims and guests by Pilgrims' Chairman Dee Dee Simpson, and a formal introduction of Justin Welby by Pilgrims' President Lord Stirrup, the 105th occupant of the Chair of St Augustine began by recalling that he had recently watched the much-praised Churchill film *The Darkest Hour* and remembered having tea with the great man in 1961

when he was only 5. He stated that the relationship between Britain and the USA is nothing if it is not expressed in values. He referred to Palmerston's statement of British foreign policy in the mid nineteenth century: "no perpetual friend and no perpetual enemies". He went on to stress the need to determine the reality and historic values of the UK/US relationship in a rapidly changing world - viz. Brexit, the rise of China and the rise of Africa. The Archbishop stated that the Special Relationship is made up of several strands: spiritual, cultural, economic and military.

Archbishop Welby made particular reference to the parable of the Good Samaritan in St Luke's Gospel and posed the question as to what is the point of the Special Relationship if it is only self-serving? If it draws on the common capacity of both the UK and the USA, then it is something worthwhile. He argued strongly that a truly ethical foreign policy is something that we should aim for. He offered the horrifying statistic that there are now 65 million displaced people in the world compared to 20 million in 1945. Nuclear weapons continue to proliferate which could fall into the hands of terrorists. We are faced with huge environmental problems



Lord Stirrup, President of The Pilgrims with Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury and Caroline Welby

together with protectionism and problems of resources.

Later, the Archbishop answered questions on a wide range of topics: the size of our international aid budget (0.7% at present), President Trump, starvation, poor health, corruption/bad government and worldwide conflicts. Mark Seligman, Executive Committee, delivered a warm vote of thanks to the Archbishop and announced that he has agreed to become an Honorary Member of the Pilgrims.

Help Us Strengthen The Pilgrims for a New Era

*Membership Committee Chairman,
Tristan Elbrick:*

I am writing to ask you to reflect carefully, and to help your Membership Committee, of which I am chairman. Our Pilgrim Society is in pretty good health. Yes, we have a membership which reflects a wonderfully broad range of interests. Yes, members are supportive of the Anglo-American relationship, true to the Society's purpose. But as chairman of the Membership Committee, I am asking each and every Pilgrim to join in making the Pilgrims something more.

While we have a loyal membership true to our founding principles, that is not enough. Among the generations represented, there is a strong skew to those with deep knowledge and long careers. We are extremely fortunate to have experienced leaders and decision-makers in our midst: but naturally we would want to add members who are at the beginning and middle of their potential impact on the Anglo-American relationship, too. While we have female and male members, women are under-represented. In traditional walks of life, we are well covered. But that is not true for newer areas of interest, many of them visibly informing the evolving US-UK relationship. These include artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and digital media, to name just three. In summary, diversity is not where it should be among our Pilgrim ranks, on any optic. I must stress that our Membership Committee is not interested in diversity for its own sake: but with a specific objective - to enrich the Pilgrims dialogue and experience



Photo credit: Xanthe Elbrick

Tristan Elbrick

for all members. My message here is a simple but profound one: The Pilgrims today does not adequately reflect the diversity of modern talents underpinning the Anglo-American relationship.

How can you help the Membership Committee? Please think of a young person, in their 20s, 30s, 40s, whether family or friend, who would enjoy being part of what we do: the Anglo-Indian software programmer, the female trade negotiator, the Manchester music executive, the young diplomat, the GCHQ cybersecurity guru with African roots. Please think of these and more. But also please suggest names to the Membership Committee of people you don't know well enough (yet) to propose, but whom you believe

to be potential Pilgrims in the near future. Even just triggering the idea will really help us. To put the objective another way: if you have been a Pilgrim for more than 2 years and have not yet proposed or suggested a candidate or two, whether within your family or beyond, we would like you to consider changing that this year. We want your best ideas, and we want to make sure that The Pilgrims continues to be reflective of the best of modern Britain in support of fellowship with the United States.

Why do I care about this personally?

We Pilgrims usually explain our support for the Society by citing aspects of birth, education, family and friendship, and the many opportunities we have enjoyed which

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cont.> result from Anglo-American goodwill. Examples would include post WW2 peace in Europe, successful trade and commerce, travel, and even entertainment from our combined film industry efforts. The actual range is huge. Pilgrims' individual stories cover a spectrum of constructive exchanges which all give substance to our vision and mission as Pilgrims.

My own story has Anglo-American goodwill at its very heart. For I was born a dual national, grandson of two diplomats who coincided in Washington, representing the United States and the United Kingdom respectively from the aftermath of WW2. Both were devoted proponents of international dialogue, and closely involved in the formation and development of the United Nations, NATO and other international organisations. Each pursued that careful balance between serving national interests and developing international understanding.

My father preferred not to follow the family tradition of attending the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, instead receiving an officer commission in the US Marine Corps, at Quantico, VA. Later based in London, he turned to family friend and former British Ambassador to Washington, Lord Caccia, for advice on educating his children in Britain. Harold Caccia was then Provost at Eton, luckily also the most convenient school for Atlantic crossings from Heathrow. After Eton, I went on to read Greats at Brasenose College, Oxford, inspired at the age of 9 by 'Supermac', Harold Macmillan. After 5 years in the City with Lazard and Nomura, I went on to study for an MBA at Harvard, returning to entrepreneurial London finance

in 2002. Throughout this journey, I have always enjoyed the constructive trans-Atlantic goodwill resulting from the long efforts of others, which has opened doors and accelerated trustful relationships.

My sisters Sophie, Alexia and Xanthe now live in Manhattan NY, Princeton NJ and Gettysburg PA, and my parents keep a house in upstate New York, not far from the massacre at Cherry Valley portrayed in the opening of Fenimore Cooper's 'Last of the Mohicans'. That house is a rarity in modern America, being built on land we have held since the 1760s and which (surprisingly recently) lay on the western frontier of the US. Other fun ancestral connections with North America include: the recipient of Charles II's charter to found Rhode Island as a colony; artist Eastman Johnson, co-founder of New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art; Clara Harris, guest of the President and First Lady at Ford's Theatre when Lincoln was assassinated; several intrepid admirals, among them the founder of US Naval Aviation (whose efforts enabled the US carrier fleet to take shape and become a tool of US military deployment).

Some of my personal touch-points with America have bright colours, and some will perhaps amuse. But every Pilgrim will appreciate a theme we all share: of past, current and future constructive experiences and opportunities derived specifically from the Anglo-American relationship.

Today we face a seismic shift, being labelled the 4th Industrial Revolution. We can expect a fusion of new technologies to blur lines between

physical, digital and biological spheres, and in the years ahead there will be breakthrough developments in robotics, artificial intelligence, blockchain, nanotechnology, quantum technology and biotechnology. This will be an exciting, threatening and promising era, which will redefine the relationship between humans and machines. From a Pilgrims perspective, it's a reasonable assumption that US and UK goodwill will never have been so important, as we face these changes.

That is the immediate context. So, I ask you now to consider very carefully who you can bring forward as a potential member of the Pilgrims. If we enhance the diversity of our Society by age, gender, birth, background, education and skills, we will have strengthened the mission-readiness of our Society for a new era, while ensuring the quality of experience we each enjoy.

NEW MEMBERS NOVEMBER 2017 AND FEBRUARY 2018

Wendy, Countess of Caledon

Lieutenant General Andrew Figgures

Lord Kakkar

Gareth Neame OBE

Ian Dalzell

James Stoddart

Jason McCaughey

Michael Wellman

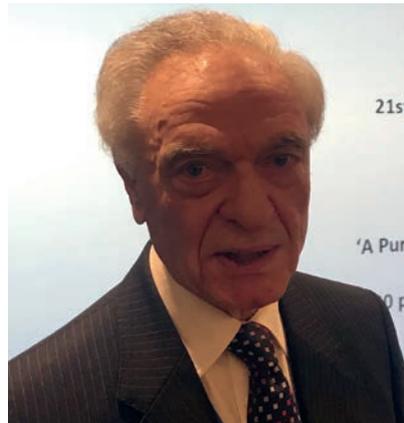
Simon Urry

Mrs Sophie Muir Rothschild

Ms Marykay Fuller

Sir Bob Reid

Sir Frederick Crawford looks back on a remarkable and versatile career full of high achievement



Dee Dee Simpson, Chairman of The Pilgrims and Sir Frederick Crawford, DL

Sir Frederick began by explaining his apparently contradictory title “A Purposeful Random Walk through Life” and stressing the importance of preparing purposefully for the future even though this might involve activities from which one might be randomly distracted. His own career began with an engineering apprenticeship and part-time degree studies followed by twenty years of plasma research. At one point he failed by just two votes to become the President of the National Union of Students. In 1958 Sir Frederick was presented with the Observer Mace in that newspaper’s sponsored university debating competition which then led to a debating tour of the USA.

From 1960 to 1980, Sir Frederick held a professorship at Stanford University

followed by a period as Vice-Chancellor at Aston University (1980 - 1996) where he was responsible for a major restructuring programme and went on to establish a new element of the Criminal Justice system - the Criminal Cases Review Commission (1996 - 2003).

At question time Sir Frederick dealt with complex matters such as university education in Britain and the US and the need for more apprenticeships in this country, university endowments, the importance of mathematical studies in schools and universities and whether we make our own luck in life. Executive Committee member Tristan Elbrick thanked Sir Frederick for his excellent discourse on a very distinguished and versatile career and presented him with the customary Pilgrims’ tie and official history.

Forward Programme 2018

Wednesday 27th June

Snapchat talk with Sir George Zambellas GCB, DSC, FRAeS, DL ‘Technology - Evolution, Revolution and Replacement’

Sir George will tease out the advances in technology that some fear and others welcome, and rather bravely predict where we humans and our ways of life will end up.

Naval Club, 38 Hill Street, Mayfair, London, W1J 5NS

12.45 for 1.00pm until 2.00pm.

£12.00 £12.00 including tea/coffee/biscuits*

Thursday 5th July

Private tour of the Royal Hospital Chelsea followed by lunch and a tour of the Chelsea Physic Garden

9.45am - 3.00pm £48.00

Wednesday 11th July

Snapchat talk with Dr Simon Targett and book signing of his new book New World, Inc: How English Merchants Founded America and Launched the British Empire

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Frederick Kempe presents his view of the uncertain global situation



Frederick Kempe

A Pilgrims' Luncheon at the Naval Club was addressed by Frederick Kempe, President and CEO of the Atlantic Council on the 26th February 2018.

Frederick Kempe began by saying that he would be concentrating on five main areas: the major power conflict between the USA, Russia and China, the position of the USA in world affairs, the concept of Western democracy, the breakdown of the global system and technological change.

On the subject of major power conflict, Mr Kempe believed that war between the USA and Russia was not unthinkable. Interstate conflict was a big risk ie Iraq, Iran, Syria and Saudi Arabia. US leadership in the world was under threat, as was the whole concept of the global community. This uncertainty over US leadership predated Donald Trump and would outlive his presidency. Western-style democracy

was under attack all over the world and there has been a breakdown in the global system. Furthermore, he felt that we are at the beginning of an era of massive technological change - the so-called fourth industrial revolution. Mr Kempe emphasised that we must develop a shared understanding of these threats and create a common response. Paraphrasing Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*, he concluded by saying that "We live in the best and worst of times".

Question time brought such topics as China's role and position in the world, the role of international institutions and the development of new institutions, his view of Donald Trump and the rise of nationalism, populism, xenophobia and racism in Europe. In his warm vote of thanks, Pilgrims' Vice-President Ron Freeman thanked Frederick Kempe for his masterly survey of world problems and presented him with the customary Pilgrims' tie and official history.

Forward Programme 2018

Wednesday 18th July

Snapchat talk with Professor Nick McCave, Emeritus Woodwardian Professor of Geology at Cambridge University
Climate change and the Oceans: taking the long view.

Naval Club, 38 Hill Street, Mayfair, London, W1J 5NS. 12.45 for 1.00pm until 2.00pm. £12.00 including tea/coffee/biscuits*

Monday 15th October

Annual Meeting and Sir Harry Brittain Memorial Lecture

by Dame DeAnne Julius DCMG CBE. K&L Gates LLP, One New Change, London, EC4M 9AF. 6.00 pm followed by a reception £18 per person and optional supper nearby (price and location TBC).

Wednesday 14th November

Thanksgiving Evensong

Temple Church 5.30pm followed by drinks in the Round Church. Family and friends welcome. There will be a voluntary collection for the Temple Church and The Pilgrims.

** In an effort to introduce new, quick, less expensive events, lunch will not be served at snapchats. You are welcome to make your own lunch reservation at the Naval Club to be taken after the Snapchat by calling 0207 5295604 (limited availability).*

Hamilton – An American Musical



Alexander Hamilton musical

On 6th March 2018, a group of 190 Pilgrims and guests attended an evening performance of Hamilton at the Victoria Palace Theatre.

Alexander Hamilton (1757-1804), the first Secretary of the US Treasury, is one of the most important yet strangely neglected figures in American history. In 2015, Hamilton - An American Musical, premiered on Broadway to enormous audience enthusiasm and won 11 Tony Awards, as well as the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Grammy Award for Best Musical Theatre Album.

Like the immortal Al Jolson, Hamilton is a unique experience through which you have to live. This remarkable confection of hip-hop, rhythm and blues, pop music and soul music has a mesmerising

effect on audiences. This is very much a collaborative effort and a triumph of theatrical teamwork. It seems almost invidious to single out contributions, ie Lin-Manuel Miranda's book, music and Lyrics, Thomas Kail's direction, Alex Lacamoire's music supervision and orchestrations and Andy Blankenbuehler's choreography. Then there is the cast - Jamael Westman and Ash Hunter as Hamilton, Obioma Ugoala as Washington, Jason Pennycooke as Thomas Jefferson and the Marquis de Lafayette, Giles Terera as Aaron Burr and Michael Jibson as King George III.

To attend a performance of Hamilton is to be in the presence of theatre history. Perhaps once in a half century a theatrical earthquake occurs with an overwhelming effect on audiences.

Hamilton - An American Musical - is such an event. Connoisseurs of theatre are always looking for the Holy Grail and now they have found it. Go and see Hamilton as soon as possible.

P.S. At the Olivier Awards, Hamilton went on to win 7 categories.

IN MEMORIAM

Sir Gordon Brunton

Graham Corbett

Sir Alan Dawtry CBE TD

Dr Cyril Nemeth

Lady Reid

Sir Cyril Taylor GBE

***Admiral Sir John Treacher
KCB***

Stephen Waterhouse

Danny Finkelstein speaks with his customary vigour and humour on the art and practice of politics



Lord Finkelstein

Lord Finkelstein addressed a Pilgrims' luncheon in Dining Room A of the House of Commons on the 3rd May.

Danny Finkelstein is one of those rare beings who speaks as well as he writes and, on this occasion, he attained full expectations with his wit and his incisive insight into the workings of the Westminster and Whitehall systems. He began by drawing comparisons with football statistics and the unreliability of expert forecasts. He went on to apply economic theories such as loss aversion and the contrast effect to political situations. He cited examples using then-Chief Whip Andrew Mitchell, Chancellor Philip Hammond, Ed Milliband during the 2015 general election and Jeremy

Corbin in the 2017 general election.

Question-time produced a number of questions relating to Jeremy Corbyn's actual competence as party leader and potential Prime Minister, the effect of President Macron on world affairs, the inevitable focus on Donald Trump and the misbehaviours of certain rebel members of Parliament in both Houses. The whole proceedings were chaired with great gusto and competence by Baroness Bottomley. Thanks were also given to Lady Owen for helping to organise the speaker.

Adam Boulton offers his assessment of the current state of the Anglo-American Relationship

On 14th May 2018 Pilgrims and guests gathered at the residence of fellow-Pilgrim Peter Felix and his wife to hear the distinguished journalist Adam Boulton, who has spent the bulk of his career at Sky News, speak on the US/British relationship.

Adam Boulton traced the relationship from the years of Churchill and FDR in the period 1940-45, through the Thatcher/Reagan years in the 1980's into the 1990's/2000's with Blair/Clinton and Blair/Bush to the present with May/Trump. Since 1945, successive British prime ministers have sought to maintain the relationship with the occupants

of the Oval Office - some with more notable achievement than others. Mr Boulton emphasised that Brexit and the election of Donald Trump (both in 2016) had altered the political landscape for both Britain and the USA.

At question time, led by Pilgrims' Chairman Dee Dee Simpson, Adam Boulton (a fellow-Pilgrim) covered such important topics as defence, intelligence, high technology - essential parts of the relationship along with the culture, industry and common values. Iran, North Korea, the role of China. Boris Johnson, Donald Trump and Theresa May also figured in the discussion. Adam



Adam Boulton

Boulton was thanked for his masterly analysis and presented with the customary tie and book.

A very special thanks to Peter and June Felix for their kind hospitality.

News from The Pilgrims of the United States



L-R Thomas L. Pullin, Sir Kim Darroch, Miner Warner

Sir Kim Darroch KCMG, Ambassador of the United Kingdom, presented his credentials to President Obama in 2016. His diplomatic career spans three decades and has been primarily focused on national security issues and European Union Policy. He was the guest of honour at a reception held at the Racquet and Tennis Club on December 13th 2017.



Mrs Franklin D. (Tobie) Roosevelt, Jr. Lord Stirrup, UK Pilgrims' President, Miner H. Warner Pilgrims' US President.

The Lord Stirrup KG GCB AFC ADC, is the former Chief of UK Defence Services and is the president of The Pilgrims UK. He became Chief of the Air Staff in 2003 and then Chief of the Defence

Staff, serving in the latter post until 2010, a longer period than any of his predecessors since Lord Mountbatten. He was the guest of Honour at a reception held at the Racquet and Tennis Club at April 9th 2019.



James Zirin, former Prime Minister of Australia The Hon Kevin Rudd, Miner H. Warner Pilgrims of the US President

Kevin Rudd was Prime Minister of Australia (2007-2010, 2013) and foreign minister (2010-2012). He is now president of the Asia Society Policy Institute, headquartered in New York. He was the guest of honour at a reception held at The University Club on January 31st 2018.



The Hon Thomas Kean presents the Medallion for Service to the Nation to The Hon Ash Carter

At the US Pilgrims 115th Annual Meeting on May 11th 2018, Ash Carter was presented with the Pilgrims of the United States Medallion for Service to the Nation. He was US Secretary of Defence (2015-2017). For over 35 years, Ash Carter has used his experience in national security, technology and innovation to defend the United States.

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