



CHRISTOPHER ANDREW EXAMINES THE UNIQUE INTELLIGENCE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE USA

Christopher Andrew, Professor of Modern and Contemporary History at Cambridge University and official historian of MI5, gave the 19th Sir Harry Brittain Memorial Lecture to a capacity audience of Pilgrims at the US Embassy on 1 October.



*Admiral Lord Boyce
with Professor and Mrs Christopher Andrew*

Professor Andrew paid tribute to the work of the Pilgrims and the lifetime achievements of Sir Harry Brittain in the fostering of Anglo-American relations. Britain and the USA had shared more secrets than any other two nations in world history. Their World War II alliance had cemented an intelligence relationship that had started in World War I. Walter Hines Page, US Ambassador to Britain 1913-18, was very impressed by the British intelligence officers whom he met, especially the Admiralty code-breakers who were responsible for decoding the infamous Zimmerman Telegram of 1917. In this Germany had proposed an alliance with Mexico aimed against the USA, one of the principal factors that brought America into the war in April 1917.

The USA was neutral for the first two-and-a-quarter years of the Second World War. However, during this period Churchill shared important intelligence secrets with Roosevelt.

Following Pearl Harbour, the British/US intelligence relationship was unique. The OSS, the precursor of the CIA, had complete access to the British security system which included the *golden eggs* – Churchill's words – provided by the legendary code-breakers of Bletchley Park, whose crucial work has been credited with shortening the 1939-45 War by two years.

The Anglo-American intelligence alliance played a very important role in the Cold War between 1946 and 1989. The Cuban missile crisis of October 1962 was a textbook alliance of how superior Anglo-American intelligence gathering prevented a third world war. The Soviet defector Colonel Oleg Penkovsky, recruited and run as a double agent by both MI6 and the CIA, was instrumental in obtaining photographs of top-secret documents relating to Soviet missiles being placed in Cuba. Throughout the entire Cold War the unique Anglo-American security relationship was of inestimable importance in providing victory for the West.

Christopher Andrew displayed his skills as an outstanding expert on all intelligence matters in handling questions from the floor. These included the role of Wikileaks in the uncovering of secrets; Britain's role in the establishment of the CIA in 1947; the impact of technology on the maintenance of secrets as well as the importance of disinformation; the contribution made by such Soviet defectors as Oleg Gordievsky, and Britain's ability to keep secrets – D-Day being a prime example. Further questions included the presence of pro-Soviet traitors in the Labour Party in the early 1960s, the damage caused to Anglo-American intelligence relations by atom spies such as Klaus Fuchs and double agents such as Philby, Burgess and Maclean, and the importance of human relationship in intelligence work.

Pilgrims' Chairman Ronald Freeman thanked Christopher Andrew for his masterly and fascinating discourse.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LETTER

Meetings to promote Anglo-American good fellowship

It is helpful and interesting when Pilgrims offer to speak or can make available a fine place for a meeting. Thanks go to all who have. It helps to bring variety to the programme. I am grateful to each of our colleagues who kindly contribute to the meetings of the Programme Committee.



Admiral Lord Boyce, President, Sir Peter Bottomley MP, Chairman of the Programme Committee, and Robert Alston, Chairman of the Membership Committee, at the 2012 Annual Meeting

In particular, we have been most grateful to the Ambassador and his colleagues for hosting meetings in the US Embassy, Grosvenor Square – perhaps the most appropriate place for fellowship?

Some of the expeditions away from London are to houses and gardens built or made famous in previous centuries. One that was not was the trip up the social housing block to learn about and to look down on the Olympic Park long before its impressive completion.

Up-to-date talks are often linked to new books. Andrew Marr was excellent on *The Queen*. How constant broadcasters manage to finish books on top of their day work is beyond me.

Martin Bell talked on current events, illustrated with his verses. During his term as an MP, he and I tried and failed to sort out behaviour which became better known during the expenses scandal. We can admire him most for his straight descriptions of the service and sacrifice of those in our armed forces. It sent me back to Kipling's poetry.

An innovation was the gathering at the Palace of Westminster of newish members with some who serve as the Society's officers or on committees.

Please let us – Tessa Wells or me – know what you would like considered for inclusion in the events list. We want to offer a range of types of meetings. One of the US election panels was without cost. The range of lunches, receptions or dinners should make it possible for every Pilgrim to include themselves several times each year.

Within the Cities of Westminster and London, we do cope as best possible with rising charges and the commercial imperatives at favoured places. We shall be considering the times and types of gatherings which are most attractive and relevant to younger Pilgrims. Ideas and proposals are welcome.

We are happy to welcome members of the Pilgrims of the US when they are resident in London or visiting from across the Atlantic.

Some of the most cheerful talks are by a fellow Pilgrim on a topic or person who has mattered to them. Even fifty or sixty years on it is fascinating to hear about the dealings between President and Prime Minister, such as Sir Peter Marshall's reminiscences of working with Sir Roger Makins. It was Sir Peter who kindly greeted my family in Washington DC at the station – then travel could be by liner and train.

In addition to political and diplomatic ties, our shared cultural, literary and military links provide a wide field in which to create the programme. Commerce and financial services too are great links.

My own background was built on travel with diplomatic parents. My father had nearly five years in the Capital and in New York at the UN. Visiting our previous family home near Washington cathedral, the owner sensibly asked for my ID. When I asked why he was cautious, he said he was the Commissioner for the Internal Revenue Service and was wondering if I was a taxpayer.

Perhaps he would be a draw here if he visits?

Sir Peter Bottomley MP
Chairman of the Programme Committee

APPOINTMENT OF NEW HONORARY CHAPLAIN

At the Annual Meeting on 1 October, the Reverend Robin Griffith-Jones, Master of the Temple, was appointed Honorary Chaplain in succession to the Right Reverend David Conner, who has retired.



After leaving New College, Oxford in 1978, Robin Griffith-Jones worked at Christie's. After working, 1984-6, with Mother Theresa's Sisters in India and with the long-term homeless in London, he returned to university to study theology. He served as a curate in outer Liverpool 1989-92 and as Chaplain at Lincoln College, Oxford, 1992-99; while at Oxford he was also College Lecturer in Theology for Exeter College. He was appointed Master of the Temple at the Temple Church in 1999 and is a visiting lecturer in Theology (New Testament) at King's College, London. He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

Robin Griffith-Jones is the author of *The Four Witnesses* (Harper San Francisco, 2000); *The Gospel according to Paul* (Harper San Francisco, 2004); *The Da Vinci Code and the Secrets of the Temple* (SCM and Eerdmans, 2006), and *Mary Magdalene* (in the USA, *Beloved Disciple*, Harper One and SCM, 2008).

NEW MEMBERS, SEPTEMBER 2012

L Lee Bowman
Dickinson Cowan
Daniel E Draper
Sir John Guinness CB
Joseph Johnson MP
Andrew Storey
James Virgin

Membership applications forms are available from the office

ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OCTOBER 2012

Diane Simpson (Dee Dee) is from Dayton, Ohio.



She received an AB from Dartmouth College and a Master's from the University of Virginia. She has been a legislative aide to a Senator, a diplomat, and an editor at the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Resident in London, Dee Dee Simpson is Chairman of the Fundraising Committee and a Trustee of the International Rescue Committee UK, and also sits on the Warwick Ward Westminster Safer Neighbourhoods Panel and the Committee of the Friends of Westminster School. She is Secretary to the Trustees of Dartmouth College Trust and sits on Dartmouth's Alumni Council.

Dee Dee Simpson sits on the Programme Committee.

Sir Stephen Wright KCMG is Senior Adviser at the Good Governance Group (G3) and at Mitsui Europe plc.



Sir Stephen retired in 2008 as British Ambassador to Spain after a distinguished career as a diplomat.

Sir Stephen studied Modern History at The Queen's College, Oxford. He and his wife Abbey live in Wandsworth. His recreations include music, books and rowing.

Sir Stephen sits on the Programme Committee.

SIR PETER MARSHALL PRESENTS A GROUNDLING'S VIEW OF A CRUCIAL PERIOD IN BRITISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS

Undoubtedly one of the outstanding diplomats of his generation, Sir Peter Marshall is able to bring clarity of vision and understanding to the solution of complex problems. His diplomatic career stretched from 1949 to his final appointment as UK Permanent Representative at the United Nations in Geneva, 1979-1983. Sir Peter has been a member of the Pilgrims since 1984 and served for many years on the Executive Committee.

Sir Peter chose to reminisce about his time in Washington sixty years previously at lunch with the Pilgrims on 14 November. He arrived in Washington in October 1952, in the closing days of the Truman administration, to work in Chancery on East/West and Cold War affairs. When he arrived as Ambassador in January 1953, the formidable Sir Roger Makins, later Lord Sherfield, appointed him as his Private Secretary. With President Eisenhower taking office in January 1953 the young Peter Marshall was soon immersed in a huge diplomatic correspondence passing through the Embassy, especially communications between the old wartime allies and friends, Churchill and Eisenhower.

Life at the Embassy was anything but dull with Sir Roger and Lady Makins, with their twin daughters Mollie and Cynthia, playing host to Washington society as well as a stream of British visitors, at times resembling the bulk of *Who's Who*. The death of Stalin in March 1953 and the end of the Korean War in July 1953 led to a proposed American-Franco-British summit, then postponed because of Anthony Eden's illness, followed by Churchill's stroke. The deteriorating situation in French Indo-China became the catalyst for an Anglo-American summit in Washington in June 1954, when Churchill and Eisenhower discussed a range of international problems, including the issuing of a joint Anglo-American declaration similar to the Atlantic Charter of 1941.

During questions, Sir Peter spoke of the neglect by historians of the true achievements of Churchill's second premiership, sandwiched between the Attlee years and the Eden premiership, especially in the diplomatic field. Questioners focused on the relationship between Anthony Eden and John Foster Dulles and its effect on the Suez Crisis; the complex relationship between Roosevelt, Churchill and

De Gaulle; the absence of De Gaulle from power when the war in Indo-China was at its height; the effect on Anglo-American relations of the Burgess/Maclean defection in 1951 and Churchill's relationships with Truman and Eisenhower. Sir Peter was firmly of the opinion that the Suez Crisis was probably the most dangerous moment in the period 1952-56, in terms of the world scene and Anglo-American relations.

Sir Peter Bottomley, Chairman of the Programme Committee, proposed the vote of thanks to Sir Peter Marshall and presented him with a newly-designed Pilgrims' tie.

FORWARD PROGRAMME

We hope to be able to entertain the United States Ambassador, the Hon Louis B Susman, early in 2013

Friday 8 February

***The making of Winston Churchill:
a transatlantic tale of two families***

Exhibition at Chartwell, including a talk by the curator followed by lunch

Transport provided from central London

Tuesday 26 February

**Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral, followed
by a guided tour of the private areas**

Guests to be seated by 4.45 pm

Tuesday 12 March

Reflections lecture

The Right Hon the Lord Butler of Brockwell KG
GCB CVO, *Experiences with five Prime Ministers*
River Court, 120 Fleet Street, EC4A 2BB, 6.30 pm
By kind invitation of Goldman Sachs International

Wednesday 10 April

Luncheon with Lady Reid

Thomas Paine

Savile Club, 69 Brook Street, 12.15 for 12.45 pm

Friday 26 April

George Bellows

The Royal Academy of Arts, 10.00 am

Coffee on arrival, before lecture and exhibition

Tuesday 7 May

Spring reception

Cholmondeley Room, House of Lords, 6.30 pm

Friday 5 July

Visit to Bletchley Park

Monday 30 September

Annual Meeting

and Sir Harry Brittain Memorial Lecture

US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DISCUSSIONS Post Party Conventions and Last Seven Days

Panel discussions on the forthcoming US Presidential Election took place on 12 September and 31 October at the Medical Society of London, Chandos Street. Pilgrims' Vice President Sir Robert Worcester was joined on 12 September by Dr Thomas Grant of Republicans Abroad UK, Jef McAllister, formerly of *Time* magazine, and Karin Robinson of Democrats Abroad UK. On 31 October the panelists were Gregory Katz, Dr Sophie Loussouarn and Dr Jef McAllister.



Sir Robert Worcester, panel chairman

On 12 September the chairman and panellists focused on the key issues of the importance of the marginal states, the possible “bounce” either Presidential candidate could receive from their respective party conventions; voter registration; the state of the economy; taxation; spending; American leadership in foreign affairs, and the strengths and weaknesses of both candidates. The cost of a US Presidential Election had now reached a figure of \$2.5 billion, while the cost of the whole General Election, taking in both Houses of Congress, had reached \$6 billion.

Questioners from the floor asked about the effect of Obama's taxation policies on middle-class families trying to put their children through college; the level of voter turn-out in terms of age and ethnic groups; the contribution of Paul Ryan and Joe Biden to the strength of their respective electoral

tickets; the effect of the media on US public opinion; the advantages and disadvantages of a proportional representation electoral system in the US; funding of future elections and the effect that the 5-6 million US citizens living abroad might have on the electoral outcome. There seemed to be a general consensus that the election was Obama's to lose, with the weight of the polls giving him a narrow lead over Mitt Romney.

On 31 October Sir Robert gave six cogent reasons for an Obama victory: the effects of the election of a Republican-dominated Congress in 2010; the improving US economy in 2011/2012; divisions in the Republican Party; the likelihood of right-wing Republicans to stay at home; President Obama's campaigning skills, and his wife Michelle Obama's skills on the campaign trail. Nevertheless, all the panellists felt that this would be a very close race, with a chance that Romney could win the popular vote, as Al Gore had in 2000, and Obama the Electoral College vote. Sir Robert predicted 239 Electoral College votes for Romney and 299 votes for Obama.

When the discussion was opened up to the floor, an assortment of topics was covered: accuracy of opinion polls; a re-elected Obama dealing with a Republican-dominated Congress; lack of real issues in American elections; divisions in the Republican party; the impact of the “grey vote” as opposed to the impact of younger voters, and the likely political effect of Hurricane Sandy. Other subject covered included the employment situation and new jobs figures coming out just before the Election; the percentage of voters living in storm-affected areas; the impact of New Jersey Governor Chris Christie's praise for President Obama's handling of Hurricane Sandy and the electability of the Republicans – Obama only had to win Ohio to reach the magic figure of 270 Electoral College votes, while Romney had to do far more.

Pilgrims' Chairman Ronald Freeman thanked Sir Robert and his Panellists for their outstanding presentation on both occasions.

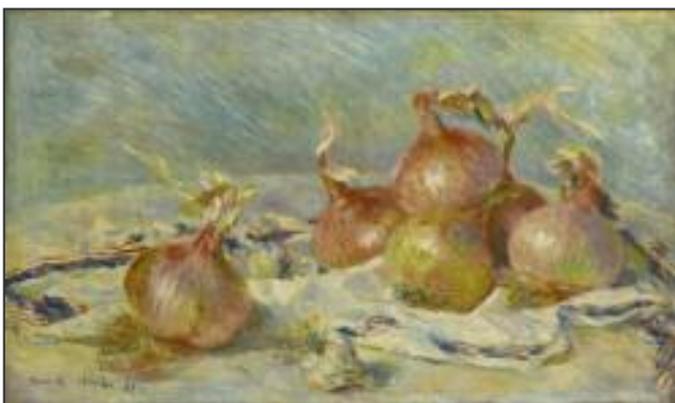
Postscript: Kudos to our old friend and favourite political prognosticator for hitting a home run in his predicted outcome of both the popular and Electoral College votes, and especially for his consensus-defying correct call on Ohio, the most significant of the swing states. Ron Freeman

**FROM PARIS:
A TASTE FOR IMPRESSIONISM –
PAINTINGS FROM THE CLARK**

The Pilgrims were privileged to attend a special lecture on 21 September at the Royal Academy, and to view *From Paris: a Taste for Impressionism – Paintings from the Clark*.



Girl with a Fan, Renoir 1879



Renoir's Onions

The exhibition charted the radical innovations of the Impressionist movement, as well as the story of Sterling and Francine Clark who formed an exceptional private art collection. Robert Sterling Clark (1877-1956) came from a wealthy family from Cooperstown, New York, whose fortune was derived from the Singer sewing machine company. He began collecting after he settled in Paris in 1910. Initially concentrating on Old Masters and American art, Clark moved into French nineteenth-century

painting, especially Impressionism, and in particular the art of Renoir. He eventually acquired 39 Renoirs, 21 of which were shown in this exhibition. The Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute opened in Williamstown, Massachusetts in 1955, providing a permanent home for their art collection.



Cliffs at Etretat, Monet, 1885

The exhibition was arranged thematically by subject-matter – still life, landscape, genre scenes, the female figure, orientalism and the exotic and portraits – offering an overview of the principal preoccupations of French nineteenth-century painters.

SUBSCRIPTION INCREASE

In order to keep the society's funds in surplus going forward, at the meeting of the Executive Committee on 1 October, the decision was taken to raise the annual subscription by £5.00 per annum to £45.00 from 1 May 2013.

No action need be taken by the majority of members who pay their annual subscription - and indeed for events - by direct debit. Those who continue to pay by cheque or by standing order should revise their instruction to ensure that £45.00 is received when the subscription falls due on 1 May. Direct debit forms are available from the office.

Please take this as the formal notification of an increase in the subscription rate.

Ian Barlow
Hon Treasurer

THANKSGIVING RECEPTION

2012 saw an innovation – a Thanksgiving reception held by generous invitation of Sir Paul and Lady Judge in their penthouse apartment of The Panoramic, just north of Vauxhall Bridge. Lady Judge is a member of the Programme Committee.



Lady Judge and Pilgrims' President Admiral Lord Boyce

The view from the 18th floor of the Panoramic is truly stunning, with a magnificent view of London. By night this equals or even surpasses the Manhattan skyline. Pilgrims and their guests were able to take in the marvellous spectacle, adding to the general enjoyment of the evening.

NEW DESIGN PILGRIMS' TIE



The Pilgrims' tie has been redesigned. New silk ties cost £22.00 each and are available from the office.

Further items of Pilgrims' merchandise are available: lapel pins, cufflinks and weather stations, as well as the centennial histories of the Pilgrims of the UK and the Pilgrims of the US. All are illustrated on the website: www.pilgrimsociety.org.



THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE

The American is a magazine about American politics and culture for the American community in the UK, American visitors to the UK, and anyone interested in American culture. Its 'strap line', across the top of the front cover, describes it as *The Transatlantic Magazine*, and one of its aims is to foster and support the relationship between the United Kingdom and the United States.

One of the ways it does this is in its original, unique content, which its readers cannot find elsewhere: vital information from official sources including security issues; things Americans need to know about living in the British Isles; a *What's On* guide tailored for Americans while in the UK, theatre, arts and culture previews and reviews; restaurant and hotel reviews; sports; politics; travel; history; recipes; quizzes and competitions, and news about the community.

The magazine's political coverage has been augmented over the last year by a series of articles written by Sir Robert Worcester, who has contributed a masterly commentary on the progress of the US presidential election.

You can read *The American* in print or the digital edition - www.theamerican.co.uk. It is available in hundreds of locations (the publisher can supply a list) but not in newsagents, or it can be sent direct.

If any member would like to contribute to the magazine please contact the editor, Michael Burland: theamerican@blueedge.co.uk or 01747 830520.

NEWS FROM THE PILGRIMS OF THE UNITED STATES

The Right Hon Baroness Scotland of Asthal QC, shadow Attorney General for England and Wales, spoke to the Pilgrims of the US on 24 September at the River Club.



President Miner H Warner, Baroness Scotland of Ashal and Thomas N McCarter III

Baroness Scotland made history in 1991 by becoming the first black woman to be appointed a Queen's Counsel. In 2001 she became Parliamentary Secretary in the Lord Chancellor's Department, responsible for civil justice and the reform of civil law. Baroness Scotland was appointed Attorney General in 2007 – the first woman to hold the office since its foundation in 1315.

Baroness Scotland has been voted Peer of the Year by Channel 4 and by the *House Magazine*, Parliamentarian of the Year by *The Spectator* and by the Political Studies Association, and received a number of other awards for her contribution to law reform in the UK and abroad. She is married to a fellow barrister and has two sons.

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IN MEMORIAM

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Sir Richard Brooke Bt
Mrs Christine Dyer Simpson
Dr Michael J E Frye CBE
Sir John Moreton KCMG KCVO MC
Robin H Pedler
Raymond I Skilling OBE

St Paul's Cathedral and the American community

Every year the US Ambassador goes to St Paul's Cathedral for the annual Thanksgiving Service, joined by 2,000 of his countrymen. This is the central moment of the cathedral's ongoing relationship with the American community in the UK. Dating back to World War II, and continuing through the 9/11 memorial services held in 2001 and 2011, this relationship has been one of mutual respect and support.



The American Memorial Chapel, St Paul's Cathedral

The enormous sacrifice made by the United States in the cause of our shared values was recognised in the concept and building of the American Memorial Chapel at the east end of the cathedral. Built in a part of the Cathedral that was damaged during the war, the chapel contains the only stained glass in St Paul's, featuring the emblems of all fifty states, and houses the Roll of Honour, listing the names of all those who died while on UK soil.

St Paul's Cathedral receives no state support, and is currently raising funds to refurbish the Chapel in order that it can continue to form a fitting centrepiece for one of the cathedral's most valued relationships. For further details, contact Benjamin Nikolay on 020 7246 8370.

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