

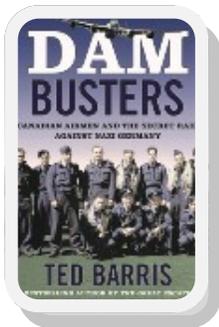


Dear Fellow Canadian Churchillians:

New Friends of Winston Churchill

A very warm welcome to: Christopher Baines, Michael Carin and Douglas McCall

Past Event – Ted Barris on his new book “The Dam Busters” – Albany Club of Toronto – October 11



We were delighted to have had one of our favorite speakers talk on his latest book, covering the bombing of the Ruhr dams, and especially of the part played by Canadians in the enterprise.

While the Raid was a military and public relations success, the human cost was enormous – of the 133 aircrew in the raid, 53 did not return, including 14 of the 29 Canadians who took part.

The Book, which is highly recommended, reminds us again of the sacrifice made by our forefathers for the freedom we enjoy today.

Past Event – Southern Georgian Bay Churchillians – Collingwood, Ontario – September 28

“Winston Churchill & the Dieppe Raid” was the Theme, with forty attendees listening to Terry Reardon’s examination of this disastrous part of Canadian military history, including the revisionist theory of David O’Keefe. As advised in the last “News and Views” the Royal Canadian Legion magazine issue of July/August 2018 includes a “Face to Face” difference of opinion by O’Keefe and Reardon, and this can be downloaded via the opening page of our web site.

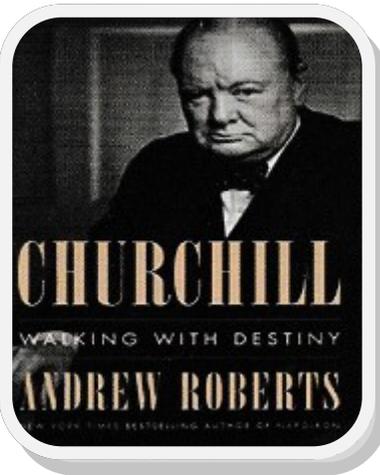
Other speakers on a favorite Churchill book included, Clayton Conlan, Bernie Webber, Peter Hambly and Frank Huggins. Sheryl Mercer was the final speaker with her reading Churchill’s account of the celebrations at the end of WWI, which was pertinent in view of this year being the Centenary of the end of the conflict.

The second part of the Event was the showing of the fourth and final episode of Martin Gilbert’s film of Churchill’s life entitled “Never Despair.”

Intent is to have a further event in the Spring of 2019.

Annual Dinner – Wednesday May 29, 2019 – Albany Club of Toronto

We are thrilled and delighted that the Speaker at our Annual Dinner will be one of the world’s pre-eminent Military and Political Historians – Andrew Roberts.



Andrew's latest book, "Churchill – Walking With Destiny" has received rave reviews from British Newspapers – the Sunday Times; "Undoubtedly the best single-volume life of Churchill ever written"; Daily Mail; "This Epic Biography"; Sunday Telegraph; "It's the sort of biography that, one feels, Churchill himself would have wanted".

The enclosed "Finest Hour" magazine, pages 42/44, includes a full review of the Book, and clearly it's a "Must Read!"

The book will, be available for purchase and inscription, at the Dinner.

The Flyer for the event will be mailed out in due course – mark your calendar for May 29!

From the Bookshelf

The Unrelenting Struggle, 2nd. Vol. of Winston Churchill's War Speeches.

The Speech to the Canadian Senate And House of Commons, Ottawa, Broadcast to the World, December 30, 1941

3rd Instalment



Another major contribution made by Canada to the Imperial war effort is the wonderful and gigantic Empire training scheme for pilots for the Royal and Imperial Air Forces. This has now been as you know well in full career for nearly two years in conditions free from all interference by the enemy. The daring youth of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, with many thousands from the homeland, are perfecting their training under the best conditions, and we are being assisted on a large scale by the United States, many of whose training facilities have been placed at our disposal. This scheme will provide us in 1942 and 1943 with the highest class of trained pilots, observers and air gunners in the numbers necessary to man the enormous flow of aircraft which

the factories of Britain, of the Empire and of the United States are and will be producing.

I could also speak on the naval production of corvettes and above all of merchant ships which is proceeding on a scale almost equal to the building of the United Kingdom, all of which Canada has set on foot. I could speak of many other activities, of tanks, of the special forms of modern high-velocity cannon and of the great supplies of raw materials and many other elements essential to our war effort on which your labours are ceaselessly and tirelessly engaged. But I must not let my address to you become a catalogue, so I turn to less technical fields of thought.

We did not make this war, we did not seek it. We did all we could to avoid it. We did too much to avoid it. We went so far at times in trying to avoid it as to be almost destroyed by it when it broke upon us. But that dangerous corner has been turned, and with every month and every year that passes we shall confront the evil-doers with weapons as plentiful, as sharp, and as destructive as those with which they have sought to establish their hateful domination.

(To be continued in the next Newsletter)