

Edwina Sandys celebrated the London launch of "Edwina Sandys ART" at the Churchill War Rooms on October 17th



Richard Kaplan, Edwina Sandys and Randolph Churchill

LONDON - The venue was original but none more so than the woman who was celebrated on October 17th. Glamorous guests arriving at the Churchill War Rooms for Edwina's book launch had to wind their way through a labyrinth of old stone passages, catching glimpses of history to left and right - the tiny room with old fashioned telephones where the wartime cabinet met, the modest bedroom with iron bedstead where Edwina's grandfather, Winston Churchill, slept many nights during the blitz.

Historical significance of the location, and the party guests, created quite a contrast to the technicolor atmosphere of the launch. Lady Mary Soames, Edwina's aunt, dressed in brilliant blue, exchanged her recent book, "A Daughter's Tale: The Memoir of Winston and Clementine Churchill's youngest child," with Edwina's.



Edwina Sandys and Lady Mary Soames read each other's new books

Other family members in attendance were Edwina's son, journalist Hugo Dixon; her sister, Laura Sandys, Member of Parliament; and Randolph Churchill. The mixture of art and politics created a buzz that included writers Sir Peregrine Worsthorne and his wife Lady Lucinda Lambton, historian Paul Johnson, and politicians, Lord David Howell and Lord Gordon Wasserman.



Sir Peregrine Worsthorne, Lady Lucinda Lambton and Edwina Sandys

Edwina, sparkling in turquoise frock coat, was non-stop signing books with her flamboyant signature. Her husband, architect Richard Kaplan, who had taken half of the photographs in the book, greeted the guests, many of whom had come from New York, where the couple live in a dramatic SoHo loft.

Both the book and the party full of joy and laughter, mirror Edwina's personality and passion - Life and Art - two sides of the same coin.

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Edwina Sandys and her aunt, Lady Mary Soames



Carol Beckwith, Edwina Sandys and Angela Fisher

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