

Sir Winston Churchill remains a British hero, lauded for his oratorical skill. He wrote histories, biographies, memoirs, and even a novel, while his journalism, speeches and broadcasts run to millions of words. From 1940 he inspired and united the British people and guided their war effort. Behind the public figure, however, was a man of vast humanity and enormous wit. His most famous speeches and sayings have passed into history but many of his aphorisms, puns and jokes are less well-known..

Some of my favourites are listed below and hope that you enjoy them:-

‘Diplomacy is the art of telling plain truths without giving offence’

‘It is wonderful how well men can keep secrets they have not been told.’

When [Nancy Astor, Britain's first female MP](#), told [Sir Winston Churchill](#) that: "If I were your wife I would put poison in your coffee," Churchill famously replied: "Nancy, if I were your husband I would drink it."

### **Winston Churchill V Bessie Braddock**

**Bessie Braddock:**"Winston, you are drunk, and what's more you are disgustingly drunk. "

**Winston Churchill:** "Bessie, my dear, you are ugly, and what's more, you are disgustingly ugly. But tomorrow I shall be sober and you will still be disgustingly ugly."

When asked by a reporter if he was prepared to meet his maker, the respected leader responded with an answer which bordered on the serious and the amusingly witty:

*“I am ready to meet my maker. Whether my maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter*

Churchill’s wit were more than barbs and retorts to his detractors. The WWII leader also used his sharp tongue to deliver praises to those whom he deemed worthy of them. UK Prime Minister from 1945 to 1951, Clement Attlee, was one of these men.

When asked what he thought about the man, Sir Churchill said this famous clever line:

*“A modest man, who has much to be modest about.”*

