

GDP/1 **Diaries of Anne Gillian Mary Marsham (née Caldwell)** **1952-1958**

Diarist: Anne Gillian Mary Marsham (née Caldwell)
Born: 3 January 1937
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries include a fairly length entry almost every day and take in a wide range of subjects relating both to the diarist's immediate surroundings and to the wider world. It is clear that the entries were often not made every day, but were written up several at a time from notes made at the top of each day's pages. In earlier years they usually fill the page every day. There are gaps in later diaries, but the earlier volumes are almost complete. The final entry was made on the diarist's 21st birthday. They begin whilst she is at boarding school and cover a period when she moved away from home to secretarial training and then to clerical jobs in Edinburgh. As with many diaries, references to immediate conditions, such as the weather, occur frequently throughout the diaries. The diarist frequently mentions and comments on books she has read and films, plays, and concerts she has been to. The volumes cover her relationships with her parents, her friends, and her boyfriends in some detail. They also include references to her ambitions to become a journalist and to publish poetry. The diarist's personality comes through strongly in many of the entries.

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GDP/2 **Diary of George Lawrence Hadfield** **1944**

Diarist: George Lawrence Hadfield
Born: 27 December 1921
Died: 27 April 2000
Gender: male

This diary was kept by George Lawrence Hadfield, originally from Sheffield. It includes his service in the RAF in Bengal during the Second World War. The handwriting is very hard to read.

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| GDP/3 | Diaries of Cecelia Maud Sheldon (née Powley) | 1963-1986 |
| | <p>Diarist: Cecelia Maud Sheldon (née Powley)
 Born: 3 October 1896
 Died: 14 October 1986
 Gender: female</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: these diaries were kept by a woman living in Norfolk. She began them in her 60s and continued to keep them until shortly before her death nearly thirty years later.</p> <p>OPEN</p> | |
| GDP/4 | Diaries of J. V. Spalding | 1928-1943 |
| | <p>Diarist: J. V. Spalding</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: it has not been possible to find out much about this diarist apart from the surname and initials.</p> <p>OPEN</p> | |
| GDP/5 | Diaries of Hector Henry Garratt | 1960-1966 |
| | <p>Diarist: Hector Henry Garratt
 Born: 21 January 1876
 Died: 22 May 1970
 Gender: male</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: These diaries are inscribed with the name H. H. Garratt. Probate records indicate that this was Hector Henry Garratt of Duston, Northants, a retired engineer. The diaries feature very brief, pencil-written notes every day on what the diarist has been doing. Each day, the diarist recorded the weather conditions, including precipitation, temperature, and pressure.</p> <p>APPLY TO ARCHIVIST</p> | |
| GDP/6 | Diaries of Adrienne Julia Jeorett (née Laing) | 1978-1987 |
| | <p>Diarist: Adrienne Julia Jeorett (née Laing)
 Born: 14 September 1964
 Gender: female</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: Adrienne Laing grew up in North Yorkshire, and began keeping this diary at the age of 13. She made a brief entry each</p> | |

day, recording what she was doing and how she felt about her life. Later volumes cover her first jobs, and her time as a student at Plymouth Polytechnic.

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GDP/7 Diaries of Diana L. Griffith (née Thomas) 1960-2005

Diarist: Diana L. Griffith (née Thomas)
Born: 21 October 1948
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Diana Griffith (née Thomas) grew up in Hayes, Bromley and Worthing, West Sussex, and kept a diary from an early age. The diary was kept very faithfully and candidly, with a brief entry recorded each day. Early entries move between the present and past tenses, but the diary very quickly settles into the past tense for subsequent entries. The diarist was obviously very fond of horses as a girl, as many of the early entries mention riding and caring for horses at a local stable. The early years of this diary contain a wealth of detail on cultural activities, especially what the diarist was watching on television and what music she listened to. Details of her relationships, her marriage, her work as a nurse, and the birth and childhood of her son feature heavily in the entries.

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GDP/8 Diaries of John Leeson 1846-1865

Diarist: John Leeson
Born: 10 July 1803
Died: 27 May 1865
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: John Leeson was born in London and lived for much of his life at St. George's, Hannover Square; he earned his living renting out property. His diaries were kept on blank pads of paper bound with string, which are all contained together in a loose, cloth-bound cover. Although the cover is a little battered, the diaries themselves are in good condition. The entries cover a period of 19 years, the last one being made a week before the diarist died at the age of 61. They were not made every day, and

frequently cover several days at a time. They contain a mixture of Leeson's business dealings as a landlord, his domestic and family situation, the health and medical experiences of himself and his acquaintances, the weather, and newsworthy events both in Britain and in the wider world (especially the deaths of well-known people), often all together in the same entry. In the period covered, Leeson's mother and brother died, he married his housekeeper, and his two children were born. Leeson often writes in an unemotional style, and seldom mentions his own response to events, writing little about his feelings even about his marriage or the deaths of family members. Although he writes in full sentences, Leeson makes frequent use of abbreviations, and often uses very short paragraphs of a sentence or two. He frequently refers to specific amounts of money in code (e.g. £axnn).

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GDP/9

Diaries of Michael Johnston, John E. Johnston, et al.

c1960-1993

Diarist: Michael Johnston
Born: c1944
Died: 1991
Gender: male

Diarist: John E. Johnston
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: This collection includes school exercise books and notebooks, as well as diaries. Some of the diaries seem to have been written in by several people.

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GDP/10

Diaries of Andrew B. Law

1986-2011

Diarist: Andrew B. Law
Born: January-March 1952
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: Andrew Law taught art at schools in London for a number of years, including whilst he kept these diaries. These diaries are very unusual, in that the diarist drew a self-portrait each day. The text is always very

spare, and features a mixture of happenings in the diarist's life, sport, and current affairs.

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GDP/11 Diaries of Debbie Jane Elliott 1979-2013

Diarist: Debbie Jane Elliott
Born: January-March 1969
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Debbie Jane Elliott was born in South London, and began keeping her diary at the age of 9. Her diaries chronicle her upbringing and her adulthood, and contain large amounts of ephemera, such as documents, greetings cards, newspaper cuttings, and cinema and theatre tickets.

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GDP/12 Diary of George Charles Bingham, 5th Earl of Lucan 1903-1929

Diarist: George Charles Bingham, 5th Earl of Lucan
Born: 13 December 1860
Died: 20 April 1949
Gender: male

Cataloguer's Comments.

This diary of a nobleman was donated to Bishopsgate Institute by the Assyriologist and diary-collector Dr Irving Finckel in 2012. The diary covers 10 years over the 27 year period 1903-1929 when the diarist was aged 42-69. George Charles Bingham, 5th Earl of Lucan (known to friends and family as 'Charlie') was an Irish peer and the main source of the family wealth was a 15,000 acre estate surrounding the town of Castlebar in County Mayo. The diarist was the grandson of the 3rd Earl of Lucan who handed down the order that led to the disastrous Charge of the Light Brigade in the Crimean War, the grandfather of the 7th Earl of Lucan who disappeared in 1974 following the murder of his children's nanny and the great great uncle of Diana, Princess of Wales. According to the diary, the Earl led a regular, steady and respectable life. In 1896 he married Violet Spender-Clay and the couple had four children: Pat, Barbara, Margaret and John. Lucan was the

Conservative Member of Parliament for Chertsey between 1904 and 1906 and Chief Whip in the House of Lords under the Conservative Administration of Stanley Baldwin in 1929. He served as an officer (Honorary Brigadier-General and then Honorary Colonel) in the Territorial Army. During the WW1 years covered by the diaries, Lucan was stationed in Malta and Egypt. While in Egypt Lucan saw active service in the Campaign in the Western Desert. Lucan also held the offices of Captain of the Gentlemen at Arms in 1929, Aide-de-Camp to King George V between 1920 and 1928 and President of the MCC between 1928 and 1929. The diaries evidence Lucan's love for his wife, children, social life, playing golf, the theatre and gardening.

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GDP/13 Diaries of Thomas Lawrence Llewellyn Pratt 1929-1973

Diarist: Thomas Lawrence Llewellyn Pratt

Born: 5 October 1911

Died: October-December 1976

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GDP/14 Diary of John Frome-Wilkinson 1916

Diarist: John Frome-Wilkinson

Born: January-March 1850

Died: 24 May 1935

Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: at the time that this diary was written, John Frome-Wilkinson was rector of Barley, Hertfordshire. In his earlier life he had been the author of a number of books on the savings and pensions.

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GDP/15 Diary of John Brewin 1963

Diarist: John Brewin

Born: 1952

Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: This diary was kept for a few weeks by a boy of 10 or 11 in Wolverhampton. It has not been possible to find out much more about him than appears in the

diary. He made brief notes about things he had done and television programmes he had watched. It also includes information on his activities in the cubs.

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GDP/16 Diary of Catherine M. Bell (née Gayler) 1933-1935

Diarist: Catherine M. Bell (née Gayler)
Born: January-March 1919
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Catherine Gayler grew up near Grantham in Lincolnshire. She kept a diary as a teenager, in which she recorded a brief entry each day, including details of what she had done, what she had been reading, her pets, and what the weather had been like. Her doings included school, trips with her friends and family, and church every Sunday. She wrote in very small handwriting so as to fit as much as possible in, and sometimes went over the lines so that the entry merged into that for the next day.

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GDP/17 Diaries of Jean Marie Soward 1942-1987

Diarist: Jean Marie Soward
Born: April-June 1919
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Jean Marie Soward worked as sometime secretary to Vernon Bartlett MP (elected to Parliament in 1938 as member of the Popular Front for the Bridgewater seat standing against the Munich Agreement, co-founder of Commonwealth Party, joined Labour Party in 1950 and retired from Parliament. She became full time journalist and died January 1983) There is no reference in the diaries to the blitz in London or any mention of either VE Day or VJ Day in 1945 when the war ended. She was based in Paris between December 1948 and December 1950 as a correspondent for the News Chronicle during which time some of these diaries were written. On returning to London in 1950 she was involved in a dispute with Customs and Excise over tax due on a fur coat purchased in Paris

just one month before reassignment to London (this is not mentioned in diaries. Also appears to have ambitions to go on the stage - See letters, Labour History Manuscripts 44) The diaries record brief notes about what she was doing on every day and contain many references to social life in London and Paris for a young middle class woman. As a full time journalist the diaries only list appointments without any comment. There is scant evidence of social activities although appointments for coffee, lunch and dinner are noted but no recording if these are work or social.

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GDP/18

Diaries of Irene Fern Smith

1932-1941

Diarist: Irene Fern Smith (nee Teasdill)
Born: 26 September 1902
Died: 7 February 1981
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: This diary was kept during the first six months of 1941 by Irene Fern Smith of Wolverhampton. Each day, she wrote a detailed entry about her own doings and about the world around her. The diary gives a vivid account of life on the Home Front during the Second World War. Irene consumes a great deal of literature (both fiction and non-fiction), and thereby provides an interesting account of the nature of reading (and being a reader) during wartime. There is also much made of radio drama, concerts and films- it is Irene's evident attachment to cultural pursuits that gives rise to much indignation and anger in response to the bombing and subsequent destruction of institutions associated with such. Insofar as Irene is both a wife and mother, her account also sheds much light on the realities of wartime domesticity, and the unique hybrid of duties (applicable to women in particular) that emerged as a result of such circumstances.

It was found by her daughter after her death and transcribed and printed. This deposit is one of the copies of that transcription, and includes some biographical notes and contextual information.

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1937, and contains details of the cases on which he worked during the year.

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GDP/22 Diaries of Joyce Betts (née Holdsworth) 1950-1965

Diarist: Joyce Betts (née Holdsworth)
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: It has not been possible to establish definitive vital details for this diarist. At the time that these diaries were written, she was married to Tristram Frederick Betts, a colonial servant and the first Oxfam field director in Africa. He was also the brother of the Labour Cabinet minister Barbara Castle. Entries are brief and were not made every day, but do give an insight into what the diarist was doing.

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GDP/23 Diary of Marjorie Violet Mary Palmer (née Farrow) 1936

Diarist: Marjorie Violet Mary Palmer (née Farrow)
Born: 28 February 1908
Died: 12 June 1999
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Violet Palmer was married to an officer in the Royal Navy a few years before the outbreak of the Second World War. This diary was written during the first and second years of their marriage. It was mostly used as an engagement diary, but sometimes includes very short notes of what she was doing recorded after the event. At the beginning of this diary, she lived in East Lulworth, in Dorset; however, part-way through the year, she moved to Malta to join her husband, and remained there for the rest of the year. The diary includes records of the social activities of the naval community there.

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GDP/24 **Quarry Reach Logbook** **1963-1965**

Cataloguer's comments: this log was kept during weekend holidays taken by a group of children in the 1960s.

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GDP/25 **Diary of D. Teague** **1944**

Diarist: D. Teague
Born: 17 February (year?)

Cataloguer's comments: we have been unable to ascertain who the diarist was beyond an initial and surname. The diary was obviously written partly at school. The diarist lived in Guildford, and wrote brief notes of what he did on some days, but stopped keeping the diary in early February. He was evidently a member of the Crusaders, a Christian youth group now known as the Urban Saints.

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GDP/26 **Diary of Elsie Christabel Gyde (née Dowell)** **1917**

Diarist: Elsie Christabel Gyde (née Dowell)
Born: 16 April 1883
Died: 3 January 1976
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Elsie Gyde lived in Epsom at the time of the First World War. This diary was kept intermittently during 1917, whilst the diarist's husband was on service in the army. There is an inscription inside the front cover, stating that the diary was presented to her by her husband. There is pouch inside the binding at the front of the diary, in which is a wrap of tissue paper containing a lock of someone's hair. As with many diarists, Gyde frequently mentioned the weather, and also wrote brief notes about what she had been doing each day. Her husband was home on leave at least twice during the year.

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GDP/27

Diary of Douglas (Digby) Beard

1927-1931

Diarist: Douglas Beard
Born: 11 February 1903
Died: October 1987
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: Douglas (Digby) Beard was educated at Fitzwilliam Hall, Cambridge and Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, and was ordained as a Church of England priest in 1927. At the time this diary was kept he was curate at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone then at Saffron Walden, then at Leytonstone again. The diary includes a lengthy account of his honeymoon in Northern France in 1929, after which he ceased keeping it for two years. He seems to have been fairly orthodox in his beliefs, writing about religious controversies and the moral state of the nation. The diary entries exhibit a great interest in what was going on in the wider world. He did not, however, often note his own responses to things. Popular subjects included railways (he was a devotee of 'The Railway Magazine'), religion, architecture (he was especially effusive on church architecture), history, the weather, and politics. Entries seem to have been made once or twice a week, and are often lengthy and very detailed. He seems to have gone to considerable lengths to learn about the places he visited, and often included the information in his diary. When he moved to Saffron Walden, he visited a number of the surrounding towns and villages, and described the settlements and their churches in some detail. It can be seen, however, that he sometimes researched facts about places after writing the entry, as in some entries there are spaces left for facts which have not been filled in. He sometimes gives the date by reference to the feasts of saints or other religious festivals. The handwriting is very difficult to read, often making use of abbreviations and running words into one another.

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GDP/28 Diaries of Ida May Berry 1902-1907

Diarist: Ida May Berry
Born: 20 November 1884
Died: 31 October 1959
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries were kept by a young woman from West Didsbury, near Manchester, beginning just before her 18th birthday. Her father had died in July 1901, so she lived with her mother and two younger sisters. She wrote brief entries on most days, detailing what she had been doing. She was evidently deeply religious (a Methodist), and was involved with a number of religious groups, about which she wrote considerably. She seems to have been passionately fond of music, both performing and listening. She ceased keeping her diaries when her family moved to a new house in January 1907.

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GDP/29 Diary of Dorothy May Brookes (née Symes) 1944

Diarist: Dorothy May Brookes (née Symes)
Born: 7 August 1918
Died: 29 June 1996
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: This diary was kept during the Second World War. The diarist's home was in Cardiff, but at the time the diary was written, she was in the Royal Air Force, stationed at St. Athan in Wales. It was kept for a few of months, and included brief descriptions of what was happening in her life. Also included with this item are photographs and ephemera of a later date.

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GDP/30 Diaries of William Patrick (Bill) Kirkman 1942-1974

Diarist: William Patrick (Bill) Kirkman
Born: 23 October 1932
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: These diaries were begun when the diarist was a nine-year-old schoolboy and kept until he was in his early 40s.

They cover his school days during the Second World War, his time working as a teacher in a prep school, his National Service, his time as a student at the University of Oxford, work as a journalist on the "Express and Star", Wolverhampton and the "Times", and as an appointments (careers) officer at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge. During the early years, the diarist used purpose-made pocket diaries and made brief notes on most days. The entries gradually became fuller, and he began using larger notebooks in later years. It is noticeable that in the childhood diaries, the war has ceased to be a novelty and has become a matter of routine. It exists in the background but is not often commented on. Entries are typically recorded in full sentences, and early on do not contain very many abbreviations. Many news stories are mentioned in the volumes covering the years in which the diarist was a journalist, or which only a selection are included in the catalogue entry. In particular, the diarist was on the proving flight of the De Havilland Comet 4 jet airliner, which operated the first passenger trans-Atlantic jet air route. On the Colonial Desk at the "Times" from 1960, he reported on the process of de-colonisation, especially in Africa, and on the early years of independence for many countries. In this context, he met many major figures, and often recorded his meetings and his opinions in his diary. After his departure from the "Times", he was visited at his home by Kenneth Kaunda, the first President of Zambia, on his way to Chequers during a Commonwealth Prime Ministers' meeting. The handwriting is clear and legible, although can become cramped in some of the smaller volumes.

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GDP/31

Diaries of Annie Melinek (née Rudoff/Rudolph)

1923-1983

Diarist: Annie Melinek (née Rudoff/Rudolph)

Born: 14 November 1905

Died: 3 September 1993

Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: The diary is written on a roughly day by day basis with some reminiscences of previous events. It contains

numerous drawings, mostly illustrating the fashions of the day. It falls into two parts. The first describes a life of socialising and dating. The second describes how the writer is, following the death of her mother at the age of 47, suddenly plunged into endless housework: shopping, cooking, cleaning, and looking after the younger children. The writer also worked at her father's clothing shop (50 Cable Street). The writer briefly comments on some social issues, including society's double standards towards women. Another issue is cosmetics, which adult society (but not the writer) strongly disapproves of. The writer describes the first time she heard a wireless. The language of the diary is modern.

This diary was donated digitally on DVD. The DVD is stored in the physical archive and the files are stored within BI's Digital Archive.

Volume I: Bereavement; dancing; Art; drawing; fashion; shopping; schools; dating.

Volume III: Cinema; smoking; shoes; cookery; concerts; phonographs.

Volume IIII: Cosmetics; family; adolescence; love; gender; feminism; sexual partnerships.

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GDP/32

Anonymous diary

1735-1736

Cataloguer's comments: This diary seems to contain details of the sermons heard by one person during 1735 and 1736. Most were preached at the non-conformist chapel in Ropemaker's Alley, Moorfields (a chapel which later moved to Aldermanbury Postern), but some were preached at other venues. For each sermon, the date, the location, and the preacher are recorded. For many, the text and main arguments of the sermon are also summarised. Although the volumes are fragile, the writing is clear, although very small.

OPEN

GDP/33 Diaries of James Arthur Nicholls 1930-2001

Diarist: James Arthur Nicholls
Born: 31 March 1911
Died: 15 April 2001
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries, largely engagement diaries, but with some also including details of events in the diarist's life, were kept over a period of seventy years by James Arthur Nicholls, a school teacher. A diary Nicholls kept in 1928, when he became one of the first diabetic patients to be treated with Insulin, is held at the Wellcome Library.

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GDP/34 Diaries of Eileen J. Garton (née Coxeter) 1942-2004

Diarist: Eileen J. Garton (née Coxeter)
Born: 6 March 1916
Died: 24 January 2012
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: These engagement diaries were kept over a period of over sixty years by Eileen J. Garton (née Coxeter), who was known to her family and friends as 'Bubbles'.

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GDP/35 Diary of Douglas Thorburn 1964

Diarist: Douglas Thorburn
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: This diary was kept by a pupil at Winchmore Secondary Modern School during a school trip to Switzerland in May 1964. It includes a detailed account of the trip, illustrated with photographs taken during the trip, and ephemera acquired in Switzerland. Although it seems to have been kept as part of a school project (although unmarked), it provides a highly individual account of the trip.

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GDP/36 **Diaries of Harold John Youngman and Marjorie Eliza Youngman (née Noakes)** **1933-1984**

Diarist: Harold John Youngman
Born: 9 December 1894
Died: 5 January 1984
Gender: male

Diarist: Marjorie Eliza Youngman (née Noakes)
Born: 28 December 1894
Died: 4 April 1969
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: These diaries belonged to a married couple who lived in Kent and Surrey. Most belong to the husband, Harold John Youngman, but for a number of years, diaries belonging to both partners are included. Also included in the deposit are several photo albums, letters, papers, other photographs, official documents, and ephemera.

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GDP/37 **Autobiography of Betty Hirst** **2013**

Author: Betty Hirst
Born: April 1928
Gender: female
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GDP/38 **Diaries of Kathryn Anne Koon (née Green)** **1995-2004**

Diarist: Kathryn Anne Koon (née Green)
Born: 28 July 1983
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries were written during the diarist's teen years and early twenties, during her time at secondary school and into the third year of university in her home town of Manchester. They contain a vivid account of her formative years; with all the hopes, dreams and anxieties associated with adolescence. Unusually, they are formatted as correspondence; with the diary afforded a persona ('Carie') and entries addressed and concluded like letters. Although entries are not made every day, they are regular and comprehensive until the final two volumes (when gaps begin to appear). Included is a large

amount of ephemera, including tickets to events, and photographs. Reflecting the writer's cultural interests, the diaries also include accounts of a large number of films (at least two a month), indie rock gigs and festivals.

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GDP/39 Diary of Jane Cass (née Thickbroom) 1798

Diarist: Jane Cass (née Thickbroom)
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: This diary contains only one short entry about being promised a present of a dog, which was made in September 1798. The diarist, Jane Thickbroom, lived at 19 St. James's Street, London. She appears to have been the same Jane Thickbroom who married Michael Cass on 5 February 1807 at St. Anne's, Soho. The diary is bound in red leather, was published by W. Peacock, and is entitled: 'The Polite Repository, or Pocket Companion. Containing an Almanack, the Births, Marriages &c.: of the Sovereign Princes of Europe. Lifts of Both Houses of Parliament. Offices of State Navy and Army. The Baronets of England, and Various Other Articles of Useful Information. Ornamented with Elegant Engravings and Rules Pages for Occurrences Cash Account &c. &c.' It includes a diary pencil and a pouch inside the front cover. Some of the pages are loose and leather fastening on the back cover is broken, but the diary is otherwise in good condition.

OPEN

GDP/40 Notebook of Benjamin Ivison 1874

Name: Benjamin Ivison

Cataloguer's Comments: This pocketbook is inscribed at the front with the name of Benjamin Ivison, 16 Port Royal Street, Southsea. It seems to contain more than one hand, the content indicating the Ivison was a tailor. The book is bound in blue leather, with the initials 'BI' engraved on the clasp. It includes a small pencil and a pouch sewn into the front cover.

OPEN

GDP/41 Diaries of Kathleen Frances Thompson (née Banner) 1984-1985

Diarist: Kathleen Frances Thompson (née Banner)

Born: 24 December 1924

Gender: female

Cataloguer's Comments: the diarist kept these diaries for a year beginning on her 60th birthday, to mark the occasion. They include details of her life and reflections on the broader situation of the country.

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GDP/42 Diaries of Lilian May Emery 1979-2006

Diarist: Lilian May Emery

Born: 28 October 1915

Died: 18 March 2007

Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries were kept intermittently when the diarist was in her sixties, seventies, eighties, and nineties, and was living in the countryside close to Burton, Staffordshire. They contain short, regular entries detailing the happenings in the diarist's life. Most volumes find the diarist elderly and living alone, offering an insight into the rhythms and preoccupations of her life.

OPEN

GDP/43 Diaries of Thomas Arthur Rouse 1956-1982

Diarist: Thomas Arthur Rouse

Born: 27 August 1906

Died: 28 August 1983

Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries intermittently cover the diarist's life from the age of 49 onwards. Early volumes are largely kept as engagement diaries, with later volumes having more complete entries made daily. Many of the volumes contain ephemera such as newspaper cuttings and receipts from financial transactions. The diarist lived first in Sidcup, where he was the chair of his local Residents' Association, and later in Hastings.

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GDP/44

Diaries of Daphne Madeline Thomasina Meryon (née Pennefather)

1939-2010

Diarist: Daphne Madeline Thomasina Meryon
(née Pennefather)
Born: 29 June 1921
Died: 2 August 2015
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: These detailed diaries run, with a couple of gaps, from a time when the diarist was a young woman until she was 89. They begin with an account of the diarist's life in the months leading up to the Second World War, and then include a description of life on the Home Front during wartime, and the diarist's service as a wireless operator with the WRNS (Wrens). War news is often reported in the diary, especially that relating to naval events (such as the Battle of the River Plate and the activities of the Bismarck), as the diarist's brother and future husband were in the navy. Overall, the focus of the diaries is on events rather than detailed descriptions of the writer's response to the happenings in her life; however, responses can sometimes be observed, especially in later volumes. The diarist was in the habit of recording her thoughts on particularly emotional events such as the deaths of her parents and husband in more detail, separate from the main body of her diaries but within the same volume. The diaries also encompass the diarist's marriage (although the wedding itself is not included), her husband's frequent absences on service, the birth of her children, living with her husband during his assignments to Gibraltar and Turkey in the 1960s, and include a very affecting entry written on the death of her husband in 2005 after more than 60 years of marriage. Entries are moderately lengthy, and there are no gaps at all in the first 69 volumes of the diary. Some volumes include additional loose pages when those in the diary itself have been exhausted. Entries frequently run over the space designated for each day or stop short. Entries in the diary suggest that the diarist's habits varied over time, from writing a day's entry on the following morning in earlier years, to writing up

entries from contemporaneous notes several at a time. It is clear that some entries were written as much as seven years later, and that the diarist valued her diary as a complete day-by-day account of her life and worked hard to ensure that it was as comprehensive and accurate as possible. The handwriting in the diaries is even and legible, although it can become cramped and difficult to read where a number of lengthy entries were made on successive days (particularly for events such as holidays). It becomes a little spidery in the last volumes as the diarist found it harder to write due to a chronic shoulder problem and failing eyesight. Some of the later entries are typed for these reasons, and others written entirely in capital letters.

The diaries of the diarist's mother, Verena Vera Pennefather (née Black-Hawkins) (1885-1972) are also held as part of the Great Diary Project (ref. GDP/51). This deposit includes a family tree and other biographical information supplied by the donor.

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GDP/45 Anonymous Diaries 1911-1913

Cataloguer's Comments: these very small volumes contain details of the diarist's forthcoming engagements.

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GDP/46 Diary and Autobiography of Oswald Francis Englefield Charleton 1939-1940

Writer: Oswald Francis Englefield Charleton
Born: 28 December 1916
Died: 21 January 1996
Gender: male

Cataloguer's Comments: The Great Diary project holds the 1939-1940 diary of Oswald Francis Englefield Charleton and his autobiography for the years 1940-1943. Oswald Charleton was a student at St John's College Oxford (1935-1938) then worked for Royal Dutch Shell in 1939 before joining the army where he saw active service in North Africa, Burma and the Middle East. After the war the

Oswald Charleton became a Roman Catholic priest in the village of Lingfield in Surrey. Oswald was the half-brother of Lancelot Salkeld Charlton. A digital photographic version of Lancelot S Charlton's 1914 diary is also held by the Great Diary project. (GDP/77).

The diary is a typescript made in 2012 by a nephew of Oswald Charleton of Oswald's diary from 16/1/39-10/4/40.

Summary of contents of diary: After leaving Oxford the diarist finds a job as a trainee with Royal Dutch Shell. The diary begins on 16/1/39 with the diarist aged 22 attending the Shell central laboratories in Fulham. The diarist spends a few days at the oil refinery at Shellhaven in Essex and then at the Stanlow Refinery in Cheshire. Diarist goes home to Cheam, LB of Sutton, South London, for the weekend, and takes a walk with his mother on Box Hill, Surrey. Funeral of the diarist's great uncle Fr Richard Bellasis at the Oratory Birmingham. Back to Shell Haven. Back to Stanlow. Diarist lodges Bill Hocking with Mrs Wolf-Hughes. Spends the weekend with his brother Lance and Lance's wife Terry in York. Visits his uncle George living near Harrowden, Northamptonshire. Back to working in Fulham and living with his mother in Cheam. Bicycles to work. 10 miles there and 10 miles back per day. Watches Cambridge win the 1939 Oxford Cambridge boat race. Visits his cousin Mamie Charlton (daughter of Diarist's 2nd cousin Harry Charlton) at Hesleyside, Northumberland. Sees Uncle Oswin in Newcastle. Visits Lance and Terry in York. Spends time with his cousin Robert Anne. Gives his aunt? Mary a driving lesson. Attends a military camp at Halton, Northumberland with the Northumbrian Field regiment. Spends the weekend at Hesleyside. Spending time in Newcastle with his uncle Oswin and Aunt Mary, and their son Frank. Has an argument with his aunt Mary. Ursula Haggerston's wedding. Diarist discusses Edward VIII and Mrs Simpson. Diarist goes to stay with his half-sister Dorothy and her husband Lewis Catherata in Stiffkey Old Hall, Norfolk. 2nd cousin Pat Bowring there. Then drive to Osgodby Hall in Yorkshire to see

Diarist's other half-sister Winifred (Winnie). Declaration of war. Air raid sirens, diarist and his mother use the cellar as an air-raid shelter. Bombing of Chatham and Tilbury. Summoned to the War Office. Diarist spending time with his mother. Diarist to Llandridod Wells for military training. Goes back to Cheam to stay with his mother for Christmas Leave. Ice-skating. Catches a fever. 4 days ill. A beef pudding supper. Freezing weather conditions. Artillery training at Larkhill, Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire. Attends a lunchtime concert with Myra Hess at the National Gallery. Joins a regiment in Cheshire led by Colonel Hickie. Hunebryk is Adjutant. Diarist's battery commander is Captain Hinde. Hunt is diarist's batman (military servant). Diarist stationed in Lydd, Kent. Sees the model railway at Dymchurch. Goes to a matinee in London with Evelyn Laye in it. Stationed in Tarporley, Cheshire. Visits Beeston Castle, Cheshire on Easter Sunday. Diarist's troop stationed in a haunted manor house called Utkinton Hall, Cheshire. Attends Grand National, Aintree, near Liverpool. Meetings at the officers Mess, Arderne Hall, Cheshire.

The GDP also holds a copy of Oswald Charleton's autobiography based on diary accounts when the diarist was a low-ranking officer in the British Army in Egypt, Libya, Burma, Iran and Iraq between 1940 and 1943. It is a facsimile of a 283-page typescript with hand-drawn illustrations. According to the preface, it was written at the instigation of the author's older brother Lancelot Salkeld Charlton (1892-1961), (Oswald Charleton and Lancelot Charlton were half-brothers - same father, different mothers - and spelled their surnames differently). At the end of the autobiography there is an appendix consisting of an extract from a letter written in 1943. The author comes across as resourceful and resilient in difficult circumstances.

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GDP/47 Diaries of Harry Bertie Saunders 1950-2005

Diarist: Harry Bertie Saunders
Born: 14 September 1916
Died: 15 January 2009
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: These diaries were kept, with a few gaps, from when the diarist was in his early 30s until he was in his late 80s. The entries are lengthy and were made every day until near the end of the diaries, when they become slightly less frequent. Subjects covered include the diarist's home life, his work, and his thoughts on events in the news.

APPLY TO ARCHIVIST

GDP/48 Diary of Betty Mary S. Reason 1931

Diarist: Betty Mary S. Reason
Born: 21 November 1914
Died: 27 September 1997
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: this diary was kept when the diarist was 16 and 17 years old. Brief entries were made each day concerning the diarist's family, friends, and about boys she liked.

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GDP/49 Diaries of Thomas Harradence 1844-1854

Diarist: Thomas Harradence
Born: 2 July 1801
Died: April 1878
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries belonged to Thomas Harradence, a bookseller in Camberwell. They contain intermittent, brief entries focusing largely on his growing young family, with occasional references to business and money. The diarist participates in a variety of social and leisure activities and is closely involved in his children's development; his diaries offer an attractive picture of life amongst a close-knit lower-middle-class London family at this period.

OPEN

GDP/50 Anonymous Diaries 1957-1974

Cataloguer's comments: these anonymous diaries seem to have been written by a woman living in the London area. They contain very brief notes on happenings in the diarist's life, especially surrounding her family and friends. They also contain records of expenditure on items such as clothes.

APPLY TO ARCHIVIST

GDP/51 Diaries of Verena Vera Pennefather (née Black-Hawkins) 1907-1939

Diarist: Verena Vera Pennefather (née Black-Hawkins)

Born: 6 August 1885

Died: 8 January 1972

Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: These diaries begin during the Edwardian period and end a few months before the Second World War. A moderately lengthy entry was written on most days, covering what the diarist was doing, her family, or wider events. The diarist became a member of Walton Council in 1931, and was later leader of the council and a Justice of the Peace (not included in these diaries). The diaries of her daughter, Daphne Madeline Thomasina Meryon (née Pennefather) (b 1921) are also held by the Great Diary Project (ref. GDP/44). The deposit also includes a number of account books, largely covering domestic income and expenditure in the early 20th century, but also covering the guardianship of two family members from 1846 to 1852. The deposit also includes biographical information provided by the donor. The diarist often refers to her family by nickname: 'Sommy' and 'Tub' for her husband, William Somerset Pennefather; 'Bobo' for her son, Roland; 'Thomas' or 'Baby' for her daughter, Daphne.

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GDP/52

Diaries of Gerald Gray Fitzmaurice

1926-1927

Diarist: Gerald Gray Fitzmaurice

Born: 24 October 1901

Died: 7 September 1982

Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: This diary was written largely in London during the 1920s. The diarist was a young barrister, and the son of an Admiral, the commander-in-chief of the Africa Station, who died in the course of the period covered by these diaries. The diarist later became a QC and a judge at the International Court of Justice. The four volumes of this diary consist of frequent, lengthy entries covering topics such as the diarist's family, the General Strike (which is covered in detail, and includes press cuttings and ultra-right-wing pamphlets pasted into the diary), and the diarist's first moves into international law. The diarist clearly had a wide variety of interests, as the diary covers subjects such as astronomy and aeronautics, and explores unorthodox political and religious ideas at some length. The diarist expresses grave concerns as to the danger of revolution during the events of April-June 1926. There is also something of a travelogue covering the diarist's time assisting a circuit judge during a series of assizes in the West country, and in assisting a barrister working in Constantinople (Istanbul). Fitzmaurice writes quite reflectively about his own thoughts and feelings, and often uses extended metaphors. For each entry, the date, and usually the time and location, of writing are recorded. The handwriting is fairly easily legible, although there is a tendency to run words into one another.

OPEN

GDP/53

Anonymous Diary

1957

Cataloguer's comments: This anonymous diary contains the details of payments into some type of kitty by 'Tom', 'Eddie', 'Kevin', and 'Albert'. Entries are usually made weekly on a Sunday, and are recorded from May to November.

Condition: fair, although slightly battered.

Dimensions: 103mm x 78mm x 16mm.

Littlewoods Racing Diary includes front matter with details of races in the year and gambling odds, and back matter including maps.

OPEN

GDP/54 Diaries of Edwin Emley 1909-1911

Diarist: Edwin Emley
Born: January 1870
Died: 23 October 1963
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries contain brief engagement-style entries outlining happenings in the diarist's life. He seems to have been connected in some way with Herbert Mowle Kendal (GDP/55) and Dorothy Jane Kendal (née Godson) (GDP/56), and all three sets of diaries were acquired together.

OPEN

GDP/55 Diaries of Herbert Mowle Kendal 1903-1909

Diarist: Herbert Mowle Kendal
Born: Jan.-Mar. 1878
Died: 28 May 1918
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries seem to have functioned as engagement diaries, detailing planned future events. The diarist appears to have died in the First World War in Soissons, France. The diarist was married to Dorothy Jane Kendal (née Godson (GDP/56), and also seems to have been connected in some way with Edwin Emley (GDP/54). All three sets of diaries were acquired together.

OPEN

GDP/56 Diaries of Dorothy Jane Kendal (née Godson) 1941-1947

Diarist: Dorothy Jane Kendal (née Godson)
Born: July 1878
Died: 23 November 1957
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: These diaries contain brief notes about events in the diarist's life during the Second World War and soon after. The diarist was by this time a widow, her

husband having died in the First World War. The diarist was married to Herbert Mowle Kendal (GDP/55), and seems also to have been connected with Edwin Emley (GDP/54). All three sets of diaries were acquired together.

OPEN

GDP/57 Diaries of James Bennetts Williams 1883-1887

Diarist: James Bennetts Williams
Born: 13 January 1856
Died: March 1924
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries cover a period in which the diarist emigrated to Bolivia to work in the silver mines there, following the decline of Cornish tin-mining in the second half of the nineteenth century. The first volume gives a detailed, vivid account of the diarist's journey from Cornwall to Bolivia; the second reports on the three years he spent working in Bolivian mines (entries become shorter as life becomes more routine); and the third reports on the trip home to England. There is a gap of about 10 months between the last entry in volume 2 and the first in volume 3. These diaries include additional material, including financial records, scraps of manuscript poetry, and a passport issued to the diarist in Chile. The diarist was married to Mary Ann Williams (née Prout) (GDP/58), and the father of Charles Joseph Williams (GDP/59).

OPEN

GDP/58 Diaries of Mary Ann Williams (née Prout) 1877-1882

Diarist: Mary Ann Williams (née Prout)
Born: 24th January 1861
Died: June 1923
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries were kept when the diarist was a young woman, and describe her life in a Methodist family keeping a lodging-house in Cornwall. The volumes focus on the sermons regularly attended by the diarist, giving details of the speakers and the texts on which they preached, although they also provide a forum for her thoughts on religion and

accounts of various neighbourhood events. The deposit also includes a recipe book. The diarist married (after the period covered by these diaries) James Bennetts Williams (GDP/57), and was the mother of Charles Joseph Williams (GDP/59).

OPEN

GDP/59 Autobiography of Charles Joseph Williams 1943

Writer: Charles Joseph Williams

Born: 22 April 1903

Died: October 1989

Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: this autobiography covers the writer's war service in the Mediterranean during the Second World War. The diary recounts the diarist's activities throughout (and, briefly, after) the war; it was written retrospectively, dating predominantly from 1943 but with the final section completed at a much later date (between 1986 and 1989).

The writer was the son of James Bennetts Williams (GDP/57) and Mary Ann Williams (née Prout) (GDP/58).

OPEN

GDP/60 Diaries of Florence Ethel Mary Lee (née Perryman) 1946-1976

Diarist: Florence Ethel Mary Lee (née Perryman)

Born: 1890

Died: 20 June 1976

Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries contain brief notes on the happenings in the diarist's life. At the time these diaries were written, the diarist lived in Harrow and Pinner with her family. The deposit also includes material relating to another family member's work with the Soldiers', Sailors', and Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA). We also hold the diaries of Florence Lee's husband, Joel James Lee (1878-1961) (GDP/70).

OPEN

GDP/61	Diary of Carole M. Evans (née Norton)	1961
	<p>Diarist: Carole M. Evans (née Norton) Born: 27 July 1938 Gender: female</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: this diary was written during the early months of the diarist's relationship with the man who would later become her husband. Entries are typically a few sentences long, and were made every day.</p> <p>OPEN</p>	
GDP/62	Diaries of RB	1974-1991
	<p>Diarist: RB Born: 13 August 1947 Gender: female</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: these diaries detail the diarist's life during the early years of her children's lives. The diarist was later diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder, and her husband with Asperger's Syndrome. The diaries are candid on the experience of living with these conditions. The diarist remains anonymous at her request.</p> <p>APPLY TO ARCHIVIST Closed until 1991.</p>	
GDP/63	Diaries of Lionel Stoll (a.k.a. Liebke Stolnickis)	1923-1993
	<p>Diarist: Lionel Stoll (a.k.a. Liebke Stolnickis) Born: 3 October 1907 Died: 21 November 2007 Gender: male</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: These diaries belonged to Lionel Stoll, an immigrant from Lithuania who moved to London in 1923. Stoll later trained as a doctor, and these diaries include references to his professional activities.</p> <p>CLOSED</p>	
GDP/64	Diaries of John Herbert Orpen	1898-1950
	<p>Diarist: John Herbert Orpen Born: 30 September 1868 Died: 3 December 1950 Gender: male</p>	

Cataloguer's comments: These diaries were kept in detail by John Herbert Orpen, a Church of England clergyman who was born in Dublin and spent most of his career in Suffolk. The diaries of his wife, Ada Mary Orpen (née Stewart), which seem to have been kept as a continuation to Rev. Orpen's diaries after his death, are also held in our collections under the reference GDP/66. The entries are in note form, and often note Orpen's doings in the morning, afternoon, and evening each day in a fair degree of detail. Entries are very frequent, with few gaps. The diarist makes frequent use of abbreviations and runs words into one another, making the diary fairly difficult to read. However, the handwriting is generally fairly clear and it can be read without too much difficulty. The diarist was evidently in the habit of reading his diaries back later on, as notes occasionally appear with updates on the later histories of people or places mentioned.

OPEN

GDP/65

Diaries of Benjamin Rolfe

1884-1912

Diarist: Benjamin Rolfe
Born: July-September 1861
Died: 23 November 1931
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: These diaries were kept in Pitman shorthand by Benjamin Rolfe, who was listed in the 1901 census as a clerk and salesman at a leather goods warehouse. During the period covered by the diaries, the diarist married and his children were born.

OPEN

GDP/66

Diaries of Ada Mary Orpen (née Stewart)

1951-1966

Diarist: Ada Mary Orpen (née Stewart)
Born: 7 July 1872
Died: 1 May 1969
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries were kept by Ada Mary Orpen, the widow of Very Rev. John Herbert Orpen (1868-1950) (GDP/64), and do not seem to have been begun until after his

death, when his wife Ada made an entry in the final volume of his diary reporting his death. Ada Orpen's diaries seem to be a continuation of her husband's diaries, which he began to keep in 1898, some two years before their marriage.

OPEN

GDP/67 Diaries of Adella Frearson 1974-2007

Diarist: Adella Frearson
Born: April-June 1931
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries were begun in middle age, and chronicle the diarist's life in the last quarter of the 20th century and into the 21st. We also hold diaries belonging to Adella Frearson's sister, Lyla Rosalie Harling (née Frearson) (b 1934) (GDP/68).

OPEN

GDP/68 Diaries Lyla Rosalie Harling (née Frearson) 1993-2012

Diarist: Lyla Rosalie Harling (née Frearson)
Born: 12 January 1934
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries were begun in middle age, and chronicle the diarist's life in the last decade of the 20th century and into the 21st. We also hold diaries belonging to Lyla Harling's sister, Adella Frearson (b 1931) (GDP/67).

OPEN

GDP/69 Anonymous Diaries 1983-1989

Cataloguer's comments: these anonymous engagement diaries provide details of a person's activities for a few years during the 1980s.

OPEN

GDP/70 Diaries of Joel James Lee 1944-1961

Diarist: Joel James Lee
Born: 9 December 1878
Died: 27 June 1961
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries were kept by Joel James Lee, who worked as an engineer, including work on underground water-storage in the Second World War. The deposit also includes a large volume of extraneous material, including manuscripts of plays and poetry written by Mr Lee. We also hold the diaries of Joel Lee's wife, Florence Ethel Mary Lee (née Perryman) (1890-1976) (GDP/60).

OPEN

GDP/71 Diaries of Paul Elwick 1986-2014

Diarist: Paul Elwick
Born: 13 April 1966
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries provide a detailed and intimate account of the diarist's life, beginning when he was a young man of 20, and continuing for 25 years.

CLOSED

GDP/72 Diaries of Nancy Jeanne Bourne 1944-2010

Diarist: Nancy Jeanne Bourne
Born: 26 February 1928
Died: 16 January 2012
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: these 57 volumes of diaries (1944-2010) were kept by a minor actor/stagehand who worked in London in the latter half of the 20th century. The entries are in tiny handwriting, regular and detailed. They include descriptions both of the diarist's professional activities and her personal life. Highlights of the diary include the diarist being ignored by Noel Coward on 13/6/1957.

APPLY TO ARCHIVIST

GDP/73 Diaries of George Hugo Findlay 1914-1965

Diarist: George Hugo Findlay
Born: 16 February 1888
Died: 22 July 1966
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: this diary was kept by George Hugo Findlay, a colonial administrator in

Nigeria in the early 20th century, and later county archivist of Huntingdonshire. The early volumes, covering the diarist's colonial service, are transcriptions of volumes held by the Bodleian Library. We also hold papers relating to the diarist's wife's brother-in-law, the Labour MP (William George) Glenvil Hall (1887-1962) (see separate collection), Hall's father, William George Hall (1858-1913) (GDP/74), and Glenvil Hall's son, John Anthony Sanderson Hall (1921-2004) (GDP/75). The volumes covering the diarist's service in Nigeria reflect the paternalistic attitude of British colonial administration.

OPEN

GDP/74 Diaries of William George Hall 1884-1913

Diarist: William George Hall
Born: 1 May 1858
Died: 6 June 1913
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: These diaries were kept by William George Hall, a Quaker missionary in East London. The early volumes are in transcription only, but we hold the originals of later diaries. There is also extraneous material, including a transcribed fragment of an autobiography, an article written by Hall, and obituaries of his wife. We also hold papers relating to Hall's son, the Labour MP (William George) Glenvil Hall (1887-1962) (see separate collection), and Glenvil Hall's son, John Anthony Sanderson Hall (1921-2004) (GDP/75), and Glenvil Hall's wife's brother-in-law, George Hugo Findlay (1888-1966) (GDP/73).

OPEN

GDP/75 Diaries of John Anthony Sanderson Hall 1930-2002

Diarist: John Anthony Sanderson Hall
Born: 25 December 1921
Died: 5 January 2004
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: This diary was kept by John Anthony Sanderson Hall, a pilot with the RAF in the Second World War, and later a barrister and QC. He began to keep the diary in childhood, and kept it sporadically for over

seventy years. We also hold papers relating to the diarist's father, the Labour MP (William George) Glenvil Hall (1887-1962) (see separate collection), Glenvil Hall's father, William George Hall (1858-1913) (GDP/74), and Glenvil Hall's wife's brother-in-law, George Hugo Findlay (1888-1966) (GDP/73).

OPEN

GDP/76 Diaries of Judith Hatton 1964-1990

Diarist: Judith Hatton
Born: 4 February 1951
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: These diaries were kept from the time when the diarist was a young girl in South-Western England until she was in her late 30s. They include her migration to New Zealand and her work there as a teacher.

CLOSED

GDP/77 Diary of Lancelot Salkeld Charleton 1914

Diarist: Lancelot Salkeld Charleton (Later the diarist changed his surname to Charlton)
Born: 3 March 1892
Died: 10 April 1961
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: The actual diary is in the private collection of a grandson of the Diarist. The Great Diary Project holds a digital photographic copy. We also hold the facsimile autobiography of the diarist's half-brother, Oswald Francis Englefield Charleton (1916-1996) (GDP/46), which according to its preface was written at the instigation of this diarist. Lancelot Charleton, the diarist, was a lecturer in surveying at a college near Carlisle and joined the Royal Marines on 25/11/14 but did not see active service in 1914. The diary details numerous episodes of 'ragging' with various women and one man, the writer Hugh Walpole on 25th August. On 30th August the diarist met Jack Butler who may be the artist Jack Butler Yeats. The Diarist's hobbies also included motorcycle riding, painting, playing tennis, fox hunting and fishing. References to 'OJC' in the diary are to Oswin J Charlton, the diarist's uncle,

a solicitor in Newcastle who was financially supporting him. The diary evidences how the first world war, virtually unnoticed at first, gradually takes over the life of a 22 year old man and how the diarist secures a commission in the Royal Marines through the intervention of his uncle Admiral Sir Edward Charlton 'Uncle Ned'.)

The diarist served as a Captain in the trenches during the first world war and later married Dorothy Parker, 'Dot', who is frequently mentioned in the diary. However Dot committed suicide a few days after the wedding. The diarist married again and had one son. To date, the diarist has had five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

APPLY TO ARCHIVIST

GDP/78	Anonymous Diary	1930
	Cataloguer's comments: this diary was obviously owned by a well-connected professional who lived in or near London. It contains notes, made on most days, detailing the diarist's activities. OPEN	
GDP/79	Diaries of Janet Till (née Cook)	1968-2012
	Diarist: Janet Till (née Cook) Born: 9 November 1940 Gender: female	
	Cataloguer's comments: these diaries were kept, usually on loose-leaf paper, from a time when the diarist was in her mid-20s to when she was in her early 70s. In addition to the large volume of diary entries, there is a large amount of additional materials, including documents, photographs, and ephemera, some included in the diaries, and some loose. APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
GDP/80	Diaries of Jeremy Harrison	1973-1985
	Diarist: Jeremy Harrison Born: 7 October 1958 Gender: male	
	Cataloguer's comments: a mixture of A4 and A5	

diaries, containing inserted photographs, letters and ephemera, detailing the diarist's life in South East London from late teenage years to late twenties, includes diary of trip to US in 1985.

OPEN

GDP/81 Diaries of Sidney George Willson 1947-2009

Diarist: Sidney George Willson
Born: 24 May 1935
Died: 17 May 2009
Gender: male

Cataloguer's Comments. Sidney G. Willson's diaries run from childhood to old age and cover a range of personal topics of life in Dartford, Kent, and later Eastbourne, East Sussex, including family life, cricket and the weather. His diaries are also accompanied by his father's diaries (also called Sidney G. Willson) from 1947 to 1962).

OPEN

GDP/82 Diaries of Norman John Fulcher 1948-2008

Diarist: Norman John Fulcher
Born: July-September 1931
Died: 15 July 2008
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: These diaries were kept over a long period of time, and contain regular entries detailing what the diarist was doing, usually closely written in very small handwriting. The deposit also includes several volumes of diaries written during the diarist's holidays, as well as a large number of photograph albums and miscellaneous documents.

APPLY TO ARCHIVIST

GDP/83 Diaries of Lilian E. Mankelow 1986-2004

Diarist: Lilian E. Mankelow
Born: 12 June 1916
Died: 5 May 2006
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: These diaries were kept when the diarist was in her 70s and 80s.

They are partly engagement diaries, but also contain brief notes about what the diarist was doing at various times.

APPLY TO ARCHIVIST

GDP/84 Diary of Rose Ella (or Rosella) Bushe-Fox 1906

Diarist: Rose Ella (or Rosella) Bushe-Fox
Born: c1876
Died: April-June 1955
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: This diary was kept intermittently, and contains a few, short entries about the diarist's life.

OPEN

GDP/85 Diaries of Lilian E. Howse 1933-1953

Diarist: Lilian E. Howse
Born: October-December 1917
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: These diaries intermittently cover a period of twenty years, and include brief entries on what the diarist was doing at the time, as well as including upcoming engagements. They also include a small amount of ephemera, including the diarist's membership card to the Fabian Society for 1953-4.

OPEN

GDP/86 Diary of Joan Varcoe 1937

Diarist: Joan Varcoe
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: This diary contains fairly lengthy entries made on most days, and deals with the happenings in the diarist's life. The handwriting can be slightly difficult to read as in many sections it is tightly packed together, and some sections are in code.

OPEN

GDP/87	Anonymous diary	1871
	<p>Diarist: Unknown Gender: Unknown</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: This diary by an anonymous author records daily travel around London, weather social engagements and expenditure outlaid on travel and purchases on a daily basis. The beginning and end of the diary also contain recipes. It is possible the diarist was an undertaker as there are regular visits to cemeteries. The diary runs from 19 April to 3 November 1871.</p> <p>OPEN</p>	
GDP/88	Diary of Brian Charles Edward Aldous	1944
	<p>Diarist: Brian Charles Edward Aldous Born: 13 September 1914 Died: 24 October 2003 Gender: male</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: This diary was kept by Major B.C.E. Aldous whilst serving with the 20th Indian Medical Trooping Party during WWII. Contains entries for each day with notes on day's activities, weather and letters sent and received. Also includes press cuttings and ephemera.</p> <p>OPEN</p>	
GDP/89	Diaries of Ian Frank Crabbe	1950-2013
	<p>Diarist: Ian Frank Crabbe Born: 6 October 1945 Gender: male</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: 28 diaries. Also includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - miscellaneous correspondence between family and friends, including correspondence with parents, 1958-2015. - school reports, 1954-1964. - Patient Record forms / accident and emergency department, 1980s – 1990s. - Professional correspondence and associated newspaper cuttings, 1975- 2004. - Crabbe Family Tree details. <p>APPLY TO ARCHIVIST</p>	

GDP/90	Diaries of Diane Stevenson	1979-2010
	<p>Diarist: Diane Stevenson Born: 17 April 1940 Died: December 2010 Gender: female</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: The diarist kept a daily diary from the mid/late 1970's through until she went into hospital in October 2010, starting off quite small but within a couple of years growing to be a quite comprehensive document (often covering almost 1 sheet of A4 paper per day) and includes many bills, invoices, post cards, flyers etc... from both local, national and some international trips. Many of these bills are from the same places (hotels, restaurants etc...) that were visited for 30 years or so as well as daily weather notes (since about 2000), books read each year. Also includes three notebooks recording her dreams from 1998-2009 and various greeting cards.</p> <p>OPEN</p>	
GDP/91	Diaries of George Henry Bunting	1943-2009
	<p>Diarist: George Henry Bunting Born: 1925 Died: 30 October 2011 Gender: male</p> <p>APPLY TO ARCHIVIST</p>	
GDP/92	Autobiography of Joseph Almond	n.d.
	<p>Writer: Joseph Almond Born: 18 February 1915 Died: October-December 1988 Gender: male</p> <p>OPEN</p>	
GDP/93	Diaries of Anita C. Leaver	1993-2013
	<p>Diarist: Anita C. Leaver Born: 1952 Gender: female</p> <p>CLOSED</p>	

GDP/94	Diaries of Elisabeth Celia Hope (née Wilkinson)	1942-1963
	<p>Diarist: Elisabeth Celia Hope (née Wilkinson) Born: 16 May 1902 Died: December 1981 Gender: female OPEN</p>	
GDP/95	Diary of Mary Lascelles Lee Harcourt (née Leesmith)	1894-1896
	<p>Diarist: Mary Lascelles Lee Harcourt (née Leesmith) Born: 27 June 1870 Died: 24 June 1948 Gender: female</p> <p>Cataloguer's Comments. This is the diary of Mary Lascelles Leesmith, a late 19th century artist who married fellow artist George Harcourt in 1897. The diary entries note weather and day-to-day working and leisure activities. Most entries are around a paragraph although some run longer. Refers to many people by name which are often hard to decipher but only a few have been included here. There are very frequent referrals to H (? George Harcourt future husband) and then references to G in same manner as those to H, but assume they are one and the same. Diary begins on Sunday 7 October 1894 and entries are written in a notebook rather than a specific diary. OPEN</p>	
GDP/96	Diary of Chris Jesty	1954-2012
GDP/97	Diary of Dorothy Florence Gibson (née Kindred)	1968
	<p>Diarist: Dorothy Florence Gibson (née Kindred) Born: 31 May 1909 Died: 13 August 2003 Gender: female</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: this diary was kept by</p>	

Dorothy Florence Gibson of Bromley. It consists largely of reminders of future engagements written in note form. Judging by the content of the diary, the diarist seems to have been a teacher.

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GDP/98 Diary of Henry James Griffin 1877-1880

Diarist: Henry James Griffin
Born: 18 January 1858
Died: 9 April 1945
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: This diary was kept by Henry James Griffin, who lived for much of his life in the East End of London. It was kept intermittently for several years, and contains details the many classes and talks he attended, as well as his devotional activities. It also contains some longer entries which provide an insight into Griffin's mind at times of excitement or stress.

OPEN

GDP/99 Diaries of Freda Smith 1904-1914

Diarist: Freda Smith
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries were kept in the early years of the 20th century. They contain regular, fairly lengthy entries about what the diarist was doing. It has not been possible to find out additional information about the diarist.

OPEN

GDP/100 Diaries of Frank Blake 1903-1929

Diarist: Frank Blake
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries contain moderately lengthy entries, and contain extraneous material and ephemera such as letters, telegrams, and receipts. Some volumes are fire-damaged. It has not been possible to find additional information about the diarist.

OPEN

GDP/101	Diary of Mary Bache (?)	1751-1788
	Diarist: Mary Bache (?) Gender: female	
	Cataloguer's comments: this diary was kept in an almanac and contains records of significant events in the diarist's family. It appears to have belonged to Mary Bache, the mother of Richard Bache (1737-1811), who was Postmaster General of the United States between 1776 and 1782 and the son-in-law of Benjamin Franklin. It contains details of Richard Bache's emigration to North America, and of his visits home in company with Franklin. OPEN	
GDP/102	Anonymous Diary	1802-1838
	Cataloguer's comments: this anonymous diary contains details of the diarist's business dealings. OPEN	
GDP/103	Diary of Elizabeth Ainger	1831-1832
	Diarist: Elizabeth Ainger Born: c1789 Died: 28 July 1869 Gender: female	
	Cataloguer's comments: this diary was kept by Elizabeth Ainger in the 1830s. It contains detailed entries outlining what the diarist was doing on the days in question. OPEN	
GDP/104	Anonymous Diary	1882
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GDP/105	Anonymous Diary	1919
	Cataloguer's comments: this diary begins with the diarist's demobilisation following the First World War. It details his return to civilian life, and contains a number of photographs and press clippings.	

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GDP/106	Anonymous Diary	1877
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GDP/107	Diary of Cyril J. Jackson	1916-1918
	Diarist: Cyril J. Jackson Gender: male	
	Cataloguer's comments: this diary was kept whilst the diarist was in the army in East Africa during the First World War. It contains regular entries of a variety of different lengths detailing the diarist's service in the Ordnance Corps.	
	OPEN	
GDP/108	Diary of J. L. Neill	1950-1954
	Diarist: J. L. Neill	
	Cataloguer's comments: this diary was kept in the 1950s by J. L. Neill, a civil servant at the Ministry of Labour.	
	OPEN	
GDP/109	Diary of William Sealy	1880
	Diarist: William Sealy Born: c1820 Died: 28 March 1900 Gender: male	
	Cataloguer's comments: this diary was kept by Rev. William Sealy. It contains detailed entries about his doings and those of his family. We also hold diaries written by his daughter, Catherine Louisa Sealy (1849-1915) (GDP/110) and his son, William Henry Streatfield Sealy (b 1850) (GDP/111).	
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GDP/110	Diary of Catherine Louisa Sealy	1869
	Diarist: Catherine Louisa Sealy Born: October-November 1849 Died: 21 July 1915 Gender: female	

Cataloguer's comments: this diary was kept during a trip to France and Switzerland. We also hold the diaries of Catherine Sealy's father, Rev. William Sealy (c1820-1900) (GDP/109) and her brother, William Henry Streatfield Sealy (b 1850) (GDP/111).
OPEN

GDP/111 Diary of William Henry Streatfield Sealy 1892

Diarist: William Henry Streatfield Sealy
Born: October-November 1850
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: this diary contains an account of a journey the diarist made from Britain to Ceylon (Sri Lanka), his time there, and the return journey. We also hold the diaries of William Sealy's father, Rev. William Sealy (c1820-1900) (GDP/109) and his sister, Catherine Louisa Sealy (1849-1915) (GDP/110).
OPEN

GDP/112 Diary of Peter David Thomas 1930-1931

Diarist: Peter David Thomas
Born: October-December 1873
Died: 1951
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: this diary was kept by a solicitor in Yorkshire. It contains a mixture of typescript and manuscript, and a mixture of diary entries, quotations, and miscellaneous musings.
OPEN

GDP/113 Diary of F. E. Smithers 1959

Diarist: F. E. Smithers
OPEN

GDP/114 Diary of Barbara Frances Pincherle (née Sillitoe) 1972-1973

Diarist: Barbara Frances Pincherle (née Sillitoe)
Born: 7 September 1940
Died: 7 July 2005
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: This holiday diary records visits by Barbara Frances Pincherle to Corfu with husband Guido in September 1972 and with Guido and her mother and father to Madeira in February 1973. There are extensive diary entries for each day recording activities, along with postcards, receipts, advertising materials and photographs pasted into the album.

OPEN

GDP/115 Diaries of Theodore Rex Gibson 1927-2009

Diarist: Theodore Rex Gibson
Born: 1914
Died: 2010
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: Extensive diaries and notebooks of Rex Gibson including note on daily activities, poetry, prose and thoughts on philosophical, spiritual and religious matters. Also includes two boxes of personal and professional correspondence, three boxes of miscellaneous manuscripts and a box of historic documents, predominantly from the Second World War.

OPEN

GDP/116 Diary of Alfred Foster Statham 1899-1901

Diarist: Alfred Foster Statham
Born: 1884
Died: 1917
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: Notebook containing handwritten copies of letters sent by Alfred during his apprenticeship on board the ship Eulomene on trade voyages including Liverpool to Calcutta, aged 15 to 17 years.

OPEN

GDP/117 Anonymous Diary 1986-1988

Cataloguer's comments: Diary of an older lady recording daily weather, her own health and general day to day activities.

OPEN

GDP/118	Diaries of NAME TO COME	1973-1992
	Diarist: Born: Died: Gender:	
	Cataloguer's comments: OPEN	
GDP/119	Diaries of Terence O'Brien	c1924- c1966
	Diarist: Terence O'Brien Gender: male	
	Cataloguer's comments: These diaries were kept in notebooks for much of the diarist's life. The diarist was involved in the theatre for much of the period covered. APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
GDP/120	Diary/Scrapbook of Sandra Loder	1963
	Diarist: Sandra Loder (nee Doherty) Born: 1954 Gender: female	
	Cataloguer's comments: Digital images of a diary/scrapbook kept by diarist recording school life and general life living in Aden where her father was stationed in the RAF, includes press cuttings, ephemera and drawings. OPEN	
GDP/121	Anonymous Diary	1917
	Cataloguer's comments: Diary of possibly a lady, recording household income and expenditure, and occasional leisure activity. OPEN	
GDP/122	Diary of David P. R. Miller	1967
	Diarist: David P. R. Miller Born: 1949 Died: Unknown Gender: male	
	Cataloguer's comments: The 'Legible Soccer Diary: World Cup Souvenir Edition', including	

brief notes by the diarist on classes, travelling and appointments.

OPEN

GDP/123 Diary of Eric Roberts 1925

Diarist: Eric Roberts
Born: 5 April 1914
Died: 22 July 2010
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: Diary recording in details three months (January to March) the life of ten year old Eric Roberts whilst living in Birchington, Kent, with his parents, older brother, two maids and a chauffeur. Entries revolve around day-to-day life, school, food and music lessons with Madame Stoganoff.

OPEN

GDP/124 Diaries of Mervyn Evans

Diarist: Mervyn Evans
Born: October-December 1918
Died: 9 February 2014
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries cover from 1971 to 2011.

OPEN

GDP/125 Diary of Nathaniel Cholmeley 1754

Diarist: Nathaniel Cholmeley
Born: 15 November 1721
Died: 11 March 1791
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: Diary and account book recording weekly expenditure and engagements. It appears to have belonged to Nathaniel Cholmeley of Howsham Hall, Yorkshire. It also contains notes on genealogy at the front of volume and a note from 1881.

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| GDP/126 | Diary of John Alexander Newbury | 1944-1946 |
| | <p>Diarist: John Alexander Newbury
Born: 1922
Died: Unknown
Gender: male</p> | |
| | <p>Cataloguer's comments: Five year diary containing handwritten entries on war service in Britain and the Far East, along with interesting comments on leisure time activities.</p> | |
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| GDP/127 | Diaries of Anna Kirstie Leggatt (née Melville) | 1979-2013 |
| | <p>Diarist: Anna Kirstie Leggatt (née Melville)
Born: 21 October 1932
Gender: female</p> | |
| | <p>Cataloguer's comments: Diary was kept by Anna Kirstie Leggatt during from 1979 to 2013. It contains detailed entries outlining what the diarist was doing on the days in question. Scrapbooks containing ephemera, photographs and diary entries from Kirstie and Robin Leggatt's boating and boating holidays, 1980's-2000.</p> | |
| | OPEN | |
| GDP/128 | Diaries of Shefalika Esme Barbara Sen | 1964-2012 |
| | <p>Diarist: Shefalika Esme Barbara Sen
Born: 6 March 1931
Died: 19 January 2014
Gender: female</p> | |
| | <p>Cataloguer's comments: Diaries kept by Indian national Shefalika Esme Barbara Sen, regarding daily engagements and including occasional letters and ephemera.</p> | |
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| GDP/129 | Diary of Maureen Kelly | 1939 |
| | <p>Diarist: Maureen Kelly
Born: 20 January 1924
Death: 16 February 1992
Gender: female</p> | |
| | <p>Cataloguer's comments: Diary recording</p> | |

Maureen Kelly's school visit from Camborne County School, Cornwall, to Paris in April 1939 including observations on travelling and places visited. The diary is labelled '1941' but after research it was found to have actually been 1939. More information can be found at: <http://www.50ayear.com/2012/10/25/my-trip-to-paris/>.

OPEN

GDP/130 Diary of Ernest Alexander Walker 1891-1897

Diarist: Ernest Alexander Walker
Born: 31 March 1871
Death: 17 November 1939
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: Diary of Ernest Alexander Walker bearing the title 'From St Andrew's, Scotland, to New Plymouth, New Zealand'. It records through 250 pages six years of the author's life, from holding the post of resident physician at Glasgow's Western Infirmary, his voyage on the steamer Gothic to New Zealand, and his establishment of a practice in New Plymouth. Includes menu cards from the SS Gothic and illustrations.

OPEN

GDP/131 Diaries of Kenneth Taylor 1946-2001

Diarist: Kenneth Taylor
Born: 11 January 1921
Death: 05 January 2002
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: Diary of Kenneth Taylor of Hyde, Cheshire, and later of Bury. It records 49 years of the author's life (within this 53-year period), in 87 volumes, beginning with his time in the British Army, stationed in what was then French Indochina (Vietnam), returning mid-1946 to the UK having spent the previous four years and 10 months in the Army, and returning to work at the Post Office in Manchester. The majority of the diaries cover the decade of the 1950s. Includes travels in Switzerland. Parts of many volumes after June 1964 are written in French. Includes news clippings, lists.

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diary

GDP/132

Diaries of John Atkinson Highfield

**1940s-
2010s**

Diarist: John Atkinson Highfield
Born: 11 January 1940
Death: 08 June 2013
Gender: male

61 volumes in all:
54 large scrapbooks measuring 52cm long x 32 cm wide, each one filled with photographs, postcards, news clippings, and some notes describing what is included. Not traditional diaries but pictorial and documentary records of a life, from babyhood and early childhood in the 1940s through to final years. Covering the following decades:
1940s - 1 vol
1950s - 3 vols
1960s - 7 vols
1970s - 10 vols
1980s - 13 vols
1990s - 10 vols
2000s - 10 vols
2010-2012 - 3 vols

Also 7 vols of very detailed indexes, sorted alphabetically, delineating every subject, person, event (theatre visit, ballet) and place referred to in the scrapbooks.

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GDP/133

Diaries of Peggy Hitchings

1954-2001

Diarist: Peggy Hitchings
Born: 9 August 1926
Died: July-September 2002
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries cover a lengthy period of the diarist's life, and mostly date from her later years. Many of the volumes contain lengthy entries describing the happenings in the diarist's life.

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GDP/134 Diaries of Marilyn and Alan Tippett 2006-2013

Diarist: Marilyn Tippett
Born: 27 November 1952
Gender: female

Diarist: Alan Tippett
Born: 28 June 1944
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: these diaries include lengthy entries on a daily basis. Also includes an engagement diary (2006), a 'positives' book and two weather diaries.

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GDP/135 Diary of Frederick William Dunn 1881

Diarist: Frederick William Dunn
Born: April-June 1859
Died: 28 April 1940
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: Diary kept by Frederick William Dunn, a London resident, between January and April 1881 recording times he left work each day and social activities in the evening, including sport and going to the theatre. The diarist was a clerk in the Civil Service at this time, and was heavily involved with Saracens FC.

OPEN

GDP/136 Diary of Hope Chenhalls 1936-1937

Diarist: (Clara) Hope Chenhalls
Born: 2 March 1910
Died: January-March 1996
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: [Clara] Hope Chenhalls (1910-1996) at the time she wrote this diary was working as personal secretary to the actors Charles Laughton (1899-1962) and Elsa Lanchester (1902-1986). Laughton and Lanchester had married in 1929 (and were still married at the time of Laughton's death); in December 1936 (the time of this diary) the couple were rehearsing a production of Peter Pan at the London Palladium, with Elsa as Peter

and Charles as Captain Hook. Hope Chenhall's brother Alfred (1899-1943), mentioned in this journal, was an agent, accountant and friend to several British film stars of the era; he was later to be a passenger on the ill-fated flight shot down by the Germans over the Bay of Biscay in June of 1943, killing Alfred and, among others, his good friend the actor Leslie Howard. There has been speculation ever since that the flight was targeted because the Nazis mistakenly believed that Winston Churchill was on board, as Chenhalls closely resembled him.

Among the leading lights of the day mentioned in this very brief journal – running to only the first 29 of approximately 400 ruled pages in a notebook measuring about 12 x 18 cm, and covering in total a period of only about three weeks – are the actors Zasu Pitts, John Gielgud, Ruth Gordon, Norma Shearer, Robert Newton and Emyln Williams, the film directors and producers Erich Pommer, Alexander Korda, Josef von Sternberg and Lothar Mendes, the writers Max Beerbohm and Arthur Bryant, the architect Joseph Emberton and the painter John Armstrong. Perhaps most intriguing of all is the mention of the Laughton's cook, Nellie Boxall, who had previously worked for the writer Virginia Woolf and who is one of the subjects of historian Alison Light's excellent book, *Mrs Woolf and the Servants* (Penguin, 2007).

OPEN

GDP/137 Diaries of Tony Shelley 1984-2014

Diarist: Tony Shelley
Born: 1953
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: 54 volumes covering the years 1984; 1992-94; 1997-2014.

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GDP/138 Diaries of Joan Mary Withy 1947-2014

Diarist: Joan Mary Withy
Born: 1933
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: 15 volumes covering

the years 1947-2014, as follows:

1. 1947 (January - August)
 2. 1948 (January - May)
 3. 1948 (May - December)
 4. 1949 (January - July)
 5. 1949 (July - December)
 6. December 1949 - July 1950
 7. July 1950 - June 1951
 8. 1951-1953: Teacher training college days, Southlands Methodist College, Wimbledon - this volume includes ephemera such as theatre programmes, ticket stubs, postcards and later biographical post-it notes from the diarist
 9. 1954 - 1961: also ephemera, manuscript letters
 10. 1965 - 1980
 11. 1981 - 1988
 12. [numbered 13 by the diarist] 1988 - 1998
 13. [numbered 14 by the diarist] 1999 - 2007
 14. [not numbered by the diarist] 2007 - 2014
 15. [not numbered by the diarist, but 'House moving year' written on the cover] 2011-2012
- Also a studio portrait photograph of the diarist, still in its plastic wrap, n.d.

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GDP/139

Diary of Posy Adler

1929-1946

Diarist: Posy Adler (given name: Roslyn Woolf)
Born: 6 February 1916
Died: 6 December 2006
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Typescript of the diary of Posy Adler covering the years of her adolescence, her marriage and birth of children in the United States from 1929 to her father's return from war in 1946. Includes comments on life, friends, social activities and mother's mental illness.

OPEN

GDP/140

Diaries of George William Henrys

1961-2010

Diarist: George William Henrys
Born: 24 July 1920
Died: 14 April 2015
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: Handwritten. 44

volumes covering the period 1961-2010, as below. Daily entries, recording day-to-day activities including weather reports as the diarist was a keen gardener:

1961-1962

1967-1969

1972-2010

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| GDP/141 | Diary of Shaka Kerr | 2001 |
| | Diarist: Shaka Kerr
Born: 1998
Died: 2013
Gender: male | |
| | Cataloguer's comments: this diary kept by dog Shaka Kerr records a family weekend stay with Grandma in Stockton Heath, Cheshire, in October 2001. | |
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| GDP/142 | Diaries of Richard Laurence Davies Cochrane | 1961-1998 |
| | Diarist: Richard Laurence Davies Cochrane
Born: 26 August 1930
Gender: male | |
| | Cataloguer's comments: this diary recording day-to-day personal and work activities is held within three large folders and five volumes. The pages also include ephemera, particularly dinner menus and theatre programmes between the pages. There is also a folder of accompanying ephemera containing documents, ephemera and other material from each of the diarist's places of employment, along with passports covering the diarist's life. | |
| | OPEN | |
| GDP/143 | Diaries of David W. Edgerley | 1946-2002 |
| | 1946: The entries cover DWE's year as a guest of his paternal grandparents in Yeovil, Somerset. DWE had left India the year before to enter a university in the U.K. The diary covers his quest for one. He is 19 years of age. There are no diaries for the next 23 years. DWE had graduated with a degree in geology, found work | |

with Esso in Calgary, married, and changed companies to join Chevron. He worked all across the prairie provinces in summer and winter, sampled its bleak northern parts, and spent two years in Trinidad with a Chevron subsidiary, before returning to Canada.

1969: Chevron had transferred DWE and my family to Perth, Australia, in 1965. This diary covers the last of four years with West Australian Petroleum Company. DWE and family were transferred to The Hague, to another Chevron subsidiary, in mid-year. Life begins in The Netherlands.

1970: The Hague office was run by an idiot. Employees demanded transfers and one suffered a nervous breakdown. DWE asked for and was granted a transfer to Calgary, Canada later that year. DWE and family left London by boat, arrived in Montreal, and drove across Canada. They bought their first house and made to settle down.

1971: Calgary soon paled and DWE accepted a position in Brisbane, Australia, with Australia Aquitaine Petroleum, a French company. Left for Honolulu and New Zealand before arriving in Brisbane.

1972: Bought a house in Fig Tree Pocket and settled down to a geophysicist's life in Queensland.

1973: The company sent DWE on a familiarisation trip to their headquarters in Pau, France. Life continues in Brisbane with all its pleasures and frustrations.

1974: Moves the office from Brisbane to Sydney. A new house was purchased in Wahroonga.

1976: Six months in Pau, with Shirley this time.

1978: Transferred permanently to Pau. Youngest daughter Anne attended boarding school at Dartington Hall, Totnes. DWE's family's parents visit them.

1979: Adjusting to France and its ways was

never easy. Holidays in Spain helped and so did vacations in Mauritius, where DWE's parents lived. The girls joined them for Christmas in Paris.

1980: Jacqui visited family at Christmas. Family visit Mauritius and DWE's parents. Office politics, French style, are bizarre. Lee and Carol were married in Brisbane.

1981: Resigned from Elf/Aquitane and returned to Australia. DWE becomes a consultant and finds work with CSR. There were many trips with its manager, Maurie Drew, to Singapore and Seram.

1983: DWE joins Kuwait Petroleum in Bahrain as GM in 1983. There are four diaries for the years 1983 -1986, detailing office appointments and daily life there. The Middle East companies were national ones and the head offices were staffed with grossly undertrained personnel.

1986: DWE leaves KUFPEC and "retires" in Aug, 1986. Shirley's mother died during our visit to her in England. Family begin their travels around the world. They visit Lee in Jacksonville, FL, enjoyed Disneyland, and toured state and national parks.

1987: Family came back to Brisbane briefly. DWE's Mother joins them and they attend Anne's wedding in Melbourne to Mathew Graydon. They then flew to London, Jacksonville, FL, Vancouver, Honolulu and Hilo, Fiji, New Zealand, and then return home.

1988: Family fly to Jacksonville and then Trinidad and its adjacent islands in March, returning to Jacksonville from Barbados. Returned to Queensland and began building a house in Kooralbyn. DWE's Mother had now joined their family.

1989: House finally completed. DWE offered work with Petroconsultants. Spends three months with Asamera in Jakarta with Shirley. Vacation in Jacksonville, FL, with Lee's family.

1990: DWE returns to work with Asamera. Flies

to Jacksonville, FL, where they spent three months touring the adjacent states (2 diaries). They tour the Civil War battlefields.

1993: DWE works for Asamera in Jakarta for the last time. Flies to Canada where Haley was born. After that, returns to France and after many reunions with old friends, flies back to Halifax.

1994: DWE continues to Chanhassen, MN, where Lee now lived with his family. Flew to New York, explored Costa Rica and returned to OZ via Honolulu. There is another diary that recounts daily life in Brisbane

1995: DWE edits reports for Petroconsultants. Brisbane and the daily plod. Visits Colleyville, Texas, where Lee had joined a new company. Flies to Halifax, then England and India. This was Shirley's introduction to DWE's childhood haunts. Sails to Thursday Island on returning home.

1996: Visits Lee and family in Colleyville. First signs of heart trouble. Stays with friends in Denver, sees Anne and Matthew in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where Elias was born. Flies to U.K and India.

1998: Flies to see Lee and his family in Tampa. In Australia, visited Anne and Mathew in Ayers Rock. Later, flies to U.K where DWE becomes ill with pneumonia. Leaves hurriedly for Singapore where Matthew had taken a new job.

1999: Returns to Singapore. Holidays in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with Anne and family. Moves to Penang and outer islands by themselves. Lily was born in Melbourne. Sinus node ablated and a pacemaker inserted. Later in the year, a stent was used.

2002: Holiday in Burma, where DWE was born and his family had lived until the 1942 evacuation. In Thailand we made a pilgrimage to his uncle Cecil's grave at the Kanchanaburri cemetery.

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| GDP/144 | Diaries of Frank Herbert Smith | 1903-1951 |
| | Diarist: Frank Herbert Smith
Born: January-March 1873
Died: October-December 1965
Gender: male | |
| | Cataloguer's comments: these diaries kept by Frank H. Smith from Ilford, Essex and later West Worthing, contains notes on engagement and short comments on planned daily activities.
OPEN | |
| GDP/145 | Diaries of Frederick Eric Ward | 1960-1979 |
| | Diarist: Frederick Eric Ward
Born: 12 April 1909
Died: 4 February 1989
Gender: male | |
| | Cataloguer's comments: these diaries kept by Frederick Eric Ward whilst working as a grocery manager for the Co-operative Wholesale Society in Bristol. The diaries contain a page for each day and comment on working life and social activities, along with occasional notes on national news events.
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| GDP/146 | Diary of Thomas Jackson Phillips | 1921 |
| | Diarist: Thomas Jackson Phillips
Born: 1844
Died: unknown
Gender: male | |
| | Cataloguer's comments: this diary is rather more an account book, containing note of orders and sales, along with receipts for goods purchased for Thomas Jackson Phillips as a maker of barometers, picture frames and cabinets in Leytonstone, Essex.
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| GDP/147 | Diary of Claire Counsel | 2010-2012 |
| | Diarist: Claire Counsel
Born: 12 June 1977
Gender: female | |

Cataloguer's comments: this diary is runs from December 2010 to June 2013 and contains entries for most days detailing personal matters, social life, friends and working.

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GDP/148 Travel diaries of Cecilia Sebestyen 1973-1992

Diarist: Cecilia Sebestyen
Born: 1919
Died: 25 September 2010
Gender: female

Comments: Travel diaries kept in exercise books and loose sheets by Cecilia Sebestyen recording daily holiday activities and sights seen during holidays to Poland, China, Turkey, France, Egypt, USA, Czechoslovakia, India, Holland, Italy and Germany.

OPEN

GDP/149 Diary of Julie Shergold 2000

Diarist: Julie Shergold
Born: 15 May 1953
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Diary recording everyday activities and thoughts, interspersed with older diary entries and poems (NOTE: Restriction on some names not to be used in publication. See depositor's file).

OPEN

GDP/150 Log book of 'The Marvels': being the account of the members of the 1st Crockenhill Company in camp at Kingsdown 1927

Diarist: Various
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Log book of 'The Marvels' (five girls: Jo Edgington, Phyllis Gess, Vera Frost, Ethel Cox and Doris Fitz): being the account of the members of the 1st Crockenhill Company in camp at Kingsdown. Includes reports on daily activities, photographs, illustrations and cuttings of plants and flowers. 1927.

OPEN

GDP/151 Diaries of Austin Stanley Finn 1922-2008

Diarist: Austin Stanley Finn
Born:
Died:
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: diaries and papers of Austin Stanley Finn, including:

- 49 volumes of diaries.
- RAF papers (2 Boxes)
- Correspondence (5 Boxes)
- Photographs and Photo Albums (5 Boxes)
- Cash, account and miscellaneous notebooks (2 Boxes)
- Miscellaneous documents and personal ephemera (1 Box)

OPEN

GDP/152 Diary of Stella Mary Rallings Seville (nee Cocke) 1936

Diarist: Stella Mary Rallings Seville (nee Cocke)
Born: 15 October 1910
Died: 24 December 2001
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Account of the diarist's holiday journey to the U.S.A. on the Queen Mary liner, travelling with her father, Arthur J Cocke, an insurance manager at the Car and General Company, Brighton. The diary covers the period 05 August 1936 to 04 September 1936 (at the Hotel Commodore, New York). Picture postcards.

OPEN

GDP/153 Diaries of Felicity Jane Kaplan 1942-2004

Diarist: Felicity Jane Kaplan
Born:
Died:
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: extensive material regarding the life of Felicity Jane Kaplan, including engagement, tablet and holiday diaries, along with personal documents and

three volumes of memoirs. Includes:

- Engagement Diaries: 1942-1946, 1951-1958, 1960-1964, 1967-1974, 1976-1997, 2000-2004.
- Tablet Diaries: 1963-1986.
- Holiday diaries (including visits to): France (1959, 1961, 1964-1968, 1970-1971, 1979-2000), South Africa (1974-1975, 1979-1983), Australia/New Zealand (1981/2, 1986-1988, 1993, 1995), Jersey (1989), USA (1992-1994, 1997), Spain (1964), Holland (1982), Champneys (1976), Yorkshire (1962), Prague (1995), Thailand (1972/3), Israel (1984), Europe (1969), Andorra (1975)
- Personal ephemera, including passports, driving licences and cookbook.
- Three volumes of personal memoirs: 'Growing Up in South Africa, 1942-1965, Vols. I & II' and 'Summers in Langue Doc, La Bergerie'

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GDP/155

Diary of Catherine King

1981-2011

Diarist: Catherine King

Gender: female

Dates: 1923 - 2013

Cataloguer's comments: diarist was a keen gardener who kept diaries from 1981 until 2011, recording daily temperatures in her greenhouse together with a note of the weather outside and how her plants were faring. Seven books of various sizes, each covering several years:

1. 1981-1985 small brown five-year diary with lock
2. 1986-1992 larger red 'any year' diary
3. 1993-1997 small red five-year diary with lock
4. 1998-2002 large (A4-sized) blue diary
5. 2003-2005 large blue ring-bound notebook
6. 2006-2008 large red ring-bound notebook
7. 2009-2011 small red 'collectors or club book'

Also some loose leaves of notes and print-outs from BBC's 'Gardeners' Question Time' programme

OPEN

GDP/156 Diaries of Ann Wolff 1969-2014

Diarist: Ann Wolff
Born: 7 August 1924
Died: 6 July 2014
Gender: female

Cataloguers comments: Includes:

- engagement diaries, 1969-2014
- Twenty-seven research notebooks (on the following topics: 'Doctor on call', 'Families Talking', women, Londoners, art for all, contraception, poetry, children, Heaven and Hell, science, etc.)
- Nine holiday diaries and notebooks (inc. France, London, Dubai, Shetland, Budapest, Vienna, USA/Canada, Prague, Berlin, Moscow, Ireland, Scotland), 1981-1990s.
- three files of unidentified and undated family photographs
- personal ephemera, including driving licences, membership cards of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians, and the Writers' Guild of Great Britain, 1969-1983.
- novel, 'The Grand Master Plan' by Ann Wolff, 1985.
- Various television scripts, including 'Hell and Heaven', 'Odyssey House', 'The Stansted Affair', 'My Name is Norville', draft scripts on contraception, Islam and miscellaneous scripts, 1966-1978.

OPEN

GDP/157 Diaries of Joan Sherwood (née Lord) 1984-2011

Diarist: Joan Sherwood (née Lord)
Born: 25 March 1925
Died: 30 October 2013
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries kept between 1984 and 2011 by Joan Sherwood recording daily events and activities, along with a religious message at the beginning of each day.

OPEN

GDP/158	Diaries of Derek D. Sherwood	1975-2011
	<p>Diarist: Derek D. Sherwood Born: 19 June 1924 Gender: male</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: Diaries kept between 1975 and 2011 by Derek Sherwood recording daily events and activities, along with a religious message at the beginning of each day. OPEN</p>	
GDP/159	Holiday diary of Derek and Joan Sherwood	1978
	<p>Typescript and handwritten diary of holiday to India taken by Derek and Joan Sherwood, 1978. OPEN</p>	
GDP/160	Diaries of G.C.	1961-2004
	<p>Diarist: G.C. Born: 1944 Gender: female</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: Diaries and other items kept by G.C., including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - diaries, 1961-2002 - 17 engagement diaries, 1968-2004. - 5 holiday diaries, 1961-2001. - correspondence and orders of service for funerals of friends and family. - audio cassette. - Nursing qualification record. - miscellaneous notebooks. <p>CLOSED</p>	
GDP/161	Diaries of James George Brocklehurst	1954-2013
	<p>Diarist: James George Brocklehurst Born: 3 September 1931 Died: 14 November 2014 Gender: male</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: diaries kept by engineer James George Brocklehurst between 1954 and 2013 recording life and events in Manchester and Bristol. All diaries are Lett's Mechanical Engineering diaries. The diaries start off largely as engagement diaries but entries become longer and more common as</p>	

diarist gets older.

OPEN

GDP/162 Diaries of Henry James Woodley 1954-2014

Diarist: Henry James Woodley (known as Harry)

Born: 14 November 1929

Died: 13 July 2014

Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: diaries kept by nuclear scientist Harry Woodley between 1954 and 2014 recording life and events in East Anglia until 1970 and in Australia from 1970 to 2014. Also includes dream notebook for 1995 and Harry's memoir, 'An East Anglian Sketchbook' recording his life between September 1939 and August 1951, including his evacuation from London and eventual return.

OPEN

GDP/163 Diaries of Barry George Watson 1942-2014

Diarist: Barry George Watson

Born: 17 July 1919

Died: 3 November 2014

Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: diaries kept by paper technologist Barry George Watson. Sequential except for missing years 2011 and 2012. 70 volumes in 27 boxes, 1942-2014. Each diary includes extensive press cuttings and ephemera. Also includes:

- correspondence, letters and cards, 1948-2008.
- holiday diaries and ephemera, 1948-2005.
- miscellaneous ephemera, including calendars, passports and other material, 1960s-2000s.
- additional papers regarding to Watson's career in the paper industry, including lecture notes, bibliographies and articles, 1950s-2000s.
- extensive correspondence, personal papers and family history material, 1940s-2000s.

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| GDP/164 | War diary of Alfred Langston | 2014 |
| | Diarist: Alfred B. Langston
Born: 31 October 1918
Gender: male | |
| | Cataloguer's comments: photocopy of printed war diary kept by Alfred Langston covering the years 1939 to 1946 detailing his military service in WWII, including at Dunkirk and in North Africa (67 pp.).
OPEN | |
| GDP/165 | Diary and notebook of Gail Mary Killian | 1979-1988 |
| | Diarist: Gail Mary Killian
Born: 30 March 1953
Died: 11 August 1988
Gender: female | |
| | Cataloguer's comments: Diary containing sporadic entries by Gail Mary Killian on holiday and social activities (1979-1988) and Girl Scouts notebook containing entries on family traditions and religion (1984)
OPEN | |
| GDP/166 | Notebook of Helen Pauline Killian | 1990-1999 |
| | Diarist: Helen Pauline Killian (nee Rocharz)
Born: 28 October 1922
Died: 7 May 2015
Gender: female | |
| | Cataloguer's comments: Notebook containing single line notes by Helen Pauline Killian on purchases, packages sent to family members, medical appointments and general activities.
OPEN | |
| GDP/167 | Account book of Carol Ann Desroches | 1976-1982 |
| | Diarist: Carol Ann Desroches (nee Killian)
Born: 19 December 1948
Died: 17 June 1990
Gender: female | |
| | Cataloguer's comments: Account book containing details of every cheque written by Carol Ann Desroches, including how much | |

spent, cheque number and what the cheque paid for.

OPEN

GDP/168 Published diary of Sally George 2014

Diarist: Sally George
Born: 12 January 1953
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Published diary, 'Sally's diary: leaving home in the 1970s: Peterborough - Cardiff- Birmingham', including diaries entries and photographs, and covering the years 1970 to 1982 (205 p., 2014).

OPEN

GDP/169 Diary of Elena Forbes 1949

Diarist: Elena Forbes
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: This diary was kept by Elena Forbes, a speech therapist in West Yorkshire. As Forbes used it to keep records of her cases, it is closed until 2049.

CLOSED

GDP/170 Diary of Edward Everard Rushworth 1871

Diarist: Edward Everard Rushworth
Born: 23 August 1818
Died: 10 August 1877
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's Comments: This diary was written by Edward Everard Rushworth, a merchant who was later Lieutenant Governor and then Acting Governor of Jamaica. This diary covers Rushworth's journey from Jamaica to England and back, and his marriage to his second wife. Entries are fairly brief but were made on most days. They provide a slightly laconic account of the diarist's doings on the day in question, but offer very little by way of commentary.

OPEN

GDP/171	Anonymous Diary	1917
	Gender: Male	
	Cataloguer's comments: It has not been possible to establish much about this diarist. He appears to have been involved in some capacity in the First World War, but does not seem to have spent long periods at the front. Entries are fairly brief and moderately frequent, and give an outline of what the diarist has done during the day.	
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GDP/172	Diaries and Papers of Revd Canon James David Allen	1943-1986
	Diarist: James David Allen Born: 16 February 1909 Died: 12 February 1988 Gender: male	
	Cataloguer's comments: Diaries, papers and notebooks kept by The Revd Canon James Allen between 1943 and 1986, detailing personal and professional activities, including:	
	1. Small blue notebook (14 Nov 1943 - 16 Dec 1944)	
	2. Red notebook journal (1 Jan 1965 - 8 Mar 1965)	
	3. Large journal with lock (10 Mar 1965 - 22 Jan 1966)	
	4. Red diary, including letters from Viscountess Byng of Vimy and Lady Susan Birch (27 Jan 1966 - 2 Apr 1966)	
	5. Red diary (3 Apr 1966 - 27 Jun 1966)	
	6. Red diary (28 Jun 1966 - 18 Dec 1966)	
	7. Red diary (22 Dec 1966 - 5 Oct 1967)	
	8. Diary (labelled 'Where is it?') (6 Oct 1967 - 31 Dec 1967)	
	9. Page-a-day diary (1968)	
	10. Red diary (1969)	
	11. Large blue diary (labelled 1969) (Jan 1970 - Dec 1982)	
	12. Large green diary (1983)	
	13. Tate Gallery diary (1984)	
	14. Red diary (1985)	
	15. Red diary (1986)	
	16. Titled holiday diary (1971, 1972, 1973)	

17. Small red notebook containing notes on Great Dummow (n.d.)
18. Original transcript of 'Nine centuries old', the story of the ancient Parish of Beaumont-cum-Moze, Essex (1965)
19. Papers, including leaflet about the dedication of a new organ at East Mersea Church (18 Oct 1971), typescript paper, 'Funeral of Canon James Allen' (17 Aug 1988), editorial from the Anglican Gazette regarding Allen (1988), package containing postcards and photographs (1943), pencil drawing of Allen (?) (n.d.)

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GDP/173 Diary of Leonor Adriana Rosado Bonewitz 1960-1966

Diarist: Leonor Adriana Rosado Bonewitz
 Born: 26 August 1950
 Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Diary, labelled 'Momentos Inolvidables' containing random, occasional entries by Leonor Adriana Rosado Bonewitz during her teenage years. Written in Spanish,

OPEN

GDP/174 Diary of Adriana Margarita Muñoz Turnbull 1969

Diarist: Adriana Margarita Muñoz Turnbull
 Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Diary containing random, occasional entries by Adriana Margarita Muñoz Turnbull detailing life and social activities while living in London in 1969. Written in Spanish, Diarist is the mother of Leonor Adriana Rosado Bonewitz (GDP/173)

OPEN

GDP/175 Diaries of Joan Keen 1947-1950

Diarist: Joan Keen (later Lockett)
 Born: c1929
 Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Four diaries kept by Joan Keen (later Lockett) between 1947 and 1950 covering her teenage years and transfer from school in Buckinghamshire to University in

London. Includes detailed entries for each day commenting on social life, health, personal thoughts and the weather.

OPEN

GDP/176 Anonymous Diary 1875

Cataloguer's comments: This anonymous diary contains details of the diarist's life in the Malvern area of England and includes details of a European trip. Includes short daily entries.

OPEN

GDP/177 Diaries of Marjorie Ellen Daniels 1925-1946

Diarist: Marjorie Ellen Daniels
Born: 25 October 1907
Died: 25 October 1970
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Five volumes: 1925 (Bryant and May's Matches imprint), 1926 (Bryant and May's Matches imprint), 1927 (Bryant and May's Matches imprint), 1938 and 1944 - 1946. Each volume is written in copperplate. However much of the space available in the early diaries is occupied by newspaper cuttings. Ms Daniels conscientiously records mainly public events, especially geo-political developments, which are of import. This is a particularly interesting period as the years leading up to and towards the end of the Second World War are covered. Interestingly Ms Daniels offers her own response to the opinions she finds in the newspapers. The diaries are not mere reports or verbatim factual accounts, Ms Daniels is articulate, thoughtful and considered in her opinions. At the end of 1946 Ms Daniels decides that as she has been recording details that have little relevance to public/ world events she will stop recording these diaries.

OPEN

GDP/178 Diaries of Rhona Mary Linton Little 1939-1960

Diarist: Rhona Mary Linton Little
Born: 1924
Died: 24 November 2009
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Four volumes. 1939 Collins Royal Diary imprint, 1940 Collins Royal Diary imprint, 1954 Ladies Year Book (Letts) and 1960 Collins Royal Diary imprint. Most entries start with a comment on the weather, Miss Little's state of health and 'I went to the office as usual'. There are good descriptions of London, its streets and public transport. And references to who Ms Little has visited or what she has seen during the day. Miss Little records details of poems she has enjoyed. There is a great deal of detail of what it was like to live under war time conditions. As the first year of the second world war the 1939 diary is a detailed (the cost of a gasmask etc.) account of the new regulations and privations Ms Little had to accommodate as a young woman. The last diary (1960) still records the weather and is as neatly kept as the first. However there is less for Miss Little now Ms Ward to record. She was a religious woman and an active church member. We know that before arriving in London, Miss Little had been living in Ireland. Rhona Little left Northern Ireland as a teenager to take work as a typist in London where she lived throughout the period of the diaries.

OPEN

GDP/179

Diaries of Reverend Alan Whittle

1952

Diarist: Alan Whittle

Born: 1929

Died:

Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: One volume. Blue, Leather bound Lett's Dairy 1952, The diary is pious with many references to religious holidays and meetings with various church men and to churches, he seems to be a quite delicate man - both emotionally and physically (suffers from asthma and is acutely aware of the health of domestic animals for example). However, the general tone of the diary is upbeat - for example good weather is noted regularly, as is natural beauty. Some financial records and many references to his wife Thelma.

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| GDP/180 | Diaries of V. E. Welch | 1947 |
| | <p>Diarist: V E Welch
 Born:
 Died:
 Gender: male</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: One volume. Small diary, 1947, United Nations Association imprint. The diary is written in characters 1-3 millimetres high and in blue fountain pen ink. It appears to have been written by a mature school boy of at least 16. The diarist records particulars of concerts he has listened to, bike rides, chemical solutions he is developing, films he would like to see. The diarist notes that he records events at a specific time each day.</p> <p>OPEN</p> | |
| GDP/181 | Diaries of Mary Eva Button (nee Paget) | 1978-2006 |
| | <p>Diarist: Mary Eva Button (nee Paget)
 Born: 16th May 1932
 Gender: female</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: Twenty-eight volumes. from 1978. 1978 is the earliest diary. We have most years until 2006, excluding 1989 and 2001. A mixture of formats, including A4 and A5, laminated, William Morris design covers, A4 page a day diaries, and Boots diaries. The diaries include the occasional press cutting from The Guardian. The content includes daily notes on the weather, regular references to the wellbeing of husband and children, local CND meetings (Norfolk), friends, allotment maintenance, domestic chores, pets, doctor's visits and dentist visits, in the late 80s there are references to her daughters' boyfriends and adolescence. In the 1990s and 2000s there are references to a family swelled with grandchildren? or at least additional members.</p> <p>OPEN</p> | |
| GDP/182 | Diaries of Anonymous | 1974 |
| | <p>Diarist: Anonymous</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: one volume, a small Letts diary from 1974. The diary was found</p> | |

amongst the papers of Emanuel Shinwell and ex M.P. There is a reference to a Catherine Kissler but it is not possible to discern whether Kissler is someone the diarist was considering for domestic help or is in fact the diarist. perfunctory references. More like lists of weather conditions, ailments, places visited, very little reflection. Though there are the occasional references to whether an evening or day was pleasant or not.

OPEN

GDP/183 Diaries of Anonymous 1943-2010

Diarist: Anonymous

Cataloguer's comments: one volume, an oblong shaped A5 cream volume - titled 'Library List'. Contained inside is a list of titles, authors, dates read and comments ranging from 'bad' to 'excellent'. The reading material is mainly fiction with some poetry.

OPEN

GDP/184 Diaries of F Ballard 1927

Diarist: F Ballard

Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: One volume, well-presented Charles Letts School-boy's diary. Embossed blue cover. Illustrations front and back and formulae, logarithms, volume, physical and chemical constants, and championship lists for English Cricket matches. There is no birth date recorded but the boy is fairly mature - he refers to seeing girls home - he is building a wireless and there are references to how much he has spent on parts for the wireless at the back of the diary. The diary is diurnal and has regular references to the weather and occasional references to family members.

OPEN

GDP/185 Diaries of Geoffrey Rawlins (?) c1960

Diarist: G Rawlins (?)

Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: One volume, well-presented, red canvas cover - embossed with

'Travel Diary'. First 30 pages are written in - the rest is blank. Details a trip in autumn. Including Kenya, Tanzania, Gambia, Ethiopia, Bombay. Visits Malcolm Macdonald in Kenya who is described as 'one time' Governor General of Kenya (he was so between 1963 and 1964).

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| GDP/186 | Diary of Anonymous | 1961 |
| | Gender: Male | |
| | Cataloguer's comments: One volume, well-presented, 1961, diary and notebook. The diary is kept assiduously from January to April, when it stops. April is taken up with much discussion of bicycle maintenance. Monday 6th March 1961 each word is in a different colour as the diarist tests his many coloured Bic biros. | |
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| GDP/187 | Diaries of Jean Cocking | 2003-2006 |
| | Diarist: Jean Cocking
Gender: female | |
| | Cataloguer's comments: two volumes, Daler and Rowney spiral bound volumes. 2003 volume details a holiday to Florida and Philadelphia, Baltimore and Cape May. It is illustrated. 2006 volume is occupied with details of a holiday with some friends - holidaying in Florida includes visiting Sarasota and a town called Venice. It is illustrated. The diarist is in her eighties in 2006. | |
| | OPEN | |
| GDP/188 | Diaries of Charles John Cooke | 1922-1999 |
| | Diarist: Charles John Cooke
Born: 10 January 1912
Died: 30 May 1999
Gender: Male | |
| | Cataloguer's comments: 77 volumes. All pocket diaries ranging from leather bound to silver encased to Charles Letts edition diaries, to plastic diaries and simple slim paper notebooks cum diary. The diaries contain the odd newspaper cutting of note and all contain | |

references to church dates; the early diaries often contain illustrations of mechanical designs and lists of numbers or formulas, and later diaries contain fewer references to mechanical design and more to physical ailments. The 1920s series is missing 20, 21, 23, 25 and 26. The date range starts in 1922 when Mr Cooke is 10 years old. The entries are brief. In the 1920s references include childhood activities, for instance shooting a bird and playing with friends. The 1930s diaries contain references to work appointments, hunts and shoots, his illnesses, haircuts; B/W photos are contained in the fly of (1933) christening of his baby (1939). The slow build-up to the outbreak of war is referenced (28th April 1939) HITLER'S SPEECH' and the following entry appears in (September 1939) 'War Declared, to Haycock for a drink.' The 1940 diary has a long entry on 14/6/40 detailing the escalation of war. 1941-45 there is a mixture of news updates, focused on the war, and personal information. Notes on Baby Philip, walks, friends and family visited. In the 1950s there are increased references to holidays, his children (Janet and Philip), gardening, fishing, looking after fowl, the weather. The diary for 1950 was brought for Mr Cooke by his son, Philip and contains his son's message to his father at Christmas. 27/1/51 Mr Cooke decides to buy a TV set; on 4/6/51 Philip has appendicitis. At this point Mr Cooke's wife, who is generally referred to as N, is referred to as Netta. In the early months of 1959 Mr Cooke remarks repeatedly on the coldness of the weather. In the 1960s there are references to the weather, the activities of his children, visits he and Netta make to local pubs or to friends; by 1966 his children seem to have found partners: significant dates are 2/8/60 where Mr Cooke remarks on delivery of a Ford Escort and 4/5/67 where he remarks on his daughter Janet having her 'second sow'. The 1970s diaries contain similar references to church, weather, haircuts, doctor appointments, gardening, changes in season. 14/2/72 remarks on police investigation locally. 27/8/79 his daughter moves to Belgium with her partner and her sons Campbell and Iain (Mr Cooke's grandsons). 1980s visits from children and grandchildren, same references to garden and weather, references to visits to health

centres for Mr Cooke and Netta. 4/5/89 Mr Cooke is told his mother's illness is terminal and he spends much of the month in the hospital. 1990s increased hospital visits and illnesses, many more references to friends, games of scrabble, trips to the pub. Last entry in 1999 refers to a talk with a friend.
OPEN

GDP/189

Diaries of Brian Frank Hoult

1988-2013

Diarist: Brian Frank Hoult
Born: July-September 1939
Died: 14 June 2013
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: Brian Frank Hoult was born in September 1939, Belper, Derbyshire. In his youth Mr Hoult entered National Service then joined Teacher Training College. He had a career as a history teacher. The diaries, dating from 1988 to 2013, cover some of his career. However, he retires early due to poor health. Entries that deal with health often refer to blood tests, checking of a pacemaker, prescriptions, gym membership. Mr Hoult was an active gym visitor. He notes the exercises and frequency of his visits. The diaries contain some genealogical research and dating of important events: including his divorce, birth of his sons, days he spoke to a woman. Notable entries include 17/10/02 discussion of romantic possibilities, post-divorce and 24/10/02 where he speaks of an accident he has been involved in and 26/10/02 he remarks on his mood (unusually). In the 1999 diary he refers to his relationship with his father in a very poignant manner and discusses preferences for a partner - all of which are not dated entries. 31/12/94 he reflects on his place in the world.
OPEN

GDP/190

Diaries of L A Hemsley

1950-1976

Diarist: L A Hemsley
Born: 2 September 1932
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: The collection includes three pocket diaries: 1950, 1951 and 1952; five

loose leaf, single year diaries: 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959 and three loose leaf supplements to longer five year diaries: covering the years 1960-1976. And 5 loose leaf notebooks handmade and bound by string. The loose leaf diaries from 1952, 1953 and 1954 are exquisitely illustrated, interspersed with photographs, postcards, tickets for journeys, maps and newspaper cuttings. There are two separate travelogues for 1952 and 1953; 1952 being a log of a tour of Western Europe and 1953 a log of a trip to Longlands and Scandinavia. The logs are - again - filled with illustrations, postcards, map and graphs. There are also 12 travel logs covering the diarist's time in the Mediterranean (1955-1956), Iberia (1956-1957), Scandinavia, Czechoslovakia and Russia (1958), Greece (1958), USA (1960), South France (1961), Yugoslavia (1961), Greece (1962), Israel (1965-1966), Poland (1963), South Africa (1965), and 'World Tour' (1966-1967). Included in 'GDP 190 1955-1976' is a CV for Mr Hemsley.

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GDP/191

Diary of Anonymous

2005 (?)

Diarist: unknown
Born: unknown
Gender: unknown

Cataloguer's comments: The book is canvas bound, yellow 'Supplied for the Public Service: S.O Book 134'. It appears to be a general jottings book, however the jottings have very little in common with one another - there is absolutely no obvious design. It often reads like a thesaurus - as a list of words - there is the odd reference to dates including one to 2005. The notebook is densely filled in words and sentences jumbled together.

OPEN

GDP/192

Diary of Alan Vandyke Price

1943

Diarist: Alan Vandyke Price
Born: c1924
Died: 28 November 1955
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: The book is thick card in black with a distinct art deco font. It is a 1943 diary. Includes references to his work as a medical student. Daily entries stop abruptly at 29th September 1943. The diary recounts his courtship of 'Diane'.

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GDP/193

Diaries of Kathleen Johnson

1960-2015

Diarist: Kathleen Johnson

Born: 26 August 1946

Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Born Kathleen Perry in Barrow-in-Furness. The diaries range from one from the 'Anti-Vivisection Society', to 'The Film Goers Diary' to five year diaries and a Letts School Girl Diary. The diaries catalogue the daily events in the life of an only child with two half-sisters through her father's previous marriage. She was educated at the local grammar school, which she left at 16. Moved to London in 1963 to work in the Civil Service. Met John Johnson in London and married in 1972. Settled in Ashton near Helston. Her husband died in 1987. Kathleen did not have any children. Until her retirement she worked in Helston Library. She was diagnosed with cancer on July 3rd 2015. Ms Johnson kept a diary from the age of 14 - the 50 volumes cover every year from 1960 - 2015.

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GDP/194

Diaries of Anonymous

1992-1993

Diarist: Anonymous

Born: unknown

Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: The two diaries contain references to people and their ailments, their visits to hospital and references to the diarist's wife and his work commitments. There are few references to the weather. What marks the diaries out is the acute way in which they convey a particular state of mind. The entries are all in capitals and are characteristically eccentric. It is not always possible to decipher what the entries have been prompted by but they are the diarist's

- seemingly - authentic response to situations he finds himself in. In this way they are highly personal entries. The diaries are not an appointment book; they are more a sound board for the diarist's emotional responses. The diaries were found at Wimbledon Stadium Boot fair and are thought to have been written by a male living in the Dover/Kent area.

OPEN

GDP/195 Diaries of Charlie Pottins 1995-2013

Diarist: Charlie Pottins
Born: 1942
Died: 2015
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: The ten diaries are A5 volumes from mixed manufacturers, including Collins. The entries are perfunctory and fragmentary and tend to be records of appointments, routes and bus numbers taken to attend events and appointments, including cultural and medical appointments. Some references to general health. Some record of domestic chores that have been completed. Records of shopping deliveries from ASDA.

CLOSED

GDP/196 Correspondence between Harry Dennis Grindall and his wife circa 1939-1945

Diarist: Harry Dennis Grindall
Born: 1915
Died: 1978
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: 57 loose sheets of typescript paper. Mr Grindall wrote down his experiences of warfare and army life in a series of letters to his wife whilst on WW2 campaign in North Africa. The letters contain accounts of his friends, his meals, his clothes and his experience of the region. These are very detailed letters, Mr Grindall's observations and anecdotes are complete, they are not fragmentary, and therefore they read like narratives with a beginning, middle and end. The letters read like a comprehensive diary. Mr Grindall's wife typed up the sheets from

originals, she has omitted dates and seems to have edited the letters so that some personal details are omitted. The letters are a detailed portrait of a signal period in twentieth century history.

CLOSED

GDP/197

Holiday diaries of Kathleen Ayrton

1954-1983

Diarist: Kathleen Ayrton
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Fourteen holiday diaries/scrapbooks kept by Kathleen Ayrton on family holidays between 1954 and 1983. Each volume/folder contains written diary entries for each day detailing activities combined with extensive postcards, ephemera and other material from destinations visited. There are also many photographs and negatives of the diarist and family members at the holiday destinations.

1. Scandinavian Study Tour (June 1954)
2. Scottish Tour (August 1957)
3. Belgium/The Rhineland/Heidelberg/Black Forest/Switzerland and Paris (1959)
4. Wales (1960)
5. Ireland (1961)
6. Holland (1962)
7. Italy (1963)
8. Monaco/Menton/Monte Carlo (1965-1969)
9. Channel Islands (1968)
10. Greece (1971)
11. Portugal (1973)
12. Spain (1974)
13. Yorkshire Dales (1976 & 1979)
14. Austria (1983)

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GDP/198

Diaries of Endla Hopkins

2000-2005

Diarist: Endla Hopkins
Gender: Female
Died: 26.11.13

Cataloguer's comments: Six pocket diaries, two designated to the year 2004. Diarist notes future appointments and if she has visited someone, spoken to someone (e.g. a friend), walked somewhere (e.g. Little Venice or Regents Park)

or enjoyed an event (e.g. pottery class) particularly she records it. She also records domestic jobs - like oven cleaning, hair washing or shopping at Waitrose/ John Lewis.

CLOSED

GDP/199 Diaries of Miss A Morris 1978-1993

Diarist: Miss Anita Morris
Gender: Female
Born: 22.7.31

Cataloguer's comments: Diary dates are: 1978, 1979, 1980s (except '86 and '84) 1990-1993 (except 1991). Ephemera are: three passports, two for Miss Morris and one for her mother, Stella Morris and an address book. The diaries have been kept as routine, prosaic appointment books; there is little reflection on events. Entries are sparse, however, there is a notably, consistently reoccurring name in these entries: 'Dilettanti' or 'Dil'. Miss Morris regularly met with 'Dil' over the course of ten+ years.

CLOSED

GDP/200 Diaries of Rosemarie Swinfield 1954-2001

Diarist: Rosemarie Swinfield (née Hood)
Born: 15 March 1940
Died: 7 July 2005
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of internationally known make up designer and author Rosemarie Swinfield covering the years 1954 to 2001. Each diary contains entries on work, personal matters and the day's activities, along with occasional ephemera. Not all years are represented and diary entries vary in length. There are also diaries from holidays and travelling for work. Further biographical and career information is available in the depositor's file.

OPEN

GDP/201 Diaries of Helen Hickson 1951-2010

Diarist: Ms Helen Hickson
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Diary dates start in 1950 (missing 1958, 1968 and 1969, 1996 and 2007 and 2008) and finish in 2010. Each volume is a slim pocket book. The entries are related primarily to church services, Sunday school, community meetings, work holidays (annual leave etc.), appointments with the doctors or dentist. In later years, post 1994, the diarist comes to rely heavily on the diaries and post stick notes to support her ailing memory. The 2000+ diaries contain aide memoires relating to an eclectic mixture of subjects: 'how to make gun powder', 'different types of coffee from black to frothy' to how to spell 'Mr Muscle or Mr Muscle for blocked drains'. There is a poignant post stick in diary April 2006 referring to the 3 stages of Alzheimer's and how to tackle it.

CLOSED

GDP/202

Diaries of Rasha Raquel Razbeau

1970-2013

Numbered Diary Sequence (66 Volumes) (1970-2000)

1. 1 Jan 1970 - 31 December 1974; 2. 1 January 1978 - 14 February 1980; 3. 1 April 1980 - 10 April 1981; 4. 3 May 1981 - 1 September 1981; 6. 1 January 1982 - 31 July 1982; 7. 20 September 1982 - 18 November 1982; 9. 28 June 1983 - 11 October 1983; 10. 1 October 1984 - 22 October 1984; 11. 14 November 1984 - 13 December 1984; 12. 13 December 1984 - 6 January 1985; 13. 6 January 1985 - 6 January 1986; 14. 31 January 1985 - 14 February 1985; 15. 14 February 1985 - 16 March 1985; 16. 20 March 1985 - 8 May 1985; 17. 1 May 1985 - 19 June 1985; 18. 21 June 1985 - 26 July 1985; 19. 27 August 1985 - 10 December 1985; 20. 21 December 1985 - 31 January 1986; 21. 1 April 1986 - 21 April 1986; 22. 1 May - 20 May 1986; 23. 21 May 1986 - 10 June 1986; 24. 21 July 1986 - 24 July 1986; 25. 15 August 1986 - 18 September 1986; 27. 31 October 1986 - 15 December 1986; 28. 21 December 1986 - 10 January 1987; 29. 29 February 1987 - 27 March 1987; 30. 27 April 1987 - 9 July 1987; 31. 3 January 1988 - 23 February 1988; 32. 6 January 1988 - 19 July 1989; 33. 19 July 1989 - 17 August 1989; 34. 9 September 1989 - 30 October 1989; 35. 9 June 1990 - 18 July 1990;

36. 16 March 1990 - 6 August 1990; 37. 13 August 1990 - 1 October 1990; 38. 3 October 1990 - 13 November 1990; 39. 15 November 1990 - 31 December 1990; 40. 1 January 1991 - 28 February 1991; 41. 1 March 1991 - 11 April 1991; 42. 11 April 1991 - 9 May 1991; 43. 10 May 1991 - 20 June 1991; 44. 21 June 1991 - 16 August 1991; 45. 17 August 1991 - 15 September 1991; 46. 23 September 1991 - 11 October 1991; 47. 23 October 1991 - 30 November 1991; 48. 1 December 1991 - 18 January 1992; 49. 19 January 1992 - 19 March 1992
50. 20 March 1992 - 17 July 1992; 51. 12 August 1992 - 16 December 1992; 52. 4 June 1993 - 1 July 1993; 53. 6 July 1993 - 31 August 1993; 54. 16 September 1993 - 21 December 1993; 55. 19 July 1994 - 6 January 1995; 56. 14 February 1995 - 14 February 1996; 57. 21 May 1996 - 21 May 1997; 58. 21 June 1997 - 28 April 1998; 59. 9 July 1998 - 31 October 1998; 60. 8 December 1999 - 30 September 2000; 61. 10 October 2000-13 October 2000; 62. All Hallow's Eve, 1994-2001; 63. 14 February 1987 - End of 1991; 65. 21 June onwards; 65A: From Spring 2001 to the end.

Un-number sequence (50 Volumes) (2000-2013)

Composition Book Sequence (CS Seq) (21 Volumes) (1981-1989)

Twenty one composition books containing notes, thoughts and diary entries, with occasional illustrations and material pasted into pages.

Small Book Sequence (SB Seq) (29 Volumes) (1994-2000)

Thirty small black books containing notes, thoughts and diary entries, with occasional illustrations and material pasted into pages.

Miscellaneous Papers (6 Boxes) (1990s-2000s)
Copies of correspondence to friends and family, drafts of poems, illustrations, papers and correspondence regarding custody case, wall calendars, photographs and other miscellaneous papers.

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GDP/203 Diaries of Alexander Adam John Simpson 1985-1992

Diarist: Alexander Adam John Simpson
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: Closed until 20/03/2058
CLOSED

GDP/204 Diaries of David Arthur John Simpson 1989-1993

Diarist: David Arthur John Simpson
Gender: Male
Born: 1.October 1931
Died: 24 December 2001

Cataloguer's comments: The volumes are a mixture of A4 and A5 'Blank n Red' books. There are 8 volumes (March 1989, April 1989, Sept-Oct 1989, July - November 1989, December 1989 - 30 April 1990, October 1992 - January 1993, September 1993 - December 1993, April 1995 - July 1995). They are comprised of a dialogue developed by the diarist between himself and the Radio (predominantly Radio 4). The diarist reflects on a programme, writes down his personal response to what he has heard, and considers ways of either solving problems posed in the programme or of better ways of achieving the programme's aims. The diaries contain many letters: drafts of letters, the diarist proposed to send to editors of programmes or journalists; printed replies from the occasional journalist; as well as adjuncts to the topics discussed, for example a programme about Winston Churchill leads the diarist to reflect on what type of man WC was. Volume Nine is essentially a box of red 'Black 'n' Red' Notebooks from the 1990s. The contents of which is closed until 2058.

CLOSED

GDP/205 Diaries of Anonymous 1893-1898

Diarist: Anonymous

Cataloguer's comments: The volumes are all Pocket Sized, Leather Bound Diaries produced by 'Abram and Sons' Law Stationers' and Printers (based Temple Gate, London). They are

full of appointments, meetings, lunch events, church visits. A notable visit Sunday 7th January 1894 remarks on a trip to church in a sleigh. There are details pertinent to the period such as this, however, the entries more generally read just as a diary written with a similar impulse 100 years later.

OPEN

GDP/206 Diary of Ralph Downing 1946-1947

Diarist: Ralph Downing
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: One grey/ green exercise book of Ralph Downing starting September 1946. A diary of the lessons and exercises Ralph Downing headed at Manchester School of Art (established 1840). Includes some scraps of sketches and watercolours and detailed reflection on day's lesson.

CLOSED

GDP/207 Diary of Anonymous 1951

Diarist: Anonymous

Cataloguer's comments: One red pocket book diary from 'William Ashby and Son' Builders' Merchants. No entries, however mid-way through there are an algebraic sum and in the back there are drawings of circuitry.

OPEN

GDP/208 Diary of Anonymous 1915

Diarist: Anonymous

Cataloguer's comments: One black pocket diary with gold embossed on the front 'Laird and Lees' Diary and Time Saver' Registered U.S. Patent Office. No entries except for simple sums in pencil at points throughout the book.

OPEN

GDP/209 Diary of Anonymous 1944

Diarist: Anonymous

Cataloguer's comments: One black pocket diary

with 'Wireless World Diary and Reference Book' on the front. The book contains the odd spate of entries; it may have belonged to an army officer as there are references to squadron addresses in the book. There are many ink and pencil technical drawings and designs in the book.

OPEN

GDP/210 Diary of C. Knight 1916

Diarist: C Knight
Gender: Unknown

Cataloguer's comments: One dark maroon pocket book. The two or three diary entries contained are made in pencil and refer to days on which Knight members of the family are born. There is little information in the book, however on the first page there is a set of codes.

OPEN

GDP/211 Diary of Anonymous 1942

Diarist: Anonymous
Gender: Unknown

Cataloguer's comments: One dark brown pocket book, 'The Institution of Professional Civil Servants'. The book contains many references to war events and it is clear the diarist was somehow involved in forms of engineering, possibly civil, there are a range of water measurements in the book.

OPEN

GDP/212 Diaries of P. Salisbury 1984-1993

Diarist: P. Salisbury
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Four diaries, three from 'Engineering Diamonds Limited' of Coventry and one from 'Maggie May's'. The diaries, sparse and fragmentary as they are, offer a great deal of detail on the health of Ms Salisbury's family; her professional duties; duties she has taken on in her community/ local charities; personal visits and appointments as well as references to her health. She often records in a couple of words what she has achieved or done on a particular

day. The 'Maggie May' diary contains period specific adverts and references to local businesses or emergency numbers.

CLOSED

GDP/213 Diary of G.P. Ray 1947

Diarist: G.P. Ray

Cataloguer's comments: The diary is a small brown pocket book. It contains references to events of war, trips to the cinema/ theatre, changing of the weather, reminders to 'write home', meetings with a number of offers (relationship not specified) and dried flowers/ leaves the diarist has collected and inserted into its pages.

CLOSED

GDP/214 Diary of J.R. Ramsey-Warwick 1921

Diarist: J.R. Ramsey-Warwick

Cataloguer's comments: The diary is a small brown pocket Lett's 'Quikref' book from 1921. It is sparsely noted, however there are some poignant entries to when his daughter Jean cuts her first tooth, his mother's birthday and at the end of February the diarist notes the course of a friend's illness.

OPEN

GDP/215 Diary of Warren Goeppel 1957

Diarist: Warren Goeppel

Cataloguer's comments: The diary is a small brown leather volume: 'The Film Star' Diary. The diarist was American. At the back of the volume is a summary of what the diarist did at the beginning of 1958, in January he hitchhiked from Toronto to Buffalo. The diary is a detailed account of films the diarist watched over the course of the year, each entry is accompanied by a rating. The diarist may have been a film editor as there are many entries referencing 'film editing'.

CLOSED

GDP/216 **Diary of Rupert Chapman (III)** **1985-1999**

Diarist: Rupert Chapman

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries are all pocket book sized. The diaries are mainly used as reminders of lectures he attended, holiday start and end times and the odd reference to a work task to be fulfilled. There are duplicates in 1996 and 1986, it is not clear why he would have two diaries for one year as the annotations in each are similar. None of the diaries are particularly self-reflective and contain little personal information.

CLOSED

GDP/217 **Diary of Wendy Natalia Travers Marks** **1998-2012**

Diarist: Wendy Natalia Travers Marks

Gender: female

Born: 1948

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries are all A5 sized. The diarist is consistent in her diary-keeping practice. Doctor's appointments are noted, as are trips to the theatre and to the artists' studio (in Camden) where the diarist worked. Occasionally the diarist notes what she has eaten, how many cigarettes she has smoked and alcohol consumed (a keen marmite eater). The diarist also charts the health of family members, the birthdays of family and friends and makes regular notes of taxi numbers or new addresses.

CLOSED

GDP/218 **Diary of Wendy Natalia Travers Marks** **1998-2012**

Diarist: Wendy Natalia Travers Marks

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries are all A5 sized. The diarist is consistent in her diary-keeping practice. Doctor's appointments are noted, as are trips to the theatre and to the artists' studio (in Camden) where the diarist worked. Occasionally the diarist notes what she has eaten, how many cigarettes she has smoked and alcohol consumed (a keen marmite eater). The diarist also charts the health of

family members, the birthdays of family and friends and makes regular notes of taxi numbers or new addresses.

CLOSED

GDP/219

Diaries of Bryan Ashford Warren

1946-2007

Diarist: Bryan Ashford Warren

Gender: Male

Born: 26 June 1909

Died: 23 February 2007

Cataloguer's comments: This run of diaries starts in 1946 - when the diarist is 36 years old - with a gift from 'Mrs B'. The diaries are not a complete run, there are a number of diaries missing from 1940s and 1950s. They are detailed accounts, especially in the diaries from 1960s-2000s. There is ephemera associated with the collection including, photographs of the diarist, correspondence with his daughter, dated accounts of mileage used on journeys, lists of provisions for caravan and car, a notebook containing nautical design drawings and a table of gas meter readings. The diarist was born in Bournemouth, where he spent most of his life, he had one sister and worked as motor mechanic, first driving licence was obtained in 1936. The diarist was a keen caravanner and dinghy sailor and much of his diaries are taking up with accounts of his travels.

The 1946 diary is sparsely annotated - most detail is devoted to a journey the diarist made. It is a small pocket diary from the 'Mechanical Engineers'.

The 1958 and 1959 diaries are black, entitled, 'Desk Diary'. They are sparsely annotated and seem to have been kept primarily as a record of mileage used.

The 1960s diaries - of which there is a complete set - are a combination of formats including Diary 'For Girls and Boys and Guides and Scouts' and 'The Motor Boat and Yachting Diary'. There are three A5 'Home Diary' diaries. They include notes on 'night' and 'day' work, which days are 'off', the cost of a dinghy, DIY jobs, sailing trips and the itinerant weather conditions to these trips. The keen sailor consistently records how long the trips are, where they are and what time he returns. They

all contain mileage notes.

The 1970s diaries - of which there is a complete set - are a combination of formats including one personalised diary and 'Motor Boat and Yachting Diaries'. The records are the same as the 1960s diaries, however, the entries that act as a log book for a sea voyage are more detailed. There are two diaries for 1977 and 1974. One of the 1974 diaries is stuck to the 1975 diary.

The 1980s diaries - of which there is a complete set - are a combination of formats including a cloth bound diary for 1983 called 'Diary Book' and a 'Day to Page' diary. The diaries are similar to the last two decades' worth, however, the log book of journeys is becoming a log book of life - many entries have a time as well as a date.

There are more references to day-to-day domestic and social occurrences in these diaries.

The 1990s diaries - of which there is a complete set - are a combination of formats, predominantly A5. The entries are sailing, domestic, social, DIY, mileage, vacation related. There are increased references to health, temperatures, headaches etc. Again the entries are timed as well as dated.

The 2000s diaries - of which we have 2000-2007 (the year the diarist died) are all A5 format. The diary entries are detailed - including reflections on the nature of the people he meets, how he feels, the weather. All entries are - again - timed as well as dated.

CLOSED

GDP/220

Diaries of Pamela Marks

2010-2011

Diarist: Pamela Marks

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Two pocket sized diaries from 2010 and 2011. W H Smith. The entries are brief but achieve a great deal. In a couple of words the diarist will often sum up how she has felt about her day, what the weather was like, and perfunctory details on her visits to the shops or the doctors or to a friend's house.

CLOSED

GDP/221

Diaries of Sheila Silver

1945-1964

Diarist: Sheila Silver

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries are all pocket book sized, leather bound, Letts, Pepys or Collins diaries. The 1962 Pepys diary is termed a 'Lady's Diary' and is polka dotted. 1940s diaries - (1945, 1948, 1949) The diary from 1945 contains an advert for a Short Hand Typist and a draft of Ms Silver's response. The diaries are detailed accounts of her family and professional life. With many references to the health of her parents.

1950s diaries - (full set) The diaries are an evocative account of a young professional woman's days in London. Ms Silver visits the cinema, refers to men she is courting, recounts bust ups with friends (1958), visits to her parents and Aunt's (and ensuing pleasures and irritations), she maintains an active and happy home life in a flat in St Pancreas. And often refers to happy days spent quietly 'ironing' or left to her own devices. Shopping - and the pleasures of - is a recurring activity: July 7th 1953 'Mummy thinks I am always buying something, I suppose I am'.

1960s diaries - (1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 (x 2), 1964) One of the 1963 diaries, of which there are two, is devoted to dates and times - it is a pure appointment diary, the second is more detailed and contains reference to a growing relationship with 'Len', which (May 26th) she is trying to keep 'slow' as opposed to what her mother advises. In August of that year she describes a holiday to Barcelona with her friend Anita. In 1964 (July) the relationship with Len is still developing - however - Ms Silver is not happy. Neither is she later in the year (November). In early November Ms Silver is learning to 'budget' or at least she is considering her spending. After a wild New Year's Eve - 31st December 1964 - Ms Silver writes that she has met 'Alan'.

CLOSED

GDP/222 Diaries of Charles Bingham (husband to Audrey Bingham) 1938-1940

Diarist: Charles Bingham
Gender: Male
Born: February 1914
Died: June 1998

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries are a Boots Scribbling Diary (British Manufacture Throughout Three Days on a Page, interleaved with Blotting Paper) they are A4. Mr and Mrs Bingham married in 1936. Charles Bingham was a school teacher and writes about his work (term dates, children's' behaviour, lesson plans) He writes in detail about visits he and his wife make and what they eat. They have a baby boy (Alan), in early 1938 Alan is kept in a 'maternity home', he was born with an (unspecified) disability (pre NHS). Mr Bingham and his wife visit the home regularly and in May 1938 they write to 'matron' saying that when he is a little better they want him 'home'. On May 7th 1938 Mr Bingham describes having a 'permit' to visit the baby and how it is too expensive to travel to the home by train - so the couple cycle. By January 1939 Alan is home with the couple. The year is filled with school terms, football matches with schools boys and making the home a safe place for Alan. 1940 contains increasing references to 'war' - Churchill's speeches and loss of life and ships or lands.

CLOSED

GDP/223 Diaries of Audrey Bingham (wife to Charles Bingham) 1979-2008

Diarist: Audrey Bingham
Gender: Female
Born: 17 October 1917
Died: 8 June 2009

Cataloguer's comments: 1979- 1983 is a five year diary format. The entries are highly regular. The references are mainly about visits to and from friends and family; meals cooked; birthdays, Christmases and Easters celebrated; the weather; domestic duties such as changing the beds or washing, anniversaries (12th

August) and shopping.

There are also a number of quotations written into the flyleaf as well Audrey's dress and shoe size.

1984-1988 is again a five year format. The contents are the same as above. In the back of the diary are 'special memories' including a 'golden wedding anniversary', 1985 is described as a particularly bad year - Audrey's mum passed away.

1989 - Audrey's daughter is living in the Gambia and much of the diary is taken up with reflecting on correspondence with her daughter. The entries are highly regular. The references are mainly about visits to and from friends and family; meals cooked; the weather; domestic duties such as changing the beds or washing, anniversaries, home decoration and shopping. The odd reference to health and blood pressure - including Charlie (her husband's leg) and her tummy.

From 1999-2005 the diary formats are all 'Dairy Diary', they are primary or pastel colours with mainly floral designs and a recipe for each month. Aside from the same contents as above it is sad to note in the 1998 diary the passing of Charlie. The entries reflect the same material as previous entries and are again very regular. In 1999 there are references to her new granddaughter. On June 14th she remembers the passing of her husband 'a lot' and feels sad. 2006-2008 are three A5 diaries, black, red and blue, the diaries in the final diary are still regular but a little shorter and the writing has changed - it seems to be more of an effort. In 2008 she is looking after a dog called Sky for a friend, Sky is not well and is eventually put down. The diarist's final entry in 2008 is that she has a cold.

CLOSED

GDP/224

Diary of Enid Smith

1953

Diarist: Enid Smith
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: One volume presented to Enid Smith by her husband, Fred, on their honeymoon and started during the holiday. There are full entries from 1 January to 9 June, and then entries are sporadic. Entries cover

daily life, news on family and friends, thoughts for the future and how the marriage is proceeding.

OPEN

GDP/225 Diaries of Cyril Bertie Turk Capeling 1924-1984

Diarist: Cyril Bertie Turk Capeling
Gender: male
Birth: 27 December 1903
Death: 23 November 1985

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries kept by Cyril Bertie Turk Capeling of Gillingham, Kent, recording his life from 21 years to his death. Diary entries are short and record day-to-day activities, including information on Scouting in the early years. There are diaries for the following years: 1924-1931, 1942-1943, 1946-1950, 1952-1962 and 1964 to 1984.

OPEN

GDP/226 Diaries of Jill Price 1980-2012

Diarist: Jill Price

Cataloguer's comments: 1980s - diaries are chiefly pocket sized. 1985 is missing. Each diary is treated as a one-stop information shop - rather in the manner of almanacs of the 1500s - they contain references to; car key numbers, bank card numbers, National Insurance numbers, passport numbers (there is a Canadian link). Each diary also contains a list of telephone numbers and a list of items 'left at Bredon'. Reminders and appointments such as 'Lunch', 'Hair', 'Exams', 'Language Classes', instructions to 'Phone' are all noted in the same perfunctory way as less prosaic information such as: 'Accident', 'Fall' and 'Sick'. Fuller references are given to theatre shows seen - i.e. the full title of the production is given. The diaries are mainly used for appointments and aide memoires.

1990s - a full set of diaries for this decade and all the diaries are long, slim, pocket books. The same information is recorded as in the earlier diaries. Although car key numbers and bank card numbers are no longer recorded in the same way.

2000 - 2012 - all the diaries are long, slim

pockets books. Though here there are references to Tai Chi and Art classes. Language classes - French - are still being attended. And the diarist is having her hair coloured. The deposit contains one address book from 1979.

CLOSED

GDP/227

Diaries of Margaret Clifton

1943-1979

Diarist: Margaret Helen Clifton (during a brief marriage Mrs M H Pannell)

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries kept by Margaret Helen Clifton. During a brief marriage in early fifties: Mrs (Jack A H) Pannell. It appears she met Jack in 1947, or just before, in this 1947 diary she describes an idyllic holiday in Sri Lanka with Jack. Mr Pannell's diary from this year is in the collection also. By 1951 Mrs Pannell has reverted to labelling her diaries as belonging to Miss Clifton. The diarist's passports from 1945 (Miss Clifton), 1953 (Miss Clifton), 1963 (Mrs Pannell), 1965 (Miss Clifton) contain extensive travel information. In the forties and fifties Miss Clifton's occupation is given as 'actress' and in the sixties as HM Diplomatic Service. In 1945 Mrs Clifton serves in ENSA as part of the war effort. The passports contain excellent photos of Miss Clifton. She was an attractive lady, naturally brown haired, though sometimes dyed blonde.

The diaries are all pocket sized, the majority small pocket diaries and leather-bound.

The 1940 diaries are: 1943, 1944, 1945, poss 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949.

The 1950s diaries are: 1950-1956 complete set all written in London, under the name Miss Clifton, except 1951 which is written under the name Mrs Pannell. 1957, 1958 and 1959 all written in London and Canada.

The 1960-61 diaries were written in Canada.

1962 diary in London. 1963 diary in Istanbul.

The 1964 and 1965 diary in Ankara, also in Turkey. And the 1966 diary seems to have been written in regions of Africa.

The diaries in the 1940s and 1950s contain rehearsal times, audition dates and performance dates at various London theatres. For

Shakespearean and contemporary plays. The later diaries tend to be related more to her work in the diplomatic services, they serve as appointment diaries, marking days off and meeting times.

The 1972 diary was written in Tel Aviv, the 1973 diary in Jamaica and the 1975, 1976 and 1979 diaries in London.

In a couple of the diaries Miss Clifton notes down who to contact in an emergency - if she is abroad, for example in 1950, the reference is to Sinai Hospital in 1979 the reference is to her solicitor and possibly her partner DDS Godfrey. This is an unusually detailed account of emergency contacts, however, it is perhaps not surprising when one considers the extent to which the diarist travelled and how if she were to be incapacitated abroad it would be difficult for people to identify her without this information from her diary.

The diaries contain notes on finances (what she has spent on what) including cosmetics, cocktails, taxis and cigarettes. There are also notes on how many hours typing she has done and when she has invoiced for work. Also logistical arrangements for her trips abroad and where she will stay when living abroad are noted. It is not clear exactly what her role was in HM Diplomatic Corp. However, it is clear she worked extensively for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and was often based at High Commissions for the UK overseas.

CLOSED

GDP/228

Diaries of J.A.A.Pannell

1947-1948

Diarist: J.A.A.Pannell

Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries kept by J A A Pannell who was, in the late forties, early fifties, briefly husband to Margaret Clifton (GDP 227). Two pocket book diaries. The 1947 diary reads like a page of Tatler society pages. Dinners, clubs, plays, drinks, races etc. It poignantly describes his love for Margaret and their shared trip to Sri Lanka (which her 1947 diary also details). Interesting details include contemporaneous London bus details, February 1947 a visit to the police station and 7/2/47 a

letter from my 'darling, darling, darling' and . He also reflects on the quality of Margaret's theatre performances.

CLOSED

GDP/229

Diary of H.Hicks

1977

Diarist: H Hicks

Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: Diary kept in English, however the format of the diary is French and the diarist evidently live in France. The diary is sparsely annotated: contains references to birthdays, parties, car services and on the 22 December 1977 a meeting with the French High Commissioner - so possibly the diary of a diplomat.

OPEN

GDP/230

Diaries of Frank Speed

1958-2008

Diarist: Frank Speed

Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments:

The diaries are primarily pocket book diaries (a mix of short and long), mainly simple leather volumes in subdued colours. The handwriting is consistently very neat throughout. The diarist rarely misses noting the day's key events. Occasionally there are references to how the diarist feels or what the weather was like, however he is not over-descriptive and most of the entries are short.

The collection start with two diaries from the forties: 1947 and 1948.

The two 1950s diaries are from 1958 and 1959.

They contain references to 'ballet classes', 'rehearsals', 3/4/59 'a day by the sea', visits to friends, some financial details (a record of expenditure) and some addresses or public transport routes.

The 1960s diaries are missing volume 1963.

1965-1969 diaries are beautiful very simple black leather-bound volumes with gold lettering, produced by the 'Monotype Corporation'. The diaries contain many visits to botanical gardens, the Festival Hall, the Proms, Everyman Cinema or theatre. 1961 Mr Speed notes a lot of

productions in the West End, it is not clear whether he is performing in the productions or if he is an audience member, the regularity and consistency, suggests he might have been performing. 30/12/61 Mr Speed's father dies, occasionally Mr Speed lists books he has read (back of 1966) or films (back of 1969) he has seen, August 1969 contains a detailed visit to Edinburgh.

The 1970 diaries are a complete set. It appears that in the early seventies Mr Speed joins Fred Olsen cruise ships as a performer. The 1974 diary contains Mr Speed's business card and one of the diaries is embossed with the Fred Olsen Lines logo. References to Tottenham Hotspur and football recur. Possibly a Spurs fan. The diaries still contain lists of addresses, finances and the 1972 diary a book list. May 1977 details a holiday to Malaga and on 28.5.77 Frank Speed visits a 'gay bar!!'.

The 1980s dairies are again a complete set. 28/1/82 Mr Speed sends a CV to P&O and DFDS.4/2/82 Mr Speed 'signs on'. October 1987 Mr Speed takes a trip to Ireland. The diaries contain the same cultural references, some references to day trips, time off is also marked, as are regular meetings and dinners with friends.

The 1990s diaries are again a complete set. 1990 details Conservative elections and Geoffrey Howe's 'speech attacking Thatcher' (Nov 1980) 1995 notes Mr Speed's dieting and weight loss. 1998 is a detailed diary containing lots of reference to long walks Mr Speed has taken alone or with friends. Football references and match scores are still being regularly recorded, as are some financial details. Mr Speed also notes his illnesses and book lists are kept up regularly. The 2000 diaries end in 2008.

CLOSED

GDP/231

Diaries of K.Gardiner

1922-1926

Diarist: K Gardiner
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries are small pocket books, meticulously kept in pencil. The dates of the diaries are:
1922, 1924, 1925 and 1926. It appears the

diarist's home was in Buxton and that she lived and worked in London. The diaries are descriptive as well as prosaic. So, on Jan 1st 1924, the diarist writes 'After Breakfast, Reg, Edna, Laurie, Bill and I all sat in a corner of the lounge and told stories.' And at the beginning of her 1922 diary the diarist has single line entries for each day (at the beginning of more lengthy entries) some of which are written in short hand. At points in the diaries the diarist has her own code/ short hand for events including 'D!'. The diarist had good friends, what appears to have been a large family with whom she regularly visits, she had some boyfriends, took regular holidays by the sea and visits Buxton and Cornwall, she was involved with amateur dramatics. She refers to Gerald often in 1925 and he becomes Gerry in 1926.

OPEN

GDP/232

Diaries of Irene Jacobs (nee Thomas)

1960-2008

Diarist: Irene Jacobs (nee Thomas)

Gender: Female

Born: 15 March 1932

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries are pocket books - a mixture of lengths. A number of the diaries were issued by Midland Bank Limited especially those from the 1980s, the diarist kept lots of loose material, including stamps, receipts, business cards, cheques, notes, lists, membership cards etc., in the pages of her diaries. There is a lot of accompanying ephemera including pictures of the diarist from a young age into adulthood (there are a couple with her and her husband WG Jacobs). There is a short story by the diarist; her father's (?) Warden's identity card; a passport for Irene Jacobs and membership cards for the Theydon Bois Music Society and the Methodist church and a business card for Irene Jacobs as an after dinner speaker. There are also picture postcards to her from 'Bob'. The 1960 volume is full of 'dates with' on 23rd of September she notes meeting 'Bill Page', in October she describes how she could really love Jimmy Love, 'I could really love that man' on Friday 11th November she describes how it could really 'get wonderful' with Jimmy. However, she is still dating Matt and

Charlie throughout these months. 1970s diaries consist of 1970, 71, 72, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79. The diarist has a very active social life and visits the theatre regularly. May 1972 records her lovers and one in particular who makes her angry because of his nonchalance. December 1974 she is clearly having trouble with the excessive drinking of her partner at the time, 'S', and the 1974 diary is signed off 'Goodbye to you my little 1974 book, holding my sadness and joy between your frail pages'. In 1976 she meets Bob! September 1976 Bob helps her to attend properly to her ailing (shortly to die) father. There are two diaries for 1977 - one only kept until March the other for the entire year, 12/3/77 Irene records her marriage to Bob. Two diaries also for 1978 - one very personal the other more of an appointment diary - 14/4/78 Irene records her sadness at having trouble conceiving a baby with Bob. 13/1/1978 - there is an incredibly sad entry about a lonely and difficult birth Irene had to go through almost 25 years earlier.

1980s diaries are a full set. They contain some newspaper cuttings, flower cuttings, stamps, business cards, receipts, membership cards for theatres, including the Tower Theatre Club, possibly amateur dramatics and the Globetrotters' Club. They are less personal than the diaries from the 70s. The 1982 diary contains a postcard on which Irene has written out word for word a tiff with Bob.

1990s diaries are a full set. The diaries contain the same ephemera as the 1980s diaries and are similarly brief. On 31/7/1990 Bob retires and on the 1st of August the pair have a very happy time together. However, on the 4th, when Irene throws a party for him, things have turned sour. On the 1st of October Bob and Irene go on a 'round the world' trip. And the entries stop. 24/11/1992 Bob is in a car accident. The incident is remarked on in red and in caps, however, the next day entries take on their normal brief style and no more mention occurs of the incident. The 1999 diaries ephemera includes negatives of Irene dressed in a sari.

2000s diaries are a full set up to 2008. The ephemera and entries are similar to the previous two decades, a perfunctory record of appointments and social gatherings to remember. However, there are increasing

references to medicines and herbal supplements. July 2001 records an operation for Bob. It must have been successful as he is home a week later. There is a reference on 15/4/02 to the end of Bob's chemotherapy and how 'it interfered so much'. And then a couple of nights later they go to bed early - Irene records 'yes, yes, yes!', to this. 24/5/2002 there is a reference to 'my darling daughter Ruth' - this is an unusual reference - there have not been references prior to Ruth. In September Bob develops shingles. In January 2003 Irene records 'Oh how blessed we are... nearly five months after shingles Bob made love to me. yes, yes Yes!'. December 2006 Bob is 'not really well'. 7/11/2007 Bob dies. 7/11/2008 entry reads 'A year since my beloved Bob left for God's Kingdom. Lunch at Deb's'.

CLOSED

GDP/233

Diaries of Maura Farrar

1970-2015

Diarist: Maura Farrar
Gender: Female
Born: 20 February 1952

Cataloguer's comments: Maura Farrar bound every diary - in layers of papers and plastic - when she completed it and then sealed the diary - not to read it again. Much of the diary writing is on loose leaf pages - bound with string. The writing is very neat and she rarely crossed words out or edited her work. There are diaries or notes for diaries from 1970-2015. There is also ephemera pertaining to the diarist's life: including photos, greeting cards, work on courses, creative writing and poems. There are thirteen boxes in total in the collection.

CLOSED (until 2076)

GDP/234

Diaries of Harry Hopkins

1925-1945

Diarist: Harry Hopkins
Gender: Male
Born: 26 March 1913

Cataloguer's comments: The archive consists of two early diaries and 15 notebooks (some of which are dated). Mr Harry Hopkins was born in Preston, Lancashire. He attended Merton

College, Oxford, in 1935 and married Endla Krustlov in 1948. He lived and worked in London and his literary agent was Julian Bach Literary Agency, New York. He was a career journalist and published a number of books, one of which was titled a 'New World Arising: A Journey of Discover through the new nations of South East Asia.' Many of the notebooks seem to relate to this publication. Mr Hopkins served in the British Army in the Ordnance Corps in 1940-42 and in India in 1942-1945. Two of the undated notebooks (a slim dark brown book and a faded mauve book) contain notes on army life, specifically. They include descriptions of billets and descriptions of arming Ghurkhas. There is also a 1941 notebook from Kuala Lumpa, Malaysia. A May 1942 notebook from Quetta contains some army details most poignantly the entries describe his life laid up in hospital convalescing (Harry Hopkins 7646911 Sgt, this book starts 'the utter bleakness of this 'containment' life....). There is also a March 1942 notebook, with 'Lucky' stamped on the cover. The 1943 notebook is from New Delhi, and there are two 1945 notebooks from Kashmir. The notebooks are - if not used for lists of numbers, times, dates, people etc. - highly descriptive and articulate. They contain excerpts of conversations (including 'Tonight at dinner? suddenly asks me: "Have you been to Paris?" I admit? - wondering what is coming next. "This spinach", she says, stabbing at her plate, "Whenever I see spinach I think of Paris."'), descriptions of people, expeditions, administrative details of places he has visited in India (for example when hotels opened and why), reflections on his life (1945), reflections on what is 'erotic' (1945), he decides that perhaps he'd be well suited to examining female psychology and imagines what his ideal partner will be like (perhaps another journalist, he wonders, 1945). There is an undated ideas book - full of titles for possible articles. There is an undated notebook in which Mr Hopkins reflects on the kind of nature he has, as a man, he also reflects in this book on the art of interpretation. The two diaries are from 1925 and 1926. They are scout diaries. The writing between 1925 and 1926 drastically improves and is worth comparing with his later hand. The entries are

full of enthusiasm and a love for the natural world '30/3/26 Chicks hatched last Friday now, getting bigger but in coup.' He writes on 19/2/25 'Allan Brook's mother died on Saturday. I am getting him in the club. CB objects? CB doesn't seem to want it to grow but we must get people acquainted with the 'Glories of Nature'.' Ephemera includes descriptions of Mr Hopkins professional publications, his passport and two photographs of his wife.

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GDP/235

Diaries of Robert Readhead Junior

1899-1960

Diarist: Robert Readhead (Junior)

Gender: Male

Born: 15.10.1873 (year circa?)

Died: 14.10.1964

Cataloguer's comments: There are two items of ephemera accompanying this deposit 1 x a tiny book of lists and an 'Investment Book for Mrs Readhead Senior. Married Muriel Frances Lucas (nee unknown) circa 1910/1911.

Mr Readhead had three children, two girls (Rosemary Mia Minka and Susan) and a boy (Robert Barnabas).

Mr Readhead (Junior) led an active adult life; he regularly played golf, evidenced by his keeping a regular tally of his success on the course; he often walked or bicycled to his local course (Godalming); took a keen interest in gardening, evidenced by his ordering plants, shrubs and flowers regularly and drawing designs for garden layouts in his diaries; he suffered a bad back and ill health from a young age and regularly visited doctors, took urine samples, maintained his weight with diet and exercise, took massages, visited spas and recorded what he ate; he must have had a small agricultural holding on his land as he also records breeding calves or hens and agricultural cycles; he accounts meticulously for payments of maids and agricultural workers. The books are mainly very small Letts diaries. Notable exceptions are three diaries from 'Oxford University' (1899-1900, 1900-1901 and 1901-1902) and a Collins Farmers Diary (with only one entry) and Royal Horticultural Society diaries (though his wife's diaries, which are also in the collection are from

RHS which would suggest she took on responsibility of ordering diaries). He regularly lunches, and takes tea in town - where he had a Mayfair residence.

(1899-1902) The Oxford University Diaries from 1899-1902 are the earliest diaries for Mr Readhead - they contain detailed accounts of Mr Readhead's lessons, exam dates, essay deadlines and some notes on the content of his lessons. There are also included books lists, reading lists, accounts of when he started a set text and when finished it, and records of when he plays tennis games. Mr Readhead is obviously quite an ill man from a young age, the Oxford Diaries contain many references to doctors.

(1904, 1905, 1907, 1908, 1909) After 1902 the next diary is 1904. It is the start of the small Letts series of diaries in the set. The 1904 diary is where the noting of meals and drink and exercise taken is in earnest: for example 1 x Vichy (?), 1 X simple tea 1 X dinner 'Belvedere (not so austere). In 1904 March 22nd Mr Readhead records from 'Kismet' (meaning destiny or fate) 'Live until 58, marry not before 35. Widower at 42. Fairly successful marriage... Health better after 38! Shall travel much from about 40... nervous system my trouble.' (possibly a fortune teller?) From 10th May 1905 there are exceptionally detailed accounts of what has been consumed and of his 'motions, he seems to be having regular 'electric' treatments. On 7th June the doctor at the hospital (?) he is staying in states there is an improvement. He is being regularly examined by the doctor in these months and taking various medicines, including chloroform which he complains makes him sick, being regularly 'washed out' or having 'schillering'. The illness is obviously causing him great stomach discomfort. The illness seems to be improving then gets worse as in early August there are no notes on what has been eaten or on treatments and only one note to a 'nurse'. 4th December he records second operation after which he is sick for 36 hours. The diary finishes at this entry. There is not a diary for 1906. In 1907 on 2nd January there is one entry 'Grand Canary' and a note on arriving back in London on the 8th January. Where he goes to the theatre. The diarist is still

recording what he consumes though he appears not to be in hospital anymore and is going to friends' weddings and skating. The 1908 and 1909 diaries record more rounds of golf than meals which suggests the diarist is recovered. Though the life is leisured. 1910 there is a record of his baby's walk on March 2nd. Plausibly Mr Readhead's child as he refers throughout 1910 to a baby's weight gain. (1910-1916) The diaries from 1910-1916 detail poultry, cattle, butter production, milk production, doctor's visits, agricultural workers' overtime and days off, crop spraying - which suggests that Mr Readhead did not fight in the 1st world war. (1926-1929) The diaries from the 1920s are also incomplete: 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929. In early 1928 and 1929 there is record of skiing conditions at a slope possibly in the Alps. 1930s diaries are complete. They detail the same agricultural material cited above. There are also regular skiing holidays recorded (1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937). References to a female: OM and her movements in and out of the country - not clear who this is. (1940, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1947 x 2, 1948, 1949) 1940s diaries are incomplete and contain fewer entries than previous diaries. The same agricultural details are being recorded. 1950s diaries are missing 1952. The 1950s diaries contain less record of agricultural matters and seem to have been used primarily for the record of household expenditure. Note: the Kismet entry from 1904 - in as much as the diaries record of details Mr Readhead's personal life - seems to have been accurate with reference to his health (there are far few recordings of visits to the doctor and measuring of his food intake after 1921)

CLOSED (until 2076)

GDP/236

Diaries of Muriel (wife to Robert Readhead Junior)

1911-1944

Diarist: Muriel Readhead
 Gender: Female
 Born:

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries are in the main The RHS Gardeners Diary (the s is unpunctuated). The first diary in the collection is

the only odd one out - it is from 1911 - and is red and embossed in gold. It is an early diary in her marriage to Robert Redhead Junior and recounts - at the beginning how her first baby is doing and on Robert's (Rob's) health. Which we know from his diaries was delicate. Like Robert, Muriel is a keen golfer, walker and luncher. In June 1911 she recounts how Rob is 'wired' to take his mother up to the coronation. In July the baby takes ill and she leaves off making notes in her diary - possibly because caring for her baby took up her time. The diary starts again in October when her father is taken ill. The other diaries from the 1900s are from 1916 and 1919. 1916 is all but blank and 1919 is blank. The only record in the 1916 diary is of planting and a design for a flower bed. The diaries from the 20s are from 1923, 1927, and 1929. On 18th August 1923 one of her children has scrawled in her diary 'Mummy is a horrid beast for making me rest when I never did at home.' The diaries include accounts of skiing holidays, teas had with friends (among which are members of aristocracy) and lists of flowers ordered. The diaries from the 30s are missing 1930 and 1931. In the 1932 diary Robert is again ill. The 1930s diaries - as her children are growing up - start to be filled with appointments that her children must keep at Eton. Appointments she keeps with friends. And the same records of skiing holidays and planting. The 1937 diary seems to be preoccupied with when her mother arrives and leaves. The diaries from the 40s are from 1940 - 1944.

CLOSED (until 2076)

GDP/237

Diaries of Rosemary Lewis

1965-2004

Diarist: Rosemary Lewis (nee Winifred

Rosemary Bayly)

Born: 22 July 1927

Died: 23 October 2015

Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Eight five-year diaries kept by Rosemary Lewis detailing family affairs, social occasions and events. Most days have entries normally consisting of two to three sentences. The seven diaries cover: 1965-1969; 1970-1974; 1975-1979; 1980-1984; 1985-1989;

1990-1994; 1995-1999 and 2000-2004.

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| GDP/238 | Diary and scrapbook of Frank Balmforth | 1939-1945,
2014 |
| | Diarist: Frank Leslie Balmforth
Born: 25 April 1898
Died: 1970
Gender: male | |
| | Cataloguer's comments: Published diary, 'Frank's wartime diary: the diary and scrapbook of Frank Balmforth, 1939-1945', transcribed and edited by Peter Minnett (650pp) (2014) | |
| | OPEN | |
| GDP/239 | Autobiography of Tony Wills | 2015 |
| | Diarist: Tony Wills
Born: 23 January 1945
Gender: male | |
| | Cataloguer's comments: Self-published memoir, 'Wills' whiffs: the early years of Tony Wills' (70pp) (2015) | |
| | CLOSED | |
| GDP/240 | Diaries of Ms Susan Mary Vivien Smith (nee Bromilow) | 1957 - 1964 |
| | Diarist: Ms Susan Mary Vivien Smith (nee Bromilow)
Born: 11th July 1941
Gender: Female | |
| | Cataloguer's comments: Unusual design and binding. The 1957 diary is a blue, A5 journal, gold stamped 'London Diary 1957', in the bottom right hand corner of the diary is a pyramid. On the flyleaf is written 'The record of the doings and actions of a very insignificant person. The whole books are beautifully illustrated with printed cartoons and maps. On every other page is also printed a tip or snippet of information about the City of London. The 1961 and 1964 diaries are red, the design is not quite as singular as the 1957 diary but it is as full of detail and self-reflection. The 1957 diary is taken up with exams, revision, and school girl tales. The 1961 diary is an account of a holiday to Italy in | |

the early Summer of 1961. Susan and her mother and father holiday with another family and their slightly older daughter, Joy. The 1964 diary, as would be expected, is a full of mature reflections and adult responsibilities. These are the only two diaries the diarist kept. The first was kept during her Levels at Edgbaston Church of England College for Girls. Her mother and aunt had also attended the school. In 1964 Susan is temping at Birmingham University department of Sociology. The Hugh she meets on 31st October 1964 later became her husband.

CLOSED

GDP/241

Diaries of Anonymous

1957

Cataloguer's comments: A Pepys Diary from 1957. The diarist used it, quite unusually, to draft letters. The diarist was evidently a great list compiler, there are lists of people, numbers and books, there are also lists for shopping to buy, what to pack (items suggest the diarist was female) and what to clean. The diary was found at a bookstall and could belong to either the MAJDALANY family or the Rene Albert family. Though neither is confirmed in the diary.

CLOSED

GDP/242

Diaries of Endla Hopkins (wife to Harry Hopkins)

2008-2011

Diarist: Endla Hopkins

Cataloguer's comments: Four basic WH Smith diaries, one of which is silver, the other three black. Ephemera pertaining to the diaries is one National Registration Identity Card (1948-1950). The diaries date from 2008 - 2011. Each day there is a note to remind her of a job, shopping to collect, a visit or call to make, a bill to pay, doctor's appointments and results of or medication to take. And usually a note on the weather or on what a flower or plant is doing - usually a house plant like an orchid. The diaries are also used as account books - Endla kept a sharp eye on her spending. However, she had regular hair appointments, liked to have her nails done and brought her flowers and fruit from M&S. The 2008 diary has a number of visits to the nurse recorded. This is not repeated with

such regularity in the 2009 diary. On January 1st 2009 Endla lists the birds that visit her garden. On January 6th 2009 Endla notes that she has not smoked since 2004. In 2011 Endla is regularly noting the times she gets up - she is not pleased with waking up so early - on the days that she does.

CLOSED

GDP/243 Diaries of Margaret Ballinger 1955-2004

Diarist: Margaret Jean Ballinger
Born: 2 April 1929
Died: 23 November 2015
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries kept by Margaret Ballinger, notably in five-year diary format, detailing daily activities and the weather. Each day contains a small paragraph of text. The daily diaries run from 1980 to 2004. There are also the following holiday diaries: Austria (1955), Majorca (1958), Ireland (1970), Athens (1981), Italy (1984) and Cyprus (1985).

OPEN

GDP/244 Diaries of Isabel Horne 1980-2006

Diarist: Isabel Horne
Born: 25 January 1947
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries kept by Isabel Horne, notably in A5 format, detailing daily activities, family affairs and her job as a teacher, both on the Isle of Skye and then in Shropshire. There are also details of the diarist's diagnosis and life with Multiple Sclerosis. Entries begin a page for a day and become shorter towards 2006 when the diarist stopped keeping her diary.

OPEN

GDP/245 Diaries of Reginald James Ford Nosworthy 1944-1998

Diarist: Reginald James Ford Nosworthy
Born: 16th August 1923
Died: 26th September 1999
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: 17 diaries kept by

Reginald James Ford Nosworthy, plus ephemera and an autobiographical record part hand written/ part typed. Mr Nosworthy was born in Somerset but spent most of his life at Burnham on Sea. The diaries are occasionally interspersed with shorthand or code. In 1944, he writes of the West's geo-political relations with Japan, his love of swimming, grammar school, and of breaking his wrist; he also writes of the Normandy landings. His 1945 diary poignantly remarks on the 9th of May VE day celebrations. On the 17th of August 1946 he writes about ration cards being terminated. During these years he studied for promotion as an employee of the labour office. And later had two daughters. The 1954 diary contains a picture of his wife and a dog. Apart from the months of July and August the diary for this year is blank - unusually. In the 1956 diary there is a picture of him with his children. The diaries from this period contain references to - mainly - building work and DIY, this continues through until 1959. The ephemera is an account of a visit to France, including booze brought and importantly the war memorials he visited (1998). There are two cocktail recipe books - one red and one blue. The date range is mid-1940s to late 60s, there are however, many gaps.

OPEN

GDP/246

Diaries of Richard Christopher Cox

1984-1998

Diarist: Richard Christopher Cox

Born: 21st March 1943

Died:

Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: 14 diaries kept by Richard Christopher Cox from 1984-1998. This set of diaries, all Quo Vadis format and design (except two, 1986 Filofax and 1995 Indian Diary) track the periods Autumn 1983-Autumn 1998, a 15 year period when Mr Cox worked as a full time Arts Administrator. From 1983 Arts Development Officer South East Wales Arts until 1992. Then Senior Officer Arts Council of Wales until 1998. The record is of meetings, appointments and notes connected to his work. There is little narrative but they are a good example of a work-related appointment diary.

OPEN

GDP/247 Diaries of Anthony Franklin (published) 2015

Diarist: Anthony H B Franklin
Born: 25th March 1916
Died: 27th December 2009
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: In 1934 Mr Franklin started to write a diary. He was seventeen. And living with his parents and younger sister in north London. He enjoyed amateur dramatics, riding and parties. The diaries tail off in 1945, prior to this they detail world events and time spent in the Far East. In later life-writing he writes 'light-hearted romances and horses were major pleasures until Hitler spoilt it all.' The volume in the collection was compiled by his three daughters and is based on his diaries, memoirs and letters.

OPEN

GDP/248 Diaries of Frank H Ayliffe 1934-1972

Diarist: Frank H Ayliffe
Born: 1907
Died: 1972
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: Frank H Ayliffe wrote a couple of paragraphs, if not more, each day between 1934 and 1972. Mr Ayliffe served in the Royal Navy between 1942 and 1946. And then became an expert Milliner. He died during the Millinery Ball - in 1972. His last entry recounts how this will be his last ball and is written the day he passed away. His diaries are very descriptive, and recount the usual weather, work-life, family, doctor and friends details. But also include phrasing and vocabulary that is distinct. He often notes what he is reading and provides a brief review. If he has had an interesting conversation he recounts it verbatim in the diary.

OPEN

GDP/249	Diary of Olwyn Forester	1969
	<p>Diarist: Olwyn Forester Born: 1956 Gender: Female</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: Ms Olwyn Forester's 1969 Letts Schoolgirl's Diary is a beautiful edition - containing useful educational material, black and white photographs of stately buildings, and coloured maps. It is a portrait of a school girl's life uneventful in the 60s. The diary remarks on lessons, films, ice rinks, friends who came for tea, listening to records, library returns, shopping, and 'gym'.</p> <p>OPEN</p>	
GDP/250	Diary extracts from Tom Tickell	2002
	<p>Diarist: Tom Tickell Born: 1943 Gender: Male</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: Tom Tickell worked as journalist. He started keeping a diary at 14, and has maintained the practice until now (2016 and at 72). The diaries start in 1975 on A5 paper. After 1990 this increased to A4 - he writes about 750 words a day. He sense that his practice may be linked to his work as a journalist 'with a weakness for scribbling down stories and remarks - the diary he has submitted is typed from the handwritten original. The diary covers the mechanics of journalism, press conferences, story gathering, parties - it also refers to his children, one of whom is profoundly disabled. The diary excerpts in the archive are from 2002.</p> <p>OPEN</p>	
GDP/251	Autobiography of Lucy Clare Howard	Restricted access
	<p>Diarist: Lucy Clare Howard Born: 1978 Died: - Gender: female</p> <p>Cataloguer's comments: Typescript of autobiography</p> <p>CLOSED for fifty years from date of death</p>	

GDP/252 Diaries of Rachel Smith 2014-2016

Diarist: Rachel Smith
Born: 1 May 1984
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Each diary is different, the five volumes refer to 2014-2016. One an orange exercise book, another purple sequined exercise book. The handwriting is expansive and the majority of the work profoundly self-reflective and poetic. It is not diary-writing in a prosaic, appointment making capacity.

OPEN

GDP/253 Diaries of Irene Griffiths 1936-2002

Diarist: Irene Griffiths
Born: 25 September 1918
Died: 23 July 2014
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: The deposit consists of six diaries, one scrap book, three volumes of a typed autobiography, and one note book of quotations. The first volume of diaries is from 1936-1938, the second from 1938 - 1939, the third from 1940-1943, the fourth is for 1946, the fifth is for 1991, and finally, (a scrapbook/diary) includes entries from 1959 to 2002. The autobiography covers the whole of Irene's life (it is in three volumes).

The volumes that can be most clearly labelled as diaries are a combination of scrapbook and diary, dated entries mainly in ink, newspaper clippings, cuttings from postcards, including Disney films like 'Snow White', an original VE day commemoration poppy in red silk (8th May 1946), and photographs.

Irene liked clothes, animals, history, travel, politics, the Royal Family, and films. Irene had one sister, Joyce. The autobiographies and early diaries give a detailed account of a family getting through the Second World War and surviving post-WW Britain. Irene writes about her 'model' older sister and about having a severe bout of

rheumatic fever in her school girl days, the effects if the illness lasted through her life. When Irene was 12 her mum had three boy triplets. One of whom died in childbirth. The other two were sent away to a school for children with cerebral palsy; Irene wished she had visited the eldest of the boys, the only one of the twins to survive into adulthood. In 1936 Irene wins a prize for shorthand typing (150 WPM). Irene writes in vivid detail about the war. (In 1945 she is 27). She worked in Malta during the war and meets 'Bob', whom she marries in 1950. Bob and Irene divorced in 1955. In 1957 she moves abroad to work as a secretary in Tanga (Tanzania) and in 1967 in Pretoria. She also worked in Washington and Delhi. In her old age she was surrounded by her nieces and lived in London until her death.

OPEN

GDP/254

Diaries of Mollie Ingrams

1972-2002

Diarist: Mollie Ingrams

Born: TBC

Died: 12.4.2012

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: The deposit consists of 41 volumes of diaries, a mixture of exercise book designs, all A5. The first four diaries are dated 1972. The last one is 2010. The volumes are a combination of mainly hard back Black 'n' Red notebooks-cum-diaries and paperback spiral bound Collins 'Weekly Notebook Diary'. The later diaries, certainly the late 2000 diaries, document Ms Ingram's on-set of Alzheimer's and dementia. The later diaries have notes - made in at least two other hands - perhaps as a way of prompting Mollie Ingram to remember an important detail or appointment. It is interesting that despite her later incapacities Mollie Ingram maintained a diary. Mollie Ingram was brought up at Tewin Wood. Her parents divorced in the mid-1920s - Mollie Ingram and her sister, Barbara, grew up with their father. Mollie's mother had had an affair, remarried and had a second family. Mollie Ingram's father remarried a woman who - on Mollie Ingram's wedding day - said 'I can't imagine why anyone would marry you'. After the war, Mollie Ingram lived in

Reigate with her husband and two children - one boy and one girl. The family then moved to Shenfield and then, Stow-on-the-Wold - Mollie Ingram and her husband worked as a retailer for most of their careers, they co-owned a furniture shop and then an embroidery shop. The couple moved to Chipping Campden in the 80s. In 1988 they moved to Mickleton. Mollie Ingram's husband died in 1993, after struggling with dementia. And her son died in 1994. In 1994 Mollie Ingram started a BA arts course with the Open University. She would have graduated aged 84 or 85.

OPEN

GDP/255 Diaries of Claire Beechey 2013-2014

Diarist: Claire Beechey
Born: 12.6.77
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: The deposit consists of 2 volumes. One an A4 hardback volume (2013), the second and A5 hardback volume (2014). The diarist has closed the diaries for 40 years. (Until 2056)

CLOSED

GDP/256 Baby Health record of Stephen Killian Desroches 1974

Diarist: Stephen Killian Desroches
Born: 1974
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: Baby Health record of Stephen Killian Desroches. Kept by Carol Ann Killian Desroches (and Dr Stanley Parker). See also GDP 165-167.

OPEN

GDP/257 Scrapbook of School Lessons from USA Elementary School Helen P Killian circa 1927

Diarist: Helen P Killian
Born: 28th October 1922
Died: 7th May 2015
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Scrapbook of School

Lessons from Taunton, Massachusetts, USA
Elementary School Helen Killian. See also GDP
165-167.

OPEN

GDP/258 Diary of Darlington Clark 1940

Diarist: Mr Darlington Clark
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: This is a Collins 'Handy Diary' (No 161), the diary is a mixture of notes on weather conditions, social visits, and theatre shows. It is from 1940. The diarist diligently documents each day's/ night's air raids, subsequent bomb damage, and loss of life or injury. It is a good record of daily life in Goldbourne Road (Ladbroke Grove area) At the back of the diary is a list of people and dates with RIP written at the top of the page. It is not clear if these were people known to him. The diary was found in a skip in Earl's Court along with Miss Darlington Clark's effects. There is an accompanying picture with the diary, it is not clear if this includes a picture of the diarist himself.

OPEN

GDP/259 Diary of John Rigby 1917

Diarist: Mr John Rigby
Birth: 30.11.1882
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: This is a Collins 'Handy Diary' (No 163) in red leather. This is a diary from a sailor who fought in the First World War, it dates from 1917. The diary records the voyages of his ship HMS Euryalus, i.e., where the ship put to harbour and to where it sailed. On the 22.1.17 Mr Rigby records the death of another sailor and a burial at sea. 10.12.17 Mr Rigby records being called out in the middle of the night for 'action stations' - it was a false alarm the ship was English. The diary comes with a picture of the ship, HMS Euryalus, and Mr Rigby's passport from 1923. In the passport is a letter from his children written on the 24th of December - the letter does not have a year. The passport is a joint passport for him and his wife

(Edith). There is a picture of the couple in the passport. It appears to have been used once - for a voyage to France.

The ship is interesting, here is a little history, including Mr Rigby's senior in 1917: 'On 15 January 1916 Wemyss, the new Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, hoisted his flag aboard Euryalus. From 3 January 1917 through 24 April, she was refitted at Bombay. On 29 June she bombarded the barracks in the Yemeni town of Hodeida together with the troopship RIM Northbrook of the Royal Indian Marine. Rear Admiral Ernest Gaunt relieved Wemyss as commander-in-chief on 20 July 1917 and transferred his flag to Northbrook on 29 August. In early November, the ship dismantled four 6-inch and four 12-pounder guns at Bombay before proceeding to Hong Kong. She was paid off there on 20 December to complete her conversion into a minelayer. This was not finished when the war ended, and she returned to Britain to be laid up at the Nore in April 1919. Euryalus was sold for scrap on 1 July 1920 and broken up in Germany beginning in September 1922'

OPEN

GDP/260

Diaries of William John Hughes

1986-2012

Diarist: Mr William John Hughes

Birth: 22.4.41

Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries start in 1986 and finish in 2012. All, bar the first diary, are Filofax inserts. The first diary is a Wisden Cricketer's Diary (1986). It is a diurnal format, except, and rather like cricket, it is divided not only by day but by lunch and tea. The diaries are meticulously kept, most entries start with an impression of the day's climate/ weather; then move onto describe how the diarist felt in this climate; who came for lunch, or tea; what errands the diarist ran; what films or radio programmes were listened to; and a diligent record of how the diarist slept during the night.

Personal details TBC 14.4.16

OPEN

GDP/261 Diaries of John H Surtees 1958-1982

Diarist: Mr John H Surtees
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: The 13 volumes of diaries are all pocket book sized - the earliest is from 1958 and the latest from 1982. M Surtees lived in Scunthorpe for the period of the diaries. The entries include notes to himself on private accounting issues; observations on the weather and on the temperature of the day; Mr Surtees seems to have been a very active man (there are numerous references to running and boxing), and there are references to visits to Epsom for walks.

OPEN

GDP/262 Diaries of Marcia Johnson 1984-2008

Diarist: Diaries of Mrs Marcia Johnson
Birth: 16/03/30
Died:14/06/12
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: This is 26 volumes of exercise books recording family holidays (and later holidays taken by Mr and Mrs Johnson) in the late 1980s, throughout the 1990s and into the 2000s. These are mainly caravanning holidays (in the affectionately titled VOLKSY) in the British Isles. The diaries are accompanied by 7 scrapbooks/ albums of photographs accompanying the exercise book diaries. The scrapbooks are from June 1985 and Christmas 1986, a holiday in Wales June/July 1986, a holiday in Scotland 1987, and a holiday in June 1988. The albums concern: holidays taken in 1992, 1998, and 2004. The 1st exercise book is actually a list of items to take camping (1984-1985) including a bra, ash tray, broom, and a magnifying glass. The 2nd 1985-1986 details holidays in Scotland (June 1985), Dorset (Sept 1985), Wales (June/July 1986) Bridgeport (Aug 1986) and Norfolk (August Bank Holiday 1986). The 3rd 1987-1988 is an account of holidays in Scotland 1987, Christchurch 1987, first trip to

Pharaoh (islands?) 1988. The 4th 1988 is for Scotland, Kent, Dorset, and Somerset. 1989 exercise book Folkestone, Cornwall, Norwich, Dorset and in 1990 Sevenoaks, Gatwick, Whipsnade, and Sandwich. The 5th 1990 is for Devon/Cornwall and for 1991 Sandwich, Scotland, Wales, Manchester, and the Isle of Wight. The 6th 1992 is for Leigh on Sea, Scotland, Devon, and 1993, Canterbury. The 7th 1993 Wales, Eastbourne, and the West Country. The 8th 1994 Scotland, Eastbourne, and Devon. The 9th 1995 West Country and Scotland. The 10th 1996 West Country, Scotland, and Kent. The 11th 1997 Cornwall, Scotland, and Isle of Wight. The 12th 1998 West country, Sandwich, Christchurch, Cotswolds, Scotland, and tour of the North of England. The 13th 1999 Wales, West Country, and tour of South England. The 14th 2000 West Country, Torquay, Bristol, Exeter, Scotland. The 15th 2001 - Scotland, Cornwall, other English counties. The 16th 2001 (part 2) Kent and Cotswold. The 17th 2002 Scotland, Wales and England. The 18th 2003 West Country - and large English cities. The 19th 2003 Norfolk. The 20th 2004 Scotland and English counties. The 21st 2005 Scotland, York, Portsmouth, Ryde, Yarmouth, Newport, Arundel, Gosport, Isle of Wight. The 22nd 2006 Scotland and Cornwall. The 23rd 2007-2008 Charmouth and Scotland. The 24th St David's, Wales.

OPEN

GDP/263

Diaries of Joan McLennan

1979-2010

Diarist: Diaries of Mrs Joan McLennan

Birth: 3/1/1919

Died: 1/7/2014

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Ms Johnson was a hairdresser for most of her life. She loved to have a pretty picture type book to write in, which her daughter gave her every Christmas. Most of these diaries were written when she lived in a tiny village called 'Prenteg' near Porthmadog, North Wales. She built up a reputation for being a very good hairdresser, first in a tiny village called Beddgelert then moving to have her own shop in Porthmadog. When she retired she continued to work doing hair at the

local day centre & in her little cottage in Prenteg. Ms McLennan's husband was from Scotland. After the war Ms McLennan moved down to Coventry where he was able to get a job in the car industry. Mr McLennan missed Scotland & the mountains & whenever he could (weekends) he drove his family to Wales & mountains (not as far as Scotland) & eventually, when their daughter left home to attend the Royal College of Art, they decided to start a new life in Wales. The diaries' dates are: 1979, 1980, 1986-1989, 1990-1999, and 2000-2010.

CLOSED

GDP/264

Diaries of Jacqui McLennan

1970-2016

Diarist: Diaries of Mrs Jacqui McLennan
Birth: 28/8/1942
Died:-
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments:
Shared diary, volume I, diaries labelled 'Julia Griffiths Jones':

Julia was a student Jacqui met when she taught a printed textile course at the Winchester School of Art, and afterwards at the Royal College of Art. When Julia left the R.C.A. she won 2 scholarships to research & draw in museums in the then communist Czechoslovakia & Romania. Being very much on her own in these countries and through teaching Jacqui had become a friend, they agreed to keep a shared diary. This meant Julia could keep in touch with the U.K. and inform Jacqui of the countries she was in. Some years ago the pair agreed to return our diaries back to each other. The archive contains the diaries Jacqui sent Julia.

Diaries labelled Ireland:

During 40 years of teaching in art schools, Jacqui had for a period of time (13 years) a very basic/stone built/no water, house in Southern Ireland. When teaching finished for the summer, in early July, Jacqui went to this house & spent 2 months, usually returning early September when the art school term began again. Every year Jacqui kept a diary. Being so

isolated, the highpoint of a lot of the days was the post van coming with news from family & friends. These diaries are perhaps interesting as a contrast to life in London: digging a latrine, collecting water from the village pump, and the friends we made who were small land owners.

Diaries labelled Holiday:

Whenever Jacqui went away, she wrote a holiday diary - lots of thoughts and overheard conversations, food eaten etc.

Shared diary, volume II:

With Julia Griffiths Jones, Jacqui decided every month for a year to draw/paint and record what they were doing. The pair were restricted to four A4 sheets a month & at the end of each month the pair sent copies of the originals to the other. There are 4 pages of Julia's that are grey question marks.....she unfortunately didn't do for - some reason - her work that month. 48 originals of Jacqui's & 48 colour copies of Julia's.

Embroidered months of the year, diary:

Again with Julia, Jacqui decided to embroider/stitch the months of 1996. Rather than use personal imagery, Jacqui decided to use a poem she loved throughout her life called 'The Months' by Sara Coleridge.

CLOSED

GDP/265

Diaries of Dorothy Huelin

1977-2008

Diarist: Dorothy Huelin

Born:

Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Dorothy Huelin, covering the period 1977 to 2008. There are diaries for 1977 and then a full run every year until 2008. The diarist records daily activities, social activities, meeting with friends, expenditure and comments briefly on major news stories. The diaries for 1984, 1985, 1986 and 2008 also have an engagement diary. There is also an account book covering the period

2000 to 2006. Also includes presentation inscribed Bible and Prayer Book. The diarist is the daughter of diarist Edith Taylor (GDP/266).

OPEN

GDP/266 Diaries of Edith Taylor 1945-1978

Diarist: Edith Taylor

Born:

Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Edith Taylor, covering the period 1945 to 1978. There is a diary for 1945, 1969 and then a run from 1971 to 1978. The diarist records daily activities, social activities, meeting with friends, expenditure and comments briefly on major news stories. Most entries are short and quite often they only note engagements. The diary for 1975 also has an engagement diary. There is also an account book covering the period 1970 to 1974. The diarist is the mother of diarist Dorothy Huelin (GDP/265).

OPEN

GDP/267 Diaries of Frances Mary Trower (nee Bradley) 1852-1898

Diarist: Frances Mary Trower (nee Bradley)

Born: 1825

Died: 1907

Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: 26 volumes. Mainly in pocket-book sized, marbled notebooks, which are dated by hand. There is a detailed account of a journey from Southampton to London in 1843.

The 25 dairies cover the following years: 1852-1857; they are dated in the following way: 1857, Jan 1858 - Aug 1858, Aug 1858 - Feb 1859, March 1859 to Feb 1860, Feb 1860 - June 1860, June 1860 - August 1861, August 1861 - March 1862, March 1862 - September 1862, September 1862 - January 1863, January 1863 - October 1863, October 1863 - March 1864, March 1864 - January 1865, January 1865 - September 1865, (break) January 1866 - April 1866, April 1866 - September 1866, September 1866 - December 1866, May 1868 - December 1868, January 1869 - August 1870, April 1873 -

July 1874, August 1874 - December 1876, 1877-1881, 1882- 1888, 1889 - 1896, 1897 - 1898.

Ms Trower adored her children. The volume 1882 - 1888 describes Harold's (her son's) engagement to Helen Stone, whom he met on a voyage to Australia. And of his breaking off the engagement and emigrating to Florida to grow oranges. In 1865, she agrees with her husband's dim view of (see GDP 268) Mabel's (her daughter) engagement to Hubert Powell, both consider him beneath her. She - unlike her husband - changes her view when she sees how in love Mabel is and listens, with an open mind, to the high opinion Hubert is held in by others.

OPEN

GDP/268

Diaries of Charles Francis Trower

1846-1890

Diarist: Charles Francis Trower

Born: 1817

Died: 1891

Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: 8 volumes. Mainly in pocket-book sized, marbled notebooks, which are dated by hand.

This is an incomplete set. There are references to 'Black Books Nos 1-3' and to his 'journal' - these are not in the archive held at Bishopsgate and their whereabouts is unknown.

The notebooks are labelled 'Autobiography', of which we have numbers 1-4 and 6; but not 5 (covering 1880-1882).

In the back of Auto. 1 there are a few pages covering 1887-1890. In the main the autobiographies cover: holidays, visits from relatives and friends, and detailed day to day running of a prosperous family in 1800s.

Auto 1: Starts with an account of Mr Trower's life - preceding his 29th year. Included are details of his boyhood, education at Winchester and Balliol, training as a barrister, being called to the bar in 1842, marriage to Frances in 1843, the birth of their first child, Edith, in 1844, and their first home - 'Greenhill Lodge' - near Harrow and a move to Charlton in 1846. In 1847 Mr Trower produces a pamphlet called 'The Anomalous Condition of English Jurisprudence'. Law reform became a preoccupation of his, though he was

not a successful barrister. He gave up his 'chambers' in 1848 (though later in life re-established these). In 1850 Mr Trower and his family moved to Sussex and in 1853 his son Harold was born. In 1854 the family moved to Westminster, London. His daughter Mabel was born in London in 1859. The last few pages are sparse notes on 1887-1890.

Auto 2: Starts in 1861. It is prefaced with two topics 1. Mr Trower's relations with Lord Chancellor Lord Westbury 2. his work with the English Church Union. In 1862 he is appointed to a post in the Lord Chancellor's office at a salary of £500 pa. The equivalent of £57,000 in 2016. He is dismissed in 1864.

Auto 3: Starts in 1865 and ends 1877. In 1871 the family move to Kensington Gate. In 1873 Harold (Mr Trower's son) goes to Balliol but struggles academically and takes five years to pass his degree.

Auto 4: Covers 1878-1880. It deals - in the main - with the reform of equity jurisprudence and 2. the censure and resignation of the former Lord Chancellor Lord Westbury.

Auto 5 - is missing

Auto 6: Covers the years 1883 - 1886. It details Harold's emigration to the states. Mabel's marriage to Hubert Powell (here the reader of the autobiographies is referred to the 'black books' - which are not part of this collection) It is a not an unproblematic engagement and marriage - for Mr Trower at least.

Scottish Journal Vol 1 and 2: day by day account of a holiday in Scotland March to September 1849.

OPEN

GDP/269

Diaries of Agnes Emmiline Trower

1880

Diarist: Agnes Emmiline Trower

Born: 1863

Died: 1935

Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: 1 volume. Pocket sized, marbled notebook, dated by hand. Diary of a family holiday in Scotland - August and September 1880.

OPEN

GDP/270 Diaries of Ameilia Willis 2014-2015

Diarist: Ameilia Willis
Born: 12/06/1985
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: 4 volumes of 'Weightwatchers' Journals. The journals chart Amelia's weight-loss journey - how much she weighed throughout the process (from 13st 4.5 - 9st 13lbs); the day for her weighing in, with her guide; how she feels during the process; and what she ate as she endeavoured to lose weight. Her enthusiasm and commitment is palpable, as is her new found joy in 'walking, walking, walking'.

OPEN

GDP/271 Diaries of Laurence Thomas Duckett 1959-2013

Diarist: Laurence Thomas Duckett
Born: 29.12.48
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: The archive consists of 34 diaries for Mr Duckett; covering his days as a young school boy, through middle age, and into retirement. Mr Duckett started keeping a diary from a young age, the earliest diary dates from 1959, the most recent diary is from 2013, in later years Mr Duckett kept maybe two-three diaries going for each year. The diaries have been closed until 2056. However, it is possible to state that each diary, excepting the early school days' Letts diaries from the 60s, is very different; the sizes, ink used, formats, and patterns for the covers vary greatly.

CLOSED

GDP/272 Diaries of Annie Elizabeth Adams 1946-2000

Diarist: Annie Elizabeth Adams
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Ephemera: includes two address books, membership cards for National Association of Inspectors and Educational Advisers, Instruction and

Examination License State of Maryland, member of International Council of Psychologists, a letter from a friend living in the states, and describing life in California in 1957, Ms Adams's driving test pass letter, photographs of Ms Adams when in her late twenties/ early thirties/ fifties and sixties, a course syllabus Ms Adams designed for 'extra-mural studies', a notebook containing lecture notes from a conference in Hamburg on education, and a CV. Adams's diaries start in 1946. The diaries for 1946, 1947, and 1948 are all tablet diaries - i.e., small wall calendars. In 1949 Ms Adams uses a Letts Desk Diary (large A5 size), from 1950-1953 Ms Adams uses A5 size Letts Royal Office Tablet Diaries - for the rest of the fifties Ms Adams uses Letts Desk Diaries of varying sizes. It is likely that Ms Adams had two diaries per year - one for appointments and one for more detailed entries. From 1946 to 1959 the entries are brief accounts of time spent in the office; times of appointments with friends but mainly appointments at 'C Hall', 'Gly House', Portsmouth TC, Tiffins Girls Orals (possibly a reference to overseeing language education at a girls' school). The diaries for the 1960s, again often double up, it seems that one diary is kept for personal/social engagements and called 'home' and the second for work related appointments, labelled 'Office' - however there is some cross-over. Unlike the 1950s diaries Miss Adams seems to record with more regularity and with more detail social engagements (she will mention time, place and name of person she is meeting), she also comments on the weather and a year spent as a UNESCO educational expert in Afghanistan ('64-'65). Throughout Ms Adams refers to 'Do am' or 'Do pm' - these seem to be regular, probably work -related assignments. There are a few diaries from the 1970s and 1980s, again the trend seems to be that Ms Adams has one diary for her personal life and another for her professional life - her profession was 'educational consultant'. She is recording more personal details, i.e., Ms Adams in the 70s and 80s starts including descriptions of how she felt, specific tasks she had to perform during the day, and what she ate. During the 80s Ms Adams worked in the USA, Australia, Germany, Malta, World Bank, British

Council, Mauritius - and visited India, Egypt, Kenya, Canada, South Korea - the entries on these visits are short. In the diaries from the 1990s and one from 2000, the entries are becoming shorter and the handwriting less well-formed, however Ms Adams continues to lead an active life.

OPEN

GDP/273

Diaries of Dorothy Sarah Davies

1978-1993

Diarist: Dorothy Sarah Davies

Gender: Female

Born:1902

Died:1993

Cataloguer's comments: Ephemera: photographs which are taped or slipped inside the diaries and a type written biography written by Ms Davies' daughter. The diaries - of which 10 are from the 80s and 1 from 1978-1979 are in A4 folios and the 1990s diaries (x4) are in A5 - all of which are hardback. The diaries double up as household books for recipes and accounts. Ms Davies was born in London, she moved to Scotland in her seventies to be near her daughter. It appears Ms Davies started the diaries when she was in her seventies, at least the archive has not been given and her daughter has not found earlier diaries.

Her first husband was called William Henry King, they had Ms Davies first and only child in 1928.

In Scotland Ms Davies met the three Mann sisters, Bessie - all of whom she enjoyed social activities with, including 'Friendship Club' and a church 'work party'.

The diaries are mainly brief descriptions of Ms Davies daily activities, expenditure and the weather. She regularly refers to the friends mentioned above and to the Staffords, Kay Munden, Muriel, Bella, and Mrs Gardner. She writes of seeing her friend Bessie every day, they both settled in Scotland from SE London. She had two cats Mitzy and Moses. She also had two long term pen pals - Louise and Sheila.

OPEN

GDP/274

Diaries of Winifred Beresford

1984-2009

Diarist: Winifred Beresford (nee Winifred

Margaret Gaughan)

Gender: Female

Born:1921

Died:2009

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries are all A5 hard-back volumes. Mainly 'Home Diaries' (a Boots imprint) - this format for diaries contain pastoral imagery and notes on cooking, safety in the home, a list of customers' rights, and how to slim safely. The diaries were deposited by Winifred's second daughter - Susan Beresford. Winifred Beresford was one of twins. Born in North West England. Her parents split up soon after she was born - her younger brother remained with the mother - and she, and her twin sister, lived briefly with their paternal grandparents. The twin's mother convinced the grandparents that she should look after them for a period. However, the paternal grandparents tracked the girls down and resumed custody. When they were seven the twin's father, angry with his parents, took over the custody of the girls and put them in a various convent orphanages, aside from the odd stay with their father and his partner(s), the twins remained in orphanages until they were 16. At 16 they 'ran away to be showgirls in Blackpool' (and were actually taken in by a Fish and Chip shop owner, whose shop they worked in for a few years). At 20 the twins were conscripted - and were among the first females conscripted by the British Army, they were given the job of Ambulance Drivers. And though the twins were split up and given jobs in different areas of the country - they both experienced a form of stability and routine that had been missing from their early life. Winifred met her husband (to-be) in Nottinghamshire towards the end of the war. Jack had been in a POW camp for 3-4 years. According to the brief autobiography written by their daughter Susan Beresford (who deposited the diaries), Jack described himself as withdrawn to the point of silence after his harrowing experiences of war - he described Winifred as his 'saviour'. They married within twelve weeks of meeting. After the war the couple moved to South London. Winifred had three children and worked as a shop manageress and an admin clerk for the Gas Board. Winifred started keeping the diaries

when she retired. Her husband died in 2003, so a large part of the diary collection has a number of references to Jack, his death is preceded by the death of their eldest daughter (also in the diaries) and for the rest of her six years (2003-2009) Winifred settles on the Isle of Wright and is looked after by her son and his partner. In the 1980s diaries there are numerous references to the days on which Jack plays golf, appointments for perms (for her), and doctors and dentist appointments for both (Winifred records the results of these appointments for both her and Jack), there are a few references to the weather, when the children call, and a few holidays to Spain with friends (including September 1984), the back pages of each diary are taken up with sums and calculations or lists of items to take on holiday. The back page of the 1990 diary contains wishes for the new year - again there are references to Jack and his ability to cope with situations Winifred finds more difficult. In November 1996 the entries become longer as Winifred is shocked to find her daughter has cancer. September 1997 there is a reference to Princess Di's funeral. In short the diaries are a mixture of popular culture references, personal reflections, day-to-day appointments, entwined with her husband's views as they think and act as one. The entry for 2003 July 30th describes the passing of Winifred's husband - it is painful - their love for each other was obviously something very special to both, numerous entries after record how Winifred 'misses Jack very much'.

CLOSED

GDP/275

Diaries of Marie Lynam

1994-2004

Diarist: Marie Lynam, nee Moreau

Gender: Female

Born: 16 June 1945

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries document the life of a political active woman in London during the 1990s and 2000s. The diaries are closed until 2021.

CLOSED

GDP/276 Diaries of Zinah Nauthoa 2003-2015

Diarist: Zinah Nauthoa
Gender: Female
Born: 26/10/89

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries document the life of a young woman growing up in the 2000s. The diaries are closed until 2021.

CLOSED

GDP/277 Diaries of Mrs Yvonne Osborn 1982-2014

Diarist: Mrs Yvonne Camille Osborn
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: The 1980s diaries start in 1982 and are consecutive until 1989. They are all hardback A5 'Dairy Diary' formats. Ms Osborn records her shirt sizes for her three children each year; regularly records details on the weather; appointments at the church, GPs, and hairdressers; visitors; who has phoned and been phoned; occasionally Ms Osborn records details on memorable meals or walks. There are also proverbs or sayings that have struck Ms Osborn recorded in most of the books. The 1990s diaries start in 1990 and finish in 1999, they are a complete run, through the course of the decade, they are 'Dairy Diary' format diaries. The information in each is comparable to the 1980s diaries. In the 1993 diary there is a letter about a reunion for internees from Nazi-occupied Guernsey. Amongst the allied troops - that liberated Guernsey and released the internees from Biberach, Germany - was Yvonne's husband - Lesley Ernest Robert Osborn. Ms Osborn grew up in Guernsey during the war. The 2000 diaries are a complete set, there are additional diaries for the years 2010 and 2002, it appears that in 2010 Ms Osborn received the gift of two diaries and thus, used them and that in 2002 she felt the need to record details of her holidays separately to daily details. The books refer to the same type of events described above. She notes also how her garden has fared during the day, for example, 6th April 2000 is a 'good day for getting the

grass cut', and what friends she has seen for coffee; slipped inside the 2010 diary is an account of an encounter Ms Osborn has with three children in the street, the children start of being quite cheeky but Ms Osborn seems to have won them round, in the 2009 diary is a map of walks in Ms Osborn's area with her daily walks highlighted, in the 2002 diary is a menu for a memorable Sunday lunch. Worth noting is the language Ms Osborn often selects to describe the day; she often refers to days as being 'horrible', 'bad', 'nice', or 'lovely' - by this she means the weather. Ephemera: a book entitled Mother's Notebook in which over the course of a number of years friends have entered notes of thanks to Ms Osborn, poems, and thoughts on their relationship with Yvonne; a 1993 account of a holiday - the account is more detailed than Yvonne's usual daily entries. The 'Dairy Diary' format, produced in the UK, were sent to Guernsey because as gifts to Ms Osborn from friends living in the UK.

CLOSED

GDP/278

Diaries of tbc

1990-2015

Diarist: tbc
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries are in red, blue, black, and green hardback A5 or A6 size diary books. The whole collection is a detailed record of Freedom Pass journeys taken by....throughout the 1990s and 2000s. The Freedom Pass for older people allows free travel across London and free local bus journeys nationally, it is aimed at people aged 65/ 66. The diaries from the 1990s and 2000s are a complete set.

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GDP/278

Diaries of tbc

1990-2015

Diarist: tbc
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries are in red, blue, black, and green hardback A5 or A6 size diary books. The whole collections is a detailed

record of Freedom Pass journeys taken by [tbc] throughout the 1990s and 2000s. The Freedom Pass for older people allows free travel across London and free local bus journeys nationally, it is aimed at people aged 65/ 66. The diaries from the 1990s and 2000s are a complete set. The diarist frequently uses square and round brackets and colour to categorise items in the diaries. The entries are limited to place names and sites of interest (e.g. cathedral or museum). There are no explanations or descriptions for the places visited. Occasional comments are inserted on places the diarist lunched or dined or the title of a specific exhibition is noted.

OPEN

GDP/279

Diaries of John Brennard

1983-1998

Diarist: John Brennard
Gender: Male
Born: 26th July 1928
Died: 19th October 1998

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries are in red and black, A4. The black are diaries produced by the 'Financial Times' and the Red are called the 'Wine and Spirit Diary', published by Allied Domecq Spirits and Wines Limited. The Wine and Spirit format is full of articles and relating to the production and selling of spirits and wines, it is colour illustrated, and includes useful snippets of information and tips for successful cocktails. The entries are fairly detailed accounts of events, conversations, feelings about people, films seen, books read, football and tennis scores, and the odd reference to love affairs, including May 1996 'I drove tonight back to Brenda's. B didn't say no'. The diarist's hand is clearly legible and he took an active part in both commercial and domestic life. The collection also includes a small selection of letters between John Brennard and Roy Adams. The diaries cover the period in John Brennard's life when he was running his own business (John Brennard Group) during which period he became President of the Wolverhampton Chamber of Commerce. John Brennard had two sons - Mark joined him in business. In 1993 John and his two sons opened a record label called Pork Recordings. The ephemera

deposited with the collection is included with the early diaries 1983-1986.

OPEN

GDP/280

Diaries of Joan Margaret Pearson

1938-1997

Diarist: Joan Margaret Pearson (nee Tingley)

Gender: Female

Born: 1918

Died: 1997

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries are all pocket book sized, a mixture of materials, formats, and fonts. Many seem to be complementary diaries from organisations or firms Ms Pearson came into contact with. For example, Croham Hurst Golf Club, Save the Children, Wholesale Couture, and Great Northern Knitwear Limited - many are related to Ms Pearson's career in the American Merchandising Corporation (a company exporting British fashion to the US and Canada) and before this in Vogue Knitwear, London. Ms Pearson was fashion director for the London Office of AMC, she was in charge of 26 American Canadian Stores and travelled widely from Paris, Milan, Copenhagen, to the USA. Ms Pearson writes descriptively and often intersperses basic details on shop stock levels and shop life (for example, throughout the diary from 1990, March 1975, 13/08/74), sales (for example, 10/02/87 and 16/10/86), customers, appointments, meetings, social events, some news items (for example the following are external public events often followed by reflections on domestic life: 'Royal Scandal' at 21/08/92 and the Iraq War 1 and 2 at 17/01/91 and at 12/01/93, Reagan's cancer 15/07/85, Falklands 02/04/82), lectures, dinners, art classes, visits, housework, weather, health (for example 01/01/97 and 28/07/89) and committee meetings with wry observations, or couples such prosaic details with reflective comments. For example from 1st June 1997 'Walked to the post office today without being nervous' and, with respect to an art class, 'Did another Blob today which I shall re-do... but it has made me try things.' Reference to health of husband which seems to be exacerbated by heavy drinking specifically at September 1972. Geoffrey

Pearson dies in 02/03/77 (04/04/77 'First day with no tears') The marriage - from the outset - was thwarted by Geoffrey's mental health issues and heavy drinking - see specifically 20/04/46. On his demise Ms Pearson was deeply distressed as the post 1977 diaries illustrate, it is at this point that she appears to have taken up golf.

The 1960s diaries are extensively about work in the fashion industry and provide a good portrait of what it was to be a woman working at a high level in this industry during the 1960s.

Almost all the diaries contain a notice on who to contact in the event of an emergency and instructions to feed the cat.

The 'war-time' diaries are a transcript of J. M. Pearson's diaries. Ephemera includes: memorabilia relating to Ms Pearson's career in the fashion industry and a number of photographs taken circa. 1990.

OPEN

GDP/281

Diaries of Kamila Zahno

1967-2010

Diarist: Ms Kamila Zahno
Gender: Female
Born: 1952

Cataloguer's comments:

A 2016 memoir published by Kamila Zahno 'Chasing Ghosts: not just an adoption memoir' is included in this collection.

The diaries are a mixture of sizes, materials, formats, and fonts.

1952, London. Born to a Swiss mother and Indian father. Adopted by Indian mother and English father along with 3 other siblings, all adopted and all mixed race

1955, Birmingham. Attended Sandwell school nursery

1957-1963, Birmingham. Attended Yenton primary school

1963-1970, Birmingham. Attended Erdington Girls Grammar school

1970-1974, Edinburgh. Studied geography at

Edinburgh University
1974-1977, London Ontario. Studied for
masters in geography, University of Western
Ontario
1977-1979, London, England. Taught
geography at O and A levels at private tutorial
colleges
1979-1981, Edinburgh. Worked as research
associate on a geographic information system at
Geography Department Edinburgh University.
1982-1982, Glenrothes, Fife. Worked as
information officer in planning department, Fife
Regional Council. Studied for Planning Diploma
at Heriot Watt University (day release)
1982-1984, Southwark, London. Worked as
planner for Southwark Borough Council
1984-1990, Southwark, London. Worked as
economic development officer for Southwark
Borough Council (1987-88 seconded to
Women's Unit)
1990-1998, London. Worked as consultant in the
field of economic regeneration for CAG
Consultants, a workers' cooperative
1998-2013, London. Worked as freelance
consultant in economic regeneration
2013- diagnosed with incurable ovarian cancer.
Retired.
2016. Published memoir Chasing Ghosts.

The diaries consist of the following:
1967: continuous entries 1 January-31st
December - in the fourth/fifth form at Erdington
Girls Grammar School in Birmingham.
1968: continuous entries 1 January-31st
December - in the fifth/lower sixth form at
Erdington Girls Grammar School in Birmingham.
Interesting entries about the riots in France.
Various political references.
1969: entries from January until June in a
notebook. Dates are written in code which the
diarist has forgotten!
In the lower sixth form at Erdington Girls
Grammar School in Birmingham.
There is an introduction to the family in this
notebook and an entry in code, possibly the
Greek alphabet.
1970: entries from January to April, one entry on
26th July and another 4th September
A level year.
1984: appointment diary. At the time the diarist

was working for Southwark Council in the planning department. Active in NALGO, the trade union and the Lewisham Labour Party e.g. reference to the Miners' Strike.

1985: entries from 1st January to August 27th with some gaps.

1985: appointment diary. The diarist was working for Southwark Council in the Economic Development Department. Reference to Women at Reds, a weekly women's social night every Wednesday at the Lewisham Labour Club. The Club ran till the mid-90s and was an important women's venue in south London.

1986: appointment diary. Not very many entries in the diary. Still working in the Economic Development Department.

1987: appointment diary. Working for Southwark Council's Women's Unit on secondment for a year.

1988: appointment diary. Returned to Southwark's Economic Development Department in April.

1989: appointment diary. Working for Southwark's Economic Development Department.

The notebook diary consists of the following:

1988-1998: intermittent diary written in notebook

Went back to Economic Development Department in 1988

Worked for CAG Consultants from about

October 1990-December 1998

20th August, 1988-31st December 1988

2 January 1989-4th June 1989

26th January 1992

1 January 1995-26th February 1995

4th January 1996-December 29th 1996

28th March 1998-31st December 1998

1995: appointment diary. Working for CAG Consultants.

1996: appointment diary. Working for CAG Consultants.

1997: appointment diary. Working for CAG Consultants.

1997: continuous daily entries 1st January - 31st December

1999: appointments diary. Working freelance part time. Also for the Black Training and Enterprise.

2000: appointments diary. Working freelance.
Diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

The travel diaries consist of the following:

1974: 6 week expedition to the Jotenheim mountains in Norway doing research on vegetation succession from retreating glacier for a PhD student. (Notebook begins with field notes in Switzerland as part of the diarist's final year Geography at Edinburgh University)
1977: travelling in various places in Scotland and the Hebrides on return from studying a masters in Canada.
1977: one month holiday in Crete.
1987 (2 notebooks): first time travelling in India.
1989/90: (2 notebooks): 3 months travel in India, partly to visit NGOs.
1991: independent youth hostelling and bus travel round Iceland.
1992: India.
1992: Exodus tour of Egypt.
1993: Lofoten Islands, Norway.
1993/4: India.
1995: Arizona including hiking down the Grand Canyon.
1997: Jules Verne tour of China.
1998: Peloponese.
1999: Shetland: Papa Stour, Foula and Fair Isle.
2001: Spain - Madrid and Extramadura.
2002: abortive trip to Peru where the diarist broke her leg.
2003: (in notebook above) India.
2007: Inntravel - Andalucia.
2008: Inntravel - Switzerland.
2009: Peru, including Inca Trail (electronic print out). ****
2010: Inntravel - Austria.
2011: Galapagos.
2012: Everest Base Camp hike with Alpine Ascents (electronic print out).****
2013: Inntravel part of the Wicklow Way, Ireland
CLOSED

GDP/282

Diaries of Geoffrey Pearson

1959

Diarist: Geoffrey Pearson (husband to J M Pearson)
Gender: Male
Died: 1977

Cataloguer's comments: The diary is pocket sized and red. It may have been given to Geoffrey by his wife - JM Pearson GDP 280 - as it is the same format as hers' for the year 1959. His entries are less frequent and shorter than his wife's and significantly less descriptive.

OPEN

GDP/283

Diaries of Dennis William Doughty

1931-1996

Diarist: Dennis William Doughty

Gender: Male

Born: 1917

Died: 1998

Cataloguer's comments: The ephemera consists of a book of poetry jointly written in the early 1940s by Mr Doughty and his wife; a record of holidays taken in the thirties and forties, along with photographs, and an account of the Doughty's early war-time years of marriage written in a series of chapters and with an introduction expanding on the reasons for writing poetry; a war-time loose leaf account of Mr Doughty's service and travels, along with official documents issued to him during the war; and a copy of the 1937 Amateur Photographer in which, on page 20 can be found Mr Doughty's winning photograph. The diaries are all pocket book sized, a mixture of colours, bindings, and formats. Many of the diaries from the late fifties through to the nineties were issued by the University of St Andrew's. Dennis William Doughty grew up in Wallasley near Liverpool (born in Derby) with two older sisters, and mother and father, who was an accountant. He evidently was a studious child. But he and a group of friends biked regularly to North Wales where they camped and climbed mountains. He went to Cambridge University and studied Romantic poetry. He went on to become a librarian, during his training he met his wife, whom he married in October 1939. As war approaches it is clear that politically Mr Doughty is strongly pacifist. There are two detailed accounts of a schoolboy visit to Germany in 1938, one in a diary the other in an item of ephemera. As a French speaker, Mr Doughty's war-time service started in France and ended working on Ra8 dar and Anti-Aircraft batteries.

After the war Mr Doughty and the family settled in Scotland. Mr Doughty worked at Dundee University and then at St Andrew's. The couple had three girls and a boy. On retirement Mr Doughty moved back to England.

OPEN

GDP/284 Diary of anonymous 1946-1948

Diarist: Anonymous

Cataloguer's comments: A single, maroon, slim A5 volume. Preface reads: 'Diary of Golden Moments: commencing March 1946'. The entries are few and are highly detailed accounts of journeys taken, mainly by public transport, with some observation on the purpose of the journey and the traveller's companions.

OPEN

GDP/285 Diaries of Barbara Margaret Scarlett-Smith 1975-2000

Diarist: Barbara Margaret Scarlett-Smith

Born: 17.10.1925

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: The account books from 1975-2014 are predominantly 15 x 30 cm and have been designed as single entry account books. Item descriptions include: domestic bills, building society contributions, insurances, interior decorating, fuel, legal, medical, laundry, cleaner, maintenance men, garden costs, charities and subs, holiday costs. Each entry is dated. The complete run of account books provides a detailed account of an average income family's spending. There is room in the expenditure for luxuries, such as books and creams. However extravagant expenditure is rare, for example in 1981 the single most expensive purchase was a Fergusson TV at £284.

OPEN

GDP/286 Diaries of Vera Craddock (nee Middleton) 1967-1976

Diarist: Vera Craddock (nee Middleton)

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: (Mother of GDP 287)

Vera Craddock's diaries consist of 2 hard-back A5 Boots 'Home Diaries' (1967 and 1968); 1 Boots 'Scribbling Diary' (1973); a UNICEF diary (1974) and 1 WH Smith 'Slimline' Diary (1976). There are also loose sheets from an A4 sized diary from the period 1967-1968, the entries in these loose sheets have been transcribed by GDP 287. The first 53 pages of the A5 Home Diaries contain recipes, household tips, diet tips, and health and safety information. Vera recorded - in the tables provided - her household expenditure. She records details on house repairs, perms, meals, domestic chores to be done and those accomplished, birthdays, the illnesses and adventures of her cat Pip, and planting maps for her garden (Vera is keen on roses). On 16th September 1967 Vera records meeting - for the first time - her daughter Jean's husband, Dick (Jean - GDP 287, Dick - GDP 288). During August and September 1976, Vera records looking after a couple - Fred and Rene - who are taken 'very ill'.

OPEN

GDP/287

Diaries of Jean Lesley Jenkins (nee Craddock)

1958-2015

Diarist: J L Jenkins (nee Craddock)

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: (Daughter of GDP 286)
Ephemera includes: a sketch book; a record book for details on the cameras Jean has purchased and locations for pictures she has taken; a selection of poems, Jean has written; letters of recommendation from Jean's teaching career, letters of acceptance by schools during Jean's teaching career, 2, pre-marriage, passports, ration book, a seal and papers pertaining to her father's career as a wax seal maker, and a diary restricted purely to details on housework. There are also six supplementary diaries, these are slim, pocket book diaries with notes, as opposed to their more detailed page-per-day yearly counterparts: One called 'Communications', One containing only information pertaining to hospital and doctor visits and medication, One containing information on household chores, One containing items from newspapers and

quotations Jean has found interesting, One containing a mixture of people Jean has phoned and a record of hospital appointments (ailments include varicose veins, biopsies, leaky ear), and one containing only appointments, often hospital appointments. The first four volumes of this series of diaries are five year diaries of blue, purple, black, and cream; all approx. A5 size. There are very few missing entries between 1958 and 1981 (i.e., the dates for the five year diary series). However, the first volume, a Letts Five Year Diary in cream plastic, charts events from 1958 - 1963 intermittently and briefly, with more detail between 1964-1966, the diary appears to have been used over a period of eight years. The 1980s diaries consist of one Five Year Diary (1981-1986), two red A5 page-a-day diaries from Collins (1987 and 1989), One black page-a-day diary (1988), and four slim-line diaries for 1983, 1984, 1985, and 1987. The 1990-2015 diaries are hardback A5 page-a-day diaries. General details remarked on in the diaries from 1958 onwards include birthdays; travel dates; weather; domestic chores; meals, appointments with hairdressers, doctors and tradesmen, details of ailments, illnesses, and treatments, house repairs, visits to family and friends. The entries are, however, also often detailed accounts of Jean's work as a teacher (including lesson content and classroom mood); notes on what she has learnt in photography classes; her marriage, and arrangements for it, in September 1967; reflections on what she has learnt or how she has developed over the years; her observations of peoples' responses to each other and situations; what she has read or watched on TV; her years' aims; what she has learnt from reading and fortune telling (1971); notes she makes from reading; the ups and downs of marriage to (GDP 288) Dick (January 1988); and a developing meditation practice. Jean attended classes in photography and art from the 1980s onwards. July 11th 2010 Jean records in detail the last hours of her husband's life. The 2011-2015 diaries record the support her friend Ruth (Parker) provided during Jean's increasingly fragile health. There are eleven additional volumes which date from 1948-1989, they are - in the main - travel journals, detailing holidays in Greece (1959, 1970, 1982, 1985,

1986, 1989), Crete (1988, 1989), Jerusalem, Beirut, and France (1948, 1959). The notebooks are illustrated typescripts or scrappy notes made to be typed up, or written up, later. A single notebook in this series of eleven, (1963), contains poems, prayers, and an account of a group therapy session, followed by references to issues arising from the group meeting.

OPEN

GDP/288

Diaries of Richard A. Jenkins

1943-2010

Diarist: Richard A. Jenkins

Born: 6th May 1916

Died: 11 July 2010

Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments:(Husband of GDP 287)
Ephemera consists of a photograph album of images from Mr Jenkins World War 2 postings, including Palestine and Israel, the album doubles up as a homage to his first wife Edna (GDP 289) and includes pictures of their marriage. 1943-1964 are small pocket-book diary formats, produced by Collins or Letts. 1965-1969 are in a hard-back A5 Boots Home Diary format. 1944 starts: 'Being the diary of one Jenkins a Corporal in the RAOC in Middle East, having survived a few months with the Eighth Army in Libya and Tunisia, is now settled safely at base (Palestine).' 8th May 1944 remarks on speech given by PM for VE day and 'swim'. The 1940s diaries record leave dates; demob dates; liaisons with people marked only by an initial - 'O' or 'S'; occasional record of films, monopoly matches, 'mild' booze ups and dinners; there are also references to the level of flies at various locations and work duties. The 1950s and 1960s diaries follow a similar pattern : various remarks on inclement or particularly good weather, quality of sleep, work duties and activities, leave periods, visits from his Dad or friends, domestic jobs accomplished, exercises or runs completed, and notes on medical appointments and tests. The diaries from 1970-1989 are a variety of formats; 1970 and 1971 are Boots 'Home Diaries'; 1972-1987 are five year diaries, there are supplementary diaries to these five year diaries for the years 1976 - 1977; and the diaries for 1987 (used for 1988) and 1989 are page-a-

day. The diaries become increasingly detailed during these decades: most days contain an account of the time Mr Jenkins woke up, who made who tea in the morning, what he ate for his main meal, and what time he went to bed. He writes in detail about his physical ailments. Mr Jenkins enjoys cooking and refers to a variety of recipes, including cheese pie and chicken liver pate. Mr Jenkins also accounts for the basic outline of his day: who he met, where he went, jobs he completed, and how work is going (though references to work trail off in the 1980s). There is little reference to how he feels. The diaries between 1990 and 2010 are: 1991 & 92 (a combined volume), 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, and 2010. These diaries follow the same pattern as the 1970-89 diaries. He also records the dates of his haircuts throughout the year, and how many inches were taken off, and the dates on which he cleaned the windows. There are household accounts kept in some of the diaries for this period, most notably 1999. In the 1992 diary Mr Jenkins seems to be keeping an account of scores for a game. The last entry in May 2010 tails off abruptly and is incomplete.

OPEN

GDP/289

Diaries of Edna Jenkins

1963-1966

Diarist: Edna Jenkins
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: (First wife of GDP 288)
A one volume brown A5 notebook - intermittently filled in from August 1963 - August 1966.
Perfunctory comments on actions, events, people met, or called, during the day and a large amount of code.

OPEN

GDP/290

Diaries of Georgina Pearson

1920

Diarist: Georgina Pearson
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: (Aunt of GDP 288) This is a transcript of a diary from 1920. The diarist was an artist and writes with an eye for colour and aesthetically pleasing sights. The diary

starts with a trip to Paris.

OPEN

GDP/291 Diaries of Norman L Craddock 1964-1982

Diarist: Mr Norman L Craddock

Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: (Father of GDP 287 and wife of GDP 286) Ephemera - pertaining to Mr and Mrs Craddock's attendance of the Seaview Camera Club. Each diary is a pocket book. There are 18 volumes. The entries are brief and the diaries are kept chiefly as appointment diaries. They occasionally contain notes on photography (1971 and 1972) and sums (e.g. 1964).

OPEN

GDP/292 Diaries of Michael William David Brown 1954-2015

Diarist: Michael William David Brown

Gender: Male

Born: 23 July 1931

Cataloguer's comments:

Ephemera - short stories and drafts for short stories, many of which are autobiographical.

The diaries are all dated notebooks, predominantly hardback A5 notebooks, with additional paperback flip page notebooks. In the main they are plain cloth covered notebooks - i.e., Black n' Red company, but there are also some coloured or patterned books.

The entries are descriptive, elegiac, emotionally analytical (he is a practicing Jungian psychoanalyst), occasionally in French, and philosophical (his two subjects at University). References to meetings with friends and clients are often blended with analysis and imagistic descriptions of how he feels.

Three of the diaries are dream diaries (1973, 1988 Vol I and II) A number of diaries, including 1989 and 1978, are a mixture of dreams and conscious thoughts.

The diarist often alludes to the experience of

aloneness in childhood (he was the youngest of five, and a number of years behind his siblings) as one that has come to revisit him in older age. A life event that has coloured Mr Brown's dreams and diaries concerns his sister Iris. Iris, was musically talented and played the viola. She wanted to come to London to study music but her father would not fund this desire. Iris, who of all the siblings was closest to Michael, ran away from home with an older man and for a while made a living playing her viola at fairgrounds. She suddenly returned home one day out of the blue and received a poor reception from her father who told her she could not remain in the family home. Michael was still a young boy and did not understand the arguments going in the family. Iris, being rejected by her father, took poison while the family were out and died in an upstairs bedroom. This family tragedy and Michael's feelings of vulnerability as a young boy are captured in his short story, The Purple Mountains.

Mr Brown was a teacher and became head of English at Chelsea Boy's Secondary School. In the 1970s he moved from mainstream secondary education into the Schools' Psychological Service, where he managed a tutorial class: play, story-telling, music, and drama were the methods he used to engage withdrawn or disturbed children. This was his final employment, before retirement. He refers to case-studies in the diaries from this decade.

Mr Brown's diaries are a portrait of a man who practiced psychoanalysis (a la Freud and Jung) but also had it practiced on himself. Mr Brown underwent analysis with Irene Champernowne, an English psychoanalyst, who founded and directed a therapeutic community at a country house in Devon. Irene was a follower of Carl Jung and as a consequence of his experience of psychotherapy, Michael began his own induction into this particular therapeutic approach. He trained as a psychotherapist and for many years was a regular attender at the reading group of the British Psycho-Analytical Guild. His work as a practicing psychotherapist ended some 10 years ago; some clients are still in touch with him by letter.

There are some references in the diaries to Mr Brown's long-term lover - TM. In London in the early Seventies, and whilst in his early forties Michael met a younger Glaswegian man, TM, and they became lovers. They lived together for some 40 years.

About half the notebooks and diaries contain only a handful of entries.

CLOSED

GDP/293 Diaries of Thomas Wright et. al. 1861-1876

Diarist: Thomas Wright et al.

Cataloguer's comments:

The deposit consists of nine hard-bound, marble fronted, 'Solicitors' Almanacs'. Years covered: 1861, 1862, 1867, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1875 and 1876.

The depositor described the diaries as: a group of manuscript diaries written between 1861 and 1876 by Thomas Wright of Carlisle, a banker, including records of his professional correspondence and sundry paper inclusions. Each diary contains a solid block of printed information.

However, on reading the diaries appear to be written in at least three distinct hands, and to have belonged to a solicitors' office.

The entries deal - primarily - with litigious issues. Including: the carrying out and writing of wills, indemnity and insurance issues, property papers and dates for court appearances. There are a number of references to London and London addresses.

OPEN

GDP/294 Diaries of John Ralph 1943-2012

Diarist: John Ralph
Born: 28 August 1929
Died: 09 June 2012

Cataloguer's comments:

Ephemera includes: letters and 'outings' books

detailing runs and walks in 'public service' note-books (see description below, 'Ephemera Box Number 2'); A4 hand-written by the diarist, biographical information; maps and log-books pertaining to cycle rides, runs, and a Duke of Edinburgh expedition taken by the diarist; maps, log-books, and text-books pertaining to a boys' club ran by the diarist; and log books pertaining to activities at the diarist's local church ('Ephemera Box Number 1'). The club developed their own unique maps of the area they lived in and a secret language, complete with grammar and syntaxes. There are also travel itineraries from canal holidays and international holidays taken between 1992 and 2010.

The first fourteen diaries, dating from the 1943-1967, are all pocket-book, except for an A4 'DataDiary' from 1967. The 1943 diary (John Ralph would have been 13/14) has a reference, in the back, to boys the diarist was friends with and for which months of the year. The entry for Boxing Day 1943 reads, 'Got under Wendy's skin'. The entries are spasmodic and primarily about friends John Ralph meets up with and where they go.

The diaries from the 1970s, excepting 1971, are all folio-sized 'Boots Scribbling Diaries'. The entries during the 1970s are a little fuller, details are included of domestic chores; outings, mainly drives, with the diarist's father; outings or appointments with the diarist's children and wife; pubs visited; friends met; friends visiting; running routes and running partners; sight-seeing tours of churches; and trips to 'U', the diarist worked at a University. He remarks on the day as being 'fine' or 'sunny' or 'snow, lots of it'.

The diaries from the 1980s, excepting two blue hard-back books from 1983 and 1982 and an 'Economist Diary from 1987, are folio-sized 'Boots Scribbling Diaries'. The entries follow the same lines as those from the 1970s.

The diaries from the 1990s and 2000s are all folio-sized 'Boots Scribbling Diaries' or uniform, plain folio-sized diaries. Again, the mode of entry and style of writing does not change much from

that adopted in the 1970s.

The letters submitted with the archive consist of the following:

1. Letters sent to his parents during National Service and after a move to Bath - 'Ephemera Box Number 2, 3, and 4'
2. Letters from his friends and girlfriends - 'Ephemera Box Number 5'

Group 1 - comprises almost all the diarist's letters home. They provide an interesting vision of post war Britain & Germany. A significant point is that they do not mention the work he was doing tracking aircraft. This was the only means of communication which existed for John and his parents once he left home. Some letters therefore are only a line "Not coming home now Friday." The birth of the children is interesting to compare; whilst others run to 14 or more pages. Later letters include many reflections on past life at Hayes and the war years.

Group 2 - are comprised of letters and post-cards from friends and girlfriends.

The letters sometimes give a perhaps more detailed & sometimes reflective view on events in the diaries. Some are incomplete.

CLOSED

GDP/295 Letters of Leslie William Friend and Dorothy Newman 1912-1918

Diarist: William Leslie Friend and Dorothy Newman

Cataloguer's comments:
William Leslie Friend and Dorothy Newman (after the war Mrs Friend) wrote to each other almost every day throughout the war years 1914-1918 and into the 20s. There are also letters from friends and Mr Friend's brother.

These are essentially the dated record of a courtship. The letters also describe life at the front; life at home during the war years; injury at war; de-mobbing due to injury; rehabilitation for a war injury in Manchester July 1917, return to

war after injury, censorship of soldier's letters during war, First World War conditions, in France, for soldiers. Some of the letters from the front are censored, and William writes about being on censorship duty for his fellow soldiers' letters.

In the undated letters for Dorothy there are: 1) a letter to Mr Friend from a hospital staff member circa 1917 congratulating him on his engagement to Dorothy and saying that Mr Friend must now never doubt her and 2) letters from Dorothy's admirers to Dorothy circa 1916.

CLOSED

GDP/296

Diaries of Edith Margery France

1950-1999

Diarist: Edith Margery France

Gender: Female

Born: 16 December 1904

Died: 15 November 1999

Cataloguer's comments:

Edith Margery France is the unmarried elder sister of Phyllis Mary France (GDP 297).

Ephemera, pertaining to both GDP 296 and GDP 297, consists of address books, autograph books, and photographs and is held with GDP 296.

Edith's diaries are, aside from a very few hard-back small pocketbooks, slim notebooks of between 12x5 cm and 8x4 cm. There are, as with her sister GDP 297, usually 8-10 single notebooks for each year. Some are numbered in a sequence, for example January to February Book 1, February - March Book 2, but most are merely dated on the front.

The sisters' diaries are very similar in the issues, events, and life- instances they chose to record. In addition to this they chose the same careers and are both religious. The differences between the two sisters is starker at the beginning of the diaries. The elder sister, Edith, known throughout Phyllis' diary as M or Margery, is slightly bolder and keener to identify what is 'glamorous', for example she is interested in what someone has chosen to wear or how they

have done their hair. Edith is also aware of her own hair and make-up, in a way that Phyllis doesn't seem to be. Phyllis' concerns tend toward tennis and conversations and house-work to a greater extent. However, both detail their days in a similar pattern and with similar points of reference. Almost every meal, what time it was served, and who cooked it, is recorded. Also recorded are details on visits to church; involvement with church activities, including helping with visits from Bishops; each other's moods and movements; the exact times, mode of transport, and reasons for trips away from home; . Many of the entries appear to have been written 'on the hoof', or as events were unfolding.

In later life they record details of their medical procedures, and of each other's.

There is no sign of the sisters ever having rowed - they both write of their gratitude to the other.

The sisters also kept, in separate notebooks, details of: holidays, mainly to Switzerland and Greek Islands; milk brought and delivered; shares certificate details; Christmas presents given and received, books read; and day-by-day accounts of groceries brought.

CLOSED

GDP/297

Diaries of Phyllis Mary France

1950-1994

Diarist: Phyllis Mary France

Gender: Female

Born: 22/01/1916

Died: 27/01/1994

Cataloguer's comments:

Phyllis Mary France is the unmarried younger sister of Edith Margery France (GDP 296).

Phyllis' format of choice was Silvine Memo Books - slim, pocket-book sized and red. There are also numerous 6 cm x 10 cm flip notebooks, used for noting daily expenditure. Pocket-book diaries are used, but after 1989 the Silvine Memo Book predominates. Phyllis' choice to use many slim volumes for a single year, over one concise pocket-book per year, was possibly due

to her liking to have with her throughout the day a slim volume with unrestricted writing space. Her entries are lengthy and spontaneous, if she had maintained them in a single volume by December she would have been carrying a large volume. She could carry a slim blank notebook with her and make entries as and when she had the opportunity. This approach is suggested by the immediate and spontaneous, real-time style of writing and by the number of slim volumes per year - roughly 1 slim Silvine book a month.

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accounts of groceries brought.

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GDP/298

Diaries of Anonymous

1918-1921

Diarist: Anonymous

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments:

The diaries are unique to the collection. Four Ladies Year Books from Letts in immaculate condition, all originally paratexts and accompanying materials, including fold out advertisements from the time are intact: 1918, 1919, 1920, and 1921. The diarist's writing is uniform, neat and legible. There is no crossing through, corrections or annotations to any of the entries. And no entry is missed. The diarist enjoyed sketching, drawing, and painting and spending time with her children. The diarist notes domestic and social activities. She had domestic help, but not a live in servant. The diarist lists books she has read and meticulously accounts for gifts, brought and received. The diarist enjoyed gardening and occasional visits to the 'flicks', theatres, and Kew Gardens. Between the leaves of the diary was a transcript of a speech given by Adolf Hitler circa 1918-1921, it is an excerpt of a speech he gave about the war-time advances made by German troops, addressed to the Reichstag. At the back of each diary are pro-forma sheets for domestic accounting, each of which is filled in meticulously.

OPEN

GDP/299

Diaries of Frank Sheperd

1908-1951

Diarist: Frank Sheperd

Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments:

The collection is an assortment of forty one pocket diaries dating from 1908 - 1951. The diaries are - in the main - leather-bound. With the exception of four canvas-bound pocket diaries.

The diarist does not appear to have been a member of the clergy, though his entries,

especially in the early diaries, often begin with an ecclesiastical reference. He 'rates' - good, very good, excellent (there are rare negative ratings) - a variety of church ceremonies including: ceremonies, chapel, classes, congregational meetings, and organ recitals. Mr Sheperd also records details on boot repairs, ointments he should buy, visitors, train journeys, talks, and occasional weather details. These details appear alongside very occasional public events, for example on the 20th May 1910 he remarks on the burial of King Edward.

He daily records a set of numbers - half of which clearly pertain to domestic and every-day expenditure - it is less obvious what the other numerical entries refer to. They may have something to do with Mr Sheperd's work or his church going. It is not clear what his occupation was.

OPEN

GDP/300

Diaries of Albert Victor Nutting

1937-1994

Diarist: Albert Victor Nutting

Gender: Male

Born: 27 April 1919

Died: 6 June 2006

Cataloguer's comments:

The collection is an assortment of A5 or foolscap hard-back notebooks. The handwriting is meticulous and elegant. There are rare crossing outs or corrections.

CLOSED

GDP/301

Diaries of Joan Pasco

1968-2001

Diarist: Joan Pasco

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments:

The collection is an assortment of A5 hard-back diaries spanning the years 1968 - 2001 - mainly in 'dataday' or Letts diary formats. They are thick volumes, a page- per- day, often accompanied by slips of paper: drafts of letters, letters and postcards from friends and her ex-husband, notes to self, newspaper clippings, recipes, receipts etc. The handwriting is distinctive and

hard to read, expansive lettering spreads across each page, and is interspersed with short-hand. The diarist was a trained short-hand typist.

Despite the handwriting and code, it is clear that Ms Pasco made a note of times for phone calls; bed times; meal times; visits to and from the shops, friends, doctor's. Her entries are long, normally a page, and appear to be made in one sitting at the end of the day - rather than at intervals throughout the day. There are frequent references to walks she makes in London.

Ms Pasco makes random observations on the weather, the look of a house, wall, or street, some are descriptive. The language is expressive and often melodramatic: hell! and to hell!, hopeless, ghastly, intolerable, shocking, and My God!

Her relationship with her ex-husband is difficult: she describes him as callous, intolerable, selfish, incompatible, and beyond contempt. He seems to regularly visit Joan, though they are separated.

Joan's love for animals, interest in politics, pacifism, and co-operative or socialist movements is clear throughout her diaries and in the ephemera between the pages of her diaries.

Ephemera is mainly comprised of loose photographs b/w and colour, and a family photograph album; a two page and typed autobiography, and a notebook entitled: 'A Ladder of Meditations' and dated 1919. The notebook is a mixture of Joan Dark's (then Pasco) school girl notes and notes by someone else in a hand that is not Joan's on books read.

OPEN

GDP/302

Diaries of Raleigh Orme Hancock

1949-2001

Diarist: Raleigh Orme Hancock

Gender: Male

Born: 1913

Died: 2008

Cataloguer's comments:

The collection consists of mainly black, some blue and red, pocket-book diaries spanning 1949-2001.

The diarist remarks repeatedly on the weather. Mr Hancock notes who he meets for, or is to meet for, lunch and supper; who he telephones; and who he has had a walk with. These notes are often made using the initials of the person he meets. There is also, in the back of the early diaries, a list of dates against which the initials of the people he meets are marked, for easy reference. Mr Hancock was born in Kandy, Sri Lanka, then lived in Chelsea (he frequented Euston, Piccadilly, and the City during his London days); Mr Hancock finally settled in Somerset. He worked as a Parliamentary Agent, for Bircham and Company. Parliamentary Agents are solicitors who are licensed (together with the firms they belong to) by the Houses of Parliament to draft, promote or oppose Private Bills. He does not write in detail about his work.

OPEN

GDP/303

Diaries of Katherine Knowles

1969-2014

Diarist: Katherine Knowles
Gender: Female
Born: 1913
Died: 2008

Cataloguer's comments:

The collection consists of blue, black, and red folio-scape notebooks, red and blue A5 notebooks, and reams of typescripts/ printed material that continue on from the notebooks. Katherine was a keen swimmer, reader, and art gallery-goer, she writes very detailed and articulate entries for each day. Her diary-writing practice tends toward writing in the evening or first thing in the morning. Her diaries were kept privately, even secretly from some. Katherine brought her son up on her own and writes in detail about her time as a working, single mum in London. She also writes in detail about the relationship with her son's dad, the son's dad's family, and subsequent partners.

CLOSED

GDP/304

Diaries of Joseph James Johnson

1958-2001

Diarist: Joseph James Johnson

Gender: Male

Born: 1916

Died: 2011

Cataloguer's comments:

The collection consists of mixed A5 hardback diaries, mainly produced by the Phoenix Timber Company.

The diaries date from 1958-2001.

The diaries are very neat, and contain rare crossings out.

The diarist is evidently a keen bird- watcher.

Each volume is mainly devoted to bird-watching details, including type of bird (usually underlined), gender, nesting arrangements, age, and location of bird sighting. There are also weather observations, generally noted according to what affect the weather is having on the birds he is watching or if the climate is peculiarly extreme.

There are occasional references to social visits, visits to the mechanics, visits to the doctors, physical ailments (e.g., hayfever). There are also inserted into the diaries letters to the diarist from fellow bird-watchers, news stories about the weather, and photographs from bird-watching. The diarist glues Hull Tide Tables into the front of the majority of 1980s diaries.

OPEN

GDP/305

Diaries of Eric John Aspinall

1951-2013

Diarist: Eric John Aspinall

Gender: Male

Born: 1922

Died: 2015

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries are A5 hardback volumes, 2013, the last diary is a pocketbook. They are written in capital letters. Almost every entry starts with a weather description. The collection runs from 1951 to 2013.

Mr Aspinall moved from Barnstaple with his parents to live by his grandparents in Exmouth

at the age of 8, he attended private school and holidayed in Cornwall. Mr Aspinall attended scouts as boy and enjoyed riding a bicycle. In 1939 he joined the RAF. He met his wife, Mary, in 1941 and married her in 1945. In 1947 their son Christopher was born.

Mr Aspinall describes 1951, when the diaries start, as a terrible year. Christopher died of polio, soon after this loss the couple move to Somerset. The couple had three more boys - Robin, Nicholas, and Jonathan. In retirement the couple live in Cornwall.

The Jenny referred to is a pig, 'MM' referred to is Mary's mother, the diarist's wife's mother.

OPEN

GDP/306

Diaries of Jane Hoyake

1940-1949

Diarist: Jane Hoyake
Gender: Female
Born: 21st June 1866

Cataloguer's comments:

A collection of over-sized A5 hardback books dated 1940 – 1949. Written by an elderly Dutch lady and member of UK-based religious sect who lived through occupation and liberation of Amsterdam. The diarist writes mainly in English.

The diary entries are completed more or less every day. The diarist seems to have travelled widely in the early part of her life and lived in Italy and Switzerland and perhaps the USA. She had strong connections with the UK. These connections (explained below) are the reason the diaries are written in English.

Jane Hoyake, tells us that she speaks German and Italian, as well as English and Dutch. She is in her late seventies at the outset of the diaries and lives alone in a private hotel.

The first theme is the dominant one. Jane Hoyake is a member of a tiny Christian sect inspired by the writings of a mysticist, Rev. Holden Edward Sampson, who published a number of books in the early 20th century. These books link Indian mysticism, astrology,

reincarnation and the astral plane with mainstream Christian teaching. There is a particular focus on the Second Coming. She visited England a number of times before the diary to spend time with a group in Worcester, led by 'Percy', an acknowledged "master" and teacher within this sect. Jane Hoyake is besotted with Percy. There seem to be only twenty or thirty members at any one time and they depend entirely on Percy's guidance and the regular classes he runs in Worcester, Birmingham and Reading. The group refer to each other as "brother" and "sister" and use the term "Beloved" to prefix each other's names.

The diaries begin at a point when postal services between the Netherlands and the UK have been halted because of the war, so what was Jane's regular correspondence with Percy has dried up completely. She records her struggles to make progress in her understanding of the group's beliefs without any support. She aims through "self-abnegation" to achieve the "Five Valours" and attain the "Seven Golden Keys". Much of the early diaries are taken up with this internal process, including the diarist noting her dreams and her intermittent "visions". She reads and re-reads Percy's earlier letters for inspiration as well as assiduously studying the bible.

The second theme is the effect of the war in Amsterdam. The final year of the war is covered particularly vividly. At this time Amsterdam was virtually in a state of siege as the Allies fought the Nazis outside the city and supplies simply couldn't get through. There is a long period where Amsterdam has no power, no fuel and precious little food. Hoyake spends the winter months more or less entirely in bed as that is the only way she can keep warm. She is often unable to find food and her weight falls from 68 kilos to 44 kilos (from over 10 stone to under 7 stone). Earlier in the diaries, Jane describes the effect of living under the German occupation, which began in 1941. During this period, Nazi officers are billeted in her hotel. She writes on two or three occasions about the treatment of Jews living in the city. She also describes Amsterdam's liberation in May 1945, when

Canadian forces arrive in the city and when she herself runs out from the doorway of her hotel and embraces a Canadian officer.

The third theme only really begins after the war, when Jane Hoyake is once again able to correspond with Percy and the other group members. Jane Hoyake has now achieved the status of a "Mother in Israel" (awarded by Percy). This is the highest level available to a woman within the sect. She becomes an important and respected figure within the group with responsibility for teaching others. She corresponds frequently with maybe more than a dozen members of the group, all in England – so she receives letters more or less every day. Now the diaries contain an enormous amount of detail about the various relationships between the group members, their range of beliefs and indeed, their private lives.

Also in this post-war period, Jane Hoyake makes a couple of visits to the group in England and, in turn, is visited twice in Amsterdam by Percy and his most loyal follower, John.

Jane Hoyake does of course, also write about other aspects of her life, including her friends (no family mentioned), her day-to-day life in the hotel, her health and, to some extent, her past (at one point a former lover in Italy gets in touch and she corresponds with him for a while).

The final entry in the diaries is made on November 26th, 1949. The rest of the final diary is blank. Given that Jane Hoyake was in her mid-80s by this date, I think she must have either died suddenly or been taken ill and not recovered. Each diary has within it firm instructions that in the event of her death, the diaries must be sent to Percy in Worcester.

OPEN

GDP/307

Diaries of Dorothy Warwick

1951-2004

Diarist: Dorothy Warwick

Gender: Female

Born: 1924

Died: 2015

Cataloguer's comments:

A collection of spiral-bound notebooks, A5 and A4 hardback books, two blank soft-back exercise books, one blank foolscap 'Journal' book, which was intended as a ledger, and two small pocket-books. The diary notebooks date from 1951-2004. Miss Warwick worked in London at a woman's magazine and was a prolific writer herself. The ephemera includes a small photograph album and a long, proof copy of a novel Ms Warwick sent (and had turned down) by the literary agents Curtis Brown Ltd. The two small note-books are mainly devoted to notes on Ms Warwick's work, and include details on what it took to produce a magazine in the 1960s/ 1970s. The 1950s diaries seem to include details of a career started at the BBC, perhaps as an archivist, Ms Warwick records details of what she watches, and always names the star interviewer or key talent of the item she writes about.

The diaries follow the same pattern throughout. Each entry starts with some accounting details (amount and item description) the rest of the entry normally includes a brief account of the day, often with the exact times of meetings, meals, callers, weather events, etc included.

OPEN

GDP/308

Diaries of Agnes K Whyte

1890-1931

Diarist: Agnes K Whyte

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments:

The diaries are all small pocket books, in some state of disrepair. The writing is hard to read and the subject matter of each entry varied, i.e., what the diarist is inclined to record from the day varies greatly - from single entries on Poultry Shows to the conversation had with a tradesman at the back door. There are fairly consistent references to social visits. Weather conditions are only noticed in their extreme.

Little is known about the diarist, the depositor inherited the diaries from his grandmother who was a servant at Miss Whyte's house, however it is clear that Miss Whyte owned a car, did not work, took a philanthropic interest in her local

area, had servants and led a well-to-do and fairly leisurely life in London, possibly Bromley.
OPEN

GDP/309

Diaries of Lilly Crofton

1944-2012

Diarist: Lilly Crofton
Gender: Female
Born: 12 November 1923
Died: 23 January 2017

Cataloguer's comments:
The diaries start in 1944 and end in 2012, the majority are 'Five Year Diaries' with locks.

Lilly was born Lilly Margaretha Lehmann on 12 November 1923 in Bern Switzerland; to Adolf and Adele Lehmann. Both parents were from large families so she had cousins all over Switzerland. Lilly spent as much time as she could at her grandparents' smallholding in Gerlafingen, where she helped raise lambs and this is where she got her love of animals. She attended the school in Gerlafingen which was a village and in winter she went home by sledge pulled by a farm dog.

Towards the end of the second world war, she worked for the Red Cross in Bern to repatriate allied troops. One of these soldiers was Kenneth Crofton, who served as a Captain in the Royal Artillery, but was taken prisoner by Rommel's Africa Corps in North Africa and handed over to the Italians, where he was imprisoned. He made a dramatic dash for freedom with eleven others from prison and then a moving train and staved off hunger and treacherous conditions to cross the Alps to the safety of Switzerland. Here he met Lilly, and after a whirlwind romance, they were married in September 1944. She was 20, a brilliant linguist and spoke Swiss German, Swiss French, Swiss Italian but no English, Dad used his school French until she mastered her English.

Lilly's diaries start in 1944, when she meets 'Ken', they are written in Swiss German.

Ken got his demob papers for the UK first so went to his parents' home in Durham explaining

to everyone he was married and his wife was coming over. Speaking no English only German with a father called Adolf she was received with mixed reaction, some people thinking Ken had married a German. This did not go down well with the community, even though it was explained she was from Switzerland, some just thought it was a part of Germany. She was extremely glamorous. It didn't help her cause by not knowing what Yorkshire pudding was or why you ate cake with meat every Sunday. They were happily married for 49 years.

Ken got a job in London, so they rented a flat in a mansion house in Stevenage. There were two other couples; Betty and Eric Webb, and Mavis and Peter Harper, the former became lifelong friends. This was a very happy time for Lilly and she enjoyed living in Hertfordshire. Lilly grew vegetables in the garden and took the surplus to the greengrocers, just like the Swiss did.

In 1947 the couple bought a bungalow in Welwyn and called it "Berncroft". Bern for Mum's birthplace, and Croft for Crofton. A bungalow that added another room for each child. The plot was an acre and Lilly and Ken landscaped the garden to include a tennis court, vegetable patch, chicken run and a little wood. Lilly learnt how to mix concrete and design the paths.

Dinner parties, picnics, tennis tournaments, Swiss relatives, barbecues, fondues, camping experiences, teenage parties, and then 8 grandchildren are often referred to in the diaries, along with reference to Lilly's love of gardening, cooking, food, yoga, swimming, family and friends' health, hair appointments, and Bridge.

Lilly lived at Berncroft until 1996, two years after Ken's death, before she moved to Letchworth. In 1948, while pregnant with her daughter Rita, her brother Heinz aged 15 died in Switzerland, the news was kept from Lilly until after the birth. She never got over his death and in later life had an aversion to funerals. Her sons, Henry and Keith, were born in early 1950s. She drove the children in an Austin in the 1950s to Switzerland to see relatives every Easter holiday.

OPEN

GDP/310 Diaries of Mark Anthony White 1958-1963

Diarist: Mark Anthony White
Gender: Male
Born: July 1947

Cataloguer's comments:
The diaries date from 1958-1963. They are all Lett's diaries. Four School Boys' editions, one plain edition, and one Angling Times' edition.

The diarist's parents divorced in 1960-1961 - the diaries cover this period. The diarist attended a secondary modern school in Bournemouth until July 1962, his first job was at Sainsbury's, August 1962, this is also a period covered in the diaries. The diaries are regularly kept, often in capital letters, the diarist's hobbies include horse racing, football, television, and travel. The diaries refer to Rob - the diarist's uncle, Joan - his aunt, Barry - his cousin, Pop and Winn - his paternal grandparents, and his dog, Patch.

OPEN

GDP/311 Diaries of Meg Hendry 1903-1917

Diarist: Meg Hendry
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments:
The diaries date from 1903-1917. They are three thick notebooks, in which the diarist has embroidered sayings, photographs, and dates. The diaries are made up of irregular entries in a number of formats, ranging from the diarist's poetry, the poetry of others, newspaper clippings, observations, and lists of books read. At the beginning of the volume for 1908-1917 the diarist lists each New Year's Day's weather each year from 1908-1917. The diarist notes the location for each poem and in each reflects on a range of subjects: what it is to be a woman, what it is to be in love, to be kind, and to work. The diarist was born in Scotland and worked in Bristol as a ladies maid.

OPEN

GDP/312 Diaries of Edward Greatorex 1997-1998

Diarist: Edward Greatorex
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments:
The diaries date from 1997-1998, they are exercise books, and detail Edward's first romance: from meeting, to love-affair, to heart-breaking break-up and its after-math.
OPEN

GDP/313 Diaries of William Haddon Squire 1935-2013

Diarist: William Haddon Squire
Gender: Male
Born: 1905
Died: circa 1953

Cataloguer's comments: The diarist was a pianist. The diaries entries are brief. They contain perfunctory references to meetings: 'Margaret 11', to performances and their venues: 'Hall Recital 12', and occasionally to meetings with friends. It is not always possible to distinguish which entries are personal or social and which professional. The diarist also seems to have been a writer, and submits articles at points during his career. The diarist often remarks on the time (to the minute) he gets home from an appointment or from work and what time he arrives in 'town', when he visits.
OPEN

GDP/314 Diaries of Jean Draper (nee Smith) 1986-2013

Diarist: Jean Draper (nee Smith)
Gender: Female
Born: 1932
Died: circa 2015

Cataloguer's comments:
The diarist is writing in the last two - three decades of her life. These are appointment diaries in an oblong, pocket-book format. The majority of entries relate to hospital appointments for her or her husband Albert Edward Draper. The diarist had endometrine cancer and was a patient at Velindre Cancer Hospital, Cardiff. Her husband had Alzheimer's Disease and for the period of thirty years documented in the diaries, the diarist cared for

her husband as his health declined.

OPEN

GDP/315 Diaries of Mr and Mrs Oswin 1944

Diarist: Mr and Mrs Oswin (nee Lumb)
Born & Died: Kenneth Oswin 1924-1944, Lillian
Oswin 1923- 2006

Cataloguer's comments:

The two diaries are from a husband and wife.
The husband is killed in action in 1944. The
diaries and ephemera represent a very short
and intense love-affair and its subsequent
marriage; quickly followed by a sudden
bereavement (for Lillian).

The ephemera is a collection of pre 1944 love-
letters, a marriage certificate, a letter from
Kenneth to his superior officer requesting a visit
to his wife, a poem by Lillian lamenting the death
of her husband, and a disc of images and
supplementary materials pertaining to this
marriage.

OPEN

GDP/316 Diary of Anonymous 1868

Diarist: Anonymous

Cataloguer's comments:

The diary is a hard-back pocket-book in grey,
embossed with gold lettering. It was issued by
the Harewood Paper Warehouse, Edgware
Road, London. The entries are short but
consistent. They detail mainly social
engagements, at friends' or church, including
walks, 'great fun', 'very great fun', 'jolly', 'very
jolly', supper, tea, cards, and time spent at
home.

OPEN

GDP/317 Diaries of Leslie George Burrows 1922-1996

Diarist: Leslie George Burrows
Gender: Male
Born: 1922
Died: 1996

Cataloguer's comments:

This is an autobiography, printed. Leslie George

Burrows was born in Yorkshire in 1922, the youngest of three children. He married in 1949 and stayed in his place of birth to bring up his own three children. The family moved to Nottingham in 1958. Leslie George Burrows worked as a baker, cinema projectionist, bus conductor, and haulier, He loved football and model railways. The diarist's wife died in 1995, the diarist died in 1996. The autobiography is incomplete because of his worsening health, prostate cancer.

OPEN

GDP/318 Diaries of Grace Maude Taylor (nee Butt) 1935-2013

Diarist: Grace Maude Taylor (nee Butt)

Gender: Female

Born: 1916

Died: 2016

Cataloguer's comments:

Grace Taylor's diaries are a variety of formats: hard-back and soft-back, A5 and A6, Dataday diaries, Blick desk diaries, Keelox diaries, and basic exercise books.

The diaries are kept consistently and speak of a varied life in London. Ms Taylor was born in London where her father worked as a butler during which Ms Taylor developed a range of skills and hobbies, including dressmaking, gardening, and cooking. Mrs Taylor keeps account of her hair styles, pills, and boiler services. Ms Taylor's early diaries are focused on her education and work, she trained at the London School of Fashion and worked for the Queen's dressmaker Norman Hartnell and the Italian Fashion designer Elsa Schiaparelli. Grace married William Henry Taylor in 1941. Her husband fought in the Second World War and was imprisoned by the Germans from November 1943 to 1945. In 1962 Grace founded the Ruislip Townswomen Guild.

Note: It is possible that the 1939 diary was written by Mr Taylor, and not Mrs Taylor. Grace is named in this diary.

OPEN

GDP/319 Diaries of June Moulding 1983-2012

Diarist: June Moulding
Gender: Female
Born: 1935
Died: 2015

Cataloguer's comments:
June married Gordon John Moulding on 26th August 1961. They remained in her family home in Lyme Regis until 1994, her mother lived with them until 1991. When her mother died June discovered she was born 'out of wedlock', this was a shock to her. Gordon worked as a carpet weaver at Axminster - after leaving the Navy after the second world war. They had two children, a son, Arthur George in 1965, and a daughter, Sandra Elizabeth in 1962. The family spent their holidays at a caravan in Devon. The couple travelled more extensively when they both retired. June worked as a dinner lady and support assistant at a local primary school in Uplyme (Dorset). June was a keen bell ringer (taking after her grandfather Arthur Start when she was 15).

The diaries cover the period from when her children left home up until her husband went into a care home with Alzheimer's. The entries tail off towards the end of her life due to dwindling health. Occasionally her husband makes entries for her- when she has gone away, for example.

OPEN

GDP/320 Diaries of Angela Crabtree 1984-1999

Diarist: Angela Crabtree
Gender: Female
Born: 1963

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries are closed for 70 years. They are a combination of A4 and A5 hard-back books.

CLOSED

GDP/321 Diaries of Djinna Gochis 1978-1986

Diarist: Djinna Gochis
Gender: Female
Born: 1954

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries are closed until after the diarist's death. They are bound in

white A4 envelopes and are loose-leaved.

APPLY TO ARCHIVIST

GDP/322 Diaries of Rose Maria Miell (nee Wilkins) 1877-1918

Diarist: Rose Maria Miell (nee Wilkins)

Gender: Female

Born: 1857

Died: 1951

Cataloguer's comments: The three diaries date from 1877, 1909-1915, 1918, 1933-1937. The 1877 and 1918 diaries are in poor condition and are notebooks, the 1915 diary is in a leather bound format, the 1933-1937 diary is a 'cashbook'. Ephemera includes pictures of the diarist and a short biography is included with the deposit form.

The entries are short - and often begin 'This day' or 'Today'. The entries tend to refer to purchases, house moves, and significant life events such as death, marriage and childbirth.

The 1909-1915 diary and 1933-1937 diary/cashbook are a record of events in the lives of the family members. On 15th May 1877 Rose Maria Wilkins married Thomas Miell on 15th May 1877. Her sister Charlotte had married his brother in 1873. They had 8 children.

APPLY TO ARCHIVIST

GDP/323 Diaries of Norman Douglas circa 1939-1945

Diarist: Norman Douglas

Gender: Male

Born: 14.05.1911

Died: 17.09.2011

Cataloguer's Comments: The diary is more of a journal. A green hardback A5 book with the image of a ship and the words 'Trust in God, Ship Brand J.H. Bombay 3 Letter Book, Pages 300' embossed on it. The notebook details the journey to and time spent in India with the RAF during the Second World War and then the journey home ending with his eventual demob. There is little mention of the war.

Ephemera includes loose leaves for the journal and an image of Mr Douglas as an old man.

APPLY TO ARCHIVIST

GDP/324

Diaries of Beryl Marjorie Reed

2000-2008

Diarist: Beryl Marjorie Reed
Gender: Female
Born: 8 December 1928
Died: 14 December 2010

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries consist of 8 x A5 hardback volumes, written towards the end of the diarist's life. The entries are neat and around a paragraph to two paragraphs long. They are frequently decorated with stickers, stamps, postcards, and illustrations; thus giving the diaries an overall colourful and pictorial style. The entries are at times expressive and peppered with observations on wild-life, weather, the progress of trees and plants in her garden and nearby, meals, family members' birthdays, social visits, hairdressers, chiropodist, her 'Tame Taxi Driver', some domestic chores, and some minor references to how the diarist feels in her retirement, mentally as well as physically. Her friends included: Margaret and Betty (neighbours), Maurice and June (accountant and wife), Yvonne (cousin), Sheila Shakespeare (her oldest friend). The diarist lived in Nottinghamshire, the diaries end when Beryl is taken into hospital. Beryl refers to Amanda/Mandy, David, and Rachael - her three children. Suki, Matthew, Rebecca, and Charlotte are her grandchildren.

APPLY TO ARCHIVIST

GDP/325

Diaries of Mary Dickens

Diarist: Mary Dickens
Gender: Female
Born: 1911
Died: 1991

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries consist of 10 pocket-diaries - in white, blue, red and black. The entries are spasmodic and quotidian in the main: dentists, meetings, rent days, work days, PCC meetings, church meetings, and lunch dates. (NB these diaries were submitted with GDP 326 as one deposit. However, it is possible to identify distinctions in the hand-writing and names written in the 'personal notes' both of

which clearly show the single deposit was two sets of diaries. It has not always been possible to be categorically clear on who is writing: Mary or AJ Dickens)

APPLY TO ARCHIVIST

GDP/326

Diaries of A J Dickens

Diarist: A J Dickens

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries consist of 7 pocket-diaries - in white, blue, red and black. The entries are fairly consistent and frequent. They are not descriptive but reserved for comments on chores, work, shopping, meal times, occasional social visits. (NB these diaries were submitted with GDP 325 as one deposit. However, it is possible to identify distinctions in the hand-writing and names written in the 'personal notes' both of which clearly show the single deposit was two sets of diaries. It has not always been possible to be categorically clear on who is writing: Mary or AJ Dickens)

APPLY TO ARCHIVIST

GDP/327

Diaries of Karen Fearn (nee Marshall)

1975-1987

Diarist: Karen Fearn (nee Marshall)

Gender: Female

Born: 1960

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries consist of 13 A5 day-to-view diaries, red and hard back. The diarist writes, mainly, about her life at secondary school and university, including details of her friendships, parents, teachers, and moods. Activities described include: horse-riding, holidays, badminton, study/ exams, bike-riding, and going to the cinema. The diarist's hand-writing changes throughout the diaries and from year to year. Occasionally, the diarist refers to the weather and external events. She married her first husband Ian in 1988, Ian is referred to in the diaries from the 80s.

APPLY TO ARCHIVIST

GDP/328

Diaries of Michael John Steward

1939-2005

Diarist: Michael John Steward

Gender: Male
Born: 1930
Died: 2006

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries are mainly pocket books, leather-bound, many from the 1960s and 1970s are 'Musicians' Diaries'. The pocket books from the 2000s are usually WH Smith generic diaries.

Michael John Steward attended many Classical Concerts, but does not appear to have played an instrument. He worked at the Victoria and Albert Museum in the Education Department. The diaries from the 60s-70s have individual ticket stubs for concerts, mainly at the Royal Albert Hall, pinned to each page.

Michael John Steward was a committed diary-writer, from his twenties onwards his diary entries are neat and rarely missed. He had one brother - Anthony. The diarist lived in Beckenham Kent with his mother, until she died in 1985.

Most weeks he went to a concert, film, theatre production, or art show. He also enjoyed watching dramas on TV. He enjoyed travelling, and visited his cousins in America, one trip was taken on the last cruise of the Queen Mary (October 1967). He was religious and regularly attended church, sometimes only because his mother insisted. he owned a car and carried out repairs on this and his scooter. The diaries often contain a passport snapshot of the diarist. The 1948 diary shows him as a young man and the 2005 diary shows him as an elderly gentleman. An early diary, from 1945 seems to have been annotated by his mother. Ephemera includes blank diaries and two diaries (possibly) owned by family members.

During his adult life Michael John Steward kept a separate accounting diary to his personal diary.

APPLY TO ARCHIVIST

GDP/329

Diaries of Eleanor Caverhill

1953-2000

Diarist: Eleanor Maude Louise Caverhill (nee Bickley)

Gender: Female

Born: 1911

Died: 2000

Cataloguer's Comments: Miss Bickley and her parents were all born in India. Miss Bickley, her mother and the female members of the Bickley family lived in a 'hill station' called Naini Tal. Miss Bickley was schooled here, until 16. At 16 the diarist moved with her brother and mother to Scotland and finished her education here. She then trained as a physiotherapist at St Thomas' Hospital London. She returned to India, where she met her husband, in 1939. The couple had 2 children in India and moved to Devon, England in 1947. Mr Caverhill brought a GP practice in Devon. In 1953 Mrs Caverhill started writing her diaries. The diaries are - in the main - A5 hardback day-to-view diaries, bulging with ephemera and lists. The diaries from 1980, 1982, 1983, 1986, and 1987 are pocket books. All the diaries are written in a legible hand - though in later years the writing becomes harder to read. There are the usual comments on the weather, shopping, chores, and finances. Additionally, there are extensive notes on the practice's day-to-day operations; running commentaries on the health of friends and family; and extensive lists on seeds, lineage, visitors, seating arrangements, parking arrangements, books, patients, phone calls, and traffic. There are some, separate, references to public affairs. Ephemera inside the diary covers includes: ticket stubs, postcards, stickers, letters, and lists. The collection also contains 1 x 'gardening diary' from 1961-1986.

APPLY TO ARCHIVIST

GDP/330

Diaries of Vicki Redpath

1997-2016

Diarist: Victoria Joy Redpath (nee Bearn)
Gender: Female
Born: 1944
Died: 2016

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries are a mixture of colourful formats - mainly hard-back A5 volumes - mostly notebooks, rather than formatted diaries. The diarist married her husband Robert Redpath in 1967. She had her first child - Justine - in 1967. And her second in 1971 - William. Her

diaries regularly refer to her 2 children and 5 grand-children.
She taught German and French and was Deputy Head of Department at Cheadle Hulme High School from 1975-2015, when she retired. Work is mentioned in her diaries, including three colleagues: Brenda, Judith and Denise.
She regularly refers to friends, including, Eileen, Gill, Rose, Barbara, Ruth (from Canada), and Ruth (from Tasmania), Norma, and Margaret.
Her diaries show that her passions included: ballet, animal welfare, gardening, and Manchester City football club.
Victoria suffered from duodenal cancer for five years.

APPLY TO ARCHIVIST

GDP/332 Diaries of Henrietta A Mirik 1930-1931

Diarist: Henrietta A Mirik
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's Comments: Ms Mirik has inscribed the fly- leaf of her 1930 diary : '3021 Qui Street NW Washington DC'. The depositor believes the diarist may originally have come from California. The diaries are leather-bound "American Export Lines, Mediterranean Services Diary : entitled 'My Trip Abroad.'" The fly- leaf for 1930 explains how the diaries are provided compliments of 'The Export Steamship Corporation : 25 Broadway, New York City'. It appears from the entries that these were journals kept during and for the purpose of a two - year long European cruise. The paratexts include extensive reference to ships in the American Export Lines fleet. And details on the ship Ms Mirik is cruising on. Each page contains a useful tick box for 'Clear', 'Cloudy', 'Rain', 'Snow'. The entries are long and meticulously made, describing life aboard and off-board a cruiser in the 1930s. The diaries have formatted account pages at the back which are also kept carefully. The 1931 diary has on January the 10th the full story of the Cat of Notre Dame.

OPEN

GDP/333 Diary of Emma Wibberley 1890

Diarist: Emma Wibberley

Gender: Female
Born: 1866
Died: 1892

Cataloguer's Comments: The diary was sent in by Ann Martin, it belonged to her aunt by marriage Hazel M Mulholland nee Hall, who inherited it from her father, Walter Hall. It was written a year before the writer's marriage to Walter Henry Hall and two years before her death. It is a self-reflective diary and is highly legible.

OPEN

GDP/334

Diary of Adam Bart

1992

Diarist: Adam Bart
Gender: Male
Born: 1974

Cataloguer's Comments: The diary was sent in by Stephen Desroches (see GDP 256). The diary is an unusual format: an EPCOT/ Disney World Passport - it contains 'passport' like pages for attractions at Disney World, with purpose-made stickers and space for writing entries about the attraction. The diary created by Stephen Desroches' high school boyfriend before the couple had 'come out'. The diary is - according, to Desroches, coded.

OPEN

GDP/335

Diaries of Jim Kirkman

1974-2005

Diarist: Jim Kirkman
Gender: Male
Born: 1911
Died: 2005

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries are - in the main - 'Silvine' Pocket Memo Books (see also GDP 296 and GDP 297, the two diarists use exactly the same format for their diary-writing). The exceptions to this are the 1974-1978 books which are small pocket book diaries.

The diarist was evidently a keen gardener - he often remarks on what direction the wind is blowing in, what seeds he intends to plant, and how well various elements of his garden are doing.

Jim Kirkman worked at the Derby Depot for British Rail, he makes scanty reference to his work.

He refers to the local cricket team he played for : FINDERN. His interest in sports included football and the local Derby Country Football Team.

He was married to his wife Ruth for 60 years, she is referred to in the diaries.

There are also some references to Mr Kirkman's religion and church attendance.

OPEN

GDP/336 Diaries of Dorothy Catherine Thompson (nee Blyth) 1935-1951

Diarist: Dorothy Catherine Thompson (nee Blyth)

Gender: Female

Born: 1920

Died: 2009

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries are 'foolscap'. The formats are: Collins Scribbling Diary, Charles Letts's Popular Self-Opening Diary, and The Leader Foolscap Folio Diary. The diaries date from 1935-1951, 1941 is missing as are 1946-1949.

The diarist writes in depth about how she feels about the events she experiences including: war, her lover's (soon to be husband) war-time absence in the Intelligence Corps, her marriage, the birth of her first child & the subsequent medical problems, and the break-down of her marriage between 1950-1951.

Dorothy was born in Hull, into a musical family. She had one brother: Dick. Her father left the family when the children were young and they were supported by her Uncle, primarily. Dorothy reluctantly left school early to train as a shorthand typist in order that she might support the family.

She met her husband-to-be Ted through her brother when she was 15. The diaries illustrate that their relationship was intense and often fraught.

Dorothy moved with her mother to Cambridge in 1941. She married Ted in 1941. Dorothy missed Ted terribly (as the diaries show) when he was called up. She also writes about moving to

London in 1944 where she started work in the government typing pool. Dorothy obviously had a keen eye for geopolitics and writes often about what is happening in Europe, America, and Japan. Though we do not have her later diaries we know that after Ted and she divorced (he remarried and had three more children) she received little maintenance support from Ted and had to work hard, to support her mum, daughter, badly behaved son, and her brother's two children when they were orphaned. In her later years she got a job working for the director of the National Council for Voluntary Services (which she enjoyed) and travelled a great deal.

OPEN

GDP/337 Diaries of Catherine Whiteley 1986-1991

Diarist: Catherine Whiteley
Gender: Female
Born: 1973

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries are all hard-back and day-to-view and a mixture of A5 and A6. They are an excellent portrayal of what it is to go through adolescence.

The entries are regular and often detailed. Reoccurring themes are her relationship with her parents; her squabbles with her brother; school tests; her increasingly physical relationship with boys and subsequent need for contraception (November 1990); and her first experiences of and growing awareness and use of drink and cigarettes (October 1990).

The earlier diaries tend towards descriptions of pets, food, the dynamics of school friendships, and Brownies. And build up to the increasingly maturer considerations and experiences of the final diaries.

OPEN

GDP/338 Diaries of Fay Moseley 1951-2016

Diarist: Fay Moseley
Gender: Female
Born: 1936
Died: 2016

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries are all pocket-book sized, except 1954. The 1990s and 2000s diaries are chiefly WH Smith day-to-view diaries. The diarist rarely misses an entry and fills each page with her daily observations and appointments. The diarist was married twice; both partners are often referred to in the diaries, the first (David) she married at 21 (in 1957) and the second (Peter) at 50 (in 1986). Ms Moseley career appears to have been as an airline hostess for Lufthansa, the ephemera includes seven detailed log-books for each flight Ms Moseley took. Ms Moseley often refers to work (WORKED LATE) and work appointments in capitals. Also referred to in capitals are references to: appointments (DR LLOYD), dieting (WEIGHTWATCHERS), political/public events (ELECTION), and visits to/ from friends (PAT/ BEATTIE'S).

Entries include further details on physical ailments, friends, meals, sleeping patterns, football, and telly viewing. The diarist commonly lists: Birthday and Christmas presents received or given. She also lists holiday postcards sent and holiday gifts brought.

Ephemera includes: Seven detailed Lufthansa logbooks, a 'My Trip' journal-type book from 1956, it is an in-depth portrayal of air travel in the 1950s, with some wonderful details about airline umbrellas and smoke-filled cabins, a scrapbook of fifties horseracing news articles, called 'Running and Jockeys' and a holiday journal from 1951-1954.

OPEN

GDP/339

Diaries of Anonymous

2010-2016

Diarist: Anonymous
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries are two 'Paperchase' hard-back volumes; decorated with birds. The entries are a frank portrayal of someone suffering manic depression in their late teens, early twenties. And include references to university, doctors, treatment, mood states, and father's death. The diarist has been written to (March 2017) to ascertain further details and a

deposit form, however when followed up in June 2017 there was no response.

CLOSED

GDP/340

Diaries of Edward Albert Ratcliffe

1935-1938

Diarist: Edward Albert Ratcliffe

Gender: Male

Born : 1923

Died : 1989

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries are three notebooks. One hardback 'Memo' Book in navy blue, one a re-used school exercise book, also blue and hard-back and one a re-used school exercise book, soft-back and red.

Almost all the entries in the red exercise book are single lines: '12th clipped hedge, 13th practice for anniversary, 14th May's birthday, 15th Anniversary Day.' They are made out in a schoolboy's handwriting and written in multi-coloured pencils. Pages 4-60 of the blue hard-back exercise book, are what the diarist has called 'Dairy' - and follow the same pattern as the red exercise book. The 'index' in this book also contains: 'Rabbits Balance Sheet, Particulars, and My Money Balance Sheet'. The 'memo' book also follows this pattern - it contains an index, starts as a 'Diary and Memo' and moves into other subject areas, including: 'My library books and Wonders of the World'. The schoolboy with an interest in royalty, rabbits, horticulture, and bicycling went onto become a gardener and Suffolk based groundsman.

CLOSED

GDP/341

Diaries of Dorothy Harris

1961-2008

Diarist: Dorothy Harris

Gender: Female

Born : 1924

Died : 2011

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries are almost all hardback, day-to-view, and A5. The exceptions are three pocketbook sized diaries from the 1960s. Throughout the entire run of diaries there are references to appointments, daily activities, and the weather. Daily activities

include: 'work', 'baked', 'gardened', 'washed', 'potted', 'shopped', letter writing, letter reading, and walking. Early diaries refer to dates with friends, boys, and members of the family. The later diaries have longer entries; refer often to the diarist's children and their activities, well-being, and progress; refer to issues with car maintenance and road safety; refer in-depth to gardening matters; and include extensive lists referencing Christmas cards and presents (with addresses of recipients). In the 1970s (e.g. 11/09/77) there are references to visits to fortune tellers. In the 1980s general and daily weather observations start to include MIN and MAX temperatures. There are references to Fred in the pre-2003 diaries - Frederick Harris was Dorothy's husband from 1947-2003, they had two sons: Stuart and Chris.

OPEN

GDP/342

Diaries of Unknown

1876

Diarist: Unknown

Cataloguer's Comments: This is a pocket book, paper diary/ almanac from the Royal Aquarium, Shakespearian, compiled by Bryce Phillips and printed by Charles Dickens and Evans (printers of the Royal Aquarium).

The left hand page for each week is divided into quotations from Shakespeare. The right hand page is left blank for personal notes (as is the case with almanacs). The few entries provide insight into 19th century life: in September there is a poignant entry referring to the diarist's children going to school for the first time.

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GDP/343

Diaries of Avril Margaret Sandall (nee James) 1951-2016

Diarist: Avril Margaret Sandall (nee James)

Gender: Female

Born : 1937

Died : 2016

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries are all pocketbook sized; from various manufacturers, chiefly Collins and Letts. The 1957 diary is an 'Enid Blyton Diary' - the third in this run from Lett's - and with a foreword from Enid Blyton.

The diarist very rarely omits to write an entry in this long run of diaries, stretching from the late fifties until her death in 2016. The diaries start with the reflections of a school girl ('Mummy and Daddy took me...'), through those of adolescence, full maturity, marriage, and family. The early entries style, content and form develop into a standardised daily summary. Including: weather; activities (including, yoga, live music, pubs lunches, walks, fitness classes, Zumba, swing classes, church, gardening etc.); people visited; meals (and what the meal was like: 'v.good hot lunch [sic]' or 'do sossie casserole [sic]'); chores completed/ to be completed; evening activity (e.g., TV shows watched by the diarist and including Dan Cruikshank and Tour de France); appointments (including, doctor, dentist, garage, and hairdresser); and health issues. Most entries are written in fountain pen. The beginning of many of the diaries contain an assessment of weight and hair condition.

OPEN

GDP/344

Diaries of Gordan Bentley

1957-2007

Diarist: Gordan Bentley

Gender: Male

Born: ?

Died : circa 2007

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries consist of a run of hardbook 'Notebooks' (from 'Notebook No. 1.' from 1957 to 'Notebook No. 22.' from 2007); some contain several years' worth of reflections, each is portfolio sized, and all entries are dated. These diaries are supplemented by A5, mainly paperback notebooks, which are described as 'Journals' and are also numbered. Each 'Journal' tends to apply to a period spent abroad, the diarist spent a number of years in Algeria, Morocco, and Majorca. He appears to have worked for an International School and then in the Photogrammetry & Surveying Department (now Geomatic Engineering, and part of Civil Engineering) at University College London.

The diarist was clearly well-read, his entries are often interspersed with quotations from a range

of writers, including Marcus Aurelius. The entries contain the diarist's reflections on himself, the people around him, 'society' at large, relationships, writing, work, travel, meals, cooking, and love. The entries are written in a seemingly extempore style, there are few mistakes and little redrafting. They often read like a stream of consciousness but are not convoluted and are easy to read. The early notebooks contain a book list (1957-1966: the diarist read broadly), a chart of men he had relationships with and a potted autobiography (1966-1971).

The ephemera contains final versions and drafts of poetry and prose, letters to Ahmed (who Mr Bentley met in Algeria and obviously had a great and lasting affection for), letters from various gentlemen (including Ahmed), photographs (mainly of his time in foreign countries), address books, hospital notes pertaining to alcohol abuse.

OPEN

GDP/345

Diaries of Harwood Stockdale

1941-2006

Diarist: Harwood Stockdale
Born: 16th February 1930
Died: 2016

Cataloguer's comments: Ten diaries kept by North Yorkshire farmer, Harwood Stockdale. The early volumes were kept when the diarist was at school and note school and family activities, along with information about animals on the farm. Although they were kept in the early 1940s, there is very little mention of the WAR. It contains a short entry for each day and also notes weather conditions. The later diaries notes weather conditions, comments on the running of the farm and health of its animals.

Diaries included for the following years: 1941-1942, 1944-1945, 1974-1975, 1977, 1979, 2006, 2008.

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GDP/346

Diaries of Lynne Moodie

1988-2017

Diarist: Lynne Moodie (nee Walton)

Born: 1 June 1945

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries kept by Lynne Moodie recording family relationships, social activities and personal matters. All diaries are kept in notebooks and entries are relatively long and reflective. Also includes two address books and an envelope of photographs of the diarist and family, along with press cuttings.

Includes the following volumes:

- 21 April 1987
- 16 August 1987 - 2 August 1988
- 11 August 1988 - 14 March 1989
- 15 March - 31 July 1989
- 31 July 1989 - 14 October 1989
- 14 October 1989 - 24 June 1990
- 29 June 1990 - 13 August 1991
- 15 August 1991 - 25 July 1992
- 28 July 1992 - 10 July 1993
- 11 July 1993 - 5 April 1994
- 7 April 1994 - 21 December 1994
- 26 December 1994 - 5 November 1995
- 7 November 1995 - 14 February 1997
- 14 February 1997 - 25 October 1998
- 29 October 1998 - 19 October 1999
- 25 October 1999 - 8 April 2001
- 23 April 2001 - 30 July 2002
- 31 July 2002 - 16 August 2003
- 16 August 2003 - 13 November 2004
- 17 November 2004 - 8 August 2007
- 8 August 2007 - 29 June 2010
- 30 June 2010 - 13 June 2011
- 14 June 2011 - 13 September 2013
- 16 September 2013 - 24 October 2014
- 27 October 2014 - 13 August 2016
- 13 August 2016 - 18 July 2017

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GDP/347

Diaries of Stanley Watson

1968-2015

Diarist : Stanley Watson

Gender: Male

Born: 10 March 1926

Died: 13 August 2017

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries kept by Stanley Watson. The entries are short and record weather conditions, the health and activities of his wife (Beryl), and the completion of domestic

chores, building works and other manual labour. Entries also record the diarist's attendance at night school, camping and holidays, and socialising with friends and family. Later entries contain notes regarding the diarist and Beryl's ongoing health, his wake up time, any post received, and general day-to-day activities.

Includes the following volumes: 1968-2015

APPLY TO ARCHIVIST

GDP/348 Diaries of Anonymous 1874-1880

Name: Unknown

Cataloguer's comments: Blackwood's Scribbling Diaries kept by unknown person. The diarist's entries are sporadic and are mainly short notes regarding meetings, leisure activities, and visits. Writing is hard to decipher. Diary kept by farmer, possibly in Gloucester or the surrounding area. The diarist also records farming activities.

Includes the following volumes: 1874-1875, 1877 and 1880

OPEN

GDP/349 Diaries of Zoe Mason 1983-1995

Name: Zoe Mason (nee Pearson)

Gender: Female

Born: 5 August 1971

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries kept by Zoe Mason (nee Pearson) during her teenage years and early 20's. Diary entries are short, and record her daily activities, including: exams and days at school, holidays, socialising with friends and family, and other leisure activities. The early entries largely record her watching films and television programmes, with specific entries recording the diarist getting signatures from film stars. Later entries record her friendships and romantic relationships. Some volumes include annual summaries. Also includes notepad with information on [1980s] film stars and celebrities.

Includes the following volumes: 1983-1987, 1990-1995 and 1 undated volume

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Name: Ronald Cecil Joskey

Gender: Male

Born: 17 January 1920

Died: 1 February 2017

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries kept by Ronald Cecil Joskey during his late teenage years, and from his mid-30's onwards. Early entries are short and briefly record day-to-day activities, including fixing cars and completing home improvements, socialising, going to school, working, and having music and dance lessons. Several earlier volumes have sporadic entries, or are incomplete.

Later entries are more detailed, recording the weather, and day-to-day activities of Ronald and his wife Betty. Activities mainly include domestic chores and daily meals, dinner dances, language classes, holidays and outings, time spent with friends and family, and watching television. The diarist also records the ongoing health and wellbeing of himself and Betty.

Daily journal entries for 2015-2016 are 'draft' notes made on letter envelopes and scrap paper.

Includes the following volumes:

- 1935-1936
- 1938
- 1981-1986
- 27 January 1988 - 31 December 1992
- 1 January 1993 - 23 December 1993
- 23 December 1993 - 25 November 1994
- 26 November 1994 - 8 October 1995
- 9 October 1995 - 9 May 1996
- 10 May 1996 - 7 November 1996
- 25 February 1997 - 20 July 1997
- 21 July 1997 - 2 September 1998
- 3 September 1998 - 6 October 1999
- 7 October 1999 - 28 October 2010
- 29 October 2000 - 26 November 2001
- 27 November 2001 - 30 September 2002
- 1 October 2002 - 27 October 2003
- 28 October 2003 - 21 November 2004
- 22 November 2004 - 2 March 2006

- 4 March 2006 - 31 March 2007
- 1 April 2007 - 13 April 2008
- 14 April 2008 - 25 October 2008
- 26 October 2008 - 7 May 2009
- 8 May 2009 - 12 October 2009
- 13 October 2009 - 21 March 2010
- 22 March 2010 - 26 August 2010
- 27 August 2010 - 2 February 2011
- 3 February 2011 - 30 November 2011
- 1 December 2011 - 25 September 2012
- 26 September 2012 - 6 February 2013
- 7 February 2013 - 20 June 2013
- 21 June 2013 - 1 November 2013
- 2 November 2013 - 5 April 2014
- 6 April 2014 - 18 August 2014
- 19 August 2014 - 20 Jan 2015
- 2 Jan 2016 - 3 March 2016
- 2 April 2016 - 14 May 2016

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GDP/351 Diaries of Maud Lister 1962-1968

Diarist: Maud Lister
 Born: 1897
 Died: 1971
 Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Small engagement style diaries kept by Maud Lister between 1962 and 1968. Several are Catholic diaries. Each contains sporadic short entries of one or two lines commenting on the social activities of the diarist and her health and that of others.

Diaries: 1962-1963, 1965-1968 (two volumes for 1966),

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GDP/352 Diaries of Helen Linge 1941-1998

Diarist: Constance Helen Linge (nee Fielding)
 Gender: Female
 Birth: 16 January 1924
 Death: 24 August 2001

Cataloguer's comments: Helen Linge was born in Hebden Bridge. She went to Stubbings County School, Hebden Bridge, 1930, then to Crossley and Porter Girls School in Halifax in 1933. She joined the Metropolitan Police in 1948

and was stationed at Leman Street, Aldgate East, London. She left the Police in 1963. Helen worked as a secretary for the Board of Film Distribution. She attended British Film Institute Summer Schools in 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963 where she met Bill Orchin and Tom Quinn. She was a member of the Women's Institute and the Labour Party. she lived in Manor Park, London from April 1965 until her death in 2001. Helen was also a keen painter and wrote many novels. She married Frederick Linge (whose diaries are held in GDP/353) in April 1950 in Norwich.

The diaries are in a variety of sizes and formats. Early diary entries are sporadic and of various lengths, normally commenting on weather, social engagements, and friends and family. From 1978, a more detailed journal is kept, alongside an engagement diary, with a paragraph or more for each day detailing day-to-day activities, sleeping patterns, TV and films watched, family events and occasional comments on current affairs.

Diaries available:

- 1941, 1948, 1949.
- 1955, 1956.
- 1961-1969.
- 1970-1979 (2 x diaries for 1975, 1978 and 1979)
- 21/9/1979-27/1/1980, 27/1/1980-26/5/1980, 27/5/1980-24/9/1980, 25/9/1980-1/2/1981, 2/2/1981-13/6/1981, 14/6/1981-11/11/1981, 12/11/1981-16/3/1982, 17/3/1982-18/7/1982, 19/7/1982-22/12/1982, 23/12/1982-31/3/1983, 16/7/1983-24/10/1983, 25/10/1983-1/1/1984, 1985-1987, 1989 (engagement diaries for 1980-1984, 1987-1988).
- 1990-1995, 1998 (engagement diaries for 1991-1994).

Additional material: Two passports.

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GDP/353

Diaries of Fred Linge

2004-2014

Diarist: Frederick William Linge

Gender: Male

Birth: 28 June 1926

Death: 18 March 2015

Cataloguer's comments: Fred Linge was born in Willesden, London, in 1926 to a single mother. His mother was not able to look after him so he moved to live with relatives in Wadham. He joined the Navy in 1942 and served until 31 December 1946 when he was de-mobbed. Fred joined the Metropolitan Police in 1946 and served at Leman Street, London E1, Barking, Enfield and Wanstead Police Stations. He left in 1972. He worked at the House of Lords from 1972-1973 and then for Paisners until 1986. He attended British Film Institute/Open University Summer Schools in 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963 where he met Bill Orchin and Tom Quinn. Fred was a member of the Labour Party and became a Quaker in 2001. He lived in Manor Park, London, from April 1965 until his death in 2015. He was a keen writer and wrote a number of novels, none of which were published. Fred married Helen Fielding (whose diaries are held in GDP/352) in Norwich on 29 April 1950.

The diaries are in A4 and A5 format and contain a mixture of short handwritten entries concerning the weather and day-to-activities, along with more detailed printed entries. These detail similar subjects but are also occasionally reflective and thoughtful. Many comments on medical appointments and meetings with friends.

Diaries available:
- 2004-2005, 2007.-2014

Additional material: Two passports and three notebooks.

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GDP/354

Diaries of Sally George

1967-1999

Diarist: Sally George (nee McDonald)
Born: 12 January 1953
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Five self-published volumes of diaries illustrated with family photos. Diary entries are all titled and discuss family matters and daily events in the diarist's life from

time at secondary school onwards. The volumes are titled as follows:

- The Secondary Modern Schoolgirl: Sally's diary, 1967 to 1969
- Always the Bridesmaid...: Sally's diary, 1970 and 1971
- The Yellow Peril and the Barley Wine Queen: Sally's diary, 1972 to mid-1974
- Looking Back to the 1980s: Sally's diary: Family Life in an East Yorkshire Town
- Leading up to the Millennium : Sally's diary: Family Life in the 1990s

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GDP/355

Diaries of Ariadne van de Ven

1982-2016

Diarist: Ariadne van de Ven
Born: 4 January 1961
Died: 14 March 2017
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of book publicist and photographer Ariadne van de Ven covering the period when she lived in Utrecht and later in London. The diaries contain lengthy entries describing personal matters, relationships, appointments, working life and day-to-day events. The diaries are in Dutch until the mid-1990s where the diarist starts to write in English. There are also accompanying engagement diaries covering the years 1988 to 2016, and a notebook with random jottings.

Diaries included: Jun-Oct 1982, Nov 1982-May 1983, May-Oct 1983, Oct 1983-May 1984, May-Oct 1984, Oct 1984-Jul 1985, Jul-Dec 1985, Dec 1985-Jun 1986, Jun-Nov 1986, Nov 1986-Apr 1987, Apr-Nov 1987, Nov 1987-Aug 1988, Aug 1988-Aug 1989, Aug 1989-Aug 1990, Aug 1990-Aug 1991, Sep 1991-Feb 1992, May 1993-Feb 1994, Feb 1994-Dec 1995, Dec 1995-Dec 1996, Dec 1996-Dec 1997, Jan-Nov 1998, Nov 1998-Sep 1999, Sep 1999-Jul 2000, Jul 2000-Apr 2001, Apr 2001-Dec 2004, Apr-Oct 2005, Oct 2005-Mar 2006, Sep 2006-Jun 2007, Jun 2007-Jan 2008, Jan-Dec 2008, Dec 2008-Jun 2009, Jun-Nov 2009, Nov 2009-May 2010, May-Oct 2010, Oct 2010-Apr 2011, Apr-Nov 2011, May-Oct 2012, Oct 2012-May 2013, May 2013-May 2014, May 2014-Jan 2015, Jan 2015-Dec 2015,

Dec 2015-Aug 2016.

Engagement diaries: 1988-1991, 2006-2016.

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GDP/356

Diaries of Michael Cyril Hebbert

1939-1944

Diarist: Michael Cyril Hebbert

Born: 2 June 1921

Died: 9 November 1944

Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Lieutenant Michael John Hebbert of the Durham Light Infantry and covering his wartime experience between 1939 and 1944 when he went missing in action (later identified as killed in action on night reconnaissance patrol near the village of Bommel, north of the bridge at Nijmegen). There are thirteen diaries and all contain lengthy entries on the day's activities, friends and colleagues, thoughts, and contemplations on international politics, religion, ` arts and culture. There is also occasional poetry and illustrations.

Diaries included: Vol.1 (28 July 1939-22 October 1939), Vol.2 (23 October 1939-26 December 1939), Vol.3 (27 December 1939-25 January 1940), Vol.4 (27 January 1940-5 March 1940), Vol.5 (6 March 1940- 9 March 1940 [typescript]), Vol.6 (11 March 1940-15 May 1940), Vol.7 (16 May 1940-24 July 1940), Vol.8 (25 July 1940-9 October 1940), Vol.9 (10 October 1940-27 December 1940), Vol.10 (30 December 1940-20 May 1941), Vol.11 (29 May 1941 - 3 Sept 1941), Vol.12 (4 September 1941-30 December 1942), Vol.13 (13 February 1943-22 April 1943).

Accompanying material:

- small bundle containing some pre-1939 letters of Michael and his brother Tony.

- Six bundles of letters addressed either to Michael's parents or to Tony, dating from October 1939 until just before his death in November 1944. They are bundled by year in approximate chronological order, some of the letters being undated. Continuation sheets are not numbered and in a few cases have been misplaced. Michael wrote home once or twice a week, giving a lively account of activities and

personalities at Pembroke College Cambridge, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, and four years of soldiering with the Durham Light Infantry.

- In September 1944 Michael attended a training course at the School of Infantry. His annotated lecture notes are in a green foolscap folder.

- manila envelope containing the notification (November 14th 1944) that he was missing in action; letters from fellow-officers raising hopes that he might be wounded and in a German hospital; formal confirmation from the War Office (September 8th 1945) that 'hope of his survival must now be abandoned'; notice of his grave-site at Bemmel, return of his cap-badge and identity discs (November 18th 1946), letters of condolence, probate of Michael's last will and testament (June 1947), a service sheet for the dedication of the war memorial at Pembroke College (July 1948), his reinternment in a British War Grave, an account of the 1948 remembrance ceremony in Jonkerbos Cemetery Nijmegen, and photographs of his grave.

OPEN

GDP/357

Diaries of Mary Francis Irelan

1922-1983

Diarist: Mary Francis Irelan

Born: Unknown

Died: Unknown

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Mary Francis Irelan of Santa Cruz, California, ranging from her youth and college days in the 1920s, through the 1950s and her travels in the 1970s and 1980s.

All of the diaries contain medium entries detailing the day's activities, information about friends and family, and comments on major international affairs. The travel diaries are far more detailed and contain lengthier entries commenting on sights seen and culture experienced. The collection also includes a quote book and an address book.

Diaries available: 1922-1924, 1928-1953, 1983.

Other material: Travel Journals (1925 x 2, 1932, 1956, 1961, 1964, 1966, 1969-1970, 1972 x 2, 1975, 1977 x 2, 1980, 1982, 1987 x 2, 1989-

1992), Address Book, Quotations Book and two un-identified volumes.

OPEN

GDP/358

Diaries of Michael Arthur Weller

1937-2009

Diarist: Michael Arthur Weller

Born: 28 April 1926

Died: 24 February 2015

Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: Michael A Weller was born on 26 April 1923 in the small Essex town of Thaxted and lived and worked almost all his life there. He was educated at Saffron Walden Grammar School and Epsom College, before studying medicine at Bart's. After qualifying in 1948 he acted briefly as his father's locum tenens before a spell as House Surgeon at the Norfolk and Norwich hospital and then National Service in several posts, including Medical Officer of the King's Flight at RAF Oakington. He then returned home to take over his father's general practice in January 1952, working there as the local GP until his own retirement in May 1986. He was also a surgeon at the nearby Saffron Walden General Hospital.

He received the OBE for services to medicine and for voluntary work in March 1982 and was invested as a Knight of Grace of the Grand Priory of the most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem in November 1984.

The diaries contain short entries for each day and are kept consecutively from 1937 until 2009. The entries record appointments and social engagements, along with notes on family and friends and the diarist's own health. The weather is also regularly mentioned and there are occasional mentions of professional life and work-related matters.

Diary Contents: 1937-2009 (2 x 1938)

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GDP/359

Diaries of Muriel Joyce Childs

1967-2008

Diarist: Muriel Joyce Childs (nee Phillips)

Born: 12 January 1920

Died: 1 August 2011
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's Comments: Diaries of Muriel Joyce Childs covering her life in an unbroken sequence from 1967 to 2008. The diary entries vary in length from short, almost engagement style, entries to far longer and more detailed entries. The entries concern social activities, meetings with family and friends, what the diarist is eating and notes on the weather. There is also a series of engagement diaries and the diary of a trip to Australia and South East Asia in 1989.

Diaries included: 1967-1971, 1972-1976, 1977-1981, 1982-2008

Other Material:

- Engagement diaries, 1982, 1996-1997, 1998 (x3), 1999, 2000 (x2), 2001 (x2), 2002, 2004, 2007
- Holiday diary from trip to Australia and Bangkok, 1989
- 19 photographs of Muriel and husband George at various stages of their lives, including photographs of Muriel's WWII service in PCHQ
- 7 certificates from the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing presented to Muriel and George Childs, with reports on their dancing
- 4 passports
- funeral address for Muriel Childs, 15 August 2011

OPEN

GDP/360

Diary of David Johnston

1987-2003

Diarist: David Robert Gordon Johnston
Born: 1 January 1944
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: Published volume, 'A Sussex Wayfarer's Nature Notes' by David Johnston (Oakbarn Press, Petworth, 2016) containing extracts from the diaries of David Johnston noting walks in the Sussex countryside with notes on flora and fauna, and historic buildings in the area.

OPEN

GDP/361

Diaries of Sonia Weir

1991-2008

Diarist: Sonia Weir (nee Pagliari)
Born: 25 November 1973
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Sonia Weir recording the diarist's relationships with friends and family, social events and engagements, thoughts and feelings, and other matters. The entries are not daily but are in week or more intervals, are lengthy, often several pages long. The diaries start when the diarist was a student in Glasgow, then living in Edinburgh and continues onwards to life in London. There is also occasional ephemera, such as cards and letters, in the diaries. More diaries are expected from the diarist.

Diaries included: Volume 1 (7 October 1991-21 February 1993), Volume 2 (21 February 1993-23 December 1994), Volume 3 (17 January 1995-2 November 1996), Volume 4 (11 November 1996-2 September 1999), Volume 5 (1 June 1998-4 August 2002), Volume 6 (15 August 2002-29 September 2004), Volume 7 (29 September 2004-13 October 2008)

Other Material: Thailand Memoirs/Diary (15 -25 June 1999)
OPEN

GDP/362

Diaries of Thomas B. Cooper

1954-2017

Diarist: Thomas B. Cooper
Born: 20 March 1938
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of US citizen born in 1938 in Clinton, South Carolina. In 1954, the diarist went to a state band clinic in Rock Hill, South Carolina. During that band conference, they were each given a tiny little book designed to keep track of daily happenings and the diarist began journaling occasionally that year. The diarist graduated from Furman University in Greenville, SC, with a BA in English, and later returned to college at the University of South Florida and earned a Master's in English/Education. He had a career as a middle school, high school, and college

English teacher, and continues working part time at St. Petersburg College as a substitute teacher.

The diaries contain fairly lengthy entries each day on the diarist's life, personal relationships and thoughts and feelings. The diaries also document the diarist's early homosexuality, marriage, religious attempts to cure the diarist's homosexuality and later involvement in settled homosexual relationships. The entries are sporadic at certain times in the diarist's life and since the 1970s the diarist has also used a word processor/computer to record his diary.

Diaries available: 1954, 1955-1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1983.

Other Material: PDF containing transcripts of handwritten diaries above and the diarist's word processed diaries up to 2017.

OPEN

GDP/363

Diaries of Heather Stewart-Jones

1966-2015

Diarist: Heather Stewart-Jones (nee Rogers)
Born: 23 May 1930
Died: 31 March 2017
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of artist Heather Stewart Jones. Born in 1930, she lived in a number of places growing up, including London, Brighton and Usk in Monmouthshire. She attended Newport College of Art in the early 1950s and married in 1953. She was an art teacher and artist, specialising in painting miniatures and was exhibited in galleries around the world. Her work was also selected for the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition on a couple of occasions. When the diarist and her husband retired, they moved back to London in 1994, where they lived until his death in 2001. At the age of 72, following her husband's death, the diarist began travelling and visited many of the great art collections of Europe and the USA, she visited Egypt and spent a lot of time in Paris and New Orleans. The diarist continued painting miniatures well into her 80s and for the last two

years of her life lived in Canterbury.

Diaries include consistent, lengthy entries for each day regarding the diarist's activities, thoughts and developments in her career as an artist, social activities, relationships with family and friends and thoughtful entries. The handwriting is very small. The diaries also include ephemera from visits to concerts, exhibitions or historic places, along with examples of the diarist's work as a painter of miniatures.

Diaries included: 1966, 1967, No.1 (23 May 1986) - No.103 (17 December 2015)

Other items: Two sketchbooks containing drawings and watercolours by the diarist.

OPEN

GDP/364

Diaries of Walter (Wally) Stocker

1995-2015

Diarist: Walter (Wally) Stocker

Born: 29 December 1930

Died: 4 January 2016

Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Wally Stocker completed on a daily basis between 1995 and 2015 (although there is a gap between 1996 and 2011). The content includes a lot about hospital and doctor's appointments as he had meningitis several times and wore a hearing aid. They also tell of Win his wife's decline and move into a home nearby in 2011 as she was diagnosed with dementia. The diarist was a lively man who was very creative and a prolific maker. He built and collected train buildings and layouts, he painted many watercolour pictures, attended a painting group and men in sheds as well as tending to us greenhouse and garden. He lived in South Croydon for 50 years and moved to Bletchley in 2009.

Diaries available: 1995, 7 Jan-5 Aug 1996, 6 Aug-12 Oct 1996, 2011-2015.

OPEN

GDP/365

Diaries of Joyce Barbara Ede

1939-2014

Diarist: Joyce Barbara Ede (nee Phillips)
Born: 8 February 1925
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Joyce Barbara Ede and covering the period from 1939 (when the diarist was 14) to 2014. the diarist was the eldest of three, born in Battersea to working class parents. She was evacuated in the War with her school, Clapham County Grammar School (which she had won a scholarship to), to Winsor and was billeted with a family there. The diarist went to teacher training college after school and became a teacher. She taught in primary schools (mainly Belleville and Honeywell primaries) right through to her retirement. She married her husband Ron in the late 1940s and they were married for 65 years. Both the diarist and her husband were avid church goers (Battersea Chapel for most of their lives) and most of their social life revolved around the church (e.g. choir, deacons, girls and boys brigade, Sunday School, etc.). The diarist had three children and a number of grandchildren, and lived in Battersea from getting married in the 1940s until a move to Tooting in 2001. Her husband died in 2012 and the diarist retired to a nursing home a year after.

The diaries contain an entry for most days in small writing detailing day-to-day activities, church attendance, social occasions and note on family and friends. During the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, the diaries are mainly in engagement form but return to fuller entries in the 1980s. From the 1980s, there are regularly two diaries for each year, one engagement and one fuller diary. There are also two house-keeping books and account books from 1949 to 1962. The diarist's husband, Ronald Eric Ede (1921-2012) also kept two 'memory books' including press cuttings on sporting activities, church affairs and major news items in London, along with ephemera from events connected to Baptist Church events in Battersea and London, tickets and other memorabilia. These memory books cover the period from 1932 to 1937.

Diaries available: 1939-1941, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947 (x 2), 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952,

1962, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982 (x 2), 1983, 1984 (x 2), 1985 (x 2), 1986 (x 2), 1987 (x 2), 1988 (x 2), 1989 (x 2), 1990, 1991 (x 2), 1992 (x 2), 1993 (x 2), 1994 (x 2), 1995 (x 2), 1996, 1997 (x 2), 1998 (x 3), 1999 (x 2), 2000 (x 2), 2001, 2002 (x 2), 2003 (x 2), 2004 (x 2), 2005 (x 2), 2006, 2007 (x 2), 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014.

Other material: Housekeeping book, 1952-1954, Housekeeping Book, 1955-1970, Account Book, 1944-1945, Account Book, 1949-, Account Book, 1960-1962, Memory Book of Cuttings and Ephemera, 1932-1936, Memory Book of Cuttings and Ephemera, 1936-1939.

OPEN

GDP/366

Diaries of Barbara Tomlinson

1974-2015

Diarist: Barbara Tomlinson
Born: 12 January 1951
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Barbara Tomlinson, including lengthy entries (normally a page a day) describing personal/family matters and discussion of studies and professional life. The diarist worked as curator at the National Maritime Museum and the diaries contain details about the workings of the Museum and particularly the diarist's involvement with early computer cataloguing. The diarist's influence in journal keeping was Georgian and spoof-Georgian (Haggard's Journal).

The diarist was born in Spittal, Wirrall, Cheshire in 1951 and soon moved to Walton on Thames, where she attended Woking Girls Grammar School between 1962 and 1970. From 1970 to 1973, she undertook a BA History at the Polytechnic of North London and worked from 1973 to 1978 at the Science Museum Library. The diarist worked at the National Maritime Museum from 1978 to 2015 in various departments, including Pictures Department, Weapons and Antiquities. She was later curator of antiquities and in 2017 made Curator Emeritus.

Diaries included: 1974-1975, 1975-1977, 1977-1979, 1979-1982, 1982-1984, 1984-1985, 1986-1989, 1989-1991, 1991-1993, 1993-1994, 1994-1995, 1995-1996, 1996-1998, 1998-2000, 2000-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2006, 2006-2008, 2008-2010, 2010-2013 2013-2015.

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GDP/367 Diaries of Joan Comer 1933-2002

Diarist: Joan Eileen Comer (nee Simmons)
Born: 21 May 1921
Died: 13 February 2005
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comment: Diaries of Joan Comer, containing small entries of three to four paragraphs a day noting weather, social engagements, visits to or by friends and family, the activities of husband Vic and trips and visits. Vic's diaries are held as GDP/368.

Diaries available: 1941, 1943, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002.

Other material: 'The Ramblers' Journal', a diary containing photographs of various walks taken by a group of ladies between March and August 1933, including Lansdowne, Portishead and Windsor. This does not seem to have involved the diarist but may have belonged to a parent.

OPEN

GDP/368 Diaries of Victor R. Comer 1990-1999

Diarist: Victor R. Comer
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Victor R. Comer containing short engagement style entries listing meetings, expenditure and 'things to do'. The diarist was married to Joan Comer (GDP/367)

Diaries included: 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999.

OPEN

GDP/369 Diaries of Maurice Kelcey 1971-2011

Diarist: Maurice Kelcey
Born: 4 December 1914
Died: 21 December 2001
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Maurice Kelcey of Cheshire. The diaries are mainly in A5 Letts format and record details of weather conditions, family affairs, social engagements, prices of goods and food bought. There also much discussion of growing fruit and vegetables, and conditions required for successful growing. The diaries are written in two handwriting styles which indicates that the set may be the work of two diarists.

Diaries available: 1971, 1972, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2011.

OPEN

GDP/370

Diaries of Joan Ida Brinsmead

1977-1986

Diarist: Joan Ida Brinsmead (nee Robinson)
Born: 13 June 1904
Died: 2 April 1986
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Joan Ida Brinsmead, all kept in A4 desk diaries. There are lengthy entries for each day detailing family affairs, social engagements and the weather. The diaries are also extensively filled with coloured drawings by the diarist, illustrating amusing or interesting moments from the day. There is also considerable ephemera, greetings cards, press cuttings (particularly regarding the Royal Family, television programmes and political affairs) and postcards/tickets from holidays pasted into the diaries and items of interest to the diarist.

The diarist was born in June 1904 in Islington, London, and married Denis Brinsmead in April 1944 in Edmonton. She died in Hornchurch in April 1986.

Diaries available: 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986.

OPEN

GDP/371 Diaries of Miriam Grace Ward 1977-1994

Diarist: Miriam Grace Ward (nee Parker)

Born: 9 June 1911

Died: 1 December 1994

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Miriam Grace Ward consisting of mainly A5 volumes. The diaries contain lengthy and detailed page-long entries for each day and discuss matters such as the weather, health, social engagements and family matters. The entries are also occasionally reflective and discuss relationships, personalities of friends and family, and general emotional wellbeing. The diarist married Frederick Eric Ward in Cardiff in October 1931 and his diaries are held as GDP/145.

Diaries included: 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994.

OPEN

GDP/372 Diaries of Dora Foggo 1935-2000

Diarist: Dora Foggo (nee Burgoyne)

Born: 14 April 1912

Died: 27 November 2000

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries of Dora Foggo are divided into two sets. The first diary sequence includes more lengthy entries, quite often a page a day, noting weather conditions, social engagements and family matters, and comments on general affairs. They are in a variety of formats and sizes. The second series of 'Home' diaries have are more engagement diaries, either containing normally shorter entries on weather and household management, and extensive accounts. These are also in a variety of formats.

The diarist was born in Yorkshire and lived with

husband Eric in the same house in Mirfield from when they married in 1936. They had two sons, Martin and Robin.

Main diaries included: 1935, 1936, 1959-1962 (five year diary), 25 Jul 1970 - 6 May 1971, 7 May -26 Sep 1971, 13 Oct 1971-5 May 1972, 6 May 1972-9 Jan 1973, 10 Jan 1973-26 Aug 1973, 27 Aug 1973-14 Apr 1974, 15 Apr - 26 Oct 1974, 27 Oct 1974 - 24 Jun 1975, 25 Jun 1975 - 17 Feb 1976, 18 Feb - 10 Sep 1976, 11 Sep 1976 - 30 Apr 1977, 1 May - 26 Nov 1977, 27 Nov 1977 - 18 Jul 1978, 19 Jul 1978 - 7 Mar 1979, 8 Mar - 2 Oct 1979, 3 Oct 1979 - 3 Jun 1980, 4 Jun 1980 - 16 Feb 1981, 16 Feb - 25 Sep 1981, 26 Sep - 6 Dec 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 (x2), 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000.

Second Diary Series: 1947, 1948, 1964 (x2), 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, `1999, 2000.

OPEN

GDP/373

Diaries of Julia McLaughlin Cook

1965-1980

Diarist: Julia McLaughlin Cook
Born: 1952
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Julia McLaughlin Cook starting in the diarist's teenage years at school in Preston through to her 20s. Most diaries are small format and there are at least a few sentences for each day. Topics covered include friends and family, social engagements, what the diarist in reading and her own writing, attendance at Church and what programmes have been listened to and watched on radio and television.

Diaries included: 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980.

OPEN

Diarist: Ian Christopher Sandever
Born: 22 February 1965
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comment: Diaries of Ian Sandever consisting of predominantly A4 volumes but also a small number of A5 volumes, The diarist usually completes a page of written entry a day and comments on sleep patterns, family and friends, work matters and social engagements. There is regularly ephemera, such as tickets, receipts, etc., pasted into the front page of each volume. The volumes from the early 1980s are written in French.

The diarist was born in Cambridge and brought up near Huntingdon, where they attended Hinchingbrooke Comprehensive School until the age of 18. From 1983 – 1987, they attended Thames Polytechnic (-now Greenwich University) to study Computing Science for (sandwich course). They left and spent two years working for Reuters (Central Technical Group) in the City before moving jobs (1990) to work at Hewlett-Packard in Bracknell. After a year or so, the diarist's dept relocated to Bristol, where I spent a number of years before meeting his wife – when I moved to Cardiff. During this time they had a son and he continued working for HP until he was made redundant after 20 years of service (2010). From there the diarist got a clerical job in the local HMRC office (Llanishen) as a civil servant – before transferring to the MoD (again in Bristol) where they still are employed in the Computer section (2013-). Six months after starting at the MoD, the diarist started having seizures – and was (eventually) diagnosed with a brain tumour and underwent neurosurgery to remove it. During this procedure, the “Broca’s Area” of the diarist's brain was damaged resulting in the inability to speak / think clearly / loss of all Mathematical thinking. They gradually regained much of this (although far from all) and are back full time working (-albeit mainly from home) with the occasion day in the office.

Diaries available: 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982,

1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989,
1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996,
1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003,
2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2015, 2016.

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GDP/375

Diaries of Stanley Claude Vinson

1975-1993

Diarist: Stanley Claude Vinson

Born: 12 June 1911

Died: 15 January 1992

Gender: Male

Cataloguer's Comments: Diaries kept by Stanley Vinson between 1975 and 1993. The entries cover social engagements, trips, religious activities, family and friends, and the occasional comment on current affairs or items in the news. The diaries occasionally include ephemera from places visited.

Diaries Available: 1975, 1979, 1980, 1981,
1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988,
1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993.

OPEN

GDP/376

Diaries of Doris Mary Nicholls

1950-1989

Diarist: Doris Mary Nicholls

Born: 4 February 1900

Died: 24 December 1993

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's Comments: Diaries of Doris Mary Nicholls of Sheffield, detailing her life between 1950 and 1989. Topics covered include family relationships, children, social engagements, domestic budgets, the diarist's health, visits and regular mention is made of the weather. There are entries of several sentences for most days but at certain periods the entries are more sporadic. There is a detailed biographical index in the accession file listing the major moments in the diarist's life, family members mentioned in the diaries and quotes of interest.

Diaries Available: 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953,
1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965,
1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1972, 1973, 1974,
1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981,

1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1989.

OPEN

GDP/377

Diaries of Jennifer Kavanagh

1995-1997

Diarist: Jennifer Kavanagh

Born: 13 December 1982

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's Comments: Two diaries kept by Jennifer Kavanagh as a teenager whilst growing up as an ex-pat in the Netherlands in the 1990s. Topics covered include school life, social engagements, music (especially Britpop bands), going to gigs, relationships with boys and friends, and the diarist's emotions and feelings about the day's events. The diaries are both lockable, one in Tartan and the other an 'Absolutely Fabulous' diary. Also includes photo of the diarist at the time the diaries were written.

Diaries Available: 1 August 1995-18 August 1996, 19 August 1996-10 July 1997.

OPEN

GDP/378

Diaries of Ruth Holm

1994-2005

Diarist: Ruth Winifred Holm (nee Donohue)

Born: 3 March 1928

Died: 27 December 2017

Gender: Male

Cataloguer's Comments: Diaries of Ruth Holm covering her life in Manchester from 1994 to 2005. The diarist was born in Manchester and was the second of four girls. She was educated at St Thomas of Canterbury School in Salford. She met her husband, a Swedish Merchant Navy seaman at The Ritz in Manchester in 1949 and was married the same year. The diarist and her husband spent most of their life living in a small village called Monton which is part of Salford. The diarist had many jobs. She was in the ATS, worked as a machinist making raincoats, had a business selling carpets and furniture, worked for several years in a betting shop, worked for a large catalogue company called John Myers, and finally ended her working career as a credit controller for a large carpet distribution warehouse.

The diaries regularly begin with descriptions of weather and temperature, and include information about family, friends, social engagements, visits, trips and holidays. There are entries of varying length for most days in the diaries and also include press cuttings and ephemera of interest to the diarist.

Diaries Available: 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2005.

OPEN

GDP/379

Diaries of Keith McBride

1952-1961

Diarist: Keith Donald McBride
Born: 31 July 1931
Died: 7 February 2017
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's Comments: Diaries of Keith McBride. The diarist was born in Hillingdon and lived all of his life in Hanwell and Brentford. He attended Drayton Manor Grammar school and later University College London where he read history, graduating in 1953. After National Service, the diarist passed the exams for the Civil Service and worked as an executive officer in the Ministry of Defence. His family lived in South Ealing but once in regular employment, the diarist bought a house in Boston Manor Road where he lived with his widowed mother and younger sister. He never married. The diarist had many interests but his main passion was naval history and he researched and published on the topic. The diarist retired on health grounds when he was 54 and occupied himself doing research at the Public Record Office, the National Maritime Museum and elsewhere in London. He was also a Quaker from 1979 and later acted as a volunteer helper in an adult education class for English for speakers of other languages.

The diaries contain extensive entries for most days, starting off with descriptions of the weather and then providing a detailed description of the diarist's activities during the day, including where the diarist had visited and comments on views of the day's activities. There are frequent and lengthy descriptions on sport,

particularly cricket and motor racing, and occasional comments on current affairs. There is also regular mention of the diarist's interests in history and particularly naval and aviation history. The diaries kept during National Service also include notes from army classes.

Diaries Available: 7 July 1952-30 December 1952, 31 December 1952-25 September 1956, 26 September 1956-5 June 1958, 10 June 1958-26 July 1959, 27 July 1959-20 October 1961.

Other Items: Two National Service Diaries/Notebooks (9 April 1955-14 July 1955 & 25 July 1955-19 December 1955), One file of personal and professional correspondence, including employment, National service and letters from family, 1955-1956, One photo album covering visits to London, Southend, Dorset and France, and motor racing, 1958-1961.

OPEN

GDP/380

Diaries of Evelyn Peck

1966-1995

Diarist: Evelyn Peck
Born: c 1911
Died: 1997
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's Comments: Diaries of Evelyn Peck of Morden, London, covering the period from 1966 to 1995, although there are no diaries from 1967 to 1986. The 1966 diary includes one to three line entries briefly describing the day's activities, such as birthdays, visits, social engagements or household chores. The diaries from 1987 to 1995 are far more detailed and there are lengthier entries regarding weather, day-to-day activities, visits, social engagements, family members, television watched, food eaten, etc. There is a biographical essay on Evelyn by Ron Peck (archive held at Bishopsgate Institute) in the accession file.

Diaries Available: 1966, 1987, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995.

Other Material: Autograph book, signed by school friends and acquaintances, 1925-1927.

OPEN

GDP/381 Diaries of Renee Scherzer Smith 1949-1997

Diarist: Renee Scherzer Smith
Born: 10 July 1933
Died: 5 November 2007
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's Comments: Diaries of Renne Scherzer Smith from her teenage years in London E1 to later years of marriage and family in Essex. The early diaries from the 1940s and 1950s are almost engagement diaries, listing one or two notes about the days activities and mainly recording social engagements, leisure time and friends. They are also rather sporadic. Later diaries from the 1960s onwards have fuller entries from around two to five sentences a day. These usually cover family and friends, social engagements, the diarist's expenditure and shopping and there is also frequent mention of the weather. Very often there are letters or other small pieces of ephemera in the diaries, such as letters and tickets, along with diary excerpts written on other bits of papers when the diary was not to hand.

Diaries Available:: 1949, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967 (x2), 1968 (x 2), 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997.

OPEN

GDP/382 Diaries of Norman Stobart 1980-2010

Diarist: Norman Stobart
Born: 19 August 1927
Died: 17 August 2011
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's Comments: Diaries of Norman Stobart covering his later life in retirement with wife Phyllis. The diarist was born in South Shields on Tyneside in 1927, the second of six children. In 1941, after leaving school at 14 he became a telegram messenger and, after a brief spell in the Home Guard, volunteered for the

army (King's Own Regiment). The War ended before the diarist saw combat and he was transferred to the Army Pay Corps in Lancaster. Soon after the diarist joined English Electric at their East Lincs Road (Liverpool) location where he trained and qualified as an electrical draughtsman. He remained with the company until 1972 when he commenced work in the Street Lighting section of the Liverpool City Engineers. He remained there until 1992 when at the age of 65 he retired. He met wife Phyllis in 1951 and they were married in July 1955. In retirement, the couple took holidays and were heavily involved with the local Methodist Church. Further biographical details can be found in the accession file.

GDP/383

Diaries of Lesley Joan Offer (nee Smith)

1960-1999

Diarist: Lesley Joan Offer

Born: 15 July 1949

Died:

Gender: Female

Cataloguer's Comments: Predominantly pocket book diaries in plastic or leather of red, green, black, or brown. The diaries are used for recording appointments; occasionally there are references to emotional states or to events during the day, for example, 'very tense' and 'G good at his job'. There is very little detail or elucidation on these highly personal references; they appear more as an aide de memoire than an exercise in self-exploration. The most detailed descriptions of events and experiences occur in the diaries from the 1970s and 1980s, for example in 1970 Ms Offer describes travel with a boyfriend and in 1973 a solitary skiing holiday. The mid-late 70s describe a relationship which Ms Offer's parents disapproved of. The early diaries (1960s) are characteristic of a young girl growing up in Suffolk and her concerns; there are a range of references to bullying, parents rows, a job at the local library (1965), friends and family, for example, a memo in 1960 reads: 'Wish mummy not any work.' The last diaries describe life post-divorce (12

April 1996).

Diaries Available: 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999.

GDP/384

Diaries of Edward Vincent Wilkinson

1975-2013

Diarist: Edward Vincent Wilkinson
Born: 19 July 1926
Died: 13 June 2013
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's Comments: Father Wilkinson had a vigorous approach to his priesthood and life. He travelled extensively and the deposit is predominantly accounts of journeys he made on a different motorbikes. The entries are witty and descriptive. As well as travelling, Father Wilkinson evidently enjoyed the countryside; his family (he was one of eleven children) and singing. His last appointment was between 1995-2001 and during this period he was a member of the Fishermans' Choir. He loved butter and to keep it cool, during long journeys, devised a back- of- the- motorbike fridge. The collection is predominantly notes on holidays taken by Father Wilkinson; the formats for these are manually dated notebooks of various shapes and colour. The engagement diaries are pocket book sized.

Diaries Available: Engagement diaries: 1986, 1989, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 and holiday diaries (detailed below):
1975 -1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982-1989, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1998 (x2), 2000 (x4), 2002 (x2), 2003 (x3), and 2004.

Other material:
- photograph of Father Wilkinson ordination in 1950, along with a list of the diocese in which he served.

- list of motorbikes Father Wilkinson owned between 1950 and 2009.
- 'Register of Manual Masses'.
- holiday diary from 1975 (Australia and Canada), 1976 (Spain), and 1977 (Canada).
- holiday diary from 1978 (Canada).
- holiday diary, 1979 (Italy).
- holiday diary, 1980 (Canada).
- holiday diary, 1981 (Norway).
- holiday diary, 1982-1989 (Canada, Britain, Italy, and Australia).
- holiday, tape recorded, diary 1984 (Italy).
- holiday, tape recorded, diary 1984 (France).
- holiday, tape recorded, diary 1988 (France).
- holiday diary, 1988 (destination - unclear).
- holiday diary, 1990 (Spain, Brussels, Portugal, and France).
- holiday diary, 1992 (Belgium, Germany, France, Austria, Italy, Hungary, and Romania).
- holiday diary, 1993 (Belgium, Germany, France, Austria, Italy, and Hungary).
- holiday diary, 1994 (Germany and Czechoslovakia).
- holiday diary, 1995 (Australia).
- holiday diary, 1996 (Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Austria, and Holland).
- holiday diary, 1997 (Scotland).
- holiday diary, 1998 (Ethiopia).
- holiday diary, 1998 (Holland, Germany, France, and Switzerland).
- holiday diary, 2000 (possibly - Palma).
- holiday diary, 2000 (Canada and Netherlands)
- volumes holiday diary, 2000 (France to Germany).
- holiday diary, 2002 (Keswick).
- holiday diary, 2002 (France and Italy), last trip on motobike.
- holiday diary, 2003 (Canada).
- holiday diary, 2003 (Canada and Australia).
- holiday diary, 2004 (Ireland and Wales).

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GDP/385

Diaries of Peggy Morrison-Smith

1980-2009

Diarist: Peggy Morrison-Smith
 Born: 16 May 1920
 Gender: Female

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries are all hard-back, and primarily of the 'Dairy Diary'

variety. Ms Morrison-Smith lives in Gloucester and spent most of her life (bar a brief period during the Second World War building excavation sliders from aircraft) as a housewife. Diary entries are regular and neat. References are made to: weather; friends visited and means of going to and from appointments; health of friends and family; domestic chores completed; meals made and consumed or proposed; chapel visits; gardening; household tips and recipes.

Diaries Available: 1980, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009.

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GDP/386

Diaries of Craig John-Miller

1926-1979

Diarist: Craig John-Miller
Born: 26 September 1907
Died: 1979
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries come in a range of formats, notably 1966-1969 and 1970-1973 A5 Unicef volumes and 1974-1976 hard back Collins volumes following the distinct Year Planner Diary design of that decade. The early years, 20 diaries spanning the period 1926-1965, are all pocket book, leather bound and, in the main, Walker or Collins volumes.

The entries are frequent and regular. Mr John-Miller was a trainspotter. He recounts at the top of most entries - as a form of perfunctory subtitle - the weather for the day. He often writes in some detail about his whereabouts throughout the day and in the evening; generally spent at work or home, he often notes what entertainment he decides on in the evening or what type of evening meal he had.

Diaries Available: 1926, 1927, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1936, 1937, 1940, 1944, 1945, 1951, 1952, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979.

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GDP/387

Diaries of Joan Mackinnon

1954-2013

Diarist: Joan Mackinnon
Born: 8 August 1920
Died: 21 May 2013
Gender: female

Cataloguer's Comments: The collection is primarily constituted of annual diaries in pocket formats. However, there are also 12 collections of photographs which constitute a detailed photographic account of the diarist's travels only. The photograph collections are not significantly annotated. However, numerous photographs of sights seen; modes of transport used and people met tell their own story. The diaries are kept daily and though there is some detail on meals and weather the entries are dominated by timings: timings for appointments; timings for when people visited or were visited and for exhibitions or events.

Diaries included: 1954-1959, 1960-1969, 1970-1976 and 1978-1979, 1980-1989, 1990-1999 and 2000-2013.

Other material included:
Photographic accounts of trips to:
- China, 1987
- Turkey, 1988
- Egypt, 1986
- India, 1989
- Bangkok, 1991
- Italy, 1991
- Holland, 1991
- Berlin, 1992
- Caribbean, 1993
- Malaysia and Singapore, 1994
- Israel, 1994
- Norway, 2004.

GDP/388

Diaries of Joan Waldron

1954-2015

Diarist: Joan Waldron
Born: 13 February 1924
Died: 21 November 2017
Gender: female

Cataloguer's Comments: The diaries come in

two formats: pocket book or A5. A5 is switched to in 1995, and remains the format of choice until 2015. The pocket book diaries have all had their covers ripped off and the year of the diary written on the bare spine of the book.

Joan (who preferred Joanna) worked in Bush House during the Second World War - she never spoke about and did not write about her experiences, however an aptitude for record-keeping is evident in her exceptionally regular and uniform diary-writing. She kept a diary for every year and each one is meticulously preserved and up-to-date. From 1954-2015 the diary entries remain uniform : starting with the weather and moving onto single word entries on people seen, places visited or chores completed. Joan lived with her aunt in a thatched cottage in Hampshire. She evidently enjoyed gardening, reading, travel, and playing bridge.

Diaries Available: All diaries between 1954 and 2015 are available - except 2011, which is missing.

Other materials:

- undated account of a holiday in Ireland
- account of a holiday in Herefordshire and then Wales (1958)
- account of a holiday in Crete (1972)

GDP/389

Diaries of Andrew Staines

1977-2016

Diarist: Andrew Staines
Born: 11 February 1937
Died: September 2016
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Andrew Staines covering the period from 1977 to 2016 and kept in A5 or A4 diaries. The diarist was born on 11 February 1937 and attended St Peter's School in York where he distinguished himself as captain of fencing and by regularly winning the reading prize. In 1955 he became eligible for National Service but instead chose to join the regulars and was posted to North Africa and then Cyprus as an NCO in the Intelligence Corps. On his return he moved briefly into the

family home in Finchley before heading off to teach, for a brief period, at Worcester College for the Blind. In 1959 he started working as a keeper at Whipsnade Zoo. He then began his career in the theatre, working as a stage manager and then as an actor at various repertory companies in England and Scotland. Perhaps the highpoint of his career was his appearances in four series of Dr Who, all of which were directed, and in one case written, by his uncle Barry Letts.

It was while working at Sheffield Rep in the early 1960s that he met the actress and drama teacher Ruth Wynn Owen. This proved to be the most important relationship of his life lasting until Ruth's death in 1992. Ruth practised a form of primitive religion that she called Y Plant Brân, which involved worship of the Great Mother, and Andrew supported her in her beliefs. When Ruth was diagnosed with throat cancer, both of them became heavily involved with the Popinjay Club (later the National Association of Laryngectomee Clubs) a support group for Laryngectomy patients at Charing Cross Hospital. From the late 1980s he worked as a professional house sitter, mostly for Universal Aunts. His latter years were difficult: his health declined badly and kidney failure meant he had to attend hospital three times a week for dialysis. . He died on 16 September 2016.

The diaries contain lengthy entries for most days but there are also periods where no entries are made. The entries detail the diarists day-to-day activities, relationships with family and friends, including details of the diarists thoughts and feelings, the diarist's artwork, visits and later medical treatments. The diaries occasionally includes ephemera, such as postcards and press cuttings.

Diaries available: 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1985, 1986. 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007. 2008. 2009. 2010. 2011. 2012. 2013. 2014. 2015. 2016.

Other Material: Published book, 'Taking a line for a walk', a collection of drawing by the diarist (1994)

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GDP/390

Diaries of Lilly Browne

2007-2018

Diarist: Lilly Browne
Born: 15 March 1990
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's Comments: Diaries of Lilly Browne covering the period of her life from age 17 onwards. Each diary is kept in a book of a different size and format, and daily entries take the form of note on social engagements, friends and family, personal feelings, money spent and social activities. The diaries also contain extensive ephemera, both loose and stuck into the pages on the relevant date, including tickets, receipts, birthday cards, flyers and other material. There are also extensive cuttings of articles and photos from magazines, mainly around fashion and style, along with photographs of the diarist and her family. From 2017, the diarist uses a 'Passion Planner' diary, taking a more engagement diary format, although the collection of ephemera continues.

Diaries Available: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2010-2011, 2012, 2012-2013, 2013, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2017, 2018, 2017-2018.

Other Material: Account Book (n.d.)

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GDP/391

Diaries of Evaline Frances Randall

1918-1945

Diarist: Evaline Frances Randall (married name Webb)
Born: 16 November 1903
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's Comments: Diaries of Evaline Frances Randall from the age of 14 onwards. The diaries cover the final year of WWI and most of WWII. Each diary is kept in a book of different size and format, and diary entries take the form of notes about school life, conditions during war time, effects of the war including rationing and using air raid shelters, commentary on events of the war, weather, friends and family, social engagements, lists of books read, lists of Christmas Presents given.

The diaries also contain cuttings of articles from newspapers, mostly regarding raids during the war. The diary from 1918 also contains a loose handwritten poem and a Ration Book issued in June 1918.

Diaries Available: 1918, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945

Other Material: Ration Book 1953-1954 and Clothing Book 1947-48

OPEN

GDP/392 Transcript of the Diaries of Charles William Klapper 1878

Diarist: Charles William Klapper
Born: N.D.
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's Comments: Transcripts of the diaries of Charles William Klapper written while on a Tour with his sons in Germany in 1878. The diary has been transcribed by hand into two A4 notebooks and has been copied out exactly as the original. The diary entries are detailed and describe places that Charles and his sons visited, what they did while they are there, how they travelled, what they ate and their journey home. At the end of the second volume, the diarist gives a 'General Opinion on all Nations'.

Diaries Available: 1878
OPEN

GDP/393 Diaries of Ros Carne 1981-2012

Diarist: Ros Carne
Born: 27 February 1957
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Ros Carne which span over a 30 year period. Each diary is kept in a book of different size and format and diary entries can be sporadic. Diaries often overlap in terms of dates, and comments are often made that a previous diary has been mislaid or diary entries from a trip or holiday are often written in a new notebook which the diarist then comes back to at a later date. Some of the

diaries are a mixture of diary entries and notes relating to the diarists writing, including her novel and bits of poetry. The diaries focus a lot on the diarists work load as a barrister, her children and also discussions about her writing. Other subjects discussed in the diary include: trips and holidays, social engagements, relationships, emotions, occasions such as birthdays and Christmas, friendships and hobbies such as yoga, running, piano and reading. The diarist also provides commentary for current affairs, often commenting on key news headlines on particular days, such as the death of Princess Diana and different election results. Some of the diaries contain drawings, although this does not occur often. Some of the diaries also contain loose items including, the diarist's business card, a wristband for a leisure centre and a drawing of one of her children as a baby.

Diaries Available: 18 May 1981 – July 1982; 1985-April 1987; 16 August 1987 – 9 November 1987; 25 April 187 – 28 November 1988; 29 December 1985 – 15 June 1988; 1987 – 1989; 16 June 1989 – 15 March 1990; 1989 – 29 June 1990; September 1988 – 13 February 1995; 5 July 1990 – 8 January 1992; 9 January 1992 – 22 April 1994; 22 April 1994 – 17 December 1995; 24 July 1995 – 16 August 1996; 6 May 1996 – 29 August 1997; 7 September 1997 – 5 March 1998; 18 March 1998 – 12 August 1998; 19 August 1998 – 20 April 1999; 17 May 1999 – 27 December 1999; 24 April 1999 – 2 September 2000; 23 January 2000 – 13 February 2001; 13 February 2001 – 12 July 2001; 15 July 2001 – 1 May 2002; 24 March 2002 – 3 November 2004; April 2004 – 2006; 30 January 2003 – 24 April 2007; 20 June 2007 – 16 June 2008; 9 July 2008 – 22 May 2009; 16 June 2008 – 13 November 2009; 25 June 2009 – 25 August 2012

Other material: 4 notebooks dated 1993 – 1998; 10 August 1994 – 16 August 2000; 28 December 1998 – 12 June 1999; 17 September 2003 – 20 October 2012 containing notes relating to diarists novel.

CLOSED

GDP/394 Diaries of Ernest Martin 1931-1940

Diarist: Ernest Hubert Bernard Martin
Born: 13 May 1912
Died: 1989
Gender: Male

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of a young man during his time as a student at the Royal College of Science (later part of Imperial College) in South Kensington. The diaries contain entries describing his university work, lectures, friends, socialising, the weather, homesickness, doubts about his future career, theatre and cinema trips, going to Lyons tea rooms, dating, dances and exams. Later diaries discuss his teaching work, music rehearsals and the start of the Second World War. At first the entries are daily but from October 1933 onwards the diarist 'recaps' his previous week. In the last volume there are loose sheets torn from a notebook with the entries for 1936 and 1939-1940.

Diaries included: 05 Oct 1931-17 March 1932, 11 April-15 June 1932, 03 October-14 December 1932, January-June 1933, October 1933-July 1934, September-December 1934, January-May 1935, January-March 1936, January 1939-January 1940.

OPEN

GDP/395 Diaries of Robert Alan Brunsten 1952-2013

Diarist: Robert Alan Brunsten
Born: 01 April 1931
Died: 31 October 2017
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: These diaries belonged to Robert Alan Brunsten (known as Alan), son of Jessie Brunsten (see GDP/396). Alan served in the Army in Korea. Entries are brief (one or two sentences) but regular (almost every day). Entries recount the day's events rather than feelings, and cover subjects including household chores, visits to and from family and friends, the weather, health issues, theatre and cinema outings, driving holidays, hobbies (e.g. stamp collecting, tennis). The earlier diaries mention

the advent of television and Alan's time in Canada.

Also included in the deposit are a few family photographs and postcards, and the Orders of Service for Alan's funeral (2017) and that of his wife Jeanne (2016). Also letters Alan and Jeanne to Jeanne's parents while Alan and Jeanne were living in Canada (1952, 1958-1960).

Diaries included: 1952-1957, several 5-year diaries (1958-1962, 1962-1966, 1967-1971, 1972-1976, 1977-1978 [other three years not filled in]), 'My Trip' diary (1960 and 1994), 1974-2013

OPEN

GDP/396

Diaries of Jessie Brunsten

1920-1980

Diarist: Jessie Brunsten
Born: 16 April 1902
Died: 06 April 1985
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: These diaries belonged to Jessie Brunsten, mother of Alan Brunsten (see GDP/395).

Entries are brief (one or two words or, at most, sentences) as the diaries are very small (ranging from 6x8 to 10x16cm), but regular (almost every day). Entries recount the day's events, covering subjects such as household chores, visits to and from family and friends, the weather, theatre, concert and cinema outings, her husband and son, illnesses. The 1939 diary mentions the outbreak of the Second World War, and the subsequent ones covering the war years mention air raids and her 'war work' (begun in March 1944).

Also included in the deposit are letters from family and friends to Jessie and her husband Robert, 1946-1973.

Diaries included: 1920-1921, 1926, 1934-1949, 1950-1969, 1970-1980

OPEN

GDP/397 Diaries of Jack Griffiths 1936-2003

Diarist: Jack Griffiths
Born: 23 March 1920
Died: 15 May 2003
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Jack Griffiths, originally from Bidston, near Oxford but spent most of his working life (and thereafter) in and around York. The diaries begin when he was 16 and end the day before he passed away at age 83. They record his day-to-day life working first at Rowntree's and then as an art teacher at York School of Art. The entries are daily and record the weather, food eaten, errands (shopping, running the car, etc.), his health (and that of family and friends), hobbies (golf, swimming, going to the pub and, latterly, mediation and yoga), trips to the cinema and theatre, Betty's tea shop in York, India (1946) and the RAF during the Second World War. Up until the late 1980s the diaries are very small (7 x 11cm) but then larger (17 x 25); his handwriting gets smaller, however. There are regular mentions of his wife Gertrude, whom he refers to as 'Spenny' (her surname having been Spencer), up until her illness and death in 1984.
Husband of diarist Gertrude Spencer Griffiths (GDP/398)

Diaries included: 1936, 1939-1946, 1950-2003
OPEN

GDP/398 Diaries of Gertrude Griffiths 1943-1946

Diarist: Gertrude Spencer Griffiths
Born: c.1920
Died: 11 March 1984
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Gertrude Griffiths (nee Spencer), a nurse from Beverley. Entries record the weather, receiving letters from her husband Jack (who was in the RAF during the Second World War), trips with friends to the cinema, dances, cafes, visits to and from friends, time spent with Jack when he is on leave.
Wife of diarist Jack Griffiths (GDP/397)

Diaries included: 1943-1946
OPEN

GDP/399

Diaries of Audrey Dunk

1931-2009

Diarist: Audrey Dunk
Born: 1 March 1920
Died: 29 April 2012
Gender: Female

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Audrey Dunk spanning 78 years with only 2 years missing between 1931 and 2009 (1975 and 2006).

Audrey Dunk was a secretary/personal assistant, working at organisations such as the BBC (where she worked during WWII) and Columbia Broadcasting System of America Inc. (CBS). Each diary is kept in a book of different size and format and entries can be quite sporadic. All diary entries are in brief note form however, some entries are just one word and others are several lines long. Diary entries that are written about her holidays tend to be slightly more detailed. Some diary entries also consist of simply a monetary amount, a time or an asterisk. The diaries begin during Audrey's time at school; she makes reference to her school days in the early volumes with entries about her school life being most detailed in 1932.

Audrey's diaries also cover every year of World War II; however, there is little commentary on the events of the war apart from its start and the mention of First Aid in some of the entries.

Other subjects in the diaries include: social engagements, hours at work, home improvements, appointments such as dentist, doctors and hair, holidays and trips, annual leave, health of her mother, her own health, family, occasions such as weddings and birthdays, hobbies such as tennis and seeing films and plays and everyday chores. Many of the diaries also contain loose material such as blotting paper, newspaper cuttings, extra notes for certain days and business cards.

Diaries available: 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940 (2 volumes, one completely blank), 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951,

1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960 (2 volumes), 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988 (2 volumes), 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009.

Other material: Three British passports that belonged to Audrey Dunk (1937-1963), including stamps from the places that she travelled to; letters to and from employers regarding references for new jobs and acknowledgement of resignation; letters listing the education and employment history of the diarist at different points throughout her life; bundles of loose pages from diaries that have been torn out, some of which contain entries.

OPEN

GDP/400

Diary of Mary Stone

1939-1942

Diarist: Mary Stone

Born: c.1917

Died: c.1995

Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: The notebooks of Mary Stone during her time as a Sergeant in the WAAF (Women's Auxiliary Air Force) in the Second World War. The collection comprises two notebooks. The first identifies the diarist as being based at Gloucester and gives the dates 05-18 August 1942. It contains handwritten notes regarding the organisation of the RAF (Royal Air Force) and WAAF, with entries on Station Defence, Discipline and Morale, non-commissioned officers, WAAF law, filing systems used, drill, pay and allowances, parade, health and leave. The latter part of the notebook contains recipes; there is also a loose photograph of the diarist and loose pages with handwritten recipes for onion stuffing, chocolate coconut ice, lemon meringue pie and coffee, and clippings from the newspaper with a recipe for Christmas cake and a list of 'handy hints for housewives'.

The second notebook is paperback and covers the period 16 October 1939 to 12 August 1941, though the entries are erratic. It contains handwritten notes in pencil (very faint) regarding 'Hygiene', 'The Great War', 'Five regions in the spine', 'Sleep' and entries on individual illnesses such as diarrhoea. Also loose typescript and handwritten information regarding tear gases and other subjects.

OPEN

GDP/401 Diaries of Maurice Hallam 1973-2013

Diarist: Maurice Hallam
Born: 17 June 1943
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of Maurice Hallam, electrical engineer in the Royal Air Force, then owner of his own ultrasound equipment company. There are entries for most days, and each entry covers three separate areas: a personal diary of the diarist's life and that of family and friends, an account of local news (Newcastle/Northeast) news, and a record of national news of the day.

Diaries included: 1973-2013. CLOSED UNTIL 2028

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GDP/402 Diaries of James Julian Malpas 1975-2015

Diarist: James Julian Malpas
Born: 27 May 1958
Died: 16 May 2015
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: Diaries of James Julian Malpas, 'an art historian with a broad knowledge of western art, literature, history, music, eastern arts and spirituality. He was a virtuoso lecturer and educator at galleries including the Tate, Victoria & Albert and Hayward, for the National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies and the National Art Collections Fund, and on BBC Radio 3 and 4' [Guardian obituary, 28 June

2015].

Early diaries (when the diarist was in his teens) list vinyl records purchased, tarot reading results and i-Ching predictions, books bought (chiefly these seem from their titles to be art books, psychology books and those dealing with the interpretation of dreams); also events at school, his health, his friends (and those he dislikes), his feelings and impressions of his own day-to-day life. Every day is filled in, in a close, cramped hand. From 1977, when he is at university, the diarist begins using A4-sized hardback notebooks, and includes loose pages of poetry written by the diarist. For several years there are more than one diary. Entries get less frequent in the early 1980s, with intense bursts of consistent entries but then months with none. Nevertheless there are still several years with more than one notebook for each year. The diarist's chief preoccupations continue to be the arts (music, painting, drama, architecture, poetry). The additional diary notebooks in a given year are usually devoted to commentaries on and reviews of books read, and/or to travel. By 1988 the diarist is an established lecturer in art history. The diaries return to being full to overflowing, in the diarist's close handwriting. For 1992 there are four journals, one of which is filled only with press clippings. In addition (as is also true of other years) there are some entries on loose sheets of paper slotted into the diary, along with some typescript poetry, press clippings, blank postcards and other ephemera. Subsequent years also have at least two diaries, sometimes three for each calendar year.

Diaries included: 1975-1977, January 1978, 1979-2015.

OPEN

GDP/403

Diaries of Wilfred Friend

1989-1997

Diarist: Wilfred James Friend
Born: 05 December 1916
Died: 21 June 2010
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: Conscripted to the Armed Forces in 1939, the diarist served until

1948 and achieved the rank of Major. After his discharge he began a career as a teacher of Mathematics in a West London school. At his death he was survived by his second wife, Selvam, with whom he had a daughter. Entries begin when the diarist was 73 years old and end eight years later; they are irregular (many days left blank). Entries recount the day's events and cover subjects including the weather, household chores, errands (running the car, picking his daughter up from school), meals, travel, opinions on education and criminal justice.

Diaries included: 1989-1995, 1997

CLOSED

GDP/404

Diaries of Diana Delahoy

1963-2016

Diarist: Diana Delahoy (nee Rendall)

Born: 29 March 1953

Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Diarist grew up in Tunbridge Wells and trained as a lab technician at Pembury Hospital 1971-1974. She married Rob Delahoy in 1974 and over the next 14 years lived in Beckenham, Penge, Worcester Park and Normandy, Surrey. She worked in various posts 1974-1978 and then as a civil servant until 2010. She and her husband were keen motorcyclists and took mostly touring holidays. Her husband passed away in 2007. The diary entries are regular (just about every day) and cover a range of subjects from family and friends, work and holidays. She is open and frank about her feelings and impressions. Early on (particularly in the 1970s diaries) there is often more than one diary for a given year; from 1985 the diarist uses larger notebooks, and from 1986 these are supplanted by loose sheets bound together with string.

Diaries included: 1963-2016

OPEN

GDP/405

Anonymous Diary

1943

Diarist: Unknown

Born: Unknown

Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Record by an unknown woman of her pregnancy, beginning with episodes of morning sickness (04 January). Entries are brief and they are few and far between. There is no record of the eventual birth.

OPEN

GDP/406 Diaries of Alison Adcock 1985-2014

Diarist: Alison Adcock
Born: 28 July 1919
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries begin with a record of 'our life at' [her family home address in Oxfordshire] in three volumes (1985-1989). Subsequent diaries are almost all paperback exercise books and are numbered (in Roman numerals) volumes IV-CXVIII (4-118), followed by a single notebook numbered CXXXIV (134). The diarist writes almost every day and at length, recording the weather, her activities, friends, family, cultural events and national and international news, day-to-day activities such as shopping, housework, going for walks, family holidays and other interests.

The collection also includes a single-volume 'hospital diary' (December 2001), and a good deal of autobiographical material.

Diaries included: 1985-2011, 2014

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GDP/407 Girl Guides and Boy Scouts diaries 1923-1950

Collection of nine diaries, published by Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America and the Girl Guides; also one School Girl's brand diary, [1923-1950]

Includes:

1-3. Boy Scouts of America diaries, 1923, 1924, 1928. Diarist: Chester Rice, initially of Troop No. 1 of the BSA in Forestport, New York, then Martinsburg, New York. Entries are frequent,

though in the 1923 and 1924 diaries they stop after the summer months. Topics mentioned include the weather, the natural world, church meetings, raising chickens, school work and exams, doing chores (such as mowing the lawn), hobbies and social events.

4. Boy Scouts of America diary, 1923. Diarist: Anonymous, of Forestport, New York. There are almost daily press clippings, glued into the diary and loose, regarding music concerts and church events. Entries are therefore sparse and short. Topics mentioned include the weather, church meetings and factual information (e.g. 'First electric light plant, 1882').

5. School Girl's diary, 1929. Diarist: Jean Simons of Newcastle, Staffordshire. Entries are regular but cease after May. They concern friends, shopping, going to chapel, the weather, socialising.

6-7. Girl Scout diaries, 1936-1937. Diarist: Kay Macdonald of Oak Tree Patrol, Troop No. 1, Putnam, Connecticut. Entries are very regular (almost every day) and describe going to church, going to school, family, friends, sporting and social events. Also includes 'My Girl Scout Record' with record of badges gained.

8. Girl Guides diary, 1938. Diarist: Maurice Pollard of Newark, Nottinghamshire. Entries are scant (only three or four dates are filled in for the entire year) and convey little information.

9. Girl Guides diary, 1950. Diarist: Heather Morgan of Petworth, Sussex. Entries are few and far between as the diary seems to have been used only to remind the owner of birthdays and other holidays.

Diaries included: 1923 (two diaries), 1924, 1928, 1929, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1950

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Anonymous Diary

1941

Diarist: Unknown
Born: c.1923
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Entries begin 1st February and continue through December. At first they are sparse and simply note social events (plays, dances, etc.) but then become

more detailed, describing what the diarist wore, personal feelings, schoolwork, the weather, music lessons and friends.

Accompanying the diary is a two-page photocopied key for deciphering the code the diarist sometimes uses in her diary.

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GDP/409 Diaries of (Elsie) Ruth Winterbone 1979-2011

Diarist: (Elsie) Ruth Winterbone

Born: 02 December 1927

Died: 18 February 2013

Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: The diaries begin when the diarist, who preferred to be called by her middle name of Ruth, was 51; they continue yearly until two years before her death at age 85. She was born in the village of Islip in Northamptonshire, the sixth of seven children. She attended grammar school (the only one among her siblings to do so) and married in 1952. She had four children. In 1958 they moved to Hertfordshire, then moved to Wrexham when her husband (born 14 September 1931) retired. Her husband died in 2012. The entries are regular (nearly every day) but not lengthy, and concern her children, household chores and errands, shopping, friends and family, social events, attending church, her and her family's health, and the weather.

Diaries included: 1979-2011

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GDP/410 Diary of Cecilia Margaret McGivern Jourdan 1979-1984

Diarist: Cecilia Margaret Jourdan (nee McGivern)

Born: 21 September 1907

Died: 17 December 1984

Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: This one-volume diary covers the period January 1979 to November 1984, from when the diarist was 71 until a few weeks before she passed away at age 77. The

GDP/413 Diary of Jim Sanders 2012-2016

Diarist: Jim Sanders
Born: 17 October 1949
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: Published diary (paperback) entitled 'Book of Days 2012-2016'. Entries describe day-to-day life and the weather in the diarist's residence of Burke, Virginia, U.S.A., personal insights, church events, family, friends and neighbours, retirement, travel, current affairs and hobbies. With a few colour photographs.

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GDP/414 Diaries of Francis Patrick Lynch 1949-2016

Diarist: Francis Patrick Lynch
Born: 20 December 1936
Died: 07 October 2017
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments: There is more than one diary for most years: a pocket appointments-type diary and a larger diary with more detailed entries. The diarist describes the weather, his work as a teacher in a Catholic primary school in Manchester, his family and friends, occasions and holidays, day-to-day errands and hobbies. Many entries are almost illegible as they are done in pencil, which has smudged, and the diarist's handwriting is very small. Also the diaries seem to have been kept in damp conditions for many years, as they show signs of mould damage.

Also included in this collection are the diarist's school and university records and awards, together with his CV and copies of his birth and death certificates.

Diaries included: 1949-1951, 1953-2016. There is one diary only for the years 1949-1951, 1953-1954, 1978, 1980-1983, 1985-1986, 1988, 2005, 2015-2016; all others have at least two and in some cases (1955, 1959, 2011) have three.

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GDP/415 Diary of Maria 2001-2003

Diarist: Maria
Born: c.1986
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments: Written in Spanish. Diary of a young girl recounting her life, friends, boyfriend 'Puas' ('Thorns') and a holiday in Almeria. First entry is for 18 October 2001; the last for 17 December 2003. The dating system seems random as one page will have entries dated 2-3-03, 6-8-03, 7-8-03 and 8-6-03, for example. The diarist has numbered all the right-hand pages 1-52, then continued with all the left-hand pages, from the beginning of the diary, with pages 53-104. There are then loose pages numbered consecutively (on both sides of each page) for pages 105-174. Entries are brief; just a sentence or two for each day. The diarist addresses the diary by the name 'Kari' and also sometimes as 'guapa' (beautiful) and 'guapisima' (gorgeous).

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GDP/416 Diaries of Muriel Dakin Howe 1951-2004

Diarist: Muriel Dakin Howe
Born: 20 May 1920
Died: 13 October 2004
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments:
Entries are daily and concern themselves with day-to-day events, shopping, household chores, family and friends, the weather; sometimes events in the news and from the wider world are mentioned. The diarist lived at the same address in Bedford throughout the period covered by these diaries. Some of the diaries have press clippings or coupons inserted between the pages.

Diaries included: 1951-1955; 1963-1967; 1969-1970; 1972-1977; 1996-2004

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GDP/417 Diaries of Alexander Hyatt King 1938-1954

Diarist: Alexander Hyatt King
Born: 18 July 1911
Died: 10 March 1995
Gender: male

Cataloguer's comments:
These are technically - journals. The earliest chronicles a long holiday in Switzland in 1938; the second a holiday in Ireland; the third three holidays in 1942, 1944 and 1945 and the last three holidays in 1947, 1950 and 1954. Mr King keeps detailed accounts of his travel experiences usually by train; his sight-seeing excursions; the types of food and drink he finds; the people he travels with and meets; his expenses and the weather.

Diaries included: 1938 and 1939 and 1942, 1944, 1945 and 1947, 1950, 1954.

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GDP/418 Diaries of Anne Elisabeth Hunt 1957-1960

Diarist: Anne Elisabeth Hunt
Born: 1 November 1940
Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments:
Three diaries written in the diarist's late teens and early twenties. The diaries chronicle the life and loves of a well-to-do young woman. Ms Hunt evidently attended a religious and private school for girls and had a keen interest in music. She details a blossoming relationship with a young Italian man who she regularly corresponds with alongside keeping track of assemblies, prayers, school tests and music recitals.

Diaries included: 1957, 1958 and 1960.

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GDP/419 Diaries of Lesley Caroline Kirton (nee Neild) 1974-2012

Diarist: Lesley Caroline Kirton (nee Neild)
Born: 10 June 1960

Died: 10 May 2014

Gender: female

Cataloguer's comments:

The first four volumes of the collection are 'Five Year' diaries, they span the period 1974 -1990. The entries read as snippets from an internal monologue: they often refer to Lesley's relationships; friends' relationships and tasks left undone or successfully completed. The weather and physical well-being are also referred to. The pages are littered with innocuous expletives and exclamation marks. The diaries from this period, 1974 -1990, chart Lesley's HND course in Edinburgh; her language course, in German; work as a typist for various organisations, including BUKO shopping trolleys; her marriage (mid 1980s - 1990) to Ian Gordon (an offshore electrical technician); and work as a PA to Henry McLeish (later Scottish first minister) at Fife Council.

The diaries from 1991-2012 are all slim pocket book volumes.

The diaries from this period chart Lesley's continuing career, including work for the Fire Service and then the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology in Banchory; her courtship and marriage in 2000 to David Kirton and love of food, biking and exercise.

Diaries included: 1974-2012.

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