

THE DIARY OF DOROTHY FLORENCE ACKLAND ALLEN

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Dorothy couldn't wait to start the diary and started on Dec 29th 1908 at the back of the volume. She also included “dance programmes” with the dances and the partners for dances noted. The cards are made up on greyish paper/thin card and ruled by hand.

- 1. St Hilary Dec 29th 1908.**
- 2. Rheola. Dec, 30th 1908.**
- 3. Glamorgan County Ball January 1st 1909.**
- 4. Bridgend County Hospital Ball Jan 4th 1909**
- 5. Glamorgan Hunt Ball Jan 6th 1909**
- 6. Bonvilston House Jan 8th 1909**

Tues. Dec 29th 1908.

Woke up in the morning to find the whole place snowed up – lane blocked. In throes of despair over Aunty Floi's dance. Went up to the Cottage to help get things ready. Supper could not come out by road as too bad. Had to send a wagon to Cowbridge. Came home to lunch & then packed clothes to go and stay at the cottage, partly to entertain the house party and partly as the lane was practically blocked. Went over to the Rectory and did Gwen's hair for her. She was “coming out” at the dance. Then went back to the Cottage and messed about until Arthur Onslow and Bertram came. They managed to get the car down to Cowbridge to the station. Evie came by the next train. She could only get from Clemenstone by training from Bridgend to Aberthaw & then up to Cowbridge. Kept on receiving telephone messages and wires from people who could not come. After tea went and did mother's hair who was also sleeping at the Cottage on account of the snow. Afterwards Giva & (I) started to dress but quite expected no one to turn up at the dance. When half dressed Giva and Evie & I went and had our dinner in the workroom as there was no room downstairs. Then went and concluded our toilets. I wore my new rose du barri satin & Giva wore her “coming out” white satin. Mother wore her new greeny-blue gauzy-frock. When we were dresses we still had $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour to wait till any of the company should happen to turn up. So we all went & tried the floor by dancing madly. At the end of half an hour we had all got untidy again so had to go and get straight. When we got down again we found some of the company had actually arrived. Altogether 35 assembled and we had an a 1 dance & an a one-er supper. We kept it up until after half-past three. Seventy people were expected.

In spite of only 35 of the 70 turning up Dorothy's programme for the evening was full and shows she danced all 20 main dances. Dance ten – the lancers - being

in four parts and she danced with a different partner for each one as well as four "extras". In all she danced 27 dances.

Wednesday December 30th

Woke up at eight o'clock and then jawed for hours with Giva who had slept with me. At a quarter to ten pealed the bell for an enormous breakfast. Evie appeared and got into bed with us & we all had breakfast together. Starving with hunger. Got up soon after eleven and was down just after twelve. By one we started on a tobogganing expedition to Primrose Hill (five of us). Snow much to(sic) soft so we came back and went into the field below us where there was a slope and there we got on beautifully. Giva came a fine somersault over Mr. Onslow. Got home about three & then cleaned ourselves & had tea at four. We had had no lunch as breakfast wasn't till after twelve in the dinning room. After tea went & dressed for the Rheola Ball. Had dinner at 6.30 & set off in the motor to Bridgend with Aunt Floi & us 4. Snow not so very bad. Parker had been through in the afternoon to see that it was all right. Got the special to Rhesolven at Bridgend. Forty-five of us in it altogether. Played "up Jenkins" and sang going down but our party of eight was not particularly lively. It was a motor train & you sat 2 & 2 opposite each other.

Friday Jan 1 1909.

New Years Day. Stayed in bed rather late as we had dined the night before at Cottrell. (See memorandum at end). Had lunch at the Cross. Did Gwen's hair after lunch & then went to bed for an hour. Got up & dressed. Dinner party at Cottage. Boys came from Cottrell & we all went to the County Ball. Absolutely too scrummy. Masses of diamonds & good clothes. Wore my rose du barri. We 4 drove with Patrick, the rest came in motor. I looked very nice. E.P. much the best looking person there. Got into bed somewhere about six. Somewhat tired.

Sat 2 Jan

Got up in time for luncheon. Distinctly bored. Bertram went in the afternoon & we returned home. Played the violin all the afternoon with Lena de Rutzen. Made a fine noise. Bad attack of Barcarollitis(**Tales of Hoffman?**) Went to tea at the Manor House to tell Marie about the ball. Came home afterwards, had dinner & went to bed. Still more bored.

Sun 3 Jan.

Went to Church at 11.0. Very energetic. Went in afterwards to talk to L who had a cold. Went to Llantrithyd in the pm & into Cottage late.

Mon 4 Jan.

Went up to the Cottage in the morning to say good-bye to Lena. Went down to the platform with her and on to Cowbridge. She left her violin and cushion behind her was in an awful temper. Had lunch at the Cottage and then came home & got my things ready for the evening. Did mother's, Giva's, & my own hair. Wore my pink chiffon. Went to the Cottage Hospital Ball. Splendid. Floor superb after having been

danced on all Friday night. Enjoyed this ball the most up to date. Got into bed in the small hours of the morning. Went into supper with E. U. G. H.

Tues. 5 Jan.

Woke up. Stayed in bed. Bored! Awful attack of Songe d'Automnites. Got up by lunch time. Went to Llandough children's fancy dress dance in the evening with Tommy. He went as a matador, in mother's hat, his cricketing shirt & Cousin Ada's red plush britches. Quite a good party & they gave us supper what's more. Very good music. Got home about nine & had some dinner & went to bed. Very tired & still bored.

Servant's dance at the Cottage.

Weds, 6 Jan.

Got up in time for breakfast. Was dragged to the house of prayer by the beetle, but was more asleep than awake. Played trio at the Manor House with Carmela and Giva. Bach's Concerto. Went up to the Cottage & a walk in the afternoon. Dressed & went to the Hunt Ball in Cardiff. Marie & Clive & Pete came with us. We drove. Excellent ball. E.U.G.H asked me for supper, but was already engaged to Yapps. Got to bed at a quarter to seven – What ho!

Degrees of comparison.

3 (2 crossed out) Cottage. 2 (3 crossed out) Rheola. 4 County. 5 C. Hospital. 6. Hunt. Amen.

Thurs. 7 Jan.

Stayed in bed very late. Absolutely to(sic) hopelessly bored. Songe d'Automne going like (hell is scratched out)!! Got up in time for lunch. Went up to the Cottage in the afternoon. Stayed for tea. Had dinner & went to bed early. Boredom approaching lunacy. Helped to do Xmas tree things with Aunty Floi.

Fri. 8 Jan.

Went up in the morning to get the Xmas tree ready & then went for a walk with Mary to discuss Hunt Ball. Changed clothes after lunch & again went up the Cottage to help cut up cake & bread & butter. Came home for tea & did not stay for Xmas tree. Dressed & went to the Brain's dance. Too bored to enjoy it as much as the others. Some infernal boulder plagued me. (Word scored out possibly Distinctly) good supper although I.B. took me in.

Sat. 9 Jan.

Stayed in bed somewhat late. Did nothing all the morning. Dressed in the afternoon to go to the children's dance at Clemenstone. Went over in the big car. Not a bad dance, but awful floor & excruciating (sic) music. Was awfully tired and still bored. Had a

tremendous rag at supper & we all behaved like pigs!! Got home soon after twelve & retired at once to slumber.

Sun. 10 Jan.

Went to Church at 11.0. Lunch at the Cottage. Walked over to Llantrithyd with Pa but met Cousin Ada & Pete at top of Caerffynon. All went back to tea at the Cottage. Very wet. Giva and Tommy stayed at Clemenstone.

Mon. 11 Jan.

Walked over to Llantrithyd in the morning to look at opera coats for Giva. Came home for lunch. Went into the manor house in the afternoon. In the evening Pa Ma & I went to the rectory to hear the Parson's new gramophone. Lovely big one. Had all the tunes. Stayed there till seven o'clock. Came home, had dinner etc. & went to bed.

Tues. 12 Jan.

Got up. Did not go out in the morning. Went for a walk with Marie in the afternoon all round by Llandough. She came back to tea with me & after tea I walked over to Llantrithyd to dine & sleep. Where I had been asked to meet the Brains but they did not come. Only Cousin Trevor & Cousin Ada and Pete. I strummed the piano after dinner & made vain attempts to play. Pete's accompaniments – awful din on both sides. Talked for ages with Cousin Ada & then went to bed.

Weds. 13 Jan.

Very wet and foggy morning. Went hunting. Pete drove me up to St. Hilary where I picked up the bike & went down to Cowbridge for the 10 train where I met Pa. The meet was at Llanharry. Weather improved. Did not see over much. Toiled wearily up to the top of St. Mary Hill, no sooner there than we had to come all the way back again. Came to rain hard up by the Forest so we toddled home.

Tommy came home from Clemenstone.

Thurs. 14 Jan.

Went up to the Cottage in the morning & to the Manor House. Came home to lunch & afterwards Pa & I & Marie walked to Cowbridge to a boys football match. Lily Bruce & Mrs. Byass. Only a lot of fussing mother's looking on. Very cold & we came back home to tea. Mary came too & we argued violently after tea. ("Did not go out again" crossed out) Went up to the Cottage late to see Granny.

Fri. 15 Jan.

Went up to the Cottage in the morning. Did my hair in the afternoon & Mother's for the Byass's children's dance in the evening so as to be ready to do Giva's when she returned from Clemenstone. Had tea & then all of us five went to Glanogwr. Very good dance & excellent supper. Every one in evening dress. I wore my my black

frock. Vivid lightening & hail coming home & awful thunder & lightening after we were in bed. Rather alarmed. Imagined an earthquake was going to take place.

Sat. 16 Jan.

Went up to the Cottage with Father & Tommy to go into Cardiff in the car to the football match. England V Wales. Shopped in Cardiff & then went to Uncle Tom's window overlooking football ground. Decidedly dull match. Wales won. Came home to tea at the Cottage & we played Bridge afterwards. Went home to dinner & bed. Not quite recovered from boredom (sic) yet. Nellie Trott very ill.

Sun 17th Jan.

Went to church at 11-0 am. Had lunch at home. Sunday blessed all the pm. Marie came to tea and we gamed afterwards.

Mon. 18th Jan.

Stayed in all morning and practiced vigorously – worked all the afternoon till 4 pm. Waited for Giva to return from Treguff with Marie. She never turned up so I gave up going to tea at Llantrithyd & went for a pas sent constitutional on the down. By chance wandered across fields to Coed Hills where a man told me Giva had gone on to Llantrithyd. Followed her and arrived very late for tea. Took a tearful farewell of our cousin who was going to lessons. Called in at the Cottage on the way back.

Tues 17th Jan.

Got up and had breakfast as per usual. Went up to the Cottage in the morning to find out what time we were to start for the Merthyr-Mawr dance. Came home to lunch. Did not go out in the afternoon. Did Giva's hair & had tea. Did my hair & dressed. We three had dinner at seven and went to the dance in the Orleans. I wore my white satin. Car broke down at the top of the track but all right again in 5 minutes. Good dance only gramophone failed several times. Only a small dance. Excellent supper.

M in the ascendant that night. Had a bad throat.

Weds 18th Jan.

Very energetic and got up early & went to the meet at the Three Ashes. Very large field. Biked with Pa. Tore madly round & round Llantrithyd & then lost the hounds. Stood for hours looking for them. Finally came in & changed into some clean togs and went to tea at the Manor House. Found out that what we had imagined had happened hadn't happened great disappointment. Stayed latish at the Manor House playing games. Came home to dinner. Went to bed. Rather tired and somewhat bored. Mrs. V T had a bad fall & was taken home.

Thurs 21st Jan.

Cold rather bad in the morning. Went up to the Cottage to call on Granny. Home to lunch. Went to Miskin to a glee meeting in the afternoon in the big car with Aunty

Floi. Mother & the parson & Miss Bell who was going to see Mrs VT. Perfectly ghastly (orgy?) over John Gilpin a new cantata. Absolutely absurd imagining we could possibly sing it. Olive and I made to sit on a music stool which only held one. Tight fit in consequence. Not a very good tea. Came home and went to bed early as a bad headache.

Fri 22nd Jan.

Stopped in bed till just luncheon time as had got a very bad headache & cold & ached all over. Walked to Cowbridge with Giva in the afternoon. & then came home & picked Tommy up & went to tea at the Rectory to hear the gramophone. Gwen lost the screw that held the needle so we had to give up early. Came home, usual evening proceedings went to bed.

Sat 23rd Jan.

Went up to the manor house in the morning to see if Olive or Marie were coming to hockey in the afternoon. Had lunch at home. Walked down to hockey afterwards with Olive, Gwen and Giva. Very good game but very slippery as there had been a hard frost and it had thawed on the top. Dr. Tommy had a tooth knocked out. Came home to tea. Marie and Gwen came & Olive came in later. We played idiotic games. Cold very bad.

Sun. 24th Jan.

Went to church 11-0 am. & for a walk with Betty afterwards. Walk with Tommy in the pm. & picked up chips in Beupre wood.

Mon 25th Jan.

Had a very bad cold so did not go out in the am. After lunch just rushed up to the Cottage to say goodbye to Aunty Floi who was going off very early the next morning on route for Biskra. She was going for one night to London. Came home by 3.0 o'clock & did not go out again on account of cold. Tea and dinner and the usual proceedings till bed.

Tues 26th Jan.

Did not go out in the morning but practiced & worked. Highly industrious. Cold still bad. Had lunch at home. & biked afterwards with mother to pay a chance call on the Brains. Found Mrs Brain & Betty in. Mrs Brain just recovering from a bad chill caught at the Miskin glees. Had tea with them. Mrs Whitticker was there as well. Very good ride home as the wind was behind us. Pa caught up on the way from Cottrell. Did maddening puzzle in the evening and finished it. Borrowed from Cottrell.

Weds. 27th Jan.

Freezing hard. Went up in the morning to try the Cottage pond, but it was not bearing. Very cold. Came home to lunch. Giva and Tommy up afterwards to Myntthaglue (sic) to see if there was any chance of it bearing & much to their disgust found people

skating on it. I went for a long walk with Belly all through Beaupre Llandough and Howe Mill. She came back to tea after putting the dogs away. She stayed until about seven. Nellie Trott died of Meningitis.

Thurs 28th Jan.

Went up to skate early on the Cottage pond & Tommy was going back to Wellington in the afternoon. They said the pond was not safe but we skated on one side of it for about an hour & then I fell in but was not drowned! Came home & struggled into some dry clothes, then helped to pack Tommy's rations etc. Giva & I went up after lunch early to Mynythgalue (sic) to skate. Not very bad. Not bad ice. Nicholl's (sic) Carne's (sic) etc. skating. Rather fun. Succeeded in doing a circle on the inside. Home to tea.

Fri 29th Jan.

Had made no end of plans to go skating at Mynythglue & we were to have been a party up there but the stupid old rain came and poured. Had a regular field day in the schoolroom in the morning & threw away no end of rubbish. Nest Pritchard & Marie came to call in the afternoon & then Giva & I by way of doing something really exciting we walked to Cowbridge. Fog awfully bad on the Downs but clear in the valley. Came home to tea and did not go out again. Usual proceedings till bed-time.

Sat 30th Jan.

Stayed in all the morning & practised & worked. Did not go & play hockey in the afternoon but went with Giva to Llantrithyd ruin to look for snowdrops but failed to find any. Came home by tea time. Marie came as she was alone at the Manor House & Giva went back with her to stay. Did not go out again.

Sun. 31st Jan.

Went to church at 11-0 am. Went for a walk with Betty afterwards. Went over to Llantrithyd in the afternoon. Only Cousin Trevor at home. Pa & I sat up till 12.15 doing puzzle. Finished it.

Mon. 1st Feb.

Practised the first thing after breakfast & then went up to see the wreaths etc. for Nellie Trott's funeral. Mother had one of violets. The maids at the cottage sent a large white harp. Came home to lunch. Walked to Cowbridge in the afternoon to avoid the funeral which was at three o'clock. Came home to tea. Giva and Marie came. Cold still rather bad. Worked all the evening at my petticoat bodice. Had dinner & went to bed.

Tues 2nd Feb.

Did not go out in (sic) the worked, practised and worked. Had lunch at the Manor House & afterwards did Giva's & Marie's hair who were going to a childrens' party at Colwinston. Walked over to Llandough with Mother. Found Mrs Elsworth in. Played

duets with her for an hour or so. Stayed to tea. Miss Elsworth was there & a Mrs Elsworth. Giva & Marie to dinner they were very late. Did puzzle again afterwards but only did half of it.

Weds 3rd Feb.

Went hunting with Father on the bike to Brynsadler. Roads something awful. A small meet. They drew Trecastle much to everyone's disgust & then to the Forest & on to City & Llansannan greig(sic graig?) Came home about a quarter to four from Newton as it was so cold. Eat(sic) a most enormous tea. Did not go out again. Dinner etc. & bed.

Found out afterwards they had a very good short run from Newton to the top of the Walks.

Thurs 4th Feb.

Did not go out in the morning. Tris Pumphrey & Marie came down. Tris had come down for one night to the Manor House. Went to the glee at Glanogwr after lunch in the small car. Davies driving. The most awful wind going. Very good attendance but again a frantic orgy over "John Gilpin". The first ten pages did go a little better. Had a very good tea. Wind not quite so bad coming. Did not go out again before dinner. Usual proceedings & bed.

Fri 5th Feb.

Did not go out in the morning but practised and worked. Marie came to lunch as she was still alone. Went down to Fonmon in the afternoon in the little red car. Miss Daniels Miss Stewart and the St. Donat's girls were there. Mooned about in the woods looking for primroses but found none. Had a good tea got home just after six & did not go out again. Usual proceedings, dinner & bed.

Sat 6th Feb.

Did not go out in the morning, practiced hard with Giva for our recital to Mrs Adams on Monday. Had lunch at home and went up afterwards to the Manor House to see the brides-maids frocks. Not particularly nice. White voile over satin. Marie still alone. She came for a walk with us to Clements' & then on to the gillas (sic) to look for snowdrops. Found none. Marie came home to tea with us. Went up afterwards to borrow a book at the Manor House & to the Post Office.

Sun. 7th Feb.

Went to Church 11.0 am. Came home to lunch & went to Llantrithyd to tea. Cousin Lily was there.

Mon 8th Feb.

Had breakfast at 8.30. Giva and I went off with violin and music by the 10.0' clock train to go to lunch with Mrs Adams up at the farm. Walked up from Llantrisant. Found her very much better. Left her again at 3 o'clock & got back to Llantrisant for

the four train. Did not go out again but sat in front of the fire and worked & read.
Usual proceedings dinner and bed.

Tues 9th Feb.

Got up & for a wonder the bath water was really hot & I had a good wash. Had a great cleaning in our bedroom in the morning and practised for an hour. Had lunch and then ironed Pa's new ties. Then by way of an entirely novel entertainment we walked to Cowbridge which quite upset me it was so exciting. Came home by tea-time & then went up to the Cottage afterwards on a message. Did not go out again after this. Worked & went to bed. Waltz craze something too awful.

Wed 10th Feb.

Made the butter in the morning & then spent hours arguing with Giva as to who was to go (to) Fonmon for the night for some theatricals at Barry. Mrs Jones had asked one of us. Finally went as Giva decided that her clothes were dirty. Went down by 4.16 train. Only Mr & Mrs Olly(?) Had dinner at 6.15 & went in the car to Barry at 7. Very good theatricals. Pinero's The Magistrate all done by Barry people. Got home about 11.0. Very wet night.

Stella's address is 3 Place Mahomet Ali Alexandria Egypt.

Thurs. 11th Feb.

Got up about 8.20. Breakfast 9.20. Did not arrive at prayers & never meant to. Left Fonmon by the 11.30 train & met Giva at Cowbridge with two bikes. We went to Mwyndy to lunch with Mrs V.T. Wind something too awful going. Stayed till about 10 minutes to four, and then came home. Got bad going with wind behind us only roads very bad. Got home to tea & did not go out again. Worked, read book, made stores order, wrote diary & went to bed.

Fri 12th Feb.

Bicycled to the meet at Burton Bridge with Giva. Devilish wind. Very small meet. Found in Fonmon wood & ran to Kenselm & on to Coed Arthur. Dolly Edmond's had a bad fall over a fence with low wire. B. Jones assisted. Great fussing. We fetched carriage & she was taken home. Shoulder badly hurt. Followed hounds till 1.0 when we came home to lunch as Mother wanted the bike. Did not go out again. Darned stockings. Had tea. Practiced. Had dinner. Worked. Played duets with Mother. Wrote diary & went to bed. Songe d autonmeites something too ghastly.

Sat 13th Feb.

Did not go out in the morning but practiced hard & then worked till lunch. Went down afterwards with Giva to the Gypsies to play hockey. Only six a side. Absolutely mad game. Awfully slippery. Took a nice toss. Lovely views in consequence. Always knew I had a pair of good legs. Came home to tea & did not go out again. Had a fine hot bath in the evening.

Sun 14 Feb.

Went to church at 11.0 am. Mother thumped. (Played the organ?) Went over to Llantrithyd to tea. Then came home & read book.

Mon 15th Feb.

Got up rather early in fact was almost in time for breakfast. Went with Giva on bikes to the meet, Westgate, Cowbridge. Gorgeous day. Mooned about Penllyne till 1. o'clock. Saw everything there was to be seen. Went into lunch with Mrs Homfray. Also Mrs Brain & Betty. Picked the hounds up again later at Conwilston, but soon lost them again as they ran clean away. Came home by a quarter to four. Practiced had tea. Usual evening & went to bed. Washed my hair.

Tues 16th Feb.

Did not go out in the morning. Practiced the Beethoven Septet for two pianos to play with Mrs Elsworth. Then made the butter. It took over an hour to come. Had lunch and then went & made biscuits in the kitchen till four o'clock. Went & paid club debts to Maria Thomas and then went into the Cottage. Listened to Teall's gramophone for about an hour & then went home to tea. Went up to the Manor House after tea to see if they had come home. Came home & wrote to Stella, Dinner and bed.

Weds 17th. Feb.

Got up fairly early and walked to the meet at Ystradowen with Marie and Giva. Not a very big meet. Hounds found at once in the gorse above Sandy Lane and ran straight away to the Walks & on to the Warren. Giva & I toiled after them over Aberthin & the Walks up to the Three Ashes where we completely lost them so we came home by the farm in time for lunch. Afterwards had a gigantic & enormous turn out of all the drawers in our room which lasted till dinner time. Wonderful amount of rubbish. Troved (sic) everything we could lay hands on. Turned chaos into peace perfect peace.

Thurs. 18th Feb.

Got up fairly late after a night troubled with insomnia. Worked etc. till I went to dress & do my hair for the glees at Cotrell. Did Mother's hair too. Had lunch & then went with Aunty Floi, Mother & Mrs Franklen in the big car. Quite a big meeting. Mrs Deacon ill, great muddle. Mrs Gladstone got up and conducted. Not so bad. Sat next to Mrs V T and talked nearly the whole time. Got very hot. Came home by about six & then wrote letters. Dinner for which I was starving as I only had a measly tea. Worked & then bed.

Fri. 19th Feb.

Got up quite early for me, had breakfast, biked to the meet with Giva at St Nicholas. Mother came in the Orleans with Uncle Tom. Perfectly fiendish east wind. A fair-sized meet. They found in Coedriglan almost at once & ran towards Wenvoe & St. Lythans. We were told they had gone to Brookwood so went down towards Dyffryn. Instead they had gone back under Coedriglan & we picked them up again at Ball's

Break where they found & ran straight away again up to St. Lythans. & St. Fagan's. Went into lunch at Cotrell. Mother, Vera, G, me & Mrs SAIYOU & Mrs M came in afterwards. Came home, wrote letters had tea & then went up.

Sat. 20th Feb.

Got up had breakfast. Very busy. Went down to the platform at 11.0 to meet Mrs VT who was coming over to lunch. Went to Mrs Rogers with her & then into the Cottage garden to get some flowers for Mrs Roper's wreath. Came home & made wreath & then had lunch. Afterwards Giva & I walked down with Mrs VT to hockey. Excellent game & very fast. Had tea down there & then sloped home with Olive. Very tired. Took hours to dress for dinner. After dinner read book & wrote diary.

Sun 21 Feb.

Was ghastly religious & went to Kirk 8.30 & 11.0. We went to lunch at Cottage as N & A had returned from Biskra. Tea at Llantrithyd.

Mon 22 Feb.

Got up dressed of course and had breakfast. Unpicked pink chiffon frock & wrote to Barker. Practiced for one hour & three quarters. Had lunch and then started to unpack stores. Vere & Aunt Floi came to call about four. Finished the stores by five when Mary came to tea to eat muffins & crumpets etc. Stodged ourselves full to bursting point & then rolled out to find some primroses. Found a few. Came home & went up to see Aunt Floi & then over to the Rectory with a book. Came home, dinner, usual proceedings & bed.

Tues 23rd Feb.

After breakfast did the butter. Took some time to come. When that was done made some biscuits. Then went to dress for the hockey match against Newport on the Gypsy Gr; (green ?). Giva and I were shoved in at the last as Lily Bruce had a very bad fall hunting on Monday & neither she nor Dulcie played. Very hot day. We beat Newport 6-1. Very good as our team was very scratch. Had tea down on the ground & then walked home with Olive & Marie. Got home and then walked most of the way home to Llantrithyd with Cousin Ada. Pa returned from London. Mervyn Owen came to call on us but we were out thank gawd.

Weds. 24th Feb.

After breakfast hunted the home covers & then piously went to kirk to curse a few people. After an early lunch we went off by the 1.25 to see Mrs Adams. She was up & looked very well. Mrs B was up at the & was most ghastly dull. Came home by the six train & walked home at a desperate rate. Got to the village in 25 minutes. After dinner sewed & read book & then went to bed. Had a letter from Stella from Egypt. She seemed to be having a first rate time.

Thurs. 25th Feb.

After breakfast practiced for an hour especially the Beethoven septet. Went to lunch at Cotrell with Pa. We biked over. Frantically cold. Noone (sic) there but Vere & old Georgie Tyler. After lunch we strove to do another puzzle & then went out with Mackintosh to measure fences. Home & had a late tea as we went in at 7 pm. In the big car to Sevin Hedin's lecture on Llasa (?). Most awfully interesting. Park Hall simply packed. Home by 10.45. Some food & then bed.

Fri. 26th Feb.

After breakfast again practiced violently for an hour. Did some work & then went over with Giva to lunch at Llantrithyd. Afterwards were set down to sew most awful pageant clothes. Marie and Olive came too. Sewed from 2-30 pm till 6-15 with only a short break for tea. Awful sweat. Came home with Nicholls. Had dinner & then worked & read book till bed time. Very cold.

Sat 27th Feb.

Got up and had breakfast & then spent the whole am dressing myself & Giva to go to the play in Cardiff. We looked lovely at conclusion. They sent the brake car for us from Cottrell & we flew in & joined the Macs; at the Park. Had lunch there & then went to the Waltz Dream. Two votes(?). Very good company. Several of the old London caste (sic). Got home to a late tea & then did the flowers. Perishingly cold. The theatre party consisted of Mackintosh, Mint, Ma, Pa, Vere, G Tyler & myself.

Sun 28th Feb.

Went to church 11-0 am & then Giva & I went to lunch at the Cottage. Read book & wrote letters & then was dragged to kirk again as it was lent. Finished Lady R.C. Very interesting.

Mon. 1st March.

Got up & had breakfast as usual. Put stores out & cleaned part of our silver. Afterwards practised for an hour & then worked at pink chiffon frock, off which I took the gold band & sequins & put it all pink. Had lunch & then went on with frock & then went and cooked. First of all made some biscuits then some sort of bun & then some scones which turned out a great success. Miss Bell came to tea & afterwards we did puzzle. The Song of Victory. Rather a difficult one. We finished it after dinner.

Tues. 2nd March.

Got up had breakfast, then practiced for an hour, then sewed at pink frock till lunch time. Wrote letters after lunch & then went up to the Cottage with some messages and to the Post Office. When I came home I finished pink chiffon frock, ironed it and put it away. Had tea and then went for a short walk with Pa and then into the Cottage to see Aunty Floi. Home, dinner, made a cushion cover & then to bed. Very cold.

Weds. 3rd March.

After breakfast practiced most violently for two whole hours. After that started to make an earthquake in the schoolroom. Had lunch & then went on earthquaking in the schoolroom. Furnished it rather differently by moving Giva's writing table and the sofa. At four o'clock we went up to the church to try souge d'automno (?) as a voluntary & then played on till tea-time. Came home to tea & then went out for a short walk & into the Cottage. Ma & Pa dined at the Cottage and Belly came to dinner with us. Awfully cold night.

Thurs. 4th March.

Got up and dressed as per usual. After breakfast churned & then went & dressed ready to go to the glee meeting at Llandough. Had lunch & then walked with Miss Bell. The Edmond's picked us up at the bottom of Beupre drive. Fairly large meeting but very few men. We again waded through John Gilpin but it was distinctly better. Had a very good tea. Walked home again. Mother walked back. Then went into the Cottage for a moment to see Aunty Floi. Came home. Had dinner & as per usual till bedtime finished "the House called Hurrish" by Rita. Rather exciting.

Fri. 5th March.

After breakfast practised for an hour and then sat down to repair the destructions caused by the laundry in my lingerie! What ho – after lunch wrote letters and then walked with Marie to Llantrithyd to go on with the pageant work. Only sewed buttons and hooks on men's (sic) breeches. Then had tea & came home and then went into the Manor House to see the photographs of the wedding. Marie very good in the group. Came home, practised for half an hour, then dinner. Read book till bed-time.

Sat. 6th March.

Got up, breakfast and afterwards went & cooked in the kitchen. First of all made some desert biscuits & afterwards a luncheon cake. Wonderful process. Seemed a success, not going to eat until tomorrow. Snow all the morning. Were to have gone to the play again with Cotrell but weather too bad. After lunch practised & then did puzzle with Father. Xxx all round. Not very difficult. Went to tea at the Rectory. Had the gramophone slushed home. Read book till dinner time.

Sun 7th March.

Went to Church at 11.0 am & home to lunch. Packed in the afternoon to go to London. Went to Church again at 6 (?) 0 .Lenten penance.

Mon 8th March.

After breakfast finished packing & then went up to say goodbye to Aunty Floi. Had lunch at a quarter to one & went off from Cowbridge at 1.38. London train very punctual in to the minute at Paddington. Much warmer up here in London. Had tea when I arrived & then went & dressed. Had dinner & afterwards wrote letters & read till bed time.

SHE SPENT FROM MONDAY 8TH MARCH UNTIL 23RD MARCH IN LONDON. I'VE ONLY INCLUDED RELEVANT DETAIL IN THIS SECTION. STILL A GREAT DEAL OF "GETTING UP, PRACTICING, LUNCH, TEA ETC."

Tues. 9th March. ... went out by myself. First to D.H.Evans for stockings. Met Alice Mackie in Orchard Street. After Evans went to Lloyd & to Boots for hypo...dressed to go to Lady Maxwell. Lyte's At Home in Portman Square. Not particularly lively but masses of people. Saw Cousin Jessie there. Had a large tea. Came home & then went to call on Cousin Lily, found her in & had another tea with her.

Weds. 10th March. ...at 11 o'clock went to Stores. Bussed down to Victoria & walked on. Walked all the way home up Constitution Hill & through the Park...Went in the afternoon with Granny again to Stores. Photographs toned extremely well. Used new sort of printing paper. Weather extremely cold.

Thurs. 11th March. ...walked across to Barkers to see about some blouses for Mother.

Fri. 12th March ...went to the Club with Granny to read the papers...After dinner tried over new waltz by composer of Souge d'Automne The Vision of Salome, rather disappointing.

SHE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN QUITE A READER. SHE FINISHED "WOODSIDE FARM" BY Mrs. CLIFFORD ON THE 11th AND HAD FINISHED "MISS ESPERANCE & MRS WYCHERLY" BY THE 12th.

Sat. 13th March. Did not go out in the morning as I wanted to do my photographs... finally spent all the morning doing photographs...went to Henry of Navarre at the New. Simply glorious play. Beautifully acted by the Terry's. House packed to overflowing. Must go and see it again.

Mon. 15th March. ...Walked to Mrs Foskett to try on grey coat. Then came home & fetched my pink hat to Madame Julie but she was out... dressed to go out in carriage with Granny. First of all called on Cousin Jessie but she was out then on to 83 St George's Road and then to Mrs Helme who had an At Home. Very cold and snowy... Aunty Floi arrived by 6.10.

Tues. 16th March. After breakfast went out with Aunty Floi to help her choose a black toque at Mme Julie's... then she and Granny went off to Mrs Arnold Foster's memorial service at St Margaret's. .. In the afternoon went out shopping with Teally. Tried to get into Selfridge's but crowd awful... Uncle Tom went back to St Hilary.

Weds. 17th March. Went shopping... first to get tickets for Henry of Navarre again for Saturday. Then to Times Book Club...wound up at Harrod's. Diamond Jubilee Celebrations going on. Wonderful floral decorations.

Thurs. 18th March. ...went to "Our Miss Gibbs" at the Gaiety. Most awfully good and very funny. Lovely frocks but rather too exaggerated. Edmund Payne simply splendid. Theatre very full.

Fri. 19th March. Granny's birthday. She is 88...Did not go out again (after lunch) as Granny was having a birthday tea-party. Cousin Jessie brought me an awfully nice little turquoise & opal pendant made from stones she had bought in Venice. Granny had a huge lot of flowers.

Sun. 21st March. Went to church in the morning at St Paul's Knightsbridge.

Mon. 22nd March...lunch with the Tyntes... very nice new house in Warwick Square...granny picked me up with the carriage...on to the de Rutzens where we had tea.

Tues. 23rd March...Selfridges'. Most wonderful place & a splendid roof garden & tea room on the top. Had some lunch before starting off by the 1.10 to come home. Met Pa at Llantrisant who had been up at the farm. Got home about a quarter to seven.

Weds. 24th March.

Put away the things I bought from London & generally messed around till 12.30 when we all went by the big car to the Point to Point at Llanvair (Sic). Most awful down pour of rain. Took lunch with us. Got simply drenched. Charlie Edmondes won the heavy weights and young Masters the light weights. Having got thoroughly wet we went back to tea at Clemenstone. Only two children there Mrs Franklin had gone to Germany to see Evie. Got home by six & spent till dinner in recovering from the deluge. Violined afterwards with Giva.

Thurs. 25th March.

After breakfast was dragged to Church by the Beetle but only got in just before the end. Miss Bell came down to see my new hats. Practised & then wrote letters till lunch time. After lunch cleaned my skirt from yesterday & then walked to Cowbridge

with Mother. Came home to tea & then sorted and dated all my old theatre programmes till dinner. After dinner played violin with Giva out of the new book. Washed my hair.

Fri. 26th March.

After breakfast went in the Orleans car with Giva & mother to the meet at Cotrell. Presentation to Cot. (cottage hospital?) £550. Followed on foot with Phyllis till two, when we went into lunch. After lunch went out to the hounds again, ran to ground just below the Tump. Came home in the car to tea. After tea went & picked primroses for the dinner table & then went for a walk with Pa & Giva over hog-back round by Clements Home very late for dinner. After diner worked & then bed. Rather tired.

Sat. 27th March.

Packed up clothes in the morning to go to Merthyr Mawr. After lunch went to the gypsies to play hockey. Very good game, but very few. Went on in the small car to M. M. in time for tea. Found Lord Ellors & Captain Thackwell there. Gladys & I went out for a walk with them afterwards. After dinner we played bridge. Only Mrs. Nicholl there.

Sun. 28th March.

Wet morning. Went to Church at Merthyr Mawr, after lunch went for a long walk on sand hills & after tea Gladys & I went for another walk with Capt Thackwell, Lord Ellors & Tamps.

Mon. 29th March.

Drove to the meet at Llantwit Major with Gladys. Miss Meikle & Rachel. Gladys was going to hunt. Got home by lunch time & afterwards went for a walk with Mrs Nicholl & Rachel. Gladys came in about 5.30 pm. & then we talked till dinner time. Played Bridge after dinner.

Tues. 30th March.

Rained in the early part of the morning later Gladys & I walked into Bridgend. Got back in time for lunch. After lunch we went for a walk for Mr Nicholl & then came back & dug up plants to take to S(?)lon. Went in pony cart over to Slon to tea. Only Nellie was there. Mr Nicholl's cold was worse so he did not come to dinner. Gladys & I talked in front of my fire ½ the night.

SO FAR SHE HAS MADE A FULL ENTRYALMOST EVERY DAY. THE NEXT ENTRY IS;

Fri 9th April. Good Friday.

Went to church in the morning. After lunch Miss Bell & Gwen came down & we spent the whole afternoon till we were nearly ill picking primroses for the church.

Frightfully hot. They stayed to tea & then I packed ready to start for Bath to stay with the A'Courts' the next day.

Sat 10th April.

Went off directly after breakfast to decorate (the church?) Gwen came to help us. Finished by 12.30. When I went home & cleaned. Finished packing, had lunch & then set off by the 2.55. Awfully crowded. Got to Bath about ½ past five where Toby met me. Drove up to Drumonde Lodge. Mr Seymour was staying there. Dinner party of eight that night. Played bridge till 12 o'clock & won 1/6d. Went to bed about one.

Sun 11th April.

Went to church at 8 am. Then went off after breakfast to Woodspring in car almost 40 miles to the links. Began to rain in the pm. But fine to come home. Got home about 7.30.

Mon 12th April.

Went in car to Wincanton Races. Miss Newton came with us. Mrs S didn't come. Poured all the way going there. About 30 miles. Cleared up in the pm. But the ground in a fearful mess. Saw the Vizards there. Got home about seven. Very cold & very wet. Played bridge till some unearthly hour after dinner. Won another 1/- 2 but lost 2/- at the races.

Tues 13 April.

...went down to the rink with Mrs A'Court & Mr Seymour & Toby joined us there. Lovely floor and very good band. Got on fairly well & only fell down properly once...picked daffodils & did them...rested till tea time when Mab arrived to stay the night for the ball. Went to dress after tea and did Mrs A'Courts' hair. Went (at) eight to the ball. Excellent one & Kandtsband played beautifully. Got home about four...

Weds 14 April.

...Started off at 10.0 with Mrs A'Court & Toby for the Cheltenham races. Went by train. Lovely day. Picked up Mrs A'Courts sister Mrs Urquhart in Cheltenham & drove to the course. Mrs Earle joined us there. Had a most excellent lunch. Lovely stand & paddock. Crowds of people there & quite good racing. Came away before the last race as we wanted to catch the five train back got back at six. Mooned about until after seven & then went to dress...

Thurs. 15th April

Got up at the unearthly hour of 7.0'clock. Hastily dressed. Finished packing & rushed to breakfast. Only Toby down. He & I left at 8.15 to get the Cardiff train. He to work & me to get home in time for the Cowbridge races. Got home by the 11.15 to the platform, & got home about 11.30. Started for the races 12.15. Lovely day & very hot. Heaps of people there. Six of us formed a syndicate & betted at 1/- a head. Got two

winners & two losers. Had tea in the Penllyn Hut. Came home in the Orleans & had another tea at the Cottage. Nearly dead with fatigue. Pa & Ma dined at the Cottage.

Fri 16th April.

...after breakfast went & picked daffodils for the drawing room & dining room. Went & dressed before lunch for the daffodil show. Giva & I went in the Orleans after lunch to Cardiff to the show. Mother went early with the Cottage lot. Very good show & lots of people there. Giva & I had tea with E.U.G.H.!! What-ho! Selvyt got first prize for primulas. Giva & I Came home by train. Came out with the Merthyr Mawr Nicholls. Walked up from Cowbridge. Home by dinner time. Very tired.

Sat. 17th April.

...Granny & all the Clement Allen's came down & stayed for ages. Worked till lunch time. Afterwards Giva & I went down with Olive & Marie to watch the hockey match in Cowbridge, against Abergavenny. They beat us 2-nil. Very good game but they were much the strongest. Had tea down there. Miss Dunn gave it. Poured with rain coming home. Went in to see Granny...

Sun 18th April

Got up fairly good time. Went to Church at 11.0 am. Parson from Penarth. Came home to lunch. Went over with Giva to tea with Cousin Ada who was alone. Home in time for dinner.

NEXT ENTRY;

Fri 7th May.

Cooked some cakes in the morning & put clothes ready for the Llandough dance in the evening. Mother came back from Bigsweir & both cats had kittens, six in all.

NEXT ENTRY;

Thurs 20th May.

Went to church in the morning (Ascension Day) Marie came to lunch as Nest Pritchard was coming, but she wrote to say she couldn't (sic). In the afternoon we played tennis. Sybil & Nest over to play & to tea. Very hot day.

NEXT ENTRY,

Sun 30th May.

Went to Church at 8.30. Packed all the morning & after lunch. Went to tea at Cottrell with Pa and in (sic) to Llantrithyd on the way back.

Mon 31st May.

Got up very early to finish packing. Father went off to fish. Sent a wire about 10.30 to say train was not running. Got the car and tore into Cardiff with Mother for the 12.30. Very hot. Caught the train. Fearfully long journey. Went all around by Glos. & did not get to London until six o'clock.

Tues. 1st June.

Directly after breakfast started off on a shopping expedition first of all took some flowers around to Madame Chanal. Had an early lunch & then went with Granny to Charing X to meet Uncle Fred & Aunty Rose. Met them all right & got off to Folkstone. Had a splendid crossing and no one was ill. Then got the train to Paris. Very hot Got to Paris at 9.30. Stayed the night at the Hotel de Malte. Painfully and awfully hot. Slept with Aunty Rose as our rooms were rather far apart. Nearly expired with the heat & hardly slept all night.

Weds 2nd June.

Got up early & got the 9-5 train at the Gare de Lyon for Grenoble. Had a long & terribly hot journey. Train very full & impossible to get cool. Simply streamed from every pore. Had dejeuner on board & we so hot and parched when we got to Lyon we got oranges & sucked them. At Lyon we changed & got some coffee. Three hours then to Grenoble. Much the best part, emptier train, cooler & splendid mountains all. Got to Hotel Moderne about 8.45. Had something to eat. Had a good wash & then went to bed.

SHE SPENDS FROM THURS 3RD JUNE TO IN GRENOBLE.

Thurs. 3rd June...In the afternoon went to Vizille about 8 or 10 miles up in the mountains. We went up by train. The chateau was not open for a fortnight so we could not see it. Stopped at Uriage les Bains on the way home & had coffee. Most splendid scenery the road running between two ranges of mountains. No English in the Hotel. Went for a short walk after dinner.

Fri 4th June. In the morning walked about the town again & then took the train to Pont de Dorac (?), the other river which joins the Isere here. In the afternoon we took the tram to Sausseage where there were most wonderful grottoes & caves. Had a guide & we went in. In the very middle of the mountain tremendous waterfalls. Wonderful. Awful job climbing & crawling in very narrow tunnels. Got in an awful mess. Had some coffee at the Hotel & then came home again. About 3 or 4 miles.

Sat 5th June. In the morning went to see the Church of St. Andre not very interesting except the tomb of Bayard (?). then to the Palais of Justice. Beautiful ceilings copies of old ones in one or two rooms. Ancient Council Chamber of the Dauphine not used now. Then to Notre Dame. Very dull. Rained nearly all the pm. Went to the Annual Concours Hippique & then had tea in a café.

Sun 6th June. In the morning saw the crypt of St Laurence. Oldest church in Savoy. Rained in pm. So went to the Musee & saw Rubens picture of St Gregory.

Mon 7th June. Started at 9 pm (am. ?) in motor which we shared with two German ladies. We went for about 30 miles till we came to Poutan Royans (?) a curious village at the Ft (foot?) of Mts. Houses built on rock shee (sic) out of water. Then to Petits Foulets & Fr: Foulets. Marvellous scenery & road hundreds of ft up. Climbing all the time partly through short tunnels. Had denjeuner at Fr: Foulets. came home through Gorge Goule horre & De la Bourne another wonderful road. Got home about ¼ to 6. Very tired. Went to bed early.

Tues 8th June. Meant to have gone to La Mure but we were all too tired,. Mooned about with Uncle Fred in the Jardin de Plantes. Very slack. In the afternoon took the tram to Pont de Claix. Two bridges one over the other. Had coffee in a very nice café over looking the Drac. Also went on to another place just beyond Claix but dull. Bought some more postcards on return home.

Weds 9th June. Started off very early at 8.15 to train to La Mur. Engine broke down at Pont de Claix. Changed at Pont St George & got a little train on to La Mure. 3000 ft up in the mountains a most marvellous line in & out tunnels & looking straight down on the Drac miles below us sheer down. Had lunch at La Mure & then took the diligence past three very pretty lakes to Vizille. The two Germans were doing the same round. Came back to Grenoble in tram by Uriage the same way as Thursday.

Thurs 10th June. Got up most frightfully early at 10 to 6 & went off at 7 am. In carriage to Le Grand Chartreuse. We took five hours getting there “mouter” for two hours and one hour. Had dejeuner & then went over the monastery. Absolutely empty as the monks had all been turned out. A great pity as an enormous place wasted. Started home at 20 to 3 & got back to Grenoble at 20 to 7. having mouted for two hours to the height of 4400 ft. The most splendid view coming down of (sic) the Alps & the valleys of the Isere & Drac. Very cold up in the mountains.

Fri. 11th June. In the morning finished packing. Bought some more scarabs & then went over the glove manufactory (sic) Dent & Allencroft, two managers who were both English. The head of one gave me a bunch of roses. We left Grenoble at 3.0 pm & came to Hotel de France, Chambery. Hateful after the nice hotel at Grenoble & M & Mme Focbrice. Pouring with rain. Had some coffee in a lovely sweet shop, & then walking about the town for a bit. Nothing very much to see.

Sat. 12th June. Pouring wet morning. Meant to have gone to Les Echelles but too wet. Wrote to Alma & then went out & paraded the town. Went into the cathedral. Fine Gothic door way. After lunch we walked up to the Chateau Chamette where Rousseau lived & Mme Varen. Walked home round a little hill very pretty. Then went & had ices at the same shop we went to yesterday. The shopped a bit & came in as it had begun to rain again.

Sun 13th June. Went to Church at Aix in the morning. Had lunch at the Astoria & then went by steamer to Hautecombe on Lake Bourget.

Mon 14th June. Started at 8 am to go to the Grottes of Les Echelles. First by train & then sort of steam tram. Then drove to the caves. Very wonderful. The first one enormous halls of marble reaching to great height. The 2nd we went along a wooden gallery at a great height. Had dejeuner at Les Echelles & then went back to Chambery.

Had tea & then started for Annecy. Got in the wrong train & went to Caloz (?) so had to come all the way back to Aic, where we should have changed. Arrived at Annecy two hours later than we should have done. Tired & very hungry.

Tues 15th June....After dejeuner we went by steamer round the Lake of Annecy, took about 3 hours altogether. Very nice. The upper end of the Lake very pretty. Got home about 5. When we explored the old part of the town, all canals. Bought Pa a Toby Jug which I found in a funny shop by a canal. Aunt Rose bought one too...

Weds 16th June.

NO ENTRY.

Thurs 17th June. (In pencil) After breakfast went for a prowl round the lake & finished off my roll of film. At 11.30 we went by train to Goyes de Fiers. Very wonderful place, a wooden gallery in the rock with water rushing miles below us. Did not like it much so came back another way. In the afternoon we went to the Lake again. Got out at Duingt & walked around the Chateau garden. Got on board again & then stopped at Taillorres where we had tea & got the late boat back. Went out & listened to the band after dinner.

SHE RETURN TO PARIS IN THE TWO MISSING DAYS.

Sun 20th June. (ink) Went to Church at St George's in am. & to Notre Dame & Jardin de Plantes in the afternoon.

Mon 21st June. After breakfast went to look at the shops in the Rue de L'Opera, then took a bus to Les Invalides. Very marvellous place, but perfectly hideous sarcophagus. Came home to lunch. Began to rain so Aunt Rose & I went shopping at the Magasins de Louvre. Bought an extremely pretty new hat for 6f50. Dined at the Continental, not very full, but some wonderful clothes. Poured with rain but luckily fine to come home. Shopped on the way home in the Rue de Revolin (?).

Tues 22nd June. After breakfast went into the Louvre & saw the chief pictures. Then we took a tram to Versailles. Had lunch in a funny little café & then took the tram to Toncinon. (?) Saw that, then the state carriages one which cost about £40.000 & then the Petit Trianon. Walked to the Palace through the gardens but the fountains were not playing. Saw most of the palace & then took the tram home again...

Weds 23rd June. ...went out in bus to the Luxembourg. Then walked to the Palais de Justice & then went over (to) the Sainte Chapelle.

Bussed home & after lunch packed a bit, changed my clothes & went & shopped in the Rue de L'Opera & had tea at Columbrins (?), Rue Carbon. Very smart place. Had meant to drive in the Bois but it rained so we shopped again in the Rue de Ravoli. After dinner drove with Uncle Fred up to the Arc (?) de Triumph & back again. Lovely night.

Thurs. 24th June. Got up at 6.30am & left the hotel at 7.30 to catch the Boat train for Boulogne. Very rainy all the way. Rough crossing. I was not ill, nor felt ill. Sat up on deck all the time. Heaps of people were ill. Mother and Giva met us at Charing Cross. I came home with Giva while Mother went across London with the others to see them off at Kings Cross. Did not go out again after tea as I was very tired. Granny & Giva went to an evening party at Mrs. Hensley's.

Fri, 25th June.

After breakfast went with mother to Giva to Derry & Tom's. Raining hard. Got a very nice dark blue cashmere frock. Giva & I came back. Mother went on to the stores. After lunch Giva & I went up in pouring rain to the D.F.L. Fete at the Botanical Gardens. Slopped about all afternoon in rain & mud. Came home by six as Giva was going to dine & go (to) the play with the Clark's (sic). Did her hair for her.

Sat. 26th June.

Went & saw Mother & Giva off at Paddington for home by the 11.30. came back home & then took my hat to Madame Julie. Shopped a bit & came back to lunch. After lunch cleaned up & went up with Granny to the Botanical(sic) Gardens again. Came home by six & went to call on Cousin Lily but she was out.

Sun. 27th June.

Went to Church at St. Paul's Knightsbridge in the am. Did not go out again as it poured with rain.

Mon. 28th June.

Was very late getting up. Went out shopping in the morning. Came back to lunch & then Stella sent the motor for me & I went to Maskeleyne and Devants' at St. George's Hall. Then we bussed down to Lyon's Popular where we had an excellent tea. Came home in a bus from Piccaddilly (sic) Circus.

Tues. 29th June.

Did not go out in the morning as it poured so with rain. Mrs. A'Court came to see if I could go to Harlingham tomorrow but as I'd settled with Cousin Jessie to the William's I had to refuse. After lunch went out driving with Granny & finished up with a supposed garden party, poured with rain most of the afternoon. Took my films to Boots to be developed when I got home.

Weds. 30th June.

Got up very late. IN PENCIL, END.

THIS IS THE LAST ENTRY. SOME OF THE LATTER PAGES HAVE BEEN TORN OUT. SOME OF THE BLOTTING PAPER, WHICH INTERLEAVED EACH PAGE, HAS INK STAINS. SHE EITHER WROTE PAGES WHICH SHE TORE OUT OR SHE USED THE BLOTTING PAPER TO BLOT LETTERS.

Notes on the transcription.

I had copied the vast bulk intact. Occasionally I have left out the odd “getting up late” and what she had for breakfast, which I have indicated with the customary ...

Dorothy used the & mostly instead of and; although occasionally she does slip in an “and”.

Her punctuation consists of a dash – and I have interpreted this as a coma or a full stop depending on whether a capital letter followed.

Dorothy had a very distinctive letter which from its use in other words such as “go” is a G. This would make her sister’s name or nick-name Giva.

It looks as if Dorothy had been educated at home and her English is far from perfect. When she spells a word wrongly or uses the ‘ wrongly I have indicated by a (sic). She occasionally doesn’t use a word and I have inserted what I think within a ().

The dance cards are stuck into the diary using stamp hinges.

Additional information given by Jeannie Griffiths, Little Hall Cottage, St. Hilary.

Most of the family are buried in a corner of St. Hilary graveyard facing the south porch.

Giva's correct name was Elgiva. They seem to have been three children, Dorothy, Giva and Tommy. Surprisingly Dorothy never married and died at St. Hilary Manor in the 1960's. Mrs. Griffiths remembers them. Giva married a Cpt Giles and had two children. Elizabeth, who also never married and is buried in St. Hilary churchyard and Frank. Frank Giles became an editor of The Times and had three children one of the daughters is married to David Dimbleby.

There is a plaque inside St. Hilary Church commemorating Hugh Thomas Ackland-Allen who died at Ypres Oct 23rd 1914 age 21. Tommy?

1891 Census St. Andrews Plymouth (Only Census return that matches although the place of birth is incorrect. Plymouth 1891 looks a poor census.)

Charles A. Allen 36 Superintendent of Police Born Devon, Plymouth

Gertrude 35

Dorothy 3

Elizabeth 1 month.

Servants 5

John Christopher Coachman/Groom

4 female.

1901.

The Cottage only five servants in residence.

The Cross

Charles Ackland Allen 46 Living on means. J.P. Born Pembroke. Tenby.

Gertrude E. 44 Born Wocester. Hanbury.


Dorothy Florence 15

Elgiva M. 10

Hugh Thomas 7

2 servants.

Radyr and Morganstown Local History Society.



my apology for getting Donohy's Diary
to you.

With best wishes,

Alan Cook.

is is a diary
and in a jumble sale.
his transcript is to
be sent for CRS.
More copies can be
sent from Alan Cook.

Has done article on it
for Museums magazine.