

**U DX175**

**Papers of Sir Alister Clavering Hardy**

**1927-1984**

**Biographical Background:**

Alister Hardy was born in 1896. He came to Hull in 1928 to take up the post of Professor of Zoology at the new University College. From 1931 his work was expanded to include Oceanography and during this period he invented the continuous plankton recorder. Using the recorder, he undertook ecological investigations in the North Sea, both on special expeditions and by attaching the recorder to fishing trawlers. He remained at Hull until moving to Aberdeen University in 1942. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1940, having received a scientific medal from the Zoological Society the previous year. He died in 1985.

**Custodial history:**

Donated by W Warley, Hull, April 1987

**Description:**

These papers relate particularly to Hardy's ecological investigations with the continuous plankton recorder and more generally to his connections with Hull University College.

**Extent:** 37 items

**Related material:**

Other repositories:

AC Hardy papers, Department of Western Manuscripts, Bodleian Library, University of Oxford including correspondence with shipping magnate Sir John Ellerman

The continuous plankton recorder is deposited in the Science Museum, London

**Access conditions:**

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

U DX175/1	Letters (2), Christmas cards (17) and postcards (7) to W. Warley from Sir Alister Hardy With photocopy of a reply 27 items	1953-1984
U DX175/2	Letters (5) to W. Warley from E.W. Paget - Tomlinson With photocopy of a reply 6 items	1976-1977
U DX175/3	Letters to W. Warley from Edward Gillett 2 items	1976-1977

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U DX175/4	Agenda for driving the first pile for the foundations of University College of Hull 1 item	24 Aug 1927
U DX175/5	List of members of the 'Discovery' Committee and staff 1 item	c.1929
U DX175/6	Photograph of Sir Alister Hardy 1 item	c.1935
U DX175/7	Circular letter appealing for funds for University College of Hull 1 item	Dec 1934
U DX175/8	Subscription list further to U DX175/7 1 item	23 Mar 1935
U DX175/9	'Plankton ecology and the hypothesis of animal exclusion', by Professor A.C. Hardy Reprint from 'Proceedings of the Linnean Society', Session 148, 1935 - 1936. Part 2 1 item	27 Mar 1936
U DX175/10	'Oceanographical Research at the University College of Hull, 1931 - 1936', by Professor A.C. Hardy 2 items	1937
U DX175/11	'Ecological Investigations with the Continuous Plankton Recorder', by Professor A.C. Hardy, in Hull Bulletins of Marine Biology, Vol. 1, no. 1 1 item	Nov 1939
U DX175/12	Photocopy of press cutting from 'Hull Daily Mail' Professor A.C. Hardy elected a Fellow of the Royal Society 1 item	15 Mar 1940
U DX175/13	Circular letter appealing for funds for University College of Hull 1 item	c.1950
U DX175/14	Photographs of R.S.S. 'Discovery' at Thames Embankment 3 items	1958
U DX175/15	Programme. Degree Congregation, Hull University. Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science conferred on Sir Alister Hardy 1 item	29 Jun 1963

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U DX175/17	Article on 'The Continuous Plankton Recorder Survey', reprinted from 'Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Research Bulletin', No. 11 1 item	1975
U DX175/18	Note of programme on B.B.C., 'Everyman: It Could Happen to You'. Sir Alister Hardy was a participant 1 item	27 Mar 1981
U DX175/19	Press cutting relating to Boynton Hall and its owners 1 item	28 May 1981
U DX175/20	Photograph of the fishing smack 'Lundy Garnet', Hull 1 item	20th cent.
U DX175/21	Photocopy. Christmas card from, and staff of, Oceanography Department, University College of Hull 1 item	20th cent.
U DX175/22	Photocopies. Crew and scientific staff of R.S.S. 'Discovery' 3 items	20th cent.
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