

**L DFPE                      Diaries of Edith Christabel and Tom Peirse                      1919-1971**

**Biographical Background:** Address Marfleet Lane, Sutton Ings, Holderness Road (1919 diary)

Born 4 Jan 1904 to Father Tom (b c1871) and Mother Marie (d 30 Nov 1932)

Went to Hull Girls High School 1916-1919 (1919 diary)  
then went to secretarial school? [De Bears, King Edward Street]

"Reggie" [Revd R.T. Newcombe, St Michael's church]

"Auntie Muriel" [Muriel Levy]

"Uncle Leslie" [Leslie B. Page, Director of Hull Relay Station]

**Custodial history:** Deposited with Hull Local Studies Library

**Extent:** 5 boxes

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

**L DFPE/1                      Edith Christabel Peirse                      1919-1971**  
12 volumes, 63 items

**L DFPE/1/1                      Personal Diaries                      1919-1971**

Heavily annotated pocket diaries primarily relating to her personal life, shopping, school and the weather. With a list of christmas and birthday presents received and often some basic details of her savings and expenditure.

From 1925 there are frequent references to wireless broadcasts she listened to (see also seperate wireless diaries DFPE/1/2/1-5) and from 1927 [check] there is a list of films seen in the year, often with details of the stars, the plot and a brief review.

The early diaries (until 1926) are in the form of very small pocket diaries, with entries frequently spilling-over to subsequent days. From 1927 the dairies are A5 in size which allows related newspaper cuttings to be included, often relating to the marriages of friends. National headlines are often noted including Amy Johnson's exploits and items relating to the Royal Family especially young Princess Elizabeth.

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L DFPE/1/1/1	Personal Diary With reference to the death and burial of King George V's youngest son Prince John (10 Feb) and Peace Day (19 Jul) 1 item	1919
L DFPE/1/1/2	Personal Diary 1 item	1920
L DFPE/1/1/3	Personal Diary 1 item	1921
L DFPE/1/1/4	Personal Diary including getting a job working in the office at Magoirs (7 Dec) 1 item	1922
L DFPE/1/1/5	Personal Diary 1 item	1923
L DFPE/1/1/6	Personal Diary 1 item	1924
L DFPE/1/1/7	Personal Diary With a large number of additional pages sewn together due to the length of entries elsewhere in the dairy 1 item	1925
L DFPE/1/1/8	Personal Diary With a large number of additional pages sewn-in due to the length of entries written. Includes references to the General Strike and 'Riots in Hull' (May) 1 item	1926
L DFPE/1/1/9	Personal Diary 1 item	1927
L DFPE/1/1/10	Personal Diary Includes detailed description of her holiday in Lugano and Montreux in Switzerland and Paris (June) see also seperate holiday diary (DFPE/1/1/11) 1 item	1928
L DFPE/1/1/11	Our Holidays 1928 Detailed description of her holiday in Lugano and Montreux in Switzerland and Paris. 1 item	Jun 1928

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L DFPE/1/1/12	Personal Diary 1 item	1929
L DFPE/1/1/13	Personal Diary Includes small booklet of photographs from the Hotel Alpenblick, Interlaken in Switzerland (Jul) 1 item	1930
L DFPE/1/1/14	Personal Diary Includes newscutting (13 Jan) relating to the naming of new street in Hull, the winning suggestion by "Miss Chris. Peirse" was 'Kingsway' [though it is not clear which road this is actually referring to] Also includes programme for the Hull Aero Club "School's Aviation Day" (11 Apr). 1 item	1931
L DFPE/1/1/15	Personal Diary Includes the death of her mother Marie (30 Nov) 1 item	1932
L DFPE/1/1/16	Personal Diary 1 item	1933
L DFPE/1/1/17	Personal Diary 1 item	1934
L DFPE/1/1/18	Personal Diary 1 item	1935
L DFPE/1/1/19	Personal Diary Includes coverage of King George V's illness and death (Jan) and Edward VIII's abdication (Dec) 1 item	1936
L DFPE/1/1/20	Personal Diary Listens to the coronation of King George VI (12 May) 1 item	1937
L DFPE/1/1/21	Personal Diary 1 item	1938
L DFPE/1/1/22	Personal Diary 1 item	1939
L DFPE/1/1/23	Personal Diary 1 item	1940
L DFPE/1/1/24	Personal Diary 1 item	19 Mar- 26 Aug 1941

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L DFPE/1/1/25	Personal Diary 1 item	1942
L DFPE/1/1/25a	Personal Diary 1 item	Jan- Dec 1943
L DFPE/1/1/26	Personal Diary 1 item	31 Dec 1943- 23 Feb 1944
L DFPE/1/1/27	Personal Diary 1 item	24 Feb- 5 Dec 1944
L DFPE/1/1/28	Personal Diary Also partly includes 1941-2 1 item	28 Mar- 5 Sep 1943
L DFPE/1/1/29	Personal Diary 1 item	5 Sep- 10 Nov 1943
L DFPE/1/1/30	Personal Diary 1 item	16 Nov 1943- 30 Dec 1943
L DFPE/1/1/31	Personal Diary 1 item	1944
L DFPE/1/1/32	Personal Diary 1 item	Feb-Apr 1944
L DFPE/1/1/33	Personal Diary 1 item	1945
L DFPE/1/1/34	Personal Diary 1 item	1947
L DFPE/1/1/35	Personal Diary 1 item	1949
L DFPE/1/1/36	Personal Diary 1 item	1950
L DFPE/1/1/37	Personal Diary 1 item	1951
L DFPE/1/1/38	Personal Diary 1 item	1952
L DFPE/1/1/39	Personal Diary 1 item	1953
L DFPE/1/1/40	Personal Diary 1 item	1954

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L DFPE/1/1/41	Personal Diary 1 item	1955
L DFPE/1/1/42	Personal Diary 1 item	1956
L DFPE/1/1/43	Personal Diary 1 item	1957
L DFPE/1/1/44	Personal Diary 1 item	1958
L DFPE/1/1/45	Personal Diary 1 item	1959
L DFPE/1/1/46	Personal Diary 1 item	1960
L DFPE/1/1/47	Personal Diary 1 item	1961
L DFPE/1/1/48	Personal Diary 1 item	1962
L DFPE/1/1/49	Personal Diary 1 item	1963
L DFPE/1/1/50	Personal Diary 1 item	1964
L DFPE/1/1/51	Personal Diary 1 item	1965
L DFPE/1/1/52	Personal Diary 1 item	1966
L DFPE/1/1/53	Personal Diary 1 item	1967
L DFPE/1/1/54	Personal Diary 1 item	1968
L DFPE/1/1/55	Personal Diary 1 item	1969
L DFPE/1/1/56	Personal Diary 1 item	1970
L DFPE/1/1/57	Personal Diary 1 item	1971

L DFPE/1/2	<b>Wireless Diaries</b>	<b>1927-1936</b>
	<p>Account of Edith's wireless listening habits including references to the BBC transmitter at Daventry and listening to '2LO' (one of Marconi's experimental stations transmitting programmes from The Strand in London), 'Berlin', '5GB Daventry Experimental', 'Radio Luxemburg' and programmes like Children's Hour [often just cited as C.H. in the diary]. She particularly liked the voice of chief announcer Stuart Hibberd.</p> <p>5 items</p>	
L DFPE/1/2/1	<p>Wireless Diary Incomplete account of Edith's wireless listening including problems receiving a signal</p> <p>1 item</p>	Mar 1927- May 1927
L DFPE/1/2/2	<p>Wireless Diary Detailed account of Edith's wireless listening including details of individual shows especially Children's Hour but also a wide range of variety artists featured. Includes a number of short quotes from listeners letters to Mr Collie Knox the 'Daily Mail' radio correspondent and other radio-related newscuttings (1933-1934).</p> <p>1 item</p>	1 Jan 1934- 2 Dec 1934
L DFPE/1/2/3	<p>Wireless Diary Detailed account of Edith's wireless listening including a descriptive account of the Grand National (29 March) and the University Boat Race (6 April). With a number of short quotes from listeners letters to Mr Collie Knox the 'Daily Mail' radio correspondent.</p> <p>1 item</p>	1 Jan 1935- 20 Apr 1935
L DFPE/1/2/4	<p>Wireless Diary Detailed account of Edith's wireless listening including the death (20 January) and funeral (28 January) of King George V</p> <p>1 item</p>	1 Jan 1936- 7 Mar 1936
L DFPE/1/2/5	<p>Wireless Diary Incomplete account of Edith's wireless listening</p> <p>1 item</p>	7 Mar 1936- 16 Oct 1936

<b>L DFPE/1/3</b>	<b>Cash and Account books</b> Very detailed weekly accounts of expenses including everyday aspects including bus fares, books, magazines and visits to the cinema and theatre. The accounts often identifies the shop where items were purchased or the show or film watched.  Details of Dress account with description of material purchased including details of fabric and colour and the shop from where it was bought.  Including cash received, income inclduign details of investments purchased and sold. From Jan 1964 includes details of Old Age Pension allowance received each week. 12 volumes	<b>Jan 1937- Apr 1971</b>
L DFPE/1/3/1	Cash book including details of rides and attractions at Hull Fair in 1937 and 1938. 1 volume	Jan 1937- Feb 1941
L DFPE/1/3/2	Household Expenses 1 volume	Jun 1945- Dec 1947
L DFPE/1/3/3	Household Expenses 1 volume	Dec 1947- Dec 1950
L DFPE/1/3/4	Household Expenses 1 volume	Jan 1951- Jan 1953
L DFPE/1/3/5	Household Expenses Including costs relating to the re-decorating and re-furnishing the sitting room 1 volume	Jan 1953- Jan 1955
L DFPE/1/3/6	Housekeeping Accounts and Dress 1 volume	Jan 1955- Dec 1957
L DFPE/1/3/7	Expenses 1 volume	Jan 1958- Jan 1961
L DFPE/1/3/8	Expenses 1 volume	Jan 1961- Dec 1963
L DFPE/1/3/9	Expenses 1 volume	Dec 1963- Dec 1966
L DFPE/1/3/10	Expenses 1 volume	Jan 1967- Jan 1969

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L DFPE/1/3/11	Expenses Includes summary of investments 1961-1970 1 volume	Dec 1968- Dec 1970
L DFPE/1/3/12	Expenses Includes summary of income and investments 1961-1970 1 volume	Jan 1971- Apr 1971
<b>L DFPE/2</b>	<b>Tom Peirse</b> 15 items	<b>1930-1945</b>
<b>L DFPE/2/1</b>	<b>Personal Diaries</b> Small pocket-sized diaries including details of meetings and visits but very few entries of a personal nature although it does include some financial information with some headings in shorthand 15 items	<b>1930-1945</b>
L DFPE/2/1/1	Personal Diary 1 item	1930
L DFPE/2/1/2	Personal Diary 1 item	1931
L DFPE/2/1/3	Personal Diary 1 item	1932
L DFPE/2/1/4	Personal Diary 1 item	1933
L DFPE/2/1/5	Personal Diary 1 item	1934
L DFPE/2/1/6	Personal Diary 1 item	1935
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L DFPE/2/1/9	Personal Diary 1 item	1938
L DFPE/2/1/10	Personal Diary 1 item	1939
L DFPE/2/1/11	Personal Diary 1 item	1941



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L DFPE/2/1/12	Personal Diary 1 item	1942
L DFPE/2/1/13	Personal Diary 1 item	1943
L DFPE/2/1/14	Personal Diary 1 item	1944
L DFPE/2/1/15	Personal Diary 1 item	1945