

MRS KUENELL
LEAVING TRIBUTE
1943-1962
(WEAVING TUTOR)

Mrs K

WITH AFFECTION & GRATITUDE

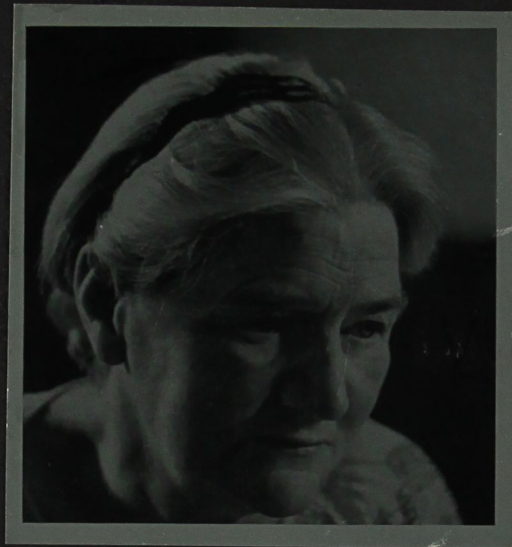
from

DORSET HOUSE SCHOOL
OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

OXFORD

BROMSGROVE - OXFORD
1943 - 1962





From an Idea . . . 1930

The Dorset House School of Occupational Therapy is the outcome of an idea evolved by Dr. Elizabeth Casson in 1930.

'When I first qualified as a doctor I decided that I would take up psychological medicine, and went to one of the best mental hospitals as a clinical assistant. I had been used enough to busy people when I was house-property managing under Octavia Hill, and to ill people in bed when I was a medical student, but I found it very difficult to get used to the atmosphere of bored idleness in the day rooms of the mental hospital. Then, one Monday morning, when I arrived at the women's wards I found the atmosphere had completely changed and realised that preparations for Christmas decorations had begun, and all the patients were working happily in groups, using all their artistic talents with real interest and pleasure. I knew from that moment that occupation was an integral part of treatment and must be provided.'

Dr. Casson was not interested in occupation as a pastime only. She believed that, as a treatment, occupations should meet the creative, recreative, social and vocational needs of the patients. She often quoted the words of Sir Robert Jones, referring to occupational therapy for physical conditions:

'If a patient's former trade or employment is a suitable one he is put to use tools he understands. Otherwise some occupation suitable for his disability and curative in its character is found for him.'

Amy Kelly.
Mary Hadley.

FORMER STUDENTS

1943 - 12TH MAY 1962

6. W. de L. Hall.

Pauline Stalon

Wm (red) Newstone

Wendy Ramsay (Law)

Annet. Long

Bridget Reenan (Horton)

Pat Rindland.

Ruth Ferguson (Powell)

Betty Hollings

Jean Juniper

Quaker

Barbara

Margaret A. Blay

Valerie Dawson

Ann Hodgkin.

Ruth Spurrin.

Margaret Ford.

Madeline B. Kibby

Hide Mead.

E. Ann Nicholls

Elizabeth M. Brodie
(Michell)

Yours sincerely
John E. Zoney

Mary Tucker.

Yours Sincerely
Annetta Jensen.

Frances Quay.

Elizabeth Towers (nee Schlapfer)

Molly Simons -

Norah Cotton
(nee Hardie).

P.S. I was at Donat House in 1941-3.
My name was Bradley then!

It seems hard to think
of D.H. without Mrs T, I
do hope you get enough for
something really nice for her
Yours sincerely
(Mrs) Janet Butler

Joan Sudder.
(Robinson.)

Yours sincerely,
Pat Cundhead

Diana Swan

Yours sincerely,
Eileen Winterbottom

sincerely,
Doris M. Mead.

yours sincerely
Janey Maria Wessel

Mary Mahoney.

Ray Young

Ernest R. Lamb

Anne McConell
(Vergette)

Soan Paites

Doc Taylor Popar

Anne Bennett

Dear Collins
(For Mrs. Kennels
of School.)

Margaret P. Vye (Wells)

Peggy Sheppard
(Walker 1935 conv!!)

Carl Hersche
Chalkin Jan.

Phyllis M. Howie

Pam Goodkey
(Bugess Smith)

Wendy Sargent

Jill Smith (Gayer)

Barbara Walsari
Lt. Robertson

Pamela Everett
Priscilla Barclay

Rosemary Hawkins (Shaw)
Caroline Manno (Shaw)

Raymond H. Kridston





Beryl E. Jones
(née Roberts)

Jill Smith.

Yours sincerely,
Margaret Braithwaite

ROSEMARY HOUSE,
CATTERICK,
YORKSHIRE.
OLD CATTERICK 75.

10 April 1962.

To go towards a leaving
present for Mrs K -
With much affection
from a "Blighter"!

Jean Wrayham -

Karin Christie
(Samuel.)

Joan Roberts. (née Preston.)

Lorena A. Belt (Ball)

Susan A. Parker
(née Rudebeck)

Yours sincerely
Miss E. A. Perkins.

Laura Evans

Yours sincerely
Marvina Marki.

Ann Grant

Penelope Furler

Diana Jeanes

Anne Alden
(né Buckle)



Elizabeth M. Monson (Bartlett)

Sarah Lee.

PP. Miss Graves.

Annes Zupfells.

Yvonne Hele Leckha

Betty Kalamie

Mary Smith-Rose.

Helen Davidson.

A. B. Harrison.
(Miss Baker)

Susan W. Jenkins

Anne Newell (Newey)

Christine Campbell.

Anne Cowarp.

McCoburn

Margaret Dawson
Margaret du. Smith.

Patricia Blowers.

Mary Sam.

Mary G Woodcock
M. G. Woodcock

Jean A. Denison (Denney).

Susan Hill.

Marian Lane

Beryl MacLan



JOB'S DAIRY



K. Paetke

(nee OGILVY

~~1933~~ 44)

Susan Lowe

Jill Wilson

(nee Thomson).

Marjorie Reea

(Donel House 1933 + 1934)

Tambine Taylor

nee Ewin

358, McArthur Ave.,

Appt 2,

Ottawa 2,

Canada

Brenda Crowe

Yours sincerely

Elyzette Osborn.

Patricia Pearce

K. D. D. HENDERSON, 42 PARK TOWN, OXFORD
OXFORD 57844



The enclosed comes with
the best wishes of the "D.H.s" at
the Brighton General Hospital
towards Mr Kummel's leaving
present.

Taret Bromby.

Love sincerely,
W S Flestone

Yours sincerely

Anne Lay
Dora Philpott

Jennifer N. Fitt

Pamela Brockbank
The Orange Tree,
Shindilla,
DURHAM.

Dea J. Knight

Lesly Gbowen
Miss.

E. W. de L. Hall.

F# Frances Mills

Carulka Baxter

All good wishes,

Ann N. Ann.

Mary P. Moorhouse.

Mr. Alicia Mendez
(Woolly).

Moby Shaw.
Blonde Williams

Freda Sampson.

Thelma Bostock.

Joan Hancock (Anthony)

Peggy Hudson.

Margaret

EXAMINATION REPORT.

Esmeralda L. Kuemmel

AGE ?

FORM II

NO IN FORM 53 POSITION 52³/₄NEXT TERM STARTS APRIL 1st 1945

CRAFT	MARK	REMARKS
TUFTED RUG	0%	Flower pot. This work will not be accepted. Y. B. A. Rusge
BRAID RUG	5%	Extreme lack of control of temper - pupil must refrain from tearing up personal clothing while practicing this craft. I. B. A. Braider.
FLAT RUG	3%	Very restless at work. 20" waist very noticeable. Lacey DeSlot - Interlock
TABLET WEAVING	100%	Is a born tablet weaver but apt to get into difficulties owing to too much fiddling in class. J. Turn-shoot. beat.
PATTERN SAMPLER	1/2	pupil is too much-headed, she must learn not to thread up more than one pattern at a time. ^{rose path H.D.}
SPINNING	-	needs to make herself familiar with the rudiments of spinning D. A. M. N. Broken-Jann.
SOFT TOY	100%	loose limbed, stiff necked, undernourished specimen and unfit for companionship of child. Y. Stuppette.
DRESS MAKING	100% (FOR COOKING)	Her needlecraft requires great improvement. Is apt to disregard her true fitting line. ^{Here only hope lies in her cooking power.} S. RIPPEN.
WOODEN TOY	15%	Very careless in choice of tools. Must be more careful in handling them. During previous term has injured 15% of class - Y. Roundhead - Screw.
PERSPEX	-	Advise her to learn netting or some other simple craft. A. Meagle Spotte.
STOOL SEATING	0%	most unsatisfactory work which cannot be trusted to bear much weight. D. R. Y. Rush.
SCARVES	-	Work disqualified owing to definite chinking effect. A. Skipped - Statch.

GENERAL CONDUCT.

Always ticking off other people's crafts.

J. H. E. Trick.





FINALISTS 1962.

Susan Griffiths

Angela Howard

Rosemary Ball

Jay Youngman

Barbara Howard

Margaret Sheehan
Anne Russell

Penelope Schofield
Susan Leland

Hazel Dent

Susan Garland

Ann E. Bots

Carole Jenkins

Penelope Potts

Nancy Symonds

Lynn Chesnie

Susan Brooker

Margaret A. Potts

Silvana de Lago

Rosemary Brangh

Angela Jo Thomas

Ann Pearson

Elizabeth Morley

Elizabeth Rodwell

Christine King

19
Jennifer M. Parker.

Josephine L. Crossley

Barry F. Thurloe.

Margaret C. Foley

Paddy Newington

Reahind E. Smith.

Rosemary Large

FINALISTS July - 63.

Angela Tharow-Saw

Christine West

Elizabeth Wolfenden
Carol Siemssen

Prudence Davis
Sylvia Hollaway

Maeva McWain

Deborah Pinkey

Jamie Carter

Josephine Wright

Angela Bishop
Angela Morris

Faith Gripealey

Janet S
Nana Dopson Jnr

Brenda Rogers
Valerie Peel

Susan Pearce

Elizabeth Henderson

Pam Bedford

Sarah Roberts

Rosemary Humby
Beryl Matland

Patricia Hardisty

Mervin Hazel

Margaret Seabrook

Susan Hedley
Tanne

Rosemary Tark

Aue Harrell

Guenda Kife

Sian Chapman

Joan Dree

Marjorie Smart

Maeva McWain

Patricia
Daphne Douglas



STUDENTS JULY 1962.

Christina Thomas

Sheila MacGeage.

Felony Cross

Sally Grigor

Josephine Hogg

D. Sheila Lawton

Heather Strachan

Summit O. Coltho

Nan Millicentia

Julia Mann

Lesley Hall

Jill Clayton

T Janet Corner.

Hilary J. Neill

Anne Secor.

Rita Smith

Valeis III Wines

Janeth H. Hagan

Sara Boush

Sarah Spence

Rosemary English

Susan Pennicill.

Clesie Rea.

K. Margaret Whitworth.

Susan Ireland

~~James~~ (JP)

Margaret Perry.

Mary A. Reynolds

Gillian Burton

Penny Jackson

Sara Hubbardston

Charles Crodes.

Marionne Lawrence

Pamela

May MacLure

Angela Williams Thomas

Jane Huntington

Elizabeth Mason

Margaret Lee.

Deborah Ashby

Bridget Little.

Inga Kennedy

Sally Price

Susan Frankford

Anson Collett.

Annabel Page

Hennetta Burns.

Harion Haylock

Margaret Packer

John Cassell.
Edna Smyth

Sally Woodward

Caroline Board

J. Spence

Louise Cairnes

Paul Watson

Judy Wallis

Anne Creek.

M. Lockhart

Janice Wright

Elizabeth M. Flood

Janet Cairns

Haron Hallett

Eye Mom

Marion Brodie

Elizabeth Petty-Jones

Catherine Duffin

Catherine Kowale

Judith Myerston

Fern Gilbert

Gillian Williams

Harriet News

Monica Nyberg

Susan E. Cooper

Margaret Heston

Caroline Wales

Mary Griffin

Diana E. Jollie

Paul Hordell

Catherine A. Tunning

Paul Vincent

Josephine Woodell

Catherine

Beatrice A. Corbin

Hary Fillington

Rosemary Tact

Elizabeth Auschkin

Henry J. Grayson

Elizabeth Duffin

Joan Barber





from W. J. [unclear]

Judith M. Steele

Lesley K. Lemon

Ann Lloyd

Hyndel Miller

Jean C. Jarey

Rakara D. Quapner

I. J. Longshore

Heather A. Wood

Nydra H. Edmunds

Colita Thome

Christine Tashig

Sylvia M. Parkes

Barbel Rupp

Leobold F. Weller

Gail Townley

Shelton Langford

Kenelope Holseler

Lindsay Moore

Laura M. Brown

Melissa Thompson

Felicity Baird

Rosanne Cascardini

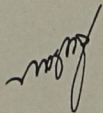
P. Bladstone

Gillian D. Boone

Juliet Hocken

Tom M. Benton

Frank Willis



Ann Kay

Jane

Franklin

Ann Kay



Sybil Adams.



STAFF 1962

E. N. Neidmald.

John [unclear]

Vera Brown.

Budget Page

J. Northcote - Green.

James

J. J. [unclear]

Molly Griffith.

Rosene Sheas.

Kathleen J. Tunney.

Chris Campbell.

Helena M. Davidson.

Lary Gann.

Christi.

Neda Brown

Phyllis M. Howie.

B. N. Nicelli.

Catherine E. Bowen.

Obituary

LOTTE KUEMMEL

Many of those who trained at Dorset House, when it was situated in the huts at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, will be saddened to hear of the death of Mrs Lotte Kuemmel in March 1994, aged 96 years.

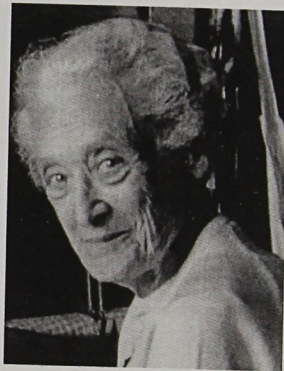
Mrs Kuemmel came to England as a refugee from Germany in 1939 and in 1943 joined Dorset House, at its wartime home in Bromsgrove, as a craft teacher. She moved with the school to Oxford at the end of the war and remained on the staff until her retirement in 1962. She taught weaving and other crafts, and was a very efficient organiser of many aspects of the school life, particularly of the arrangements for practical exams, including vivas, which

involved groups of students acting as patients, many lists and much moving of students from hut to hut.

Many people will remember Mrs Kuemmel 'cooking' the edges of their wobbly looking rugs and being sent, by her, during the termly 'blitzing' of the weaving huts to look for missing threading hooks.

Mrs Kuemmel had a wide range of interests, including music and, throughout her long retirement, during which she suffered several periods of serious illness, she continued to produce beautiful and very original woven articles. These include a curtain for the chapel at Mansfield College, Oxford, which she wove during her 90th year.

Jill Freston,
Oxford Brookes University.



Lotte Kuemmel



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Olympus Oshin

GILLINGWOOD
 FAIRFIELD
 STOCKTON-ON-TEES
 TELEPHONE 66541

May 2nd 1962.

Dear Mrs Kummel

I see from the journal that you are retiring from Doreet House, & I would like to send you all good wishes for a very happy retirement.

Since my marriage I have lost touch with OT, other than reading the journal & occasionally seeing friends with whom I worked. So it was very nice to see that you are to be the Guest of Honour at the reunion, & I hope you will have a very happy day. You were always so kind to

me when I came to Bunsley Hall as
a ⁴/₃ rather bewildered student - (I think
it was in 1943 - heavens, that makes
we feel old!

You must have had hundreds
of students to deal with in
this time, so you may well not
remember me, but I ~~will~~
remember you, & your kindness &
sense of humour, with much
affection.

My greetings to
Miss Macdonald, and with all
good wishes to you from

Barbara Peters

nee Johnson.

420, Kingsbury St.,
Oxford,
N. Carolina,
U. S. A.

Dear Mrs Kuenmel,

April 7th, 1962.

A few hours ago I read a notice in the March Journal about your retirement from D.H., and felt that I must write to wish you happiness in whatever you're going to do next.

You probably won't remember me but I was a member (undistinguished) of group R.S.T. a long time ago. However you stand out in my memory very vividly and clearly and that is why I am sending my best wishes to you for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Hoffman,
nee Bishop.

Mrs Kuenmel,
% Dorset House,
Oxford.

301-1592 Trafalger St,
8/6/62. Vancouver.B.C.

Dear Mrs Kuemmel,

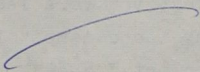
You will no doubt be very surprised to be hearing from me after all this time, since I qualified in 1952. In fact you have probably quite forgotten the notorious N.O.P.S. of that year! I saw in the English Journal the other day that you were leaving, and wanted to add my "Goodwishes" for a very Happy Retirement. I know you will be greatly missed by many Staff and dozens of Students that have passed thru' Dorset House during the many years you have been there.

I am in Canada as you see, and came to Vancouver in 1958. At the moment I'm in Charge of the Dept. at the General Hospital here, and have two ex-D.H. Staff with me, Joan Steen and Jenny Handford. You may remember them.

I returned to England for a holiday last Summer but was unable to attend the re-union in London.

Last Winter I met Joan Polson out here,
she was on the Staff at D.H. in 1952, but
then took a Physiotherapy Course, and now
works at a Rheumatoid Hospital in B.C.
It really is a very small world.
Please remember me to Miss Macdonald and
any other Staff who may remember me. With
renewed good wishes for the future,

Sheila H. Cox



To Mrs. Knewmet.

LIST OF THOSE WHO COULD NOT ATTEND.

(Re. Union)

- Miss S.B. Dickinson
- Miss B. Tilly
- Mrs. M. Zair
- Mrs. E. Brimelow
- Mrs. Spicer (nee Smyth)
- Mrs. Jones (nee Lambert)
- Mrs. Wilson (nee Thomson)
- Mrs. Manly (nee Walton)
- Miss Weissell
- Mrs. Chase (nee Onslow)M
- Miss M. Elwood
- Miss Challoner
- Mrs. Vidler
- Mrs. R. Wheeler
- Mrs. Montagu Jones (
- Miss P. Brockbank)
- Miss V. Chantrill
- Mrs. J. Butler
- Miss D. Swan
- Mrs. Towers (nee Schlapfer)
- Mrs. Wrangham
- Mrs. Alderson (nee Buckler)
- Miss P. Faulks
- Mrs. Sugden (nee Robinson)
- Mrs. Bett (nee Ball)
- ~~Miss D.~~
- Mrs. Jones (nee Roberts)
- Mrs. Taylor (nee Ewin)

35 leaves

Mrs. Kneemel.



