

Estate of Sir Alan (A P) Herbert

Sir Alan (A P) Herbert was born in September 1890. He joined the staff of Punch in 1924 and wrote for the paper for sixty years. He wrote articles, books, plays and musicals, poetry and polemics, and still he found time for a multitude of other occupations – a fighter and reformer in the House of Commons whose Marriage Bill passed into law in 1937, a Thames Conservator and he was an outdoor man with a great passion for sailing too. There was more than a touch of the universal man about Alan Herbert. He was an outspoken patriot, spirited denouncer of injustice, tenacious defender of a good cause, and was never without a sense of fun. He died in November 1971.

