

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.

