

# Kay Gilbert departs aged 91

It is with great sadness that we record the passing of friend and neighbour Kay Gilbert who lived at No. 45 for some fifty years.

Kay was born in Somerset at the turn of the century and soon became deeply influenced by the political activities of her elder sister Joan, who was a militant suffragette and founder in 1920 of the Communist Party of Great Britain. Kay joined 4 years later, rising to the position of International Secretary, a position she held until her retirement in 1960.

During a distinguished political career, Kay was one of the founders of the old Daily Worker, the forerunner of the Morning Star, becoming the Managing Director. Was General Secretary of Liberation, the renamed Movement for Colonial Freedom and a Councillor for the old borough of Finsbury.

Kay travelled widely throughout the Soviet Union and imperialist controlled Africa and became responsible for a stream of unique books, pamphlets and political tracts from the Third World as well as assisting Marxist scholar Emile Burns produce literature throughout the General Strike in 1926.

No stranger to controversy, Kay spent five months in prison, when as managing director of

the Daily Worker, the paper refused to pay a fine for describing the conviction of an unemployed workers leader as a "frame-up".

During police raids on the offices of the Communist Party of Great Britain, Kay busied herself in the rear of the building, hastily burning party membership cards.

To Kay and husband Tony, who tragically died three weeks before Kay, it was a pleasure and a privilege to have known you.

## Thanks Terry!

Our cleaner Terry is leaving us and will be sorely missed. A true gentleman in every sense of the word, ever willing to help the residents whatever the tasks he was called upon to perform.

The Committee will make a small presentation to mark our gratitude and we wish him well in his new employment, having declined an invitation to remain with the Freshwater Group.  
MANY THANKS & BEST WISHES

## NEWSLETTER

I have enjoyed writing the newsletter for the past four years, but feel that it is time for a change of opinion. I am prepared to produce the July issue, but after that some fresh blood needs to be injected. Would anybody who is prepared to take over this roll, please contact the chairman, Mike at No. 36 or myself. It is not a difficult task and full assistance will readily be given by myself and the Committee.

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