



In 1937 Mass Observation called for people from all parts of the UK to record everything they did from when they woke up in the morning to when they went to sleep at night on 12th May. This was the day of George VI's Coronation. The resulting diaries provide a wonderful glimpse into the everyday lives of people across Britain, and have become an invaluable resource for those researching countless aspects of the era.

The Mass Observation Archive repeats this call on 12th May each year. The diaries we receive will be stored in the Archive alongside the 1937 documents. May 12th is likely to be quite an ordinary day, but for those researching, the 'ordinary' can often provide extraordinary results. Therefore, we would be very grateful if you could document your May 12th for the future.

Write as much as you can about what you do, who you meet, what you talk about, what you eat and drink, the places you visit, the people you meet, the things you read, see and hear around you and of course what you yourself think.

A diary template is provided so that you can make your contribution to the archive.



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12th May 2011

female []

Age: 30 2/3

segregation staff, who gave me some hot water, and I brushed my teeth and got dressed. I don't eat bit exercise, which is situated on a yard outside my cell window and spoke to him about his pending prison's death and whether Pakistan were helping keeping me for shower. When I returned to cell, there were put them on my picture board.

- peanut butter sandwich, an apple and a bit. ate my dinner then spent all afternoon reading - Caribbean stew and roast potatoes, chocolate and tea, and went on to write four letters. Three to one to a friend in another prison. chapters of "Red Dragon". Almost finished it! and went to sleep with radio tuned into Radio "Like You", by Adele is the last song I remember



Mr. Dent picked it up in Cheam Holland Park Rd.

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if we can help you on some particular problem of your own, which is not covered in this book, we shall be very pleased to do so.

Author

Choir at school at Yester
y and grandad is little
is an allotment is little
golf. After we had a carvery
egg or orange juice. For lunch we
ate egg. I had chips, beans and my timer
on the computer. On Sunday, it is a
where you can look after a pet monster. It is a
normal day because we normally go out
there today because we normally have re
Sunday but we didn't. We tidied my
dad did some painting and moved
niture.



I donate my 12th May Day Diary to the Mass Observation Archive Trust, so that it can be used in publications and in broadcasts as approved by the

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Competitions are
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id yours?

You think—Never mind
—It's your own opinion

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Dinners see Evening News

Mon 12th May 2011

appointments
in town. E's was with the senior dental
for an extraction & mine was with the
assistant for general overhaul as I
not been seen a dentist for nearly
two years & knew I wanted one filling
done. I always hate going
dentist mat

Thursday

28-12-00

My brother and I
played in the snow
and frost in the morning.
I built a snow man
and we had a snowball
fight! (I was frozen!)
In the afternoon we
went to town. For Xmas
I had £20 for a book.
got "The Seven Stories of
Narnia". I then got a
free book worth up to £10
for spending so much
money. I got a poem
book. I was exhausted!!



Hoped it
3d time

