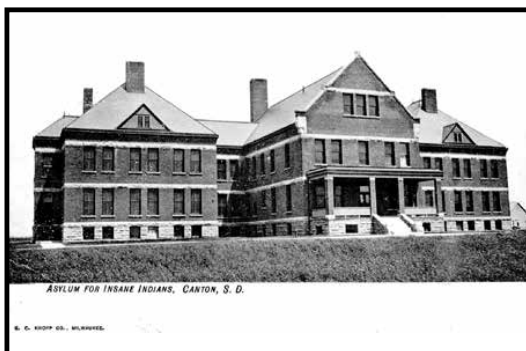


still a hospital. But... *that* British *inquiry* was about decrepit buildings, underfunding, and gross overcrowding. It was *not* attacking the quality (pleading, as USA, a gross underfunding) of staff and residents. But acknowledging what constitutes ongoing good duty of care and, kindly, trained staff in attendance, within the cash-starved British hospitals.

The new British 1959 Mental Health Act, was on the horizon. On initiation into our Graylingwell Hospital wards in 1967, I was unaware of the foregoing American social histories — and the psychiatric watershed of circa 1946 with the end of the old English Poor Laws. Also see, esp. *Asylums and After*, by (Prof.) Kathleen Jones. Publ. The Athlone Press. London & Atlantic Highlands, NJ (1993) Chapter 9, p153. (See Also Ch. 8, Note 5.)

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61. *Wisdom, Madness & Folly. The Making of a Psychiatrist*. by R.D.Laing. Published. Macmillan. 1985. Chapter Four. The Army.
62. *Under Fire*, by Henri Barbusse. First Published in French in 1916. Penguin edition. 2003. See. Chapter Nine, *Mighty Anger*.



Hiawatha Insane Asylum for Indians, in Canton, South Dakota. Photo from postcard, c1908.

Canton Asylum, 1899-1933. Early 20th Century USA, Snake Pit: specifically for indigenous native American Indians; the hospital windows all barred, chained residents (including children); no relatives or visitors allowed. Included on the reverse of the card: Easter Monday '08 '... The Asylum has 60 Indians from 35 different tribes...'

Each tribe had different dialects — and couldn't understand their fellow Indians — for this, too, they were branded insane, as their white staff couldn't understand them either. (Source: Wild Indians, Google, 22/02/2006)



## City of Birmingham.

ASYLUMS DEPARTMENT,  
THE COUNCIL HOUSE,

28th February, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

### LEGISLATION FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

I am desired by the Asylums Committee of Visitors of this City to forward to you the following copy of a Resolution passed by them at their Meeting on the 26th inst., viz:—

Resolved—That, with reference to the Report of the Royal Commission on the Care and Control of the Feeble-minded, issued as long ago as July, 1908, this Committee desire respectfully to urge upon the Government the pressing necessity that exists for promoting in the ensuing Session of Parliament a Bill for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained; they believe that, owing to the lack of powers of control and segregation, the evils attendant upon the present system are increasing, that as a consequence race deterioration is threatened, and that very considerable expenditure is being incurred which might be avoided; for these reasons they feel very strongly that remedial legislation in the direction indicated in the Report of the Royal Commission is greatly needed, and should be no longer delayed.

My Committee regard the matter as one of considerable importance. A copy of the foregoing Resolution has been forwarded to the Home Secretary, the Lunacy Commissioners, and our local Members of Parliament. If you have not already taken action, I shall be glad if you will give the matter your consideration, in the hope that your Committee will be able to see their way to passing a similar Resolution, and sending copies thereof to the same authorities and persons as my Committee have done, as we are assured that it is only constant pressure in this direction that can give any hope of early legislation.

Yours faithfully,

*David Davis*

Chairman, Asylums Committee of Visitors.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
ASYLUMS VISITING COMMITTEE,

*Chichester*

UK public County Asylums, vigilant in being just, to its sparse, resource starved and little understood 'feeble minded' needs. The above, widely distributed, UK circular innocently (in 1912) unaware of the inhuman purgatory yet, in the 1920s to 1960s, to be experienced in the so-called, science of Eugenics in, for example, racist America, Germany and South Africa; their *subsequent* race laws — awful neglect, and abuse, of lunatics and feeble minded, including people with learning difficulties... See: *In The Name Of Eugenics*, by Daniel J. Kevles — Harvard, USA. 1997 (1985).

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2. *Of West Sussex County Asylum*, Chichester.
3. *West Sussex County Asylum, Regulations*.1897.
4. Statute of The King's — *Royal Prerogative*, c.1255 and 1290.
5. *The Statutes at Large. From the first year of King Edward the Fourth. To the End of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth*. Volume The Second. Published. London. MDCCLXXXVI (1786). See pp.306 — 308. Cap.XX. (Henry VIII) *How Treason committed by a Lunatick shall be punished, and in what Manner he shall be tried*. (1541 A.D.) Cap. XXI then followed... *Queen Katherine and her Complices attained of Treason. (This Act is not on the roll.)*... They were all subsequently beheaded in execution, *not* being judged lunatick in retrospect at the time of their guilty acts of treason towards The King.
6. *The Statutes at Large*, 1786. p.291. Cap. XLVI. (32 Henry 8 c.46 1540.) Notably, Sir William Stanford (1509-1558) English Judge and prominent legal writer described the *Royal Prerogative* in 1567 — Shakespeare was born in 1564. ...
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‘I am acutely aware that this book does little more than skim the surface of many critical topics. No substantial body of research has yet been produced on numerous fundamental issues , such as how mad people

were treated by the parochial Poor Law system during this period, or upon basic source materials, such as patient's case books as kept by mad doctors ...'

I'd never heard of Dr. Roy Porter during the 1960s and Seventies.

12. See Chapter Five, *Bramber Two* ward.
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14. Physical Tests. See. *Better Court Than Coroners*. Volume Two, Forms & Lists.
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20. Gattie.... *Legal Aspects Of Mental Illness. Procedure*. By William H. Gattie, Published. London. Shaw & Sons. Third Edition. (1933.)

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23. Spelling... Ibid.
24. Matthews.... *A Handbook on Lunacy and Mental Treatment and Mental Deficiency*. By F.B.Matthews. 1950
25. Burdett. ... *Burdett's Hospitals and Charities*, founded 1889. *The Hospitals Year Book*. An Annual publication, which listed location Beds and Senior administration, incorporating Burdett's original listings of extant Hospitals in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Editor (1967) J.F.Milne.
26. Community Care... *not* the same as duty of care — but 'negligence' the key *forensic* term *monitoring* factor used, in assessing proper standards of care in the community.
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28. *Corporate murder bill faces new threat*. Observer. 4th February 2007. p20.
29. *Manslaughter By Superbug*. Daily Mail. Thursday, October 11, 2007, p.1.
30. *Criminal Law* by Russell Heaton, LL, Solicitor. Principal Lecturer in Law, Nottingham Law School. Published. Blackstone Press Limited.1996. See. p122. *Homicide*. Ref. case law, Adomako (1994) 3 All ER 79.... also, Google *Internet data* on 3.7.2005; Search heading — *Common Law, Duty Of Care & Negligence Law*.
31. *Pupils, The Law And A Duty Of Care*. Daily Mail. January 31st 2006. p6.
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- Negligence and Want of Skill*. This action was brought by the surgeon of the parish of Gedding ...'
33. Spellar. ... Ibid. 1947.
  34. Speller. ... Ibid. 1947. p87.
  35. Chalmers ... Ibid. *Sutton*.1945.
  36. Donaghue ... *Donaghue v Stevenson*. 1934. (Informant Admin Mr Basil Boxall).
  37. *Collins English Dictionary*. 1979 edition p.557.
  38. *The Great Plague*, in Dec..1664, and *The Great Fire* of London, in Sept. 1666.
  39. *History Of Crime in England*, By Luke Owen Pike M.A. Second Series. Published Smith & Elder. 1876. Chapter VIII Suicide and Insanity. p195-p.198. And Chapter XIII. Doctrine of Insanity p.581 & p.582.
  40. Suicide Caution Card. See *Better Court Than Coroners*. Volume Two.
  41. Aversion Therapy. ... See. *Sunday Times Magazine* supplement. March 19th,1967 p.20 — *Your Health & The Mind*. Our Psychology induction lecturer, Dr. Harrod, had recently introduced us to Russian Pavlov (after learning of Freud Jung and William McDougall). Dr. Ivan Pavlov (1849-1946) had experimented specifically with animals, like dog's salivation, on presentation of a specific trigger — like a bell ringing, or other such preface, before its meal (or other trained responses). But, our lecturer elaborated, if an *exact* symbol, i.e. an *exact* circle, represented clarity, the anticipated trigger in human terms, what if, very *subtly*, the symbol (of truth - what's experienced) is sometimes changed or absent. And, with this inconstancy in mind, Dr. Harrod told us, briefly, of another Russian psychologist Dr. Vladimir *Bekhterev* (1857-1927), whose brain experiments applied to humans rather than dogs; Bekhterev introduced a slight and *undetected* ellipse, in the expected circle and, from this analogy, we realised a primary cause of a Neuroses. But I soon realised it was *Pavlov* who was most remembered, and Bekhterev was forgotten.
  42. *Sunday Mirror*, Front Page. March 1966.
  43. George I. Gurdjieff (1877-1949) was a leading light in a *New Age* Movement which, in theory and practice, examined expansion of human consciousness, both potential and actual. The generic label

of *New Age* was the title of a published Journal (1907-1922), edited by writer Alfred A. Orage (1873-1934), when he left London in 1922 and met with Gurdieff at Fontainebleau in France, and joined a new school of learning on the subject.

44. *Fifth Column At Work*, By B.Bilek. p.24. Published. Trinity Press. London.1945.
45. *Operation Grapple...* H bomb tests on Christmas Island, 1956-1957. As a sapper, I was stationed on the island from July 1956 until late July 1957 (thirteen months).



1897. Bethlem Hospital, London. (Photo from 'The Queen's London', Pub. Cassell and Co. Ltd., 1897, p.72.)



Above: 1751. St Luke's Hospital, Old Street, London. (*The Story of St. Luke's Hospital. 1750-1948.* by C.N.French. Heinmann. Medical Books 1951)

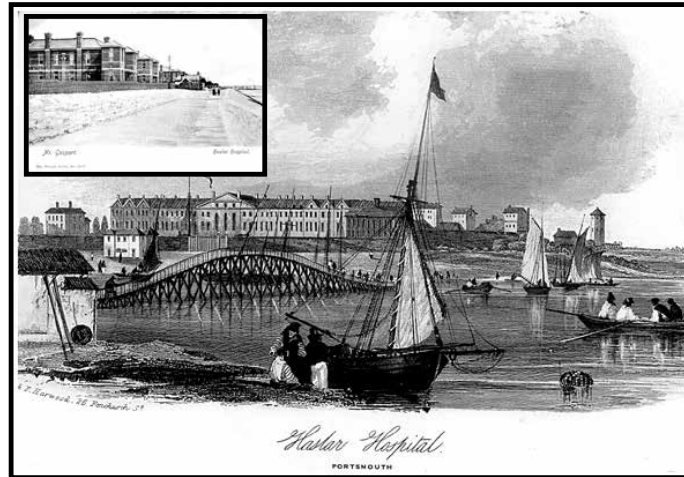
The first Bethlem hospital was established in the 13th Century, on the present site of the Liverpool St. Railway Station; later rebuilt, moved to Moorfields and, in 1815, moved to south London, where it remained until 1930, when the hospital moved to Kent. At one stage, it had accommodation for four hundred patients of both sexes. At Lambeth Road, the enlarged Dome was prominent in 1897, but later removed. The two outer wings were also removed. The centre section is now the Imperial War Museum.

Until the construction of the County Asylums — in the 19th and 20th Century — a number of pauper patients, if deemed curable (up to 2 years) were accepted at Bethlem, St Lukes — or private madhouses, but, if chronic, removed back to their local parish work-houses, or discharged to an alternative facility.

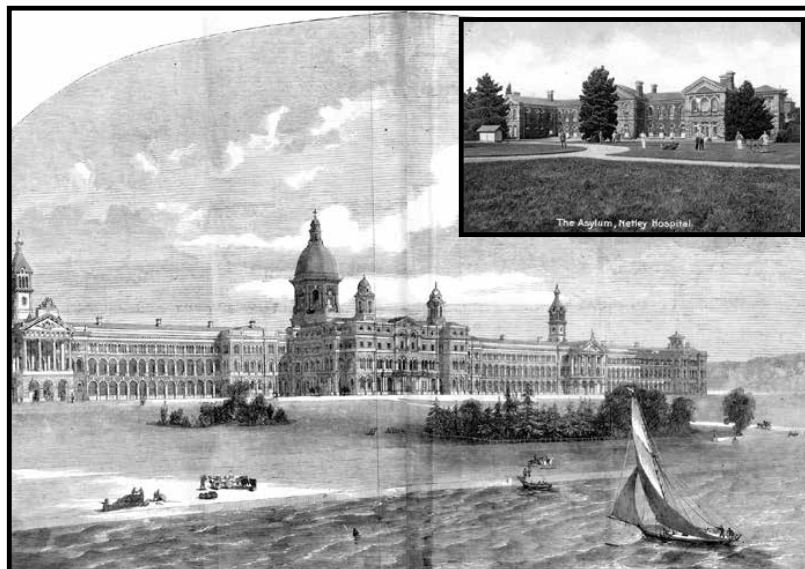
A. D. 1593. Anno tricesimo quinto Reginae ELIZABETHÆ. C. 3--7. 663

C A P IV.

Every Parish shall be charged with a Sum weekly towards the Relief of sick, hurt and maimed Soldiers and EXP. Mariners. Continued to the End of the first Session of the next Parliament, by 43 El. c. 9. §. 29.



1753. Haslar Naval Military Hospital. 1753-2007. 2008-2010 a NHS Portsmouth Hospital facility. ... Now closed.



1593. The quote, at top, reads "Every Parish shall be charged with a Sum weekly towards the Relief of sick, hurt and maimed Soldiers and exp. Mariners. Continued to the end of the first Session of the next Parliament, by 43 El. c. 9 s. 29"... 1863. The pictures above show The Royal Victoria Hospital (Netley Hospital) Southampton, Hampshire. 1863-1958. Demolished 1966. D Psychiatric Wing (Asylum at rear), 1870-1978. Netley site, now a public park.



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3. Norman Longmate (b.1925). *King Cholera: the biography of a disease* by Norman Longmate. Published. London. Hamish Hamilton. 1966.
4. Arthur Murray (1895-1991) — *Teach You Dancing In A Hurry.* I worked at an Arthur Murray Dance School, situated on the corner of Poland Street and Oxford St, at 167 Oxford Street in London. Our dance studio was located on two floors, upstairs and over a modern Jazz club, *The Marquee* — situated next door to the chic continental *Academy Cinema.* This was during the *early* Nineteen Sixties. At the time, there was also a kindred franchise Arthur Murray Studio in Leicester Square. A Fred Astaire dance studio existed, around this time, supported by the film actress Anna Neagle and situated in Mayfair, which attracted several of our teachers — I was asked, but declined to make the move. I recall visiting their Mayfair studio for an interview. I also recall a visit from The States, by Arthur & Kathryn Murray, to The Leicester Square studio, and my dancing with tall slim Kathryn Murray, on the pine floor.

Shortly after I left Arthur Murray's, I did considerable work on a book for New English Library (NEL), but the project was eventually shelved in March 1963. It was to have been an adaption of the published *American Murrays' Dancing* textbook, which included; Foxtrot, Waltz, Rumba, Samba, Merengue, Cha-Cha, Mambo, Tango, Swing, Rock'n'Roll, (*How to become a Good Dancer*, by Arthur Murray. Published by Angus and Robertson. London.1959. (Prev eds from 1938.) I added, and helped to introduce, Chubby Checker's *Twist*, by using a half-cuban roll, in this new book — which was to be for *English* enthusiasts. My book then included graphics on Teach Yourself 16 Dance Rhythms — with an introduction on How To Teach Yourself for English social dancing for clubbing and parties, et cetera, and especially jiving (alternative to American *Swing*), with variants of *Mod, Trad & Latin Jazz jives* (slow stomp kick — and, fast, et cetera) — which I loved. All

rhythms which I found easy (then). To jazz jive with three ladies at one time (two in front, one to each hand and spin and, one behind me to catch and spin — as I turned around ) — provided, of course, that *they* too could jive.

My bro and I jived at Humphs, Humphrey Lyttelton's 100 Jazz Club in Oxford Street, and downstairs in the cellar of Ken Colyer's, at 59 Great Newport Street, just off Leicester Square. I also followed Trad gigs about London, and worked part-time at a Night-club in Greek Street, (Tropicana, to be *The Establishment*.) Jiving was still banned in some orthodox London dancehalls (e.g. Tottenham Royal), and I was often shown off the floor... Balmy happy days of Music and Dance, in Bill Hayly Rock'n Roll, Jazz & real taught Latin (not just square Vic Sylvester Ballroom — the real small steps, swivel & *hip*), 1950s and 1960s freestyle. Days of the truly early Swinging Sixties.

5. Colloquial 'up the stick', being insane, also known as '*up the pole*' (in the USA, being teetotal). Which may suggest an illusion to the Indian Rope Trick — out of sight and out of control. Ref. novel *Her Privates We* by Private 19022. Published. Peter Davies. 1930. See p350.... an abridged version of Australian Frederic Manning's *The Middle Path Of Fortune*, published in 1929.
6. Mensa Charles abandoned book. See *Introduction To Logic. And to the Methodology of Deductive Sciences*, By Alfred Tarski. Translated by Olaf Helmer. Published by Oxford University Press. New York. First ed 1941. Second Edition. 1946.
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‘ He may withdraw his interest from life around him and appear to be preoccupied. This inward attitude and change in relationship to the outside world has been named *autism*.’

9. Leo Kanner (1894-1981). An article, titled *Autistic disturbances of affective contact*, was published by Dr. Leo Kanner in *Nervous Child*, 1943 2: p217-250. ‘Since 1938, there have come to our attention a number of ...’. In the 1960s, autism was referred (at our level) to as a feature of *Child Psychosis*. In 1971, I started as an RMN, working for several years with autistic children, and their families, at the *Wessex Unit for Children & Parents*, in the grounds of *St James Psychiatric Hospital* in Southsea Hampshire. Almost twenty years on, in Worthing, as a Mental Health Social Worker (and an Approved Social Worker), I learned of, and worked with, several *Aspergers* teenagers, with psychiatric problems, who were living in the community.
10. Idiot-savant (an oxy-moron). The Greek root of idiot, a:

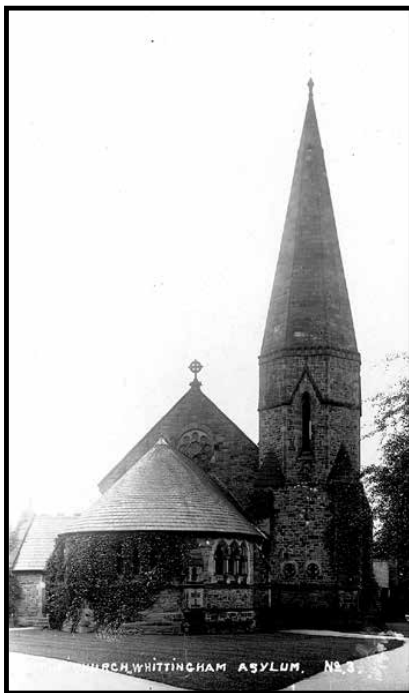
‘private person (who) see the world as if by moonlight, which shows the outlines of every object but not the details indicative of their nature.’

(quoted by Rebecca West); and Dostoevsky’s epileptic Myshkin 1868 *The Idiot*, ‘blessed innocent’. ... And see *The Borderlands of Insanity and Allied Papers*, by (Dr.) Andrew Wynter, MD., Published. London, Robert Hardwicke. 1875. About, Dr. Down ( of Down’s Syndrome) English, Medical Superintendent of 1855 *Earlswood Asylum* in Surrey, who declared:

‘This Asylum was built for those whose brains are sufficiently well formed to be capable of receiving instruction.’

(p.166.) Ref. see, Chapter (Three), *The Training of Imbecile Children*, pp.164-188). Dr. Down added: ‘There is a lad here, however, who shows no mean constructive ability. (p.173). For savant, see *Extraordinary People. Understanding Savant Syndrome*. Updated Version, By (Dr.) Darold A.Treffert, M.D. Published by An Authors Guild back in print Edition. USA. pb.2006.

11. The Red Handbook. The first edition of this *Handbook for Attendants Of The Insane* was published in 1885 by a select committee of Scottish members of the Medico-Psychological Association, and consisted of 64 pages. After the Great War, the Seventh Edition, in 1923, of the mandatory red *Handbook for Mental Nurses* (for Attendants on the Insane), had swollen to 615pp. Our present introductory textbook, *Handbook for Psychiatric Nurses* (ninth edition), dated 1964, was reduced to 368pp.
12. *The Worthing Experiment*. 1957-1958. See. Appendix One. *Social History*. Abstracts. ... *The Acres*.



1869 - 1995. Whittingham Asylum, Lancashire, UK. 3,533 beds (1939), with qualified staff of 548 for all hours and duties; Staff numbers, as all asylums, always a problem. See also BCTC C.7 Note 78. (Photo postcard, c.1910)



1948. Mason General Hospital, USA, also known as Pilgrim State Hospital. The largest mental institution of the time, with 10,000 beds. Now Closed and demolished. (Photo from *The Shame of The States*, by Albert Deutsch, Pub. Harcourt, Brace and Co., p.153). See, also, BCTC C.7 Note 76, and C.11 Note 24.

See: *But for the Grace of God. Milledgeville. Inside story of the World's largest Insane Asylum*; by Dr. Peter G Cranford, 1952 — but not to be published for many years. A compassionate, honest account of one of the USA's historic asylum struggles, in Georgia, to care for its insane and disabled residents. It explains the Asylum's use and abuse of 19th century slaves (afro-american), and 'coloureds', as patients, and as low or unpaid, valued, staff attendants, up to the 1950s. An excellent memoir.