

# **Anne Olivier Bell, Editor of Virginia Woolf Diaries, Dies at 102**

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Anne Olivier Bell, who edited the diaries of Virginia Woolf into five landmark volumes and was a rare surviving link to the Bloomsbury Group, the coterie of English artists and intellectuals prominent in the first half of the last century, died on July 18 at her home in Firle, England. She was 102.

Her daughter Cressida Bell confirmed her death.

Ms. Bell was also thought to be among the last members of the so-called Monuments Men, a unit that worked to protect and recover artworks during and after World War II. One of the many famous people with whom she rubbed elbows during her long life was George Clooney, who directed and starred in a 2014 movie about that unit. In a 2017 interview with The Scottish Daily Mail, she described meeting him at the film's premiere.

"I said to him, 'I'm very pleased indeed to see you, but I must confess, I don't really know who you are,'" she said.

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