


Olive Morris' Letters

1978

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Dear Anne + Kua.

How are you both  
keeping. It was really  
nice hearing from you  
I don't know what it  
is but your letters always  
cheer me up so much.  
Your letters they are like  
the rays of sunshine   
coming into my life and if  
I need anything that's Susan

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As you can see from the address I have moved. It's not a bad place, although I would have hung onto Talma & Newtown if I had been well. I get very depressed these days because my treatment seems to be dragging on so long, and I still get pains not as bad as before but I get them. I have started to do more going out and the likes but I am only about 30% myself. I hope that by

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the time you get back  
to England I will be  
well again. I have to go  
in twice a week for treatment.  
Kia I hope your Estem  
friends won't come looking  
for me in connection  
with that article. I am  
very flattered, did you  
really write it, if so only  
you could do something  
like that. I like your  
~~new~~ idea for a pseudonym  
"M Ella" very good. It

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Rosetta seems to be under the wings of the dreaded reactionary run Ron Phillips, she ~~runs~~ runs the black book shop which he has opened in Brooks Bar M/C. I saw her about two weeks ago when she came to London to collect some books. Otherwise I don't see her much.

Mike is in London every weekend to see me. I don't know what I would do without him if I would

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have  
probably given up ~~trying~~  
trying to fight my  
illness. That's not saying  
other people have not been  
fantastic, you really get  
to know who your mates  
are when you are sick,  
and I am glad to say  
I have many true friends  
I haven't heard from Alde  
I am sure he owes me  
a letter.

I wish I could come and  
see you all but it is not  
possible, I would love to  
go away even to Spain

⑥

as you suggested but I  
am so tied up with  
the hospital, I don't know  
when I will be able  
to go away.

How is your new home  
hope you like it.  
Anne what's wrong with  
picht clubs and Top  
beer? how's the dog?

lots more to say but I'll  
wait until next time  
write soon. hope you can  
make head or tail of  
this letter. Love Olive xpxx

write is the fact that your letter  
was so jam packed with action  
and criticism, it made me feel  
quite inadequate about replying, plus  
that fact that I have been quite ill  
Paul might have written to you by  
now and told you, but I'll tell you  
again I was in hospital for about 4  
weeks. They finally discovered that  
I have a blood ~~disease~~ disease  
called non-hodgkin lymphoma, which  
affects my bone marrow and it's a  
dead cancer. They think they can  
cure it or at least control it, so  
at the moment I am on injections  
(1 per week) and 2 lots of tablets  
~~quite~~ quite deadly medicine, but so  
far I have taken quite well to the  
treatment and things seem to  
be looking up, well according to the  
Dr's any-way, but I must admit I  
feel a lot better, some times I get  
depressed and think I am going to  
kick the bucket, but as soon as I  
speak to Mike he assures me that  
I will live to 80. Any-ways enough  
about me. Unfortunately I did not  
see Ade before he left for Africa  
but he left me a skirt and some  
tags the skirt is lovely thank  
you both. From what Rosetta said  
the trip did him a heap of good.  
This you also confirmed in your  
letter. I am sorry but the way  
things are going I don't think



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I will make it to the island where, "The palm leaves sigh languidly as the north east monsoon nudge their sweaty fingers thro their vegetative clouds . . . ." Next summer (1980) but perhaps in 1981.

I miss you both prouly. I am enjoying my job lots of money and little work the priviledge of the the P.B, it's great, but will it last, knowing what state capitalism is in. Have you heard about the big fire in Rimabawe, so far it's been going on for 3 day, started at a petrol plant. by ZANU well if you can't beat them burn them down, fucking bastards. The costume I saw Rosetta (about 4 week ago when I went to a NCCOS/MS demo in NYC) she was OK. She has moved from ASPMalt & now living with Shaka. moving out of apace I'll continue on another

The demo was to protest against a F.E. college in N. Trafford where they have put up O/S student fees of £1500, not a bad demo although joint with NUS, no really what was one of the good things about that fact that all got it together with that lot. O/S NUS president T. Phillips has been saying some quite militant things lately on behalf of O/S.

K have you found a job yet, I hope so cause we dont want you sponging off the state now do we?

~~What~~ As for as political work is concerned via Buxton it's almost nil I have been round to a few schools and youth clubs to talk about S.O.S. the campaign which we are trying to initiate locally in the law centre. There is quite a bit in the paper line for the New Year.

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What else? I have writing  
and as you can see I am not  
very good at it?  
I got a letter last week from Nicky.  
~~last week~~ I got a bit annoyed by it  
because after she had spent a day  
telling me about the political

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Struggle of the EPLF etc. She then proceeded  
to say I hope I have not bored you  
bloody cheeks, just because she is in  
the forefront of the struggle and we  
over here in U.K are not. Any way it  
was nice to hear from her. I also  
received one from Clare in Ireland  
she love her job and sorting out  
the --- you know who.

Next day... Just got back from the House of Lords  
listening to the debate on section 4 of the 1824  
Vagrancy Act, The Suspected Person Act it "SUS"  
The debate very interesting but when the ~~last~~  
vote came we lost 32 to 83, and I doubt  
if there were 45 ~~pro~~ Lords in the debate  
but they rang the bell + the dodgy old gits  
came hobbling in and vote the motion out.  
The messy letter no 1 and 2 I forgot to  
send it. 18/02/78 for mailing.

PS I'm on the phone  
how it's great  
274 4061

29 Jan 1978  
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Dear Eva + Anne,

Good to hear from you, and as usual your letter was a laugh a minute. Still not much happening politically except for the workers hold the country to ransom as usual, tho! we are not all staying and dying of sickness and all the rest of it that you might be hearing about, the weather is lousy but I'm sure we'll all come out of it in (one) piece, or is it piece  
Buts always do you know  
Kwa, we have a NECOS cong on 10th Feb at Aston, it should be quite a grand affair we are hoping to have outside speakers, from the black communities. There is also supposed to be an international evening afterwards, TAN is in his element about the whole thing I hop it goes well, but I am not too optimistic. What else, if you don't get an epistle

from me agree u will serve you  
both right for taking the  
pass, out of my last one.

Oh nearly forgot you remember  
I was involved in an org. called  
OWAAD Organisation of Women  
of Africa + African Decent and  
we were have a lot of problems  
with the name + how we were  
going to involve other 3rd world  
women well, we have been joined  
by a large number of Asian sisters  
and we have changed the name  
to "Organisation of Asian Women  
of Asia + African decent, still  
OWAAD so our lovely posters which  
I don't think you saw wont have  
to be changed. So really that is  
the most important point. We are  
really pleased about the amount  
of Asian women especially from  
Pakistan, + Africa Uganda, Kenya  
etc who have joined us. And  
of course we will be having  
a national black women's

Conference in March, If it comes  
off how we have planned it  
it should be fantastic and  
and historical event. If you  
want one of our posters send  
+ tell me in your next letter.

healthwise I have had one  
relaps but I am on the  
road to mending again. Although  
I don't think I will ever  
be the same again. ah  
will never mind that now  
the struggle gets on.

Did I tell you about our  
new broad based org in  
Brixton. It's called BASH  
Black (people) against State Harassment  
that + the "SUS" campaign.  
Coming on fine.

I am very glad that you now  
both have jobs, so you will be  
kept off the streets + out of  
trouble. I think all decent  
people should work the  
trouble wet people now a day

bla bla, take me I have  
been working since August  
+ I hope only need 12 weeks  
off. how's that for dedication  
no but I am quite enjoying  
my job I hope you both are  
too in what ever way is  
possible. I'm sure you  
will enjoy the money at  
least. Hope you had a good  
time in Port Dickson.

My brother, the twins, and mother  
are well, my brother has just started  
a "job" at Cant. believe it when I told  
my big brother about "he said "who's  
holding the gun"

The Surveyor came round to check out  
2 Talma motown a few day back  
with a bit of luck work should  
begin in 1 year time and you  
might have something to stay in  
your marriage to his good step  
England in the 80's.

Oh before I forget happy English  
New Year, and hope you have  
PTC



got a great letter from Ade  
While in hospital I was thinking  
over the last few weeks that  
should have heard from him. I would  
Do you all hear from him?  
he mentioned you both and  
your jobs

See ya

My

3. Feb 79

Hi Mum & Annie

I should have posted this a week ago today & Saturday and the only time since I was admitted into St Thomas's hospital since Monday that I have been very sick for much pain. I don't know what to do with myself.

anyway I have had some Radiotherapy Morphine, Stemetil, Proganon, other Dexamethazone, D.F.V. 8 plus my other treatment and together they have helped me a great deal. I have been up today Saturday walking around the ward.

Get you should see it outside the ward. You know that English Classical days when it was but very very sunny. I can see the nvs 7 of course parliament the room has just left my bed to move onto someone else. I have had tons of visitors, plus my mother who is convinced that only the Lord will be able to save me now. What do you think. It about 2.10 pm Mike said he would come at about 2.30 on the dot. I'll start getting read, dit my love etc

to get to the control

a great  
Chinese New year, lot of food etc.  
Yes it's awful about China, each  
day something really awful  
happens. People come up to me  
in Brixton and say what about  
this or that then? I say  
yes it's pretty awful, they look  
agast, because they expect those  
loyal to China to be the same  
as those loyal to USSR. i.e.  
depend it even when it's plainly  
wrong. But they don't realise  
that us ~~M/L~~ M/L is not  
made of better stuff.  
But still I hope it will all  
come out in the wash.  
Still it's great what's happening  
in Iran, isn't it? ~~again~~ if only  
they had listened to the M/Ls  
in M/C and Sheffield. We told  
them this would happen 3 yrs  
ago.

I have a lot more to say  
but I'll stop now + continue  
in next letter.  
See you lots of love from Mike  
too, he's well. Dhire etc