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OBITUARY

Jean Medawar 1913–2005

Jean Shinglewood Taylor, family planning campaigner and writer: born London 7 February 1913; Joint Editor, *Family Planning* 1959–1976; Chair, Family Planning Association 1966–1970; Director, Margaret Pyke Memorial Trust 1976–2005; married 1937 Peter Medawar (OM, CH, FRS, Nobel for Medicine 1960, Knighted 1965, died 1987); two sons, two daughters; died London 3 May 2005.

Sir Peter Medawar, after his calamitous stroke in 1969, saw his wife, Jean, at his bedside. The five words he got out before relapsing into unconsciousness were, as she often recounted: "entire visual field agreeably occupied". However, Lady Medawar was so much more than the wondrously supportive wife of this great man and the mother of his children. She was part of a crucial 'bridge' between the work of early pioneers, Lady Denman and Margaret Pyke, and modern times, when empowering women to control their fertility is largely taken for granted. In 1967 she became the Family Planning Association (FPA)'s second Chair, after the death of her friend Mrs Pyke who had been the FPA's Chief Administrator since 1930. As well as jointly editing the *Journal of Family Planning* from 1957 to 1976, together they were co-founders of the Margaret Pyke Centre and Memorial Trust in 1968. The Margaret Pyke Centre itself was officially opened by Prince Philip in 1969 and – most exceptionally – he also attended its re-opening in Charlotte Street in 1995 and its 21st and 30th birthday celebrations (allegedly remarking that "it is difficult to refuse an invitation from Jean Medawar!").

Jean Medawar visited The Gambia for the United Nations and out of this visit came in 1980 an audiovisual programme and book about the planet's environment for inner city children called *Lifeclass*. She was a signatory of the 'Letter of Apology' to the future, which was placed in a time capsule in Kew Gardens as part of the environment time capsule project. Her other books included her biography of Sir Peter and, with David Pyke, *Hitler's Gift: Scientists Who Fled Nazi Germany*, an account of how 2600 Jewish scientific refugees from Nazi Germany produced 20 Nobel Laureates, 54 Fellows of the Royal Society, 34 Fellows of the British Academy and 10 recipients of Knighthoods. She worked for Amnesty, was on the council of the World Wide Fund for Nature, the International Institute for Environment and Development and Population Concern.

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