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Florence Beetlestone

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BEETLESTONE Florence Beetlestone b.1943

Name of Creator: Beetlestone, Florence (b.1943) political activist, educator

Extent: 8 boxes

Administrative/Biographical History: Florence Beetlestone was born into a political family, with her mother, Joyce Butler, a Labour MP for Wood Green and Lower Tottenham for 24 years, and her father, Vic Butler, a political organiser and councillor. Florence was brought up in Wood Green and lived in Enfield for over 30 years. She has two children and two grandchildren.

Florence has been a member of the Labour Party for 52 years, the Cooperative Party for 59 years and a union member for over 36 years. During this time, Florence has gained a great deal of experience of posts at branch, constituency and borough level. Her posts include, Vice Chair and Chair of Enfield Borough GLC, Social Secretary, CLP Secretary and Chair of Edmonton Labour Party for over 10 years. Florence's involvement with politics has also included being delegate at Labour Party Annual Conference's in 1997 & 1999, attending the London Labour Party Conference and being on the Executive Committee of the former North London European Constituency Party. Having been a facilitator for Local Policy Forums, Florence was elected as National Policy Forum Representative in the early 2000's. Subsequently, she was a member of the 'Britain in the World' policy Forum during the period running up to the Iraq war in 2003. Furthermore, Florence has also been a member of the Labour Women's Network and an agent for local Edmonton Elections and the European elections.

Aside from politics, Florence dedicated her career to education. Florence attended All Saints College in Tottenham as a mature student, and gained a Bachelor of Education. She went on to teach in Haringey for over 12 years and became Deputy Head Teacher at Devonshire Hill JMI nursery and primary school. After completing an MA in Urban Education, Florence became a Principal Lecturer in Early Years Education at the University of Greenwich, and worked in most London Boroughs supervising students. Florence has also worked as a freelance educational consultant involved in advisory work, research, Ofsted inspection & writing. She has also been a member of the Early Childhood Education Forum. Her expertise in education and teaching led her to publish a book in 1998 titled, 'Creative Children, Imaginative Teaching'.

Florence's passion for education and politics were brought together when she was facilitator at the National Political Education Conference in 2000. Furthermore, Florence has been involved with the organisation of several national conferences surrounding education, including; the Association for Professional Development in Early Years (TACTYC) national conference and joint conferences with British Association for Early Childhood Education (BAECE). She has also spoken at both national and international conferences on early years education and lectured in several European countries including

Sweden, Norway and Holland. An exhibition of Florence's research has also been displayed at the Sorbonne, Paris.

In recent years, Florence moved to Gloucestershire and spent 5 years organising Heritage Open Day events. Florence's continued interest in Early Years Education led her to write and photograph a local history book for children about Cirencester town titled, 'Cirencester ABC'. In 2013, Florence started and ran the Cotswold's Hare Festival and linked with community events for 6 years. While directing this Festival, Florence received the Chamber of Commerce Business Award for 2015, the Wilts & Gloucestershire Standard Cotswold Community Pride Award and Best Community Project of the Year Award in 2018. In 2019, it was announced that Florence would be retiring from her post as the director of the Festival.

Florence has been a genealogist for over 50 years and is currently working on writing up her research.

Custodial History: Deposited with Bishopsgate Institute by Florence Beetlestone, 4 January 2020.

Scope and Content:

Papers of the former Edmonton Labour Party Secretary/Chair, Florence Beetlestone. Including papers relating to; Local elections, General elections, Greater London Authority (GLA) and Mayoral elections, election campaigns and candidates, Edmonton Constituency Labour Party (CLP) social events, Edmonton CLP meetings, Edmonton CLP Campaign Committee, National Policy Forum, being part of the Europe, Labour Party press coverage, Enfield Council Group, Enfield Local Government Committee (LGC), and the Labour Party Headquarters building, Broad House (1988-2004)

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Rules for the Construction of Personal, Place and Corporate Names, 1997.

- BEETLESTONE/1 General Election 1997 [1997]**
- Papers relating to the General Election and the Labour Party's campaign to get Andy Love re-elected as MP for Edmonton. Includes: campaign and election ephemera, agenda and ephemera from meeting on youth homelessness, various campaign papers/plans written by the Labour Party, circulars to party members regarding campaign, campaign timetables and notes, Edmonton Rose Newsletter, training guides relating to polling day and various types of voting, polling district maps, and press cuttings relating to the election [1997]
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- BEETLESTONE/2 Edmonton Local Elections 2002 2001-2004**
- Papers mostly relating to the election campaigns of the Edmonton Wards; Upper Edmonton, Lower Edmonton, Edmonton Green, Haselbury, Bush Hill Park, and Jubilee, during the 2002 local elections. Including; minutes and agendas from campaign meetings, electoral maps, newsletters, campaign ephemera, labour party campaign pack, correspondence between residence and party members regarding feedback on newsletters, election timetables, contact information for standing councillors, feedback forms from Action Teams for residents and councillor nomination papers (2001-2004)
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- BEETLESTONE/3 Local Elections 1998 and General Election 2001 1994-2001**
- Papers relating to the Labour Party's Campaign for the Local Election 1998 and General Election 2001. Including: election results 1994, press cuttings regarding 1994 elections, correspondence and schedules relating to the selection of candidates, sign in sheets for selection meetings, agendas for various campaign meetings, Labour Party Manifesto for local elections, election ephemera, guidelines for volunteers and

counting agents, agendas and notes for London Region Organisers meetings, correspondence relating to the organisation of election campaigns, sign in sheets for MP's headquarters, schedules for candidates/agents, lists of polling stations, Edmonton General Election Campaign Plan, and Constituency Plan Agreements (1994-2001)

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BEETLESTONE/4 Enfield Local Government Committee (LGC) (1996-2004) 1996-2004

Papers relating to the Enfield Local Government Committee (LGC). Includes; agendas and minutes for Local Government Committee meetings; notes on strategies for local elections, ephemera from Enfield Labour Party conferences; interview lists and questions by the LGC Assessment Team; correspondence relating to election of LGC observers and executive committee members; circulars to members regarding changes to organisation of CLP; various papers regarding the appointment of a Borough organiser (1996-2004)

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BEETLESTONE/5 Enfield Council Group (2003-2004) 1998-2004

Papers relating to the London Borough of Enfield Labour Group and standing for Enfield Council. Including; agendas and minutes of Labour Group meetings, publications by Enfield Council regarding its development, Labour Party Manifesto for Enfield Council Elections 1998, ephemera by the Labour party regarding becoming a councillor, publication regarding Enfield's Electoral arrangements (1998-2004)

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BEETLESTONE/6 Edmonton CLP Social Events (1995-1998) 1995-1998

Correspondence, timetables, ephemera, invitations, tickets, and related papers,

regarding the organisation of various Edmonton Constituency Labour Party (CLP) social events. Events include; quiz nights, fundraising dinners and balls, Christmas bazaars and socials, post-election socials, campaign launches, garden parties, coffee mornings and seasonal shows (1995-1998)

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BEETLESTONE/7 Edmonton CLP Social Events (1998-2003) 1997-2003

Correspondence, timetables, ephemera, invitations, tickets, photographs, and related papers regarding the organisation of various Edmonton Constituency Labour Party social events. Events include: quiz nights, Christmas bazaars, fundraising balls, garden party, coffee mornings, social for new members, meetings and discussions relating to nursery plans, and post-election socials (1997-2003)

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BEETLESTONE/8 Edmonton CLP Agendas and Minutes (1995-1997) 1995-1999

Minutes, agendas, reports and related papers regarding Edmonton Labour Party Executive Committee and General Committee meetings, and an Officers Meeting (1995-1999)

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BEETLESTONE/9 Edmonton CLP Meetings (1998-2004) 1998-2004

Minutes, agendas, reports and related papers regarding Edmonton CLP meetings including; Ward Organisers meetings, Church Street Branch meetings, General Committee meetings, Executive Committee meetings, Constituency Party meetings, Officers meetings, Campaign Committee meetings (1998-2004)

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BEETLESTONE/10 Greater London Authority (GLA) and Mayoral Elections (1999-2004) 1999-2004

Papers relating to London Mayoral and GLA Elections, and the Labour London Regional Conference. Including: reports and schedules from the London Regional Conference, correspondence relating to meetings and the London Regional Conference, correspondence and circulars relating to Frank Dobson's Mayoral campaign, ephemera and press cuttings relating to Frank Dobson's Mayoral campaign, ephemera from Ken Livingstone's Mayoral campaign, ephemera from various GLA candidates, campaign pamphlets by Labour, Labour Party newsletters, photographs of various Labour Party members, correspondence relating to GLA elections, GLA candidate selection results, GLA application pack (1999-2004)

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**BEETLESTONE/11 Edmonton CLP Campaign Committee 1995-2003
(1995-2003)**

Papers relating to the Edmonton CLP Campaign Committee. Including: agendas and minutes of campaign committee meetings and events, newsletters from Edmonton Labour Party, ephemera by Edmonton Labour Party, lists of Campaign Committee members, notes and schedules of meetings of the Bush Hill Park Branch, Branch membership lists, notes and schedules of meetings of the Edmonton Green Branch, notes and schedules of meetings of the Haselbury Branch, notes and schedules of meetings of the Jubilee Branch, notes and schedules of meetings of the Lower Edmonton Branch, notes and schedules of meetings of the Upper Edmonton Branch, schedule for the Edmonton CLP Campaigns Committee, correspondence relating to branch meetings, correspondence relating to positions in the Campaign Committee, lists relating to ward changes

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BEETLESTONE/12 National Policy Forum 2000-2004 (1) 2000-2004

Papers relating to the National Policy Forum, including; agendas for meetings, correspondence relating to meetings, consultation documents, agendas and minutes for Britain in the World Policy Commission meetings, reports and submissions for Britain in the World Policy Commission, press cuttings relating to the Labour Party and Councillors, correspondence relating to conference, policy submissions from Constituency Party meeting, National Policy Forum newsletter, agenda and papers from National Policy Forum December 2000, publications from the National Policy Forum 2004, correspondence relating to Policy Commission by-elections, election results, schedules for Policy Commission meetings, reports for conference, correspondence relating to prime ministers speech, papers relating to Partnership in Power consultation, Partnership in Power newsletter (2000-2004)

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BEETLESTONE/13 National Policy Forum 2000-2004 (2) 1998-2004

Papers relating to the National Policy Forum, including; press cuttings relating to the Iraq Crisis, National Forum draft documents, Ministry of Defence publication regarding security, Partnership in Power newsletter, Labour Party Conference speeches 2002, Labour Party publications, National Forum Consultation Documents, documents and correspondence relating to Partnership in Power Local Policy Forums, publication relating to Labour Environment Campaign, Speech from European Council, report by UK Government relating to conflict prevention, ephemera relating to Labour party Events, anti-war ephemera by CND, Local Policy Forum Consultation Papers, submissions to the National Policy Forum, correspondence relating to meetings (1998-2004)

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BEETLESTONE/14 National Policy Forum 2000-2004 (3) 1999-2004

Papers relating to the National Policy Forum, including; circular regarding Iraq War, candidate biographies for National Policy Forum London section, Partnership in Power publications, Local Policy Forum guides, Partnership in Power newsletter, press cuttings relating to Iraq War, Iraq briefings, Britain in the World consultation documents, minutes and agendas for Britain in the World Policy Commission meetings, NPF timetables, conference delegate mailing, correspondence relating to NPF elections, submissions from various regions to the NPF, correspondence relating to meetings, resource pack and correspondence regarding 9th National Political Education Conference, publications relating to Labour policies, notes from various Regional Policy Forum Meetings, agendas and documents relating to Borough Policy Forum meetings, National policy Forum News, policy guidelines, War on Want ephemera and publications, invitations to various NPF events, conference pack from 8th national Political Education Conference 2000, and floppy disks containing NPF files (1999-2004)

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BEETLESTONE/15 National Policy Forum 2001-2004 1998-2004

Papers relating to the National Policy Forum, including; draft documents, correspondence regarding the Iraq War, reports for Britain in the World Policy Commission, Britain in the World Policy Commission conference reports, Partnership in Power newsletter, business cards of various MPs, CV's/letters of application from candidates for National Policy Forum Elections, correspondence relating to elections to Policy Commissions, National Policy Forum Reports, National Policy Forum meeting notes, National Policy Forum Consultation documents, correspondence relating to Britain in the World Commission, Agendas

and Minutes of Britain in the World Policy Commission, briefings relating to the European Convention, ephemera by Stop the War Coalition, National Policy Forum guidelines, Campaign Newsletter, Schedules for committee meetings, speech from Labour Party Conference 2002, printed statements by Prime minister, and policy papers (1998-2004)

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| BEETLESTONE/16 | Europe and Euros 1999 | [1997-2002] |
| | <p>Papers relating to the Labour Party Campaign in the European Election in June 1999, and being part of the European Community. Including; publications/papers by the Labour Party relating to European election and adopting the Euro, papers regarding candidate selections, minutes/notes from various campaign meetings, meeting timetables, account statement, correspondence regarding meetings, campaigns and MEP's , campaign ephemera, newsletters containing European Parliamentary news, publications by Pauline Green MEP and Socialist Group regarding proportional representation [1997-2002]</p> | |
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| BEETLESTONE/17 | Printed Election Material (1996-2001) | 1996-2001 |
| | <p>Ephemera and publications relating to various Labour Party election campaigns. Including; leaflets, flyers, stickers, pamphlets, business cards, door hangers, rosette, paper flags, posters, circulars from Andy Love MP and Edmonton Labour Party, newsletters, and a birthday card (1996-2001)</p> | |
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| BEETLESTONE/18 | Press cuttings (1992-2003) | 1992-2003 |
| | <p>Press cuttings, from various publications, relating to the Labour party. Including press cuttings regarding; Election campaign 1997, Election campaign 2001, Local elections 2002, local issues in</p> | |

Edmonton, mayoral campaigns, appearances made by Andy Love MP, Pauline Green MEP quitting, ageism, policies, budgets, the NHS, Tony Blair, European elections (some articles written in Turkish) (1992-2003)

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BEETLESTONE/19 CLP Newsletters (1996-2004) 1996-2004

Newsletters published and produced by various CLP's, including; Edmonton Labour News, Labour News: The Newsletter of Enfield Southgate CLP, Labour Edmonton Members Newsletter, The Labour Party in Enfield Borough Members' News, Rectory Rose : News from the Labour Party in Rectory Ward – July 1999, The Labour Party in Edmonton Members' News, London Labour Rose, Enfield Southgate Labour News, Southgate Green Labour News (1996-2004)

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BEETLESTONE/20 Broad House (Edmonton Labour Party HQ) (1988-1997) 1988-1997

Papers relating to Broad House, the Edmonton Labour Party HQ building, including; correspondence relating to employment at labour party HQ, notes and reports for Officers meetings, job descriptions, notes relating to office restructures, finance documents, diagrams and plans, reports from the Edmonton Labour Party Property Trust for AGM, notes relating to office refurbishment, agendas for meetings of the Office Refurbishment Working Party, schedules for refurbishment, notes from office meetings, correspondence relating to reorganisation of office, secretary reports to the Executive Committee, Trust Deeds for Broad House, Constitution and Rules of the Edmonton Constituency Labour Party 200 Club (1988-1997)

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