

CHRONOLOGY

- 1878 Parents Leslie Stephen and Julia Duckworth (*née* Jackson) marry (26 March).
- 1879 Sister Vanessa Stephen born (30 May).
- 1880 Brother Thoby Stephen born (8 September).
- 1882 Adeline Virginia Stephen born at 22 Hyde Park Gate, London (25 January).
Stephen family spend the first of their summers at Talland House in St Ives,
Cornwall. Leslie Stephen begins working on the *Dictionary of National
Biography*.
- 1883 Brother Adrian Stephen born (27 October).
- 1888 First extant letter (to James Russell Lowell, 20 August).
- 1891 Along with Vanessa and Thoby Stephen, begins writing the family newspaper,
Hyde Park Gate News (January–February). Leslie Stephen resigns from the *DNB*.
- 1892 Writes, with Thoby Stephen, ‘A Cockney’s Farming Experiences’ (22 August–26
September) and ‘The Experiences of a Paterfamilias’ (10 October–19 December)
for *Hyde Park Gate News*.
- 1893 Meets Rupert Brooke (summer).
- 1894 Stephen family spend their last summer at Talland House.
- 1895 Julia Stephen dies (5 May).

- 1896 Keeps a diary for a short period of time. Travels to France (November).
- 1897 Begins her first extant diary (3 January). Half-sister Stella Duckworth marries Jack Hills (10 April), but dies soon afterwards (19 July). Begins classes in Greek and History at King's College, London (November).
- 1898 Begins studying Latin with Clara Pater (October).
- 1899 Thoby Stephen goes up to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he meets Clive Bell, Lytton Strachey, Saxon Sydney-Turner and Leonard Woolf (3 October).
- 1901 Takes up bookbinding (October).
- 1902 Begins studying Greek with Janet Case (early January). Writes 'Friendship's Gallery' (August–September).
- 1904 Leslie Stephen dies (22 February). Travels to Wales, Italy and France (27 February–9 May). Moves, with Thoby, Vanessa and Adrian Stephen, to 46 Gordon Square (autumn). First publication appears ('The Son of Royal Langbrith', *Guardian*, 14 December).
- 1905 Begins teaching at Morley College, London (6 January). Start of Thoby Stephens's 'Thursday Evenings', with Saxon Sydney-Turner as the only guest on this first evening (16 February). Publishes first review for *The Times Literary Supplement* ('Literary Geography', 10 March). Travels to Spain and Portugal, via France (29 March–24 April). Start of Vanessa Bell's 'Friday Club' (October).
- 1906 Writes '[Phyllis and Rosamund]' (20–3 June), 'The Mysterious Case of Miss V.' (summer) and '[The Journal of Mistress Joan Martyn]' (August). Travels to Greece and Turkey, via France and Italy (8 September–29 October). Thoby Stephen dies (20 November).

- 1907 Vanessa Stephen marries Clive Bell (7 February). Travels to France (28 March–10 April). Moves, with Adrian Stephen, to 29 Fitzroy Square (10 April). Begins writing ‘Melymbrosia’, later published as *The Voyage Out* (summer). Writes ‘Reminiscences’ (August).
- 1908 Nephew Julian Bell born (4 February). Travels to Wales, Italy and France (18 August–30 September).
- 1909 Engaged, fleetingly, to Lytton Strachey (17 February). Meets Lady Ottoline Morrell (30 March). Travels to Italy (23 April–9 May) and Germany, where she attends the Bayreuth Festival (5 August–3 September). Writes ‘Memoirs of a Novelist’ (rejected by *The Cornhill*, 10 November).
- 1910 Takes part in the ‘Dreadnought Hoax’ (10 February). First Post-Impressionist Exhibition opens (8 November). Nephew Claudian [Quentin] Bell born (19 August). Does voluntary work for the women’s suffrage campaign (January and November–December).
- 1911 Rents Little Talland House in Firle, Sussex. Travels to Turkey (22–9 April). Negotiates rental of Asheham House in Beddingham, Sussex (October). Moves to 38 Brunswick Square with Adrian Stephen, Duncan Grant and Maynard Keynes (20 November). Leonard Woolf moves into 38 Brunswick Square (4 December).
- 1912 Marries Leonard Woolf (10 August). Travels to France, Spain and Italy (18 August–3 October). Moves to 13 Clifton’s Inn, London (late October).
- 1913 Delivers manuscript of *The Voyage Out* to Duckworth (9 March), novel accepted for publication (12 April).

- 1914 House-hunting in London, first at 65 St Margaret's Road, Twickenham (9 October), then 17 The Green, Richmond, Surrey (17 October).
- 1915 Begins first diary after marriage (January–February). Resolves to buy printing press and Hogarth House, Richmond (25 January). *The Voyage Out* published (26 March).
- 1916 Nelly Boxall and Lottie Hope begin working for the Woolfs (1 February). Begins writing *Night and Day* (reaches Chapter XII by October). Meets Katherine Mansfield (early November?).
- 1917 First printing press delivered (24 April). Hogarth Press publishes *Two Stories*: Virginia Woolf's 'The Mark on the Wall' and Leonard Woolf's 'Three Jews' (July). Begins keeping a diary again (3 August).
- 1918 Hogarth Press publishes Katherine Mansfield's *Prelude* (10 July). Meets T. S. Eliot (15 November). Niece Angelica Bell born (25 December).
- 1919 Hogarth Press publishes *Kew Gardens* (12 May). Buys Monks House, in Rodmell (1 July), moves in (1 September). Duckworth publishes *Night and Day* (20 October).
- 1920 First meeting of the 'Memoir Club' (4 March). Begins writing *Jacob's Room* (May).
- 1921 Hogarth Press publishes *Monday or Tuesday* (7 or 8 March)—all subsequent publications are with the Hogarth Press.
- 1922 Resumes her correspondence with Jacques Raverat (25 August). Publishes *Jacob's Room* (27 October). Meets Vita Sackville-West (14 December).

- 1923 Katherine Mansfield dies (9 January). Leonard Woolf becomes literary editor of *The Nation* (23 March). Travels to France and Spain (27 March–6 May). Assists S. S. Koteliansky in translations of *Tolstoi's Love Letters* and Goldenveizer's *Talks with Tolstoi*. Begins writing first version of *Freshwater*, and 'The Hours', later published as *Mrs. Dalloway* (August–September).
- 1924 Buys lease for 52 Tavistock Square (9 January), moves in (13–15 March). Publishes *Mr. Bennett and Mrs. Brown* (30 October).
- 1925 Jacques Raverat dies (7 March). Travels to France (26 March–7 April). Publishes *The Common Reader* (23 April) and *Mrs. Dalloway* (14 May). Begins working on 'Phases of Fiction' (December).
- 1926 Begins writing *To the Lighthouse* (8 January). Leonard Woolf resigns as literary editor of *The Nation* (24 March). Meets Thomas Hardy (23 July).
- 1927 Travels to France and Italy (30 March–28 April). Publishes *To the Lighthouse* (5 May). Begins writing *Orlando* (5 October).
- 1928 Travels to France (26 March–16 April). Awarded *Prix Femina* for *To the Lighthouse* (April). Travels to Burgundy with Vita Sackville-West (24 September–1 October). Publishes *Orlando* (11 October). Lectures on 'Women and Fiction' at Girton and Newnham colleges, Cambridge (October).
- 1929 Travels to Germany (16–21 January) and France (4–14 June). Publishes *A Room of One's Own* (24 October). Begins writing 'The Moths', later published as *The Waves* (2 July).
- 1930 Meets Ethel Smyth (20 February).

- 1931 Meets John Lehmann (12 January). Travels to France (16–30 April). Begins writing *Flush* (August). Publishes *The Waves* (8 October).
- 1932 Lytton Strachey dies (21 January). Turns down invitation to give Clark lectures at Cambridge (February). Dora Carrington dies (11 March). Travels to Greece (15 April–12 May). Publishes *A Letter to a Young Poet* (1 July) and *The Common Reader: Second Series* (13 October). Begins writing ‘The Pargiters’, later published as *The Years* (October).
- 1933 Refuses honorary degree from Manchester University (3 March). Travels to Italy, via France (5–27 May). Turns down invitation to give Leslie Stephen lecture at Cambridge (early September). Publishes *Flush* (5 October). Meets Walter Sickert (15 December).
- 1934 Nelly Boxall leaves (28 March). Travels to Ireland (26 April–9 May). Roger Fry dies (9 September). Meets W. B. Yeats (25 October).
- 1935 First performance of *Freshwater* (18 January). Travels to Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy and France (1–31 May).
- 1936 Begins working on *Roger Fry* (autumn). Begins writing *Three Guineas* (November).
- 1937 Publishes *The Years* (15 March). Julian Bell killed in Spain (18 July).
- 1938 John Lehmann buys her share in Hogarth Press (1 March). Lady Ottoline Morrell dies (21 April). Travels to Scotland (16 June–2 July). Publishes *Three Guineas* (2 June). Begins working on ‘Pointz Hall’, later published as *Between the Acts* (April).

- 1939 Meets Sigmund Freud (28 January). Refuses honorary degree from Liverpool University (3 March). Begins writing 'A Sketch of the Past' (18 April). Travels to France (5–19 June). Moves to 37 Mecklenburgh Square (17 August), but spends most of her time at Monks House.
- 1940 Publishes *Roger Fry* (25 July). Begins writing 'Reading at Random' (18 September). Mecklenburgh Square is bombed (10 September). Hogarth Press moves to Letchworth, Herts (23 September).
- 1941 Finishes final typescript of *Between the Acts* (26 February). Dies (28 March). *Between the Acts* published posthumously (17 July).