



Minor Messages Series 2 no. 1

A note from "Mrs Morris" registered as 6657 DF



Mrs K.T. Morris

The photo shows where Mrs Morris started her working life

Grace MacRae bought me in 1964 and I was parked in a garage on Minchinhampton Common, Gloucestershire, UK. My owner (see box below) was about to retire from her medical practice. After a year or so, I was moved to The Edge and often went to Painswick.

I liked it best when I was driven by Christopher, her son, to their holiday home on the Isle of Skye. It was a fast 500 mile journey to get there and later there was another 500 back to home. It was to Susannah Whitty, Grace's daughter that I went for my retirement after 30 years working for my owner, who was then aged 99.

Susannah had four sons and during the Covid-19 crisis the oldest, Christopher, has been on the TV as an advisor to the British government. It was one of Grace's nieces, Chloe Darling who came to my rescue, and, thanks to work done by the Charles Ware garage, that I was restored to working order.

It was in generosity that Chloe immediately gave me away to her brother, Julian and his wife Susie. Next I went for a break to London where Philip, Julian and Susie's younger son lived. I remember taking Philip's future wife to the church for their wedding, in Muswell Hill.

When back with Julian, I took part in the Lord Mayor's Show, the JOGLE, MOT events in France and in the UK and I took part in the 5 CAPITALS, which was a week's tour of 3,000 miles raising £3,000 for the British Heart Foundation. I have had special holidays at the seaside near the Pyrenees, the Mediterranean, and staying at Grenoble and also I climbed the French Alps a few times. I have been made suitable for these exciting events by the Charles Ware garage and have always been well cared for in my old age.

This year I took part in a [Virtual Rally](#) as part of the North Wilts Branch of the MMOC.

Julian Marshall, June 2020

Grace Summerhayes

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Grace Maria Linton Summerhayes MacRae (1894-1993) was a British obstetrician/gynaecologist who worked in Africa. She had her first experience of medicine as an orderly at the [Scottish Women's Hospital at Royaumont](#) in 1917 during [World War I](#). This hospital, with entirely female doctors and other staff, worked close to the front line and was at one point overrun by fighting. Summerhayes subsequently trained in medicine, tropical medicine and obstetrics.

She set up the first maternity hospital in Ghana, at [Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital](#), Accra, in 1928. This was one of the first to provide midwife and later obstetric training in Africa and was very influential in the development of midwife and obstetric services in Ghana and wider West Africa. At Korle-Bu she trained the country's first midwives, who subsequently went on to develop the profession in Ghana with Isabella Eyo, Adelaide Mallet, Comfort Addo, Grace Koi and Sarah Okine, then trained as nurses^[1]. She also undertook research into causes of anaemia in pregnancy.

Summerhayes subsequently married the lead surgeon in Korle-Bu, Alexander MacRae, and due to the colonial regulations at the time as a married woman had to resign her post. She and MacRae returned to England, and she resumed medical practice. She was a public health advocate and active in local politics until her 90s.