

## **Harland, Peter John Blundell 1900 - 1973**

Peter John Blundell Harland [also known as P. J. B. Harland] was born on 16 April 1900. He studied at the Architectural Association Schools in London, and remained as a teacher. He also practised as an architect with an office in London. He designed houses for the composers Sir Arthur Bliss and Gerald Finzi. A painting by Edward Wadsworth (1889-1949) of the house for Arthur Bliss is reproduced in *The Book of the Modern House*, edited by Patrick Abercrombie (1939 p. 224a). Plans and photographs of the house are also illustrated on pp. 244-245. Harland also designed hospitals and wrote on hospital lighting.

He was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1930 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1936.

His address was given as 129 Crawford Road, London in 1928; Lulworth House, Langley Road, Surbiton Hill, Surrey in 1934; and 9 Manchester Square, London in 1938 and 1939. He died in Lewes, Sussex in 1973.

Worked in

UK

Works

Pen Pits, a house for the composer Sir Arthur Bliss in Penselwood, Somerset (1934-35); a house in Ashmansworth, Hampshire for the composer Gerald Finzi (1937); Tolworth Isolation Hospital in Tolworth, Surrey (1936), the South Middlesex Fever Hospital in Isleworth (1937); and an extension to Erith County Grammar School in Belvedere, Kent (1952)

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