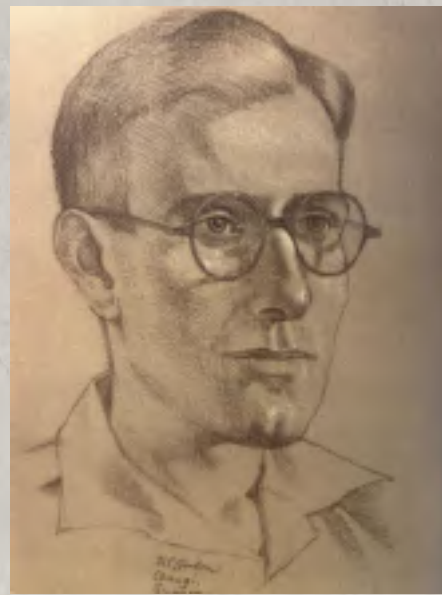




**You are warmly invited to attend
our annual FEPOW George Blair Memorial Lecture,
at Millbank (*directions below*), and on Zoom
1830hrs Friday 30 October 2026**

**Our guest speaker, Louise Reynolds, presents
'Echoes of Captivity'**



Louise Reynolds and her father, FEPOW Chaplain Eric Cordingley

See our [FEPOW Doctors](#) and our [George Blair Memorial Lecture](#) web pages.

Louise, a trained psychotherapist, began research into her father's experiences as a FEPOW after discovering his diaries amongst her mother's papers in 2012. She published three books: [Down to Bedrock](#), [The Changi Cross](#) and [Eric and Scrunchball](#) (a children's book, based on the true story of her father's faithful dog) and then in 2019 she embarked on a series of interviews for [Echoes of Captivity](#), which illustrates and exposes the trans-generational trauma experienced by many FEPOW families. She used her therapy training to help understand this phenomenon, and to help us appreciate why the children and grandchildren of FEPOWs feel the need to explore their relatives' history, and in the process forge a wonderfully supportive [community](#).

**Proceeds will be donated to [Prostate Cancer UK](#), the speaker's
chosen charity, in memory of her brother.**

**Prior registration required. Refreshments 1730hrs, supper at 2000hrs.
All are welcome. Register [HERE](#) or via <https://www.friendsofmillbank.org/>**





Our George Blair Memorial Lecturer, Louise Reynolds



Louise Reynolds is a qualified psychotherapist and worked for 20 years as a couples' therapist in London for Relate, The Tavistock Clinic and in private practice. This followed work with the BBC as Studio Manager and, for a short time, as a freelance reporter.

Louise was introduced to Friends of Millbank when she attended as the guest of last year's George Blair Memorial Lecturer, Cecil Lowry. The recording of Cecil's talk 'Dr Frank Pantidge MC FEPOW and inventor of the portable defibrillator' is on our [website](#), also accessible [here](#).

Now invited to speak to us as George Blair Memorial Lecturer in her own right, Louise will describe the discovery of her father's wartime diary and her research into what captivity was like for a Church of England Padre during WW2 and how he cared for his 'parish' in Changi, Singapore. Later he worked closely with the doctors as they tended to the prisoners who were used as slave labour building the Thai Burma Railway. When the surviving men returned home after three and a half years of captivity many of them had PTSD which they suffered from for the rest of their lives and which often adversely affected their families too.

Having interviewed many family members Louise will look at the impact of trauma on the next generations and their stories will resonate with many others whose relatives have been involved in war zones past and present.

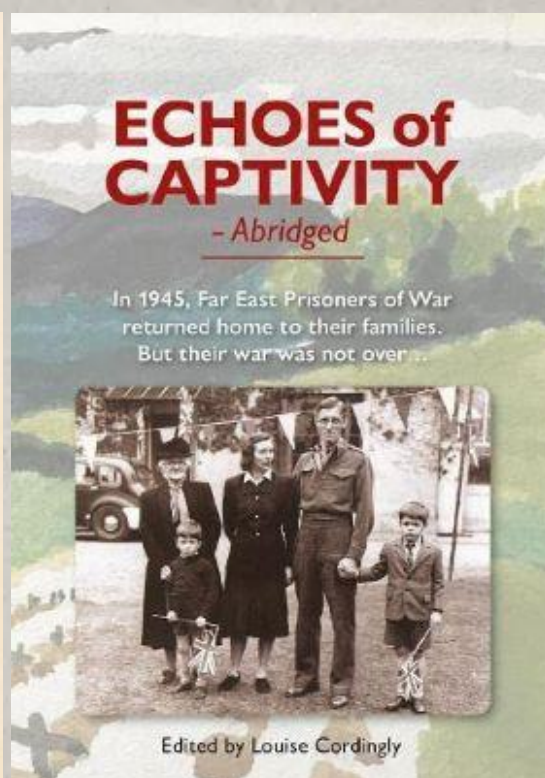
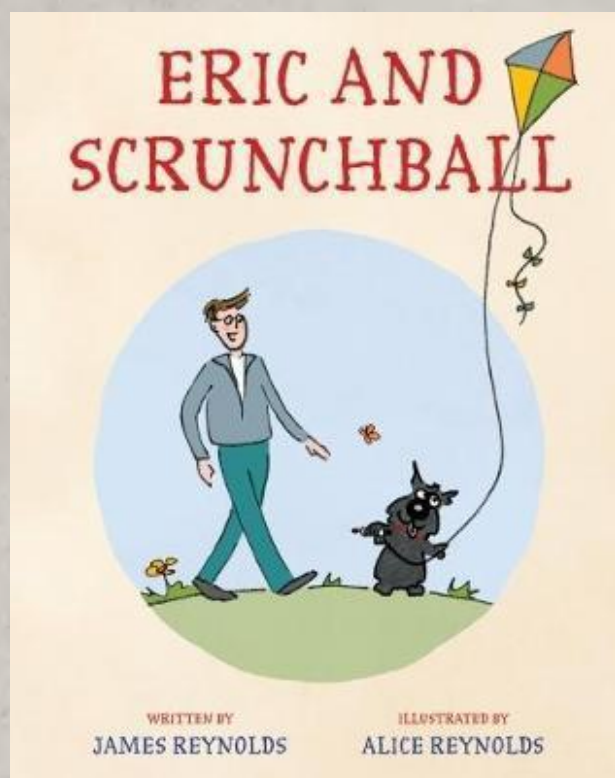
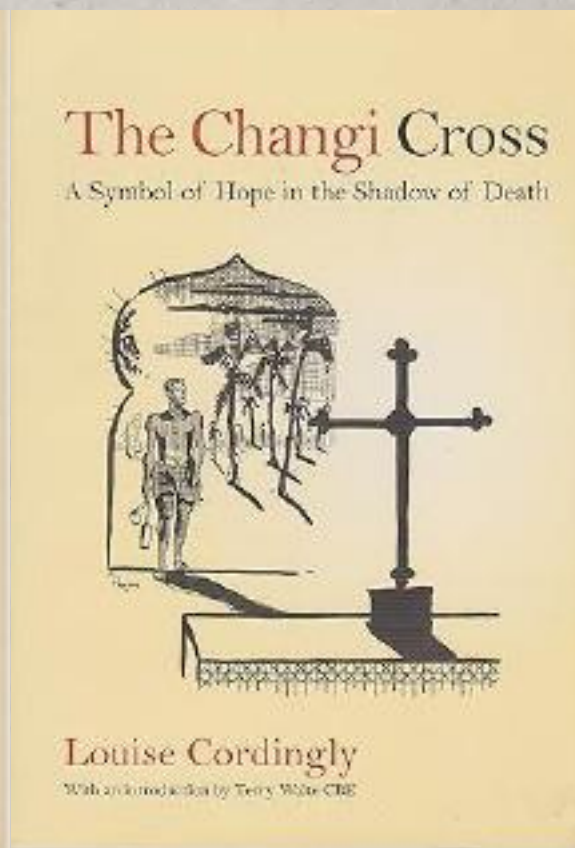
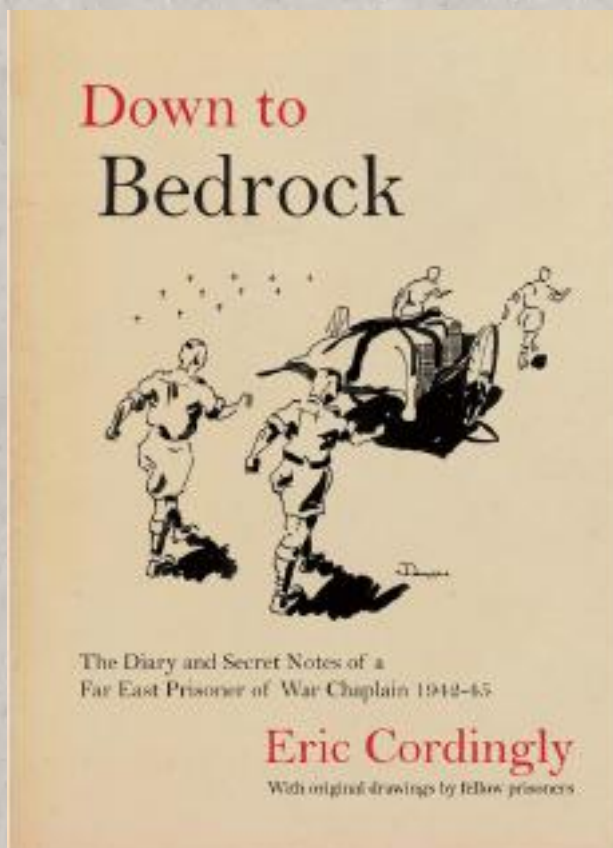
We shall remember them.



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Books by Louise Reynolds (click to order)



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Some select websites and one article

Researching FEPOW History Group (RFHG),
<https://fepowhistory.wordpress.com/tag/louise-reynolds/>

The Changi Cross, <https://thechangicross.co.uk/>

The Children (Families and Friends) of FEPOWs (COFEPOW), <https://www.cofepow.org.uk/>

Captive Memories, FEPOW and LSTM,
<https://www.captivememories.org.uk/about/liverpool-school-of-tropical-medicine/fepow-and-lstm.html>

Friends of Millbank, George Blair Memorial Lecture section
<https://www.friendsofmillbank.org/lectures/>

And finally, an article by Professor Kate Venables, George Blair Memorial Lecturer 2024:
'Captain George Blair RAMC: A doctor prisoner of the Japanese in Singapore and Taiwan in the Second World War'. *J Med Biography*, 2025;33(2):93–105. Click on image for article:



In memory of our late president, Dr John Blair, and his FEPOW brother George (at right)

Click on image for article by Professor Kate Venables.



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Directions for Millbank (Chelsea College of Arts, formerly the Royal Army Medical College)

The entrance to Reception is via Atterbury Street, opposite Tate Britain (arrowed on map below).

We meet for light refreshments at Reception from 1730hrs. The talk commences at 1830hrs.

Guests and new members are always welcome. Everyone attending the talk, whether in person at Millbank or online via Zoom, is asked to register beforehand via www.friendsofmillbank.org



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