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A list of meetings between Wittgenstein and Sraffa

Abstract

This paper presents a list of meetings between Wittgenstein and Sraffa during the period 1929–1951. It was compiled using Sraffa’s notes from his pocket diaries and including supplement appointments noted by Wittgenstein. The information – like addresses or names of other speakers – added by Sraffa to some appointments have been here explained in the footnotes. The list shows that the meetings between Wittgenstein and Sraffa can be divided in several different periods.

The following is a list of meetings between Ludwig Wittgenstein and Piero Sraffa during the period 1929–51. The list was compiled using Sraffa's notes of appointments found in his pocket diaries available in the form of digital facsimiles on the Sraffa papers site at Trinity College Library Cambridge.¹ The list also includes some thirty appointments noted by Wittgenstein in his pocket diaries where they supplement the information contained in Sraffa’s diaries.²

¹ https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/Piero_Sraffa

² I transcribed Sraffa’s record of appointments in 2014 while I was a visiting reader at the Wren Library in Cambridge when the digitized diaries were published online. I subsequently compared the data coming from Sraffa’s diaries to Lucia Morra’s list (Morra 2018) of Wittgenstein’s record of appointments with Sraffa, as these were scheduled by Wittgenstein in his pocket diaries, and then added the appointments from Morra’s list that were absent in Sraffa’s diaries. I would like to thank Alois Pichler for his encouragement and advice

The complete list has a total of 274 appointments. Although some of these scheduled meetings were cancelled by either Sraffa, Wittgenstein, or both, that still gives more than 240 meetings. It would also be natural to assume that additional meetings took place that were not scheduled by either (cf. Morra 2018: 102).

The diaries Sraffa and Wittgenstein used were those generally given by Cambridge University Press to the staff of the University of Cambridge. They are in pocket format and have a black cover. Sraffa's pocket diaries cover the period 1927–81, with the only gap being for the academic year 1932–33. We have 55 of them, with catalogue numbers from E1 to E55. The last three, E53–E55, are travel journals. The first two of these concern travels in Italy, while the last reports a trip to China. The remaining diaries contain short entries. Sraffa jotted down notes, addresses, person names, bibliographic information, and personal information, like “sarto” (tailor), “dentista” (dentist) or references to his state of health, travelling, etc.; these usually appear in Italian. Wittgenstein's diaries extend from 1929 to 1946 and are kept at the Wittgenstein Archive in Cambridge. In general, Wittgenstein noted, in pencil, only his appointments, writing in German or in English.³

Wittgenstein's return to Cambridge on 18 January 1929 worried Keynes who carried the initial burden of contact with Wittgenstein, both by promoting his return and taking responsibility for welcoming and helping re-settle him. Keynes wrote thus to his wife on the day of Wittgenstein's arrival in Cambridge:

Well, God has arrived. I met him on the 5.15 train. He has a plan to stay in Cambridge *permanently*. Meanwhile we have had tea and now I retire to my study to write to you. I see that the fatigue is going to be crushing. But I must not let him talk to me for more than two or three hours a day. (Wittgenstein 2012: 259)

Keynes, already a friend of Sraffa's, may have thought that Wittgenstein – who was always looking for someone to have stimulating conversations with (cf. McGuinness 1986: 86) – needed a partner

regarding this endeavour. The meeting data from Sraffa's diaries were already in 2017 integrated into the Wittgenstein Archives' site where they can be searched and viewed in context with other Wittgenstein metadata. See <http://wab.uib.no/sfb/>.

³ I am in debt to Lucia Morra for this information about Wittgenstein's pocket diaries.

with enough stamina to engage in sustained discussions and thus provide the stimulation Wittgenstein craved. It is therefore possible that Keynes imagined Sraffa as an interlocutor suitable for Wittgenstein. We do not know to what extent Keynes foresaw that there would be such a long and steadfast friendship between the two, but we must hypothesize that it was thanks to Keynes, and with the complicity of Ramsey who in those years collaborated with Sraffa, that the philosopher and the economist began their acquaintance. They set their first meeting for Sunday 17 February 1929 at 4.30 pm and after one week, on Saturday 23 February, they met again at the same time. As reported by Lucia Morra, despite the fact that Keynes wrote in a letter to his wife that Sraffa and Wittgenstein went canoeing along the river, there are no meetings scheduled between the two again until 27 May 1929 (Morra 2018: 102). During that period, they probably did meet even though this is not recorded in their diaries. These meetings, which have not left a clear trace, may have had a more leisurely and spontaneous nature.

The meetings between Sraffa and Wittgenstein can be divided into several different periods. The first period extends from 1929 to 1933: Wittgenstein and Sraffa met at least 80 times, however their meetings did not become regular until 1931. From 1934 a second period began where the frequency of their meetings slowed down; some communicative difficulties emerged between Wittgenstein and Sraffa as shown in their correspondence (cf. Wittgenstein 2008: 222; McGuinness 2008: 228; De Iaco 2018). In 1938, Wittgenstein and Sraffa's meetings reach a peak of intensity, however once again in 1939 there was a period of decline in the frequency of the meetings. At the end of 1939 Wittgenstein's mood was not at all positive. Political events caused him to sink into depression leaving him unable to carry out his research and thus feeling unproductive and frustrated. At the beginning of 1940 the meetings with Sraffa were affected by Wittgenstein's psychological condition. They met on 3 January 1940, but the appointment of 22 January was cancelled by Wittgenstein who believed they did not have enough to talk about and reach a satisfactory outcome. As a consequence, he later only occasionally asked Sraffa to meet with him. In fact, it turns out that the two then met both on January 23rd and 24th. On the 23rd the

following was recorded in Sraffa's pocket diary E12 at 8:30 a.m.: "Arist. Soc. (Witt. my rooms 8:25)"; they probably went together to the meeting of the Aristotelian Society. On 24 January they met in the afternoon at 4 p.m. In 1943 and 1944 no appointments between Wittgenstein and Sraffa were scheduled. Despite this absence of appointments in their pocket diaries, we can see in a letter from Wittgenstein to Sraffa that the two met at least once, on 19 December 1944 (Wittgenstein 2008: 372). It is evident, however, that in those years communicative difficulties between the two had increased, making it impossible, as Wittgenstein writes in a letter in 1944, to have a fruitful or pleasant conversation (*ibid.*). In 1946 Sraffa decided to stop meeting Wittgenstein because of the way in which the philosopher wanted to discuss (Monk 1990: 487). After this decision they remained in contact, but from 1947 to 1951 they met less than 10 times.

The list below contains all the appointments Sraffa scheduled to meet with Wittgenstein and, on the basis of Morra 2018, additionally all those appointments which are present in Wittgenstein's diaries ("WPD"), but absent in Sraffa's diaries. The appointments are reported in the language (English or Italian) in which they have been annotated. Commentary footnotes have been added to provide information about place and/or person.

From the annotations of the appointments in the diaries it is possible to deduce important aspects of the meetings. By cross-referencing the appointments with Wittgenstein's and Sraffa's notes or biographical facts the topics of their conversations can in some cases be hypothesized. It is helpful to pay attention to the following aspects of the notes: the progress of the appointments which in some periods are more intense and regular than during others; when the meetings are scheduled – during some periods they are held in the afternoon, during others at lunchtime or in the evening, but rarely in the morning; where they met, when indicated or deducible; the presence of other interlocutors; and, finally, any information useful for understanding the nature of the meeting.

	Date	Time	Place	With	Source
1	17.02.1929	16:30		LW	Sraffa E2
2	23.02.1929	16:30		LW	Sraffa E2
3	27.05.1929	16:30		LW	Sraffa E2
4	03.06.1929	16:30		LW, Raffaello Piccoli ⁴	Sraffa E2
5	18.10.1929	16:30		LW	Sraffa E3
6	02.11.1929	16:30		LW (CANCELLED)	Sraffa E3
7	04.11.1929	16:30		LW	Sraffa E3
8	17.11.1929		Heretics ⁵	LW	Sraffa E3
9	07.03.1930			LW (CANCELLED)	Sraffa E3
10	12.03.1930	16:30		LW, Rossetti ⁶	Sraffa E3
11	07.05.1930	16:30		LW	Sraffa E3
12	04.06.1930	16:30		LW	Sraffa E3
13	14.10.1930	13:00		LW	Sraffa E3
14	14.10.1930	13:00		LW, Haberler ⁷	Sraffa E4
15	24.10.1930	14:15	6 Granch RD ⁸	LW	Sraffa E4

⁴ Raffaello Piccoli was Professor of Italian Literature at Cambridge. He wrote a biography of Benedetto Croce. Piccoli, who had already taught in Cambridge from 1913 to 1917, obtained the chair of Italian Literature in February 1929 and moved to England in April. He met Sraffa on 1 May 1929 and on 2 June of the same year, the day before they met in three with Wittgenstein. Alexandra Marjanović hypothesizes that Sraffa and Piccoli had already met in 1927 in Naples or even earlier through their common friend Luigi Einaudi (Marjanović 2005: 58). Sraffa and Piccoli met several times – at least twenty – between 1929 and 1931, especially in 1930. Piccoli died in 1933 and we don't have Sraffa's diary of 1932–1933 – either because it has been lost or Sraffa did not use it for that academic year – so the count of the meetings with Piccoli could be incomplete. The economist and the poet shared, besides nationality and culture, an interest in linguistics and literature. Sraffa introduced Piccoli to Wittgenstein and, after the first meeting, Wittgenstein and Piccoli “met at least thirty times between 11 November 1929 and 12 November 1932” (Marjanović 2005: 58). It is possible that Piccoli approached Wittgenstein with the continental philosophy of Benedetto Croce coming from Hegel. Wittgenstein and Piccoli probably talked about common subjects of interest like language and music.

⁵ The Cambridge Heretics Society was founded by C. K. Ogden in 1909. It was a group of Cambridge students and intellectuals. The group continued to meet until 1932. Wittgenstein and Sraffa took part in these meetings. See Monk 1990: 276 ff. for more information on the Heretics Society.

⁶ Geoffrey William Rossetti, chairman of The Heretics, belonged to a family of artists and writers.

⁷ Haberler was an economist who was a scholar of the Austrian School of Economics. In 1930 he was 30 years old and visiting England to lecture. Sraffa scheduled Haberler's lectures in his diary, so he probably attended them. Considering that Haberler and Wittgenstein were both Austrian, maybe Sraffa thought that they had something in common to discuss and share. It is also possible that Wittgenstein and Haberler had already known one another when both were in Vienna: Haberler was there after his graduation in Economics and Wittgenstein was there for two years to oversee the building of his sister's house which he designed. I am indebted and very grateful to Nerio Naldi for biographical dates about Haberler.

⁸ 6 Grantchester Road. According to the list of addresses published by the *Cambridge University Reporter*, in January 1931 Wittgenstein lived at 6 Grantchester Road and it is possible that in October 1930 he already

16	31.10.1930	14:30	6 Grantch RD, bus 5, 31	LW	Sraffa E4
17	03.11.1930	15:00	my room	LW	Sraffa E4
18	10.11.1930	16:00		LW	Sraffa E4
19	17.11.1930	16:00		LW	Sraffa E4
20	24.11.1930	16:30		LW	Sraffa E4
21	01.12.1930	16:30		S	WPD
22	05.12.1930	16:00	Union (Read. Room) ⁹	LW	Sraffa E4
23	22.01.1931	16:30		LW	Sraffa E4
24	29.01.1931	16:30		LW	Sraffa E4
25	02.02.1931			LW rinviare ¹⁰	Sraffa E4
26	05.02.1931	16:30		LW (CANCELLED)	Sraffa E4
27	12.02.1931	16:30		S	WPD
28	20.02.1931	20:00		LW	Sraffa E4
29	23.02.1931	16:30		LW	Sraffa E4
30	27.02.1931	16:30		LW (CANCELLED)	Sraffa E4
31	02.03.1931	16:30		LW	Sraffa E4
32	09.03.1931	16:30		LW (int.)	Sraffa E4
33	27.04.1931	16:30		LW	Sraffa E4
34	03.05.1931	16:30		LW	Sraffa E4
35	10.05.1931	16:30		S	WPD
	17.05.1931			S	WPD
36	30.05.1931	16:30	his room	LW	Sraffa E4
37	31.05.1931			S (CANCELLED)	WPD
38	03.06.1931	16:30		LW	Sraffa E4
39	16.10.1931	19:00		LW	Sraffa E4/Sraffa E5
40	24.10.1931	17:00		LW	Sraffa E5
41	31.10.1931	17:00		LW	Sraffa E5

lived there (Wittgenstein 2003: 53). He had lodged for a year at Mary Alison Hingston's cottage (see Morra 2018: 104).

⁹ Reading Room of the Cambridge Union.

¹⁰ 'postpone'

42	07.11.1931	17:00 ?		S (CANCELLED)	WPD
43	11.11.1931	17:00		LW	Sraffa E5
44	14.11.1931	17:00		LW	Sraffa E5
45	05.12.1931	17:00	Me	LW	Sraffa E5
46	23.01.1932	16:30		LW	Sraffa E5
47	30.01.1932	16:30	Me	LW	Sraffa E5
48	06.02.1932	16:30		LW	Sraffa E5
49	13.02.1932	16:30	Me	LW	Sraffa E5
50	14.02.1932	15:30		LW	Sraffa E5
51	20.02.1932	16:30		S	WPD
52	27.02.1932	16:30	He	LW	Sraffa E5
53	08.03.1932			LW	Sraffa E5
54	24.04.1932	16:30		LW	Sraffa E5
55	01.05.1932	16:30	Me	LW	Sraffa E5
56	08.05.1932	16:30	my room	LW	Sraffa E5
57	15.05.1932	16:30	He	LW	Sraffa E5
58	22.05.1932	16:30	Me	LW	Sraffa E5
59	28.05.1932	16:30	He	LW	Sraffa E5
60	05.06.1932	16:30	Me	LW	Sraffa E5
61	10.06.1932			LW on sat.	Sraffa E5
62	11.06.1932			S ?	WPD
63	23.10.1932	16:30	He	LW	Sraffa E5
64	29.10.1932	16:30		S	WPD
65	06.11.1932	16:30		LW	Sraffa E5
66	19.11.1932	16:30	Me	LW	Sraffa E5
67	25.11.1932			S	WPD
68	04.12.1932			S	WPD
69	29.01.1933	16:30		S	WPD
70	24.02.1933			S	WPD
71	03.03.1933			S (CANCELLED)	WPD

72	11.03.1933			S	WPD
73	15.03.1933	15:30		S	WPD
74	30.04.1933			S	WPD
75	02.05.1933			S	WPD
76	07.05.1933			S	WPD
77	13.05.1933			S (CANCELLED)	WPD
78	20.05.1933			S	WPD
79	28.05.1933			S	WPD
80	03.06.1933			S	WPD
81	25.11.1933	16:30	Me	LW	Sraffa E6
82	03.12.1933	16:30	He	LW	Sraffa E6
83	09.12.1933	16:30	Me	LW	Sraffa E6
84	13.12.1933	16:30	He	LW	Sraffa E6
85	11.03.1934	16:30	Me	LW (CANCELLED) ¹¹	Sraffa E6
86	16.03.1934	16:30		LW	Sraffa E6
87	08.05.1934	16:30		LW (CANCELLED)	Sraffa E6
88	10.05.1934	16:30		LW	Sraffa E6
89	19.05.1934	16:30	He	LW (CANCELLED)	Sraffa E6
90	26.05.1934	16:30	He	LW	Sraffa E6
91	31.05.1934			orologio 48 L. W.	Sraffa E6
92	15.07.1934	16:30 corrected 09:00		LW	Sraffa E6
93	24.01.1935	16:00		LW	Sraffa E7
94	01.03.1935	16:30		LW	Sraffa E7
95	03.05.1935	16:30		LW	Sraffa E7
96	10.05.1935	16:30	his r.	LW	Sraffa E7
97	17.05.1935	16:30		LW	Sraffa E7
98	24.05.1935	16:30	He	LW	Sraffa E7
99	06.06.1935			S (CANCELLED)	WPD

¹¹ Sraffa didn't modify this appointment cancelling it in his diary, but we know by a letter of the same day that Wittgenstein decided to postpone their meeting to 16 March (cf. Wittgenstein 2008: 229).

100	07.06.1935	16:30	Me	LW	Sraffa E7
101	12.06.1935			S (CANCELLED)	WPD
102	14.06.1935	16:30	He	LW	Sraffa E7
103	21.06.1935	16:30	Me	LW	Sraffa E7
104	27.06.1935	17:00	He	LW	Sraffa E7
105	28.06.1935	16:30	He	LW	Sraffa E7
106	05.07.1935	16:30	Me	LW	Sraffa E7
107	12.07.1935	16:30	He	LW	Sraffa E7
108	20.07.1935	16:30	Me	LW	Sraffa E7
109	03.08.1935	16:30		LW (CANCELLED)	Sraffa E7
110	20.10.1935	16:30		LW	Sraffa E8
111	25.10.1935	09:00	He	LW	Sraffa E8
112	02.11.1935	16:30		S	WPD
113	03.11.1935	16:30	He	LW	Sraffa E8
114	10.11.1935	16:30	Me	LW	Sraffa E8
115	17.11.1935	16:30	He	LW (CANCELLED)	Sraffa E8
116	19.11.1935	19:00	Me	LW	Sraffa E8
117	24.11.1935	16:30	Me	LW	Sraffa E8
118	03.12.1935	19:00	Me	LW	Sraffa E8
119	07.12.1935	18:15	He	LW	Sraffa E8
120	11.12.1935	16:30	He	LW	Sraffa E8
121	20.05.1936	12:00		LW	Sraffa E8
122	07.07.1936	19.15	Me	LW	Sraffa E8
123	14.07.1936	19.15	Me	LW	Sraffa E8
124	15.01.1937	11:00		LW	Sraffa E9
125	11.06.1937	14:30		LW	Sraffa E9
126	12.06.1937	11:00		LW	Sraffa E9
127	14.06.1937	16:30		LW	Sraffa E9
128	18.07.1937			Sraffa tel 3675	WPD
129	20.06.1937			Wittg. ?	Sraffa E9

130	20.07.1937	14:30	LW	Sraffa E9
131	21.07.1937	17:00	LW	Sraffa E9
132	19.01.1938	11:00	LW	Sraffa E10
133	25.01.1938	12:00	LW	Sraffa E10
134	27.01.1938	16:00	LW (medico Vienna) ¹²	Sraffa E10
135	31.01.1938	12:00	LW	Sraffa E10
136	04.02.1938	12:00	LW	Sraffa E10
137	17.03.1938	10:00	S	WPD
138	07.05.1938	13:00	LW	Sraffa E10
139	10.05.1938	14:30	LW	Sraffa E10
140	21.05.1938	13:00	LW	Sraffa E10
141	28.05.1938	13:00	LW	Sraffa E10
142	03.06.1938	13:00	LW	Sraffa E10
143	18.06.1938	16:00	LW	Sraffa E10
144	22.06.1938	14:30	LW	Sraffa E10
145	27.06.1938	18:00	LW	Sraffa E10
146	04.07.1938	17:30	LW	Sraffa E10
147	13.07.1938	16:30	LW	Sraffa E10
148	18.07.1938	16:30	LW	Sraffa E10
149	20.07.1938	15:00	LW	Sraffa E10
150	25.07.1938	16:30	LW	Sraffa E10
151	01.08.1938	16:30	LW	Sraffa E10
152	08.08.1938	13:15	LW	Sraffa E10
153	15.08.1938	13:00	LW	Sraffa E10
154	17.08.1938	13:00	LW	Sraffa E10
155	22.08.1938	13:00	LW	Sraffa E10
156	24.08.1938	13:00	LW	Sraffa E10
157	07.10.1938	13:15	LW	Sraffa E10
158	11.10.1938	13:15	LW	Sraffa E10

¹² ‘doctor Vienna’

159	19.10.1938	13:15	LW	Sraffa E10
160	24.10.1938	13:15	LW	Sraffa E10/Sraffa E11
161	01.11.1938	14:15	LW	Sraffa E11
162	07.11.1938	13:15	LW (CANCELLED)	Sraffa E11
163	08.11.1938	13:15	LW	Sraffa E11
164	28.11.1938	16:30	LW	Sraffa E11
165	29.11.1938	13:30	LW	Sraffa E11
166	06.12.1938	13:15	LW (CANCELLED) overwriting: BANCA	Sraffa E11
167	07.12.1938	13:15	LW	Sraffa E11
168	13.12.1938	13:15	LW	Sraffa E11
169	10.01.1939	13:15	LW	Sraffa E11
170	17.01.1939	13:15	LW	Sraffa E11
171	24.01.1939	13:15	LW	Sraffa E11
172	31.01.1939	13:15	LW	Sraffa E11
173	01.02.1939		LW noted after “Keynes” and together with “Rosenstein” and “Joan letter”	Sraffa E11
174	07.02.1939	13:15	LW	Sraffa E11
175	13.02.1939	13:15	LW ?	Sraffa E11
176	14.02.1939	16:30	LW	Sraffa E11
177	25.02.1939	13:15	LW	Sraffa E11
178	28.02.1939	13:15	LW	Sraffa E11
179	07.03.1939	13:15	LW	Sraffa E11
180	31.03.1939	14:30	LW	Sraffa E11
181	03.04.1939	14:30	LW	Sraffa E11
182	14.04.1939	13:00	LW	Sraffa E11
183	18.04.1939	14:30	LW	Sraffa E11
184	25.04.1939	13:00	LW	Sraffa E11

185	02.05.1939	13:00		LW	Sraffa E11
186	03.05.1939	09:00		S	WPD
187	09.05.1939	13:00		LW	Sraffa E11
188	16.05.1939	13:00		LW	Sraffa E11
189	30.05.1939	13:15		LW	Sraffa E11
190	20.06.1939	13:15		LW	Sraffa E11
191	10.07.1939			LW	Sraffa E11
192	01.08.1939	12:00		LW	Sraffa E11
193	02.08.1939	14:00		LW	Sraffa E11
194	04.09.1939	09:00		LW	Sraffa E11
195	20.09.1939	14:30		LW	Sraffa E11
196	18.10.1939	16:30		LW	Sraffa E12
197	25.10.1939	16:30		LW	Sraffa E12
198	01.11.1939	16:30	He	LW	Sraffa E12
199	08.11.1939	16:30	17B	LW (CANCELLED)	Sraffa E12
200	15.11.1939	16:30	17B	LW	Sraffa E12
201	22.11.1939	16:30	He	LW	Sraffa E12
202	29.11.1939	15:45	17B	LW	Sraffa E12
203	06.12.1939	15:45		LW	Sraffa E12
204	20.12.1939	16:00	He	LW	Sraffa E12
205	27.12.1939	13:00		LW	Sraffa E12
206	03.01.1940	15:45		LW	Sraffa E12
207	22.01.1940	20:25		LW (CANCELLED)	Sraffa E12
208	23.01.1940	20:30	Arist. Soc. (Witt. my rooms 8:25)	LW	Sraffa E12
209	24.01.1940	16:00		LW	Sraffa E12
210	07.02.1940	13:00		LW	Sraffa E12
211	17.02.1940	17:00		LW	Sraffa E12
212	24.02.1940	16:00	He	LW	Sraffa E12
213	28.02.1940	13:00	Me	LW	Sraffa E12

214	17.04.1940	13:00		LW	Sraffa E12
215	24.04.1940	16:00	He	LW	Sraffa E12
216	06.05.1940			LW (CANCELLED)	Sraffa E12
217	08.05.1940	13:00		LW	Sraffa E12
218	15.05.1940	13:00		LW (CANCELLED)	Sraffa E12
219	29.05.1940	16:00		LW	Sraffa E12
220	21.10.1940			LW (CANCELLED)	Sraffa E12
221	22.10.1940	13:00		LW	Sraffa E13
222	30.10.1940	13:00		LW	Sraffa E13
223	13.11.1940	18:30		LW	Sraffa E13
224	20.11.1940	13:00		LW	Sraffa E13
225	27.11.1940			LW	Sraffa E13
226	24.01.1941			LW	Sraffa E13
227	04.02.1941	20:45		LW	Sraffa E13
228	10.02.1941	20:45		LW	Sraffa E13
229	25.02.1941	20:45		LW	Sraffa E13
230	03.03.1941	13:00		LW	Sraffa E13
231	18.03.1941	20:45		LW	Sraffa E13
232	20.03.1941	16:00		LW	Sraffa E13
233	21.03.1941	16:00		LW (CANCELLED)	Sraffa E13
234	01.04.1941	16:30		LW	Sraffa E13
235	02.04.1941	20:45		LW	Sraffa E13
236	04.04.1941	16:00		LW	Sraffa E13
237	08.04.1941	17:30		LW	Sraffa E13
238	14.04.1941	20:45		LW	Sraffa E13
239	18.04.1941	16:00		LW (or Th? If so, write)	Sraffa E13
240	21.04.1941	18:00		LW	Sraffa E13
241	05.05.1941	16:00	da mamma ¹³	LW	Sraffa E13
242	27.05.1941	20:45		LW (CANCELLED)	Sraffa E13

¹³ 'by mum'

243	04.06.1941	20:45		LW	Sraffa E13
244	18.06.1941	16:30		LW	Sraffa E13
245	29.07.1941	16:30	my rooms	LW	Sraffa E13
246	14.08.1941	17:00		LW	Sraffa E13
247	30.09.1941	20:30		LW	Sraffa E13
248	10.10.1941	20:45		LW	Sraffa E13
249	11.10.1941	20:45		LW	Sraffa E13
250	17.10.1941	20:30		LW	Sraffa E14
251	15.11.1941	16:00		LW	Sraffa E14
252	16.11.1941			LW	Sraffa E14
253	22.11.1941			LW ?	Sraffa E14
254	29.11.1941	16:00		LW	Sraffa E14
255	03.04.1942	20:30		LW	Sraffa E14
256	30.04.1942		80 Thomas' St ¹⁴	LW	Sraffa E14
257	02.06.1942	20:30		LW	Sraffa E14
258	12.06.1942	21:00		LW	Sraffa E14
259	17.06.1942	20:30		LW	Sraffa E14
260	14.02.1945	16:30		LW	Sraffa E17
261	08.05.1945	17:00		LW	Sraffa E17
262	02.06.1945	16:30		LW	Sraffa E17
263	23.02.1946	18:00		LW	Sraffa E18
264	02.03.1946	16:30		LW	Sraffa E18
265	19.03.1946	21:00		LW	Sraffa E18
266	26.03.1947	20: 30 or 21:00		LW	Sraffa E19
267	09.05.1947	21:00		LW	Sraffa E19
268	12.11.1947	13:00		LW	Sraffa E20
269	13.10.1948	16:30		LW	Sraffa E21
270	03.06.1950	12:30-14:30		LW	Sraffa E22

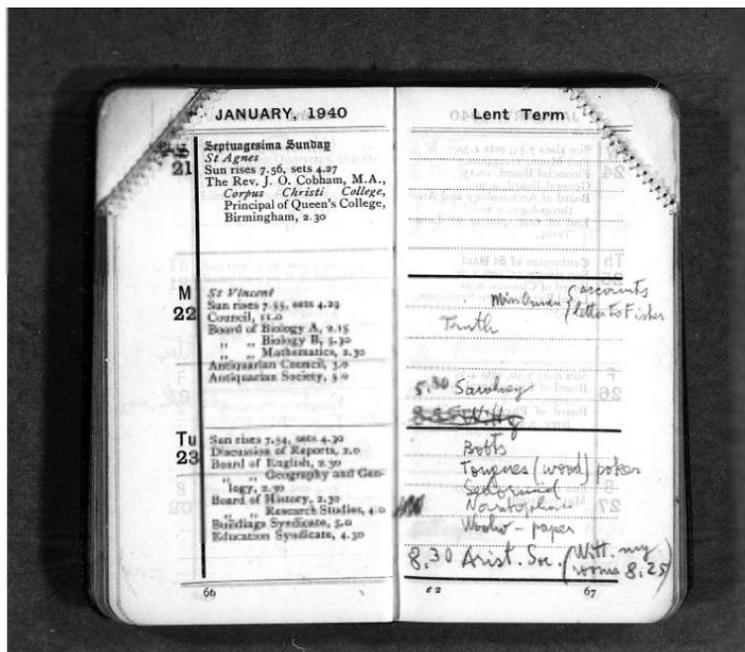
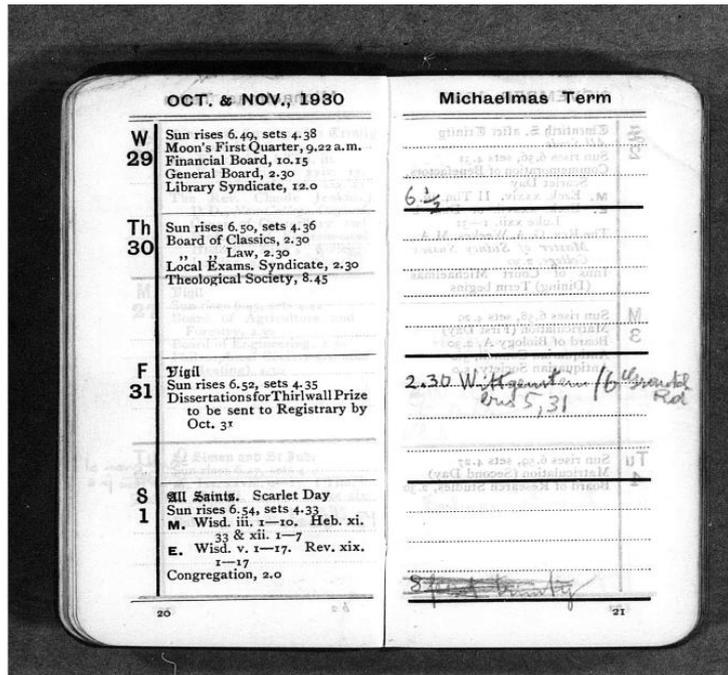
¹⁴ This road is close to Guy's Hospital where Wittgenstein was working as assistant that year.

	17.06.1950		Scritto a Wittgenstein ¹⁵		Sraffa E22
271	27.06.1950	12:30-13:30		LW	Sraffa E22
272	21.07.1950	13:00		LW	Sraffa E22
273	19.09.1950	19:00		LW	Sraffa E22
	17.06.1950		Scritto a Wittgenstein		
274	23.11.1950	15:00		LW	Sraffa E23
	23.02.1951		Wittgenstein in piazza ¹⁶		Sraffa E23
	29.04.1951		MORTE DI WITTGENSTEIN ¹⁷		Sraffa E23

¹⁵ 'Written to Wittgenstein'

¹⁶ 'Wittgenstein in square'; underlined in red. It was probably an important event in Sraffa's opinion, considering Wittgenstein's critical state of health.

¹⁷ 'Wittgenstein's death'. So written by Sraffa: large and in capital letters.



Facsimiles of Sraffa diaries E4 (1930-31) and E12 (1939-40) from the Sraffa Archive at the Wren Library of Trinity College, Cambridge; kindly made available by the Wren Library under the license CC BY-NC-ND.¹⁸

¹⁸ http://trin-sites-pub.trin.cam.ac.uk/manuscripts/Sraffa_E4/manuscript.php?fullpage=1&startingpage=1
and
http://trin-sites-pub.trin.cam.ac.uk/manuscripts/Sraffa_E12/manuscript.php?fullpage=1&startingpage=1

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