

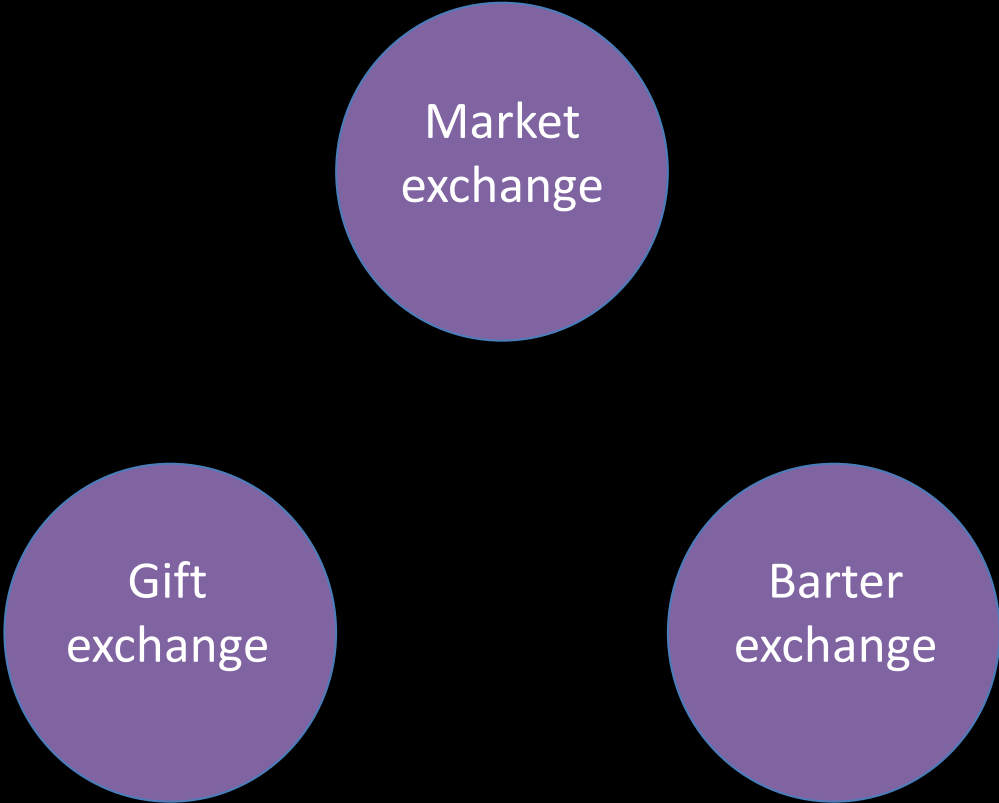
Beyond the Market: Community Exchange in Austerity Britain, 1939- 54

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The Queue at the Fish-Shop (1944) by Evelyn Dunbar
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Spheres of exchange



A diagram titled "Spheres of exchange" showing three overlapping circles. The top circle is labeled "Market exchange". The bottom-left circle is labeled "Gift exchange". The bottom-right circle is labeled "Barter exchange". The circles overlap in a triangular arrangement, with the top circle overlapping both the bottom-left and bottom-right circles, and the bottom-left and bottom-right circles overlapping each other.

Market
exchange

Gift
exchange

Barter
exchange

The Black Market



'Loot Alley', Cutler Street market, London, 1945
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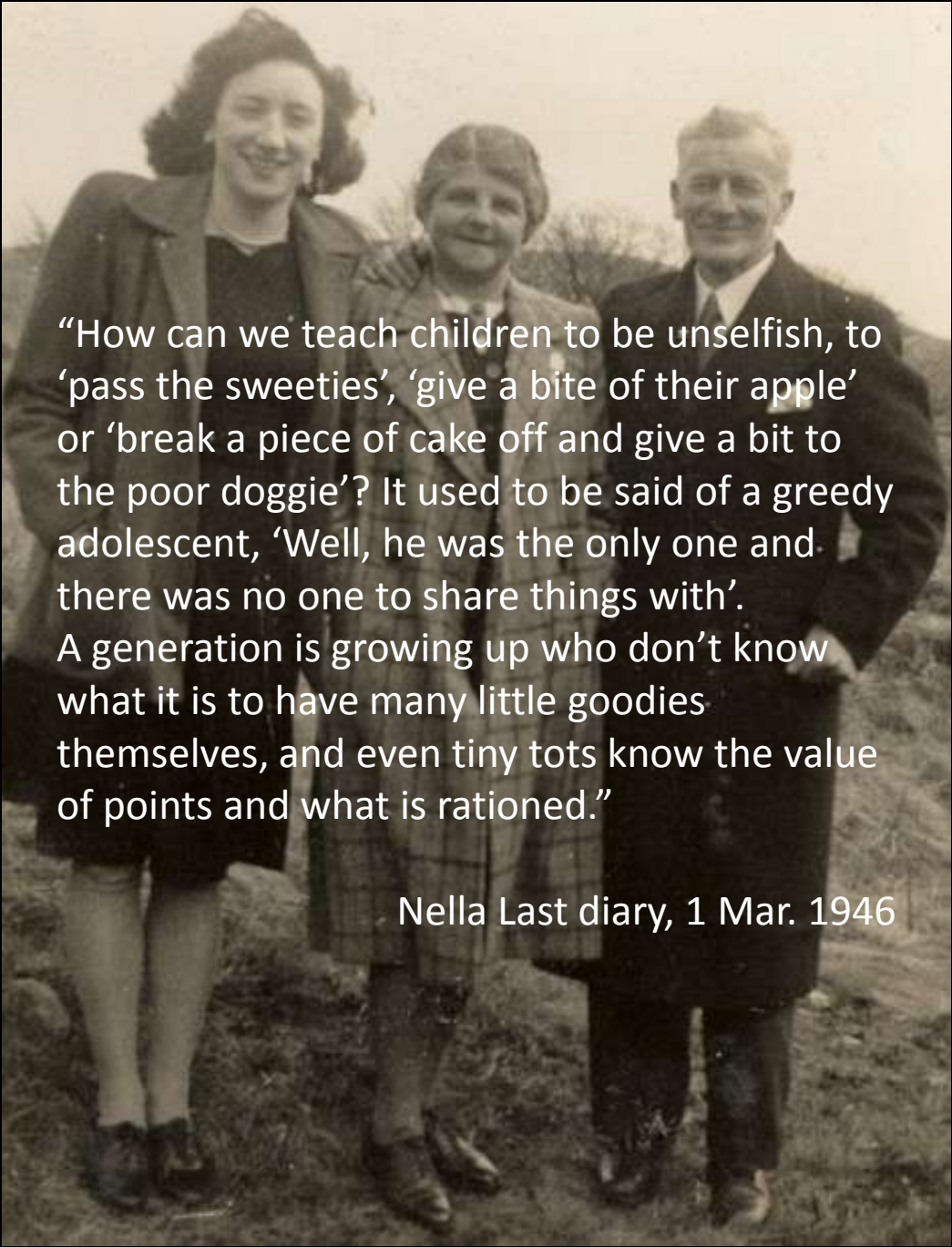
“I feel it is Black when the object is money, and Grey when it is an obligation or matter of friendship.”



Carradale Post Office, Kintyre



Naomi Mitchison (1938) by Percy Wyndham Lewis
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“How can we teach children to be unselfish, to ‘pass the sweets’, ‘give a bite of their apple’ or ‘break a piece of cake off and give a bit to the poor doggie’? It used to be said of a greedy adolescent, ‘Well, he was the only one and there was no one to share things with’. A generation is growing up who don’t know what it is to have many little goodies themselves, and even tiny tots know the value of points and what is rationed.”

Nella Last diary, 1 Mar. 1946

Paying for favours

“In some cases within my knowledge the practice began with gifts, out of pure kindness, to new comers; the new comers to the village, having nothing in the way of produce to give in return, refused to accept further gifts of this kind and [insisted] that the giver accept payment, the receivers in these cases being financially better off than the givers.”



'The Housewife's Dream' market, Croydon, 9 Aug. 1941
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