



## Pens Paper Envelopes by Sarah Connors (from a tale told by Polly)

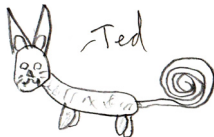
Polly always knew she wanted to help people. Even as a little girl, she dreamed of being a nurse. Her father, however, didn't approve. "Why would you want to clean up after people your whole life?" he would fume anytime she broached the subject.

Much to her father's delight, at sixteen she took a job as a secretary in a law firm. Polly knew she didn't belong. So at eighteen she applied to the Royal Bristol Infirmary and was accepted. Her boss from the law firm, who was a lovely man, organised a leaving party for Polly, where he presented her with a beautiful writing set, consisting of pen, paper and envelopes. During his speech, he joked how delighted he was that Polly was entering into the nursing profession because her short hand was the worst he had every experienced.

During lockdown, she reflected on her long career in nursing and remembered fondly how her father used to introduce her. "This is my daughter Pauline." He would proudly state. "She's a nurse."

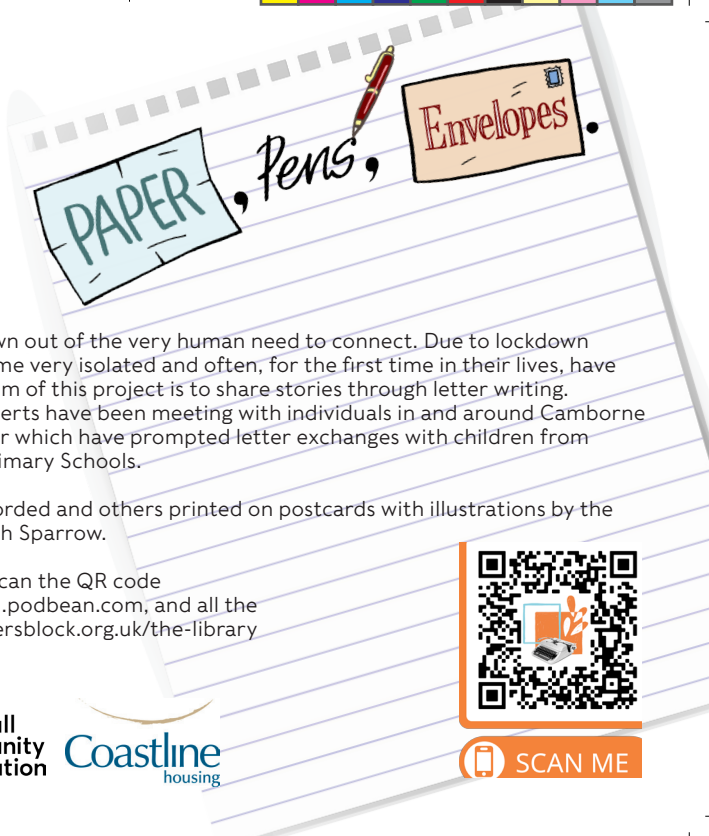


*Drawings by pupils at Penponds School*





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Paper Pen Envelopes or PPE has grown out of the very human need to connect. Due to lockdown restrictions, many people have become very isolated and often, for the first time in their lives, have experienced loneliness. The simple aim of this project is to share stories through letter writing. Writers Sarah Connors and Polly Roberts have been meeting with individuals in and around Camborne and Redruth, sharing tales and banter which have prompted letter exchanges with children from Trewirgie, Penponds and St John's Primary Schools.

Some of these stories have been recorded and others printed on postcards with illustrations by the children supported by illustrator Keith Sparrow.

To listen to the audio stories please scan the QR code or visit [www.thewritersblockcornwall.podbean.com](http://www.thewritersblockcornwall.podbean.com), and all the stories can be found at [www.thewritersblock.org.uk/the-library](http://www.thewritersblock.org.uk/the-library)

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