



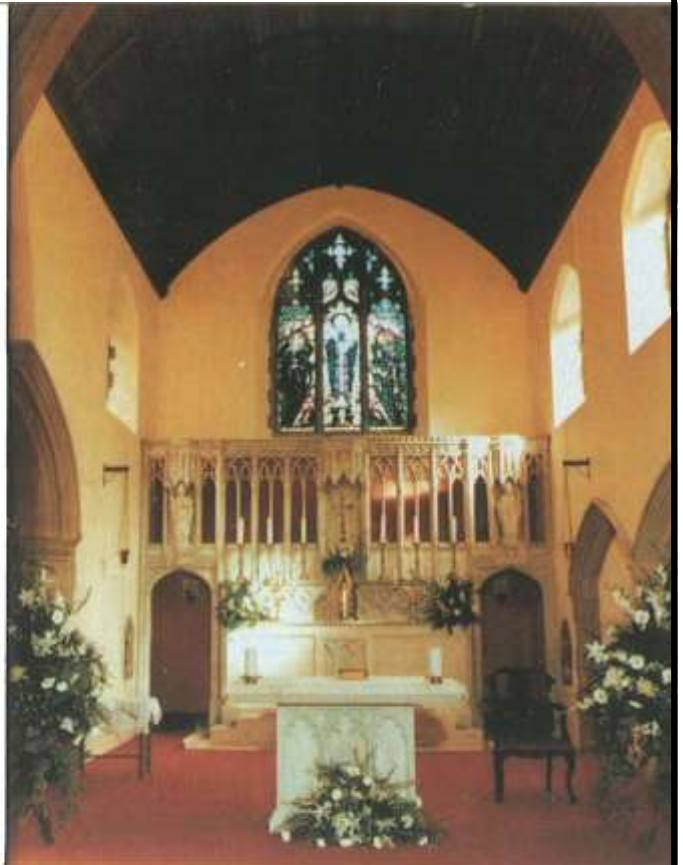
St. Joseph's Grayshott and Christ The King Headley



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'Catholic Dunkirk Spirit' welcomes their Bishop

A giant Douglas fir tree and two smaller trees which fell in the grounds of Headley's Catholic Church threatened the official visit of the Bishop of Portsmouth on Sunday. After parishioners were alerted to the trees which were lying in the road, a team of men and boys took over six hours successfully dealing with the problem and the last tree had been removed by 3 o'clock. Carl Tantum and the rest of the team opened a bottle of champagne to celebrate.

Amazing there was very little damage to the roof and parishioner, Michael Gallagher, an architect, pointed out that while tiles would surely have to be replaced, the cedar shingles had flexed more and have stood up well to the buffeting. Bishop Anthony Emery was welcomed at the 9.15 Mass on Sunday morning when apparently the 'Dunkirk spirit' prevailed and the Church was lit by candles and gas lamps. Although some parishioners had been unable to get to the Church, those present heard the Bishop preach at the service at which Father O'Donnell was the Celebrant.

With October 18 held on Mission Sunday, in all Catholic Churches, Bishop Anthony reminded the congregation that all such things as warmth, electricity and water are taken for granted in England. On the Missions the population sometimes have to travel vast distances to get even the most simple necessities of life. Despite the privations he has seen, communities will place more importance in practising their faith than on getting essentials like water. With music provided by a group of young guitarists, led by Mary-Lou Knox, the Bishop said he was particularly pleased to see the young people in the Church and congratulated them on getting there under difficult circumstances. After Mass the congregation adjourned to the back room where with the aid of camping gas, coffee was made and served to the Bishop and the Headley parishioners.

Travelling on to St Joseph in Grayshott, where the 10.45 Mass was celebrated by the Bishop himself, the liturgy group who had led the singing had to rely on three guitars as there was no power for the organ. Martin and Barbara Gleich did the readings and some of the children from Donec helped with the offertory procession. Although Bishop Anthony had hoped to meet parishioners at coffee afterwards, no facilities were available and at invitation of the Sisters, he went off instead to the Cenacle Convent. Before returning to Portsmouth there was a quick tour of the district with the sick of Heatherlands and other addresses in the area receiving a call from the Bishop who was a very special visitor.

Editor's Note: This is a time when there was no water for some reason and the editor remembers taking a two gallon camping container of water to Rose Eames who lived on Headley Down after the service.



VISIT OF BISHOP ANTHONY EMERY — 29th OCTOBER 1987

Cathy Gallagher Michael Gallagher Pope Dazzy Bishop Emery Betty Freeman
Teresa Marsh Christian Marsh Father O'Donnell Father David Sheppard Rita Dwyer

A brief history of Christ The King

Some Memories of
St. Joseph's Grayshott
and
Christ The King Headley

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This Booklet is dedicated to the Parishioners and Clergy of Christ The King - those who kept the Faith alive throughout the years. We remember particularly Duncan Gallagher (RIP 2016), Cindy Gallagher (RIP 2009), and Teresa Marsh (RIP 2015), and Kathy and Gerald Kemp. Canon Harvey, whose tenure at St. Josephs was thought to be a short one as he came really to recuperate c. 1912 and stayed for 50 **years! Fr. Pat Hartnett who succeeded him and who passed away in 1982. Fr. Pat O'Donnell who was with us for 16 years or so and was the Parish Priest when Christ The King closed. We were fortunate to have Fr. Gallagher a Curate to help, then Fr. D'Andrea who lived at the Cenacle. Followed by Fr. Cedric Frank who was only with us for one year but was charismatic and boosted the little Congregation to over 100. Fr. Geryba a refugee from Lithuania lived at Headley Park then came to assist. He had suffered as a young Priest at the hands of the Russians. Fr. Borelli often came from Our Lady of Lourdes in Haslemere and Fr. Mulvaney the Chaplain at Assissi and Mount Alvernia Bramshott assisted. Canon Devine from Bordon also came occasionally as did the Priests from Wonersh, notably Mgrn. Budd later Bishop Budd. Another loyal Parishioner, the Rev. Steve Melhuish was Ordained a Deacon on 1st July 2000 and lived with Jan his wife on Hilland Rise in Headley. His Ministry is now in Cardiff.**

*May their Souls and the Souls of all the faithfull departed
though the mercy of God, Rest In Peace*

Front page - Bishop Emery died in 1988, his inauguration (1976) being the same day as Bertram Taylor passed away



Late Teresa Marsh with Peter and their grandchild Adam 2004



Late Cindy and Duncan Gallagher



Deacon Steve Melhuish with Jan, Sian and Glyn



Communion Plate



Christening of Mathew Knox aged 2 years 1st September 1990, with Fr. Pat O'Donnell

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The History of the Church

For a few practising Catholics in Headley, Mass in the parish Church at Grayshott came increasingly difficult with the introduction of petrol rationing during the Second World War.

One afternoon, Mrs Alex Johnston of Leighswood, calling upon Mrs Hendry, discussed this difficulty and the idea of starting a Mass Centre at Headley was born. Since so much was due to the faith and perseverance of Mr Alex Johnston, readers might be interested to know a little bit about him. He was **the brother of Sir Harry Johnston, the explorer, and wrote an account of his brother's expeditions** which is by way of being a classic in this field. At Leighswood, Mr Johnston lived his semi-retirement growing fruit, keeping poultry, looking forward to the weekends and holidays when his wife, who was the headmistress of Queensgate School, came home from London. When he heard about the proposed project, he at once offered the use of his garage. Permission was readily obtained from Father Harvey and Mr Johnston set to work with a will to furnish some very simple requirements. His first act was to put a wooden cross over the garage door then make seats and kneelers for the congregation. His talents as a carpenter in no way matched the extent of his zeal and the accommodation was of a somewhat penitential nature. He had the idea of covering planks of wood with strips of old carpet (it **was the era of 'make do and mend'**). **At either end of the planks were blocks of wood, some short and some taller, the former were kneelers, the latter benches.**

There was a feeling of great friendliness in those early days, the number of the faithful gradually increased. People crowded into the village to escape the London bombings and soon it was realised that the Church was going to grow. Opposite Leighswood was a piece of land upon which the present Church now stands (now demolished). The first objective was to raise £90 for the purchase price. Various sales of work were held and it says much for the changing value of money in that a sum of £35 was raised by one effort and that was thought to be highly successful as indeed it was. Having bought the piece of land, fundraising efforts were continued so that a building could be erected upon it.

Part 2 - The Hut

Shortly after the War, a number of huts came up for sale in the district; these had been used mainly by the military to house a number of Canadian soldiers posted in the area.

Father Harvey was successful in acquiring a very suitable hut for the site in Headley. Sufficient funds had been raised to meet the cost and a Canadian Pardre offered an altar, chairs and kneelers together with candlesticks and a chalice, there was also a consignment of hymn books.

A member of the congregation was able to provide an American organ; playing of this instrument required some dexterity on the part of the organist for in damp weather, some of the notes would stick and continue to sound, making an unfortunate cacophony. However, with the help of her son, who stood by to pull up the notes as they became wedged, the organist managed to overcome this difficulty causing a certain amount of amusement to those who could see the manoeuvre. **Hymn singing, together with the chanting of the 'Gloria' and the 'Credo' became such a feature of the Headley Mass that some of the Curates referred to this flock as 'Headley Songbirds'.**

The men of the parish painted the inside of the little Chapel and Our Lady's Club was formed among the women to see to the floor and the flowers among other things. Mass in the morning and Benediction in the afternoon established its regular Sunday pattern and there was a wonderful spirit of devotion which Priests and friends staying in the village all noticed and remarked upon with appreciation.

It was soon realised that the Headley children needed Catechism classes and a member of the **congregation had recently completed a correspondence course of Our Lady's Catechists and was able** to devote some time to this work. She found the village schoolmaster very cooperative; he compiled a list so that some 20 children entered in his books as Baptised Catholics and a number of lapsed families were thus discovered.

With the years, the numbers of the faithful grew and sometimes the little Chapel was packed to overflowing; it became evident that a larger Church was necessary. The matter was discussed at a meeting held in the house of one of the parishioners, presided over by Father Patrick Hartnett. At this meeting an energetic young man appeared. He was Mr Dennis Thorne. It was largely due to his enterprise and hard work, together with the help of a number of men parishioners, that the present Church was built.

Part 3 - The New Church

Shortly after the decision had been made to replace the hut with a permanent building, Mr Dennis Thorne obtained from an architect friend of his, a suitable plan. It had been agreed that a structure in keeping with the site and which would not incur too much debt would be the aim. The plan complied excellently with these two provisions.

Some of the men parishioners gave up their weekends, summer evenings, to dig out the foundations, lay the concrete footings, erect the walls and the roof. Loans of equipment, tools and mechanical aids appeared when needed. A skilled carpenter gave his services and the stone porch was erected by another craftsman. It was a magnificent team effort and all those who took part deserve high praise.

While the men were busy building, Our Lady's Club was occupied in raising funds to help with some of the furnishings. Among other items they were able to buy the candlesticks and vestments for the altar boys. When it came to the choice of the altar, lectern and beautiful stations to the Cross, parishioners were happy to rely on the good taste of Father Hartnett.

The first Mass in the new Church was celebrated on the Feast of the Assumption 1965. To those who remember the humble beginnings, it was a wonderful moment to see the size of the congregation and to realise that the dream of a permanent Church had at last come true.

Since 1965, the Church has been able to purchase a piece of land adjoining the original plot, a new piece of land had been cleared of its trees and bushes to enlarge the car park. The brides and bridegrooms who had plighted their troth in the little Church - marriages are permitted - now have a baptismal font and the minute sacristy has been enlarged so that in addition to its original purpose, can serve as a meeting place for clubs and committees.

Church Extension Dedication

The absence of Derek Worlock, Bishop of Portsmouth, who only that day (07.02.76) had been appointed Archbishop of Liverpool, his Vicar General, Monsignor Malarky, stepped into the breach and conducted the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes and the dedication of the organ and the new extension at the Church of Christ the King, Headley. The organ was played by Jerry Burgham and was blessed in **memory of the late Father Frank who's sister, Mrs H Rapson, and her daughter, Margaret, were in the congregation.** Although a Priest in Headley for a comparatively short time, **Father Frank's wisdom and encouraging energy made a great impact on the villagers.** The Church's extension was built at a cost of £4,500 and as well providing some room for the Priest to change, will also be used for after Mass coffee, get-togethers and for meetings.

A bell in a wooden structure which was found by Mr Dennis Thorne and is said to have come from a demolished Church in Farnham, has been erected on the roof. Monsignor Mullarkey was assisted in the celebration by five other Priests, Father Hartnett, Father Geryba, Father Devine, Father Calva and Father Mulvaney. In the congregation were the Reverend Derek Head and Reverend David Eaton from All Saints Church, Headley and members of the Go Club. His appointment as Archbishop of Liverpool takes Derek Worlock to the second largest Roman Catholic diocese in the country. He had been Bishop of Portsmouth for ten years and is said to view his new post as “one with heavy responsibility and all kinds of challenges”.



Dated: 18/5/1986

Memorable Moving Christian Unity Service

The joint service held on Sunday to Celebrate Christian Unity Week was a truly joyous occasion. This view was echoed by the congregation of about 100 who accepted the invitation of the Roman Catholic Church at Christ the King in Headley. The warm sunshine and attractive floral arrangements meant the **Church was looking its best as parish Priest, Father O'Donnell, Father Michael Powell, Rector of All Saints and Rev. Marion Warren** from the Standford Methodist Church processed down the aisle and sat in front of the altar. The Feast of Pentecost produced the theme for the service and after **Father O'Donnell welcomed everybody, Father Michael reflected on the time of repentance. Organist, Paul Huntingford** accompanied the more traditional hymns with the Cenacle Sisters playing guitars and **leading the singing of others, these include the beautiful Taize response, “Lord hear my prayer”** between the intersessions which were read by Michael Gallagher and Ann Dolphin, members of the CYFA Group and other young people were very much in evidence with readings by Caroline Marsh and Frances Geoff's. Marion Warren gave a moving address encouraging everyone not to worry about the differences between the Churches but rather to accept and respect them. She quoted a scene from a **Dad's Army programme where the platoon under cover of darkness cut through a wire barrier only to find next morning that a 100 yards further along there was a natural opening. We needn't try to remove the barriers** between she said, just walk around them. The ecumenical spirit was fostered with a sign of peace which passed around the whole congregation and the representatives of the various Churches lit the pastoral candles to symbolise their unity in Christ.

After the service, coffee and refreshments were served in the hall at the back of the Church and during the general chat, the strength of the singing was commended. In a light-hearted vein, architect Michael Gallagher expressed concern over whether the shaky state of the roof would stand up to it. Father Michael Powell assured him, however, that the Holy Spirit would be bound to strengthen it after such a memorable and moving service!



Catholics' Buffet Supper Raises £1,100 for Roof Repairs

Parishioners from Christ the King, Headley held a buffet supper at the Church centre on Saturday, the latest fundraising events to cover the cost of recent repairs to their Church roof.

Organised by committee under the chairmanship of Michael Gallagher, the evening was a great success not only financially but an exercise to foster closer community spirit within the parish. 120 and sat down to a delicious meal prepared by Cindy Gallagher, Arlette McIlvenna and a team of willing **helpers before the evening's entertainment began. This was arranged by Peter and Teresa Marsh with Peter himself introducing the various acts. Sisters from the Cenacle Convent sang and played with a guitar and further musical items came from Paul Huntingford and Caroline Marsh on violin and piano. Theresa Marsh provided a monologue and the group acted un an amusing sketch called 'The French Lesson'.**

The highlight was a Victorian melodrama in which Father O'Donnell delighted his audience by appearing in the unlikely role of a very shady father character! Fr. O'Donnell's favourite hymn was "Father we Adore You"

During the evening, a raffle was drawn for which all the prizes had been donated by the parishioners, including the first splendid prize of a food processor. This helped to swell the profits of the evening to an excellent sum of £1,100. The Chairman afterwards expressed his gratitude for the many donations received from people who had been unable to attend; among these was one from the Rector, The Reverend Michael Powell, and whose gesture was much appreciated. Mr Gallagher also commended the kindness of the Parochial Church Council in allowing the Catholic parishioners the free use of the **Church centre. As a result of Saturday's efforts, the roof repair fund stands at £1,400 and more events will follow.** The next will be a bridge party which Mrs Marshall will be organising at the Church centre in late September.



Our Lady's Club

In the early years of Christ the King Church, **Our Lady's Club was formed in Headley to provide a friendly gathering for Catholic women of the parish. The monthly meetings were held in houses of various members and from time to time speakers were invited to talk on subjects such as 'First Aid in the Home', 'The Work of the Catholic Women's League' and 'The Union of Catholic Mothers'. On one occasion, a civil defence worker gave detailed advice and instructions as to how to prepare for a nuclear attack including cooking over a candle! In those days, there were fewer working wives and mothers would bring their little children and played happily exploring the treasures of a large box of dinky toys, farm animals and dolls. Notice was always taken of the sick and those in trouble or in need of help. The club also arranged for the cleaning of the Church and arranged breakfast for First Communicants.**

While the men of Headley were building a new Church, one of the members supplied refreshments. The club held a series of money raising projects and were able to donate a set of candlesticks and altar candles and the Christ King Crucifix, the red cassocks and cottas and these latter were kept in good repair by the club. It also provided the motor mower for the grounds and the electric polishers for the Church floor.

When the Church was enlarged, the monthly meetings were held there. Outings included a happy afternoon at the Redgrave Theatre and for many years the club provided a stall at the Christmas bazaar at Grayshott. Meetings were always held on the first Thursday afternoon of the month at 2.30 in the sacristy.

A Meeting of Our Lady's Club was held in Mrs Bewick's House on Wednesday, 7 November 1962

This is an extract from the short minutes:-

The secretary was Mrs Bewick and those attending were Mrs Newman, Mrs Boxall, Mrs McCaffrey, Mrs Bowerman, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Kemp, Mrs Hart, Mrs Daxer, Mrs Chervey; the president sent her apologies that she was unable to be present.

Father Gallagher gave a short talk on the Church's attitude to the thalidomide babies.

Discussion mainly centred around the bazaar to be held on 17 November. The meeting closed at approximately 4pm.

In 1962, there were 18 members of the club, all paying a shilling a month including Mrs Shuff who died in June 2015.

Extract from the minutes held on 5 March 1963:

Present: Mrs Hart, Mrs Boxall, Mrs Chervey, Mrs Daxer, Mrs Kemp, Mrs Hendry. A new president was elected in the person of Mrs Hart with Mrs Kemp as secretary.

Father Hartnett discussed having the water to the Chapel put on, also asked if anyone could go to the Convent on Wednesday, 13 to hear a talk on civil defence, together with a number from Grayshott & **Haslemere Catholic Women's League, the details of which will be announced on Sunday.** Father mentioned that he had hopes of some new benches soon. Mrs Hart made a suggestion for the Christmas bazaar; she had had some foreign stamps which could be sold. Mrs Kemp will arrange for a sack of woollies to be posted.

It was decided to make a last effort to enrol new members, letters be handed to each lady of the parish along those lines. A suggestion was made to have coffee in the morning instead of afternoon meetings. Members will, where possible, hold the meetings in their own homes; those who do not find this convenient will help with refreshments and it was suggested that the ladies would like to have visiting speakers, demonstrations etc. It was also hoped to arrange outings for members.

These ideas should be put in question form to ladies to answer and return to a member of the club. Father Hartnett close with a talk on how to hold a meeting. It was suggested to pay for our tea at the meeting to help small funds. Mrs Boxall will have the meeting at her house on 2 April and Mrs Hendry will have the July meeting. Father Hartnett will arrange with a Miss E Clark of Lindford for a talk in connection with Coronation robes in the future and he will also arrange to buy some floor seal.

Signed: Mrs Kemp and Mary Hart

In 1968 the club members were Mrs Taylor of Carmel, Headley Fields, Mrs Blackwood of Blackwoods, Mill Lane, Mrs Kemp of Kumalo, The Lane, Headley Fields, Mrs Daxer of 15 Churchfields and Mrs Challenger of Badgers Croft, Barleymow Hill. In addition, Mrs Hendry of Greenways, Miss Violet Harrison of 74B Churchfields and Ms Mary Howison. Mrs Barnet of Rose Cottage and Mrs Batt of

Sunnyside, Arford. In addition, Mrs Hart of The Hollow, Hollow Lane and Mrs Flanagan with Mrs Cunningham of 8 Perry Way, Hilland. Lastly, Mrs McCaffrey of 73C Churchfields.

Editor note

With hindsight, Our Lady's Club was the backbone of the wonderful community spirit that existed at Christ the King. Kathy Kemp with her husband, Gerald, were the mainstay of Our Lady's Club, Katherine Rose Kemp died 28th June 2009 with Gerald, her husband, surviving her until 28th December 2013..



Kathy and Gerald Kemp

Fr. Pat O'Donnell's favourite rhyme

'I know I am hard of hearing

And to my Arthritis I am resigned

I can manage with my bi-focals

But Oh God ! how I miss my mind'

RIP 18.08.2008

St Vincent de Paul Society

In 1967 when Carl Tantum moved up from Bournemouth, Bernard Cramer and Bertram Taylor were the only two remaining members of the SVP and Carl was approached to help as he had had experience of the SVP in Bournemouth as he had been secretary to the local district conference under Bill Danks. For a year whilst settling into his new home and organising his business, he felt he could not contribute but then joined them in 1968. At that time the work of the SVP was mainly concerned with visiting the sick in the parish; it was an anonymous organisation and helped very much behind the scenes. There was an expansion in numbers of those involved in helping with this care group which was known as a conference. Over the course of the next few years, well-known names like Edmund McIlvenna, Mable Heck, Cecil Pisani, Ian Bell, Brian Labram, Peter Martin and many others joined in the expansion of the core work which was helping those in need. The Cenacle Sisters were most helpful with the children of the parish and ran Saturday morning Catechism classes. There were so many children attending that it was necessary with the lack of public and personal transport to find some way of getting them up to the Cenacle. The Jewish Welfare Board at that time had a coach which was specially adapted for handicapped people at Tudor House in Grayshott which was just off Crossways Road. This was purchased for a sum of £600 with a 100% loan from Mr Scott, the Lloyds Bank Manager at Grayshott without any security! This amount was repaid within a few months and the SVP began operating this coach, not just to take the children to the Cenacle but also to take out Holy Cross patients for example. Some of these patients had never been on an outing before and this was very worthwhile work. The vehicle itself was quite old at the time and it was necessary to put in extra seats which were purchased from a scrap yard in Portsmouth to make it more usable. This vehicle was run successfully for a number of years and the core work of the SVP continued. However, at one fateful meeting it was decided to replace this vehicle with one which would be more suitable as the demand had increased considerably. To this end, an appeal was launched to raise £20,000 to have a specialist **'Jumbulance' made for us by a firm in Godalming. This is based on a Mercedes chassis and could take ten wheelchairs, 19 walking wounded and two York stretcher beds.** Photographs and archives for this are kept with Community Transport at the Forest Community Centre in Bordon. Needless to say, there was a huge amount of activity in raising the money but then that was only the beginning of a need to underpin with the organisation with a separate management committee and in due course a coordinator/driver in the form of Cathy Lux and premises at Barbados House in Bordon were involved. In the end there were three Jumbulances and there was a report in the local paper some seven years later saying that 7474 wheelchairs and 4,500 passengers had been carried in a seven month period. This was very much outside the mainstream of SVP work which continued. In due course, the SVP relinquished responsibility and the organisation of the vehicles with its base at the Cenacle Convent in Grayshott was moved over to the Hampshire Council of Community Service and the service was run from its office in Barbados House and then from the Forest Community Centre in Bordon where it is still situated. It is now known as Community Transport Bordon. Carl literally lost his hair over all this and had to resign in c. 1982!

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SVP
AMBULANCE SERVICE
NEWSLETTER

We thought it was about time that we wrote to you to tell you what we have been doing, how well (?) we have been managing and how we see the future of The Ambulance operation.

But before all that - a warm tribute to Kathy Lux - our Ambulance Controller, who resigned for health reasons at the end of **September '81**. **Kathy, well known to most of you had been with us since inception of The Appeal in 1978**. In 1979 Kathy took over the onerous job of co-ordinating the driving and the administration, and the Ambulance Service has grown steadily under her guidance and leadership ever since. Not only do we miss her here on this side of the fence, but so do all the many friends that she made in her travels. Her friendliness and warmth of character shone through all she undertook. Our Best Wishes to you Kathy in all you do, you have been an inspiration to us all. A message from Kathy is attached.

In her place, as a full-time Transport Co-ordinator, we welcome Pat Connolly. Pat has had a wealth of experience over many years in the transport field, which will prove invaluable to us and to those using the service.

Following Kathy's departure, it was decided to split the administration and driving and Pat is solely concerned of all aspects of the former. We welcome him and wish him well.

Financially things have been extremely difficult for us, but that is in the nature of the service we are trying to provide. Brian Labram has given his Treasurers report below:-

After 2½ years of operation the Ambulance's financial position remains rather too tight for comfort. Income did not keep pace with expenditure during 1981 and the £1,560 of reserves with which we first started has finally evaporated. Total turnover for the year was in the region of £12,000 and only two thirds of this amount was funded from hiring charges, the remainder coming from various fund raising exercises and from the generosity of many good friends to whom we are especially grateful. During the winter the strain has been eased by reliance on volunteer drivers instead of a full-time employee and thanks to Hampshire Council for Community Service we are very fortunate this year to have free the services of a full-time Co-ordinator. Nevertheless, we have had to increase our rate of charges to 49p a mile as from 1st of March, **'82 and will continue to need all the help we can get.**

1981 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE DISABLED

1981 was an exciting year for us! To put it mildly!

January and February were quiet months so far as trips were concerned, and we took the opportunity to move the **Ambulance Office from a very small room in Kathy's flat to a more spacious room in Barbados House in Bordon.** This was a great step forward and gave us the opportunity to spread ourselves, and hopefully become more efficient. We are most grateful in this respect to the Hampshire Council of Community Service at Winchester, who provided a room for us in their new Centre at a very reasonable rent.

During this time Kathy was busily organising 2 very successful trips as they proved to be, for some local 'not so able' residents to go on holiday with her. There was one trip to Birchington, near Margate, and there are some hair raising stories of a return day Hovercraft trip to France in a Force 8! The other holiday to the Orton Rigg Arthritis Home at Canford Cliffs near Poole in Dorset, was also much appreciated by all who went. We are grateful to Kathy, to local SVP Members, and to other organisations, such as the Three Parishes Fund, who assisted!

Another 1 'off' trip at this time involving taking a couple, who were both disabled to Bournemouth for a week's holiday. Because of the necessity to take a hoist, a large outdoor electric wheelchair, an ordinary wheelchair and luggage, we were **the best suited for this job**. Again, in this connection we are grateful to the "Three Parishes Fund" for their financial support for the transport costs.

In 1980 we found that we were just getting off the ground - and things were difficult. In 1981, things were just as difficult because we were so busy! Without going into too much detail, apart from numerous individual day trips, we also squeezed **in a British Polio Fellowship Holiday to Weymouth and another week for a group of 'Mature' Guides to Hertfordshire!** On the Continental side, there were 2 trips to Denmark, another to Holland and 2 to Lourdes. A lot of planning, a lot of driving, and a lot of work for some very worthwhile people!

On all these trips we had no mechanical problems which is partly due to Mercedes and also to our own preventative maintenance programme ably carried out by King & Taylor of Godalming, to whom we would like to pay tribute.

The Management Committee of the Ambulance has been re-organised, and comprises:-

Mrs. Joanna Jackson representing Community Care, Headley.

Mr. Nicholas Day a new member, whose commercial experience will be most valuable to us.

Brian Labram **our Treasurer, who has carried us through many crisis's**

Terry North with his family does sterling work behind the scenes cleaning and preparing the Ambulance for it's many trips. Not much glamour to this job, but essential work. Thanks Terry!

Edmund McIlvenna whose ability to provide most things is a constant source of wonder, and Carl Tantum, who as the writer of this epic, is quite indescribable!

We appreciate the opportunity in this last year to talk to The Rotary Club of Bordon; to Farnborough Hill School, to The **Royal Ancient Order of Buffalo's** and other distinguished bodies. This publicity is a valuable part of any voluntary work and we very much welcome these occasions. Although the Treasurer has made mention of the donations we have received, we are grateful for many individuals and organisations for their generous financial support, without which we could not survive.

In this context, please support the 100 Club. This very simple idea provides a regular income for us, at the same time as giving some pleasure to the participants. Full details are attached, with a full list of winners kept in the office here. If you personally or your organisation wish to join, just let us know, we have plenty more forms!

Looking to the future, we have been having discussions with the Royal Aircraft Establishment with the object of providing better and safer ways of anchoring the restraining seats/wheelchairs. These have resulted in some very exciting developments whose disclosure unfortunately will have to wait until the next Newsletter. However, if our hopes are realised, the implications will be far reaching!

Editors note: We had a Grant from the Princes Trust of £5000 and we used that in conjunction with Contour Seats of Farnborough (who made the Concorde seats) to create restraining mechanisms to hold Wheelchairs safely in moving vehicles.

NEW AMBULANCE/WELFARE BUS

We have been fortunate enough to have been selected to co-ordinate the use of a new vehicle, which has been made available through the Joint Care Planning Team of the Hampshire Social Services Department.

This is very exciting news! First of all it underwrites the current view, a view that we have held all along, that it is more efficient to co-ordinate specialist transport of this kind, rather than provide individual establishments with their own vehicles. Secondly, the new Mercedes which will operate under the Minibus Act will be much more reasonable to operate financially. It will be available on a self-drive basis, and have a seating capacity of 15 seated, or 8 wheelchairs, "it will be built to our usual high specification, and will incorporate the latest Ratcliff ramp". We hope to take delivery in May or June this year. Hire charges and operating guidelines are yet to be finalised.

BOOKINGS FOR 1982

Can we ask you to give us some idea of your provisional requirements as early as possible? A Booking Sheet is enclosed. Already we are in receipt of enquiries for Continental trips, which we are trying to restrict so that we can still provide the local service within the U.K. which is the main stay of our operations. With 2 vehicles, we should not have to disappoint anyone this year. Bear in mind, that The Ford Transit Minibus operated by Haslemere Community Care Group is available as a support vehicle for your outings. It has 15 seats and you provide a driver, who is named and approved on the Insurance Policy. A list of suggested outings is attached, which may give you a few ideas.

HELPERS

We are asked to provide helpers by Hospitals and Nursing Homes, so if you would like to volunteer, just phone in!

On a more personal note, thanks are due to all those who have helped us in various ways. To Denis Clark, Angela Glithero, **Mike Meredith, Sr. Therese, Gerry O'Donnell, for their expert driving and all that goes with it!** To all the Helpers who came wish us to Lourdes.

For all their cheerfulness, patience and understanding - To all our friends at Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children at Carshalton, in allowing us the privilege of caring for them.

To Angela Hampton for putting up with us!

The stories of the trips to Lourdes (which were our own trips separately funded), to Denmark, Holland and the U.K. would take too long (you will be glad to hear!) to describe if we were to do them justice. We went, we saw, we came back thinner - we survived! We learnt also how to cope better, to provide a better service - back to the slogan:-

First Class transport for

First Class people!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO BEING WITH YOU AGAIN THIS YEAR.

Management Committee
SVP Ambulance March, 1982.

P.S. Those of you who did not have Lourdes photos for some reason, please contact Pat Connolly.

MESSAGE FROM CATHY

My dear Friends,

I thought it was really time I let you all know that I am still alive, since I disappeared from the Ambulance last August.

I learnt then that one can't work at the rate at which I was going along with reaching a limit, and one day the old body refused to do any more. As a result I spent a very quiet Autumn sitting in the sun, resting and doing nothing, cared for by a few very good friends until I was able to start work again. Since November I have been working quietly as a cook in a small home for mentally Handicapped children.

The prospect of the enormous workload both driving and running the Administration of the Ambulance was a barrier to my returning to my normal self so I have had to let go of it sadly.

I miss all your friendly faces and the mad and happy days I shared with you all over England and onto the Continent. I have a lot of lively memories I take along with me. You have all given me a wealth of caring and better understanding of life **which is a gift I count of great value. You probably didn't even know you gave it.**

For those of you who kept asking me where my boyfriends were - **I am taking away from my 'Ambulance Experience' with me Terry, a truly [sic] guy who I met on one of the holidays, who looked after me all the time I was ill and has remained my constant companion.**

In my two years with the Ambulance I have been more than repayed [sic] in all the work and effort it was, but the time has come now for me to move on.

I would like you to know that I have recognised both the efforts of the disabled among you who are making life work, and **those of you who work for them with perseverance and 'stickability'.**

I wish you all peace and happiness in your lives, I thank you all and I pray for you, and perhaps we shall meet again.

KATHY

Editors note: Kathy was an inspiration in those early years—competent, cheerful and a good organiser. After waiting for an annulment she married Terry and had 20 or so happy years with him passing away prematurely at the age of 50 of a brain tumour. (2005)

List of parishioners during Father Cedric **Frank's time** - circa 1975:-

Mr & Mrs Atkins, Mayfield Cottage, Mill Lane. 3 children moved away

Mrs Christine Barnett, Rose Cottage. Leading Catholic keen supporter of Our Lady's Club

Major J R & Mrs Boxall, Cedars Gables, Headley Fields. Leading Catholics and John very good squash player in his late 80's !

Always used to greet you with the old-fashioned phrase 'Chin Chin'

Mrs Phyllis Blackwood, Blackwoods, Mill Lane. Died 1991 after moving to Hindhead.

Mrs H Brochcka, Charnwood, Stonehill Road. Lithuanian

Mr & Mrs Bryan White, Heather, Furze Vale Road. Son Michael married in CTK in 1976

Mr Jerry Burgham, 5 Emilton Road, Headley Down. Very competent organist moved in 1979

Miss Billie Cairns, Birchwood, Beech Hill. Very helpful Catholic regular at CTK

Mr & Mrs Cunningham, 8 Perry Way. Leading supporter of Church and Our Lady's Club

Mr & Mrs Coombes, St Francis, Firs Hill Road. This was a house owned by the Church subsequently sold.

Mr & Mrs Coombes, Churchfields.

Charles and Barbara Cornish. Belmont High St. Headley. Barbara leading Catholic and member of the SVP. We had a storm in the early '70's when one of the very tall Douglas Firs started to lean precariously. Charles then a Lt.-Col at REME sent out a squad with a heavy recovery vehicle on a 'training exercise' and lifted the tree out of the ground and placed it safely so it could be cut up – at no cost!

Mr & Mrs Christmas, Ling Crescent.

Mr Guy & Charmaine Cooper, The Old Bakery, Crabtree Lane. 3 Children moved to Churt.

Guy died prematurely in a Motorcycle accident.

Mr J B Cramer, Lyndene, Stonehill Road. Founder of the SVP lived to a great age.

W J Courtnage, St Valentine's, Furze Hill Road.

Mrs Crichton-Jackson, St Anthony's, Beech Hill. Dedicated Churchgoer moved to Mount Alvernia Bramshott.

Eileen Crowther, 8 Crabtree Gardens. Lived to be 100 years old. Devout Catholic

Mr & Mrs Carpenter with their children Bernadette, Joanna, Hilary and Michael of Myrebella, Eddys Lane.

Mr & Mrs Chandler with David, Joanna and Matthew, Twin Oaks, Headley Road.

Used to collect the children to go to the Cenacle on Saturdays.

Mr & Mrs D Curtis, 3 Kay Crescent. Moved to Rowledge in 1977.

Chris & Rita Daley, Headley Fields and their children Peter, Pauline, John and Pollyanna. Great supporters of CTK.

Mr & Mrs Dangerfield, Arundel Cottage, Taylors Lane.

Mr Kurt & Elsie Daxer, Churchfields. Elsie and Kurt (ex German POW) were one of the first marriages in the UK after the war. Firm supporter of CTK. 2 sons.

Margaret Denholme, White Cottage. A great Character see separate notes.

Ann & Finton O'Donnell, The Laurels, Headley Road. Baptism of one of their children at CTK in 1976.

Mr J E Dunn, Lillooet, Passfield. Passed away in 1976.

Mrs D Eames, Back of Beyond, Stonehill Road. Mother of John Eames passed away in Holy Cross in 1976.

Mr & Mrs John & Rose Eames, Bracken, Honeysuckle Lane. Wonderful workers for the Church.

Mr Henry & Mrs Ellen Figg, Farthingfields.

Mr & Mrs Foden, Phillips Crescent.

Mr Jim Ferris, Birchlands. Regular mainly at St. Josephs

Mr & Mrs Michael Gallagher, Chestnut End. Leading Catholic Family

Mr & Mrs W T M Gaskell, , Bowcott Hill. Leading Catholic Family

Mr & Mrs John Ghika, White Lilacs, Liphook Road. Leading Catholics

Mr & Mrs Ghika senior, White Lilacs, Liphook Road. Ex Romanian Royal Family. John Ghika's parents.

Mr & Mrs Goddard, Phillips Crescent. Children baptised at St. Josephs moved in 1976.

Mrs Rapley, 9 Phillips Close.

Mr L J Grimshaw, Woodbine, Carlton Road, Headley Down. He was the brother of the late Archbishop of Birmingham and a Borough Engineer in Hounslow. At that time, often went on the continent for months to get away from the winter and fairly regular at Christ the King. Mrs. Grimshaw had a bad back and found the pews at CTK impossible!

Mr & Mrs A Grove and their children Jonathan, Simon, Virginia and Patrick, East Mount, Barley Mow Hill.

Some members of the Go Club a Youth Group

Mr Hadley, Churchfields, Headley. Mainly went to Liphook Catholic Church

Mr & Mrs Chris Haig, Kay Crescent. Moved early on

Mr & Mrs Happe, Hillborough House, Barley Mow Hill. Moved early on

Mr & Mrs Harper, 16 Phillips Crescent, Headley. Stalwarts at CTK with Rose a core Member of Our Lady's Club.

Later moved to Phillips House. Grayshott.

Roy & Mary Hart of The Hollow, Headley. Roy was in the Wine business and often helped us at Bazaars and Church Events. Mary another stalwart of CTK. She later moved to Blackwater to be with Roger her son.

Mr C A Haywood, Chapel How, Long Cross Hill. Husband a non-Catholic but Cath Hayward had connections with the Channel islands and passed away in 1975

Mr Albert Haynes & Mrs Haynes, Kenton House, Headley. Moved early on

Mr & Mrs C W Hendry. Backbone of CTK with inspirational and early involvement in getting CTK off the ground initially after **the war. Mrs. Hendry who died in 1992 also played the organ and was of course a keen member of Our Lady's Club.** Mr. Hendry passed away in 1986

Ken & Veronica Holdsworth, Wingfield, Frensham Lane, Lindford. Moved in 1978 to Brecon.

Mrs Hamilton, Penhryn, Grayshott Road, Headley Down. A non-Catholic widow in charge of an independent foster home - Colin, Adora, Raleigh, Pamela & Amy, some of the children there at this time. By 1993 Penhryn was no more and Mrs. Hamilton had moved to a Nursing Home in Camberley an area where she had a house also.

Peter & Veronica Hunt, 17 Chestnut End. Airline pilot moved to Farnham.

Violet & Mary Howison, 75 Maple Drive, Heatherlands. Twin Sisters used to come to CTK with their dogs (they were very good!). Fr. Frank persuaded them to leave them at home. Very regular at CTK despite the distance. A distant cousin lived in Cape Town and whom I met there. Both had limited educational opportunities. They passed away in 1986 and 1993 respectively.

Paul Huntingford & Mrs L E Huntingford of Minden, Mill Lane. A very sad case. Lena was much respected Hairdresser at Grayshott Hall (now Spa) and Paul was our organist both at CTK and St. Josephs. He was an accomplished Cellist organist and violinist teaching for example in the Isle of Wight at Upper Chine School for a time in 1977. However he was mercurial **and later diagnosed with incurable Schizophrenia; he eventually having not taken his tablets took his Mother's life on** Christmas Day. He is still incarcerated in a secure hospital.

W Hutchinson of 29 Kay Crescent with Erica, Jason, Daryl and Kerry. Regular at St. Josephs and CTK

Mr & Mrs R D Jones, Little Carrington, Eddys Lane. Margaret White's parents. Denis died in 1993 and Agnes was at Phillips House Grayshott after that time. Both regular attendance at CTK and St. Josephs.

Gerald & Cathy Kemp and Christine and Angela their daughters. Lived in Kumalo Headley Fields. Founding 'Fathers' of CTK and Our Lady's Club. Kathy was the Sister of Cissie O'Shea Matron of Donec Childrens Home in Grayshott. Christine was married at CTK in 1973. Extraordinary Family so committed to the Church.

Mr & Mrs Kennedy, 40 Churchfields.

The Keyhoe Redmond Family at Arford Cottages

Squadron Leader Frank Kornicki, Chelmscott, Arford. Committed Catholic Family with their grown up sons Peter and Richard. Father was Polish.

Ann & Kevin Lydon, Stonehill Road and Andrew, Tony, Christine, Ian, Joanne, John, their children.

Moved to Cumbria. Inspirational family.

Angela Lant, no address. Moved in 1976.

Jack Lowe, Phillips Crescent. Regular at CTK moved in 1976

Kathy Lux (later 'Shotter'), Assisi, Hammer Lane. Lovely girl Co-ordinator SVP Ambulance and much more.

Moved when married to Portsmouth in 1993.

Elizabeth Le Feurve, Mulberry, Chase Road, Lindford. Regular at CTK when work shifts allowed.

Mr & Mrs Lay, 41 Ling Crescent. 5 children.

Mr & Mrs Brian Lynch, 1 Chestnut End. Leading Catholic Family Very positive influence. Moved to Richmond in 1993

Mr & Mrs McCaffrey, 73A Churchfields. Did early work on the Church Porch in particular.

Mr & Mrs McIlvenna, Standford. Leading Catholic Family. Both Edmund and Arlette with their children greatest help to SVP, **Our Lady's Club and CTK over many years.**

Mr & Mrs Peter Marsh, Christine and Caroline, Hilland Rise. Again Peter and Teresa a positive influence on all they came across. Teresa passed away sadly in 2015. Enormous assistance at CTK & elsewhere over so many years.

Aggie McCaul, 47 Portsmouth Road, Liphook. Lived on Passfield Road with Bernadette – moved to Ireland. Sister to Nancy Whittle and late Bridie Woodger.

Mrs Martin, 52 Churchfields. Came when she could now deceased 7.07.85

Mr Martin, 48 Maple Way. Similar.

Mrs H Maxwell-Scott, The Old Bakery, Arford. Died the same time as Fr. Frank in fact funeral the same day.

Mr Millward, Imadene Close, Lindford. Died 1990 Polish Catholic

John and Dolly McGhee. John – **Clerk to the Headley Parish Council, Dolly regular at CTK. Died very recently in her 90's.**

Mr Needham, Headley Meadows, Frensham Lane. Moved away.

Mr Orrell, 15 The Paddock. 5 Children - moved.

Mrs Oates, Clifton Bungalow, Mill Lane. Regular at CTK died 1976/7.

Mr & Mrs Pisani, Phillips Crescent, Headley. Leading Catholics very helpful in SVP etc.

Mr D C Power, 37 Hilland Rise. Youngest Child baptised at CTK in 1975 – moved to Farnham.

Bob & Clare Rouse, Mayfield, Headley Fields. 5 Children at Catholic Schools. Claire and the Children lived next door to the **Church possibly the Johnstone's house originally (see the history) – leading Catholic.**

Brenda Treagas, Larch Road. Barbara Cornish very helpful friend.

Mr & Mrs Rowland Shaw, Pound Cottage, Liphook. Generous patrons and Catholic with two daughters later moved to Alton.

Mrs Shuff & Miss Valerie Shuff, St Louis, Furze Hill Road. Mrs. Shuff senior died in 1979 buried at St. Josephs.

Miss Jennifer Sheridan, Field End, Liphook Road.

Mr & Mrs Pat Shuff, 7 Openfields. 5 Children. Well known and helpful Headley family.

Mr & Mrs Bernadette & Eustace Snabaitis, Headley Park Club. Very helpful Catholics particularly to Fr. Alexander Geryba. Bernadette nee Levinskas.

Mrs Swansborough, Fullers Vale. Irish Catholic

Mr & Mrs Spencer, 29 Hilland Rise. Moved away

Mr Simpson Ray, 71 Churchfields.

Mr & Mrs Carl Tantum, 5 Phillips Close. Sue teaching at the Holme. Paul and Mark. Dad keen Catholic,

Mr & Mrs Bertram Taylor, Carmel, Headley Fields. Dedicated Catholics, Bertram in SVP and Mary leading Church **CTK supporter. Bertram died in 1976. Mary Taylor's funeral was the last service at CTK being the Wednesday after the Church closed on the Easter Sunday.**

Mr & Mrs Dennis Thorne, Arford Farm, Barley Mow Hill. 5 Children.

Denis leading Catholic instrumental in building the Church of CTK.

Steven Vaughan, Standford Grange.

Mrs Viney, 3 Elm Villas. Died in 1970's

Margaret & Bob White, Kamukura Beech Hill Road. Margaret leading Catholic

Mr Keith Williamson, Wind Ridge, Headley Hill Road.

Mr & Mrs Woodger, Fernlands, Beech Hill. Leading Catholics very helpful to the Church always

Major David Peare, Way of the Sun, Seymour Road.

Mrs Myers, 36 Larch Road. 2 Children

H A J Marshall, Shrub Cottage, Headley.

Mr John Malcher, Mount Pleasant, Arford Common. Polish Catholic

Commander J H A Benyons, Woodstock, Pond Road.

R J Twite, Wishanger Lodge, Frensham Lane.

Squadron Leader J D Sulman, Marberry, Headley Road. Mrs. Sulman regular at CTK

Mr & Mrs Walsh, 31 Churchfields.

Mr & Mrs Whittle, Homelands, Eddys Lane with their children John, Theresa, Jimmy, Simon, Gina and Adrian. Leading Catholic family

Mrs Alma Thompson, Hollywood, Furze Hill, Furze Vale. Extraordinary Austrian lady who was in the Resistance in the Second World War. Died in Rome at age 94 buried with husband at St. Josephs Funeral 17.05.07

Mr & Mrs Read, 11 Churchfields. Two children Pauline married at CTK 1985

Captain Ennis Milne, Karamea, Long Cross Hill. Associations with Pitcairn Island – Marquerite regular at CTK.

Jim Merrett, Castanea, Stonehill Road. Attend Our Lady of Lourdes Haslemere at this time.

Mrs Stephanie Phillips, Little Follies, Liphook Road. Leading Catholic usually went to St. Josephs used to own Hilland House.

Mr G Alderton, Aberdeen House, Lindford. 3 Children mainly went to Bordon at this time.

Mrs Barrier, Cricket Lea, Lindford.

Mrs Angela Macadam, Chase Villas, Lindford.

Mrs Marina Penny, 3 Phillips Close. 2 children

Ann Walsh, 42 Ling Crescent. Moved to Phillips House later. Died fairly recently housekeeper to the Priests.

Mrs Violet Keen, The Oaks, Barley Mow Hill (nee Peacock). Distinguished artist

Mr Bob Whistler & Angela Whistler, South View, Headley Fields. Kathy Kemps daughter and family.

This list some 40 years ago (Data Protection compliant) shows a picture of a continually moving Congregation much as it is today It touches on the Faith and hard work of this Community small enough for everyone to know each other and benefit from coming together regularly. This was at a time when numbers at St. Josephs were high over 300. We were running Christmas Bazaars with Dances in the evening at Grayshott Village Hall, a Youth Group at the Church Hall at St. Josephs and a full round of fund raising activities such as Newspaper Collections with the help of the Cenacle Convent. Saturday morning collection of Children around the District to bring them in for Religious Instruction at the Cenacle using our own Coaches. Regular coffee mornings at both Churches. Excellent committed clergy of course. Christian Unity Services with the Cenacle Sisters in modern dress unusual then playing guitars etc. Probably the highlight was the Ecumenical Service on Headley Village Green to Dedicate the new SVP Ambulance where we raised £20000 in 6 months a considerable sum then. Henry Cooper came with Southern TV it was preceded by a lunch at the Hall at St. Josephs for the main players. A huge amount

Christ the King Church, Headley

Aunty to Countless Children - Eileen Hamilton Leaves Headley Down

The end of the month will mark the end of an era in Headley Down when Mrs Eileen Hamilton, affectionately known as 'Aunty', finally leaves Penhryn which has been her and her many children's home for the last 22 years. For Mrs Hamilton the day of departure "will be the saddest day of my life", a life which has been filled with service for others in particular with loving care and devotion to many children whose upbringing she has been entrusted. Born into a very poor Petworth family 76 years ago, Mrs Hamilton was one of seven children; the lack of money meant that she had to leave school at 14 but realising the values of education she started training as a nurse, a decision which was to influence the rest of her life. She began her studies at Isleworth Hospital where she was awarded the gold medal for her year. A certificate of midwifery followed and she was among the last group of students to qualify as a health visitor at the outbreak of World War II. After volunteering for the army as a QA nurse, she was sent to West Africa and admits she was wary of local people, however, two years among them changed all that and she grew to love them, little knowing that they would feature so prominently in her later life.

A bad attack of malaria meant a spell in a Northern Ireland hospital where she regained her strength on the milk and eggs still available there. Restored to health, her next assignment was in a Red Cross hospital ship and she made the trip to Southampton and France at least 50 times and working as a theatre sister, dealt with every emergency declaring now "I watched awful things there, I have no fear left in me". Many times they docked at the Mulberry Harbour, the artificial floating harbour from which little boats were launched to pick up the wounded from the beaches. It was also at this time that penicillin was first used and all the casualties were given the new wonder drug in the form of orange granules shaken up in water. On her discharge in 1946, Mrs Hamilton got a job as a nurse on a liner, the Winchester Castle. It was there she met ship's engineer, Thomas Hamilton, and at the age of 44 became his second wife. For a number of years they worked together taking immigrants to South Africa before moving on to Hong Kong where Tommy took up a position as a marine superintendent. Although her husband was away for periods up to one year, Eileen Hamilton worked for the government, training students to become health visitors and instructing them in social welfare and ways of combating TB. She also learnt Cantonese and gained a certificate in the language. During the nine years in Hong Kong, leaves were spent in the UK and for this couple bought a house, Dulvene, in Camberley. By the time they were due to return home, Tommy had a heart complaint and was suffering from angina. Eileen wanted a job and being very fond of children they decided on the idea of opening a children's home. After a search they finally settled on Penhryn in Grayshott Road and took over the reins from Mrs Reid in 1965. Eight children were already in residence with other staff to look after them. Five of these were from a Cypriot family whose schizophrenic mother was unable to care for them. Although the children only stayed another three years before their father was able to offer them a home together, Mr and Mrs Hamilton loved them dearly and were always delighted to hear news of them. Two of the boys went on to gain degrees and when Guy, the eldest, had a book published, he sent 'Aunty' a copy of the first edition. Later on there was a visit from Guy and his wife and six year old baby, "I was so thrilled to be grandmother" recalls Mrs Hamilton. With the departure of the Cypriots, the Joseph family came to Headley Down in 1968, all four children were West Indian and Colin, the eldest, had a younger brother, Rayleigh, and sisters, Emila and Anadora. At this time too there were further additions to Penhryn, Amy was three years old when she arrived but little Melissa was only 11 months. Sandra too moved in to complete 'the family'. Sadly, four years later, Tommy Hamilton died and from then on Eileen was left to soldier on alone. As time went by, as well as the children, many animals joined the household, rabbits, guinea pigs, budgies and canaries shared the family home and in addition to Mrs Hamilton pet dogs, she also fostered several strays for the RSPCA until new owners could be found for them.

The years passed and one by one the children left school, got jobs and became independent. Although all have now moved from Penhryn, the latest less than a month ago, they keep in close contact with 'Aunty'.

With all the family happily settled, it became obvious that 'Aunty' had to move. Having kept her Camberley house, she decided the time had finally come when she had to live there permanently. Her favourite brother who is 20 years younger, lives close by and would be able to keep a watchful eye on her, while the 'family' will be able to keep in touch. Despite her sadness at moving, when anticipating their regular visits, a happy smile to 'Aunty's face as she said "I don't suppose I will have any peace from them but that's exactly how I would want it to be".

A kind and generous person, a great character, Headley Down will greatly miss 'Aunty Hamilton'.

Excerpt from the Catholic News, dated August 16, 1970

Collections: Grayshott, July 19 - £29, 9s, 9d
Headley - £11, 1s, 6d
Total: £40, 11s, 3d

Welcome to new parishioners, Matthew William Crichton-White, son of Theresa and Tony White was baptised on 5 July 1970 and Julian Lindsey Clark and Janet Drake were married on 19 July 1970. Earnest Craig and Coral Dix who were married on 27 July 1970.

It looks as if for the first time the committee decided to hold a bazaar at Christmas on Saturday, November 21, in the Grayshott village hall. Those involved for example on the bottle stall were Mr Gallagher, cakes were Mrs Tricky, white elephant with the Headley responsibility and Father Christmas was Mr Eames for the first of many times.

In August 1973, the parish magazine of Grayshott and Headley reported that Father Dan D'Andrea, who had been with us for the past six years, is leaving at the beginning of September. After 40 years' service and many and varied jobs and having health problems, he was finding it progressively more difficult to carry on. Amelio D'Andrea was born at Picianisco near the famous Monte Casino in Italy on 24 May 1908. One of ten children, having five brothers and four sisters, he is the son of the local building contractor. With his brothers and sisters, he went to the local elementary school; from there he went to the Seminary at Sora, also near his home and completed his studies for the Priesthood at the Gregorian Seminary in Rome. He was ordained on 26 March 1932.

In 1939, Father D'Andrea came to England to visit his brothers and sisters who had come to work here and were living in London. At the outbreak of the war in September 1939, being an alien from a country at war with us, he was interned on the Isle of Man. He was appointed Chaplain to his compatriots in the camp. On his release in 1943, he applied to the Bishop of Northampton for more work in the diocese. He was sent to Leighton Buzzard to look after Italian prisoners of war. With the end of the war in 1945, this work came to an end and he applied to Bishop King of Portsmouth for work in our diocese. Bishop King sent him to the Carmelite Nuns at Newbury to be their Chaplain. In 1950 he went to the Christian Brothers at Kintbury as Chaplain and as a help to the parish Priest in Newbury. In 1967 when Father Gould retired, Father D'Andrea replaced him as Chaplain at the Cenacle Convent and was asked to look after the spiritual welfare of the parishioners at Headley. In the comparatively short time he has been with us, he has been most helpful to me personally; he has been most obliging and accommodating, always happy to help out in any way possible whenever the need arises. On behalf of all parishioners, I would like to say thank you Father and wish him many happy years in his retirement. On Sunday, August 19, there will be a cheese and wine party at Headley village hall at 8pm to say goodbye to Father D'Andrea and I hope you will all make an effort to be present.

P J Hartnet pp

PS: Father D'Andrea's successor will be Father Cedric Frank and his address is 12 Grove Road End, Farnham, Surrey.

The parish magazine reported in October 1972, forthcoming events. These included Church committee meeting, task group's bazaar committee meeting, house group scripture evening, discotheques, bazaar, special Christmas discotheque, children's Christmas party and social and dance from 8pm to midnight and entertainment would include a short adaption of Dickens' Christmas Carol, all this between October 17 and December 16.

In March 1973, the parish magazine reported the disco rota which was run at the little hall next door to St Joseph's and there were people on duty from 7.30-11pm on the 23 March, 27 April, 25 May, 22 June, 20 July, 24 August; such people as Veronica Hunt, Carl Tantum, Jim Boylan, Aggie McCaul, Ian Bell, John Eames and then Pat Lynch, Mr Brooking, Peter Daley and Rita Daley.

Reverend Father C Frank MA

Father Frank was born in Hull and educated at Hull Grammar School. He then trained for seven years for entry into the Anglican Ministry at various seats for learning including Leeds University where he found time to edit the university journal and the rag magazine. Spent more than 26 years in the Anglican Ministry in England and Africa. In Africa's his services to the Greek communities were recognised by the award of the Royal Order of the Phoenix,



Reverend Father Cedric Frank

confirmed by King Paul of the Hellenes. His work included that of 'Bush Priest', principal of the teacher training college, Rector at Dari Salem and warden of the Theological College. He was invalided home in 1958 and became Vicar of St Michael's, Louth and Rector of Stewton. His other Anglican experiences including service on many public bodies, Convocation of Canterbury & Church Assemblies, Proctor for London Diocese; Municipal Councils of Dari Salem and Louth; two Tanganyikan Government Commissions of Enquiry on Corporal Punishment & Liquor Licensing Laws; Tanganyika Film Sensors Board; Tanganyika Scout Council; Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in America and the Pan Anglican Congress in Minneapolis. In 1962 he left the Anglican Ministry on theological and conscientious grounds and was received in the Catholic Church at Winchester. Homeless and jobless he did many things including selling Catholic Bibles to houses nominated by parish Priests, before being appointed Head of Religious Education at All Hallows. Three and a half years later he was appointed to the Divinity Department of the LSU College of Education in Southampton and from which post he

has just retired as Principal Lecturer. He was ordained a Priest by our own Bishop Warlock in the Catholic College Chapel in 1970 and it is pleasing to record that some of his old Anglican parishioners were among the 500 congregation. Also in 1970, he was National President of the Catholic Teachers Federation of England & Wales and it was the Federation which presented him with his ordination chalice. His activities as a Catholic have included service on the Catholic Education Council, the Board of Catholic Education Today, the General Council of the CTF and other bodies. Fr. Frank died on 14.08.74 after being with us just over a year.

In November 1973 a harmonium that had been provided from the Headley Ladies Club for Christ the King at Headley and Carl Tantum reported that the balance outstanding on the coach was falling at a satisfactory rate. A special discotheque raised £22 for this purpose. A special trip had been made, driven by Mr Eames, to take Le Court patients to a central service in London to mark the Jubilee of the Cheshire Home. Mr Eames described it as a very moving experience. There was a report on the land at Headley where a signed conveyance was known to be with the Diocese and Trustees.

At that time, October 7, for example, the collections at Grayshott were £36.05 and £13.09 in Headley, a total of just under £50.

Wednesday, 1 May, was a red letter day in the life of the parish when we were honoured with a visit from our Bishop Emery. After lunch at the Presbytery with five Priests, we started on our rounds, "Our first call was to Headley Church where his Lordship met a number of mothers with babies and had a little chat with each of them. Inspected the work in progress on the extension and seemed quite happy with the plans. From the Church he went to Headley Primary School where the Bishop was invited to speak to the whole school. He went down very well and succeeded in holding the children's attention for nearly half an hour. My thanks to Mr Ted Banford, the headmaster, for his kind invitation and generous introduction and to the Reverend Derek Head, the Vicar of Headley, for extending the courtesy of being present to greet and welcome his Lordship. From the school I took his Lordship to visit the sick and the elderly of the parish; we made five calls, two in Headley, one on Headley Down and two in Grayshott. These good people greatly appreciated the great honour bestowed on them. The Bishop then visited the Convent of Assisi the Cenacle and the children at Dornec. Having finished the rounds, we were left with very little time to prepare for Mass confirmation at 7pm and for this we had a packed church, over 200 including servers, 40 children and two adults received the Sacrament. The highlight of the ceremony was the Confirmation of little Kay Waldermount, aged 5, when his Lordship took her on his lap. I only wish I had a camera just then. After Mass the Bishop greeted everyone personally in the Church porch and the Bishop met the members of the parish council at the hall at 9pm and talked about our plans for Headley extension and the renovations at Grayshott. He also had some suggestions to make in bidding prayers; thank the members for all the work that they do and urge them to keep up the good work. After supper the Bishop and Father France left at 11.15pm. I am most grateful to all who helped to make it such a happy and successful occasion, to my housekeeper Mrs Tricky and Mrs Boylan and for entertaining the Bishop and the Priests at supper, to the ladies who clean the Church and polish the brass, the Sister who arranged the flowers so beautifully, to the man who polished the Church floor, to the men who helped tidy up the grounds, to Sister Wainwright who played the organ, and by last but no means least, the Sisters of Cenacle who prepared the children for Confirmation and organising at the Church, to all who helped my most sincere thanks. Reverend P Hartnett"

Parish Magazine Excerpt July 1975

Altar Boys Outing 1975

Saturday, May 31 was an exciting day for the altar boys at Grayshott and Headley. A party of 17 people set off in the **SVP bus at 7.45am from Headley; we arrived in London just before the start of the first rehearsal of the Queen's Birthday Parade.** It was a colourful sight from our seats with the Guards on the foreground and Household Cavalry in the background. As the colour came round we all stood up as it marched past us; the ceremony lasted from 10.30 to **about 12.30. Afterwards we had lunch in St James' park and set off home via Buckingham Palace. Thanks to Colonel Ghika who provided the tickets and the SVP who took us there.** Signed: Paul Lynch

The same magazine reported nine children received their first Holy Communion at Christ the King, Headley, Lisa and David Chandler, Amy Jallow, Peter Reid, Peter and Paul Shuff, Carl Daxer, Andrew Shabaitis and Mark Tantum. After the Mass and a photograph, the SVP took the children to Headley park where they were given an enormous breakfast, coffee and biscuits were provided for the parents and friends, all without charge. Most grateful to Bernadette and Eustace Snabaitis for their warm hospitality and generosity.

In the same parish magazine, towards the end of June, Father John Devine of Bordon had a wonderful celebration of the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

Headley Frolic

Congratulations to the people of Headley for organising a really enjoyable evening on Sunday, 6 July, 1975 in the Headley community hall. From the viewpoint of the participants, in this wine and cheese party there were probably just about the right number of people present, enough to create an atmosphere of conviviality but not too many to prevent steady or unsteady circulation from table to table in search of fresh company. Even more importantly the **wine was readily accessible and the 9 o'clock rush to the tables groaning with assorted delicacies could be accomplished in relatively orderly fashion.** Paul and Ann Connolly leant an air of distinction to the occasion with their beautiful trilingual folk singing, English, French and Geordie. They will always be welcome whether or not singing for **their supper. Light entertainment of a different sort was provided by the monthly draw of St Joseph's Restoration Club and by an unrehearsed exhibition of amateur plumbing put on for those at the back of the hall when a contretemps in the gents' provided the unexpected facility of a temporary shower bath. At least no one's spirits were dampened and great pleasure was taken in meeting old and new acquaintances and the presence of some of our Anglican friends being especially welcome. Everyone's thanks should go to Dennis Thorne and his merry men, not of course forgetting the ladies who presented a positive feast and for organising this memorable evening.**

In the same magazine, the minutes of the parish committee meeting, held on Friday, 6 June, 1975 reported that the concrete screed had been put down for the Headley extension but it had to be left for two or three weeks to dry out before the woodblock flooring could be added.

Thursday, 21 August, 1975, the parish sub-committee at Headley announced that they were very grateful for an **extremely attractive African Chieftain's seat that had been presented by Mr Edmund McIlvenna for use in the extension and also that Kathleen Lux would be leaving Headley shortly for Winchester where she would attend Hampshire Agricultural College.** Her cheerful and willing spirit will be very much missed and she took with her the good wishes of the whole parish.

In 1975, there was a report on the summer camp, "It may seem unusual to be reporting to the children's camp in the November magazine, however, constant pressure by your editor has ensured that at least this article is written before we are into 1976. About six (protesting children) were taken (struggling) to this year's camp in St John's School at Beaumont and there they joined 25 others from various parishes in the Diocese of Portsmouth. This was one of three camps organised by the Catholic Women's League and they have run these successfully for a number of years. An extract from those circulate gives their aim, 'It cannot be emphasised too strongly that these camps are intended for children who are unable to attend a Catholic school; our aim is to give the children instruction in the Catholic faith in a truly happy atmosphere and the children should be informed beforehand that they are expected to attend these classes. The instruction will be given by fully qualified teachers and helpers. You can imagine that some of the children attending for the first time had misgivings. One eight year old boy was told by his older brother that it was religion all day and the only fun he would get was if he got onto the escape committee. Readers will be glad to know

that considering this description, he went off with a considerable equanimity, in fact he told me later that although it was the first time he had been away from home, it made a pleasant change. Camp is the wrong adjective for St John's, for this is a purpose built preparatory school erected in the late 1800s and they have all the facilities to be expected including a swimming pool. It was of some surprise to the children that if they wished to swim in the morning, they should have done so by 7am and the coldness of the water would ensure their prompt arrival at breakfast. Apart from studying in the morning, the boys and girls were taken to Windsor Castle and Safari Park, they also performed a play on the last night and camp broke up on the Saturday morning after Mass which the parents were asked to attend. This was a moving occasion with all the children participating. For £7.50 this is excellent value; it is only fair to state the cost is heavily subsidised. Contrary to expectations, no children returned requiring patches on their knees caused through excessive kneeling and the only real complaint that could be substantiated was one eight year old boy had to lay a table for 36 people.

Perhaps it is a salient point that all the children went this year want to go again next year.

The Christmas 1975, the bazaar results for the bazaar on 29 November, showed £599.87 in takings and expenses of just under £30. This time the St.Vincent de Paul Society were running a large number of outings involving the use of the coach. It was quite extraordinary how many there were, for instance, between 2 December and 7 January, there were 12 occasions when the coach was out, for instance, Dennis Thorn on 2 December took Holy Cross patients to Guildford Rotary and on 3 December took Alton General patients to a shopping evening in Basingstoke. Michael Gallagher took the Catechism Class to Grayshott on 6 December and Carl Tantum to Basingstoke for the SVP Festival meeting. On 10 December, Commander Manners-Clark took Holy Cross patients to Shottermill Hall and Jerry Burgham did two trips on 13 September. Again, Michael Gallagher was involved in taking the parish children to pantomime on 3 January and Commander Manners-Clarke took Holy Cross patients to Bramley for a Lourdes reunion and again on 7 January, Holy Cross patients to Haslemere hall.

From the parish committee minutes for St Joseph on 7 November 1975, Father Hartnett reported to the committee that £1,500 had been paid to Moore Builders as part payment of the £3,800 price for the Headley extension.

In May 1977, the collections for Grayshott were running at £38.40 on March 6 with Headley at £20.50, a total of £58.90.

The parish magazine from June 1977 showed that Our Lady's Club was very active, the monthly meeting was held in the sacristy on June 2 and members were delighted to have Father Hartnett back in the chair after his long illness. Arrangements were made concerning the first communicants on Sunday, June 5, breakfast preparations were in the capable hands of Mrs Cunningham and helpers, members of the club running the produce stall and the Good as New stall at the Elizabeth Fitzroy homes for the mentally handicapped. Articles for these stalls would be gratefully received by Mrs Kemp for the Goodies news stall and Mrs Hendry for the produce stall.

In October 1977, there was an article by Ann Wainwright about the closing of the Cenacle. I was surprised it closed so early. **The parish magazine in November 1977 recorded that Mrs O'Shea, Cissy O'Shea, was presented by the Benemerenti medal which is issued by the Pope but given by the Bishop to Cissie on October 28.**

In 1977, there was a note of Sister Morley who was going regularly to visit Headley Primary School twice a week.

September 1978, 'Parish Priest letter - we sold Ms Young's land at Headley to the Elizabeth Fitzroy homes it was on condition that the trust would build a house for handicapped children on it. If they wish to sell the land they would have to pay us a further £7,000. Fortunately for us, they have decided to sell and they have paid us the agreed sum. I have now been able to pay off our debts to those generous parishioners who gave us interest free loans in our hour of need and to the diocese who lent us £1,000. After meeting various commitments, such as furnishings and fittings for Church and house, repairs and renovation to St Francis (a house owned by the Church on Headley Down), and some garden equipment, I shall invest the remainder for the benefit of the parish so that they may have something for 'a rainy day'. Because of this 'windfall', I have decided the SVP could run the Christmas bazaar on December 2 for their coach fund. This will give the parish a wonderful opportunity of making one united effort to do their bit for this so praiseworthy cause. The SVP brothers are to be greatly admired for their courage and faith in their fellow man, they will be able to erase this large amount (the money involved was something like £20,000, in 1977 a huge amount). Signed : Father Hartnett.

The Congregation of Christ the King Headley Fields

Dear Sisters and Brothers

You will already have heard the sad news that Church of Christ the King is to close after Mass on Easter Sunday. I am sorry that this decision has to be made but in view of the discussions and enquiries that recently took place, a decision will have come as no surprise to you.

It has not been easy for me but after much prayer and thought, I believe we are doing the right thing.

Clearly attendance figures and financial factors have played a part in the decision but there is more to it than that. Father Pat is not getting any younger and I have to begin to plan for the day when there may not be a **parish at Grayshott or when St Joseph's is served from another parish. A rationalisation of resources is necessary, the beautifully refurbished Church at St Joseph's offers more than adequate space for the whole community to gather and I am sure arrangements will be made to transport those of you who may find it difficult to get there. I am sorry that this decision will sadden some of you; it gives no pleasure to have to disappoint you, however, I do ask you to understand why this decision has proved necessary. I would also ask you to continue to support Father Pat in the splendid work he is doing among you, to swallow your disappointment as you join with the rest of the community for your Mass at St Joseph's. I will keep you all in my prayers and I look forward to being with you to celebrate Father Pat's jubilee in the summer.**

May God bless you all.

Crispian

Bishop of Portsmouth

PS: The Church did close on Easter Sunday in 1994 but there was one further service as Mary Taylor had died, who lived at Carmel Farthingfields, and her funeral was the following Wednesday so that in fact was the last service.

In 1995 the Herald reported that the Roman Catholic Church in Headley Road, Headley can be flattened to make way for a bungalow on the northern half of the site. It was actually bought by Richard Hart who erected a very nice bungalow on the site.

Father Pat O'Donnell, writing on 13/4/1994 in the Herald, said: There were several reasons for the closure, one is the lack of a Clergy and also the congregation wasn't big enough to make it viable. Many of the parishioners had gone over to the main Church at Grayshott. Father O'Donnell praised the small but active congregation at Headley.

Bishops
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Visit
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Catherine Kemp

CATHERINE Kemp of Headley Fields was "absolutely heartbroken" when Christ the King Church closed after the Easter Sunday final service. It had been opened in May 1965.

A church member in the village for 46 years, she told the *Times and Mail* it was the end of an era.

Mrs. Kemp was amongst the capacity congregation on Easter Sunday morning for the service taken by Father Patrick O'Donnell, priest of St. Joseph's Church at Grayshott and also of Headley.

Headley's church, a chapel of ease, is a wooden building and could now be either demolished or taken apart and rebuilt elsewhere.

The site will probably be sold.

Mrs. Kemp recalled this week how services had originally been held in the garage of a nearby house, Leighswood, then the home of the late Alex Johnson.

The congregation bought the nearby site on which the current church now stands and then began organizing things like bingo and jumble sales to raise the money for the church itself.

Parishioners did most of the building work themselves.

Father O'Donnell explained how the 30 or so congregation members at Headley had recently conducted a survey on the future

for their church and the Bishop of Portsmouth the Rt. Rev. Mons. Crispian Hollis had decided that Christ the King Church would have to close.

He was disappointed but understood the reasons. Father O'Donnell, who is 75-years-old, said that if he retired, there probably would not be a new priest at Grayshott.

There were not sufficient clergy available.

There had been, he said, a very active and very good little community at Headley which had 'gelled' well together - it would be a sadness that it had to break up. He felt the congregation would go to Roman Catholic churches in Bordon, Liphook or Grayshott - but hoped they would be choosing St. Joseph's.

Mrs. Kemp remembered how, before the permanent church was built, an ex-Army hut, used by Canadian soldiers during the Second World War, had been Headley's Roman Catholic Church.

The first Mass in the new building - a cedar-wood structure on a brick foundation and with a small stone porch - was at the Feast of the Assumption in 1965.

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An excerpt from the Herald, dated Friday, September 9, 1983

What was meant to have been a trip to Lourdes turned into an experience of a lifetime for Headley's 25 year old Peter Daley, St Anne's, Headley Fields, still he was asked to go to Rome with 1,300 young Roman Catholic pilgrims from England and Wales and he was one of the lucky few who were personally presented to the Pope and given a rosary by him. Following on from his visit in Great Britain last year the Pope asked that a delegation of young pilgrims should go to Rome and celebrate Holy Year with him and report how the Church's outreach had progressed when he returned home. Peter was one of 30 pilgrims whose ages ranged from 15 to 30 who made up the Portsmouth Diocese contingent led by Paula Med and Father David Lewis. The pilgrimage organisers were looking for someone to comper the celebration of readings, music, songs and dancing before the Pope at his Rome's inner courtyard and Peter was the one to be chosen. After he had introduced each Diocese's contribution and addressed the Pope, Peter was given the honour of personally meeting him. "He asked me where I was from and noticed the Portsmouth Diocese badge I was wearing so I took it off and give it to him and the Pope took me by the hand and gave me a rosary", said Peter, a formal pupil of Headley Holme School and Mill Chase, Bordon. In the awe and reverence of the occasion, Peter said he kept his head bowed and it took several days before what had really happened to him had sunk in. During their week's stay, the pilgrims celebrated Mass three times at St Peter's and saw the main sights of Rome before embarking on their 23 hour journey home. On Sunday, Peter, a management trainee in the timber business, said his experiences in the congregation of Headley's Christ the King Church, where he has worshipped since childhood, was an altar boy and currently hopes to raise money for missionary work, was instrumental in getting him to this point in his religious life.



Margaret Mary Denholme. A Eulogy

Margaret would have been very pleased to know that so many of you have come to her funeral.

Particularly Peter, and Barbara to whom we offer our sincere condolences.

The fact that Margaret died at home peacefully and quickly is a great blessing. However, it is a shock and there is sadness but today should be a celebration of a long life simply led and with great humility.

It was not an easy life, brought up by the Nuns at Nazareth House in Lancaster, she caught meningitis and this curtailed her learning. However skills were taught in particular caring for the young and this gave her the great love of children which has been lifelong. Ironing- the best in the business & Silver cleaning - a past master

These were other skills which were further developed as she spent 7 years in the Army as a "batman" or is it "batwoman"

She must have answered an advert somewhere as she came to Headley to be Arthur Bellingers housekeeper many years ago certainly over 30.

The living conditions at White Cottage were not good by any standards nowadays, but she coped remarkably well. Her circle of friends was extraordinarily large and she never forgot to enquire as to their well-being. When Arthur died in March 2001 she had to move, which was a blessing and then came a period of some three years of happiness at 3 Farthingfields surrounded by her friends.

It is to her considerable credit that her Christian faith remained as the bedrock throughout her life. This permeated her whole character. She practised unselfish love-

'Love is always patient and kind..... is not resentful .' Those words of St. Paul are demanding, but Margaret was equal to them.

She gave us an example of how our dealing with others ought to be and it is a difficult act to follow.

I remember on numerous occasions she would sell huge numbers of raffle tickets for the Church Bazaar and in 1979 gave us unstinting support when we were trying to raise money for the SVP Ambulance. She was a great communicator and she had this ability to bridge numerous families and all ages - all this despite her limited means. She would have been so pleased to see the Children here today. They enriched her life beyond measure and she was very generous to them not just with time but with what little she had she gave them.

What an example to us all. Certain people's lives enrich the lives of those they meet and make the journey through life a little easier. They give us bearings. God loves us unconditionally and so it was with Margaret she **gave us a unique insight and that experience needs to draw us closer in love to one another and to God.'** Chatty Margaret as she was known would have been amazed to see the numbers that turned up for her funeral at St.



Josephs and we thought that she had no family! Margaret never had any money but gave presents continually, was always cheerful and if she waylaid you had to talk to her ! EHDC said her housing was the second worst in the District just no facilities – the trouble was that Arthur did not own the House and his Brother would never spend any money on it. He was burgled once and the burglar threatened to beat him **with Arthur's wooden leg which was hanging on the bedpost.** However the Burglar was persuaded to take a cheque made out to cash ! Arthur in his time was a great Cricket Umpire in Headley. **Margaret and Arthur's ashes are buried in Arthur's family plot in All Saints.**



Colin and Jan Greenhaigh (Landlords) of the Crown at Arford with Margaret

Prince Dimitry — man of humility

PRINCE Dimitry Ghika-Comanesti, who had lived in Headley for the past 15 years, died last week at the age of 85.

Of Albanian origin, the Ghika family had reigned over the Rumanian principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia nine times from around 1600 to the time of World War 1. The princely title is hereditary, being borne by all the successors of the elective monarchs.

Prince Dimitry lived with his family in Rumania and, at the outbreak of World War Two, his elder son John had just returned to his prep school in England. John, now Brigadier Prince John Ghika, CBE, was not able to see his father again until he was 28 years old. Once the Iron Curtain had come down over eastern Europe, access was forbidden and, in the eyes of the British, John was an enemy alien. He went on to become a naturalised Briton and served 30 years in the British Army.

After being under house arrest in Rumania for seven years from 1949, Prince Dimitry was finally allowed out in 1956, but, having been sworn to lifelong secrecy, he has never revealed how the escape was accomplished.

When the Ghikas came to England, they settled first in Cornwall. However when their house grew too big for them and they found the county too remote, they decided to establish a joint home with John and his wife and their grand-children, Christopher and Jean. Searching for a suitable house within commuting distance of London, they found two adjoining cottages in Headley in 1956.

Dimitry Ghika became a well-known figure in the area and made many friends in the village. He was a regular worshipper at the Catholic Church of Christ the King where the requiem mass was celebrated on Thursday.

Paying tribute to him this week, Father Pat O'Donnell called him "a man distinguished by his great humility". He continued: "Dimitry's devotion to the Mass was a terrific example in the area and he was also devoted to his friends and respected by them all. He had lost a lot of material possessions before he came to England but he always said he felt rich in the life of beauty and things of nature."

Late Prince
Dimitri Ghika
RIP 07.1989

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The wonderful Donec children such an inspiration meeting Santa at the Grayshott Christmas Fair
Paul Nicholas Robert Peter Kirstie and Sharon

Amy Jallow and
Mark Tantum
on the occasion of
their First Communion
1975



The New Church



Rev. Patrick
Hartnett
(RIP 21.01.83)

Mgnr Mullarkey
&
Canon Lawrence





The new Extension Dedication Service with Gerry Burgham the Organist





HEADLEY-THE STORMS

1987 & 1990



A.D. was collapsed on Holy's school hall Roman Catholic Church in Holy Falls — was there before the visit of the Bishop of Portsmouth

Catholics' 'Dunkirk spirit' welcomes their Bishop

A 100-year-old Douglas fir and two smaller ones, which fell in the grounds of Holy's, Catholic church, threatened the official visit of the Bishop of Portsmouth on Sunday.

After preparations were made in the town which were being in the early evening of trees and ferns were cut on trees, especially during with the public and, when the trees had been removed at 7 o'clock, Carl Thomas and his son of the town opened a series of champagne in celebration.

Although there was very little damage to the roof and windows, Michael Collins, an assistant priest, said that the trees were cut down safely last night. The trees, though they had been cut down, were up to the building's roof level.

During a church service, he welcomed the 8.15 Mass in the evening when approximately 100 Catholics gathered in the church for the service and the Mass. Although some preparations had been made to get in the church, some people found

the Bishop (back at the street) in which Father O'Donnell was the celebrant.

With October 18th, 1966, as Monday evening in all Catholic churches, Bishop Parkhouse attended the congregation but although such things as warmth, electricity and water supplies for priests, in England, in the Bishop's for regular maintenance had to be given attention to get everything in order for the visit.

Despite the problems, he said, such arrangements will plan arrangements in preparing for his visit that he getting around the visit.

With the same provided by a group of young girls led by Miss Lou Ann, the Bishop said he was particularly pleased to see the young people in the church and congregation that he getting around the visit.

the organ, altar and screen. The children from Holy helped with the efficiency processes. Although Bishop Parkhouse had hoped to meet personally. In other circumstances, no facilities were available out of the location of the town, he was self-satisfied to the Canon Curran, before returning to Portsmouth, there was a great deal of the church work, the visit at Holy's and other activities in the area receiving a lot of a very special visit.



Flower Festival with Kathy Kemp



Bishop Crispian Hollis who could not wear his Mitre in the Church as he was too tall for the headroom !



Arlette McIlvenna & Mary-Lou Knox flower arranging in the new extension



The beginning of the Cenacle and St. Josephs Grayshott

MRS VERTU'S ACCOUNT OF THE "THE COURT", GRAYSHOTT

My husband was received into the Church in the end of May 1890 by Father Gallway, SJ. The Bishop of Portsmouth, Mgr. Vertue, our namesake and very kind friend, came in November of that year to give him Confirmation. We extemporised a little oratory in one of the spare rooms, borrowing what was needed from the Chapel attached to the house of our neighbour, Sir Archibald Macdonald, where we attended Mass – a long drive over a rough road across the Common. At **breakfast, after His Lordship's Mass he question us about our facilities for getting to the Sacraments and so on, and I must admit my description of the length of the way and the badness of the road lost nothing in the telling!** The following morning the Bishop felt it his duty to go over to this Chapel to say Mass. It so happened - not I fear quite accidentally – that the horse which drew the brougham was a very slow one! He returned late, and rather tired, and after being silent **for a time (during which time I was saying Hail Maries very fervently!) he said: "You cannot go on like this, - that weary drive before breakfast is very exhausting! Would you like to have Mass in the house once a week?". Needless to tell our answer to this much prayed for suggestion of the Bishop's! But our prayers were not to be fulfilled as quickly as we expected. My husband and I went up to London for a fortnight and while we were away the Court was burned to the ground! The fire broke out close to the room where Grayshott's first Mass had been said, and the conviction was very strong in the minds of many that the devil was extremely desirous that a stop should be put to any further developments of Catholicity in poor little Grayshott. If so, he entirely defeated his own aims for (to cut a long story short) the Bishop was so grieved at our misfortune that, hearing we proposed to rebuild the house, he suggested for our consolation the addition of a Chapel and promised us the happiness of having the Blessed Sacrament under the roof, and daily Mass.**

After the destruction of our house we came for two summers or so to the coachman's and gardener's cottages, and mindful of the Bishop's promise of Mass, we set aside the only remaining room of the Court, - known as the "outside room" – as a Chapel. Bishop Vertue said the first Mass there on the Feast of Our Lady of the Snow, 1891. He arranged for the Premonstratentian Fathers (then at Farnborough) to serve us, and afterwards the Franciscans from the Novitiate at Chilworth near Guildford. For some Sundays the congregation consisted of my husband and myself and three servants! I remember well the excitement we felt when a few outsiders first presented themselves for Mass. My husband was extremely anxious they should profit by their opportunities and used to go up to them before Mass and say in most persuasive tones: "Would you like to go to Confession?". And when he had secured a penitent he would hurry us out of the tiny Chapel and bid us wait outside. In those days the "outside room" was approached by a little flight of wooden stairs and to those less filled with apostolic zeal than he it sometimes served a chilly and somewhat damp waiting place!

After some years the new Court rose out of the ashes of the old, and on June 26th - Feast of St. John and St. Paul - 1895, Father Gallway blessed the new Chapel - dedicated to Our Lady Immaculate - Bishop Vertue said the first Mass and gave us the longed for happiness of having the Blessed Sacrament under our roof. The Franciscans continued to serve us and Father Thaddeus, Father John and Father Fidelis were our frequent guests and very kind friends. At last the Bishop **saw his way to giving us a resident priest, Father Jerome O'Callaghan, a very holy young Irishman.** He had in him the seeds of consumption when he came, and he was not long spared to us but returned to Ireland where he died a very holy death. Under his care several families of lapsed Catholics were brought back to the practice of their religion and we saw our little congregation reach the large number of thirty! For many years the little Mission just held its own, and then Hotels and Boarding-houses began to be built and our summer population increased so much my husband used to say jokingly: **"We shall have to build a Cathedral". After his death in 1904 I was much away from Grayshott and there was some idea of my selling the Court and going away altogether. This caused some rejoicing among some of our Protestant neighbours who said rather triumphantly: "That means the Chapel will be shut up"! Whatever might be the fate of the Chapel in the future I was firmly resolved I would not leave Grayshott until there was a Church to take its place. On Easter Sunday 1909 one hundred people heard Mass – I will not say in the Chapel for they filled the hall – and some of us heard Mass in the drawing-room! Father John, one of the Franciscans who had served us in old days, came on a visit and was much struck with the progress of the Mission. I asked if he thought the time had come for Grayshott to have a Church and he**

replied: "Yes, it is quite time, and the sooner the better". So the Bishop's consent was asked and little St. Joseph's was built and consecrated on the Feast of St. Anne July 26th, 1911. The Mission now being placed on a solid foundation I felt I could turn my mind towards the future of the Court and its Chapel.

During my husband's life-time it was one of his great pleasures to invite sick priests and poor or suffering friends to stay and rest at the Court. After his death I was only too glad to continue this, and by degrees it became a sort of informal Convalescent Home, and to my great joy a place where people found it useful to come and not only rest their bodies but refresh and brace their souls by simple little Retreats – Rest Days with our Blessed Lord I may call them, and the little Chapel with our Divine Master ever there to help and console was truly a House of Rest. I hoped at one time, with the help of some friends to convert the Court into a little House of Retreats, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, but the difficulty of finding sufficient hands to do the work and of securing its continuance made it evident its future remained yet to be decided. Our holy old Jesuit friend Father Gallway had always told us the Court was a gift from God and I think I never looked on it as belonging to anyone but our Blessed Lady to whom the Chapel was dedicated and at **whose disposition the Court was placed. But as steward of Our Lady's Court, I had to bestir myself** to see how it could best be used for the glory of God. Owing to various causes I had not been able to make my retreat at the usual time last year and so begged to be received at Stamford Hill for **Father Considine's Retreat in the end of September. I took my perplexities as to the disposal of the** Court into retreat with me – and DG left them behind me! During my time of Adoration one day, I was begging our Blessed Lord to show me His Will about it, and telling Him that, - if I had a wish in the matter – it was that it should be used as a place for retreats and that I had always hoped and desired to see Perpetual Adoration established there. But that, as it seemed that this was not His Will, I was quite ready to propose selling it and using the money to God's Glory. The following day, again during my time of Adoration, a thought came into my mind: "The Nuns of the Cenacle do exactly the work I long for at Grayshott: why not ask them to take the Court"! I think I never doubted from that moment that I had at last understood God's Will. But things cannot be settled in haste and at first I merely asked Revnd Mother d'Agliano if she ever thought of a house in the country for retreats. I could hardly conceal my joy when, with rather a look of surprise, she replied, it was exactly what she was looking for! She asked me if I could hear of any suitable house at Grayshott for them. I said I would think it over and write to her a little later. Before very long I was able to write and invite her to come down and see if the Court would suit her purpose. **Heaven seemed to smile on the coming of the Nuns: the October day when Mother d'Angliano and Mother Wogan Browne** came down to see the place the sun was shining brightly and the country looking its best and I saw Grayshott creeping into their hearts as it has a way of doing! Then followed some weeks of waiting until Very Revnd Mother General could give her decision and at last **came Mother d'Agliano's letter giving the good news that our Lady of the Cenacle had accepted the** Court. It came by the last post and there is no need to say the evening was spent in the little Chapel thanking God for His great goodness.

Next morning it seemed as if the powers of evil were once more roused to wrath at Grayshott's good fortune and that the second Court was to go the way of the first! A stove on the staircase was accidentally filled with coal instead of coke and being left wide open, the draught caused the coal to burn so fiercely that the stove-pipe became red-hot and by the time we discovered what was going on the wall was already blackened and it was with little difficulty we subdued the flames! So this time the devil was not to have his way even for a season and I had the happiness of handing over the Court of the Nuns a few days after Easter.

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HOUSE OF GRAYSHOTT

INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER

On 12th December, 1912, Rev. Mother D'Agliano, Mother Thomas her assistant, and Mother de Pavillon set out from Stamford Hill on their journey to Grayshott. Mrs. Vertue had asked them to spend a few days with her so that they might see the house she was so generously offering the Cenacle. As the three nuns approached the Surrey countryside they were astonished to see its beauty; though it was December, the sun was shining brightly. Mr. Sopp met them at Haslemere with a smart carriage and, on their arrival at the house, Mrs. Vertue was at the front door to welcome them. She immediately took them to the tiny chapel, and we can imagine how fervently the nuns prayed before the Blessed Sacrament for the future of this foundation.

After a meal, described by the nuns as served in an elegant dining-room, they were conducted by their hostess round the beautiful grounds; they could hardly believe that God was offering the Cenacle a gift which later they described as a paradise. Then they were taken to see the parish **church of St. Joseph, quite close to the 'Court', later described by the journalist as beautifully** cared for in every detail, a credit to the architect. Father Harvey, later canon, was parish priest, and as we shall see, he was exceedingly kind to the future community, helping them in many ways. Though a delicate man and not expected to live long, he celebrated his golden jubilee of priesthood at Grayshott, revered by his parishioners.

Later that same morning the nuns were introduced to Mr. Walters, the architect, to whom they were to entrust the future enlargement of the Court. They immediately felt confidence in his **ability, describing him as 'a man of faith and good religious taste'.** Mrs. Vertue gave the nuns full liberty to carry out any building plans they thought necessary.

On December 8th, the Patronal Feast of the Parish, Mass was celebrated at the church with as much solemnity as possible, and later on Fr Harvey exposed the Blessed Sacrament in the little chapel of the future convent. So many people came that the chapel overflowed into the sacristy, hall and tribune, so eager were the parishioners to share in the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. They were anxious too to meet the nuns – and no doubt rather curious to see what they were like! Rev. Mother distributed meals of Our Lady of the Cenacle to them which they received with great pleasure, most of them no doubt learning for the first time about Our Lady under this title.

The next day Rev. Mother and Mrs. Vertue went to visit Bishop Cotter of Portsmouth, finding in him then and always an affable and kindly bishop who in future years would often pay surprise visits to the Cenacle at Grayshott, much appreciating the retreat work and the apostolate for soldiers which was so soon to begin.

The details above were recorded by one of the nuns who had stayed on this occasion with Mrs. Vertue. They were written in French and put into a separate envelope. The journal itself, from which I draw from now, is written in English by the hand of a French writer.

Editors note:

I am not sure many have seen this account of the early days of the Cenacle and the building of St. Josephs. I am indebted to the Cenacle and their excellent records for this account.

When I first came to St. Josephs it was in the early 1950's but that was as a Schoolboy and I thought it was a rather dark and depressing Church ! It was not the case of course. In 1967 when I came to live in Headley Eddie Sopp was on the Committee and this must be the son of the Mr. Sopp mentioned in the story. I know Eddie well remembered being an altar boy when the foundation stone was laid in c. 1911/12. I would like to pay tribute to the Cenacle and the formative part they have always played in the Parish. Agnes Jones remembers it being a closed Convent before the war but I am not sure **that that was correct. Certainly they did not change to modern dress until probably the 1970's.** Corpus Christi processions between the Church and the Cenacle were a big occasion. The Sisters are of course buried in their own Cemetery at St. Josephs (follow the path through the trees) and some Sisters are buried in more modern times just behind the Church. I can recall with great affection Sr. Lucy Devoy, Sr. Smythe, Sr. Sheridan, Sr. Winifred Morley (currently resident at the Cenacle in Liverpool,) Sr. Kathleen Turner (currently I think Mother-General) and many others. With their Retreat programme and willingness to engage they were and are in the forefront of Catholic Teaching. We owe them a great debt of gratitude.

A brief indulgence

I want to pay a tribute to many of you for your kind assistance in compiling this book.

To mention also those who may not be in the written work and yet who did so much. Such as Penny McKay's help with her Mother doing the flowers for example at Harvest Festival. Brian Labram was another stalwart and did so much for the SVP over many years particularly with the Accounts. The core SVP Conference accounts, the SVP: Management Company accounts & the 100 Club Accounts. He was the Editor of the Catholic News a monthly publication. All this was no mean task. Do you remember Brian the Newspaper collections of the Cenacle? What a nightmare! What a lot of work! Or clearing the Closed order Benedictine Convent at Woolmer Hill- everyone helped. Rev. Fr. Mulvaney SJ, the Chaplain at Assisi in Hammer Lane stirring sermons and always on his bike (which went to Charles Cornish in Trunch!). There are at least 7 Baptismal Registers for Assisi at St. Josephs. Lots of enquiries after the Franciscan Sisters of the Divine Motherhood closed it down from Mothers trying to trace their Children – my cousin Paul Wilkes amongst them. (Who did find my Aunt his Mother – extraordinary story of love and perseverance). We contributed for many years at the Franciscan Sisters home at Mount Alvernia at Bramshott, (Now Shannon Court). Mark and Paul Tantum serving on numerous occasions and Mark nearly always fainting in the heat of the Chapel.

Christ The King was a team effort always. It was a Community greatly valued that punched above its weight. It is fondly remembered. Our relationships with the other Churches were advanced for the time and fruitful.

Just changing tack Fr. Patrick Hartnett asked me to become a Deacon when I was aged 35 at a time when this valuable Order had just been re-introduced. I just could not do it at that time too many other commitments. When he passed away in 1982 he was only the second Parish Priest since St. Joseph's had been built in 1912. Very unusual continuity. As Registrar for 20 years or so I remember there were not many weddings at St. Joseph's perhaps 4 or 5 per year, and a few of those were at Christ The King. Unfortunately I cannot trace any photographs. Donec and Cissie O'Shea who went there when she was 14 is another story. I missed the processions (1950's) in honour of Our Lady in the garden on Headley Down (was it Birkenholme?). There was a wedding at Christ The King that I do remember neither set of parents turned up and the wedding breakfast at the old Empire Club in Bordon was a rather sad affair particularly as the Bride had a migraine and was sick at the top table !

There is one person who needs special mention Suzanne my wife of some 53 years who has been the most amazing and unfailing support with so many projects. Thanks Sue really appreciated. Some of the main initiatives were:-

Founder Chairman Headley Financial Services. Founder BLH Charity. Community Transport formerly SVP Ambulance.. SVP Grayshott and elsewhere. Bordon Chamber of Commerce. Bordon Officers Sports Club and Bordon and Whitehill Sports Council Chairman. Bordon Harlequins Hockey Club Chairman. We won't talk about vintage cars – grounds for divorce !



All the best Carl Tantum

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List of some of the Parishioners attending the Easter Sunday Mass at Christ The King 1994

Dennis Thorne, Steve Melhuish, Jan Melhuish, Johnny Whittle, Jimmy Whittle, Michael Gallagher, Carl Tantum, Wayne Gaskell, Beatrice Gaskell, Rev Fr. Pat O'Donnell, Margaret Denholme, Betty Freeman, Peter Marsh, Caroline Marsh, Teresa Marsh, Gina Whittle, Dolly McGhee, Mrs. Murphy Kitty Barrett, Aggie McCaul, Nancy Whittle, Billie Cairns, Mr and Mrs Keen (nee Viola Peacock) Jackie Wells, Heidi Wells, Kathy Lux, Caroline Lemka, Christopher Lemka, Marie Patterson, Kate Henriques, Mary-Lou Knox, Arlette and Edmund McIlvenna, Margaret White, Rose Harper, Mrs Penny McKay & her Mother Vivian, Mrs. Sulman, Suzanne Tantum, Rita Daley, Tony Cotter, Heather Cotter, Andrew Cotter, Christina Marsh.

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