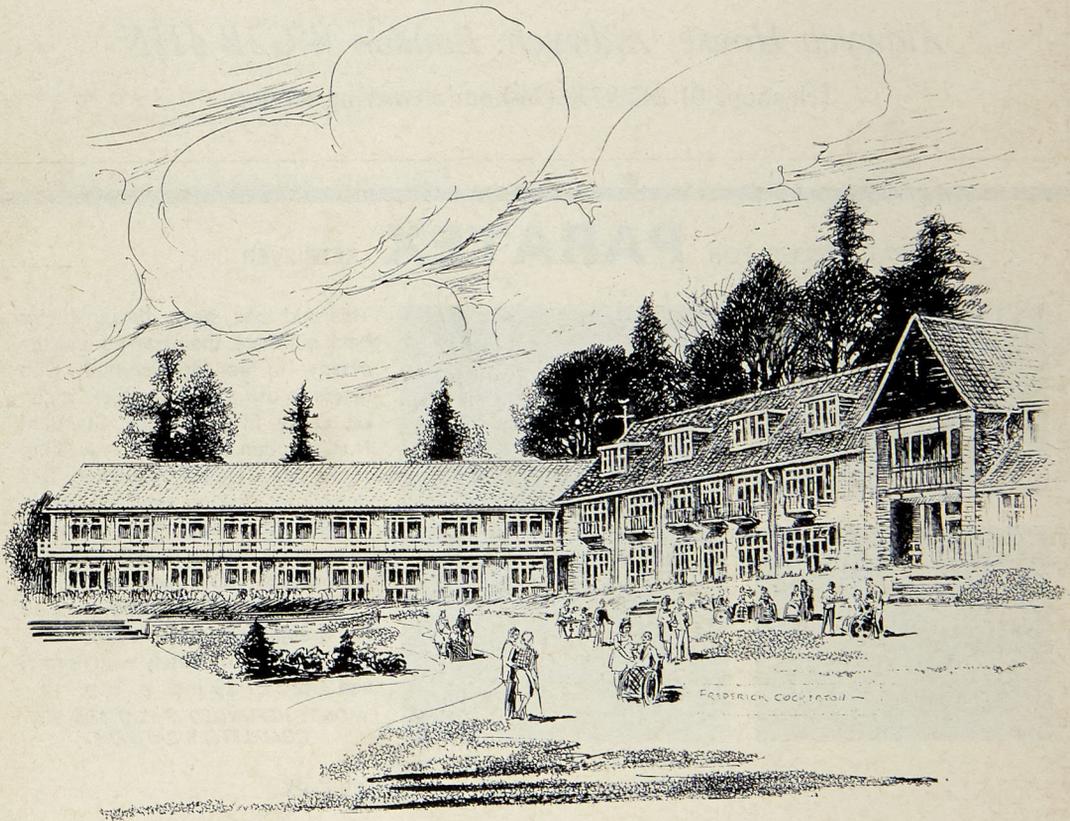


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the original Cheshire Home.

# The Chairman's Page



There are two things for me to talk to you all about in this issue.

Firstly, in February all eighteen of the Foundation's Trustees spent a week-end together for a 'think-in' (yes, in spite of what some of you may believe, your Trustees can actually think!). We took the opportunity to have a really thorough review and free discussion on the present problems facing us all and in general the way ahead; Leonard was of course with us to make sure that we kept on the right lines. Nothing revolutionary or involving radical change came out of it, nor did anybody really expect or want it; but we did clear the air, blow some cobwebs away and get our general thinking straight on a lot of major matters; and I hope very much that we shall all derive benefit from this always useful process.

Secondly, Families Week. We were all delighted when we heard that the Variety Clubs International had chosen Leonard and Sue as the joint recipients of their Humanitarian of the Year Award for 1974 – who deserves it more? The actual award will be made in London's Festival Hall on April 18th, and they both decided to grasp the opportunity to have a really big get-together of the whole Cheshire Family, at home and abroad. Each country where there is a Cheshire or Ryder Home has been asked to send a

resident with escort, and nearly all have accepted.

Our overseas friends will be here for a week (April 13th-21st) and everybody agreed that we must have a Family occasion when as many as possible of our British people can meet them. The big day will be at the Ryder Stagenoe Home on Wednesday, April 16th, and we are arranging for as many as practicable of you, residents, escorts and voluntary workers to be there; although it will obviously not be possible for more than a small proportion of those who would like to come to be there.

Apart from the two big functions, there will be various programmes arranged for our overseas visitors and I hope that most of them will be visiting Homes during the week-end of April 19th/20th, to meet and get to know some of you.

So – a really great and important event. Let's all try to make the most of it.

Sincerely

Christopher Farquhar

# VIEWPOINT

## Man's Inhumanity to Man

It is thirty-five years since President Roosevelt penned his famous postscript quotation on a letter to Mr. Churchill:

"Sail on, O Ship of State!  
Sail on, O Union, strong and great!  
Humanity with all its fears,  
With all the hopes of future years,  
Is hanging breathless on thy fate!"

Five years later quite a sizeable chunk of humanity lay devastated at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and much of the remainder, which had some hope of future years, rejoiced.

It is true of course that there have always been 'goodies' and 'baddies', and that for most of us 'humanity' is a subjective word – it applies to our friends. It is given to comparatively few people to rise above such dual standards – true humanitarians are rare. Leonard Cheshire is one, and the story of how he responded to his aerial vision of man's inhumanity to man at Nagasaki, and actually did something about it, is well known. To have sustained the effort ever since, and to be still the indefatigable traveller, enthusiast, encourager and 'missionary' is remarkable indeed.

Such a man will in any case leave a legacy which is immortal. So we can but applaud the Variety Clubs International joint selection of Leonard and his wife for its humanitarian award, and thank them for it.

But their typically modest reaction that the award reflects upon the whole Foundation, and has been earned by others, raises a few questions that are worth examining.

Firstly, is this true? In some ways it must be. No organisation could have grown as ours has done without a great deal of work and support by many good people – people with energy or enthusiasm, or particular expertise, or influence, or money, and in every case people of goodwill and determination – as Trustees, on Steering Committees, Management Committees, Staff, Support Groups, House Committees. But it is true too that a vital spark is necessary to release and harness all this latent power. Almost every Home knows that its own inception can be traced to the insight and determination of one local personality. In the wider context of all the Homes, it is very doubtful if any one would exist today had it not been for the visionary determination of the man whose name they bear. We can agree therefore that the concept and development of the Cheshire Homes justifies the award of the title 'Humanitarian'.

Secondly, do the present practices in day to day operation of the Homes justify Leonard's passing

of the mantle of 'humanity' to those involved? Much depends upon what one means by 'humanity': clearly it is better to have a home for the disabled who want it than not to have one. But there are several disturbing indications that all is not well with the quality of life in many homes, and that the quality of mercy, like the best baby foods, comes slightly strained.

Such indications are to be found in the reports of the annual conferences where a surprising number of 'Management' representatives still resist the inclusion of Residents on their Committees; in the devastating attack by Louis Battye upon home run by self-perpetuating middle class committees of local worthies – and the semi-suppressed and terrifying bitterness of his writing should not blind us to the truth of his assertions; in the endless letters to the *Smile* pleading the case for self-determination by Residents; in the number of articles submitted to us that treat of 'Them' and 'Us'; in the letter on White Windows – it could equally have been on other addresses – which we publish in this issue; and last but not least in our own observations in Homes which we enter past the 'Hopeful endeavour' message of the Singapore declaration, observe the quality of almost uncomplaining hopelessness that pervades the public rooms, and leave feeling that a better inscription above the door might almost be Robert Burns,

'Man's inhumanity to man  
Mak's countless thousands mourn.'

It is not difficult to see how all this comes about. In the crusading zeal of forming and establishing a new Home many helpers come together, form an effective and usually happy team, and develop into a patriarchal or more often matriarchal society that is unwilling to graduate to 'Consultant' status when the Home is running and ready for Residents' substantial participation.

Our answer to the second question is therefore No – the humanitarian award does not justifiably devolve upon many individual Homes. Off hand we can think of two that might qualify – one in the U.K. No doubt there are others: we should like to hear of them.

This leads to the third and vital question – In the name of humanity is there any point in continuing to operate Cheshire Homes? Can they really be made 'Places of Hopeful Endeavour', and do they fill a real need?

There are several reasons why the answers to all of these has to be a very strong 'Yes', and most of these are well-known. Our only qualification would be that for everything to be worth while the Homes have to practise the thing that is unique in their purpose – to be run for the people by the people. For many of them this requires an acceptance of quite drastic change.

One of the great strengths of the Constitution of the Homes is that a Resident, once accepted, has a place for life. It would be difficult to over-value the security and peace of mind that this brings to some Residents. At the same time this may also be a source of real weakness in a particular Home. It is well known that Residents themselves vary in attitudes as well as in physical abilities. They range indeed from those with a listless acceptance of disappointed lives, to those with a kind of unfulfilled energy, an attempt to express which is never fully achieved, but never, never abandoned. It is true too that the practices of admissions committees vary, and that some Residents who have much to contribute do not realise this potential for some time; often their lives so far have been severely inhibited – which is another strong reason for maintaining Cheshire Homes if they can live up to the Cheshire ideals and tradition.

The essence of the matter is full and effective participation by Residents. The factors that militate against this are firstly the intransigence of some Management Committees, and secondly the very difficulties just discussed, whereby a Home may become short, if not devoid, of 'active' residents. One has to acknowledge too that some people wish to be cabbages and some do not.

We think that there is a case therefore for a few mature Cheshire Homes to which those who wished and who showed themselves qualified as hopeful endeavours could transfer.

In these Homes we would have a preponderance of Residents on every Committee, including the Management Committee with a Trustee also on it; medical and nursing services in control in their specific professional fields only; the post of Warden open to application by any suitably qualified disabled person; a frequent dialogue with Town Planners, Architects, Sociologists, Philosophers, and others; a readiness to experiment with social experiments like flats for the disabled – in short a reflection of all of life.

Is this fanciful? We think not. All that is necessary is a willingness to do it – a slight adventure in the mind of man. It would be a fitting response to the honour done to Leonard Cheshire to be able to report to the Variety Club in a year's time that we too have heard Wordsworth's 'Still, sad music of humanity', and paid heed.

"I have learned  
To look on nature, not as in the hour  
Of thoughtless youth; but hearing often-times  
The still, sad music of humanity,  
Nor harsh nor grating, though of ample power  
To chasten and subdue. And I have felt  
A presence that disturbs me with the joy  
Of elevated thoughts; a sense sublime

Of something far more deeply interfused,  
Whose dwelling is the light of setting suns,  
And the round ocean and the living air,  
And the blue sky, and in the mind of man."

R.R.

## Patriotism

Speaking at the C.E.W.C. Christmas Conference Mr Reg Prentice, M.P., Secretary for Education said:

'I want to see the young people in our schools and colleges growing up with a deep love of our country and pride in its heritage . . . Love of our own country does not mean contempt for other countries . . . We should seek a role for our country in which it plays a constructive part in solving global problems. Our national psychology has become hopelessly parochial in recent years . . . We (politicians) have helped to produce a situation in which people get far more excited about a shortage of sugar to sweeten their tea than about the possibility that millions of people in Asia may starve to death before the next harvest.'

*From 'Action for Development', February 1975.*

## Food Share

At a Press conference on January 27th, the World Development Movement, with the support of Christian Aid and Oxfam and all the religious denominations in the United Kingdom, launched FOODSHARE a new campaign 'to prevent famine from escalating to unprecedented proportions within the next six months.'

The campaign urges supporters to press the Government to take action on four main points:

1. Demand that EEC double its present food aid commitment from 1.3m tons to 2.6m tons of grain.
2. Help with funds to purchase this grain.
3. Double Britain's commitment of 25,000 tons of fertiliser to the FAO supply scheme.
4. Initiate a high level study to report within three months to see what economies could be made in our food patterns to release grain for the hungry.

The sponsors back up the campaign by calling on all men of good will to lower their patterns of consumption by family fasts, meatless days, one meal less a week and channeling the money saved to aid agencies.

*'Action for Development', February 1975.*

# British Rail launches new guide for the disabled

A new guide for disabled people travelling by British Rail was launched at a Press Conference by its Chairman the Hon. Richard Marsh and the Minister for the Disabled Mr Alfred Morris, M.P. on 6 March.

This year over 80,000 wheelchair users will travel by British Rail of whom some 27,000 will be unable to get out of their chairs during their journey.

Railway stations were not designed with disabled people in mind. The railway kings who built 90% of our stations never anticipated that people in wheelchairs or with mobility problems would wish to travel by train and their style of architecture supports this belief.

British Rail make it clear that they are well aware of the problems which face the handicapped traveller and in its new development is making allowance for their needs. New rolling stock will be accessible to disabled people and it will no longer be necessary to travel in the guards van. Toilet facilities will be adapted at railway stations and all rebuilding will be carried out with the needs of disabled people in mind.

For many years to come there will be unavoidable barriers and obstacles. In an attempt to minimise the problems the Central Council for the Disabled and British Rail have combined to produce a guide to British Rail for the disabled person, which gives general information on travel arrangements for disabled people and detailed information on over 250 stations.

Information deals with parking access, refreshment and toilet facilities and will be of help to disabled people using the station.

The 150 page guide is available from the Central Council for the Disabled free plus 25p postage and packing.

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## DID YOU SEE

A 10 minute film in a series about the role of charity today:

### **A Chance to Live Like Others**

on Thames Television during the week beginning 24th February, and also on other ITV channels. We would like to have your comments and observations.

## AN APPRECIATION

MRS M M CLARK

With Mrs Marjorie Clark's retirement as a Trustee of the Foundation, Cheshire Homes have lost one of their most valued workers.

She brought to Hovenden House, as a member of the Management Committee, knowledge acquired as a Justice of the Peace and County Councillor, and eventually all this experience became available to Cheshire Homes when she compiled the first Handbook. In many Homes and at Head Office it is still used as a guide to general procedures and good practice.

However, the task undertaken by Mrs Clark on behalf of the Trustees in 1970/71 is the work which will have a lasting effect for the Residents of all Cheshire Homes and many other residential homes in Britain. She visited and carried out a survey of all Homes and her General Report, has acted as a catalyst for many of the improvements in standards and facilities which are taking place at the present time.

Mrs Clark's depth of human understanding and sense of dignity came out very clearly in every page of her report, which was written in plain words devoid of trendy jargon.

The East Midlands Regional Committee owes much gratitude to Mrs Marjorie Clark. It was through her good foresight and wisdom that just over 12 years ago she suggested the Homes in the Region should send representatives from their Management Committees to a meeting to discuss mutual problems and what started then is now a committee of people working together for the good of the eight homes in the region helping to solve what are often mutual problems and trying to find the means to improve the quality of life for their residents.

Mrs Clark was the instigator of the very successful Handicraft Competition which is run each year in the Region which began in a very small way. Now it is a magnificent event with each home trying hard to win the cups and badges for their own home.

Yet another successful thing in the Region is the East Midlands Regional News which she started.

You can see why the East Midland Regional Committee members were very sad to learn of her resignation from the Trustees of the Foundation. Over the years as their Trustee they had all benefitted from her wise counsel. She was indeed all that a Trustee should be, and more - she was a good friend to us all.

Happily she has agreed to remain on the Committee as an Hon. Member and best of all, we shall still be seeing her around for a long time to come we hope.

B.R.

## International Experience for Handicapped Youth

Interested individuals both handicapped and able-bodied are invited to attend a one-day seminar on the international opportunities for visits and exchanges open to handicapped youth to be held at Birmingham Centre Hotel, New Street, Birmingham shortly.

Information will be presented about the many and varied activities taking place throughout the world. The mechanics of arranging exchange visits and sources of financial aid will be explained by a team of experienced organisers.

The programme has been arranged and supported by members of CHIVE (Committee for Hearing Impaired International Visits and Exchanges) and DIVE (Disabled International Visits and Exchanges).

The secretariat for these Committees is provided by The Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges which is the national agency responsible for the general development of educational travel and exchange between the United Kingdom and other countries.

The programme will include:

- Travel and exchange visits by disabled people.
- An organiser to explain how to set up a project.
- Opportunities and facilities.
- An introduction to group activities.
- Working groups of approximately eight people will plan a two-way exchange with a member of DIVE/CHIVE in each group.

In the afternoon:

- Three participants will talk about their personal experience of a project, problems experienced, etc.;
- And a panel of five will answer questions from the audience.

### Working Group

Country by country folders will be prepared to guide the working groups, e.g. a folder about France will include some travel details and costs, the phone number of a travel agent in Birmingham, the type of information participants need before they go on a visit, contact organisations overseas, types of accommodation, examples of different types of projects with France that have already taken place, likely financial aid available, etc. These folders will not be comprehensive information packs, but will indicate the possibilities of arranging an exchange visit.

It is envisaged that the working groups will consider: means of transport, access, programme content, who and how many people to take, what they can offer to a return group of visitors to Britain. A member of DIVE or CHIVE

experienced in organising visits will act as a resource person in each group to supplement the information contained in the packs.

The cost, including lunch, for this one-day seminar will be £5. For further details apply to:

Miss T. Rees,  
Youth & Community Services Dept.,  
The Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges, 43 Dorset Street, London W1H 3FN.

There will be a limited number of 80 places available.

## Parliamentary Report

*With acknowledgments to The C.C.D. Bulletin*

### Mobility

The increased price of petrol has led to a number of questions to the Secretary of State for Social Services about allowances to disabled drivers. Mr Alfred Morris has confirmed the announcement made on November 21st that all drivers of invalid vehicles and cars supplied by the Health Department will be paid a petrol allowance of £10 per year, but that this will not be payable to disabled people who drive their own cars. They will continue to receive the private car allowance of £100 a year and they will qualify for the new mobility allowance of £208 a year which is to be brought into effect under the Government's mobility programme for all disabled people whether they themselves own a car or not.

### Accommodation

Mr D. E. Thomas asked the Secretary for Social Services what was the total number of places at residential homes for the physically handicapped in England expressed per 1,000 population. Mr Alfred Morris replied that there are 20 local authority homes specifically for the physically handicapped and the number of places available in them is 933. Residential accommodation is also provided by local authorities in other homes including voluntary and private homes, and at March 31st, 1974 there were in total 4,851 persons under the age of 65 classified as 'physically handicapped' — excluding the blind and deaf — being accommodated by or on behalf of local authorities. The equivalent figure for Scotland, given subsequently, was 1,076 places in homes for the physically handicapped, equivalent to 0.2 places per 1,000 population.

### Housing

Mr Ashley asked the Secretary for the Environment for the numbers of houses proposed or constructed by local authorities for the disabled since Section 3 of the Chronically Sick & Disabled Persons Act (1970) came into force. The reply

stated that from 1970 to June 20, 1974 English local authorities submitted proposals for 1,721 dwellings with special provision for the needs of disabled persons, and completed 203 such dwellings. An equivalent question about programmes in Wales elicited the answer that 155 purpose-built dwellings had been proposed but the completion figures were not available. Mr Ashley also asked for information about research to ascertain the suitability of 'mobility housing' for disabled people who use but are not confined to a wheelchair.

### Disability Benefits

A number of questions have been asked about the Government's proposed scheme of social security provision for disabled people to start next April. Questions have particularly been concentrated on disabled housewives living with or maintained by their husbands who are excluded from the scheme for the non-contributory invalidity allowance. The Social Security Bill is at present in the Committee Stage in the House of Commons and Mr Lewis Carter-Jones was able, with the backing of eight Conservative M.P.s, to carry an amendment entitling disabled housewives to the benefit. The amendment was carried by nine votes to eight. It is likely to be reversed when the Bill reaches the floor of the Commons at the Report Stage, but the Government is under increasing attack from Members of all parties for its decision to make disabled wives the last of the categories to be covered by the plans for the non-contributory invalidity allowance.

### Other Subjects

A considerable number of questions have been asked about invalid tricycles, their accident rates and handling characteristics and arrangements for repairs to them. A number of questions have also been asked about training of speech therapists in relation to the acute shortage of speech therapists and the long waits of patients for treatment.

Other questions have been asked about the Christmas bonus of £10 which was this year extended to those receiving the attendance allowance and invalidity benefit, and suggestions were made that it might be extended to other categories.

An important question was asked on December 10 about access to public buildings, with particular reference to the Fire Precautions Act and to the increasing difficulty that some disabled people have in being admitted to cinemas, in using lifts in concert halls and other public buildings because of strict interpretation of the rules of the Fire Precautions Act. Mr Morris said that his Department was in consultation with the Central Council for the Disabled, amongst others, about a Design Code on means of escape from fire in buildings.

## 'A WEEK TO REMEMBER'

This was the title of a course in Creative Studies which was held at Hertford House, Clacton-on-Sea in January. I was able to go to the second of two courses which was organised by Mr Clifford Owen, Head of Adult Studies at Dacorum College of Further Education in Hemel Hempstead. The advertisement for this course stated that 'The course aims at helping those who attend to widen and deepen existing interests and skills, and to discover and develop new ones which are within the scope of the facilities and opportunities of the circumstances of their daily life as disabled persons. These aims assume that those attending will be no different in interest, experience, skills and potential from the fully able-bodied who attend residential courses. Any limitations in the mobility of the course members will not alter the content or purpose of the activities planned. They will merely require a degree of adjustment to the approach that is suited to those without any disability.'

While this is a concise statement of the aims of the course it does not convey the enjoyment and sense of achievement it gave to those who were able to attend. The course included drama, art, music, poetry and discussions which were stimulating and instructive and added to that was the pleasure of mixing with other disabled people with interests similar to one's own. There were eleven students including Elizabeth Watts from Seven Rivers and Chloe Westrope-Barnard from Oxford.

Hertford House is the Holiday Hotel owned by the Hertfordshire Association for the Disabled and the classes were held in the lounge, staff dining room, quiet room, bed rooms, etc., and the staff were most co-operative in putting up with a fair amount of disorganisation. There is, however, an even better scheme afoot in the Midlands where Prospect Hall is being built at the Selly Oak Colleges. This will have purpose-built residential AND learning accommodation for disabled people. The types of person who would enjoy these courses are those who attended adult education classes before they were handicapped or who would have done so though disabled but were deterred by flights of stairs in old schools.

*Beryl Morton*

*St. Cecillias*

When Prospect Hall is in operation, a notice will be put in 'The Smile' so that residents who are interested can apply to go on a course.

*(Ed.)*

# C.H.A.R.N.

*(Cheshire Homes Amateur Radio Network)*

The idea of linking the Homes by radio was, originally, suggested by the G.C. The first contact was made between Tom at Amphill C.H. and Enid & Graham at St. Teresa's. Staunton Harold joined them at the end of 1960.

To operate a transmitter you first have to obtain a Licence from the Post Office. To get a Licence it is necessary to take an Exam, which takes place in early May of each year, and the Morse Test at the beginning of each September. The Exam Paper is divided into two parts, the first two questions are on Licensing Laws and must be answered. These regulations have to be learned in detail. The next part of the paper consists of six questions, four must be answered – one of which is a mathematical problem relating to OHM'S Law. The best way to obtain more information is to contact the local Radio Amateurs in your District Area who will be only too pleased to give you all the assistance required.

The Post Office will make concessions for disabled persons by holding an oral examination at your own home and by using a Key the Morse Test can also be taken at Home.

Having obtained this Licence you can then contact any other licensed Amateurs in the world.

There are two transmitters waiting for any residents who are willing to take the Exam.

Here at Staunton we were given a Transmitter built by the Derby & District Amateur Radio Society and all repairs have been done by them free gratis, and for nothing for which we are eternally grateful.

For anyone who is rather scared of operating a Transmitter I must confess that most of the repairs

needed were due to faulty operation by myself.

The Cheshire Network has had several set-backs. Graham left St. Teresa's and Enid died, so that the Home went off the air permanently. Tom moved to The Hill, Sandbach, and continued operating from there. Brian at Staunton got his ticket in 1961 but died about two years later. Since then only two Homes have been on the air. Tom fell on to an electric fire and sustained severe burns, which kept him off the air for several months. However, Wally G2LR (who was then living in Bridlington) and knew G.C. came to the rescue and revived the Net. Several other amateurs (not connected with the Cheshire Homes) used to call in to make it a success.

Last year, owing to people changing the mode of operation, my Set became outdated so we decided to buy the kit needed to build an SSB Transceiver from Heath of Gloucester. Betty and I fitted the components into the circuit boards, i.e., coloured resistors, capacitors and diodes, according to instructions in the book which was supplied, the circuits were then given to Dennis – another Amateur Radio expert from Burton-on-Trent – who had them soldered for us. We then started on the assembly but were held up due to the lack of grub screws and several parts which Dennis had got at home. Eventually Dennis collected all the equipment and finished the assembly off for us. By Christmas Eve we were on the air and operating to all parts of the country and, to date, we are still going strong.

Since this account was written we have learned with regret the sad news of Tom (Sandbach) who died February 4th, 1975. This leaves only one Home on the air. It is now more important than ever that other residents take out a Licence, thus making the Cheshire Net once more worthwhile.

*M. B. Weights & Harry Houghton.*



# PETROL

7am 10pm



*PRA Disabled Motorist Scheme*

## News Release

### Petrol Stations to help Disabled Motorists

Following an approach from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Disabled, Mr Alfred Morris, the P.R.A. is launching a Scheme to help disabled motorists to find and enjoy the highest possible standard of service and consideration at filling stations throughout the United Kingdom.

The spread of self service outlets has created a serious problem for over 50,000 motorists who rely absolutely on their vehicles through various forms of disablement. The purpose of the Scheme is to display signs to indicate which stations, self service or conventional, have attendants available willing and able to serve petrol, and check oil, water and air for this section of the community.

Members of the P.R.A. are being asked to purchase the distinctive new red and blue signs which bear both the recognized international sign for disabled persons and the emblem of the P.R.A. They are also being invited to advertise in a Guide which the Association plans to distribute free to disabled motorists through their own organisations in Spring 1975. It will show where they can buy

petrol at what times, and also which stations are able to provide servicing and repairs to the drivers of specially modified standard vehicles. In addition, for free distribution, will be cards which can be displayed by disabled motorists to indicate that they require service. These will be obtainable either from sites displaying the P.R.A.D.M.S. sign or direct from the P.R.A. at the above address.

The Association hopes that by organising this Scheme they will set an example to other sections of the community, and that petrol retailers that are not members of the P.R.A. will also follow their example.

All the major oil companies have been contacted to ask for their support and co-operation, and it is hoped that they will contribute by facilitating the display of signs, helping to make two stroke oil more readily available, and where possible give physical or financial assistance to the Scheme.

Any surplus funds raised by the Scheme will be contributed by P.R.A. to disabled motorists' charities.

#### P.R.A. DISABLED MOTORISTS SCHEME

An important contributory factor to the success of the Scheme will be the co-operation of drivers in making sure that retailers can recognise that you need help. When you drive onto a self service forecourt, you should get as close to the control point, kiosk or sales shop as you can. If you are driving a standard car, and no one comes to serve you, you should display something, either one of the 'HELP' pennants made and issued by the Spastics Association, or one of the cards being produced. Each site joining the Scheme will have a small supply of cards to hand out, or they can be obtained direct from the P.R.A. There will be no charge for these.

Every retailer in the Scheme has undertaken to do his very best to help, but even so we ask for patience. On a non-self service forecourt you will be served in turn, and we do ask that if you feel that your tyres, battery and water etc., need checking you try, as far as possible to avoid the busy hours which generally tie in with local work patterns.

On servicing we have undertaken to collect and deliver, when necessary, and to give you reasonable priority. As an Association we will do our level best to ensure that our members fully understand the importance your vehicle has for you, but even so their workshops may be well booked up, perhaps with other drivers with similar problems. Please try always to give as much notice as possible.

With a little understanding on both sides we feel sure that we can make this Scheme an enormous success, and we look forward to serving you in future.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I have very much the same thoughts – after having read 'Letters to the Editor' by Ann Taylor and Audrey Shepherd, in your last issue of the 'Smile'.

There is too much concentration on the DISABILITY and not enough on the word PEOPLE. We are people who have the misfortune to be handicapped, but still need to be treated as clear thinking individuals. I think it is so essential to have a good liaison between everyone – Committee, Staff and Residents.

*David Dunn*  
*Chairman Residents Committee*

Dear Editor,

I would like to suggest that it might be a good thing if we could get someone to sponsor a Horse Race to be called 'The Cheshire Chase', for the 'Cheshire Smile' or 'Red Feather' Trophy; the date, place and time to be decided by the Cheshire Foundation. All money collected to be used for the benefit of the Cheshire Homes. Hoping that this suggestion will be alright, for which I shall be grateful.

Yours, etc.,

JIM CROWLEY,  
*The Grove, Norwich*

## White Windows

Dear Sir,

White Windows is not home, it is an institution for the care of cripples. White Windows has no room for the adult severely disabled person, only for the child-minded, whatever their age. Unless of course one is mindful of a member of staff, or a member of a house-committee/committee of Management. But then of immutable definition, a member of Management could not possibly be of the institution and staff are but employees.

Yet there is one, Tom Parker, and another, Louis Battye. Surely both are of adult and mature mind, and of the 32 other residents are there none to equal them in maturity? White Windows, the parent home of Kenmore, Beechwood and Champion House, the example par excellence, the model for dutiful offspring to emulate. White Windows! A Cheshire Home?

Rules and regulations, however minimal, have to be justified by necessity and judged in the

context of both an individual's relationship to his community and the community's relevance to the individual. I would question whether the concept of care as exercised at White Windows is capable of developing acceptable and reasonable 'rules and regulations', much less a homogenous form of 'family'.

This myth of family, so beloved of paternalistic benefactors. Is it a family of parents and children? Is it one of brothers and sisters? Is it one of guardians and wards? Is it really a mirror image of an extended family of four, which is presumably mother, father and two children? In such facile, simpering expressions of pious caring, great indignities and suppressions are wrought. The Cheshire Homes should have evolved criteria by now as to what exactly is, and what most certainly isn't, a Cheshire Home. Even allowing for the much vaunted autonomy of a particular home certain criteria should be common to all, certain fundamental concepts should be recognisable as being true of any Cheshire Home in whatever part of the United Kingdom.

White Windows is to build an extension, of single and double rooms. Are the double rooms for married couples? I hope so. I hope, that is, that they are not intended to house residents who should be unnecessarily divided into first and second class members of the community. There is no excuse for perpetuating an expediency of yesteryear known to be less than ideal. If an extension is to be built there should be no consideration other than that it must be of single rooms.

One shudders at the fate of handicapped people, imbued with the legendary grit and fighting spirit of the Yorkshire stereotype, ground and buffed in the process of fitting in to the White Windows 'family'. It must be stopped. The trustees of the Cheshire Foundation must wake up to their responsibilities. The diversity in methods of governing and day-to-day running of Cheshire Homes is no longer acceptable. If one home can manage a smooth partnership on management committee, between staff and residents and people of ability who wish to give of their expertise and services, so can they all. If one home discovers, after going through all the birth pangs of contrary viewpoints, that single-rooms are both feasible and desirable, then this should be de rigour for all the homes. If one home manages to dispense successfully with iniquitous rules governing bed times, or freedom to go and come as one pleases, then this should be mandatory provision in all homes. It is only when basic and individual rights of the person are determinedly safeguarded that one can begin to regulate for the requirements of community living. The trustees and members of management and administration should be jealous guardians of spiritual, moral and emotional

freedoms which can so easily be trampled upon with the loss of a man or womens physical independence.

The Cheshire Foundation has a continuing role to play, but this is no excuse for complacency. They might congratulate themselves that they are several removes from a Danesbury, but they might also contemplate the fact of Danesbury; would it exist at all if the degree of difference were so great that such a mausoleum could never be countenanced? One hopes that time and improved social services, social security and social facilities will negate the need for many handicapped people to have recourse to residential care, however, years will pass before there is sufficient special housing or adequate domicillary care provision and during the passing of the years there will be people knocking at the doors of Cheshire Homes. This would be true if the homes were all as Danesbury is, because the need is not the measure of the requirement, when choice is non-existent and dependence absolute one is the prisoner of circumstance and it takes great imagination as well as compassion to see beyond the immediate care necessity. It takes positive measures as well as understanding if one is to maintain and restore wholeness to a shattered life as well as feed, shelter and cleanse.

Perhaps there could be a Cheshire Housing Association allied with a Service Corps Domiciliary Help Service. Perhaps people in need could apply to the Cheshire Homes for help to remain in their own homes, rather than move into a Foundation Home. Perhaps the Cheshire Foundation could see it s way to doing very much more than it is at present to serve those in need within the community at large, because the need is there and not enough people are doing enough to meet the need; or refusing to recognise it in the first place.

Yours sincerely,

*Peter Wade*

6 St. Davids Road, Clanfield, Hampshire

## PEN PALS

Someone has suggested that PEN PALS might be arranged through these pages. If you would like to correspond with someone from another Home write briefly about yourself giving your interests and saying what kind of a person and from which country you would like a contact.

We will try to find room to print as many as possible.



Ken Finlayson (Greathouse) with his letter from Lord Mountbatten. One of his medals is the Burma Star.

## Lord Louis writes to veteran Ken

There was a pleasant surprise for Mr Ken Finlayson, a resident for the past nine years at the Greathouse Cheshire Home, Kington Langley, when he opened his mail on his 56th birthday, for among it was a letter from Lord Louis Mountbatten.

Lord Mountbatten is president of the Burma Star Association and Ken, a veteran of the Burma Campaign, is a keen member of the Bath branch.

He fought with the Dorset Regiment and is one of only two survivors of his battalion. He was badly wounded and now walks only with great difficulty.

In his letter Lord Mountbatten wished Ken a happy birthday and went on to say: 'You are one of the few survivors of the Dorsets who fought so magnificently in Burma and you have taken your disablement with great fortitude and courage ever since.

'This is the finest possible example of the Burma spirit and on behalf of all those who fought with you in Burma, I would like to send you my sincere congratulations and very best wishes for the future.'

*With acknowledgments to The Wiltshire Gazette*



Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C., and Sue Ryder, O.B.E., who have been named 1974 recipients of Variety International's premier honour, the Humanitarian Award, to be presented to them at the Royal Festival Hall, London, on Friday, April 18.

# Congratulations

The *Cheshire Smile* takes this opportunity on behalf of all its readers of offering sincere congratulations to the Founder of The Cheshire Foundation, Group Captain Leonard Cheshire and his wife, Sue Ryder, on being selected by Variety Clubs International to receive their highest honour, that of The Humanitarian Award for 1975.

Everyone in any way connected with the work of the Cheshire Foundation, from the newest resident to the oldest Trustee, can only applaud the decision to present the award to them and is proud to be associated with them in their life's work and mission for the relief of suffering wherever the need exists.

It is the sincere hope and prayer of all that their endeavours in these fields may continue to bear fruit, be rewarded and crowned with success, that more and more men and women be motivated to serve their fellowmen in such a committed, devoted and unselfish manner, and that they both be given the health, the strength, the courage and the resources to continue in this work of dedication for many years. May God bless them and their two children always.

R.R.

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## Group Captain Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder Named for Variety International's Highest Award

Hollywood producer Mr Mike Frankovich, president of Variety Clubs International, the world children's charity organisation, has announced that World War II hero, Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, V.C., D.S.O. and two bars, D.F.C., and his equally famous wife, Sue Ryder, O.B.E., have been named joint recipients of the 1974 Humanitarian Award, Variety's premier honour, in recognition of their work in the field of providing homes, treatment and care for the sick, handicapped and homeless in many parts of the world.

The award is to be presented to them at a ceremony at the Royal Festival Hall, London, on Friday, April 18th, the final day of Variety International's 48th annual convention which starts on Monday, April 14th, and is being attended by over 1,000 delegates representing Variety Clubs in America, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Australia, Israel, France, Ireland, the Channel Islands and Britain, the host country.

The Humanitarian Award was established in 1938 and is given each year to the person deemed to have rendered outstanding service to his or her fellow men. Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder will be the first couple to share the honour.

H.R.H. The Princess Margaret is to attend the presentation ceremony and the banquet that follows at Grosvenor House, Park Lane.

Also attending will be 60 disabled children from 35 different countries cared for in Cheshire-Ryder homes. The reason for their presence is given by President Frankovich, who announcing the award said:

'In the desire to pay tribute to the courage of underprivileged children in their struggle against adversity, all 12,000 of my fellow members are proud to bestow Variety's highest honour on Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder, two of the world's greatest humanitarians. They are a constant reminder to us of what can be achieved for the suffering and helpless through selfless dedication and compassionate devotion. Their inspiration spurs all Variety Clubs to even greater effort in their work for children everywhere.'

The Cheshire-Ryder children will spend a week in London before attending the ceremony.

They will be joined at the Royal Festival Hall by 350 youngsters helped by the Variety Club of Great Britain's 'At Work' committee, which each year organises and either wholly or partly finances treats, parties, holidays and outings for 30,000 orphaned, deprived and disabled boys and girls.

Another highlight of the ceremony will be a tribute to Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder by the Royal Air Force featuring show business personalities who have served in the R.A.F. and Service bands.

Past Humanitarian Award recipients include H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, Sir Winston Churchill, Sir Alexander Fleming, Dr Albert Schweitzer, Danny Kaye, Henry Ford II, Konrad Adenauer, Herbert Hoover, General George C. Marshall, Cordell Hull, Sister Elizabeth Kenny, George Washington Carver, Sir William Butlin, Helen Adams Keller, Dr Jonas Salk, Rt. Rev Monseigneur E. J. Flanagan, Paul Gray Hoffman, Dr Welthy Honsinger Fisher, Bernard Baruch, Bob Hope and Gen. Evangeline Booth.

Variety Clubs International was established in 1927 and has raised a total of over £100m for homes, orphanages, hospitals and other centres for children who are handicapped and underprivileged, and for research into children's diseases.

The movement raises an average of £6m each year.

## The Birth of Variety, its work, the Children it helps

The story of the birth of the Variety movement, and its subsequent activities, is a study in compassionate concern for the helpless young.

The seeds of Variety were sown in the autumn of 1927, when 11 showmen in Pittsburgh, U.S.A., rented a hotel room for the purpose of weekly get-togethers. Since all were connected with various branches of the entertainments professions, they named their group 'Variety Club'. With the passing of time, other showmen joined their circle.

The Club arranged its first anniversary dinner to take place on Armistice Day, November 11th, 1928. A small hall was booked for 35 guests. When double that number applied, larger accommodation was sought, but only a hall, three floors high and capable of holding 1,100 persons, was available.

Being showmen, they booked it, and used the huge building to stage a full-size circus, complete with a 'big-top' tent, sawdust ring and 17 top-class acts. For the occasion, a press cartoonist sketched for the menu-cover the head and shoulders of a traditional circus barker, top hat, walrus moustache, diamond tie-pin and all. The cartoon was destined to become the official symbol of Variety Clubs throughout the world.

The circus promotion prompted Variety to use circus terminology. Henceforth, members were called 'Barkers' and the committee 'Crew'; the president was 'Chief Barker', the secretary 'Property Master', the treasurer 'Dough Guy', the public relations officer 'Press Guy', and so on. (Arising from this, when other Variety Clubs were formed, each was called a 'tent' and given a number. The Pittsburgh Club is Tent No. 1).

As a result of the circus stunt, several charity organisations requested Variety to promote fund-raising shows, but the club still had no specific policy or aims beyond its social inclinations.

Then, on December 24th, 1929, a baby was found in the Sheridan Square Theatre, Pittsburgh. Attached to the child was a note which read: 'Please take care of my baby. Her name is Catherine. I can no longer take care of her. I have always heard of the goodness of show-business people and I pray to God you will look after her.' Appended was the signature, 'A Heartbroken Mother'.

The abandoned infant was taken to the theatre owner, John Harris, who happened to be Variety's president. The child's mother was never traced.

On December 28th, Variety met and agreed to act as god-father to the foundling, who was named

Catherine Variety Sheridan. She was maintained in a home under the watchful eyes of her Variety guardians, who took it in turn to look after her for short spells.

When she was five, the Barkers decided it would be in Catherine's best interests for her to have a permanent home away from Pittsburgh, and she was given into the care of a couple selected from 300 applicants who had applied to adopt her. The whereabouts and identity of Catherine (her name was changed) is a secret known only to the two Barkers who arranged for her adoption and have maintained a close watch on her progress throughout the years. What is known to all Barkers is that she grew up to be a beautiful woman who graduated from college with honours and is now happily married with children of her own.

The adoption of Catherine gave Variety a definite purpose: the help of underprivileged children, regardless of race, colour or denomination.

In this creed the Pittsburgh Barkers were joined by showmen, not only in many parts of America but other countries, who were stirred by the story of the waif.

These show-business folk applied for and were given permission to launch Variety Clubs within their own territories. The Variety Clubs International was formed to which all individual tents are affiliated.

The movement has grown year by year and currently there are tents in the United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Jersey, Guernsey, France, Ireland, Israel, Australia and Britain, embracing something like 12,000 members pledged to help the sick and needy young.

While adhering to the constitution of the parent body, the Variety Clubs International, each Club is a completely independent unit in so far as it works under its own impetus for charities of its own choosing.

Assistance is rendered to children in countries where Variety is not established. The children of nearly 50 countries have been aided through the Patron Group, the chairman of which is Earl Mountbatten of Burma, who founded the scheme in 1968 during a Variety tour of America and Canada.

Lord Mountbatten is a gold card life member of Variety International, as is HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. Both have been members of British Variety since 1951.

Each year an international convention is staged in one of Variety's affiliated countries and delegates report on the previous 12 months' work of their tents. Money-raising campaigns for the coming year are outlined and each club specifies

a sum which it has set as a target for its charities. Campaign ideas are interchanged and policies formulated to progress the movement as a whole.

The annual average raised by Variety International is £8m.

The Variety Club of Great Britain – Tent No. 36 – was inaugurated in October 1949 by 26 American showmen working in this country. Since then it has assisted some 10,000 individual national, local and private children's organisations, as well as countless individual cases of distress, throughout the UK. At this time an average of 300,000 children are helped annually.

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*The following account of the work of the G.C. and Sue Ryder has been sent out to the Press and members of the Variety Club of Great Britain by their European Press Guy, David Jones, and we are happy and proud to reprint it in full.*

## VARIETY CLUBS HUMANITARIAN AWARD FOR 1974

Leonard Cheshire founded the internationally renowned Cheshire Homes. He did so almost by accident. He had been a conspicuously successful bomber pilot, receiving the Victoria Cross (Britain's highest award for gallantry in action), the Distinguished Service Order with two bars, and the Distinguished Flying Cross, and was an official British observer when the second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. He retired from the R.A.F. when peace was declared and was determined to help make that peace a reality.

After various ventures had proved abortive, he embarked on a co-operative community scheme for ex-servicemen. This also failed.

In May 1948, while winding up this project and disposing of a large empty house, Le Court in Hampshire, he was told that one of the ex-members of the settlement, a 75-year-old man, was dying of cancer and had nowhere to go. After trying, unsuccessfully, to find accommodation for the man, Leonard Cheshire took him into the house and nursed him until he died.

Then others came . . . .

With no idea where funds were coming from, Leonard Cheshire undertook the care of the incurably sick and disabled. He found more and more people who, rather than spend the rest of their days in places like geriatric hospital wards,

were ready to accept the makeshift arrangements at Le Court. They found there a place they could call home.

For two years this was their only home. It was the scene of many struggles and disappointments, but now, in place of the old building, stands a large, modern house, specially built and equipped, which is a model of its kind, for the young adult disabled.

In 1950 Leonard Cheshire started a second home in the abandoned station headquarters of an old R.A.F. airfield in Cornwall. Four years later, other groups elsewhere in the country were offering to start homes for the disabled. Today, there are over 60 homes in the U.K. and approximately the same number overseas. And homes are starting up ever more quickly, usually inspired by a visit from Leonard Cheshire or one of his close associates.

The majority of homes in Britain concentrate on the physically and permanently handicapped in the younger age groups, but there are two homes for mentally handicapped children and four hostels for the psychiatric rehabilitation of adults.

Overseas homes often concentrate on special categories also: burnt-out leprosy cases, and destitute and handicapped children.

The homes in each country are autonomous, governed by their own separate Foundations. As in Britain, they raise their funds locally and make their own decisions about functions and priorities. All Cheshire Foundations share basically the same principles, aims and legal constitutions; they are also united through the spirit of service to others generated by Leonard Cheshire.

In 1959 he married Sue Ryder, famous for her work of bringing relief to survivors who, as a result of racial persecution, particularly in Nazi concentration camps, are now sick, homeless or in some kind of need.

During the War Sue Ryder served with Special Forces in Europe, where she learned of the atrocities and miseries being suffered in their occupied countries. This made her resolve to help them and their colleagues in every way.

Leaving S.F.E. in 1945, she joined a small Anglo-French Mission caring for the homeless and ill of all ages. When official teams withdrew in 1951, she continued alone to live and work in the camps, hospitals and prisons, later going on to found homes and hospitals for the sick and disabled in Europe and a joint centre with her husband in India.

The work of the Sue Ryder Foundation, besides building and renovating Homes and Hospitals for the sick and disabled in different parts of the world for a wide age range (the youngest being a few months old and the oldest 109), also does

social work and individual case work, operates mobile teams and provides medical care and equipment. In the person of Sue Ryder visits are made to prisoners in Central and Eastern Europe held in over 20 German prisons. Through a Holiday Scheme 4,000 survivors of the Resistance or of the concentration camps, their children and young disabled have been able to enjoy a holiday.

Many thousands of destitute, sick and homeless people have found in Sue Ryder their staunchest friend. For 30 years she has worked with them, taking their trials, problems and humiliations upon her own shoulders.

In 1957 she was awarded the O.B.E. in recognition of her outstanding work, and in 1965 the Polish Government bestowed on her the Polonia Restituta, Poland's highest decoration. She also received the Medal of the Yugoslav Flag with Gold Wreath and Diploma from President Tito for her work for the sick and physically handicapped of all ages in that country. In addition the University of Liverpool have conferred on her the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

From the beginning Sue Ryder's work has been based on faith and carried out with the minimum of expense and administration. She receives no salary and pays her own travelling expenses – usually driving long hours and covering over 50,000 miles a year.

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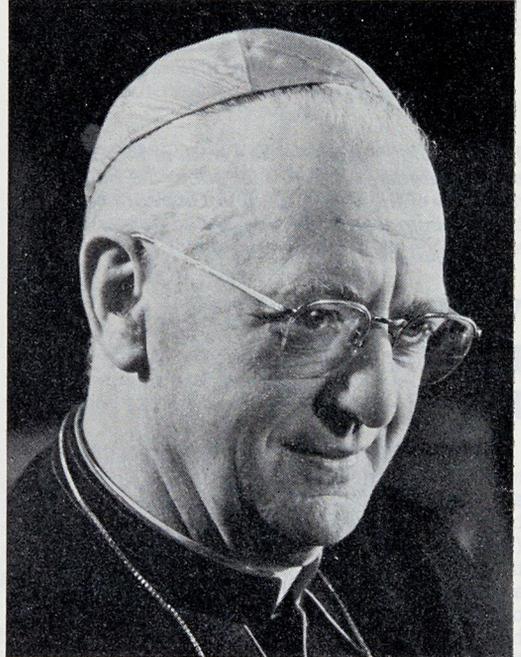
## “Thoughts on the award”

*From the Archbishop of Westminster*

It is commonly said that religion is on the decline. This judgement is so frequently repeated that most people take its truth for granted. I think that its truth depends on what is meant by religion. If it means attending church and saying prayers it is probably true that religion is at its lowest ebb for centuries. But formal worship is only one part of religion. It is a very important part but it is not the whole. St. James, one of Christ's apostles, gave the following definition of religion: 'Religion pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world (1-26).'

There is no religious test before a guest is admitted to the Cheshire Homes. Whether or not people are Christians or believers the doors of the Cheshire Homes are wide open to receive them. That is where religion comes in. Everyone who is sick, old and in need, is cherished as a brother

or sister. Even though not everybody realises it we are all made in God's image. That is why it is part of the true worship of God to serve Him in our brothers and sisters. Some of the most zealous supporters of the Cheshire Homes do not belong to any religious denomination. They regard themselves as agnostics or even unbelievers. They act from what they would describe as humanitarian motives. This does not alter the fact that the inspiration behind the work of the Cheshire Homes is deeply religious.



I know that Sue Ryder and Leonard Cheshire have been chosen for the Humanitarian Award of Variety Clubs International this year. As they are close friends of mine, I am reluctant to embarrass them by describing their virtues. Their work is known and admired throughout the world but only those close to them are aware of the deep love of God which inspires all their humanitarian work. No sacrifice is too great which enables them to bring relief to the suffering. The award they are to be given will be treasured by them less for its material value than as a means of publicity for their compassionate work. They will use this occasion to give a spur to all the Cheshire Homes.

This little magazine is called *The Cheshire Smile*. It is beautifully named. It is an indirect contradiction of the old expression 'as cold as charity.' Far from being cold, true charity is on fire.

Acts of true charity are done with a smile. I rejoice that this edition of the magazine will pay tribute to all that has been done by Sue and Leonard.

I have said that this generation has the reputation of being godless. It is nevertheless encouraging to reflect that there is far more love shown to the afflicted towards the end of the twentieth century than there was at its beginning. Looking back to the last century the contrast is even greater. It may be that a larger percentage of the population attended church but the public was remarkably blind to social evils. It was not just a question of putting small boys up chimneys and allowing young children to work long hours in factories. It was the general indifference to the condition of the poor. Today critics of the Welfare State complain that citizens now have everything done for them and so lose all initiative. Against that must be set the picture of an England where the unemployed, the sick and the aged were left to suffer and die. We nevertheless have no right to feel superior to our forbears. They were not cruel or unfeeling. It was just that nobody had brought home to them their responsibilities.

This is another reason for gratitude to the Cheshires. People with their imagination and compassion point out to the rest of us those suffering brethren of ours whom we are too blind to see. Until men like Wilberforce started campaigning most people took slavery for granted. Once our attention has been drawn to abuses we are ready to exert ourselves to correct them. But the pioneers who show us the way are the ones who deserve the real credit.

A common mistake is to imagine that modern governments are so enlightened that they look after everyone in any kind of need. This is very far from true. There are still thousands of homeless, hungry and cold people in Britain. It is not humanly possible for the State or any other institution to attend to all in need. In addition to government bodies there will always be a place for voluntary organisations. By definition such organisations will depend on the good will and self-sacrifice of unselfish men and women. There are Cheshire Homes in many lands. Most of those who live in them would not have been cared for by the State. Even if provision were made in institutions the State could not guarantee the spirit of love. When I think of the Cheshire Home which I visited in Santiago, Chile and recall its peace and happiness in a sad city, I thank God for Leonard Cheshire.

*John Carr HSSJ*

Archbishop of Westminster

## The world is growing colder...

by Rosemary Shevlin

And it is the responsibility of every Cheshirelander to warm it up a bit.

We are privileged to live in an atmosphere of love, but when the Group Captain adopted us he laid a charge on each one of us to Vade in Pace – Go in Peace – and like many another commandment it is often conveniently forgotten.

Of course we are no more than human and convention hampers most of us but we must be big enough not to let it strangle the benevolence that is an accepted part of our lives – accepted as a right very often which it definitely is *not* – and how can we add a flame of love to the world if we haven't got it? While it's true that most of us are denied sexual love that is only part of the great *natural* emotion that we in Cheshireland know so well, so let's not be afraid to love!

That is the stumbling block – FEAR, fear of the misunderstanding sniggers of petty people as well as of rejection. But if you cultivate your natural sympathy to humanity you won't be rejected, because every creature – man and animal – NEEDS sympathy and we hurt each other more by blundering blindness than out-and-out badness.

That sympathy begins at home – and remember your home consists of a troubled-about-many-things staff as well as fellow-residents registering every mood on the emotion-scale – but it doesn't end there. We can try to understand our neighbours in our districts, help them – bring them peace, and so begin to melt the ice that is binding the world.

Surely we have the example of Big Men who are not ashamed to be devoted to us, to be thrilled at our happiness, saddened at our grief. They lit the torch to warm the world – can we refuse to run our relay?

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## THE SINGAPORE DECLARATION

As we see it, a Cheshire Home should be a place of shelter physically and of encouragement spiritually; a place in which the residents can acquire a sense of belonging, and of ownership, by contributing in any way within their capabilities to its functioning and development; a place to share with others and from which to help others less fortunate; a place in which to gain confidence and develop independence and interests a place of hopeful endeavour and not of passive disinterest.

## **“This is the week that was and always will be”**

*A unique occasion*

### **International Ryder/Cheshire Family Day on 16th April, 1975**

There will be 34 young Residents from overseas Homes, and Group Captain Cheshire and Miss Sue Ryder have arranged a Family Day at Stagenhoe Ryder Home, Hertfordshire, so that they can meet Residents and supporters from U.K. Homes.

One Resident from each U.K. Home, accompanied by a volunteer and a support group member, has been invited to this Family Day.

### **Humanitarian Award**

Group Captain Cheshire and Miss Sue Ryder will receive an Award on behalf of all the Residents of their Homes at the Royal Festival Hall on Friday, 18th April, 1975.

This event may be covered on television.

### **‘Home from Home’ (Le Court Cheshire Home)**

A Cheshire Home has been used as an example of a residential care unit for a programme to be shown on BBC 2 at 6.40 p.m. on 17th April, followed by a repeat on BBC 1 at 10 a.m. on 19th April.

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## **FAMILY DAY**

### **Argentina**

Jose Tubal, a resident of the Cheshire Home in Buenos Aires is representing Argentina at Family Day. Jose met his wife in the Home, and they now act as father and mother to the other residents who are younger. The Home in Buenos Aires has 12 residents who manage for themselves, but it is planned to expand the Home as soon as possible.

### **Brazil**

The first Cheshire Home in Brazil opened in Sao Paulo in 1974 with 4 residents. It has proved very successful and has had a great deal of local support. There are now 9 residents. The Home will be represented by Father Hilario Christofolim, a young disabled priest who is very active in work for the handicapped and appears regularly on local television.

### **Canada**

The Foundation in Canada is represented by Larry (Peter) Ramsay, from the Belleville, Ontario Home which was opened in 1973. Peter is 23, and a hockey enthusiast. He was awarded the Ontario Good Citizenship Medal in 1973 by H.M. Queen Elizabeth. Peter coaches a local hockey team and is an instructor for the Y.M.C.A. outreach programme to help deprived youngsters in sports.

### **Ethiopia**

Ethiopia is represented by Bayenne Aba Dema from the Addis Ababa Cheshire Home. This Home was started in 1962, largely due to donations and land given by the Ethiopian Royal Family. It has expanded since then and now cares for 80 children and is considered one of the best of its kind in Africa. Bayenne who is 16, enjoys football, table tennis and reading, carpentry and handicrafts.

### **France**

Robert Neant represents the Foundation in France. Robert loves classical music and likes to visit monuments. He has studied extensively by correspondence and hopes to work in the office of the new Home in Fontaine Francaise when it is completed.



### **Grenada**

The Home in Grenada was founded by Father Hilarion, an American priest, whose principles and plans for the Home were very close to those of the Cheshire Foundation. When Father Hilarion died in an accident, it was decided that the Home should become a Cheshire Home. It now has 16 residents and a capacity, when funds permit, of up to 40 residents. Grenada is represented by Bernadette Dowden, aged 26, whose hobby is needlework.

### **Guyana**

The Cheshire Home in Guyana is situated in the very large grounds of a hospital, and cares for spastic children. The Home is represented at Family Day by Patricia Williams, who is 14, and is interested in sewing, music and drawing.

## Holy Land

The Cheshire Home in Bethlehem, which opened in 1960, has 22 residents, and is planning to start building a new purpose-built Home, with less stairs and more practical facilities. All the residents help in the running of the Home and also study music, handicrafts and other activities. Some of the children attend school outside, and the older children also learn machine knitting. The Home is represented by Jaklin George Khamis Mseih who has been a resident since 1962. Jaklin's hobbies are music, reading and letter writing. She is also a member of the Home's band – The Cheshire Stars – and plays the melodica.



## Hong Kong

The Home in Hong Kong was originally opened in 1961 and at present a new building is progressing on the grounds of the old one. There are 38 residents at the Home at present, and they will be represented by Miss Pang Wai Yung whose hobbies include music, archery, reading, watching television and playing mahjong.

## India

There are a total of 19 Homes in India, 17 Cheshire Homes and 2 Ryder/Cheshire Homes. Representing them at Family Day are Miss Ivy Paul from the Home in Bangalore, and Miss Krishna Dharamraj and Miss Pratima Phul Singh from Raphael. Ivy's hobbies are reading, needlework and handicrafts, and Pratima and Krishna, aged 13 and 14 respectively, both like singing. Krishna is also very interested in Indian classical dancing.

PRATIMA

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## Indonesia

The Wisma Cheshire Home in Jakarta admitted its first resident in October 1974, and was officially opened by Group Captain Cheshire on 23rd November 1974. It consists of two small houses and has seven residents at present. The Home will be represented by Sayuti who is 22, and helps the Home's growing trade of toy-making by sanding the wooden pieces. His interests are chess and table tennis.



## Ireland

Ireland will be represented at Family Day by Margaret Warren, a resident of the very first Irish Cheshire Home – Ardeen. Ardeen, situated in beautiful grounds, has 32 residents. In 1972 it was almost destroyed by fire, but has now been restored and will be officially re-opened in May. Since 1965 it has been a training centre for the Cheshire Service Corps. Margaret Warren comes from County Clare in the beautiful West of Ireland, and returns there for summer holidays every year. Margaret has a repertoire of songs, does tapestry with her mouth and is always ready to tackle anything.

## Jamaica

The Home in Jamaica is in the form of a "village" consisting of 20 bungalows. It will be officially opened during the Western Regional Conference in March this year, and is being represented at Family Day by Mr Everet Dyce, who is 21. Everet's hobby is singing.

## Kenya

The Cheshire Home in Kenya is situated in Limuru, and shares the house with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Home has 10 young residents, who participate in many activities and love sports. It is situated in extensive grounds with a view overlooking Nairobi, and it is even possible to see Mount Kilimanjaro on certain days. Kenya will be represented by Jane Mwaura who now teaches in the Home's nursery school. Jane is hoping to take a teacher training course.

## Malaysia

The Selangor Cheshire Home opened in 1963 and now provides for 50 residents, men, women and children. This year it is hoped to build a physiotherapy room. On weekends and public holidays two residents run the shop at the Zoo Negara, selling handicrafts made at the Home, films, postcards, sweets and souvenirs. Miss Tan Kin Swee, who will represent Malaysia and the Selangor Cheshire Home at Family Day, has been a resident for almost seven years. Largely through her own personal courage and efforts she has achieved remarkable improvement since joining the Selangor Home. Miss Tan is kept busy fulfilling orders for her crochet tapestry and embroidery work which is in great demand, and enjoys watching television programmes with her friends.



## Morocco

The Tangier Cheshire Home – Dar el Hanaa (the name means House of Happiness) – will be representing Morocco on Family Day. This Home was founded in 1961 and now has 40 children aged between 4 and 20. It is situated in lovely surroundings and has a playground and a swimming pool, which is immensely enjoyed by all the children. Miss Mahjouba Lemnati, 21, will be coming to London for Family Day. Mahjouba is interested in traditional embroidery, sewing and tapestry. She will be bringing some of her work with her.



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## Mauritius

The Tamarin Cheshire Home in Mauritius started in an old railway road office, but expansion has meant a complete new building built in 1973, and includes a very popular Boutique which the residents run, and which sells handicrafts for tourists. The Home has recently been damaged by a hurricane, but fortunately all the residents were safe. Francois Sockalingum will be representing Tamarin at Family Day. He has been a resident since the Home opened in 1964 and his hobbies are stamp collecting, painting and reading.

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## Nigeria

The Port Harcourt Cheshire Home will represent Nigeria at Family Day. This Home had only been completed a short time when hostilities broke out and it was bombed and evacuated. It has now been refurbished and reopened in March 1973 and now has 10 residents, and eventually hopes to reach its maximum capacity of 50. Noel Mishak, who will be coming to Family Day, is the youngest of all representatives, being 12 years old. He is cheerful and all his teachers have a high opinion of him. Noel is learning to play the guitar.

## Philippines

The Philippines Cheshire Home started in 1966 in Quezon City, and the keynote of the Foundation there is self-help. The Home consists of several houses and caters for men and women – the men doing woodcraft, electronics and repairs and the women making soft toys, crochet, bags and giant flowers. Miss Lily Zamora represents the Philippines at Family Day. Lily was one of the first residents of the Home and does needlework and creative crafts. She also acts as secretary and P.R. girl for the Home.



## Portugal

The Cheshire Home in Portugal started over 10 years ago with seven residents, and then moved to a better home, and now has 12 residents. The Home is hoping to obtain some land for a new purpose-built Home which will allow male residents to be admitted and give everyone more much-needed living space. Conceicao Borges Correia will be coming to England for Family Day. Conceicao has been enthusiastically learning English. Conceicao's name is pronounced Con-say-soung.



## Sierra Leone

The Freetown Cheshire Home will represent Sierra Leone at Family Day. This Home consists of two houses originally belonging to a railway department. One house is for girls and one for boys. It is hoped to start a further Home which will take the children when they reach school leaving age, and train them in a trade. Mariatu Kamara, 16, will be coming to the U.K. for Family Day. She enjoys reading, sewing and games, and is studying for G.C.E. in Home Economics.

## Singapore

The Singapore Cheshire Home is situated in a lovely position by the sea, on land generously made available at a nominal rent by the Singapore Government. It has 65 residents, of all ages from 4 to 92. Representing the Home at Family Day will be 22 years old Miss Tan Keok Tee, who plays the piano and loves singing.



## Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is represented by P. D. Gunasiri from the Mount Lavinia Cheshire Home. This Home was formally opened by Group Captain Cheshire on 19th March 1966 and has since been extended with a generous gift of a third ward from the Rotary Club of Mount Lavinia. The residents grow their own vegetables and fruits. Gunasiri is 16, bright and cheerful and has been top of his class at school for 5 years.

### South Africa

South Africa will be represented by Bernie Ackerman of the Queensburgh Cheshire Home and Stanley Chetty from the Chatsworth Home. The Queensburgh Home is just 10 years old and was officially opened in 1966, with 6 residents. It has been expanded and now has accommodation for 35 residents, and has a swimming pool and a full-size bowling green. The Chatsworth Cheshire Home opened in 1971 and Stanley Chetty was its first resident. Stanley is always busily engaged in leather work such as making purses and keyrings, and has contributed over 400 Rand to the Home. Bernard Ackerman from Queensburgh is a radio ham and is also interested in short story writing. He has played an active part in the Home since he arrived three years ago.



### Spain

The Las Planas Cheshire Home in Barcelona will represent Spain at Family Day. This was the first Cheshire Home opened in Spain in 1969. It has 5 residents. The Home is hoping to move to larger premises soon. Domingo Garcia, who is 22, will be coming to Family Day. Domingo's hobby is philately.



### Thailand

Thailand has two Cheshire Homes, both near Bangkok, with a total of 60 residents. The Rangsit Cheshire Home, which opened in 1970, will provide the representative to Family Day. Miss Noi Kawmongkut came to Rangsit two years ago. She is good at handicrafts and helps to raise funds for the Home. Her hobbies are handicrafts, English and music.



### Trinidad

The Cheshire Home in San Fernando opened in 1967 in temporary premises and now provides for up to 12 male residents. It is hoped to move to better quarters where it will be possible to provide for female residents as well. Lenn-y Roberts who will represent Trinidad, was one of the first residents. His hobbies are carving, gardening and hammock-making. He took part in the 1966 Commonwealth Paraplegic Games in shotput, discus and club.



## Uganda

The Cheshire Home in Uganda is just outside Kampala the capital, and is a bungalow-type home situated in lovely scenery. It has 12 young residents at present and will be represented by George Makombe, 22, who completed his G.C.E. and has taken a secretarial course. George does excellent clerical work and his hobby is reading.

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## United States

The United States Cheshire Foundation will be represented by Miss Sandra Helton. Sandra was born with spina bifida but through the efforts of her parents, doctors, nurses, teachers and friends, and her own personal courage and endeavour, she has overcome many of the problems she faced, and now holds down a very responsible job with a pharmaceutical company. She has a very wide range of interests and particularly enjoys painting and reading.



## Venezuela

Casa Cheshire in Caracas, Venezuela, opened in March 1974 with 3 residents. At present it has 11 residents and 2 more are due shortly. The Home sells handicrafts produced in the workshop and also does small contract work. It is hoped to expand this latter work with a view to making the Home self-supporting. Livia Mercedes Marquis Fuentes will be representing Venezuela at Family Day. Livia is 21 and loves to draw and paint and produces the most exquisite drawings and watercolours. She also excels at making paper flowers, from the tiniest types to giant size!



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## Zambia

The Cheshire Home in Lusaka is situated on the site of an abandoned orphanage on the outskirts of the town. An extension is currently being built which will greatly increase the capacity of the Home.

# Around the Homes

## Champion House, Calverley

We had a delightful Christmas with two parties prior to Christmas Day, one provided by the Round Table the other by our loyal Support Groups. On Christmas Day presents were distributed and we had Turkey with the usual trimmings. Then we relaxed and watched Television.

We are still trying to raise enough money for our new Bus – which goes up in price each time we reach our target. Mickie and John have worked hard selling Christmas cards and gifts for the fund.

We have a monthly Film Show given by Toc H. Our residents shop continues to give good service.

On February 10th we had a super concert given by Freddy Travalyan, vocalist, and supporting artists to which the public were invited. Bingo was played and £70 was raised for the Bus Fund.

We are patiently plodding through the Winter and we look forward to the better weather so that we can sit outside and go out selling Flags in different areas for our Support Groups. We send our best wishes to all the Cheshire Homes and particularly to Sir Christopher, our new Chairman.

## Cara Calling

The days go from good to better in Cara. We made our debut in the locality at the parish social where we were quite literally received with open arms. That was a great evening when we met a fair section of our new neighbours, enjoyed their talent, and our 'voice' – Brendan Crean was able to show them the addition Cara CH would be! I wish you all could see the Irish Champion native-dancer – who is one of us now! – and the graceful, melodious harpist *and* the quiet, ordinary people who smilingly saw to our bodily needs. It was the romantic Ireland you all dream about.

Then we had the Sam Maguire (the Irish Championship Football Cup) in for our inspection and adoration as well as the men who won it. Dublin of course, celebrated Cara's coming by winning the All-Ireland!

## Mayfield House Cheshire Home

Hello from Auld Reekie again! Since we lost Amelia Bruce, no one has given news of the events which highlight our family life in Edinburgh's Trinity area, so here goes . . .

A bus load of residents and staff paid a visit to the Royal Highland Show at Ingliston on a beautiful sunny day last June. Great interest was shown in the Great Britain Show Jumping team.

During the Festival our 'Autumn Fair' was opened by Edinburgh's 'King of the Ring' boxing champion Ken Buchanan, now owner of an hotel in the district. The 31st August was unfortunately a dreich day and I was quite cold in my fortune telling tent. A sum of £500 nevertheless was raised with the help of a prize draw.

Six residents, at the invitation of Toc H, spent a week's summer holiday at the Church of Scotland Wiston Lodge near Biggar.

Two of our recently married residents, Tommy King and Willie Thoms have moved into their own homes, the former at Wester Hailes, Edinburgh and Willie at Cardenden, Fife. Bill Dunlop an Open University student spent a week in the summer at the University of Stirling. Douglas Addison is in Edenhall Hospital at present and we all hope he will soon be back with us all. Whisky is our national drink, and Joan McInnes is still looking after it – the house cat that is, bearing the same name! A current visitor to the Home is a young lady (Margaret) from Opportunity House, Biggar, a home for Spastics; her main claim to fame – the girls are all green with envy – is her occupancy of the only non-male bed in the male wing.

Entertainment – visits to Livingston New Town where the New Town Entertainers have presented 'Sleeping Beauty' and the pantomime 'Dick Whittington' – and a handsome cheque to the Home too; the Tattoo during the Festival; visiting artistes, Dunedin Choir and the Marshall Brothers Folk Group. A Burns Supper was held in St. Serf's Church Hall to which the residents were invited.

Our new Mini-bus, bought from the proceeds of the last Red Feather Day in 1973, is in constant use for visits to the dentist, hairdresser, etc. This year's Red Feather Day is on the Saturday of the Scotland v. Wales rugby international and volunteers are presently labelling cans and wiring feathers. We always try to arrange our appeal when the thousands of Welsh supporters are in town – they'll buy anything red, to add to their favours for the match.

I have to record only one death in recent times at the Home, that of Andrew Laurie of Edinburgh whom we all miss greatly.

*Marjory Worthington*

## VICTOR GOES TO COLLEGE

Fifty-six-year old Victor Griffiths, a resident of Heatherley Cheshire Home in Sussex for 12 years decided recently to extend his education. An excellent idea, you may think but Victor, a disabled Athetoid since birth is unable to move anything except his eyes and his chin and he has a speech difficulty so serious that only his immediate friends can understand him. Yet Victor was determined. He had seen what technology and recent advances in medical science can do for the disabled in the form of the Possum Environmental Control originally given to him in 1965 by a disabled friend impressed with Victor's courage.

In 1971 the Spastics Society, at the request of Roger Jefcoate stepped in to loan Victor a Possum Electronic Typewriter which, this year, was replaced by a machine provided under the National Health Service. When Victor was offered a place at the nearby Crawley Technical College to study he accepted with alacrity.

The difficulty, however, with the electronic typewriters is that they are simply not portable and he needed a lightweight portable dictation machine which he could take with him backwards and forwards to the college, record whatever he needed to and play it back on his return. Most of us are familiar, of course, with the ordinary dictation machine where, on a microphone, we have the usual selection of control facilities, but for someone who can only move his chin slightly the ordinary method of control is right out of the question and it was necessary to build a specialist conversion unit which Victor could operate and which would, in its turn, control the dictation machine.

The problem was taken to dedicated electronics engineer John Flack who has designed an exciting new range of environmental and typewriter control systems for the severely handicapped and has set up his own organisation, J.W.F. Electraid\*. John had never attempted a project like this before but he was confident that the techniques which he had developed in his other systems could be adapted to suit Victor's requirements. John, 30 years old and a wheelchair user himself suffered a spinal injury at the age of 11 and spent a long period at the National Spinal Injuries Centre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital before continuing his education at the well known independent Special School, Lord Mayor Treolar School in Hampshire. He chose the well known Grundig Stenorette as the basic machine and



Victor Griffiths with his lightweight Grundig Stenorette

once he knew the project was feasible he sought the help of the Possum Users Association – a completely independent charity – to sponsor this very important equipment for Victor. They responded generously and the result is that Victor must be one of the oldest disabled students in the country.

\* J.W.F. Electraid is at 8 Bramcote Close, Aylesbury, Bucks.

### Note

The POSSUM Users Association is open to all severely physically disabled people, and not just those who use POSSUM equipment. The Association aims to raise finance for any electronic equipment which its members might need, or which can be used to assist them in any other way.

## Teesside Cheshire Home

Marske Hall celebrated its 12th birthday as the Teesside Cheshire Home in February, and looks forward to a year of considerable activity and progress. An extra special effort is being made for Open Day (the first Saturday in June); and hope to raise the target from £1,500 to over £2,000.

Several improvement schemes are being pushed forward. In addition to plans for a sun parlour adjacent to the building, it is necessary to convert outbuildings for storage purposes, and to embark on pointing work on the fabric of the Hall. All this will cost upwards of £6,000, but even in such a difficult year there is no thought of holding back.

Among several memorable evenings in the new hall (built as an extension two years ago) have been two visits from the local Scottish dancing society, which introduced a wheelchair dance to the great pleasure of the residents. *A L James*

## Seven Rivers Cheshire Home

Seven Rivers had its usual hectic round of pre-Christmas activities. We held a coffee morning on a wet and windy day in November, but a large number of people turned up to bring and buy and try their luck with the raffles. The business in the O.T. room was very brisk, the takings being nearly £100. The Christmas cards made by the residents, with the help of Mr Girling and Mrs Last, were a very popular attraction, and realised £275 altogether. Friends of the Home gave concerts, parties and a carol service at which a large Christmas tree was decorated. By the time Christmas day arrived everyone was in a festive mood and ready to do justice to the excellent dinner cooked by Mrs Latter, who has been a member of the staff for many years and always makes Christmas dinner her special responsibility, ably assisted by Iris and John, two friends of the Home. In the evening gifts were distributed and residents were joined by staff and friends who sang and danced to the music of an electric organ.

To be always on the receiving end does not appeal to the residents of Seven Rivers, and once again they have sent their annual gift of one hundred and twenty pounds for the upkeep and education of a girl in the Bethlehem Cheshire Home, the girl Amal is now sixteen and training to be a teacher. A lot of hard work is needed to maintain this sum but it has never failed to reach Bethlehem in the past ten years, and we hope that Amal will one day be able to visit her friends in England.

A new and unusual resident has come to us recently in the shape of a thirty-year-old parrot, an african grey. She was rather snappy for the first few days but since she has been housed in a bright new cage she chatters and whistles incessantly and is a source of much amusement to all in the home.

## Staunton Harold Home

The launching of the 'Mudcat' at Staunton Harold. This is one of six American suction dredgers which are in this country. The lake has become so shallow that in summer the whole surface is covered in weed. Marsh grass and decaying vegetation make it a health hazard.

The lake is man made, was originally a fish pond and used to supply the house with fresh fish. Happily the Department of the Environment have agreed to bear 50% of the cost of the operation.



## St. BRIDGETS

Our Coffee Morning was a great success, nearly £360 was raised in under 2 hours. A Boutique took place a couple of weeks later – this too went off very well although it entailed a lot of hard work by friends. No sooner was this over than preparations started for Christmas, everyone had a great time and plenty was provided for everyone – including fun!

After Christmas we went to a Pantomime in Worthing – Dick Whittington. We all enjoyed it very much and felt very important occupying all the Boxes.

Some of the residents performed a shortened edition of Cinderella, which a number of friends and staff came to see. Two of our male residents were the ugly sisters and very fine women they made too! Everyone was in fits of laughter.

*Ann Pink*

## Dedicated to St. BRIDGET'S

All our lives are close entwined,  
And for some purpose are designed.  
The stitches curl and intersect  
Some giant picture to effect.  
Embroidered by some greater mind,  
Who uses for His thread, mankind.  
That on the canvas, we shall see  
The picture of man's destiny.

*Rhona Pinkney*

## Danybryn, Cardiff

For years the residents of Radyr fought to keep a public house out of the village, six miles north of Cardiff, but as the older inhabitants became outnumbered by the influx of new and younger families the attitude slowly changed and a few months ago saw the opening of the Radyr Arms.

There were still those who claimed it would never become part of the village but with one magnificent gesture, manager Mike Parker has spotlighted the importance of the village pub as a community centre where bright ideas for the benefit of all emerge from barside conversations.

Christmastide carol singing was arranged with the Radyr and District Choral Society under its conductor Councillor David Griffiths and in one hour a collection raised £112.

There was no difficulty in selecting a recipient for the money. Just around the corner is Danybryn, where a £70,000 extension has required a whole army of volunteer helpers to help keep pace with dwindling funds.

Now there is this new helping hand and at a quiet little ceremony in the bar of the Radyr Arms a cheque for £112 was handed over to the chairman of the Danybryn management committee, Mr Geoff Freedman.

And that is not the end of the story because the Radyr Arms Charity Committee has been formed and it is planning more events for the benefit of the community at large and charity in particular.

Councillor David Griffiths, conductor of the Radyr and District Choral Society writes out a cheque for £112 for Danybryn Cheshire Home. Looking on are Sheila Foley, Mr Geoff Freedman, chairman of the management committee and Tom Wyver.

## CHRISTMAS AT 'THE HILL' SANDBACH

We began our Christmas festivities with shopping outings in November, with an evening visit to the British Home Stores in Crewe, and to Lewis's Store in Hanley. On the 10th December we had a fantastic party given to us by the staff of Photopia Ltd., of Newcastle. This was followed on Christmas Eve by the annual dance in our Occupational Therapy room, organised by Cath Jones. The proceeds helped to swell our funds.

On Christmas Day the highlight was the Christmas lunch; Mr Lowe of the Management Committee opened several bottles of champagne, and the turkeys were carved by Mr Lea the husband of our President and Mr Joe Breeze, a part-time attendant. It was indeed a sumptuous feast.

Another great success was the annual party given by the Management Committee in January. During the evening our Chairman, Mr W. E. Lewis, presented long-service awards to several members of the Staff.

Our season's festivities ended on the 20th January with a visit to the Davenport Theatre at Stockport to see the pantomime 'Babes In The Wood'.

*E. Cross,  
Chairman Residents Committee*



## The Hertfordshire Cheshire Home

It is almost five years since the first resident 'stepped foot' in a fine new, purpose made building, and in those five years it has become a home in every sense of the word.

The festive season started with a Christmas Bazaar. On sale were toys, cards, items made in our workshop and an assortment of nearly new. This was followed in early December by the annual party given by the 'Walking Ladies' of Harpenden, as well as a superb buffet and an abundance of liquid refreshment (of the kind we all appreciate), it provided the opportunity of getting to know their husbands.

Besides their visits to help the chairbound 'walk' and exercise their limbs, in February, at an exhibition called 'Leisure and Pleasure', they ran a stall selling workshop products and made £85!!!

Our pantomime this year, was called 'Pantaloons' and was based on Little Jack Horner, Old Mother Hubbard etc.; it was very colourful and those who participated enjoyed it as much as the audience.

Just before Christmas we were visited by the landlord and a few of the regulars from 'The Rose & Crown', in the old Market Square, Hitchin. They brought with them some 'christmas goodies' and presented us with a cheque for £123.74. One of them played the piano, and we had a short 'sing-song' before they had to rush back to their thirsty customers. We enjoyed this chance to exercise our tonsils and heartily thanked them for their kindness and generosity.

Our good friends the Lions of Hitchin, have supported us well throughout the year, by holding social evenings in the home, by taking us on shopping trips and on various outings; also, four of us have joined The Dolphin Swimming Club for the Handicapped, and they take us to Stevenage swimming pool.

On two occasions this year, the Letchworth Round Table loaned us the community bus, for an outing to view The Shuttleworth Collection of vintage aircraft, cars, fire-engines etc., and an outing through the Hertfordshire countryside.

In August, we borrowed the Amptill Cheshire Home's bus, and ten of us went on a sightseeing trip to the City of London and Westminster.

On Sunday, 1st September, five of us went to the Burma Star Day display at Waterbeach Barracks, Cambridge. A few hours of sunshine, enabled the full air display to be completed including a breathtaking display by 'The Red Arrows' R.A.F. Aerobatics team and a display by 'The Falcons' R.A.F. free-fall parachute team. This year the Home's Open Day/Fete was held on

the 14th September. We couldn't have wished for better weather; our friends at Hawker Siddeley helped out with the organisation and the running of side-shows, and our guest was Mr Leonard Parkin of ITN's News at Ten fame.

## A VISIT TO MOSCOW

Four of us took off from Luton Airport one misty November morning. Our flight to Moscow had begun. The officials at Luton Airport were so kind and helpful loading Jean and me on to the plane and arranging for the stowing of our wheelchairs. It was a very comfortable flight and within seconds we were above the clouds in brilliant sunshine.

After an enjoyable mid-morning coffee, followed by a very substantial lunch, we settled down to enjoy the view from the windows and the wonderful scenery of the islands around the Baltic and Latvia. There were numerous lakes and rivers and many pine forests; three and a half hours later we were starting to land at Moscow airport.

We were taken off the aircraft, and after some confusion over passports and visas we were on our way from the airport to the centre of Moscow. With the first snow of the winter falling we made our way to the hotel.

None of us realised that our visit had coincided with the Revolution celebration. There were red banners and portraits of Lenin and his confederates everywhere. Our hotel was very modern and close to Red Square. This was convenient for reaching the Kremlin where we admired onion domes with the gold that shone beautifully in the stark cold sunlight. There were steps which barred Jean and I entering the Kremlin or St. Basil's Cathedral, but it was interesting waiting outside. Two wheelchairs seem to be quite a phenomenon to the Russian people.

We paid a visit to the Bolshoi Theatre where we saw a Cuban company before the Cuban Ambassador. Architecturally it was similar to Covent Garden.

There was some very attractive folk art in the hotel shops, but all goods were very expensive. There was always confusion, money-wise, in the hotel, and one never got the chance to speak to the local people. After the evening of the fourth day we were on our way back to the airport, but before I speak about the departure, just some details about the food. Personally I enjoyed the escape from frozen and pre-packed food. The ice-cream was made from pure cream and the sour milk at breakfast was quite refreshing to my palate. Naturally some of the fare was quite greasy, but with a hard winter ahead, the diet was very sensible.

Moscow itself, apart from the beautiful architecture in the Kremlin, was stark and the people somewhat drab. I noted the sadness on their faces. Sunday could have been any day of the week and the lack of freedom of worship and thought seemed very apparent.

The return to the airport allowed us the sight of some very picturesque Chekhov-style wooden houses. After more confusion over visas, etc., we boarded our plane for Luton. The warmth that greeted us at Luton airport was rather sad as I realised what a 'laissez-faire' life we live in the West.

When travelling abroad one gets the feeling that the world shrinks and God grows even larger in ones heart.

*Barbara Crisp*

The Hertfordshire Cheshire Home

## **Alne Hall**

The residents had an enjoyable Christmas with

many visitors bringing gifts of good cheer. Mr Noel B. Kay and his carol party were much appreciated and left their collection of £100 for the Home.

The residents are very pleased with the curtaining round the beds kindly provided by Mrs Davis of Easingwold and her friends. They are a wonderful help to the Home and their generosity is much appreciated.

With steeply rising costs the Friends of Alne Hall and the Appeals Committee are actively trying to keep the Home's Hon. Treasurer in good spirits! Mrs Husband and her helpers did excellent work in their SECOND-HAND SHOP, raising £1,000 in the ten days they were open. Mr Richard Wilson of Kodak Ltd., gave a colourful trip round the world in aid of the Home in the Rowntree Theatre and the Appeals Committee will be shaking a tin in a local supermarket and a bingo hall in the interests of the Home. Our Garden Party will be in the delightful grounds of Newburgh Priory (where Cromwell is buried!) on Saturday, 14th June and will be opened by Lord Feversham.



## Cotswold Cheshire Home

A feast of music heralded the Christmas Season when some of us heard a splendid rendering of the evergreen Messiah, a week afterwards others returned to the Town Hall again for yet another of the popular Carol Concerts. On the Saturday prior to Christmas some attended a Carol Service at Gloucester Cathedral when the music was played by a combined Youth Orchestra from many parts of the county, then the following day our nearby Christ Church held their service of Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight. Many choirs and parties came to the Home, and once again the young members of Christ Church Coffee House sang carols on Christmas Eve. All this was a springboard for the welcoming of Christmas Day and many of us attended our Churches for Mass and Holy Communion. Like other homes no stone was left unturned to

make our joy at Christmas complete. Our friend and Chairman of the Management Committee was present with his wife on Christmas morning together with the President of the Rotary Club, and many friends when we enjoyed champagne provided by Mr Threadingham our Chairman.

Our Cirencester Support Group, led by Mrs M. Robinson and Mrs C. Staite held a very successful "Evening with Arthur Negus" when 200 guests were invited by Countess Bathurst, the result of which added £600 to our Building Fund.

We thank our Matron for the lovely Twelfth Night Party given to the residents and staff. This was a super affair enjoyed by us all.

Our photograph, taken at a party, shows many of the guests, staff and residents (left to right) in wheelchairs, Fred Harding, Janie Williams and John Gill.

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## Greenhill House, Timsbury

### BANQUET and MUSIC

by ROYAL AIR FORCE COLERNE

#### OPENING OF A SPECIAL BAR FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS

The dining room at the Cheshire Home, Timsbury, was turned into a banqueting hall on the 12th December, '74, by Officers and men of the Royal Air Force, Colerne.

Silver from the R.A.F. Mess decorated the tables and the 42 guests including Mr Oakes the Warden and his wife Pamela, together with Residents and Staff sat down to a superb Christmas dinner and were serenaded by the R.A.F. Station Band during the meal.

All the food had been supplied and cooked by the R.A.F. who also provided the wine, and, talking of wine, the Home now has its own fully licensed bar – the first specially constructed bar to

be operated from a wheelchair in any Cheshire Home. It has been specially built by a Radstock firm for £500 which was donated by anonymous well-wishers. The bar will be run entirely by Major James Ibbs, a Resident at the Home – he is responsible for the operating of the bar, ordering stocks and keeping books, making it fully self supporting, and providing a service for his fellow Residents in the Home.

The bar was opened with due ceremony by the Commanding Officer of Royal Air Force Colerne, Group Captain G. M. G. Cooper – the first drink being served to him by James.

The R.A.F.'s gifts did not end with a dinner for during the evening Group Captain Cooper presented Mr Oakes with a £500 cheque to purchase a Kromayer ultra violet lamp which will relieve many Residents of considerable pain and discomfort.

An evening to remember . . .

*Chairman*



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# OVERSEAS

## NATAL

The residents of the Home had a very pleasant Christmas, having entertainments of all kinds. Reverend Mullair came to the Home with a group of people from the church, they sang Christmas Carols with the residents. Toc-H also visits the home from time to time, and give the residents and visitors an entertaining evening.

Matron has started an occupational therapy workshop for the residents and through this project they are kept busy, supervised by Paddy, and are all doing very well. The workshop is also earning well needed money for the Home.

We are also awaiting the arrival of a small printing press, which was kindly donated. This should be a prolific money earner for the Home.

Bernie is our secretary and he is doing a brilliant job, he is also a resident and has a battery operated chair which helps him to get around very well.

We had a visit from a Matron who was in charge of Cheshire Home at Hitchin. Some of the residents had a long conversation with her about some of the Homes in England.

Donald Flanders & Swan of T.V. fame came to the Home before Christmas and sang a few songs for us, such as the Hippo, I'm a Gnu plus many others. Then they had tea with us all.

*Paddy and Oscar*

## TRINIDAD

A photograph taken when coaches were handed over for the Trinidad and Mauritius Homes and the Ryder-Cheshire Centre, Raphael, by the Variety Club.

Those present were:

Burton Robins

Sir James Carreras MBE

Gp. Capt. G. L. Cheshire VC DSO DFC

Dr. R. Taylor-Smith (High Comm. for Sierra Leone)

Sir William Butlin MBE



## Roy puts his stamp on charity campaign

Entertainer Roy Castle was fast off the mark when he was first in the queue at Gerrards Cross Post Office for the first issue of special charity stamps.

Driving an ancient Rolls-Royce, lugging a huge Tyrolean horn and accompanied by several residents of the Chiltern Cheshire Home, of which he is a long-standing patron, Mr Castle arrived at the post office determined to get the new campaign off to a triumphant start.

The stamps are on sale at 6p, and will classify as first-class 4½p stamps for postage purposes, with the rest of the money going to a charity fund.

It is hoped that at least £400,000 will be raised by the campaign, to be divided between 11 charities.

The charity stamps will be on sale at philatelic bureaux until the end of the year. They will be indefinitely valid for postage.

Roy Castle lives in Gerrards Cross, not far from the Chiltern Cheshire Home. In his relationship with the home, including regular performances there as well as fund-raising efforts, it has never been quite clear whether he has adopted the residents or they him.



Roy Castle, comedian, musician, dancer and devoted supporter of the Gerrards Cross Chiltern Cheshire Home, gives the "Wagons Roll" signal as he sets off in a vintage Rolls-Royce for the Post Office and the first consignment of the new charity stamps through which it is hoped to raise at least £400,000 for 11 charities.

BELOW: There's nothing like blowing your own horn when you want to let the rest of the world know what you are up to. Roy Castle's efforts at the Gerrards Cross Post Office this week deafened the Chiltern Cheshire Home residents with him, so he is hopeful the rest of the area got the message about buying the new charity stamps.



# Looking at each other



*The Rev. F. J. Holley*

Isn't he lucky? To have such good health, interesting life, fascinating job, such ease and comfort. Really lucky. The grass so often looks so much greener on the other side of the fence and indeed and in fact may be so.

There certainly seems to be an element of chance, of luck in life. What is it but chance that controls whether a person be born in Birmingham, Edinburgh or London; in England or Australia; with black, yellow or white skin; a Christian, Moslem or Jew; well endowed mentally or physically; with a weak or strong constitution; having the opportunity of entering father's well established business or having to start from scratch? How much luck is involved!

On the sports field, how often luck operates; both good and bad in the near misses, the miskicks or even in injuries sustained. Yet, when injured on the soccer or rugger field, does anyone ever ask, 'Why has this happened to me?' or say, 'How unfair, what have I done to deserve this?' or think 'Why has God allowed this to happen to me?' We just say, 'What wretched bad luck!' Of course, there was disappointment at having to watch the game from the touchline, but this was accepted as the luck of the game. Let the sports field teach us to accept tumbles in the game of life in this spirit, as part of the luck of the game, rather than to seek out reasons as to why it should be me. 'Tis much sounder and saner.

There was once an old man who wrote his

recollections of life entitled, 'Ecclesiastes', in which he recounts his search for happiness, satisfaction and fulfilment. Of course, he discovers this element of chance as an ever present factor, yet he is driven by experience to a most rewarding conclusion about luck. 'The race', he found, 'is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of skill; but time and chance happened to them all.'

Time and chance. Life and the circumstances of life, good, bad, indifferent happen to them all, but the circumstances prevailing are not the controlling factors. If they were then it must follow that the race of life would always be won by the swiftest of foot, in the battle of life the strong would automatically triumph. That they do not is evidence that luck of circumstance is not the controlling factor. The human spirit's reaction to the circumstances is of supreme importance.

What a seemingly startling suggestion this old man is making—there is no difference between good and bad luck!

How utterly ridiculous! Seems so, until we recall the wretched mess some people make out of apparent good luck and what grand accomplishments have been achieved by those with what all the world terms bad luck. Of course. Life and its enjoyment depends more on the inner aptitude, gifts, spirit with which we face life than with the outward circumstances themselves.

On the radio one morning a man named Tom Skillen spoke a telling word on chance and luck. 'I've served as a regular soldier and I've run a stall in the Old Caledonian Market, but it was as a boy in my father's boot shop that I learned my first lessons from life. It was in those good old days when money was as plentiful as daisies in the desert. One afternoon a tubby little lady brought in her husband's boots for soling and heeling. Early next morning she panted back into the shop. "Started 'em yet?" she gasped. Dad answered, "No." "Thank goodness—only do the right one. He's been run over and might lose his left leg." She was gone, leaving father and I looking at each other in silence. I didn't know whether to laugh or to cry, eventually I stammered out a remark about "Hard luck." Father roared, "Hard luck—only miserable people talk about hard luck. Mr Jones still has one leg, Mrs Jones has saved the price of heeling and soling one boot and we have lost only half a customer. Count your blessings, lad, count your blessings".'

That's the spirit in which luck and chance serve instead of control us.

## A Happy Family

The 'Three Score Years and Ten' have passed, the  
allotted span is o'er,  
And I'm certainly not so nimble as I was in days  
of yore,  
In fact I'm almost helpless but it doesn't make  
me sad,  
I've had a varied sort of life and coped with good  
and bad.  
Without a sense of humour life could be dull and  
slow –  
But I'm happy that I have that sense – and my,  
how the years do go:  
I've had a muscular disease for more than fifty  
years,  
And though I've been frustrated I've not shed any  
tears –  
Because of my worsening physical state, it's a cross  
I've had to bear,  
Yet there are many far worse than I – with  
courage strong and rare:  
It's almost twenty years ago since I went to a  
Cheshire Home,  
I went to live in that lovely place where the  
'Piskies' are said to roam,  
Yes – the Home is in Cornwall – close beside the  
sea –  
And I very soon knew and told myself – yes, this  
is the place for me:  
Did I mention courage? well here was the place  
to see it,  
Some of my colleagues in that Home gave ample  
evidence of it,  
And all without ostentation or show of any kind,  
They made me feel so humble and brought me  
peace of mind;  
What had I to complain about? I'd much to be  
thankful for,  
I could still manage to walk a bit – and would for  
a year or more,  
But some friends in that Cheshire Home had  
never known a life of ease –  
From birth they had been disabled with some  
crippling disease,  
Yet in this happy atmosphere they had found  
comfort and peace –  
And to myself I oft muttered – 'May their  
happiness ne'er cease!'  
I am glad to be one of them in this grand  
community –  
Where comradeship was obvious in such a family;  
Our well revered – nay – loved, Founder, God  
bless him and his wife,  
Enabled us to be serene and calm, to come to  
grips with life;  
The Management Committee, the Matron and  
her Staff –  
Did all they could to help us, encouraged us to  
laugh –

At what at first looked doubtful, not what we  
would wish,  
Yet turned out to be just ideal to make things go  
with a swish.  
Alas – Old Father Time has taken toll of those  
friends I first met,  
Way back in nineteen fifty-six but whose  
memories I'll ne'er forget;  
There were twenty one residents at St. T's, when  
I first showed my face,  
Now there's but one of that number left in that  
lovely, friendly place,  
Fred Flowers has been at this Home since  
nineteen fifty-one,  
Perhaps he hopes for a pension, the 'Dear old son  
of a gun';  
There are three of us in other Homes – but  
scattered far apart –  
But I'm sure 'St. Teresa's is engraved upon each  
heart.

Cann House

L.H.

## The Thoughts of a Spastic

My thoughts in turmoil, don't you understand,  
Each word wants to express the thousand words,  
That would take me a life time to say.  
My arms want to enfold you,  
but my clumsy efforts only serve to make me  
look like some tentacular specimen.  
Trying desperately to clutch at the last sensation  
of warmth.  
My heart yearns for your love but pity is all  
I can see  
Written in those perceptive deep blue eyes,  
which are for me the shadow of my ugliness.  
These useless legs which desperately want to be  
the foundation of my strength,  
To give you security, but instead lie anchored like  
chains to the sea bed.  
But the strength of my love for you will overcome  
all,  
Please see me and read beyond this ugly frame  
to understanding and love.  
Please see me . . .

Frances Jones

## EQUIPMENT FOR THE DISABLED

### — change of responsibility

The National Fund for Research into Crippling Diseases pioneered the publication of Equipment for the Disabled in 1960 when the idea of providing simple aids to daily living for disabled people was still relatively new and there was very little information available. From 1960-1974 three editions were published; the first two were four-volume loose-leaf books and the third edition was a series of ten booklets. Now the Oxford Regional Health Authority, on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Security, has assumed responsibility for publishing subsequent editions. The compilation and editing of Equipment for the Disabled will continue to be carried out at Mary Marlborough Lodge.

Orders for the booklets should be sent to:

Equipment for the Disabled,  
2 Foredown Drive,  
Portslade,  
Sussex BN4 2BB.

Professional enquiries concerning equipment should be addressed to:

Equipment for the Disabled,  
Mary Marlborough Lodge,  
Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre,  
Headington,  
Oxford OX3 7LD.

## Problem Page

Readers were invited in the Winter issue to submit any problems they may wish to discuss in an 'Agony Column'. Difficulties and problems are often common to many and sharing them through these columns may be a means of helping others facing similar situations. 'A trouble shared is a trouble halved' may well apply, so if you feel up against it or wish to ventilate your feelings (anonymously if you so wish) here is your opportunity. The Counselling Service and a panel of experts is waiting and ready to help you.

## Wheelchairs

Gold Cross Hospital Supplies of Tipton, Staffs., have asked us to state that all Tan Sad-Allwin Chairs are now made by them.

## EXCHANGE HOLIDAYS

With reference to the note in parenthesis in our Winter issue regarding holiday exchanges with Overseas Homes we were very pleased to receive the welcome news from John Hilton a member of the Counselling Service that he has been actively investigating the possibility of small groups of residents from certain Cheshire Homes in the U.K. exchanging with Overseas Homes. At present contacts are being made with many Overseas Homes to see what facilities are available, and what possibilities exist for such a scheme. It is obvious that there are many difficulties and hurdles to be overcome but John feels confident that within the next year or two it will be possible to achieve at least a small step in the direction of closer links between Cheshire Homes wherever they may be. What better time to start than NOW.

## Deaths

*Cunningham:* on 15th October 1974, ROBERT CUNNINGHAM, age 62, resident at Alne Hall since 1966.

*Edwards:* On 15th December, 1974, NORMAN (REG) EDWARDS, age 66, resident at Cann House since 11th March, 1971

*Hoyle:* on 13th November, 1974, JOHN HOYLE, age 17, resident at Alne Hall since 1971.

## The Hill, Sandbach

The death occurred at Leighton Hospital, Crewe, on 4th February 1975, of Tom Dugdale, aged 63 years.

Tom was the first resident to be admitted to The Hill in September 1961 and he was known all over the world as 'The Radio Ham of the Cheshire Home'. The residents there and his very wide circle of 'Wireless Ham' friends miss him greatly, he can never be replaced.

A Memorial Service was held at The Hill on Sunday, 16th February, and was attended by his many friends from the Home and many parts of the U.K.

## BIRD WATCHING

One of our readers in Sussex has very kindly offered a pair of ZEISS 7/50 binoculars complete with telescopic stand, in perfect condition to a resident who is taking leadership in a Birdwatching enterprise as mentioned under the Film Review 'Not just a Spectator' in our Winter Issue. We shall be pleased to hear from anyone who is in a position to take up the offer.

# Mission for the Relief of Suffering

Registered in the U.K. as a Charity

**Founders Sue Ryder, O.B.E., Group Captain G. L. Cheshire, V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C., and Rev. Mother Teresa, M.C.**  
**President: Mrs Lakshmi Pandit.**

Out of the combined work of the Sue Ryder Foundations and the Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick there has evolved the concept of an association—or family—of separate and autonomous organisations, each devoted in its own way to the relief of suffering but all sharing the same ideals and principles. The function of this Mission is, on the one hand, to strengthen its member-organisations by virtue of making them part of some large entity, and, on the other hand, to extend their opportunity of doing good by the possibility of joint and concerted action. Application for membership from any charitable organisation is always welcome.

As one step towards this goal, the member Foundations have pooled some of their resources and experience in order to meet specific and urgent needs not falling within their respective terms of reference, and have set up the following:

## Raphael

P.O. Box 157, Dehra Dun, U.P., India.  
Under the personal supervision of Sue Ryder and Leonard Cheshire.

## Gabriel Rehabilitation Centre

Madras.  
A residential Training Centre for the disabled, including leprosy sufferers.

## 1 The Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick

Registered in accordance with the Charities Act 1960

The Cheshire Homes care for the incurably sick or permanently disabled—those for whom hospitals can do nothing further. They are run as homes, and offer the affection and freedom of ordinary family life, the residents being encouraged to take whatever part they can in the day-to-day running of the house and to develop their remaining talents. Disabled people are admitted according to need, irrespective of race, creed or social status.

The Management of each Home is vested in a Committee as representative as possible of the local community. The Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick (a registered charity) is the Central Trust, and has ultimate responsibility for all the Homes. It owns all the property, and acts as guarantor to the public that the individual Homes are properly managed in conformity with the general aims of the Foundation. Similar charitable Trusts have been established to control the Homes overseas.

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**Telegrams, Cheshome, London, W1**  
**Tel: 01-499 2665**

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## Homes Counselling Service

Office: Lod House, Lodsworth, Petworth, Sussex.  
Tel: Lodsworth 491.

*Counsellors:* Roy Billington and John Hilton.

## 2 Sue Ryder Foundation

Registered as a Charity Number 22229

**Sue Ryder Home, Cavendish, Suffolk CO10 8AY**

*Founder:* Sue Ryder, O.B.E.

*Chairman:* Mr H. N. Sporborg, C.M.G.

*Honorary Councillors:* Dr J. Apley, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P., J.P./Group Captain G. L. Cheshire, V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C./Miss E. B. Clarke, C.V.O., M.A., B.Litt. (Oxon), J.P./The Reverend Mother Hilary/Mr John Priest, J.P./Sue Ryder, O.B.E.

The Sue Ryder Foundation was established by Miss Ryder during the Post War years, after she had been doing relief work on the Continent. Its purpose was—and still is—the relief of suffering on a wide scale by means of personal service, helping the needy, sick and disabled everywhere, irrespective of age, race or religion and thus serving as a Living Memorial to all who underwent persecution or died in defence of human values, especially during the two World Wars. Sue Ryder Homes care for the sick and needy of all ages, including children, and principally for the incurably sick and disabled, the homeless and those others for whom the general hospitals can do no more and who have no suitable place to go.

There are Sue Ryder Homes/Hospitals in Britain and overseas.

## Special Services

Cheshire Homes wing for G.L.C. Flats: (care service only)  
Cheshire Estate, 30 Palace Road, Tulse Hill, London SW2.  
Tel: 01-671 2288

Cheshire Home with Residential Care Training Facilities: (in preparation).

Arnold House, 66 The Ridgeway, Enfield, Middx.  
Flats for couples, one of whom is disabled:

Robin House, St. John's Road, Hitchin, Herts.

Disabled Students accommodation:

Taylor House, 16 Osler Road, Headington, Oxford.

Training Centre:

Cheshire Foundation Service Corps, Study Centre,  
Le Court, Liss, Hants. Tel: Blackmoor 421

# Cheshire Homes in Britain

*Residents telephone numbers in brackets.*

## ENGLAND

### Bedfordshire

Amphill Park House, Ampthill MK45 2HH.  
Amphill 403247 (403173).

### Buckinghamshire

Chiltern Cheshire Home, 29 North Park, Gerrards Cross  
SL9 8JT. Gerrards Cross 86170 (84572).

### Cheshire

The Hill, Sandbach. Sandbach 2341 (2508).

### Cleveland

Marske Hall, Marske-by-the-Sea, Redcar, Cleveland  
TS11 6AA. Redcar 2672.

### Cornwall

St. Teresa's, Long Rock, Penzance. Marazion 710336  
(710365).

### Cumbria

Lake District Cheshire Home, Holehird, Windermere.  
Windermere 2500 (387).

### Derbyshire

Green Gables, Wingfield Road, Alfreton DE5 7AN.  
Alfreton 2422.

### Devon

Cann House, Tamerton Foliot, Plymouth. Plymouth 771742  
(772645).

Douglas House, Douglas Avenue, Brixham. Brixham 4787.

### Dorset

The Grange, 2 Mount Road, Parkstone, Poole.  
Parkstone 740188 (740272).

### Durham

Murray House, St. Cuthbert's Avenue, Blackhill, Consett  
DH8 0LT. Consett 4000 (2363).

### Essex

Seven Rivers, Great Bromley, Colchester. Colchester 230345  
(230463).

### Gloucester

Cotswold Cheshire Home, Overton Road, Cheltenham  
GL50 3BN. Cheltenham 52569.

### Hampshire

Appley Cliff, Popham Road, Shanklin, Isle of Wight.  
Shanklin 2193.

Le Court, Greatham, Liss. Blackmoor 364 (229).

### Hertfordshire

Hertfordshire Cheshire Home, St. John's Road, Hitchin.  
S94 9DD. Hitchin 52460 (52458).

### Kent

Mote House, Mote Park, Maidstone. Maidstone 37911  
(38417).

St. Cecilia's, Sundridge Avenue, Bromley BR1 2PZ.  
01-460 8377 (7179).

Seven Springs, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells.  
Tunbridge Wells 31138 and 33522 (20130).

### Lancashire

Honresfeld, Blackstone Edge Road, Littleborough.  
Littleborough 78627 (78065).

Oaklands, Dimples Lane, Barnacre-with-Bounds, near  
Garstang, Preston PR3 1UA. Garstang 2290 (3624).

Springwood House, Springwood Avenue, Liverpool  
L25 7UW. 051-427 7345 (5400).

### Leicestershire

Roecliffe Manor, Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough  
LE12 8TN. Woodhouse Eaves 890250.

Staunton Harold, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE6 5RT.  
Melbourne Derby 2571 (2387).

### Lincolnshire

Hovenden House, Fleet, Spalding PE12 8LP.  
Holbeach 23037 (23241).

### London

Athol House, 138 College Road, London S.E.19.  
01-670 3740 (6770).

### Norfolk

The Grove, East Carleton, Norwich NR14 8HR.  
Mulbarton 279.

### Northumberland

Matfen Hall, Matfen, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Stamfordham  
212 (383).

### Nottingham

Holme Lodge, Julian Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham  
NG2 5AQ. Nottingham 869002.

### Oxfordshire

Greenhill House, Twyford, Banbury. Adderbury 679 (667).  
John Masefield Cheshire Home, Burcot Brook, Burcot,  
Oxfordshire OX14 3DP. Oxford 340324 (340130).

### Somerset

Greenhill House, Timsbury, near Bath BA3 1ES.  
Timsbury 70533 (70866).

St. Michael's, Axbridge, Somerset. Axbridge 358 (204).

### South Humberside

Stonecroft House, Barnetby ND38 6YD. Barnetby 344 (699).

### Staffordshire

St. Anthony's, Stourbridge Road, Wolverhampton WV4 5NQ.  
Wombourne 3056 (2060).

### Surrey

Harts Leap Children's Home, Harts Leap Road, Sandhurst,  
near Camberley. Crowthorne 2599.

Hydon Hill, Clock Barn Lane, Hydon Heath, near Godalming.  
Hascombe 383.

### Sussex

Heatherley, Effingham Lane, Copthorne, Crawley RH10 3HS.  
Copthorne 712232 (712735).

St. Bridget's, The Street, East Preston, Littlehampton.  
Rustington 3988 (70755).

### Warwickshire

Greenacres, 39 Vesey Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands,  
B73 5NR. 021-354 7753 (7960).

### Wiltshire

Greathouse, Kington Langley, Chippenham.  
Kington Langley 235 (327).

### Yorkshire

Alne Hall, Alne, York YO6 2JA. Tolterton 295.

Beechwood, Bryan Road, Edgerton, Huddersfield HD2 2AH.  
Huddersfield 29626 (22813).

Champion House, Clara Drive, Calverley, Pudsey LS28 5PQ.  
Bradford 612459 (613642).

Kenmore, Whitcliffe Road, Cleckheaton BD19 3DR.  
Cleckheaton 2904 (2724).

Mickley Hall, Mickley Lane, Totley, Sheffield S17 4HE.  
Sheffield 367936 (365709).

Spofforth Hall, Harrogate HG3 1BX. Spofforth 284 (287)

White Windows, Sowerby Bridge, Halifax HX6 1BH.  
Halifax 31981 (32173).

## SCOTLAND

### Dumfries

Carnsalloch House, Dumfries. Dumfries 4924.

### Edinburgh

Mayfield House, East Trinity Road, Edinburgh EH5 3PT.  
031-552 2037 (4157).

## WALES

### Clwyd

Dolywern, Pontfadog, Llangollen. Glynceiriog 303.  
Eithinog, Old Highway, Upper Colwyn Bay LL28 5YA.  
Colwyn Bay 2404 (30047).

### Dyfed

Coomb, Llangynog, Carmarthen. Llanstephan 292 (310).

### Gwent

Llanhennock Cheshire Home, Llanhennock, near Caerleon  
NP6 1LT. Caerleon 420045 (420676).

### South Glamorgan

Danybryn, Radyr, Cardiff CF4 8XA. Radyr 842237 (842235).

## HOMES FOR PSYCHIATRIC AFTER-CARE

### London

Miraflores, 150-154 Worple Road, Wimbledon, S.W.20.  
01-946 5058.  
Gaywood, 30 The Downs, Wimbledon S.W.20. 01-946 9493.  
Nicholas House, 3 Old Nichol Street, Bethnal Green E.2.  
01-739 5165 (9298).

## MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

### Cheshire

The Green, Christleton, near Chester. Chester 35503.

### Dorset

Fairfield House, Lyme Regis. Lyme Regis 2487.  
Hawthorn Lodge, Hawthorn Road, Dorchester.  
Dorchester 3403.

## Irish Homes

Ardeen, Shillelagh, Co. Wicklow, Eire.  
Rathfredagh House Cheshire Home, Newcastle West,  
Co. Limerick, Eire.  
St Lawrence Cheshire Home, Lota Park, Cork, Eire.  
St Patricks Cheshire Home, Tullow, Co. Carlow, Eire.  
Cara Cheshire Home, Phoenix Park, DUBLIN 20.  
The Barrett Cheshire Home, 21 Herbert Street, DUBLIN.  
The O'Dwyer Cheshire Home, Bohola, Co. Mayo.

## Cheshire Homes Overseas

Secretary, 5 Market Mews, London W1Y 8HP.  
Tel. 01-499 2267

### Argentina

Hogares Cheshire para Lisiados Casilla de Correo 896,  
BUENOS AIRES

### Brazil

The Cheshire Home, Rua 7 de Abril 252, 12, SAO PAULO

### Canada

Belleville Cheshire Home, 246 John Street,  
BELLEVILLE, Ont.  
McLeod Home, 11 Lowther Avenue, TORONTO  
Ashby\*, Bloorview\*, Clarendon\*, North York\*, Oshawa\*,  
Port Sydney\*, Saskatoon\* and Vancouver\*

### Chile

Hogares Fundacion Cheshire de la Esperanza, Casilla 3337,  
SANTIAGO  
Hogares Cheshire Home, Casilla 74, CONCEPCION

### Ethiopia

The Cheshire Home, PO Box 3427, ADDIS ABABA (C)  
The Cheshire Clinic, PO Box 1383, ASMARA (C)  
The Cheshire Home, PO Box 18, SHASHAMANE  
Makalle\*

### France

Dijon\*

### Guyana

The Cheshire Home for Spastic Children, Mahaica Hospital,  
E. C. DEMARARA (C)

### Hong Kong

The Cheshire Home, Chung Hom Kok, PO 15061,  
NR. STANLEY

### India

The Cheshire Home, H. A. L. Road, BANGALORE 17  
The Cheshire Home, Opp. Buddhev Colony, Kareli Baug,  
BARODA  
Bethlehem House, Mahakali Caves Road, Andheri,  
BOMBAY 69  
The Cheshire Home, (Asansol) Dt. Burdwan, BURNPUR,  
W. Bengal

Serampore Cheshire Home, c/o Jardine Henderson Ltd.,  
4 Clive Row, CALCUTTA 1

Tollygunge Cheshire Home, Tollygunge, CALCUTTA  
Cheshire Home, Choolakkaparambil Road, Compara,  
COCHIN 18

Cheshire Home, Sowripalayam Road, COIMBATORE.  
641028

"Anbu Nilayam", The Cheshire Home, COVELONG,  
Chingleput Dt.

Govind Bhavan Cheshire Home, 16 Pritam Road, DEHRA  
DUN

Rustomji P. Patel Cheshire Home, c/o Telco Ltd.,  
JAMSHEDPUR

"Vishranti Illam" Cheshire Home, KATPADI Township,  
Vellore 632006, N.A.Dt.

The Cheshire Home, Madar Home, MADURAI 2, S. India  
The Cheshire Home, Towers Lane, Kankanady,  
MANGALORE 2

The Cheshire Home, Balamore Road, NAGERCOIL 629001  
Delhi Cheshire Home, c/o C-1/33 Safdarjang Dev. Area,  
NEW DELHI 16

Meathmarg Cheshire Home, PO Box 10, RANCHI  
Lucknow\*

### Indonesia

Djakarta\*

### Israel

Cheshire Home for Physically Handicapped Children,  
PO Box 100, BETHLEHEM

### Kenya

Cheshire St. Vincent Home, PO 325, LIMURU, Nairobi

### Malaysia

Cheshire Home Johore, Jalan Larkin, JOHORE BAHRU  
Cheshire Home, PO Box 1267, KUCHING, Sarawak  
Rumah Amal Cheshire Selangor, PO Box 2111,  
KUALA LUMPUR

### Mauritius

Cheshire Home, Tamarin, FLOREAL

### Morocco

Foyer Koutoubia, Parvis de la Koutoubia, MARRAKECH (C)  
Dar el Hanaa, 3 Place des Aloes, Marshan, TANGIER (C)

### Nigeria

Cheshire Home Enugu, 1 Adelaba Street, ENUGU (C)  
Oluyole Cheshire Home, PO Box 1425, IBADAN (C)  
Cheshire Home Lagos, 91 Agege Road, Mushin, LAGOS  
State (C)  
Cheshire Home Orlu, Ubulu-Theojiofor, ORLU, E.C.S. (C)  
Cheshire Home, PO Box 365, Churchill Road,  
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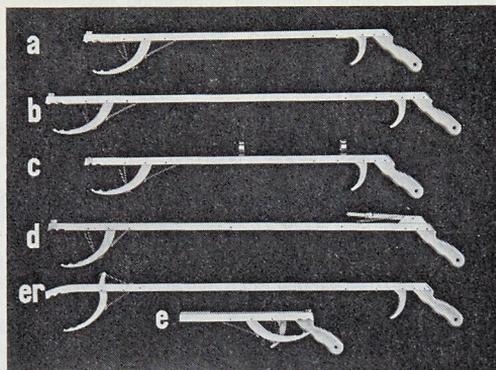
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