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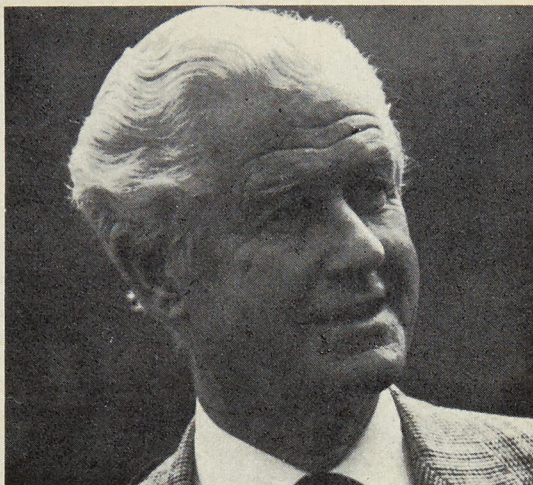
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Covelong, India, by J. B. of Greenacres.



The Chairman's Page



Once again I am writing this on a return from a long tour of Overseas Homes, which included the Conference of the Far East Region; and once again I feel much encouraged and warmed by what I saw and heard.

Our Far East Region now covers an enormous area ranging from Thailand to Indonesia to Papua New Guinea and on to Japan. In such an area there are bound to be wide variations in the Homes, about which we need feel no concern because as you all know the individual characteristics of a Home, for example its size and the type of people who receive care, are part of the unique nature of the work in which we are all involved. Some of the countries such as Hong Kong and Japan are reasonably affluent and this is reflected in the type of Homes built or planned. Others have far smaller resources and the material standards of the Homes are inevitably lower.

I say material; but it is the spirit that matters and about this I nowhere found any cause for concern. Quite the reverse. Even in the poorest environments, I encountered everywhere a wonderful determination to achieve the aims and objectives of the Cheshire Foundation. Indeed in these poorer areas one perhaps derives the greatest encouragement from witnessing the determination of local people to look after their own, in surroundings that are at least as good as those available to the fit and able members of local communities.

Perhaps we, in so-called developed countries, tend to be a little patronising to less sophisticated peoples. As far as Cheshire Homes are concerned we would have little justification for being so. When it comes to such matters as economic self-sufficiency; the appreciation of the need to encourage handicapped people to play a full, constructive and often profitable part in society; the provision of day-centres and family support; and the understanding of the problems of the physically disabled and the best way to resolve them as a part of communal life, we have little to teach the nations of South East Asia. In many ways, we have indeed much to learn from them.

Above all, I returned with a profound feeling of fellowship and of a desire among our friends in that area to share with us the experience and understanding of the problems that face us all. Next year, the United Nations Year of the Disabled Person, should surely give us all a unique opportunity to develop and build on that shared enthusiasm.

Sincerely

Christopher Farquhar

Chairman

Under Royal Patronage

It is now over 32 years since the first Cheshire Home was opened at Le Court with the admission of Arthur Dyke whose name will never be forgotten while the Leonard Cheshire Foundation remains, and today more and more Homes continue to be opened at what seems to be an ever increasing pace, not only in the U.K. but throughout the free world, so that there are now more than 180 Homes either established or in course of being opened in 39 countries.

And while all who are in any way associated with the Foundation and the great work started by Leonard Cheshire so many years ago, must feel a sense of pride, the announcement made on 14th February from Buckingham Palace that Her Majesty the Queen had so graciously been pleased to grant her Royal Patronage to the Foundation must have come as the proudest moment in its whole history.

Welcoming the news, our Founder, Leonard Cheshire himself said "this is a happy day indeed for all of us in the Foundation. In particular it will bring great encouragement to our disabled residents, and through them, I would like to think, to many other disabled people too".

The great interest and concern Her Majesty takes in the well-being and happiness of all her subjects, and indeed in people of every race and creed throughout the world is well known and universally recognised.

How much more are we, who are privileged to be British and to live in the U.K. together with those who are members of the British Commonwealth of Nations, aware of our Queen's deep understanding, sympathy and feeling for all those who suffer from any physical illness, disability or mental handicap. Her Royal Patronage will give a tremendous boost and prove a great inspiration as well as encouragement not only to all residents and the Trustees, but to all voluntary workers and everyone who is in any way associated with the work of the Foundation wherever in the world they may be.

The letter from Bob Hughes of the Cotswold Home to Her Majesty on behalf of the residents is reprinted on another page of this issue.

Writing this column as I am in early Spring, I am reminded of that day nearly 35 years ago when the Group Captain as an official observer of the Royal Air Force witnessed that atomic blast as it took place over Nagasaki on that August morning in 1945. Without doubt that day was a turning point in world history. One's mind boggles as one thinks and wonders what state the world would have been in today had it not been for such men as he, and those who, 5 years earlier were instrumental in saving England from the would-be Nazi invaders. It is well for us to remember, and to remind those generations who were then unborn, of Sir Winston Churchill's famous words "Never in the history of human conflict, have so many owed so much to so few" and so we continue to salute them, not only for what they did then, but for what so many of them have continued to do since.

We are proud that Sir Christopher can be numbered among them.

Mention of "battles" and "struggles" continue to appear in our correspondence and other columns from residents and members of U.P.I.A.S., for whom we have the highest regard and respect, but might we suggest that some recognition, some acknowledgment be given and would not come amiss, to our Founder, who surely is the most selfless of all people, as well as to the Trustees and many Management Committees who without any pressure from outside have over the years, given every encouragement and opportunity to disabled residents and to disabled people in the community, to serve and take an active part in the setting up and management of Cheshire Homes, both in committee and in an advisory capacity at every possible turn.

The art and skill of management cannot follow any strictly predetermined course. There must be discussion as to the rights and wrongs of all decisions, and residents, of all people, should be encouraged to express their views on all matters and realise that it is their voice and their opinions that are waiting to be heard. All too often, so it would appear, residents on Management Committees take as their main role the putting forward of complaints and grievances of residents, instead of entering fully and positively into every aspect of the management of their Home.

The model constitution for Management and other committees recommended by the Trustees makes provision for resident participation at all levels, and it is for all who have any responsibility at all in these matters to ensure that the recommendations are implemented. The running of any Home is a combined operation involving residents, staff and perhaps, least of all, the Management Committee, but it needs all the support, goodwill and backing it can obtain from every direction. We would suggest that the time has now come to forget the "battling" and the "struggling", and to concentrate all our efforts on co-operation.

The examples being set and the efforts being made in some of the Overseas Homes reported in this issue make interesting reading, give much food for thought and possibly present us with a challenge. Many Homes, not only in the U.K., would do well to emulate some of the ideas put forward, and we at THE SMILE look forward to receiving more such stimulating accounts of what is happening, and the part residents play in Homes throughout the Foundation.

But as this is your magazine, we can only print what you submit for publication and so please do send us articles and accounts of particular, as well as general, interest so that we shall not only enjoy reading them, but derive benefit from them as well.

We look forward to hearing from you.

R.E.L.

A Tribute

Sir Ludwig Guttman, CBE, FRS, FRCP, FRCS

The death of Sir Ludwig Guttman sees the end of a unique era which has given to those disabled by Spinal Injuries the expectation of life previously denied to them and the chance to realise their hopes and ambitions. Few men have pursued their objectives and desire to help others with such single mindedness and dedication and even fewer leave behind them more living memorials and continuing tributes to their work.

Ludwig Guttman was a benevolent dictator – a man who set himself impossible standards and expected similar standards both of those who worked with him and those for whom he worked. Few had suffered more of the 'hard knocks' of this world. At the age of 40 when he could have been expecting to move into comfortable middle age his home country had nothing to offer him and Britain was fortunate that his misfortune brought his brilliance and his drive to Britain to start a new career.

Behind the forbidding exterior there was a warmth – at times almost a fallibility – which endeared him and inspired those who knew him. He was a man of many facets always revealing an unknown side to himself. A whistle stop tour of East Africa took him to visit hospitals, aid centres, game parks, palm-lined beaches, mango groves, peasant villages with banana gardens and vast commercial plantations of coconut palms, sisal plants and row upon row of pineapples. He finished his tour by addressing a medical conference in Addis Ababa at which he deplored the lack of spinal injury units in the continent and begged that lack of funds did not prevent their development. Enthusiasm and the wish to start units was all that was needed for he had been appalled by the spinal injuries he had seen in Zanzibar.



He answered questions for a long hot afternoon with a band outside practising for a visit by the Emperor which seemed to strike up the Ethiopian national anthem every time he stood up. He revelled in a ridiculous situation and sent everyone away determined that Spinal Injuries Units would be started and they were.

The effect of his work in Britain has been incredible; overseas his influence has perhaps been even greater. Twelve months ago he opened the Ludwig Guttman Institute in Tel Aviv surrounded by supporters of the Institute who had flown out from Britain to be present. It was a moving occasion and in the religious parts of the day you saw a Ludwig rarely seen; but as soon as the formalities were over he was round the building talking, encouraging, demonstrating and inspiring those who were to work there.

We must be grateful for that enthusiasm which he applied in so many areas and which saw Stoke Mandeville develop from one small ward unit with a worldwide reputation which has trained experts to take his techniques to the whole world. We know that his work will be carried on by others and that, even when memories of that brusque ball of energy dim, his name will remain as part of those institutions which continue his work and in which his dedication and effort will be remembered and will inspire for many generations to come.

Ack. Radar Bulletin

Over the years there must have been hundreds of residents from Cheshire Homes in the U.K. and throughout the world who through the work of Sir Ludwig found new hope and a new meaning to life after going to the Spine Injuries Unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

They will have benefitted enormously both physically and mentally from his tremendous dedication and inspiration and from the strength of his personality.

The Unit he was instrumental in setting up must be seen and acknowledged as one of the most influential and successful 'nerve centres' in the world for the treatment of spinal injuries. With his death, the pioneering work begun by him and which has grown with such outstanding success, can only continue to grow and to bring renewed hope, encouragement and prospects to anyone suffering from an accident or injury to the spine.

R.E.L.

Paul Hunt

A Tribute from U.P.I.A.S.

Paul Hunt, a founder member of the Union of the Physically Impaired Against Segregation, died on 12th July, 1979, at the age of 42. Paul's sudden death has not only been a great personal loss to his family, to the members of the Union, and to his many other friends, but it is also a significant loss to all physically impaired people who struggle to improve their conditions of life by integration into the mainstream of society. In his life and work, Paul consistently fought against all forms of oppressive relations, and he devoted a major part of his efforts to improving the conditions of life of physically impaired people. To our organised struggles he made a contribution that was characteristically dynamic, determined, selfless and courageous in its content and practice.

This powerful and radical contribution to organised struggle, made consistently throughout his life, placed Paul in a position of leadership over the past two decades. From the work that he did, he came to hold an unshakable conviction that full integration for physically impaired people into normal housing, employment, education, mobility, etc., had become socially and technologically possible, and was therefore a realistic goal for which physically impaired people had actively to strive. The strength of his views, and of his principle approach to the issue of "disability", became well

known to those who were active in the growing movement of physically impaired people against disablement by forms of social organisation which needlessly exclude them from normal participation and consign them to "special" segregated facilities.

Paul believed fundamentally in the principle that people should have control over their own lives and that, in contemporary society, this control should not be denied to anyone, including those who need particular kinds of technological or personal help because of physical impairments. At Le Court, despite any fears of intimidation, Paul was over a considerable period of time a trusted leader and outspoken participant in the eventually successful struggles of residents for representation on controlling committees and for a much greater voice in running their own Home and their own affairs.

In 1970, Paul married and left Le Court to live in the community and work as a computer programmer. His wife, Judy, shared Paul's convictions, and with her support his dedication to the cause of full integration never wavered, but if anything became even more urgent when other demands were made on his time and severely limited energies. He never forgot the struggles of physically impaired people who remained segregated and isolated in institutions of all kinds, and the focus of his work was consistently to encourage and support those who are most oppressed by their exclusion from normal society.

For some twenty years, then, Paul Hunt was at the forefront of our struggle. He consistently opposed the intimidation of physically impaired people by established authorities and noble patrons, etc., who control our lives and claim to speak with our voice. He strove always, and often at personal cost, for the concrete application of the lessons that he learnt in struggle, and the principles that he developed, for the benefit of the mass of physically impaired people. His natural hatred of oppression and its attendant suffering, for example, led him to an increasingly conscious struggle towards its root causes in our particular society. He also came to understand the fundamental need for the mass of physically impaired people to unite and organise ourselves to put forward our own agreed views as a group and in support of each other. To that end, Paul was determined that we should have an independent and democratic organisation of our own which could campaign against all segregated facilities and institutions, and give support to such struggles as followed this aim. It was through Paul's initiative in 1973 that the organisation which eventually became known as U.P.I.A.S. was formed; and in the six years of struggle that remained to him,; Paul's strength, humanity, experience and abilities made a major contribution to the organisational and ideological character of the Union, as well as being a profound influence and source of strength for all of us with whom he joined in struggle.

No brief obituary can pay full tribute to the contribution Paul Hunt has made to the organised struggle of physically impaired people in the United Kingdom. Such a tribute can only come when a complete and honest history is written about our struggles for emancipation. It will look to the struggles of physically impaired people themselves, and in this light Paul Hunt will certainly be recognised as the figure of leading significance in his time.

January, 1980



LE COURT PRESENTS A CHALLENGE

Video 'star' tells how technology set him free

The showing of the video programme, "I've Got Wheels", was given at a special evening prepared through the West Surrey College of Art and Design and the Le Court Cheshire Home at Liss.

A mixed gathering of Le Court residents and friends and various other people at the art college were welcomed by Mr Arthur Evans, the head of television, who said that the art school was at its best when working with the community and on this particular occasion, Le Court had presented them with a challenge.

That they succeeded in meeting the challenge was clearly seen. A graduating third-year student Nick Dance and Le Court disabled resident and movie-maker Brian Line worked well together in producing a programme (videod, since filming was cost prohibitive).

They had extensive and strenuous support of the college's staff and student talent, and use of the equipment. As Mr Evans said, "We stretched resources at the college to the limit".

He spread the credit for the result widely, but especially mentioned Nick and the remarkable Brian, who was one of the members of the thriving Le Court film unit until its disbandment.

This unit had started with an all-disabled team; Brian remains the only member who has continued to make films, achieved with the help of able-bodied people.

Visitors to the college for the video programme review first saw material about the old film unit. Presented by radio and television personality Robert Robinson, this looked at the disabled film-making team and their work, and continuity was provided through an interview involving Brian Line and Robert Robinson, on the balcony of Brian's Le Court accommodation.

Subsequently, planning and scripting began for "I've Got Wheels" (formerly "I Had a Dream", which Brian Line saw as a disabled person's hopes for independence). Originally intended as a film production, costs precluded this, and the video programme went ahead, and Nick recently saw the completion of the project following two years of work.

"It was a great pleasure working with Brian," Nick said after the preview. "And a very valuable experience."

Chair Production

We see the development of the battery-operated wheelchair at a factory in Alton, and "I've Got Wheels" then goes on to demonstrate with an economy of words and film the fact that insufficient thought is given to access for disabled people.

Joe guides us through the Basingstoke shopping area and says that whereas he would go unnoticed if someone was pushing his former chair, with this new-found independence, everyone sees him – and they actually talk to him! And he can avoid having a wheelchair hit the ankles of people walking in front, a common problem when being pushed. The electrically-operated chair works at a touch of a lever – at whatever speed he chooses.

As Joe said in the script, where the disabled were once shut away from society, today they are becoming more and more independent and facilities will have to be provided.

Eating places will not be able to go on making excuses about the difficulties of moving furniture and so on; councils will have to provide suitable toilet facilities; and the best of all the independent motor van-and-ramp ideas could well be put together and a standard, ideal van produced to allow a disabled person even greater mobility, in getting in and out of a vehicle.

Mr. Richard Killinger, welcomed the film-makers and Joe to his Rex cinema at Haslemere, making provision for the wheelchair at the back of the stalls. Of course, cinemas are just one more public place where access is a problem for wheelchair victims.

The video preview evening concluded with a buffet, the superb catering arranged by a relative of Brian Line. The pleasant wine toasted the clear success and enormous satisfaction experienced by all concerned with the undertaking. The video programme will be invaluable in spreading the word about demands of the disabled – the very basic demands of compassion, understanding and help.

R.R.

Ack. The East Hampshire Post

Brian writes:

Video Production – "I've Got Wheels"

As you know I have always been interested in filming. I have been trying to make another movie, which I have entitled "I've Got Wheels". This time it is about access and power chairs, and at long last I have succeeded in doing this through the medium of video.

It is a programme illustrating how, if given the correct environment and equipment, a disabled person can gain access and freedom in society. It shows the manufacture of a power wheelchair and explores the advantages of access in a shopping precinct.

Other films made by the Unit available from Le Court are as follows at the prices quoted:-

Challenge	£5.20
Living Proof	£5.20
No Limit	£4.80
Words Without Hands	£4.80
Maybe Today	£4.80

should anybody be interested in hiring them.

Patrick Jenkin Decries Centralism

"People aren't animals in a Zoo waiting to be fed"

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, addressing an audience of nearly 5,500 delegates to the Rotary International Conference at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, called for less State interference and more individual and community spirit.

He told the Conference: "Throughout this century and particularly since the last war, there has been an almost unbroken trend to increasing centralism and sheer bigness, not only in Government but in business, in trade unionism and in other aspects of our national life.

"Organisations, structures, authorities and powers seem to count for more and more, while the importance of the individual counts for less and less.

"If people do not feel that they matter, then they will cease to care. They will feel little sense of responsibility to their employer, their community, or even to their nation.

"If people are led to believe that the State is the universal provider, then it is to the State that they will turn to satisfy their needs. But of course the State is incapable of providing for everybody's needs, and when it tries the result is a crisis of public expenditure, crippling taxation and a stifling bureaucracy.

"I reject the view of society which sees the majority of people as waiting helplessly without initiative and without generosity for some State service to come along and provide for their needs. People are not just animals in the zoo waiting to be fed.

"If we ignore or under-value or frustrate the spirit which motivates individual men and women to aspire, we shall create a poverty in our national life for which no amount of benign, well meant public services could ever begin to compensate.

"Yet, the demands of our people for health care, the growing numbers of the elderly, the need to do more to support the disabled and those struggling to bring up families single handed throw great strain on our public services. It is here that the voluntary sector is vital if we are to be a caring society."

Around the Homes

MARSKÉ HALL WELCOMES SISTER VALERIANA and says: Please Come Again Soon!

Everyone at the Home fell in love with a delightful lady who dropped in on us, right out of the blue, a few weeks ago.

She was Sister Valeriana Baerts, a Belgian nun and nurse who has been working in the Philippines for more than 20 years, first among the lepers, then in hospitals, and finally as a founder of a group of tiny Cheshire Homes, which have brought help and hope to some of the country's badly disabled children.

It is these very modest homes, some of them little better than the outhouses in our grounds, that the residents of Marske Hall decided to support nearly two years ago and to which they send the collections taken at our Sunday services and at various concerts held jointly with the Marske Methodist Guild.

Since then, thanks to Sister Valeriana's letters, we have come to know a little of the stupendous task facing these homes, carrying on in dire poverty, with no staff and no government aid, dependent for their food on the residents' own efforts and skills. They even make wheelchairs.

Reading about such things was an eye-opener, but they really came to life when Sister Valeriana talked about them and showed us her slides. One outstanding fact is that, out there, multiple sclerosis is no threat. Polio is the main scourge, followed by tuberculosis of the spine. But, at last, more education and training are beginning to take some of the hopelessness out of life.

Sister Valeriana (on a working holiday with polio immunisation much in mind) had travelled from Belgium to London, and announced at the Cheshire Foundation's headquarters that she wanted to come to Marske. It was all so sudden, and her time here was so short; yet she left an indelible impression behind her.

And perhaps our world grew just a little smaller.

Little Extras mean so much at Alne Hall

Here at Alne Hall we feel we are very fortunate to have started the eighties in such a happy way. Those little things I have mentioned include, installing a portable telephone and opening our tuck shop. It makes such a difference for Residents to talk to their families and friends from the privacy of their own bedrooms. We also have a head phone for those of us unable to hold the telephone. This was a gift from The Lions Club of Easingwold along with the portable telephone.

Holidays are uppermost in our minds at present and take us all over the country.

Jean and David Dunn

Annual Raffle in aid of the Foundation. Your Home Can Benefit

Mr S. Richmond of "the 14 Committee" is again organising a Raffle in aid of the Foundation, and individual Homes, as he did last year.

The tickets will sell at 10p, from which 9p will be allocated to your Home and the balance held to cover overall expenses.

"The 14 Committee" hopes that as many Homes as possible will participate.



Bumper Christmas Present for the Chiltern Home

A quick sleight of hand and Father Christmas (alias show-biz personality Roy Castle) produces a £2,000 cheque from MD Bill Darr's pocket and swiftly passes it to a trustee of the Cheshire Home Foundation. The Christmas presentation, at the Cheshire Home in Gerrards Cross, was the second phase of the Roy Castle Wrap Promotion which featured a coupon offering 10p off the next purchase. For each coupon redemption, Alcan Polyfoil donated 5p to the Cheshire Home.

Last April, Bill Darr started the ball rolling with a £2,000 donation and another £2,000 was handed over in December. Although the coupon offer ended in November, redemptions are still coming in, so there may be a third donation to the Home.

Says Wrap Product Manager, Andy Harris "This has been our most successful promotion ever. We obviously have a winning formula which we could do well to repeat."

The money will go towards buying a £15,000 ambulance bus to replace the battered one the Home uses at present.

About the Home

It was in the 1960's the Amersham Round Table suggested to the Cheshire Foundation Headquarters that a Home was needed in the Chiltern area. They were particularly concerned about the plight of a young patient in the geriatric ward of Amersham Hospital. He became the first resident at the Home in Gerrards Cross when it was built in 1968 – and he is still there today. Now the Home can provide accommodation for twenty-one physically disabled.

"Adopt" a Resident?

Shirley Hughes who runs the Home, says the main problem is the danger that residents will become "institutionalised". Some enjoy swimming, trips to the cinema, meals at restaurants and other excursions but others – often the least disabled – were reluctant to leave the protection of the Home. They considered there was little to look forward to each day – the same routine. "We want to improve their quality of life here. This is their home for life or for as long as they want it," says Shirley.

She believes the cure for these people lies outside the Home. She advocates a campaign to "Adopt a Cheshire Home Resident" – encouraging members of the local community to share interests, take residents out or become pen-pals. "There is nothing like knowing that someone has come to the Home especially to visit you," she says.



Larry Grayson enjoying himself at Greenhill House.
(Ack. Banbury Guardian)

Larry Grayson visits Greenhill House

In our efforts to get Greenhill House on the map and widen public support in preparation for the appeals that will be launched in the future for our much needed extension and modernisation programme, 'Generation Games's' famous Larry Grayson kindly accepted our invitation to attend our Open Day held last September.

Larry rolled up the drive in his gleaming white Rolls Royce, number plate LG3, with his Aunt Wyn and her daughter. He delighted the crowd with his charm and humour, conducted the band for a time and signed over 400 photographs, and promised to come again.

Guided tours of the Home proved extremely interesting, especially to those who had not known of its existence previously and it was obvious that we had not been giving our Home enough publicity. However, it is a mistake which we must rectify if we are to have the kind of home we want.

Although the Open Day was not organised primarily to raise funds, we did take about £350.

Peter H. Reynolds

Holiday at Oxford An Invitation

Taylor House, Hostel for Disabled Students at Oxford still has a vacancy for a holiday booking in July. Fee: £80 per week. People not in receipt of grants should let us know what would be the maximum they could afford as we may be able to meet them half-way. The charge for an escort is £15 per week, provided they undertake any necessary night attention and help with the care of the disabled guest. We do not undertake night attention during the holiday period. We are best suited to the young or young in spirit.

Please contact the Warden at Taylor House, Osler Road, Headington, Oxford.

A LOAD OF RUBBISH

Your Home could earn cash from trash

Here's How

"Rubbish Tips" is a new film aimed at helping voluntary organisations to collect waste materials for recycling. The film, which stars Ronnie Barker, as a "Director of Rubbish", as made for the National Anti-Waste Programme. It shows the intending collector of waste materials how – and how not – to go about it.

The fact that there are hundreds of local voluntary organisations in Great Britain collecting waste proves that it can be very rewarding – both for the collectors and for the charities they support.

But sheer enthusiasm is not enough, and in "Rubbish Tips" Ronnie Barker uses the old "silent movie" technique liberally spiced with comments in his own inimitable fashion – to show how a certain amount of forethought and organisation can help the intending collector avoid some of the pitfalls. Despite the humorous treatment, he is able to demonstrate at the end the real success which so many collection groups have achieved.

The film, which runs for 11 minutes, is available on free loan, together with a copy of the National Anti-Waste Programme's booklet "A Guide to Voluntary Waste Collection" from Central Film Library, Bromyard Avenue, Acton, London W3 7JB; Scottish Central Film Library, 74 Victoria Crescent Road, Glasgow G12 9JN; or Welsh Office Film Library, Welsh Office, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3NQ.



Dennis and Monica at home after their wedding.

Wedding Bells in the Cotswolds

Saturday, February 23rd, was a happy day for us, when we celebrated the wedding of Dennis Hern, one of our residents. The smiling bride was Monica Langford, a resident of a Home at Leamington Spa.

Dennis had spared no effort to make the day memorable for all of us. A wonderful wedding breakfast was prepared by Mrs Rusher, our Catering Officer, assisted by Joan Smith, our popular cook.

Dennis and Monica have now moved into married accommodation at the Wolverhampton Cheshire Home. We all wish them continued happiness in their new life together.

We were delighted to learn that our past Chairman, Jack Threadingham, M.B.E., has recently been appointed a Trustee of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation, with responsibility for the Homes in Oxfordshire.

Our garden is now a picture of spring splendour. It is in the capable hands of one of our residents, Major John Lynn. He had been hard at work planting the 3,000 bulbs given to us the Coventry Aero Club, which have now blossomed into a variety of glorious colours. In addition, John has propagated seeds, and grown many potted plants which decorate our sun lounges.

Our first Red Feather Day of the year was in Gloucester on March 15th. Despite the chilly weather, we had a successful day, and we are grateful to the many helpers who made the day pleasant for us. We are also deeply appreciative of the kindness of the people of Gloucester who contributed well over £500 to our funds.

Our loyal local Group of Friends excelled themselves once more with a sumptuous turkey dinner with all the embellishments, starting with sherry, then table wine with the dinner, and then about ten luscious sweets made by the members. This was followed by an entertainment given by the Barber Shop Quartet, rounding up a lovely evening.

Bob Hughes

Entwined

*All our lives are close entwined
And for a purpose are designed
Embroidered by a Greater mind
Who uses for His thread, mankind.*

*The stitches curl and intersect
A greater pattern to affect
And on the canvas we shall see
The story of Man's destiny.*

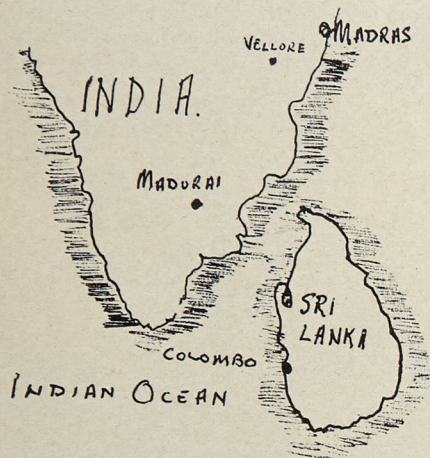
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East Preston

DANYBRYN

SOUTH GLAMORGAN

We are delighted to announce that two residents became engaged on April 29th – Betty Renowden and Peter Murphy.

Overseas



Cheshire Homes in India

Training and Day Care Programme at Mount Lavinia

Earn While You Learn

During the last year emphasis was given on bringing out the potential of all residents and for this purpose rush mats, coir, batik, handicrafts, sewing classes were introduced. In these classes the residents earn while they learn. In addition they have extended the service to the handicapped youth of the area by providing day care at these classes. Here too the participants earn while they learn. After training the day care trainees should be able to continue in their own homes and bring the products to the Home, which organises an Annual Christmas Sale, assisted by such organisations as the British Housewives Association, Rotary Club of Mount Lavinia and other service organisations.

Mention must be made of Mrs Devi Rajadurai of the London Womens Council who during her short stay here in Sri Lanka on holiday, organised the Christmas Sale in 1979 which was a great success. Through her efforts we have also been successful in obtaining the necessary finances from the British Womens Council for a Scholarship for our Matron in the U.K. for one year. The Leonard Cheshire Foundation International is arranging for the training in addition to a monthly pocket allowance. We have no doubt that on her return from the training our Matron Miss Patricia Vincent will not only be able to

improve standards of our Home but would be able to assist the other two Homes in Sri Lanka in their staff training programmes.

This year in addition to the above, we are launching out, with the generous grant from The Cheshire Foundation International, a day care and vocational training centre workshop in the premises of the Home to cater for the handicapped of the neighbourhood, particularly the youth.

We have read with interest the correspondence in Smile in regard to Residents' Committees. In our Home there is a very vibrant Residents Committee which meets on its own once a fortnight and once a month with the Board of Management and we find this participation very effective.

Apart from religious observances of the various denominations the residents have the benefit of TV and the radio. They also have a drama group which produced a very interesting Nativity Play for the Christmas party. The group comes into action for the Buddhist Wesak celebrations and the Sinhalese New Year.

The Sri Lanka State School of Social Work is assisting us to carry out a neighbourhood survey of the handicapped.

The Rotary Club of Mount Lavinia is a consistent and strong supporter of the Home. In addition to the construction of a Ward for the male residents it sponsors annually a Social work Trainee at the Home, and two members of the Club serve on the Board of Management of the Home.

Anton Senewiratne
Honorary Advisory and Member of the Board of Management,
Cheshire Home, Mount Lavinia,
Sri Lanka

TAMARIN CHESHIRE HOME – MAURITIUS

The residents of the Tamarin Cheshire Home, are very sad to have lost our dear friend Michel Angelique, who passed away on the 5th February.

Like Michel, many of us at Tamarin had polio in 1945, when we were babies. We were all together from that time, first of all in the temporary huts at Floreal which served as a special hospital for the victims of the 1945 epidemic, then in the new Princess Margaret Orthopaedic Centre at Candos, until in 1964 we all went to the Cheshire Home which had just been started. Together we saw what had been quite a small place grow and improve with several new buildings and greater comfort for us all.

For all those years we were never parted, and as we now belong to and are part of the great Cheshire Home family we want to tell you all of our sad loss and how much we miss our dear friend Michel.

VISHRANTHI ILLAM – GHANDINAGAR, VELLORE

Leprosy Patient Receives Certificate of Merit

The Tamilnadu State Social Welfare Board (India) has recognised a Leprosy patient of emulation and awarded certificate of merit. His hands and feet are crippled.

Deformity is no bar for anyone with a will to rise to the hilt of his efficiency and achieve his purpose in life.

Mr Sundaram, who was born in a middle class family is the warden of the Cheshire Home, Gandhinagar, Vellore – Tamilnadu (India) for the past fifteen years. A carpenter by profession – middle aged and with very little school education, he fell a prey to this obnoxious disease of leprosy in his early days. But undaunted, he picked up courage, underwent treatment in the Leprosy Research Centre at Karigiri and Christian Medical College. He rides on bicycle for about fifteen km (10 miles) a day to make purchases and to attend to the various necessities of the Home. He supervises the industrial operations, controls about sixty inmates both men and women of various age groups and writes up his accounts for the daily expenses despite the deformity in his fingers.

He conducts Prayer meetings, sings and plays the harmonium. He is also a very good speaker and makes speeches on all important occasions.

The Tamilnadu Government took note of the exemplary services rendered by this unfortunate person and presented him with a purse of Rs. 150/- and a Merit Certificate as the most efficient physically handicapped in the category of Leprosy cured on the occasion of the World Day Celebration for the handicapped on 16th March 1980.

This is one more example that sickness and deformity are not obstacles for any one who has the will to come up in life.

'Changi Creek'

SINGAPORE CHESHIRE HOME

The "Autumn Fair"

Mental and Physical Occupation

The occupation of the hands and minds of the residents is always a matter of concern to the Management Committee of a Cheshire Home. In Singapore, this concern is, in turn, referred to and shared with the Residents' Committee which is largely responsible for co-ordinating activities and entertainment for the benefit of all in the Home not only the twenty-five per cent who are mentally and



physically capable of full appreciation of such amenities, but also the remaining seventy-five per cent who, because of their afflictions, are less able to do so.

Regular Activities Stimulating

Regular activities such as fun fairs are stimulating as a therapy and helpful as fund-raising efforts. The "Autumn Fair '79", which was held in the grounds in the Home in November 1979, was one such occasion and the efforts of the residents which went into the project fully illustrated how beneficial this type of function can be as a time-filling activity embracing the efforts of everyone living in the Home. From the Residents' Committee, whose responsibility it was to run the Fair, the overall organization was split up into the various sections such as finance control, stall making, handicraft making, food stalls, staffing, etc. Each committee member was appointed in charge of a section assisted by a voluntary worker with power to co-opt other helpers.

Cheshire Homes Official Collectors' Kit Scheme

To enable individual Homes to purchase Cash Collection and Flagday material at favourable rates - at a discount in effect - the Appeals Department at Market Mews has agreed with Angal Limited to make available on a permanent basis an official Collectors' Kit and Replacements to the long established and nationally accepted 'uniform' in red and white featuring the Feather logo.

The Collectors' Kit Scheme is fast and convenient saving you and Market Mews expense in time and labour of much of the administrative work involved.

Kits and Replacements are available from stock now for delivery within two weeks of placing your order; though goods will usually be despatched within two days of Angal receiving your advice. Full details of the Kits and Replacements are given on this page. Prices are listed on the opposite page. The Kit and Part Kit are supplied fully labelled ready for use.

How to order

No stocks unnecessarily held. No money needlessly tied up. No time wasted. Just write or telephone your requirements to Angal. They will invoice you direct.

Angal Limited, 48a Holmbush Rd., Putney, London SW15 3LF
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The waist-shaped Polybox Handbox (a) is specially designed for hand-held collections, and has a white Funnel Slot (b) to encourage quick and generous giving. More suitable for counter collections in shops, pubs, etc., the traditional straight-sided Polybox Conventional (c) has a pilferproof slot with hole for notes. Both Polyboxes are red.

A self-adhesive paper Reseal Ring (d) label, printed red and white bearing a Cheshire Homes message, provides a positive seal at the top of the Polyboxes, and comes with a 1¹¹/₁₆" diameter Box Identity Sticker (e) giving Box No./Date/Name of Collector.

The Main Label (f), two per box printed red on 4"×3" gloss white self-adhesive vinyl, is washable and virtually permanent, and need not be disturbed when the box is opened and resealed.

The Wallet (g), printed red on white PVC cloth, combines a convenient, weatherproof method of carrying and dispensing Flagday Emblems with a conspicuous platform for the message.

The Flagday Emblems (h), 1⁵/₁₆" diameter printed red on white self-adhesive paper - depicting the



Prices for Cheshire Homes Kits and Replacements at 1st May 1980

Cheshire Homes Feather logo, are loaded into the Wallets ready for use; nine sheets each of 30 emblems per Wallet.

Also pictured is the super Visbox (k) a transparent home or counter collecting box 4½" high with an opaque red base, and the 3"×9¼" Car sticker printed on self-cling PVC.



A Cheshire Homes Collector in full 'battledress'

Quick, Generous Giving

The red Polybox Handbox, specially designed for hand-held collections, has a white Funnel Slot to encourage higher individual donations and to make the collector's job easier especially at busy locations. Multiple coins, as well as notes, may be dropped into the box with great ease and there is no excuse for donors to hesitate.

A Reseal Ring label, bearing a Cheshire Homes message printed red and white, provides a positive seal at the top of the box and comes with a 1 11/16" diameter Box Identity Sticker giving Box No./Date/Name of Collector leaving space for an address.

The Main Label, two per box printed red on 4"×3" gloss white self-adhesive vinyl, is virtually permanent and need not be disturbed when the box is opened and resealed.

Full Flagday Kit 1 Polybox Handbox or Conventional labelled with two 4"×3" Main Labels and Reseal Ring label, incorporating the Box Identity Sticker, *Plus 4 spare Reseal Rings. 1 Wallet containing 270 Flagday Emblems in sheets of 30; string supplied, not fitted - **£1.70 complete**

Part Kit. As above, less Wallet and Emblems **73p each**

Replacements.

Reseal Ring, incorporating Box Identity Sticker **£1.72 per 100**

Main Label, 4"×3" self-adhesive vinyl (2 per box) **8p each**
Wallet, with string supplied, not fitted **24p each**

Flagday Emblem, 15/16" diameter in sheets of 30 **£1.76 per 1000**

Other Items ExStock.

Collectors' Sash, printed red on white PVC cloth **43p each**
Car Sticker, 3"×9¼" self-cling PVC **8p each**

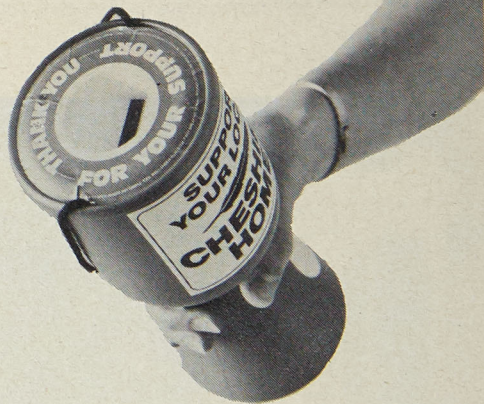
2¾" Cube Cardboard Collecting Box supplied folded flat for easy despatch through the post or direct to homes. A Cheshire Homes message is carried on a Special Wraparound Label/Seal **£50.00 per 1000**

Wraparound Label/Seal for Cardboard Collecting Box
Essential Message Label/Seal for the Cardboard Collecting Box, printed red on white dry gummed paper. Message: Support you local Cheshire Home. An area is allowed for adding individual Home details **£25.00 per 1000**

Metal Button Badges are available by special request.

Standard Handling Charge per consignment valued at under £10 (not charged for items sent by post at min. letter rate) **£1.25**

Carriage and V.A.T. are extra and will be added to invoice.

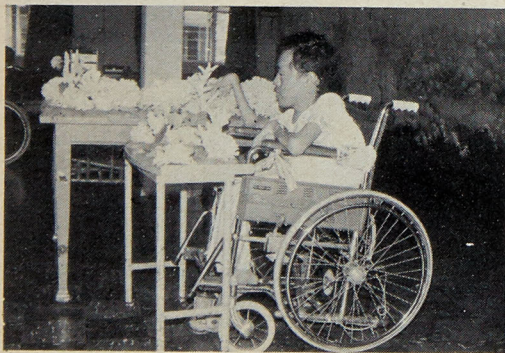




Teaching Each Other

Residents making handicraft items were encouraged to teach other residents some part of their skills to increase production. This had a splendid effect on not only the quantity of items produced but also on the spirit of those who worked, for all were earning commissions.

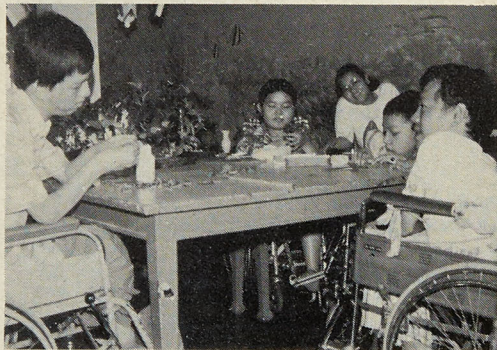
Coupons were printed, sorted, stamped and carefully put into bundles with tight security by the Finance Section. When these were ready and licences and permits obtained, these books of coupons were distributed for sale. The residents themselves sold over 2,000 books of coupons. As the Fair day drew near, the stalls were built and painted (in this we were aided by volunteers) and the details of staffing completed. Cakes were made for selling as were items for the food stalls. It seemed that practically everybody found something to do. The Home was a hive of industry during the period or organization of the Fair and immediately afterwards – leaving very little time for the idle gossip which so often makes life in a closed community a little difficult.



After the Fair, which raised a nett sum of \$7,315.70 (approximately £1,450.00) for the general fund, accounts were settled and commissions paid to those who made items for sale – and then came Christmas and Chinese New Year and all the preparations and celebrations these joyous festivals always bring.

A Continuing Programme

The boost to morale through healthy, combined effort by residents in a project or occasion which directly affects and interests them all is well-known to anyone involved with Cheshire Homes. A lesson we have learned, however, is the importance of a continuing programme of such activities, of one sort or another, to which a wide cross-section of the residents can contribute – thereby keeping alive the sense of comradeship and understanding which spring from common endeavour but which is, alas,



An American Student of Rehabilitation in the U.K. offers A CHANCE TO HELP

Foreign Language?

Greetings from the United States! When I arrived in Britain last September to begin a year as a student at the University of Southampton, I had no idea what was in store for me. First of all, I was comforted by the thought that, although I was unfamiliar with my surroundings, at least I spoke your language. Not so! Terms like "brolly", and "loo" are unknown where I come from. Announcements on the loudspeakers at the train stations were incomprehensible. (Still are!) Naturally, many words and phrases that I commonly use were met with blank looks.

In addition to the "language barrier" I was flabbergasted to learn upon arrival at Southampton airport that I was expected to carry my own steamer trunk, three large suitcases, two shoulder bags, and a typewriter all by myself! Fortunately, as I have found throughout my stay here, people were ready and willing to provide assistance.

Of course, the greatest danger to life and limb of an American in Britain, besides looking the wrong way when crossing the street, is surely that great British institution, the Pudding! I'm certain that I will have to be rolled home at the end of the year.

Work Availability

In spite of all these unforeseen problems and temptations, I have enjoyed an absolutely marvellous time in this country and am happily immersed in my course at the University which is concerned with the rehabilitation of the mentally and physically disabled. I am especially interested in this subject because I have been employed for some years in my country as a physiotherapist in a special school unit. An important part of my job was the preparation of physically handicapped young people for life after their school years. I found that was not an easy thing to accomplish. One of the difficulties I discovered was a lack of informed guidance as to what was available for physically disabled school-leavers to do.

For example, at the end of the 1979 school year in my community, a bright nineteen-year-old boy with athetoid cerebral palsy completed his course of study at our special school. All of us, the school staff who had been involved in his education and physical rehabilitation over the years, began to think (much too late) about the avenues that might be open to him in our local area. We assessed his strengths — high intelligence, keen sense of humour, supportive family; we listed the obstacles to his progress — severe, uncontrollable body movements, laboured speech understood only by those who knew him well, his need for assistance in many activities of

daily living. After much deliberation we concluded that further education at the university level was the answer for him. But he and his parents rejected this idea because they had not considered the possibility of his staying in a residential facility in another city for an extended period of time and were afraid to take such an unexpected and uncertain course of action. This young man is now living at home with his family, taking an occasional correspondence course, and watching a lot of television.

How Best Can We Serve?

Still attending physiotherapy treatment sessions at our school is a ten-year-old youngster with spina bifida. He is also of average intelligence but has learning problems. He was admitted to an ordinary school two years ago and has been receiving instruction in a regular classroom with the addition of some special tutoring. In the light of past experience his teachers and therapists are eager to start early in helping him and his family to plan for his entry into the world outside the classroom. They ask themselves, "How can we best serve him?"

Your Opportunity

I have been given the opportunity through my course of study to explore the methods of various organisations in England whose purpose is to provide such advice and assistance to the disabled. It would help me tremendously if each Cheshire Home resident could write and tell me of his/her experiences with organisations which helped or hindered in the adjustment of disability and preparation for life in the community. I am particularly anxious to hear from those who were physically disabled before the age of school-leaving. Not only will your letters be valuable to my work but, as a stranger in this country, I love more than anything else to go to my post-box and find mail there!

Thank you so much for your co-operation. I will look forward to hearing from you.

Jeanne Kulick (Mrs)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following letter was received from Mrs Judith Hunt, the widow of Paul Hunt whose contribution to the cause of the disabled has undoubtedly borne much success and heart-searching. Extracts from his essay 'A Critical Condition' taken from his book 'STIGMA' were published in the Autumn issue of THE SMILE, and a further tribute from U.P.I.A.S. is included in this issue.

Here Mrs Hunt takes up some of the points raised by Mr. Smith of 'Oaklands', and is followed by a final letter by Mr. Smith himself. Here for the time being, we will let the matter rest, feeling that ample space has now been given to the many points that have been raised.

JUDITH HUNT – Union of Physically Impaired Against Segregation – Takes up the Issue

I have been following the debate on "There must be a better way" started by Mr Smith. As well as stimulating other residents to take up the struggle, it has stimulated me to look back through past issues of the Cheshire Smile in 1963/4 on "The Role of the Residents". In 1964 residents and their supporters put forward all the arguments for resident representation on management committees and on the Trustees'. The debate continued for several years until eventually by 1968 their struggles culminated in the principle of resident representation on management committees being won, and put into operation at Le Court, shortly followed by some other homes.

Now, twelve years later residents are still having to fight for the implementation of this most basic principle, to participate in the administration of the homes where they live. Residents are right to be taking up this struggle again and to press for it to become a reality in all Cheshire Homes instead of the minority.

It is both appalling that there are still Homes which have not yet conceded the absolute minimum requirement of resident representation on

management, and seriously out of step with general social trends. In Britain, we now have students and school students represented on governing bodies, workers on management, consumer groups on service related committees, physically impaired people represented on research councils etc. Although token representation is totally inadequate in terms of people being actively involved in the decisions that intimately affect their lives, it is nevertheless the basic minimum that we should expect.

There always seem to be some residents who fear participation in management, but it is relevant to note that residents of homes where they do have some measure of representation never appear to suggest that this advice should be taken away.

Residents of Cheshire Homes have won, through their struggles, welfare committees and amongst other things, token representation on management. The lesson to be learnt is that united struggle can achieve change towards more control by residents. The struggle must not stop here.

It seems to me that the next stage of the struggle, is for residents to strive for a majority on management instead of token representation.

The struggle to change the basic conditions of life in segregated institutions towards more control by residents is always fundamental and must continue. I believe that the struggle to manage the affairs of segregated institutions must also be bound up with the struggle for real and fully implemented integrated alternatives to segregation. These must be accompanied by opportunities for employment, mobility, and full access to the social environment etc.

The two objectives of struggle must go hand in hand, for whilst segregated institutions exist whatever reforms are achieved in some (and they can be), the inherent tendency will be for the lives of batches of people to be in the hands of autocratic management from outside, i.e. those who control the funds.

The bringing together of related areas of struggle can enable physically impaired people to take a wider view of their real position in a society which basically forces segregation upon them. It presents in a different light, arguments which arise from the feeling that residents have no real right to managerial responsibilities in Homes which are provided for them out of charitable funds. It also enables us to look at the arguments, such as the distinction between disability and normality raised by Mrs Sparrow in the Autumn issue, in a quite different way.

It is important to look at the needs of physically impaired people in the context of the society as a whole. In contemporary British society there is no such thing as a totally independent human being, able to survive without the assistance of others. We are all intensely interdependent for the basic necessities of life such as food, water, shelter, clothing, heating etc., for a whole variety of social needs – health, education, language, social welfare etc., and on innumerable aids – cookers, cleaning machines, cars, machines for production etc. The particular needs of people with physical impairments should be looked at in this context as a specific form of assistance within a continuum of social interaction. It is therefore, I think, a mistaken distinction to say, as Mrs Sparrow does, that the able bodied can live without the disabled but that the disabled can't live without the able bodied, as a measure of normality. There are many groups of people in our society who have different specific social needs, which can and should be met by the use of modern technology and by the collective social labour of the population.

It is by this measure that we should examine both the needs of physically impaired people and what they would be able to contribute given the necessary aids and assistance. Physical impairment when counteracted by the necessary aids and human assistance becomes relatively unimportant. But *disability* which is created by the denial of such possible aid, so preventing people from achieving their potential, must be seen as abnormal and to be struggled against.

Residents of Cheshire Homes – keep striving, right is on your side and you will win some battles today and others tomorrow. There are others of us around who will support you in your struggles for full control over you own lives both inside residential Homes and in the community based schemes which now present a real alternative to be struggled for.

Yours in solidarity
Judy Hunt

A Member of the Union of the Physically Impaired Against Segregation and widow of Paul Hunt – a former Resident of Le Court (see Autumn 1979 issue).

A Final Word from Mr Smith

Dear Sir,

My last letter to the "Smile" was intended to be my final one. However, some of the comments made in your last editorial have prompted me to put pen to paper yet again.

May I say first of all that I subscribe totally to your view that Cheshire Homes should be used as "power-houses for thinking up and disseminating new ideas for better living for the disabled person." What puzzles me, however, is how such an ideal can ever become a reality when any person attempting to put forward a point of view contrary to the present policy is accused of "detering" voluntary helpers from offering their services. I cannot imagine anything more likely to discourage people from putting forward new ideas than unsubstantiated and prejudicial remarks of this kind.

Although I was very pleased to see the Chairman of the Foundation taking an interest in the "debate" – he is after all in a position to influence the future direction in which the Foundation moves – I do feel that Sir Christopher would have been far more constructive had he chosen to comment on my letters in their entirety rather than isolating one particular sentence and then proceeding to take it out of the context in which it was written. Nevertheless, it is a beginning and who knows perhaps in time even the Group Captain himself will honour us with his opinion. As a man who won such a distinguished medal as the Victoria Cross in a war fought to preserve the very things that my letters have been asking for – Freedom of choice, Democracy etc. his views on the subject would, I am sure, be of interest to us all.

Yours sincerely,
S. Smith

Letter addressed to Her Majesty the Queen sent by Bob Hughes of The Cotswold Home on behalf of all residents in Homes everywhere, acknowledging the most gracious Patronage to the Leonard Cheshire Foundation by Her Majesty.

Resident, Cotswold Cheshire Home

Sir,

I would be grateful if you will extend the following message to Her Majesty the Queen:

Madam,

I have the honour, on behalf of the Residents of the Cheshire Homes in the United Kingdom, to tell Your Majesty how greatly we appreciate the grant of your patronage to The Leonard Cheshire Foundation. This is an encouragement to all of us who live and work in the Homes.

I remain, Madam, Your Majesty's most humble and obedient servant.

Robert William Hughes

Dear Editor,

I am a severely disabled person, but I am able to keep a job, a house, a car plus the usual activities associated with normal life. Being physically disabled does have its limitations but I am not yet bad enough to "sign on" and enter a Cheshire Home. Being disabled for over twenty five years I have vast experience as to how we disabled live amongst the community and what we do contribute to society. Literally thousands of us devote a great deal of our time and effort helping in numerous ways our fellow disabled people and ask no reward. But there comes a time when even a smile of thanks really makes ones day – it makes life worthwhile.

I have known through my contacts with various disabled organisations lots of such handicapped people whose time and effort is limitless in their tasks of help. I do not mean those whose job it is – who get paid – but those who work voluntarily. And its to those disabled residents of the Foundation's Homes all over the world that this meek letter is addressed. It is to the bedmate who combs his friends hair; who holds the door open; who wakes you up in the morning; who reads the newspaper; who winds your watch; who cuts your fried egg into manageable pieces; who helps you dress – and the numerous other little things that mean such a lot.

To name everyone individually would mean naming everybody who does something for somebody else – so during the International Year for Disabled Persons '81 – lets all go around and make a special effort to help each other. The Homes' staff know how much they are appreciated but lets all give ourselves a pat on the back for our contribution to the well-being of each other.

Whilst I have been given valuable printing space, may I personally thank – and I am sure I speak for all the readers of The Smile, two individuals who do so much to help their disabled colleagues.

Firstly someone who perhaps very few readers actually know, one R.E.L. from the Greenacres Home. This person and his/her helpers does a grand job compiling the Smile each quarter. Why R.E.L. wishes to remain anonymous I fail to understand but nevertheless – you're doing a great job. (*Thank you Edgar – R.E.L.!!*)

My second thank-you goes to someone whose guts have something to be admired – and I say that as a fellow disabled person. I always look to him when I feel low – you have all seen his writings in the Smile, R. Norman Whiteley of Athol House. I used to be a room-mate of Norman's in years gone by at the old Banstead Place Rehabilitation Centre as it then was – its a posh-named "Assessment Centre" now I believe – and his pluck urged us all along. Norman now has had many ventures through his hands and is currently in charge of the Wheelchair (Overseas) Fund – I am sure that the DHSS have thousands of old chairs which would be of great use to those overseas who have nothing. Maybe Reg Prentice reads this and will find time to give authority for all old wheelchairs to be sent to the Cheshire Home abroad to be given out by them.

So on behalf of all of us, lets say thanks to our fellow residents.

Edgar J. Wilmore

Sir,

I am a nurse with some experience of nursing disabled people. I also have a lifelong friend who is a spastic and as an occasional visitor to a Cheshire Home I would like to make the following observations.

The physically handicapped fall into two categories. Firstly, those who are handicapped because they were born so, or as a result of an accident or an illness such as polio. Secondly, those who are handicapped because they are suffering from an illness which is progressive and often painful.

It seems to me that these two categories have very little in common. Those who are disabled because they are ill do not want to feel they are in hospital all the time, but nevertheless they need to be in a nursing situation and when they reach a Cheshire Home they are ill and need encouragement of a different kind to the other category.

The first category are not ill. They don't need and shouldn't want to be nursed. They need to be encouraged to be increasingly independent, to make their own decisions and take responsibility.

The two categories may mix fairly well in a large Home where one person has a greater chance to find others with similar interests and where one category can help the other, but I am very concerned about the smaller Home. Smaller Homes might be more desirable because they are 'homely' – like a large family, 'family' being the point. I feel very much for the young handicapped person, otherwise well and vital, who is surrounded by his 'family' who are of lowered vitality because they are ill. This person may have to sit around and watch his 'relatives' whom he has grown fond of, die, maybe at the rate of two or three a year. Also, because he is in a minority, it is inevitable that he will become affected by the 'hospital' atmosphere and will lack the encouragement he needs to search for his own fulfilment.

Yours faithfully,
Christine Emery (Mrs)

Dear Sir,

Is it not time that the quarterly magazine of The Cheshire Foundation changed its name?

I've looked carefully through the last few issues of the 'Smile', for a smile, almost in vain.

Even the main contributors seem to lack a sense of humour, and others swallow a dictionary before putting pen to paper.

In an endeavour to correct the balance, slightly, I enclose the following poem, about one of our residents, a fanatical Liverpool Football Club supporter, well known in many 'Homes' in the North and Midlands.

Our "John Arnold" Jones

He makes you see RED,
With his 'LIV-ER-POOL' chatter.
His great booming voice,
A window could shatter.

But he washes our bibs,
And irons them too.
With his bucket and brush,
He cleans out each loo.

This wanderlust chap,
Who just loves to roam.
CLAIMS to have 'girl friends',
In each Cheshire Home.

This so helpful lad,
Who is sixty years YOUNG.
Has only one fault,
Its his talkative tongue.

So, if of his chatter,
You've had quite enough.
Give him an 'EVERTON MINT',
And mention Brian Clough.

At the end of the day,
With a conscience thats clear.
This outspoken lad whom,
Only GOD does he fear.

Retires to his room,
With its walls painted RED.
Ther'll be peace at least,
For 'John Arnold's a-bed.

Yours sincerely,
Tony Brown



MATTERS FROM THE MINISTRY

The Changing Face of Voluntarism – The Governments View

More Encouragement Needed

Government and society should give every encouragement to the innovative capacity of the voluntary sector, said Mrs Lynda Chalker, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Social Security, to the Annual General Meeting of the W.R.V.S. recently.

“The voluntary sector is an immense and rich diversity of organisation, activity and talent. It has a reservoir of energy, experience and goodwill, which any society could neglect only at its peril,” she said.

Problems Persist

In discussing the changes of the last 15 years, Mrs Chalker pointed out: “The large growth in public services has not cured Britain’s social ills. The young have become more disaffected; poverty remains; homelessness, alcoholism, and drug addiction persist; disquiet has grown about Britain’s educational achievements, and crime has increased. In fact, many of the successes in the most difficult social fields have come from the pioneering efforts of voluntary bodies.”

Greater Professionalism? – Cut the Red Tape

“The changes needed in the 80’s include a greater professionalism in the management and efficiency of voluntary bodies, more opportunities for training and the encouragement of greater participation by all groups in their local communities. But both national and local bodies must avoid the risk of simply becoming alternative bureaucracies. Voluntary bodies must be prepared occasionally to ‘buck the system’, retain their independent action and cut the ‘red tape’”.

Mrs Chalker added:

The Key to Happiness

“In all this, the role of Government is not an easy one. We can do more by way of research and dissemination of information about good practice. We must help to influence the opinion formers and those responsible for professional and vocational education and training. We must tackle the problems of the national economy with success and produce a climate in which both public and voluntary services will find the resources they need.

“The character of voluntarism, and the ways in which it changes, depend on all of us committed to volunteering in every town and every village, because they hold the key to the happiness and well-being of a great many of our fellow citizens.”

Help for Young Disabled Announced

Measures to help young disabled people who receive non-contributory invalidity pension to qualify for the higher long-term rate of supplementary benefit, have been announced in the House of Commons by Mrs Lynda Chalker, Parliamentary Secretary at the Department of Health and Social Security.

Mrs Chalker said that, from November, time during which non-contributory invalidity pension was received by 16–17 year olds would count towards the qualifying period for the higher rate of supplementary benefit.

She also announced that those aged 16–17 who live in local authority homes will be able to get supplementary benefit when they meet the normal conditions for claiming.



United Nations Chooses Emblem for
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The above design has been chosen by the United Nations as the official emblem to be used in connection with the International Year of Disabled Persons – 1981. The emblem represents two people holding hands in solidarity and support of each other in a position of equality.

It is based on an original design presented by the French National Commission for IYDP and is intended to reflect equality, hope and support. The leaves around the symbol are a part of the emblem of the United Nations.

The UK's official title is the International Year of Disabled People. Although the name is slightly different from the UN, the UK has the same aim which is to promote "Full Participation and Equality".

Committee News

The first two meetings of the IYDP Committee have now taken place. The Committee has outlined the principal aims of the Year in England as:

- The promotion of increased awareness among the public, and in particular influential groups, about the needs, abilities and aspirations of disabled people.
- The promotion of participation, equality and integration of disabled people.
- The promotion of the prevention of disability.

Sir Richard Attenborough, CBE, President of the Muscular Dystrophy Group, a Council Member of Motability, a Director of Chelsea Football Club and Chairman of Capital Radio has joined the IYDP Committee.

Guidelines for IYDP Activities

The Committee hopes that IYDP activities and projects will preferably:

- a) be designed to promote one or more of the aims of the Year;
- b) involve disabled people in a leading role where possible;
- c) not duplicate work being done for the Year by others;
- d) continue in some form after 1981;
- e) involve organisations working in partnership with each other.

Book Review

"Hoists and their Use"

by Christine Tarling, MBAOT

The Disabled Living Foundation has published a new and important text book entitled "HOISTS AND THEIR USE". This much needed book is the first in its field. It has three main aims: first, to gather all the available information on different types of hoists so that the correct hoists and slings can be chosen: there is a report on each hoist showing clearly its special points; second, to explain how the heavy job of lifting can best be done so that families, nurses and others will in the future use hoists and not suffer back damage; third, to help disabled people to manage their own hoists and lifting themselves whenever possible. Copies of the book are available from the Disabled Living Foundation, 346 Kensington High Street, London W14 8NS for £8 which includes postage and packing.

The Disabled Living Foundation (D.L.F.) has been aware that hoists caused more difficulties than any other kind of aid. The problems of how to choose them had not been thought about, nor had the way to use them, nor the sort of medical condition each type could help best. The best slings to choose for each user were not known. The disabled person was lucky to get a hoist which worked and helped. If those who look after a severely disabled person at home cannot lift him, and a suitable hoist is not available, there is really little alternative to the heartbreak of separation with the disabled person going to live in a hospital or home. There are few aids more important to the severely disabled person than hoists. It is also very important to the caring family because so often people hurt their backs in trying to lift.

The author, Miss Christine Tarling, a very experienced senior occupational therapist, who is also a well known specialist on aids, visited many hospitals and homes and disabled people in their own houses, hence many of the helpful ideas in the book came from the hoist users themselves, and have therefore been well tried out.

The book which is fully illustrated with clear line drawings by Bill Brennan is meant to be a text book for those caring for disabled people whether as nurses, physiotherapists, or occupational therapists, and especially for those working in long stay hospitals or in homes. Those who are themselves severely disabled, or who have a severely disabled person in their family should find it a mine of information as well.

Further enquiries to:
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Disabled Living Foundation,
346 Kensington High Street,
London W14 8NS.

The Story of the Cheshire Homes

by Wilfrid Russell

Perhaps now is as good a time as any for this excellent book written by Wilfrid Russell and first published in 1963 to have been revised and brought up to date. While the Foundation has recently been honoured by Her Majesty the Queen with Her Royal patronage, those words written in the original Foreword of the book by her husband, H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh 'This is the story of one of the greatest acts of humanity of our time' must be as meaningful and ring equally true today, as they did then.

'New Lives for Old' is the story of the Homes under the Foundation worldwide, and is a fascinating history of their original conception, growth and development over the years. It is a book, written as it were from the inside, and should be an absolute 'must' for the bookshelves of every Home, and one that will be read with pride by every member of every Management Committee and all who are in any way associated with the work of Leonard Cheshire.

Wilfrid Russell, who became so interested and involved in the work, and was indeed Honorary Treasurer at Market Mews for several years, first met Leonard at Andheri, near Bombay in India in January 1956. How typical is his description of that first meeting 'We crawled for a mile and a half through the jungle along the bullock track. Clouds of red dust rose from the wheels as we slithered over potholes and cart ruts, and past village ponds, stagnant and filthy until we turned off the track up a steep rise . . . and emerged through a thicket into a clearing. There was an open space among the jungle trees. In the centre was an asbestos cement hut. I wondered what Cheshire would be like. He was wearing grey flannels . . . carrying a bowl of water . . . he grinned . . . and disappeared with bandages and hot water. He told me of his methods: 'Most people think it's a bit crazy to take in patients before you get the roof on. I always think it best to get your feet in the door'; and how typical of Leonard!

And so the whole story is unfolded, from LeCourt in 1948 to Washington, U.S.A. in 1979.

The book is packed with stories and anecdotes, some are amusing while others tear at the heart strings, but the message seems to come through consistently loudly and clearly that in some wonderful way a 'divine providence' has been at work, guiding the path and the fortunes of the Founder himself and through him, the Foundation.

The book gives a graphic account of those who, not only in the early days, but right up to the end

of 1979 have helped to establish and build the Leonard Cheshire Foundation on such a firm foundation into its present structure holding the unique position, as it does in the world today, in its work and care for the disabled both in body and mind. Copies of the book can be obtained from bookshops price £3.95 (paperback) or Homes can place orders direct with the Foundation at 7 Market Mews, London W1Y 8HP.

-R.E.L.



Disabled Living Foundation (D.L.F.) Celebrate their Tenth Birthday with a new Catalogue of their Books

The D.L.F. is this year celebrating its tenth birthday. To commemorate this a new catalogue has been issued listing forty publications on the everyday problems of disabled people, which have been produced over the last ten years together with the few additional titles on related subjects which are now sold through the D.L.F. on behalf of other publishers. Copies of the catalogue are available free from the Disabled Living Foundation, 346 Kensington High Street, London W14.

Problems confronting disabled people and those who care for them in the course of their daily lives, seldom receive detailed study – for they may, wrongly, be considered of little importance. The publications of the D.L.F. comprise studies of such problems over a wide range of subjects and include a description of means whereby many difficulties may be overcome. They offer to disabled people and to those who care for them knowledge and information not available elsewhere. All disabilities, physical or mental, of sight or of hearing, are covered in many of the publications. Multiple handicaps, disabilities of childhood and the infirmities of old age are also included.

All the listed books are of value not only to disabled people, their families and friends, but also to the many professional people involved directly or indirectly in looking after or providing services for them. They are also an important training resource for students of these professions.

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Disabled Writer's Quarterly

It is proposed to start a magazine for disabled writers throughout the English speaking world, with the idea of having physically handicapped people in different parts of the globe bind themselves together in their own magazine.

The idea is the brain-child of Samuel Miller, a young disabled graduate of McGill University, Canada, who will be the editor. He will be assisted in each country by an Associate Editor, whose job will be to act as a gathering agent and initial sorting office. This will save money for contributors and also take a bit of the load off the editor's hands.

"DWQ" is seeking prose fiction of all types, particularly short stories, novelettes and plays, as well as a few poems. Autobiographical or 'personal' fiction, in particular, are needed, and we also hope to start a pen-pal service, thus encouraging handicapped people in various countries to write to each other.

It is hoped that next year the magazine will be eligible for a grant from the Canada Council (their Arts Council), but to do this, three issues must be published this year, and they are being sponsored by another Canadian organisation.

The sole criterion of the Canada Council is *quality*, so there is a natural desire to equal the best magazine subsidized by them. The only qualifications are that the writer must be disabled and have literary talent.

Ideally, material submitted should be first-rate, for the competition will be stiff. There are no limitations on the type of prose or poetry submitted, nor on the length, but all must be original. It is preferable, but not mandatory, that submissions be typed in double-spacing. A payment of five Canadian dollars will be made for each page (approx. 350 words) published.

It is hoped there will be 100 pages to each magazine, and as it will be non-commercial, there will be no charge made on copies, excepting, of course, postage. This will be the policy at least as long as the magazine is sponsored.

The Associate Editor for the U.K. is Mr Tom Gair, The Leonard Cheshire Home, Matten Hall, Matten, Newcastle upon Tyne, to whom all manuscripts should be sent on the understanding that he cannot be held responsible for them, but will try to return any manuscript not used, if they are accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.



MANPOWER SERVICES COMMISSION OFFERS –

Philip Scott at Le Court

Mechanical aids have been vital to Philip Scott since a patch of mud deprived him of the full use of all four limbs. Once a very independent young man he is now a wheelchair user living at Le Court.

But a wheelchair has given him mobility, an electronic splint returned some of his manual dexterity, and now a tape recorder is helping him to a new career in radio research work.

Philip, of Red Rice near Andover, hit the mud when driving a racing car around his local motor circuit at Thrupton. He crashed off the track, breaking his neck and losing the use of his legs and much of the control of his arms.

For an active young man with many interests it was a bitter blow, though the aids and his own cheerful personality have enabled him to resume some hobbies and make a career for himself. He has a van with a hydraulic system that drops the vehicle's back wheels, enabling him to drive his electric wheelchair in. But Philip still depends on someone to drive him around.

"If I had complete use of my arms I would be independent, could live at home and drive a car," he pointed out.

Philip became the first British person to be fitted with a new electronic splint for his arm, operated by impulses from the brain. Aided by the splint he can now type at up to 30 words a minute, play chess and draw.

Having thus recovered some mobility and dexterity, Philip considered the best way of earning a living, and did some work for the BBC, including research for a programme on the phasing out of the three-wheeled car for disabled drivers.

Similar work followed for national and local radio, but one problem was note-taking, especially when talking to people on the telephone.

Mrs Pat Lawrence, Disablement Resettlement Officer for the Andover area, suggested he apply for the permanent loan of a cassette recorder under the Special Aids scheme run by the employment service.

"These are available to registered disabled people working in open employment," explained Mrs Lawrence. "We've supplied blind people with recorders for note-taking and I realised Philip would benefit from one as well," and he received his after moving to Le Court in November.

The Local D.R.O. at Petersfield said "As Philip cannot write at a suitable speed during interviews, the recorder was essential. It is small and light, able to work off mains or batteries and with an integral microphone. The single button operation for recording and other facilities is particularly suitable for Philip."

Registered disabled people who think a special aid is necessary in their work should contact their Disablement Resettlement Officer through the nearest Jobcentre or employment office.

Terry Crawford
C.O.I., Reading

Note:

D.R.O.'s – Disablement Resettlement Officers are members of the Manpower Services Commission's Employment Service Division.

Deaths

DANYBRYN

We are sad to announce that four residents of Danybryn have recently died, and all will be missed for the contributions they made to the life of the home.

Ken Prout
Doris Thorn
Sheila Foley
Olwen Evans

Mary Thatcher (P.R.O.)

ALNE HALL

McNeil, Dorothy, on 14 February 1980, a well loved resident of Alne Hall. Sadly missed.

SALTWAYS

O'Hallaran, Patrick, aged 52 years, on March 15, 1980.

McLeod, Margaret, on 16th April 1980, a Resident at Alne Hall for twenty years. Greatly loved and missed by all.

Plows, Kenneth, on 4th April 1980, aged 58, a Resident of Alne Hall. Very much loved and sadly missed by Residents and Staff. Known to all as Kenny.

1 The Leonard Cheshire Foundation

Registered as a Charity Number 218186

Leonard Cheshire Homes care for the severely and permanently handicapped—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 Leonard Cheshire Foundation (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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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.

3 The Mission for the Relief of Suffering

Registered as a Charity Number 235988

Founders: Sue Ryder, C.M.G., O.B.E., and Leonard Cheshire, V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C., in association with Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

President: Mrs Lakshmi Pandit.

Secretary: Ronald Travers.

The Mission was founded by Sue Ryder and Leonard Cheshire for the principal purpose of pioneering new projects which, although fulfilling a clear need and in keeping with their general aims and objects, would probably not be undertaken by either of their respective organisations. Four such projects are:

Raphael, The Ryder-Cheshire International Centre, P.O. Box 157 Dehra Dun, Up, India

caring for a total of some 300 people in need.

Raphael comprises a colony for burnt out leprosy cases, a Home for severely mentally retarded children, the "Little White House" for destitute orphaned children and a small hospital with two separate wings, one for general nursing and the other for the treatment of TB. In addition, Raphael operates a Mobile TB and Leprosy Clinic in the Tehri, Garhwal area of the Himalayan foothills. There is a Cheshire Home in Dehra Dun itself, so Raphael is not able to appeal locally for funds. With effect from June 1976 responsibility for its financial upkeep has been taken over by the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation of Australia and New Zealand. The administration is in the hands of a General Council under the Chairmanship of Lt/Gen. S. P. Bhatia, O.B.E. (Retd.).

Gabriel, St. Thomas' Mount, Madras, South India

A training Unit for leprosy and non-leprosy patients who are living on their own in Madras but are incapable, through lack of a trade, of obtaining work. Financial responsibility is shared between India and Ryder-Cheshire Support Groups in the United Kingdom.
Chairman of Governing Council: L. Nazareth.

Ryder-Cheshire Films, Cavendish, Suffolk

This Unit produces films and video-tape programmes about the work of the two Foundations.

Details of these productions available on request.

Raphael Pilgrimages

A Pilgrimage to Lourdes is arranged annually for those chronically ill and permanently handicapped people, many of whom would not be accepted on other pilgrimages, and willing helpers.

Leader of Pilgrimages: Gilbert Thompson, 23, Whitley Wood Road, Reading, Berks.

Cheshire Homes in Britain

Residents telephone numbers in brackets.

ENGLAND**Avon**

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

Bedfordshire

Agate House Cheshire Home, Woburn Street, Ampthill, Bedfordshire. Ampthill 403247 (404470).

Buckinghamshire

Chiltern Cheshire Home, 27 North Park, Gerrards Cross SL9 8JT. Gerrards Cross 86170 (84572).

Cheshire

The Hill, Newcastle Road, Sandbach CW11 0JB.
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 LA23 1NR. Windermere 2500 (387).

Derbyshire

Green Gables, Wingfield Road, Alfreton DE5 7AN.
Alfreton 3610.

Devon

Cann House, Tamerton Foliot, Plymouth PL5 4LE.
Plymouth 771742 (772645).

Douglas House, Douglas Avenue, Brixham TQ5 9EL.
Brixham 6333/4.

Forches House Cheshire Home, Victoria Road, Barnstaple. Barnstaple 75202.

Dorset

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

James Burns House, Leonard Cheshire Home, Greenways Avenue, Bournemouth.
Bournemouth 523182 (515397).

Durham

Murray House, St. Cuthbert's Avenue, Blackhill, Shotley Bridge, Consett DH8 0LT. Consett 50400 (502363).

Essex

Seven Rivers, Great Bromley, Nr. Colchester CO7 7TT.
Colchester 230345 (230463).

Gloucestershire

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

Hampshire

Le Court, Greatham, Liss GU33 6HL.
Blackmoor 364 (229).

Hereford and Worcester

The Saltways Cheshire Home, Church Road, Webbeath, Redditch B97 5PD. 0527-44462 (43208).

Hertfordshire

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

Isle of Wight

Appley Cliff, Popham Road, Shanklin PO37 6RG.
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Kent

Chipstead Lake Cheshire Home, Chevening Road, Chipstead, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 2SD. 0732-59510 (51855).

Mote House, Mote Park, Maidstone ME15 8NG.
Maidstone 37911 (38417).

St. Cecilia's, 32 Sundridge Avenue, Bromley BR1 2PZ.
01-460 8377 (7179).

Seven Springs, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells TN2 4NB. 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).

Leicestershire

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

Staunton Harold, Ashby-da-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 SE19 1XE.
01-670 3740 (6770).

Merseyside

Freshfields Leonard Cheshire Home, College Avenue, Formby, Liverpool L37 1LE. Formby 70119.

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

Middlesex

Arnold House, 66 The Ridgeway, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 8JA. 01-363 1660 (01-363 0750).

Norfolk

The Grove, East Carleton, Norwich NR14 8HP.
Mulbarton 70279.

Northumberland

Matfen Hall, Matfen, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE20 0RH.
Stamfordham 212 (383).

Nottinghamshire

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

The Dukeries Cheshire Home, Hospital Road, Retford. Retford 705765.

Oxfordshire

Greenhill House, Twyford, Banbury OX17 3JB.
Banbury 810679 (810667).
John Masefield Cheshire Home, Burcot Brook, Burcot,
Oxfordshire OX14 3DP. Oxford 340324 (340130).

Somerset

St. Michael's, Axbridge BS26 2DW. Axbridge 732358.

South Humberide

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

Surrey

Harts Leap Children's Home, Harts Leap Road, Sandhurst,
near Camberley, Crowthorne 2599.
Hydon Hill, Clock Barne 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).

West Midlands

Greenacres, 39 Vesey Road, Sutton Coldfield, West
Midlands B73 5NR. 021-354 7753 (7960).
St. Anthony's, Stourbridge Road, Wolverhampton WV4
5NQ. 0902-893056.

Wiltshire

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

Yorkshire

Alne Hall, Alne, York YO6 2JA. Tollerton 295.
Beechwood, Bryan Road, Edgerton, Huddersfield HD2
2AH. Huddersfield 29626 (22813).
Champion House, Clara Drive, Calverley, Pudsey LS28
5PQ. Bradford 612459 (613642).
Kenmore, 100 Whitecliffe Road, Cleckheaton BD19 3DR.
Cleckheaton 872904.
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

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Dumfries 4924.

Edinburgh

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031-552 2037 (4157).

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Clwyd

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Colwyn Bay 2404 (30047).

Dyfed

Coomb, Llanygog, Carmarthen SA33 5HP. Llanstephan
292 (310).

Gwent

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

South Glamorgan

Danybryn, Radyr, Cardiff CF4 8AJ. Radyr 842237
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HOMES FOR PSYCHIATRIC AFTER-CARE

London

Miraflores, 150-154 Worple Road, Wimbledon SW20.
01-946 5058.
Gaywood, 30 The Downs, Wimbledon SW20.
01-946 9493.
Nicholas House, 2 Old Nichol Street, Bethnal Green E2.
01-739 5165 (9298).
Hutchings House Cheshire Home, 32 Hillingdon Road,
Uxbridge, Middlesex. Uxbridge 54815.

MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Cheshire

The Green, Chrisleton, near Chester. Chester 35503.

Cumbria

The Garthwaite, Community Cheshire Home, 21 Kendal
Green, Kendal LA9 5PN. Kendal 23396.

Dorset

Buckfield House, Lyme Regis.
Fairfield House, Lyme Regis DT7 3HH. Lyme Regis 2487.
Hawthorn Lodge, Hawthorn Road, Dorchester.
Dorchester 3403.

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Leonard Cheshire Homes wing for G.L.C. Flats: (care
service only) Cheshire Estate, 1 Barstow Crescent,
30 Palace Road, Tulse Hill, London SW2.
Tel: 01-671 2288.

Flats for couples, one of whom is disabled:
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Disabled Students accommodation:

Taylor House, 16 Osler Road, Headington, Oxford.
Oxford 68620.

Training Centre:

Cheshire Foundation Service Corps, Study Centre,
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Barbados

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Brazil

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

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