

FEDERATION CONFERENCE WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 2016

British Federation of Notre Dame de Namur Associations



St. Julie News 2016

Our Federation weekend for 2016 has been my first to have spent at Hinsley Hall, Leeds; and I can well understand how members find this such an ideal venue. After a warm welcome on arrival, and registering, there was time before dinner to unwind after our journeys; to familiarise with the venue; and to meet one another.

The spacious room assigned to the fund-raising was very inviting (and tempting!) – with tombola, the raffle and so many attractive and colourful items to buy. The contents displaying so many generous gifts, also spoke of so much devoted work over the past year. Our very enlivening Quiz session after dinner set the characteristic tone for another conference weekend of friendship, sharing, support and service in Notre Dame.

Saturday produced many high-lights, beginning with the optional trip to historic Knaresborough. We gathered for tea/coffee and delicacies in the Lavender Tea Rooms above The Oldest Chemist Shop. Because of rain we stayed under cover while the Town Crier, Roger Hewitt replaced the planned 30 minute walking tour with an excellent talk introduced by a short sample of his official bell ringing. Thankfully, the sky brightened enough for us to take the air in the Castle grounds high above the town and river, where you get a wonderful view over and beyond Knaresborough, and through the arches of the famous Railway Viaduct.

In the afternoon Sister Agnes Nelson SND gave an inspired and enlightening presentation on **SPRED - Special Religious Development**, of which Agnes is the director. Sister illustrated how this is truly a programme “where faith and friendship meet,” being a dedicated long-term service of faith relationship with children and adults with disability. The session was a great joy for me as I had worked for over 10 years as Art Therapist in the

Intensive Interaction programmes for young people and adults with severe learning disability and profound and multiple physical disability. More information on www.spred.org.uk

A wonderful and unforgettable moment for all was Sister Agnes's total surprise – even shock - when she heard that the cheque, being presented to SPRED by Bernie Shaw on behalf of BFNDA, was for £5000.

I could write so much more about the wonderful sharing with members from across the country; the AGM; our Evening Prayer in the beautiful Chapel followed by table-sharing over the Conference Dinner. The evening culminated in a lively and enjoyable Sing-along led and accompanied by three Holy Child Sisters.

Sunday morning's buzz of packing, endings, more tombola, the drawing of THE RAFFLE and tying up loose ends wound down to a fitting close as we gathered up all our joys and concerns for each other, the Notre Dame Family and our torn and wonderful world with our Celebration of Eucharist led by our Chaplain Father Chris.

Once again, as whenever I gather with members of NDA I am always humbled and inspired by the dedication & generosity of members. Thank you Lorraine, and to all who contributed to yet another special BFNDA conference.

Sister Jo Chambers SND



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President's Report to the AGM of the British Federation of Notre Dame De Namur Associations, September 3rd 2016.

I had the honour of becoming the 29th president of the BFNDNA at the conference held at Hinsley Hall Leeds on 18th September 2015, the last one very ably organised by Wendy and hosted by Margaret. The Saturday morning outing was to Ilkley and the AGM was in the afternoon. We had been informed that the charity for the next three years was to be **SPRED – Special Religious Development**. Sister Patricia Ellen Gribbon, Provincial Moderator, gave a talk outlining the aims and purpose of SPRED, a separate article about this will be included in St Julie News. On Saturday evening Judy Gibbons gave a very informative and interesting presentation about a donkey sanctuary that she is involved with. On Sunday we had Mass said by Father Chris, followed by the raffle, lunch and finally goodbyes, the end of another successful weekend.

My first outing as president was in October as part of the group that visited the Heritage Centre in Namur, organised so efficiently by Diane Donovan. (The report of this visit was in the 2015 St Julie News). The Heritage Centre is amazing, well worth the journey and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Flowers and a special greetings card were sent to Sister Mary Stephen Humphries by the Executive Committee on the occasion of her Golden Jubilee in September, she thanked us all for our good wishes.

It was agreed at the Executive meeting in November to have bookmarks printed to commemorate the 200th anniversary of St Julie's death on 8th April 2016. Louise Enderby designed the bookmarks and had them printed, they were then distributed to every member of the Federation.

In February I travelled to Glasgow to attend a meeting of SPRED with Sister Agnes, who started the group. I was overwhelmed with emotion by the end of the evening when I saw how beneficial the sessions are. I spoke to mothers whose daughters

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have been taking part in SPRED meetings for over 15 years. They couldn't speak highly enough of the benefits their daughters had received from the group and told me they don't know how they would have coped without SPRED in their lives. A high acclamation for the work of SPRED.

On Sunday 12th April I attended Southwark Notre Dame St Julie Day Celebrations. I was made to feel very welcome and it was lovely to see some familiar faces from previous Conference weekends. It was an extremely enjoyable day including a talk by Margaret Philpott a psychotherapist, who told us about some of the work she had done with prisoners. After Mass we had an excellent lunch and then were treated to a performance by Southwark Notre Dame pupils of their specially written musical "To Heaven on Foot" following the life of St Julie. It was an outstanding performance and it was so nice to see the girls giving up part of their weekend to entertain us. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day.

In May I attended the Manchester St Julie Day Mass after which we had lunch and a sing-along; there was also a raffle and various items on sale. Manchester's annual Strawberry Tea was held in July at the same venue, Our Lady of Grace Church in North Manchester. As well as tea, coffee and a tempting array of cakes there were lots of different stalls, a raffle and tombola. Both events were very enjoyable as well as being good fundraisers which helped to swell the charity's coffers.

I have enjoyed my first year as president of the BFNDNA, made much easier by the help and advice received from the executive committee, and I would like to thank them for their support during the past 12 months. I would also like to thank Father Chris for continuing to be our chaplain and Sister Jo Bushell for looking after us all so well when we attend our meetings in Liverpool. Thanks also to all of you for your continuing support for the charity and I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

I went to my first BOND reunion because a childhood friend, Mary Meads, nee Kenny, from Primary school through Notre Dame had just discovered it. We were not young then but were younger than most of the members. Our ND school had closed down and the building sold. She said how, although older, they had exactly the same ethos, the same values, that we shared and missed generally.

This reunion was to be a turning point in my life. I met Joy Laundry. Joy is now just two years off from receiving her birthday letter from the Queen. I teased Joy later by saying that she had seen a 'sucker' coming. First, she collared me for the next BOND President. It was far more work in those days.

I did, once, try to extend the membership through Friends Reunited. Never again, I decided. Over 70 BONDS turned up that time, some younger ones excitedly exchanging photos and news while mass was being said in the meeting hall. Our small committee was rushed off its feet making endless cups of tea with the ultimate washing and clearing up.

Thankfully, Facebook followed soon enabling smaller year groups to meet themselves and we sank back into our far smaller group. Margaret Lumley has arranged elegant lunch meetings and tours at such places as her old place of work, The Gentlemen's Club in London and the Temple Law Courts. She also arranged a Thames boat trip to Greenwich where we could look around and meet up for lunch. Sadly, Margaret is not as well as she was and no-one else has had the time to take this on.

Joy also discovered that I was an artist. She was and still is a committee member of the Society for Catholic Artists. She invited me to the AGM. I went, little suspecting what she had in mind for me. The meeting was most enjoyable. It was great to be amongst artists, several of whom were great characters. It was not long

before Joy had me coming to committee meetings so we could get to know each other and with the idea that I would become the next chairman.

Joy remarked that they were 'so lucky to have me'. My reaction was that for me it was such a great privilege! The SCA has opened up so much for me, planning exhibitions and setting them up, arranging events, compiling bulletins, etc. It has meant a great deal of work and with the website we are beginning to 'go international'. Certainly, we are unique in the world.

What I soon began to learn was that not only did we have artists of worth but the history of the society, begun in 1929, was rich in well-known artists' names, many of whom I had not realized were Catholic. Our works are up and down the country, in many churches, such as the Sacred Heart Church in Edge Hill, Wimbledon, in the hall of which we have our meetings. Indeed, whole churches have been built and three of our deceased members were responsible for most of the artwork in Aylesford, executed in the fifties when it had been bought back and renovated by the Catholic Church to become a place of worship again.

Recently, our vice president died after a long illness. The archives were passed on to me, boxes and bags of them from a basement. Despairing as to what to do with them, I set about airing out the mustiness of papers, books and photos around my home. Many of the photos had been caught just in time. They were almost beginning to stick together.

I searched and emailed on the internet, hoping for help in housing the new boxes I was packing them into for a small fee, perhaps finding an archives student whom we could pay a small amount to and could use the experience of organizing and cataloguing them for his or her C.V. I contacted museums, archives societies, colleges and universities over two days. The first reply was from the Society of Catholic Archives which is connected with Durham University. Could they phone me,

please? Oh, certainly! They were keen to help voluntarily, to know more and were very promising.

The next day, I had a similar request from the National Archives in Kew. She suggested I try Westminster Diocese archives – which I did. Gaining in confidence, I described more of the history in my email to them – and included the Nat. Archives lady in the email. She contacted me almost immediately with the news that she had spoken to someone at the Tate Gallery who thought they might be interested. I emailed even more of the history, describing the link we had with the Guild of St Joseph and St Dominic. This was set up by Eric Gill in Ditchling and comprised artists and craftsmen who worked solely to provide everything for priests, the mass and churches. The Guild was established in the same year as the SCA. When it disbanded, most of its members joined the SCA if they had not already done so.

I had another email from the National Archives lady informing me that I should contact the archives person at the V&A as they already had the archives of the Guild of St Joseph and St Dominic. This I did, immediately. He wanted to see them. He came to my home earlier this week, was most interested in what he saw. He has gone back to the V&A to advise them that they should take our archives on.

'Out of little acorns, big oak trees grow'. Little did I imagine when I first went begging about the archives that we would get so much in a cream of options. Little did I imagine when Mary, my old school friend invited me to my first BOND reunion with its members' charm, its raffles, its 'bring and buys' for the Federation charities, what amazing privileges and experiences were in store. God certainly has His plans!

Mary Davey

MANCHESTER NOTRE DAME ASSOCIATION

Manchester Notre Dame Association has had a very good year. The events of the year began in March, when a group of 30 people met at John Rylands Library in Manchester for a delicious Afternoon Tea followed by a guided tour of this famous Library.

In May we met for the Notre Dame Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church in Prestwich, Manchester, followed by lunch and a sing song in the Church Hall –this was the first opportunity of the year to raise funds so, of course, there were goods for sale and a very good raffle.

The same Church Hall was the venue for our Spring Fair and Strawberry Tea in July – an event we really enjoyed. We are now all looking forward to the November 12th Mass for deceased members at St Anne's, Crumpsall which will be followed by lunch and a sing song, as usual --- the School Song being at the top of the list as always.

Many Manchester members attended Federation in September this year and every one of us enjoyed it very much.

Manchester has a thriving Facebook group which has 217 members. Through Facebook many people have renewed contact with school friends, wherever they live now, and there are several groups which meet regularly outside of any organised Association events. As it is a Closed group, it is a safe place for members to share the joys and sadness's of their lives, give and receive support, ask for prayers and advice, and share memories.

We look forward continuing our friendships in 2017.

Judith Maher

NORTHAMPTON NOTRE DAME ASSOCIATION

Once again our AGM was held in St. Gregory's Church Hall, slightly earlier this year, on Tuesday 23rd February 2016. The meeting was attended by 5 committee members and approximately 20 Association members.

On Wednesday 24th February, several of us were able to attend the Communion Service at Christ Church, Northampton where a short memorial to Mavis Smith was held.

Our St. Julie Mass was brought forward this year to coincide with the bicentenary of St. Julie's death and was held in the Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate and St. Thomas of Canterbury on Friday 8th April at 7.00 p.m. The whole of the service took place on the Sanctuary and there was a very good turnout and several apologies from some who could not attend. Fr. Tony celebrated Mass for us and refreshments were served afterwards. We thank him for his continued support of the Association.

The Annual Lunch on April 24th was attended by 95 members and was, once again, held at the Marriott Hotel. Some new faces were seen and many regular "visitors" who live away from the town were welcomed back for this annual event. Sr. Myra Poole, last serving headteacher at the Notre Dame High School in Northampton, joined us for the event and was delighted to see such a good number still meeting up and commented afterwards on what a vibrant group we were. Fr. Tony also joined us for lunch. Unfortunately, once again, the Mayor cried off at the last minute but did invite members to visit the Guildhall on May 4th.

This visit was attended by twelve of us and after a tour of the Guildhall we had tea and cake with Penny Flavell the Mayor and an "old girl" of Northampton Notre Dame High School. She had a lovely collection of very old postcards of the convent ground and buildings which none of us had seen before. We hope that, at some future date she will come to one of our social events to meet up with some more members and perhaps talk about her time in office.

In July, our guest speaker was Nora O'Keeffe – an old girl and artist- she came along with many of her paintings and gave us an interesting talk, outlining her background and showing us her work. We hope that she will be able to visit us again in the future.

We are still trying to find a permanent solution to the problem of the dilapidated state of the Sister's Cemetery. Although the site is now the property of the Borough Council it is sadly neglected. We are, however, hoping to obtain funding to refurbish the site and make it part of the Northampton Heritage Trail.

We look forward to our September Tea Party, a talk by a Cruise Ship Dance Host in October (you may see us on Strictly yet!), and, at the end of November, we will have a choir and carols followed by sherry and mince pies – just to get us in the mood for Christmas.

Once again, through the generosity of our members, we have been able to support SPRED, the President's Charity.

Margaret Bradbury



The members of the Committee are planning on publishing a calendar to commemorate 90 years of the Federation in 2018. If anybody has photographs of their school buildings they would like to be considered for inclusion, please contact us through the web site.

SOUTHWARK NOTRE DAME ASSOCIATION

The Southwark Association continue to enjoy the hospitality provided by the school in St George's Road for their regular committee meetings and of course the annual celebration of St Julie's Day. For this, we have to say a huge thank you to Sister Anne- Marie and all of the team that help to make us feel so welcome and look after us all so well.

St Julie's Day 2016 was celebrated on Sunday April 17th, and we were so pleased to welcome both Bernie Shaw and Margaret Bradbury to our day. We had a packed timetable and the association members were thrilled to see a special performance of 'To Heaven on Foot' - a production created and performed by some of the current students which told the story of the life of St Julie. Father Rudolf was on hand throughout the day and celebrated Mass for all present prior to our break for lunch.

Our speaker, Margaret Philpot gave an absorbing and interesting presentation on the work that she does with ex-prisoners and explained how necessary it is to try to put measures and procedures in place to assist those leaving prison life. The demands and challenges faced by volunteers, ex-prisoners and others who help and support them were made very clear during her stimulating and informative talk.

The Association said good bye this year to one of its longest serving committee members as Angela Parsliffe had decided that it was time that she should retire. Our sincere thanks go to her for all of the hard work and effort that she has put into SNDA for so many years. We shall miss her but we will also look forward to seeing her at our events and at future St Julie Day celebrations.

Direct Members Association Report

In a swift overview of the past year, members were reminded of the very successful trip to The National Gallery in June of 2015 and also of the November Mass celebrated at St George's Cathedral for those deceased members of the association and others associated with the Southwark school. The November Mass was followed by a very tasty lunch at The Riverside restaurant and it is hoped that we will be able to make similar arrangements for lunch in future years.

Once again SNDA were pleased to be able to award a bursary prize to one of the students from the Southwark school which will hopefully encourage and assist the recipient to continue with her further education.

We look forward now to the celebrations of 2018 to mark not just the establishment of the BFNDA, but also the 90th anniversary of SNDA.

Finally my personal thanks to all of those who give so willingly of their time serving on the committee or helping to organise and facilitate our activities and events throughout the year.

Patricia White



For the year 2015-16 we had 73 paid up members. At the present time (AGM September 2016), for the year 2016-17 we have subs for 47 members. This is a substantial drop which I hope will be remedied in the next few months. Three of our members have died – Rosemary Prendergast, Angela Fahy and Hilary Haddleton RIP. I received notice from the families of two other members that they no longer wanted to continue their membership.

I have attended two of the three executive meetings as acting convenor and have represented the Direct Members Association at the 150th Anniversary Celebrations of ND School in Plymouth.

Our members continue to support our Charity and since the last AGM have contributed over £700. This sum includes donations from Leeds, Liverpool and Sheffield made from collections made at their separate luncheon meetings.

I am afraid that this year Father Chris was not asked to say Mass in May for the intentions of Direct Members, a failing on my part. Sheila of course had approached him last November so Mass was said then for Deceased Direct Members.

Masses have been said for our three deceased members and cards of condolence sent to their families.

November will see me hand over the reins to Lesley Freeman but before I do so I must thank Sheila Fuller for all her help and support. Unfortunately, she did not have the peaceful year of retirement she anticipated as she has been pestered by yours truly asking questions. So again my apologies Sheila and thank you!

Mary Lewis (Acting Convenor)

**Report for the BFNDA AGM 2016
on the
National Board of Catholic Women.**

INCOME & EXPENITURE ACCOUNT

General Account & Charity

I took over last year as the BFNDA representative on the NBCW. I have attended two meetings in October 2015 and February 2016. These meetings take place at Romero House, close to St. George's Cathedral, Southwark. Sadly, I was unable to attend the AGM in Birmingham in July. For those of you who know little of the organization I will quote the Mission Statement:

“The National Board of Catholic Women actively seeks to promote the presence, participation and responsibilities of Catholic women in the Church and society in order to enable them to fulfill their evangelical mission and to work for the Common Good. It is a forum in which Catholic Women in England and Wales (members of Catholic organisations and other women representatives of diocesan structures) exchange experience, express their hopes and concerns and make recommendations on the life and mission of the Church. It forwards to Government and others, submissions dealing with matters of public interest and concern.”

The NBCW is an umbrella organization which disseminates information from its constituent women's groups. Therefore, I receive a vast quantity of e-mails from the National Board which I forward to all members of the BFNDA Executive. There is a number of sub-committees which deal with the following issues: Health and Bio-ethics; Ecumenism and Interfaith; Education; Environment; International; Marriage and Family; Social Responsibility and Women In the Church. Every one will be aware of the Women's World Day of Prayer.

The next big event, on Saturday, 17th September is an ecumenical service and march to show our own government and other world leaders that we care about refugees. This is timed to coincide with the meetings of world leaders to discuss the refugee crisis. The service is from 12pm – 12.45pm at St James' Roman Catholic Church, Spanish Place, 22 George St, London W1U 3QY.

Diane Donovan

| | | Year Ending 2015 | Year Ending 2016 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Income | Capitation | 1572.00 | 1344.00 |
| | Direct Members | 207.00 | 192.00 |
| | Interest | 7.71 | 2.32 |
| | Badges | 15.00 | 33.00 |
| | Charity | 4465.70 | 4301.50 |
| | Miscellaneous | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | | 6267.41 | 5872.82 |
| Expenditure | Executive Travel | 698.24 | 722.15 |
| | Printing & Stationery | 134.15 | 308.47 |
| | Postage & Telephone | 106.45 | 87.65 |
| | Miscellaneous | 452.45 | 403.30 |
| | St Julie News | 299.00 | 285.00 |
| | Donations to Charity | 4500.00 | 4500.00 |
| | | 6190.29 | 6306.57 |
| | Excess of Income over Expenditure | 77.12 | -433.75 |
| | Carry forward | 6465.43 | 6542.55 |
| | Balance | 6542.55 | 6108.80 |
| | Balance at Bank 31.03.15 | 6603.75 | |
| | Unpaid Chq No 334 | 61.20 | |
| | | 6542.55 | |
| | Balance at Bank 31.03.16 | | 6278.68 |
| | Unpaid Chq No 368 | | 169.88 |
| | Carry Forward | | 6108.80 |

DESERT ISLAND DISCS

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 2015-2016

According to Capitation Fees Paid

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|----------------|-----|
| Battersea | - |
| Direct Members | 64 |
| Manchester | 83 |
| Southwark | 110 |
| Northampton | 191 |

These are paid-up members for whom Capitation fees have been received but most Associations have greater numbers than the above. As members pay subs. throughout the year we can never get the numbers absolutely correct

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### SPRED CHARITY SEPTEMBER 2016

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| Brought forward         | <b>(46.20)</b> |
| Direct Members          | 737.00         |
| Federation 2015         | 499.00         |
| Manchester              | 1517.50        |
| Northampton             | 1300.00        |
| Southwark               | 1000.00        |
| Balance carried forward | <b>5007.30</b> |

I wonder how many of you listened to this programme on 31<sup>st</sup> July when we heard about the scientist from Leeds, Monica Grady, who was involved in a ground-breaking, special space programme. This involved a probe which had been travelling for about ten years landing on a comet, and relaying photographs. You may have seen this lady, on a news programme, getting extremely excited about the success of the project as it fulfilled their predictions. Monica had attended Notre Dame Leeds and explained that, although it was unusual for girls to aim for a life in the scientific world, she took the decision after being influenced by a very inspirational teacher Miss Lawton – our well-loved and long standing member Margaret Lawton.

Mary Kendal – Manchester

"It's landed - I've waited years for this", Professor Monica Grady has said, on finding out that the robot probe Philae had landed on a comet.

The landing caps a 6.4 billion-kilometre journey that was begun a decade ago.

Prof Grady of the Open University worked on a tool of the project called Ptolemy - a shoe-box-sized gas analysis instrument.

She was in on the Philae lander project from its earliest days and jumped for joy when she found out the news, even hugging the BBC's Science Editor David Shukman.

## FRIENDSHIPS MADE TO LAST

In September, 1936, Beryl Woodhouse (Dawson) and I started school at Notre Dame, Northampton. We were in the Kindergarten and our teacher was Sister Gerard of the Sacred Heart. Sister was the kindest person one could ever wish for as your first teacher.

Another Sister, much loved, was Sister Gabriel of St. John, our music teacher. Beryl left school and I went into the sixth form and then on to Mount Pleasant Teacher Training College in Liverpool. I subsequently returned to teach in Northampton.

In the meantime Beryl married and with her husband, John, an officer in the Royal Army Education Corps, spent a number of years in Hong Kong. Whilst I did not see Beryl for a long time, friends were able to let me know how she and her family were getting on.

In 1993, Paddy Coles (Greaves) and I organised a reunion of our school year. Beryl came and we made sure that we did not lose touch. Every month we meet for coffee along with other school friends from our year at Notre Dame. So, eighty years on our friendship continues!

José Sear (Lack)



## All the King's Horses and All the King's Men



The Mayor of Northampton 2015-2016 was Penny Flavell, an old girl of Notre Dame High School Northampton. She invited a group from the Northampton Association to visit the Guildhall for a guided tour and to take tea with her afterwards.

Twelve of us were able to take up her invitation. One of that number was Stephanie Drazewska who, as well as being a former pupil, was P.E. and Games Mistress at the school for all of her teaching career until 1975 when the school closed. This means, of course, that if members of the Association were not at school with Stephanie, they were taught by her. When we met up with Penny at the Guildhall she and Stephanie had a lot to talk about and chatted away as we followed the Mayor's equerry who was giving the talk during the tour. One of the final rooms before returning to the hall for tea - the Mayor's Parlour was not big enough to accommodate us - was the Minstrel's Gallery which looked over the Great Hall. The gallery was on two levels - a higher level to the rear and a lower one to the front, about two feet wide and, perhaps, two feet deep. I followed a little way behind Miss Drazewska ( as she was always known to me at school) and the Mayor and stepped into the Gallery to see the

pair of them in a heap, on the floor of the lower level! I think they were so busy reminiscing that they just walked in and stepped straight over the edge! Fortunately, neither of them were badly injured and Penny took Stephanie straight off for a cup of tea while the rest of us finished the tour.



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**Sister Mary Stephen Humphries** celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a Notre Dame nun in September 2015. The BFNDNA sent her a celebratory card and a bouquet of flowers in recognition of the occasion.



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**RIP**

**Hilary Haddleton** died shortly before the last conference. She was one of the first Direct Members and for many years she attended Federation weekends. She took over the editing of St. Julie News from Anne McMurray and in that position she was most innovative, making it easy for the next editor to take over. She had six children and took a great pride in her grandchildren.



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**Pat St John** née Purcell, Mount Pleasant 1950 to 1952, died in September after a short illness. José Sear née Lack attended her funeral.



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## SISTER VERONICA TURNER 1927 – 2015

After attending Notre Dame Manchester, and teaching at St Augustine's All Saints, Manchester, Veronica went on to Ashdown, was headmistress of St Anthony's Scotland Road, Liverpool, and then spent 19 years in Nigeria where she became Postulant Mistress. I quote from people with whom she worked "Her great strength was working with youth.... She could keep any group joyfully singing Gospel songs for hours!" "Another gift was green fingers..... Students would help her as she planted and watered vegetables and flowers wherever she worked!" (I know that she smuggled seedlings into Africa inside balls of wool – knitting being another hobby that kept her busy.) "She befriended the vulnerable, especially prisoners in Auchinleck jail, who after their discharge would frequently visit her.... The conditions were terrible; no running water; and she went every week and on Christmas Day." She continued this work in Brixton where she was successful in helping a wrongly accused man to be freed. She finished her days in Parbold where a Sister wrote "we were all struck by her constant gentleness and cheerfulness, her peacefulness and her willingness to respond in every way to the care and love shown to her. Her silence was transformed by her smile which spoke volumes!" Some may remember her at Federation as the Sister who wore ankle socks!



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**R. I. P.**

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| Hilary Haddleton née Pavillard   | Birkdale       |
| Sylvia Mulvahill née Sweeting    | Leeds          |
| Angela Fahy née Walsh            | Leeds          |
| Margaret Brennan née Leonard     | Leeds          |
| Honor Franks née McLoughlin      | Leeds          |
| Pat St John née Purcell          | Mount Pleasant |
| Rosemary Prendergast née McGowan | Liverpool      |
| Frances Murphy                   | Manchester     |
| Margaret Stephens                | Manchester     |
| Maureen Stenton                  | Manchester     |
| Helen Taylor                     | Manchester     |
| Joan Timpson                     | Northampton    |
| Joan Ayres                       | Northampton    |
| Joy Garner                       | Northampton    |
| Mavis Helen Smith                | Northampton    |
| Maria Boulby née Bruno           | Southwark      |