

St. Julie News



2014

Congratulations

April 2014 **Sister Susan Mary** celebrated her 90th birthday.

Margaret Bradbury succeeded in climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

Kathy Robinson (Southwark) received an **MBE**

BFNDA Federation AGM 2014

Hinsley Hall. Leeds.

Hinsley Hall now seems to have become the home of Notre Dame Federation and it was nice to arrive at a venue that we knew well with the knowledge that the accommodation and the food would be good. This year our arrival was particularly pleasant because the 'early birds' were sitting outside in the brilliant sunshine - a good omen for the weekend! Meeting friends, we perhaps only see once a year, is always a pleasure so we had the usual hustle and bustle of settling in and catching up with news.

After supper and a short quiz, many went to the room where the raffle, tombola and craft stall had been set up by the Manchester group - this became a meeting point, throughout the weekend, where the losers bore their disappointments with good will and the lucky winners went home with goodies they probably didn't need. It was a hive of activity throughout the weekend making money for the Charity.

After the promise of sunshine our trip to Wetherby was a wash out! Strangely enough the rain began as we boarded the coach and stopped as we gathered to come home. But it is a lovely town and we sheltered in rather nice shops and coffee shops and spent a pleasant morning with friends. Many of us decided we must go back!

First the Direct members held their own yearly meeting, after which 44 delegates attended the AGM. Here we were able to meet and welcome Sister Patricia Sullivan, the new Representative of the

Provincial Team and Sr. Jo Bushell who cares for us at our Liverpool meetings. We learned that Bernadette Shaw is our President Elect and will take over in September 2015. We had a short report on the Council meeting from Veronica Miles. Diane Donovan is hoping to organise a trip to the Namur Heritage Centre in Autumn 2015 and when the details are finalised she will let us all know. What a great idea!

We then met in the chapel for Evening Prayer with lovely quiet music, thanks to Father Chris.

Saturday evening was something different! *Notre Dame's Got Talent*. I wonder why there were so many amusing poems (beautifully read) and a song about growing old!!! Sadly we are too late for *Britain's Got Talent*. Some of our performers could certainly have gone on the stage!

At Sunday Mass the Notre Dame singing tradition and the voice of Father Chris certainly enhanced the liturgy. Lists of the sick and lately dead were placed on the altar.

An excellent power-point presentation prepared by Sr. Mary O'Brien gave us a picture of the difficulties of life in Kenya and the amazing progress made possible with the use of our donations - encouraging us to try even harder this year. We presented Sister with a cheque for £4,500.

In 2015 the Conference will be 18th.-20th. Sept. because our usual time was already booked up. We have therefore booked two years ahead for our normal weekend in 2016. At the end of this weekend Ann Astwood told us that circumstances prevent her from continuing as Appeals Secretary and we thank her for all her hard work and the cheerful way she encouraged us to part with our money for the raffle.

Thanks go to Wendy Banyard our conference secretary for all the hard work she did behind the scenes to make the weekend run so smoothly.

Mary Kendal, Lesley Freeman, Sheila Fuller and Veronica Miles.

President's Report to British Federation of Notre Dame de Namur Associations August 2014

Our new year started over the weekend 30th. August 2013 to 1st September 2013. Despite the fact that I probably set a new record holding my first AGM as President, at Hinsley Hall, with a one-armed secretary and a one-eyed treasurer, it was a happy weekend attended by 39 people, perfectly organised by Wendy and the trip to Harrogate on Saturday morning was appreciated by all. We were pleased to welcome Sr. Patricia O'Brien, Provincial Moderator to the AGM. Being able to toast the forthcoming marriage of Pauline and Frank was icing on the cake. (My account of the wedding was included in last year's SJN.)

Immediately after Conference I contacted Sr. Mary O'Brien in Kenya and told her that we had presented Sr. Patricia O'Brien with a cheque for £5,000- She was delighted.

In October Sr. Pat Short celebrated her Diamond Jubilee, a well kept secret. We did however, acknowledge this joyful occasion at the Executive Meeting in November when we presented her with flowers on behalf of all members of BFNDA. Immediately after this meeting Sr. Patricia was taken ill and moved to Parbold. She passed away on December 26th. 2013. Her Funeral Service was held in Parbold and I think the number of Federation members present was testimony to the esteem in which Sr. Patricia was held. I also believe the British Federation meant a great deal to her. She is very sadly missed on the Executive Committee.

In March I wrote to Cardinal Nichols, on behalf of BFNDA congratulating him on his appointment as Cardinal. Also in March I heard the sad news that Pat Mallon had died after a short illness. I wrote to her family and Fr. Chris. said Mass for her on our behalf. Pat would normally have been with us here this weekend.

In March we were pleased to hold our Executive/Council Meeting and welcomed back Past Presidents including Veronica Miles, José Sear and Pauline Ireland (Clayden)

March 3rd. saw me visiting Southwark Association for their St. Julie day again. Where did that year go? It was another lovely full day, and I did panic when the guest speaker gave her talk on Refugees. If I were to take this year's talk to heart, as I did last year's, I would have had visions of having a house full of refugees. It was lovely to meet up with about 50 members and share this time with them thank-you Southwark.

In April Sr. Susan Mary celebrated her 90th birthday. We didn't know about this until after the event but decided to send her flowers in time for Easter. I ordered the flowers for delivery on Easter Saturday, 19th. April. On Tuesday 15th. April I received a thank-you card from Sr. Susan Mary for the lovely flowers but as we missed her birthday anyway I thought this was fine. On Easter Saturday afternoon I received a phone call from Sr. Susan Mary telling me she had just received another beautiful bouquet from us - I told her to enjoy them, God obviously wanted her to have flowers.

There have been several celebratory Masses this year in Liverpool and I am pleased that various members have attended these on our behalf. Likewise, we are always well represented at the funerals of deceased members and their families. I do feel it is important that all members of BFNDA have the opportunity to represent us and, if anyone takes the opportunity to do so, please let us know about it.

Sunday 27th. April saw the Northampton Association members celebrating their annual luncheon; another happy occasion. (fully reported in Northampton's report.)

In July I travelled to Manchester for their Strawberry Tea in Stella's lovely garden, in beautiful weather. With the support of members' families, friends and St. Winifred's parishioners. our charity funds were swelled once again.

In July we held an Executive meeting and were pleased to welcome Sr. Pat Sullivan as the new Provincial's Representative on the Committee, and I hope that she will be happy in her new position.

Sadly, during this year, both Doreen Lambert and Catherine Byrne have lost their husbands but I am really pleased that they feel able to be here with us this weekend.

With two years of my term of office down and only one left to go, I want to thank all members of the committee for the support and hard work they put into the Federation, and to thank Fr. Chris for continuing as our Chaplain and blessing our meetings with midday Mass. I hope that St. Julie will continue to watch over us and guide us in the right direction and bring us all safely back here in September.

Margaret Bradbury

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 2013-2014
According to Capitation Fees Paid

Battersea 35
 Direct Members 80
 Manchester 65
 Southwark 113
 Northampton 231

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

CHARITY ACCOUNT 2013-2014

Brought forward	03.09.2013	(£131.50)
Direct Members		£962.00
Manchester		£1,220.00
Northampton		£1,200.00
Southwark		£211.00
BFNDA (Conference 2013)		£426.60
Donation from Federation funds		£500.00
Balance		£4,651.10

Donated to Kenya Charity £4,500.00

Balance carried forward September 2014 (£151.10)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

General Account and Charity

	Year Ending 2012	Year Ending 2013
Income:		
Capitation	£1458.00	£1269.00
Direct Members	£165.00	£240.00
Interest	£ 8.57	£8.21
Badges	£21.00	£30.00
Charity	£3585.00	£5372.40
Miscellaneous	£84.95	£10.00
	£5322.52	£6929.61

Expenditure:

Executive Com. Travel	£460.49	£662.59
Printing and Stationery	£162.92	£96.18
Postage and Telephone	£159.51	£179.20
Miscellaneous	£260.58	£777.50
St. Julie News	£698.85	£680.30
Donations to Charity	£4200.00	£5000.00
	£5942.35	£7395.77

Excess of Expenditure over Income

	£619.83	£466.16
Carry Forward	£7551.42	£6931.59
Balance	£6931.59	£6465.43

Balance at Bank 31.03.12

	£7,079.89	
Balance at Bank 31.03.13		£6506.83
Unp.Chqs.	£ 148.30	£41.40

REPORTS

NORTHAMPTON Assoc.

The AGM was once again held in March in St. Gregory's Church Rooms. Numbers were up again on last year with approximately 60 attending. There was a twist to the tale this year when José announced that half of the committee, those over the age of 80, had stood down and José was handing over to Margaret Bradbury, after 28 years as President. The formal part of the meeting was followed by tea and cakes.

In April we returned to the Marriott for our Annual Luncheon where invited guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton, and Monsignor Tony McDermott, our Chaplain. Kath Byron joined us from Surrey and Judy Gibbons came from Oxford. There were 97 of us for lunch. The retiring members of the Committee were formally thanked for their services over the years and presented with bouquets. José also received a Papal Blessing.

Marie Thomas continues to organise our social events with speakers covering a wide variety of topics.

In May Monsignor Tony McDermott celebrated Mass with us at St. Aidan's Church for St. Julie's feast.

Once again Northampton was well represented at the Annual Conference at Hinsley Hall , all in all – another delightful weekend orchestrated to perfection by Wendy.

We have already planned our September Tea Party, another talk in October and our Christmas celebration. It has been another successful year for NNDA.

MANCHESTER Assoc.

We are most pleased to report this year that our numbers continue to grow, and this is mainly because some of our new younger members are spreading the word on the internet (facebook etc.) and after attending our events are pleased to be in touch with more old friends and then tell others. (They have their own Notre Dame web-site - invitation only!)

Our two annual Masses for St. Julie's day and for our deceased members continue to be well attended. The three main social and fundraising events Afternoon Tea at The Radisson, Strawberry Tea at Stella's and Soup and Sandwich at Veronica's produced generous contributions to the charity and we were proud to contribute £1200 this year. We continue to be grateful for the generosity of those elderly members who send money even though they are no longer well enough to join us.

The tour of Manchester Town Hall was postponed because the state rooms were not available so we'll try again next year.

One of our long standing committee members Sheila Madden died this year and will be sadly missed. Veronica Miles (President), Stella McHugh (Treasurer) and Mary Kendal (Secretary) have all announced their intention to leave their positions on the committee after the St. Julie Mass. We were hopeful that new members might take these on and after a recent meeting we are delighted to announce that we now have a new Secretary and Treasurer at least. So we can put our Direct membership on hold!!

Mary Kendal
SOUTH WARK Assoc.

Our activities this year have been few. We had a very successful trip to Clarence House last August which was enjoyed by about 18 members. This year we are organising a trip to Lambeth Palace. In September a number of this Association were able to attend the successful and enjoyable BFNDA Conference in Hinsley Hall.

In November we held our annual Mass for the deceased. It was a lunchtime Mass and we had hoped that it would be possible to organise an informal lunch to follow but unfortunately we could not find a convenient and affordable venue. It was the view of the committee that a Mass at lunchtime might allow more of the membership to attend and we have arranged for a lunchtime Mass again this November.

Sadly, at the start of our year, we heard the very sad news of the death of Eileen Pawsey. Eileen had been a loyal and hard working member of the committee for some years prior to being diagnosed with cancer in early 2012. A number of the committee were pleased to attend Eileen's funeral.

Flowers along with our condolences and prayers were sent to Sister Pat's funeral on behalf of SNDA.

This past year has flown by and as a committee we seem to have settled into a regular pattern of meetings and mail shots. We have four, sometimes five, committee meetings a year which are held here at school and we endeavour to keep to our agenda which means that generally our meetings last about an hour and a half. It has been difficult at times as we still operate without a secretary but I am indebted to Angela Parsliffe who continues to serve as Minutes Secretary. Once again, throughout the year, Paula Watson has continued to coordinate SNDA participation in the Westminster Cathedral Quiz Nights and these evenings are always popular and fun. Paula is also very keen to maintain the Theatre Group and frequently informs us of trips to suitable productions. Diane Donovan continues to represent SNDA at Executive and I am personally very grateful for her continued involvement at this level. Diane is well known to the other members of the Executive and highly regarded by them all so I know that we can rest assured knowing that our interests are always well represented. Thank you Diane. As always the committee have worked hard to make sure that the SNDA continues to flourish and our thanks to them all.

At our AGM we welcomed Louise Zanre and Nas Ahmed from the Jesuit Refugee Service. Together they gave us some insight into the valuable work of the JRS. We also welcomed Margaret Bradbury, BFNDA President. Finally I would like to record our congratulations to Kathy Robinson who was recently awarded an MBE for services to education and to the students of the school

who recently raised £3,360 for three overseas projects that the school is supporting in Kenya, Nigeria and Peru. Well done to them all.

Patricia White

DIRECT MEMBERS

Direct Members continue to receive two mailings each year: the next one will be at Christmas when St. Julie News and a list giving names and details of all the Direct Members, will be posted out. There will be another mailing at Easter when a newsletter and details of the Federation AGM will be sent out. At the time of writing, we have 70 paid up members, although we have 97 names on our mailing list.

Direct Members continue to be generous to the Federation Charity for Kenya, donating £962 since September 2013, so a big thank-you to all who send in donations despite not being in touch with a local association.

Earlier in the year, we received invitations from Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral for representatives from Federation to attend the following two celebrations. The first being on 16th. March to attend a Mass to celebrate the nomination of Archbishop Vincent Nichols of Westminster as a Cardinal, where Archbishop Nichols was the Celebrant. The second occasion was on 1st. May to attend the installation of Bishop Malcolm McMahon, formerly the much loved Bishop of the Diocese of Nottingham, as the new Archbishop of Liverpool. It was felt to be a great honour to receive these invitations and we were delighted to say that several Direct Members were able to attend these events which were remembered for their solemnity and wonderful music. Long may the Association of Direct Members flourish!

Sheila Fuller

NORWICH CELEBRATES and REMEMBERS!.

The Anniversary of St. Julie Billiard's birthday, 12th. July 2014, was chosen for the celebration of 150 years of Notre Dame School in Norwich. There had been an invitation for past-pupils, staff, and pupils' parents. Just right! I'd be on holiday in Norfolk then and could attend. I contacted family and my school friend. We attended N.D. at various stages between 1948 and 1990 - we would meet at the school gate.

The weather forecast had been poor, but they'd got it wrong again! It was a bright, sunny day which began with a display of Indian dancing on Lady Julian Green. The costumes were beautiful and colourful and the dancers (3 Yr10 girls and the Head of Biology) were elegant, expressive and joyful. Next came the official opening and welcome from the Head, Brian Conway, who said: *"We owe the Sisters of Notre Dame a huge debt. They were brave and selfless women and the Sisters would still recognise the ethos and values that inspire us. The building, technology and the presence of boys would probably amaze them."*

During the talk given by Sr. Mary (the last Norwich Notre Dame Head-teacher) we were to echo our motto - "Ah Qu'il est bon le bon Dieu" - praise and faith that sustains so many of us.

After the entertainment and talks we were free to look round the site, gardens and buildings. There was an exhibition of memorabilia too, and changes in the uniform. Ours was petrol blue/green tunic, blazer, cream blouse and rust tie -beautiful! Now it's black and green. We looked at the display of photos of staff, pupils, school events and pilgrimages. So much brought back memories I treasure; Sr. St. James who welcomed me in a very motherly way in 1945; Sr. Marie Mc.Loughlan, the next Head, who expected the best from us with joy, direction and encouragement. Last year I spent a little precious time with her in Wigan, where she, aged 100, was being cared for. Although she had changed in the 50 years since I'd last seen her I recognised the 'lady' in her. Then there was Miss Mary Trett who, with Sr. Marie too, encouraged my creativity. Sadly she died last year.

One of my favourite memories is of making my First Communion in the school chapel, and the gifts and the perfect breakfast in the Sisters' refectory and everyone making a fuss of us. The school chapel, the gem of the Diocese, is described in John Eady's book as 'exquisitely beautiful a rare example of a Victorian Catholic Chapel! It has since been restored - a joy to see and experience again.

Another memory - under Sr. Marie we celebrated Marigold Day when each girl brought a fresh marigold buttonhole to wear and I was fascinated with the great variety of shapes and colours. We had free time and treats. The Marigold -Mary's Gold was conducive to a good school spirit. The annals record them as the school flower - our symbol. The celebration book by John Eady quotes St. Julie: "Be like the sunflower that follows every movement of the sun and keep your eyes always turned towards our good God." The marigold does that too.

In St. Mary's refectory, part of one of the new buildings, we were served refreshments by the pupils - cookies, cup cakes, tea and coffee.

Untill 1979 Notre Dame was an all girls school; at one time had boarders; became a high school and prep. School; after WW1 Became a direct grant grammar school; in 1979 a co-ed comprehensive and an Academy in 2012.

When it became a co-ed comprehensive school it was incomprehensible to me, at the time, who couldn't imagine boys tramping through our highly polished corridors! But it was to serve boys for whom there had been no senior Catholic education in the area. There is now a head girl and a head boy serving together. The boys are now so much part of the school and we found them courteous, smart and helpful.

Altogether it was a very interesting and enjoyable day, full of reminiscences.

Moira Swain (nee Hornby) Norwich now Manchester N.D.A.

CELEBRATION IN LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

Mary Lewis and I were privileged to be BFNDA representatives at the Mass of Installation of the Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon as Ninth Archbishop of Liverpool on 1st May at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

The Cathedral, a wonderful setting for the occasion, was packed to capacity, with every section, including the two balconies, full. The order of Service helped us identify the guests - civic and religious. The clergy procession was so impressive as there were so many priests from Liverpool (including Fr. Chris.) and Nottingham Diocese, also Dominicans, plus all the Bishops and Archbishops, three Cardinals and the Apostolic Nuncio.

The rite of Installation and the Mass were so solemn and prayerful. The whole service enhanced by the superb music from organ and choir. It was an inspiring and uplifting occasion - we were so pleased to be present, and felt we were 'walking on air' as we made our way down Mount Pleasant.
Deo Gratias.

Veronica Miles

I think Veronica was worried in case I edited this as she said "All the superlatives in this are true."

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SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME KENYA

NOTRE DAME EDUCATIONAL CENTRE MALAVA

As you know we opened our nursery school in January 2010 so that we now have the three years of nursery together with Classes 1 and 2 of the primary school. Over the years we have built two blocks of classrooms - one of four rooms and one of two rooms so that the nursery now has enough classrooms - but is not yet complete in other ways. However we have two primary classes which are using one nursery classroom and a part of the dining hall, so in January we will have three primary classes - where will they learn? We have now started to build a block of eight classrooms – Kenyan primary schools are eight year schools. This year we have opened our dining hall and kitchen which are intended to provide dining/kitchen space for both nursery and primary schools.

The kitchen/dining hall project was big and we struggled to find enough money for the building and the furniture. The NDA money helped us with that as we had to begin by raising the funds. Now we are aware that we have to complete this classroom block - and the associated toilet blocks - as soon as possible after 1 January 2015. We know that we cannot finish before that day of the opening of the school year 2015 but our contractors are hoping to finish at least a part of the building so that we can begin to use it.

Our architect visited the other day to inspect the construction. He was there at lunch time and was more than pleased to see the children eating in the dining hall. He had not realised that we had so many pupils - about one hundred and forty now - so that the room was being well used.

As you see we are concerned about building and furniture and equipment but we have other desires, one of which is to find some sources of funding so that the parents who cannot afford the fees can be helped to keep their children in our school. As a private school we have to charge fees and many of you will know the problems of trying to keep the fees down, the teachers' salaries paid, supplies provided for the teachers and the children and enough for the extra-curricular which are so important. At this stage we have to concentrate on the building, furniture and supplies but we also have these other concerns. So it is clear that we are using whatever we get, ensuring that we get good value for the money.

We are more than grateful for every penny we receive and

recognise the effort and the sacrifices made by the members of the NDA so that we may teach our children, "what they need for life". May God bless you in all your ways.

Sister Mary O'Brien

NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Since our last AGM, I have attended one executive meeting and three Board meetings as your representative. The last Board meeting in June was celebratory as this was the 75th anniversary of the National Board. The AGM and conference was held at Newman University in Birmingham over two days.

The members of the various committees have been very busy over the past year. The Social Responsibility Committee has spent much time on the 'Poverty Project'. The aim of the project is "to enhance Catholic women's knowledge of Catholic Social teaching and secondly to encourage advocacy and engagement by Catholic women (and men) in the political processes relating to Women's Poverty." Events have been held in London, Derby, Brixton, Blackpool and Hull. They have also been working to raise awareness of Domestic Abuse within the Catholic Community. Other concerns are homelessness and human trafficking.

The Health and Bioethics Committee's main work this last year has been responding to public consultation on a wide range of topics within the remit of health and bioethics. For further information on these topics and other NBCW work please consult the website.

The NBCW has been busy internationally. Their representative attended CSW58 (the Commission on the Status of Women 58) in New York. Last year religious leaders were ridiculed for the perceived role they play in undermining the rights of women. This year religious leaders fought back. There was a side event organised where a panel answered questions to 'What has faith to do with it?' Margaret Meacher, the NBCW convener was the RC panellist.

ANDANTE is an alliance of 22 Catholic women's organisations in 14 European countries. Mary McHugh of the NBCW is the chair of the Coordinating Committee of ANDANTE and as such represents it at many meetings. She has attended the Council of International NGOs at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. The Council of Europe is concerned with Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law in its 46 member states.

The NBCW is also a member of WUCWO - the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations. This held its regional Conference in Leeds last September, the theme being 'Respect- who is my neighbour?'

The work of the other committees can be found on the NBCW web site which at the writing is in the process of being updated.

Mary Lewis

EDITORIAL

As there had not been a volunteer to take over the responsibility of Editor before the Conference came to an end I will edit this issue, but the job of distribution will be taken over by the Executive Committee. As we were about to drive away, I got the news that we should have a volunteer for next year!!

Mary Kendal

REQUIESCANT IN PACEM

Barbara RAWLINGS (ALLEN) NORTHAMPTON

I first encountered Barbara Allen at St. Matthew's C of E Junior School. At seven I was put in a class of eight years olds and Barbara, a lovely looking girl with curly brown hair and a radiant smile, kept an eye on me as I progressed through the school. Of course, she left to go to the Convent of Notre Dame. We knew that she was not well, but early childhood leukaemia would not have been in our vocabulary. Her schooling was sporadic and later on we were amazed when she began here musical career, studying at the Royal Academy of Music, showing no sign of her illness.

At our Northampton Repertory Theatre she and her partner played on two grand pianos in the orchestra pit. She became Musical Director at Northampton Repertory working with many stars at the start of their careers, including Lionel Blair, Nigel Hawthorne, Julian Fellows. She taught at Holy Convent School at Pitsford and Northampton Music School.

Having been told that she would never achieve adulthood, her death at 84 is somewhat miraculous!

Alexandra (Lexie) BLACKLOCK 1919-2014

Lexie died at Nazareth House on 4th. February 2014, just a few days before her 95th. Birthday. She was born in Carlisle and moved to Manchester in 1934, settling in St. Robert's parish. She taught Domestic Science/Home Economics at Notre Dame Manchester for more than 30 years and ended her teaching career in 1978 at Our Lady's High School (formed in 1977 at Catholic Secondary Reorganisation). She was kind and unassuming and loved by her pupils, though she was firm and expected high standards from them. Her niece told us that her family thought Notre Dame was the 'crème de la crème' - a select ladies club! Lexie was sacristan at St. Robert's for 60 years and was held in great affection and esteem by the priests there. She was so kind and welcoming to them. Several came to concelebrate her funeral Mass - the Mass of St. Joseph. She was awarded the Bene Merenti medal 10 years ago - typical of Lexie, she told her family after the event.

Veronica Miles.

Ursula Patricia (Pat) KILBURN

Pat died in March 2014. She was a loyal and cheerful member of Liverpool Association for many years. She attended Everton Valley Kindergarten and Collegiate School from 1932-39. After leaving school she worked in a clerical capacity until a chance meeting on a train with a Notre Dame sister drew her to consider a career in teaching. As a result, she undertook teacher training at Mount Pleasant from 1962 -1965 and afterwards taught at Christ the King Primary School, Liverpool, until retirement. As well as being an active member of the Legion of Mary, she helped Sister Anthony Wilson with the embroidery of banners etc. at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. She maintained a close relationship with her five nephews and they with her - a fact demonstrated by five wreaths having pride of place on her coffin! May she rest in peace.

Sheila Fuller

Peter BYRNE

Peter who died on 19th. August 2014 was the husband of Catherine our previous Conference Secretary and was a great help to her with that work.

Mary (Ree) MORGAN LIVERPOOL

Her father was from Stornaway and *Ree* was the gaelic for 'my darling' - hence her unusual name. Ree died this year at the age of 104. She attended Everton Valley School. She was the mother of Mary Rose Silcock and a well known regular at the Notre Dame retreats and at Federation into her nineties.

Margaret WHELAN (ELLIS)

Margaret died on 27th October 2013. After attending primary school in Rotherham, where she met her future husband, Michael, she travelled into Sheffield and was a pupil at Notre Dame High School from 1946-51. On leaving school Margaret embarked on a career in banking and remained there in South Yorkshire before leaving to care for her two sons. She was a loyal member of Sheffield Notre Dame Past Pupils, attending our lunches and retreats. Her requiem at the Blessed Trinity Church in Wickersley was well attended and many tributes were paid to her commitment to family and parish life. May she rest in peace.

Sheila Fuller

SISTER PATRICIA SHORT

On 10th October last year in Birkdale Sister Patricia celebrated her Diamond Jubilee as a Sister of Notre Dame; sixty years of enthusiastic service in the communities where she lived; in education, in liturgy and in her contacts with so many people.

Yet her life had its stresses and misfortunes, especially in periods of illness. She was born in Armagh in 1932 where as a delicate infant, prone to many illnesses, she was unlikely to survive childhood. With loving care she was soon well enough to become 'a mischievous and spoilt child' (her words).

She started school in Dublin in 1940 where she was taught in Irish and though good at music and maths she was unable to read. Her Mother's tragic death in 1942 meant a move to live with aunts in Ainsdale and at the Ursuline boarding school in Blundell sands she became a proficient reader - maybe this influenced her work as a teacher of reading in later years.

After Mount Pleasant College of Education (1950-52) she taught in Birmingham. Her decision to enter Notre Dame in 1953 was a surprise to her family and one aunt remarked, "Notre Dame was very particular about whom they accepted!". With the religious name of Sr. Anthony Xavier her career in teaching ranged from infants, juniors, secondary and college students in Plymouth, Manchester, Oxford, Scotland and the USA. She became a specialist in Early Years Education in Bearsden College and a consultant in America and South Africa.

In Victoria Court, where she lived, she was known for her kindness and friendliness and her willingness to help the lonely, sick and infirm in many practical ways including keeping the administrators of the flats, and the Council, on their toes. They responded quickly! Her ability to deal with, and usually win over, reluctant officials was useful when she organised the Diocesan Assembly for the

Plymouth Priests at Exeter University, the celebration of the 150th birthday of Notre Dame in England and the bi-centenary pilgrimage to Fernyhaugh.

Music was one of her great loves, having been born in Handel House Armagh where her parents had a music business. Once she was able to participate in activities outside the convent, she joined choirs in Birmingham, Bearsden and Southport. She loved her family and helped to care for her father and his second wife Florrie when they were ill, was very close to her nephews and loved visiting her family in Ireland.

Underlying all her apostolic activity and enjoyment of life was a deep spiritual life of prayer. As our representative of Notre Dame she guided the Executive with friendship, and care and we have her to thank for preparing our Evening Prayer at the AGM. Typically she did not tell us of her forthcoming 60th celebration and continued attending our meetings when, we now know, she must have been feeling ill. A few of us were privileged to attend her funeral at Parbold.

This is a shortened version of the account of her life given at the funeral Mass by her very good friend Sister Susan Mary Waters 03.01.2014

Sheila MADDEN Manchester 1922-2014

Sheila lived in Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish most of her life. After attending primary school there she went to Notre Dame High School Manchester. She was a life long member of the NDA, and a long standing member of the committee. She attended Federation AGM at times. Sheila was an active member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and a committed member of the UCM. She had a love for Walsingham helping to organise the annual parish pilgrimage, together with her husband Kevin. May she rest in peace.

V. Miles

Eileen PAWSEY Southwark

Sadly at the start of our year we heard the very sad news of the death of Eileen Pawsey. Eileen had been a loyal and hard working member of the committee for some years prior to being diagnosed with cancer in early 2012. A number of the committee attended Eileen's funeral and it was a tribute to her to find that it was standing room only in her parish church. She was quite clearly a very dearly loved and respected member of her church and a sad loss to all of us who knew her.

Pat MALLON (CONNOR)

Pat was born in Liverpool in 1936 and died on 28th March 2014. Her family moved to Newton-le-Willows in 1939. Pat went to St. Mary's School, then to Notre Dame St. Helens from 1948-53. After school she worked for Lloyds Bank, working in London for months before returning to Newton-le-Willows. She married Jim in 1971 at St Mary's Church (Jim died a few years ago)

Pat worked as the bookkeeper for the Parish Priest at St Mary's for many years and was meticulous and reliable. She worked also for St. David's Social Club. She was very involved in Parish events and organised or helped organise most of these. Her interests included keep fit and walking and she enjoyed walking holidays with family.

Her faith was important - she attended Mass during the week and she loved the pilgrimages to Walsingham. She valued her association with Notre Dame - visiting the Sisters at Ayrefield and Birkdale and attending the NDA meetings in Liverpool and the Annual Federation where she will much missed. May she rest in peace.

Sheila Fuller

Marion NELSON Sheffield /Leeds

Marion died this year aged 97 years. She attended Notre Dame Sheffield from 1928 to 1935, Mount Pleasant from 1935 to 1937 and taught at Notre Dame Sheffield from 1948 to 1953.

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