



Message from the President

WE LOOK TO THE PAST for our inspiration and to the future in hope. Our past over more than 900 years is a splendid tradition of caring for the poor and the sick, with total impartiality, with the Christian love and compassion our Founder, Blessed Gerard, set out for us. Our future is bound up in the commitments we make to continue to help those who suffer, who are in need of our help and our Christian charity.

The Order of Malta around the world has seen catastrophes on a grand scale in the past decade, among them the Asian tsunami of 2004, cyclone Nargis in Burma in 2008, most recently the earthquake in Haiti. It is most heartening to see the immediate responses the Order makes to such crises, through our international relief service, Malteser International, our organisations around the world, and not least, our British Association. We launched an appeal for Haiti within 48 hours of the disaster, to which Order members, Companions, volunteers and friends have already given most generously.

Our projects at home develop apace – the Companions go from strength to strength, as do our Trust Homes (now 74), Dial-A-Journey in Scotland which has just modernised 50% of its fleet, St John's hospice in London specialising in palliative care. And I am aware of the many small but important works you carry out in the Order's name. Among projects we support abroad are the Order's Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, a meals-on-wheels and home healthcare operation in Lithuania, a water supply unit in Kenya, and now, victims in Haiti.

A particularly exciting project this summer is our hosting of the Order's International Summer Camp for Young Disabled in Wales, and plans are gaining great momentum. It promises to be the best ever! Please support this most worthy of causes in whatever way you can.

We live in an uncertain age, but we can be assured that kindness and Christian love will bring comfort to many. That is both our past inspiration and our future hope.

Charles Weld
President, British Association of the Order of Malta



We can do!

by BASMOM Hospitaller Tim Orchard

TWO YEARS AGO I wrote in this publication about our plans to expand The Companions of the Order of Malta ("CoM") and, in the process, create an organisation of volunteers that works alongside the Order's British Association. Since then membership of The Companions has grown to over 300. This is good to see, but is just a start, we hope. I am confident that, as The

Companions develops its activities under the leadership of its chairman, Millie Wentworth-Stanley, more and more people will want to join us. The first practical priority of CoM is to offer support to the residents of care homes. Not only does this tie in with the Order of Malta's own care homes (run by the Orders of St John Care Trust); but it also targets a pressing – and growing – need

within our society. Wherever our Companions live in the UK, there is sure to be a care home nearby; and where there is a care home, there will be someone who would be pleased to have a chat over a cup of tea every now and then. As Mother Teresa put it: "We cannot do great things – but we can do little things with great love."

And it is just as well that we can

do things with great love – because doing them with money is going to become steadily more difficult. Our economy faces several years of higher taxes and lower public spending. Inevitably this will mean that many of the people who support our various charitable activities – from pilgrimages to disaster relief to soup-kitchens – will have less money to give. To compound the problem, sterling's heavy devaluation both inflates the costs of our main Lourdes pilgrimage and reduces the real value of our overseas aid spending. So we may have to make greater use of love and rather less use of money as we go about fulfilling the second part of our Order's twin creed, "*Tuitio fidei et obsequium pauperum*" ("Protection of the faith and service to the suffering").

All you need is love

Talking of love, this year will see Great Britain hosting the Order of Malta's annual Summer Camp for the first time in its 26-year history. As it happens, the motto we have chosen for the 2010 Camp is "All you need is love" – which seems rather appropriate on many levels. In reality, however, staging the Camp also requires material amounts of money. (If you think you can help, please go to the Camp's website at www.maltacamp2010.org.uk for more details. We will be very grateful for any contribution, however small.) The Camp will be also be a landmark in the working relationship between the OMV and the British Association, which will jointly host the week-long event. I am sure that our partnership will bring great joy, judging from the experience of our shared Walsingham pilgrimage over the last three years.

The credit crunch ...and what it means for charities

Treasurer Stephen Macklow Smith makes financial sense

A YEAR AGO I wrote about the impact of events in financial markets on charities, and I thought it might be worth reviewing some of those themes.

The effect on charities at home

The rally in equity markets from the depths they plumbed in March of last year has been very welcome news, and it has been driven in part by the fact that listed companies have ridden out the storm in much better shape than one might have expected. Indeed in 2010 profits are expected to rise by a double-digit percentage. For charities, however, the income they derive from dividends on investments is possibly even more important than the capital value, and here the news is more mixed, with many companies cutting pay-outs in order to rebuild their

balance sheets.

Interest rates on cash remain desperately low, and even if the Bank of England starts to raise rates in 2010, they are unlikely to rise by much. Government bond (or Gilt) yields are also lower than would appear warranted by the government's level of indebtedness, so buying Gilts to get a higher level of income than one can get on cash exposes one to the risk that if yields rise, then the capital value of the Gilts will fall, and one is then exposed to a loss. Pressure on our financial income is therefore likely to remain intense in 2010.

The impact for our work abroad

Sterling fell sharply in 2008 against both the Euro and the US Dollar. These currencies are important to us because our Pilgrimages to Lourdes incur a high level of costs in Euros, the levy we pay to Rome (which is

due to rise this year) is priced in Euros, and our international aid work tends to be priced in US Dollars. In 2009 Sterling stabilised, so the situation has not got any worse, but there is now an enormous amount riding on the result of the forthcoming election. Recent events in Greece and Portugal show how rapidly the markets can react if they lose faith in governments.

All in all, we are not yet out of the

woods, but our investments remain very conservatively managed, and we have a very committed body of members and supporters – indeed the growth in the number of Companions of the Order of Malta has been one of the success stories of 2009, and we should pay tribute to Millie Wentworth-Stanley and her team for nurturing this project.

Stephen Macklow-Smith
Treasurer, BASMOM





Haiti: three crucial weeks

Diary of the Order's coordinated support in the first chaotic days after the earthquake

- 12 January** Earthquake, 7.0 on the Richter scale strikes Haiti; epicentre close to the capital, Port-au-Prince.
- 13 January** Estimates of deaths and damage start to emerge. The Order of Malta's worldwide relief service moves into action from headquarters in Europe. The three Order Associations in the United States, together with the Cuban Association, start to mobilise volunteer expert medical teams from America.
- 14 January** First medical team of the Order of Malta worldwide relief service, Malteser International, departs from Cologne. Includes French and German staff – doctors, nurses and medical aides, a team leader and a logistician. First medical team from North America departs from Miami - includes 3 Haitian nurses experienced in critical care and 2 doctors. Order's Ambassador to Haiti and the Dominican Association mobilise relief efforts and organise arrangements for the arriving Order medical teams, who must travel overland from Santo Domingo. Donations are delivered to their warehouse, Almacaribe - cargo delivery to Port au Prince by sea impossible. The Associations of the Order around the world launch their appeals for Haiti.
- 16 January** Malteser International team from Europe arrives in Santo Domingo, meets up with the Cuban team. They combine efforts. Order's Ambassador to Haiti and the Dominican Association organise to get them overland to Port-au-Prince.
- 17 January** The combined teams go straight to work in the partly damaged Francois de Sales Hospital, Port-au-Prince. Together with a local partner organisation, COTEDO (Comision de Trabajo

- Ecumenico Domenicano), food and medicines distributed at five emergency clinics outside Port-au-Prince.
- 20 January:** Chief logistician, Malteser International, arrives in Haiti, bringing emergency health kits of antibiotics, medicines and dressing material for 20,000 people for three months. Second team from Europe arrives with 5 staff including one doctor. Second Cuban team arrives, bringing 2 doctors and three Creole speaking Haitian nurses. They work first in Port au Prince and then in Leogane with the Order's international relief service teams and relief teams from Argentina and other countries. The USA Associations send teams of volunteer doctors to the Order's Sacré Coeur Hospital, Milot, to treat victims helicoptered in from the capital.
- 21 January** A second international Order team replaces the first, and includes logistics experts and helpers who speak French and Creole. The more gravely injured victims continue to be helicoptered to the Sacré Coeur hospital. Polish plane with Polish Association member arrives with food, medicines, basic necessities, clothes, tents.
- 22 January** American Vice President of the Order's international relief service, Geoff Gamble, arrives in Port-au-Prince on reconnaissance. The combined international teams focus their activities in Leogane, a town of 200,000 inhabitants, almost 90% destroyed, and without international assistance. They set up a health camp with partners from Argentina. The Order's teams work in coordination, providing medical care in Leogane (Malteser International, Cuban Association) and airlifting the most serious

- patients to Milot for life-saving operations, many of which are amputations (the three United States Associations).
- 24 January** Medical team actions in Leogane include delivering three babies.
- 25 January** Cuban Association ships 8 pallets of donated medical supplies including surgical supplies for amputations, wound care, I.V. antibiotics, wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, etc.
- 27 January** 15 days after the earthquake, 2,000 patients in Leogane have already been treated at the health camp. Post operative care now much needed. Third Cuban Association team arrives with an emergency physician and two Haitian nurses to work all week in Leogane.
- 29 January** Malteser International installs two water treatment plants in Leogane, each giving 8,000 people sufficient drinking water daily. The medical team – doctors, nurses, midwife, paramedic – continues providing basic medical assistance in the camp and surrounding areas.



Water purifying tank installed by Malteser International will save lives

Leogane health centre: Malteser International nurse welcomes the latest arrival

- 30 January** 11 helicopters arrive at the Sacré Coeur hospital with 32 patients from Port-au-Prince. Cuban Association sends a supply of pediatric medicines and supplies.
- 31 January** Another 12 helicopters land at Sacré Coeur. Now over 300 patients, more expected. Intensive treatment required. Two schools house overflow of patients and a triage/emergency area. Post-op patients need further care: Order's volunteer orthopaedic teams from Florida start to develop a programme for prosthesis and physical therapy. Volunteer staff for the week totals 90 – sleeping on mattresses on the floors, in the sisters' convent, in tents. They eat in shifts and no one complains. The kitchen staff works tirelessly to provide meals for the volunteers. A wonderful example of the Christian focus on caring for the victims.
- 1 February** The Order's volunteer medical orthopaedic team from Florida continue work at Sacré Coeur. Many patients are very sick due to delayed treatment. 14 new cases expected to be helicoptered in. The coordinating teams in Leogane and Milot also work on supplies and the very many non-medical tasks required daily.

- 3 February** Fourth Cuban Association team arrives – a nurse mid-wife and two Haitian nurses to work in Leogane with the Malteser International team. The number of patients being treated at the Sacré Coeur Hospital rises to 400; with volunteers and staff the total needing to be fed each day rises to 800.

Longer term: Order teams will stay months in Leogane and Milot, giving medical aid, setting up hygiene and health care campaigns, helping reconstruct lives, homes and livelihoods. Order organisations involved have met in Miami, and under the chairmanship of the Grand Hospitaller, assisted by the President of Malteser International, a Haiti Master Plan of the Order of Malta has been drawn up.

The British Association appeal currently stands at over £120,000. Donate online through our website www.justgiving.com/fas or by sending a cheque made payable to BASMOM Foreign Aid Service. If you are a UK taxpayer and complete a GiftAid form (see British Association Appeal, 14 January on the website), we can also reclaim the tax on your donation.

Foreign Aid Service

Nicolas Reuttner reports on support in the field during 2009

THIS HAS BEEN A DESPERATE YEAR for international aid work. The recession has hit our donation income badly, and those already so in need have suffered even more.

One of the most challenging aspects of this work is the need to choose so carefully which projects to support. Compassion and care for those in need must be tempered by the requirement to be professional and work within our Code. We can be proud that by some estimates our work has reached over 100,000 people in the last decade, but there are still many more in need and many demands on our resources.

We have managed to sponsor some important projects throughout the year:

Holy Family Hospital: Since 1990 over 40,000 infants have been born here. The hospital provides the only available medical care for high-risk pregnancies. Very rapidly, the hospital has developed into the primary maternity referral centre for the Bethlehem District with a growing reputation for high quality care.

Healthcare in Lithuania: We are funding an entire meals-on-wheels and home healthcare operation in Lithuania. Across nine cities, volunteers bring daily food to 175 people. A trained team of 80 helpers makes home visits (typically twice weekly) and brings basic medical care to a further 150 people who are too ill to leave their homes and too poor to get assistance elsewhere.

Water supply in Kenya: We financed a Meckow Aquapur water purification system which transforms contaminated water into safe, clean drinking water.

It requires no electricity for the filtration process and produces 1000 litres of safe clean water per hour, eliminating diseases, and sufficient to supply up to 2000 people per day.

Scholarship in South Sudan: the individual fundraising efforts of a school-leaver resulted in full scholarships to two children to attend St. Joseph's boarding school in Yei, South Sudan.

CIOMAL: the Order's internationally coordinated activities to combat leprosy.

Blessed Gerard Centre, South Africa: We continue to support the Blessed Gerard Care Centre in South Africa, in their multifaceted fight against AIDS.

Fundraising has continued to develop through the year with another sellout FAS dinner at the Naval and Military Club in November.

An increasing number of donations come in from individuals and organisations, and – very encouragingly – we are the lucky beneficiaries of several people running marathons, sponsored bike rides and similar events.

Planning the best Summer Camp ever!

James Duffield, interviewed on the ins and outs...

Why does it take a year to organise a camp?

In short, there's a lot to do. Almost all those involved in organising this year's camp have fulltime jobs, so time is short. We had to book all the accommodation and many other facilities well over a year in advance.

What are the main considerations, the main concerns, the most important things to put in place?

Our main consideration is the comfort and enjoyment of the guests whilst they are on the camp. Second to this are the volunteers who we will also try and ensure have as rewarding a week as possible.

Fundraising is another very important area for us. We are fortunate to have secured a €50,000 grant from the EU Youth in Action project, and we have many other fundraising activities taking place. Earlier this month we raised money at the Order of Malta White Knights Ball

What have you planned for this year that is special?

We have many typically British treats and some surprises too! The IHC GB 2010 staff are working very hard to

plan a wonderful week for everyone.

Have guests started to sign up?

We've just sent out invitations to over 30 delegations and the replies are already pouring in.

A very British question: will weather be a concern and how will you cope?

We're not worried about the weather because the sun always shines in Wales... well, almost always. We have a comprehensive 'wet weather plan' and we will give guests a good waterproof as part of their welcome pack.

What are you most excited about?

Seeing all those guests and helpers we have made such good friends with over the past 10 years having a wonderful time in Great Britain. We will also be delighted to repay the wonderful hospitality we have been shown in so many other countries at their camps.

What's been the most fun?

Henry Burnand (the other camp leader) and I had to visit a theme park to check its suitability for the camp. Of course we had to try out all the rides...



This is what it's about; Time out in the planning process; Making friends on site



What is the most tiring?

Getting home after a full day at work – I'm a prep school master – to find dozens of emails. So far I have received over 2,500 emails regarding the camp!

What do you, as a volunteer and (hardworking!) organiser personally take from the experience?

I've met so many interesting people during the planning for the camp and will continue to do so. I can also now appreciate how much hard work goes in to making an event like this work.

What lessons do guests teach us?

This is a very personal thing. For me one of the things I find most humbling is the way the guests overcome disabilities of many types to achieve a common goal – having fun together.

Where is religion in all of this? ie, what's the message?

The camp can be a very busy, noisy, exhausting time. Religion is an important element of the week as it gives times of quiet to reflect, pray and give thanks. Through the group Masses that we celebrate we can all

share in this very special Christian event.

What would you say to someone who is thinking about volunteering, but hesitates?

Be brave and give it a go! You will have one of the most rewarding (and tiring!) weeks imaginable and make many good friends for life.

For more information on the Camp see our web site:

www.maltacamp2010.org.uk

If you are able to help with sponsorship in anyway, do please get in touch info@maltacamp2010.org.uk



Service to the sick

The Grand Prior explains the importance of the commitment

AT THE TAIL END OF LAST YEAR I had the pleasure of listening to Professor Jonathan Riley-Smith speaking on the early practices of the Order in relation to the service of the sick and putting forward his theory that some of this particular charism had been lost in the revival of the Order in the nineteenth century.

In essence he pointed out that the early rules of the Order stress the role of the professed as serfs or slaves of Our Lords the Sick, whereas the modern approach has more of a charitable giving attitude. A slave was

(and is) just that, but a serf too was virtually owned by his master and it was this attitude of "the master's needs are met before I think of myself" that coloured the Rule and the way of life of the Order. Something of this attitude was lost with the romantic notion of chivalry that arose in the nineteenth century. Also, with the increase in honorary Knights and Dames who have a part-time commitment to the Order, the attitude changed to one of 'my charitable work' for the Order. This is not to denigrate the work of the

non-professed, simply to explain that family and work commitments preclude a full time commitment.

Two important points arise from these considerations:

- Remembering that we all belong to a religious order, all of us, whether professed or not, should make the Order the conduit for our charitable work and giving. The commitment will be greater according to the time available and the ties of family, but it is our commitment if we are to be faithful to our membership of the Order.
- Next, our approach to our Lords the Sick must take on the attitude of being their Serfs or Slaves. We talk much about seeing Christ in our neighbour and particularly in the poor and needy, but it is too easy to forget this when actually working with Malades. How easy it is to say "the timetable says ..." or "my shift ends at ...". Our attitude should be "what would you like to do ..." or "blow the end of my shift, let us get on and do what the Malade wants ..." I am sure we can all think of things that meet these examples.

Let us concentrate ever more on bringing the attitude of service to a master, as contrasted with 'my work for', into our lives. I am sure we will find it infinitely rewarding.

*Fra Freddy Crichton-Stuart,
Grand Prior*

New horizons

Caroline Armstrong-Jones reveals plans for the International Youth Holiday Camp 2010

THIS YEAR Great Britain is proud to be hosting the 26th International Holiday Camp (IHC) which will take place from 10th – 17th July 2010 at Bluestone in Pembrokeshire. The camp brings together 450 – 500 young people aged between 18 and 35 years, evenly divided between disabled guests and able-bodied helpers. They come in groups from 20 or more countries – mostly from Europe but this year we shall also welcome groups from the Lebanon, Argentina and America. Over the course of seven days we aim to give our guests an uplifting experience and an unforgettable holiday – in part giving them the opportunities to do things that they would normally never be offered.

The best of Britain!

Few of our guests will have been to this country before and we are keen to show them the very best of Britain. Bluestone in Pembrokeshire offers a beautiful, comfortable environment with amazing on site facilities and great local activities together with access to beautiful beaches. We are putting together an exciting schedule for the week to include a visit to St Davids Cathedral and a military evening at Pembroke



Castle as well as offering canoeing, riding, fishing etc to smaller groups and trips to the local chocolate factory and Manorbier Castle.

How you can help

This project will cost approximately £450,000 to fund and although we have raised approximately 75% of this figure we would still be grateful for any donations. We owe particular thanks to Lord Guthrie and Michael Spencer for giving great support to the fundraising. ICAP donated £60,000 and Lord Bocket kindly represented the IHC on the annual ICAP charity day in December and cheered the money brokers on. The EU have also granted us 50,000 euro.

This event is very much a shared project between the Order of Malta volunteers (OMV) and the British Association and if you would like to help in any way please log on to our website www.maltacamp.org.uk



Through the keyhole

Julian Allason describes the Scottish Delegation's study weekend in Rome

THE LINE OF TOURISTS peering through the keyhole of the Order's villa on the Aventine lengthened as members of the Order's Delegation of Scotland and the Northern Marches joined the queue – much to the amusement of an army patrol sent to maintain order one late October weekend of demonstrations.

Looking through the keyhole the eye is led along an arcade of laurels to a belvedere over the Tiber, and on to the dome of St Peter's, traversing territory of the Order, Italy and the Vatican.

Not a bad metaphor for the journey pursued by knights and dames on this, the Delegation's third foreign study weekend. Members were

From the Order's laurel avenue to the dome of St.Peter's

warmly welcomed to Rome by the Grand Master and members of the Sovereign Council.

The highpoints were three talks given by His Eminence Keith, Cardinal O'Brien in the Order's church, Santa Maria dell' Aventino, the only architectural structure designed by Piranesi, and one of the most beautiful if often overlooked churches in Rome.

In his talks the Cardinal recalled the arrangements for the Vatican Conclave at which the present Pope was elected. He described his brother cardinals opening themselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in fulfilling their duty to elect the new Pope. Members of the Order might aim to do the same in the daily conduct of their lives, he suggested.

After Mass celebrated on Saturday on the Aventine by Cardinal O'Brien and Mgr. Regan, Professor Jonathan Riley-Smith described new research into the life of the military religious orders, comparing the organisation of the Knights Hospitaller with that of the Templars, and noting the consequences for each order. After lunch at the villa, with the panorama of Rome spread out beneath, members were given a private tour of the Grand Magistracy near the Spanish Steps from which the Order is governed. Truly a weekend spent on the other side of the keyhole.

High marks for Trust Homes

Chairman Peter Loyd on another successful year for the St John Care Trust

IN A MARKET OF OVER 15,700 CARE HOMES there are many that deserve criticism, some due to simple greed and exploitation but most due to lack of money to invest in training and recruitment. Our own group of 74 homes which care for 3,250 residents, is free from these criticisms. As a charity we have no shareholders to repay and are not only able to reward our wonderful staff well above the national average but have a massive training budget. Consequently, according to the official statistics of the Government's Care Quality Commission, OSJCT can proudly boast by far the best care in the UK with 93% in the top bands.

The dedication of our staff is admirable: in a recent example the manager of Townsend House, Oxford, walked five miles to work during the January snow storms. "Of course I had to get to work," Valerie Jarvis laughs ruefully, "but with size five feet I wished I hadn't put on my husband's size nine boots!"

Come and see for yourself

The Trust welcomes readers of The Hospitaller to come and visit our homes (see www.osjct.co.uk/where-we-are). One of the things that make us different is our residents' busy social life. Each home has an Activity Manager and each county a Volunteer Co-ordinator and we are currently building up a small army of Volunteer Visitors, many from amongst the Companions of the

Order of Malta (see www.companions-orderofmalta.org). Some volunteers arrange outings or events in the home, some read or paint with the residents, others simply chat. All make a marked difference to life in a home.

Second only to our residents, the care and training of our 3,750 staff remains the Trust's top priority. 89% have achieved National Vocational Qualification certificates – as carers or housekeepers, cooks or handymen, with 400 awarded in 2009. 18 received the Chairman's Commendation for Meritorious Service at Lincoln Cathedral in November.

Continued expansion

The steady redevelopment of our homes saw the opening by HRH Duke of Kent of Meadowcroft in Thame (11 specialist dementia care beds and 37 nursing beds). There he met Arthur Staggs (96) an undercover wireless operator in France during World War II, whose activities were so secret that they were not revealed until 2006 when he received the Legion d'Honneur in recognition of his bravery. "I felt really proud to tell my story," said Arthur.

In February HRH the Duke of Gloucester opens Chestnut Court, our new 80 bed specialist dementia home in south Gloucester and there are five other homes under construction. OSJCT continues to modernise and expand.



Lady Jaffray

Electronically equipped bed appeal

St John's Hospice benefits from fundraiser

Now an annual event, Anne Jaffray's fund raising – this time a splendid concert of choral music in honour of St. John Baptist – was for an electrically equipped bed for the sick and immobile. It has meant that a new £2420 specialist bed could be purchased with the funds and is now ready to be installed in the Hospice.

If you wish to contribute to this most worthy cause, please contact the BASMOM Secretariat 020 7286 1414, quoting Lady Jaffray Hospice Fundraiser.

St. John's Hospice provides care to the terminally ill across eight London boroughs. Services are free of charge. It costs approximately £2.4 million per annum to provide this care.

Dates For The Diary, 2010

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| Pilgrimages: | 19 | Venerable Order of St John |
| The Order's International Pilgrimage | 30 April-7 May | Service at St Paul's |
| The OMV Pilgrimage | 24 Jul-1 Aug | 24 St John's Day |
| Holywell | 6-8 Aug | July |
| Walsingham | 17-19 Sept | 10-17 International Youth Camp, Bluestone, Pembrokeshire |
| Scottish Events | | September |
| Knights Ball | 13 February | 8 Victoria Mass |
| Castle Craig Outing | 19 June | October |
| Requiem Mass | 11 November | 9 Rosary Crusade of Reparation (tbc) |
| St Andrew's Supper | 30 November | 13 Feast of Blessed Gerard |
| Carol Service | TBA | FAS Dinner (tba) |
| Council Meetings: | | Chaplains' Meeting (tba) |
| Thursday 28th January | | 21 South Western Day of Recollection |
| Thursday 29th April | | 25 Formation Day |
| Thursday 23rd September | | 25 Annual Requiem |
| OTHER DATES: | | 28 Douai Day Of Recollection |
| March | | 28 Northern Day Of Recollection |
| 18 Mid Lenten Evening of Recollection | | December |
| 25 Annual Dinner | | 2 Advent Evening Of Recollection |
| April | | 2 West Midlands Day Of Recollection |
| 1-4 Sacred Triduum | | 14 Carol Service – Conventual Church, St John's Wood (tbc) |
| 8-11 Meeting of Professed | | |
| June | | |
| 3 Corpus Christi – Arundel | | |
| 6 Corpus Christi procession and picnic – Conventual Church, St John's Wood | | |



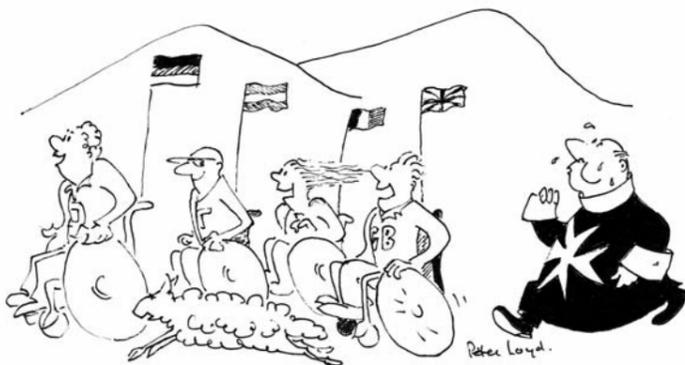
HRH Duke of Kent greeted by Trust Chairman, Peter Loyd; Trust staff honoured at Lincoln Cathedral in November



Dementia care

The Trust currently operates 267 specialist dementia beds in 14 of its 74 homes. Just completed is Chestnut Court, Gloucester, with the help of Stirling University – a state of the art cluster of 40 dementia beds. Underway is a 60-bed home in

Banbury with 23 specialist dementia beds and a further 40 apartments of Extra Care. An estimated one third of 3,250 residents suffer from various levels of dementia and so 3,790 staff (including most trustees) have received training in dementia.



Force to be reckoned with Caroline de la Force, our focal point, runs the BASMOM Secretariat with efficiency, humour and warmth. We register our appreciation with the greatest pleasure. Thank you!