



'RAPHAEL'

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FORTHCOMING VISIT OF THE FOUNDERS

Of great interest to all members and supporters is the visit to be undertaken by Group Captain Cheshire, and his wife, Sue Ryder during October/November this year. As always, they are assured of a whole-hearted welcome from those of us who believe in the tremendous value of their work, and the selflessness with which they carry it out. A brief itinerary is set out below, and further details may be obtained either from the Foundation and Group News within this newsletter, or by contacting the Foundation Secretary in your State.

<u>Sue Ryder</u>			<u>Gp. Captain Cheshire</u>		
Oct.	4 - 8	Perth	Oct.	4 - 6	Perth
	8 - 9	Brisbane		6 - 9	Brisbane
	9 - 12	New Guinea		9 - 12	New Guinea
	12 - 18	N.S.W.		12 - 18	N.S.W.
	18 - 23	Adelaide/Clare		18 - 22	Adelaide/Clare
	23 - 26	Tasmania		22 - 24	Mt. Gambier
	26 - 31	Victoria		24 - 31	Victoria
	31 - 3	A.C.T./Cooma		31 - 3	A.C.T./Cooma
Nov.	4	Depart for N.Z.	Nov.	4	Depart for N.Z.

MOBILE CLINIC AT "RAPHAEL"

The name of Anne Young will be familiar to many Ryder-Cheshire supporters throughout Australia. She first went to "Raphael" as a volunteer nurse in 1965, and towards the end of her 2½ year term became temporary administrator on the death of Ava Dhar. She returned to India and "Raphael" under the sponsorship of Australian Volunteers Abroad in 1970 for two years, and at the end of that time worked with Mother Teresa in Calcutta for the Bangla Desh refugees. From there she travelled to London where she undertook a Specialised T.B. Nursing course. In May of this year she returned again to India specifically to extend the work "Raphael" is doing with T.B. sufferers in and around Dehra Dun. Her first month was spent in Language School, doing a refresher course in Hindi.

With the blessings of the Founders, Sue Ryder and Leonard Cheshire, and with the full co-operation of the Ryder Cheshire organisation and General Roy, Anne Young is setting up a mobile clinic, based at "Raphael", but working through clinics she will establish in the district, where T.B. is so prevalent. Application has already been made for a jeep, through OXFAM, and local authorities have assured her of their utmost co-operation. Ryder-Cheshire has undertaken to meet the costs of maintenance and petrol for the jeep, as well as those drugs which do not come under the free list.

We hope from time to time to print in this Newsletter reports from Anne, and have much pleasure now in printing the first one:-

"My work really consists of three separate ventures, each of which I am hoping to consolidate with local people - nurses and/or social workers. In any case, as and when any one of these three facets expand I will need some help. Here is a brief resume of the work:

1. TEHRIGARHWAL (a hill district some 60 miles from Dehra Dun and "Raphael". Here we have accepted the kind offer of Dr. Ram Murti Sharmi's free use of his clinic, X-ray machine, and technician (X-ray of course we have to pay for), and have now made two official visits there, which will be followed up on 26th of each month. This means travelling up by bus on the day before, seeing the patients the next morning, and bussing back that night.

We are hoping to hear soon about our application for a jeep from OXFAM, and if we do get it, things will be much easier. General Roy (Administrator at Raphael) came with me last month, and was a tremendous help in finalising the preparations for this first clinic. On that occasion I was disappointed that not even one of the twenty discharged "Raphael" patients to whom I had written (in Hindi!) turned up; of course, there are many reasons why they may not have been able to come, and I fear that many may have died due to lack of "follow-up" care and encouragement; malnutrition is also a huge problem.

I am in touch with the local doctors, chemist and authorities, as we are anxious to work in with whoever is able to help us in our work. The local Government Hospital is severely handicapped due to lack of supplies and equipment, but negotiations are going on for us to be supplied with free Government medicines. The Commissioner of Tehrigarhwal has written his blessings for us to work in the area, and I feel that slowly, our monthly presence there will become known, and then we shall see the real need, and exactly which way we should move.

2. DEHRA DUN Discharged patients from the T.B. Ward at "Raphael" are asked to report back one month after discharge, to the Outpatient Clinic I have set up in the ward. General Roy, a retired army Medical Officer, will examine the patients. We also have good co-operation from the Anti T.B. Clinic at the Dehra Dun Government Hospital.

This month we have run a Mantoux Testing/B.C.G. Vaccination program at "Raphael", and have vaccinated 200 people so far, including those living in a nearby village, in mud huts close by the river bed.

3. GENERAL DOMICILIARY I go twice weekly to some people living in extremely poor circumstances who require medical aid, injections, nursing care and advice - occasionally this includes a T.B. patient awaiting admission. There are many pathetic cases, like some of Mother Teresa's refugee people, and one lot is in fact a whole camp of anything between 100 and 150 families (of course I can't take on ALL that lot) and there are other similar colonies of different groups nearby. The one I am visiting regularly is the Madrasi Colony, from which three T.B. patients have been admitted; mainly I am giving eye care and worm treatment to those badly neglected children, taking medicines from our donated Australian supplies.

I understand that some of this report may be printed in our Australian Newsletter, so I will take this opportunity to send best wishes to all my Ryder-Cheshire friends and a special thank-you to those who, unsolicited, have contributed in various ways to this work".

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CLOTHING APPEAL

The Victorian Clothing Officer, Mrs. Betty Arundell has given the following details regarding clothing,

"Nineteen teacheasts of clothing were despatched on the Vishva Vikas on 17.4.74. Major General Roy, Administrator wrote when acknowledging the Bill of Lading - 'We are extremely grateful to you, and your Foundation, for having taken so much trouble in sending the consignment, which was very timely'. Although transport costs have risen, the expense is justified by the real need for clothing - especially for woollen jumpers and cardigans - at "Raphael".

On behalf of the patients at "Raphael", thank you for all the clothing so generously donated".

CAUSEWAY AT "RAPHAEL"

An excerpt from the last report of Major General Roy gives further details of the Causeway Project, mentioned in the last Newsletter. "Raphael" can be cut off during the monsoon season when the Rispana River is in flood.

"The blue-print and the design for the submersible bridge have been finalized by Mr. O.P. Sharma, the Commander Works' Engineer of the Military Engineering Service under the guidance of Lt. General Harkirat Singh. A contractor, Mr. Ram Pratap will forward quotations for the construction work, which will be required to be completed within six months of the date of commencement, which will probably be in October, after the monsoon season. A temporary road will take traffic to and from "Raphael" during the period

of construction, and will be maintained by the contractor without extra cost.

The acceptance of the contract will depend on the availability of funds which we are hopeful will be made available by the end of August".

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CHRISTMAS CARD 1974

Designed at the Malabar Training Centre, Long Bay Gaol, this year's card is a charming jungle scene featuring three elephants flanked by banana palms, the Christmas Star above. There is a bottom border suggesting the oil lamps lit everywhere in India on big days. The card is an attractive Christmas red on white board. Wording reads "With Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year". Price remains unchanged - 10 cents per card and envelope. Orders to:

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10 Hamilton Parade,
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Deadline for next issue - 15th November. The new Editor will be -

Miss Gwen Easton,
19/36 Kensington Road,
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Please assist by stating number of Newsletters required, or number of labels sent. And thank you all for your co-operation in the past. F.S. (Ed.)

FOUNDATION AND GROUP NEWSN.S.W. FOUNDATION

The Foundation has been preparing with enthusiasm for the visit of Group Captain Cheshire, and his wife Sue Ryder, in October. Mr. David Robin has skilfully co-ordinated the activities of many groups and individuals to produce an efficient itinerary for the week the Founders will be with us. With Mr. Justice Nagle, Mr. Robin has also played a leading role in assisting in the establishment of a Foundation in Queensland, soon to be officially instated.

During their N.S.W. stay, Newcastle, Port Macquarie, Lithgow and Cooma will be visited by either one, or both Cheshires. Many schools and clubs in and around Sydney will be included in the itinerary, and an opportunity for Adoptions Sponsors to meet the Group Captain and his wife will be had on 13th October, at an informal Garden Party at the home of Mrs. J. Gale. For details of the itinerary, please contact the Secretary, Mrs. P. Stanmore, 19 Satterly Ave., Turramurra, or ring Mrs. J. Gale, phone 909 1705.

A PUBLIC DINNER will be held
on Thursday, October 17th,
at Macquarie University, North Ryde,
at 7 p.m.

Sydney Support Group

Mr. and Mrs. L. Perlstone are to be congratulated on a very successful function held in May, a Spaghetti Night, which raised over \$200.00. Mrs. Jenny Gale organized a theatre party to see the recent Barry Humphries show - another enjoyable evening for a number of supporters.

Cooma Support Group

We have two functions coming up in the near future. Our original president, Mrs. Pam Harrison, is holding a Bridge Day at her home, and sixteen devoted Bridge addicts are eagerly awaiting the day. Lunch and morning tea will be provided. Also we are holding a White Elephant Auction Sale, at which all sorts of nefarious goods will be sold. A good opportunity to both have a clear out and to stock up. Surprising what support we find from unexpected sources - a couple from Cooma left for overseas and gave a friend various household goods to be offered at a local auction, proceeds to be donated to us, with the result that our funds are the better off by \$15.

Cooma is hopeful of seeing the Founders while on their Australian tour and will be most happy to welcome them. Will other secretaries and interested parties please note that the address of the Cooma secretary is now - Mrs. E.J. Akister, 39 Bent Street, Cooma. 2630

Lithgow Support Group

At a recent meeting of the Lithgow Group, the financial statement to the 16th July, 1974 revealed that a sum in excess of \$300 was in hand. It was decided to forward \$300 to Sydney.

For helping to raise this amount, the President, Mr. Pat Robson would like to thank the members of the Group. Thanks also go to the inmates of Newnes Prison Farm from whom we secured numerous paintings and other works of art for competition prizes.

John Ringwood, our Secretary-Treasurer, unfortunately for the Group has been transferred to Young. We are finding some difficulty in filling this position. If any member of the Group would like to take over these duties please contact the President.

QUEENSLAND

Mr. Joe Dacey, of Brisbane was a member of the Dam-busters and following the tradition of other 617 Squadron members in other parts of Australia he has produced the legendary leadership and initiative to launch Ryder-Cheshire in the Banana State. A dinner, under the auspices of the Rotary Club of Stones Corner will be held in aid of Ryder-Cheshire during the Group Captain's visit to Brisbane on Monday, 7th October. Mr. Dacey reports that already the Governor of Queensland has most kindly consented to be Patron when the Queensland Foundation is officially instated. Further enquiries may be made from Mr. Dacey, 58 Granadilla St., Macgregor. Tel: 49 7042.

VICTORIAN FOUNDATION

The Annual General Meeting was held in July, and the following members were elected to the Executive Council:

President - Dame Mary Daly, D.B.E.

Vice Presidents - Messrs. W. Galbraith and J.G. Hurley

Mr. P. Bradfield and Mr. G. Dougall continue as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Miss Anne Wright-Smith continues as Adoptions Officer and Mrs. J. Arundell as Clothing Officer.

Sir Henry Winneke, K.C.M.G., has kindly agreed to be patron.

Space does not allow us to print the full list of Council members, the Annual Report and the Statement of Accounts but these can be obtained from the Secretary. (Mr. P. Bradfield, ph. 29 1549).

The Founders will be in Victoria from 24/31 October, and visits to Kilmore, Moe and Ballarat will be included in their itinerary.

Enquiries regarding the visit may be made to the Hon. Organiser -
Miss Bernadette Keane, or Mr. P. Bradfield (ph. as above)
12/117 Kerr St., or Miss J. Collins (Aust. Liaison, Ph. 24 7682).
Fitzroy. Ph: 41 4645

For those living in Melbourne the highlight will be:

PUBLIC MEETING

to be held on Tuesday, 29th October, 8 p.m.

at DALLAS BROOKS HALL

300 Victoria Pde., East Melbourne

Guest Speakers:

Sue Ryder, O.B.E.
Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C.

Chairman:

Ian W. Johnson, M.B.E.

Film "On a Cold and Frosty Morning" will be shown.
The RAAF Band will entertain from 7.30 p.m.

Ballarat Support Group

Preparations for the forthcoming visit of Group Captain Cheshire and his wife, Sue Ryder, on Monday, 28th October, are in hand, and for the benefit of our supporters, our main functions are as follows:-

11 a.m. Talks to representative gatherings of students - Sue Ryder at Ballarat Children's Home Hall, and the Group Captain at the Ballarat and Clarendon College Hall.

2 p.m. Sue Ryder will address an audience of ladies at "The White House", Dawson Street South.

5 - 7 p.m. A reception will be held at Craig's Royal Hotel, for sponsors, supporters and interested friends to hear the Founders speak and to meet them informally.

During the day, the Cheshires will meet members of the Ballarat Committee for services to the Handicapped, and representatives of the Polish Community. Our Annual General Meeting will take place on September 18th, 8 p.m. at Ballarat and Clarendon College. A film showing the work of Sue Ryder in Europe will be shown. We extend a warm welcome to any interested person.

A further \$500 has been remitted to "Raphael", and the adoption of Dhanvik undertaken by the Grace and Counsel families - thank you to these generous people. We welcome back our President, Mr. John Hurley, and his family who have returned from overseas.

Miss Josephine Collins recently spoke to senior girls at Loreto Convent, where she received a donation, and an invitation to address the girls again and show a film in Term III.

Mrs. Aileen White has sent a further consignment of 6 teachests of clothing to "Raphael" - a special thank you goes to the ladies of St. Paul's auxiliary for the clean linen for bandages.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Cath McLenehan
Phone: 32 6483

A delightful story comes from Ballarat Special School, where to the children, their adoptee Panpatti, 13 years, is a very real person. Two classrooms are responsible for the fund-raising. One venture was a "Panpatti Room Party" with each child contributing party food, whilst all who attended paid 30 cents towards making short work of the well-covered table. Afterwards a chart was placed on the wall, and each \$1 raised was indicated by a flower. How keen the children were as the flowers began to cover the chart!

Letters and a scrap-book have been sent to Panpatti, and photos of her adorn the school rooms and even the Principal's Office. Panpatti is a lucky girl - but so, too, are the boys and girls of the Special School, for in giving, don't they receive also? Here is a poem they have written about their very own Panpatti -

There's a little brown girl in a faraway land,
Over the wide blue sea,
Though we haven't met - in a special way
She belongs to you and me.
We send her gifts and we wish her well,
May she strong and happy grow.
May she have the things she needs in life -
We will try to make it so.

A.C.T. FOUNDATION

The Annual General Meeting of the A.C.T. Group was held on Thursday, 27th June, at the Canberra-Rex Hotel. The film, "A Man and a House" was shown to members and friends. Elections followed.

President - Mr. P. McMahon, 12 Clarkson St., PEARCE, 2607
Vice Presidents - Mr. R. Ward and Mr. J.W. Donnelly
Secretary to be announced later.
Treasurer to be announced later.

Endowments Secretary - Mrs. M. Brennan.
Publicity Officer - Mrs. S. Bashford.

On Sunday, 28th July, a fund-raising afternoon was held at the home of Mr. L. Jorgensen. This took the form of a drama "The Cloak", directed by Mrs. Mary Bellhouse. The actresses were Miss I. Fleming, Mrs. Sally Cassin and Miss Judy Ellis. A delightful afternoon tea was served.

A stall will be held on Saturday, 31st August, at the Canberra Markets from 8.30 a.m. Donations are always welcome, and also volunteer helpers.

Publicity Officer: Mrs. S. Bashford
Phone: 95 6379

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATION

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 30th July. In the absence of our President, Justice Mitchell, who was overseas at the time, Russell Longmire, our Vice-President, chaired the meeting.

Her Honour had left her Annual Report, which was read by Russell Longmire, who moved its adoption, and added thanks to Mada President for presenting such a comprehensive report. Special mention was made of the fine efforts made by our Clare and Mount Gambier Support Groups which have contributed \$1,300 and \$3,730 respectively since first forming. South Australia's total contribution has now reached \$14,000.

The Rotaract Club of Henley Beach have just taken an adoption, and we were pleased indeed to see several of their members at our A.G.M.

The program for the Cheshire visit includes an evening on 18th October, to be arranged by the Rotary Club of Henley Beach together with Rotaractors, and a barbecue at Clare on 20th October. Adelaide members wishing to attend this function should telephone the Secretary and advise him, as numbers from Adelaide will be limited.

Invitations will be sent to all members, sponsors and friends of Ryder-Cheshire to meet our Founders on Monday, 21st October at the Police Auditorium, 1 Angas St., Adelaide. School visits, radio and t.v. have yet to be arranged.

Hon. Secretary: Ross Stanford

Mt. Gambier Support Group

The main fund-raising event since the last newsletter was the Charity Night performance of the play "Chase Me, Comrade". We are extremely grateful to the Theatre Group for again making this night available to us. The theatre was booked out and as a result \$267 was raised. At the conclusion of the play - a most entertaining farce - President Bill Carey expressed thanks on behalf of our Support Group, and congratulated the players on an outstanding performance. He presented the producer, Mrs. Maud Allison with a sheaf of

flowers as a token of our appreciation.

Clothing Appeal Our Clothing Officer, Mrs. Jean Cameron, has advised that two teacheasts of good quality clothing have been despatched to Melbourne for shipment to "Raphael". Mrs. Dohle and Mrs. Kuhl assisted in preparing the goods for despatch, and we are grateful to these ladies for giving so much time to this work.

Visitor from Sydney We were pleased to welcome Mr. Ken Duell to one of our Committee meetings, whilst he was on a business trip here. Ken, as well as Bill Carey, was a member of the famous 617 Squadron, and flew with Leonard Cheshire on many operations.

New Adoptions The President of the Students Representative Council at Tenison College, Miss C. Edwards, has advised that the students have decided to sponsor a child at "Raphael".

Another new adoption was sponsored by a young nurse, Mrs. Wiggins, who recently received back pay following a salary increase, and explained that she wished to use some of it to help the under-privileged. What heart-warming examples of unselfishness is reflected in the attitude of these young people. Also a cheque for \$100 was received from the President of Mac's Social Club for the renewal of their Adoption - we are grateful for their continued support.

Annual General Meeting This was held on August 20th. Guest speaker was Mrs. Barbara Lewis (nee Coleman) who worked as a volunteer in the Cheshire Homes in India for four years, and later was stationed at Kuala Lumpur as Liaison Officer for the Far Eastern Region of Cheshire Homes. We were interested to hear something of her experiences.

Visit by Group Captain Cheshire Plans are well in hand for the visit, and the media have offered full co-operation during that time. Please contact the Secretary for details.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Alex Stewart

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATION

At the time of writing, arrangements are well in hand for the visit of Group Captain Cheshire and Sue Ryder who will be in Perth on October 3rd and 4th. Their programme includes a Civic Reception by the Perth City Council at midday on October 4th and a function at the Government House Ballroom on the same evening. The rest of their time in Perth will be spent visiting the various works with which the W.A. Foundation is associated. - and in particular our Thrift Shop and the Catharine McAuley Home. It is hoped that the many friends and supporters of the Foundation will have an opportunity to meet the Cheshires during their stay in Perth.

On June 7th a luncheon for the Ladies was held at the delightful home of Mrs. Helen Connaughton who is one of our Councillors. Sister Martin, the Sister-in-Charge of the Catharine McAuley Home spoke to the guests about the work of the Home. We express our gratitude to Sister Martin, to Mrs. Connaughton and, of course, to Mrs. Kath French who, as usual, organised the occasion so well. The function raised nearly \$200 for the Foundation.

The Thrift Shop continues to operate well and sales are steady, though shortage of stock continues to be a problem. Don't forget to ring Peg Brady (86 6129) if you have any cast-off or out-of-fashion clothes.

We welcome back to Perth Mr. and Mrs. Black who have been in Europe for a well earned holiday. Jean, one of our Councillors, has been closely involved with the Thrift Shop since it opened and Fred Black is our Honorary Auditor.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. P. Cribb

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