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THE RETIRED NURSES NATIONAL HOME

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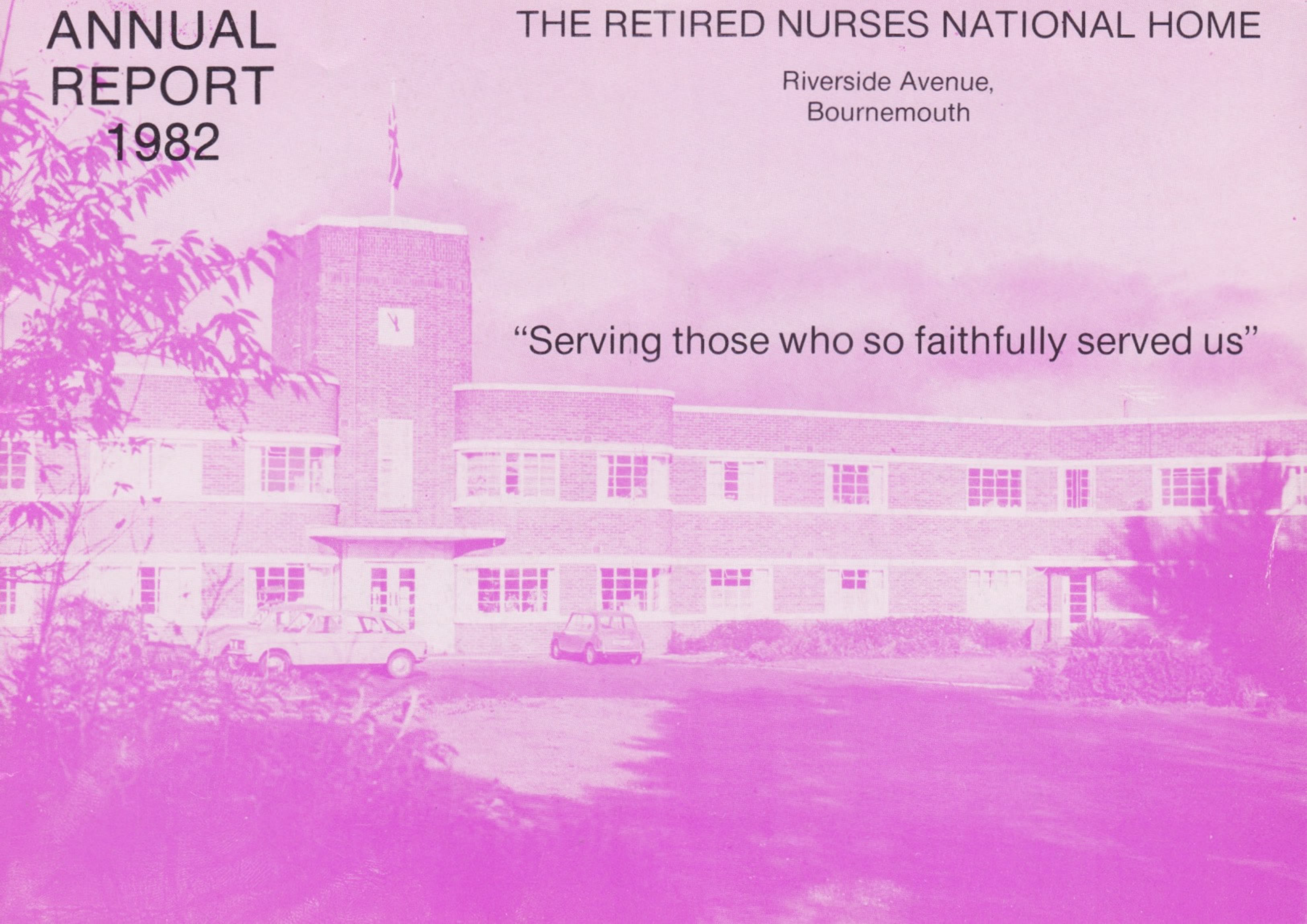

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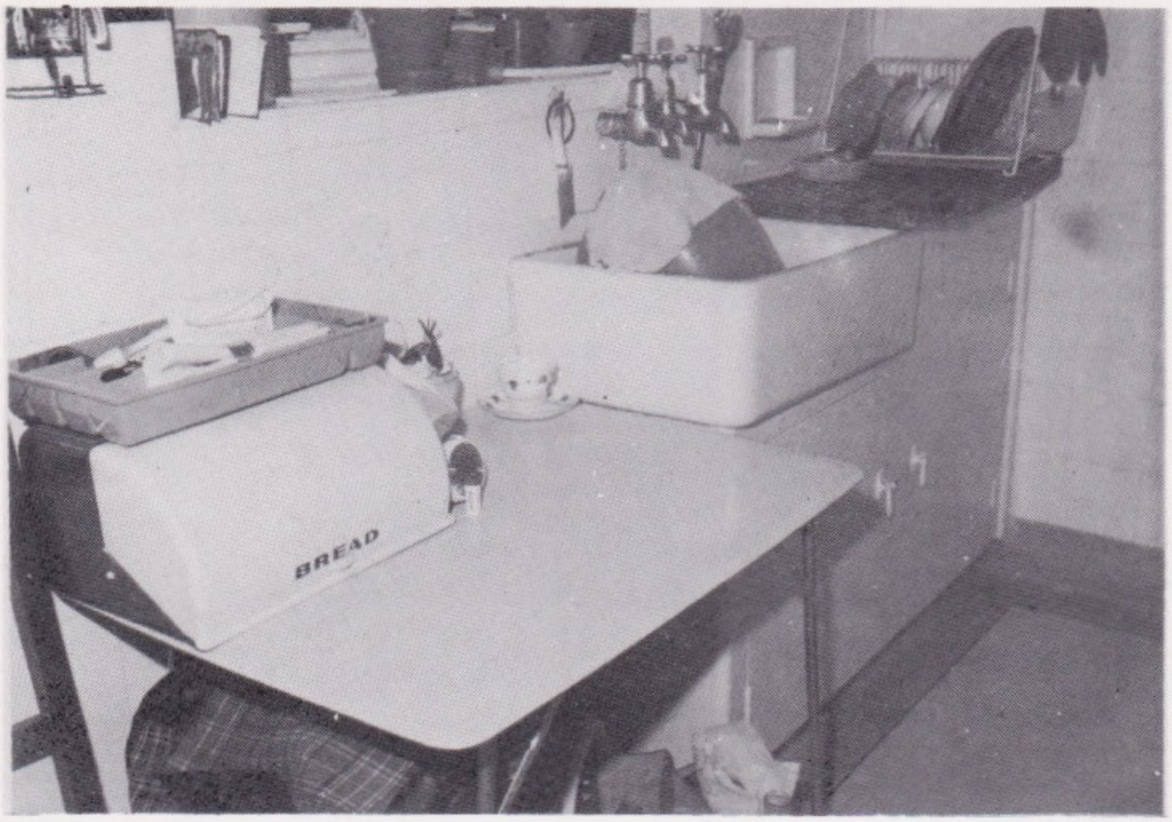
— BEFORE —



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A JOINT OPERATION ON SOME OF OUR FLAT KITCHENS HAS DONE MUCH TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE THEM.

— AFTER —

This joint operation has been made possible through a pilot-scheme to assess cost and appearance, and the contribution by the Residents concerned of the major cost of fitments. The labour and other costs are borne by the Home. Several kitchens have now been re-furbished in this way, a task which could not have been met if the full cost fell upon the limited moneys available for interior works.

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Chairman's Report

Yet another year has passed; bringing with it both triumphs and problems which have had to be rejoiced over or conquered as the circumstances dictated.

You will recall that in last year's Report I pointed out that, finally and probably irrevocably, "inflation" had hit us hard, and that our manner of tackling it had been much more effective through the good offices of John Bowen placing before us a very detailed anticipatory budgetting for 1981. This gave the Finance Committee as clear a picture as was humanly possible, and by careful use of both invested and donated funds a great deal of capital-works have been undertaken during the past year; work which HAD to be done as soon as possible to preserve the fabric of the Home and enhance the systems within it. Cavity-wall insulation has done much to keep our heating bills as low as possible. Exterior painting and renovation will protect the buildings against the inclemencies of a number of future years. Upgrading of our electrical circuits and a very ambitious scheme of additional Fire-Precautions have added greatly to functional efficiency and safety factors, and there is more to be done . . . WHEN THE MONEY IS AVAILABLE!! Your Committee have spent as much as prudence dictates, and we can go no further until you, our faithful supporters, make it possible.

In thanking all our friends for the kindnesses of another year, whether you be corporate or individual, I would like to include not only my own Committee for their work on behalf of those Nurses we have the privilege to serve, but also our faithful League of Friends for their continuing support in so many ways and lastly, but by no means least, the Residents Social Club who, in their first year of operation, have added greatly to the community spirit and the active participation of our Residents in the wider problems of running what is after all THEIR HOME!!

Again, Thank You. And may God Bless you and us as we seek to ensure the continuance of our "labour of love".

Yours sincerely,
R. EDWARD CHAPLIN. (Chairman)

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Retired Nurses National Home League of Friends

The activities of the League of Friends have continued to follow the general pattern of previous years. Our main project and purpose consists of assistance towards the re-decoration of the rooms occupied by the resident nurses. In addition this year we have provided the necessary financial help to re-decorate the Main Lounge.

The Summer Fete in the grounds provided an opportunity for the League of Friends to assist in various ways; arranging for the necessary transport before and after the event, manning a stall with helpers, and taking charge of the Raffle. We were also very pleased to recruit some new members during the course of the afternoon.

Due to unfavourable weather conditions it was not possible to arrange any sea trips for the Retired Nurses this year, but a very enjoyable coach trip was made through the New Forest in October which was appreciated very much by those able to go along.

At our Annual General Meeting in October last it was pleasing to see a large contingent of Residents from the Home, and even more gratifying to enrol a considerable number of them as new members of the League. Consequently our membership is now beginneing to approach 200.

If anyone reading this Report wishes to help us achieve this figure, and would like an application form to join our ranks, please request one from the Secretary, Mr C. L. Eckstein at 24 Russell Drive, Christchurch, Dorset (Telephone Christchurch 471628) who will be very pleased to hear from you.

The Annual Subscription to the League is still at a modest minimum £1.00.

OBITUARY

We remember with affection the following Residents who passed away during 1981
Miss Bertha M. Bevan, Miss Mabel Blanche Leslie, Mrs Margaret Pearn, Mrs Annie Elizabeth Rogers.

RETIRED NURSES NATIONAL HOME

Treasurer's Report

During 1981 your Committee have continued their policy of bringing the fabric of the Home up to date. Most of you will have seen the activity, and can now admire the freshly painted outside. As regards the internal work; one job inevitably leads to another, and although £6,500 was set aside in last year's accounts to meet part of the known costs of the work currently being undertaken at that time, over £27,000 has been spent during the last twelve months. There is still much to be done and you will see from this year's accounts that an increased provision of £10,500 has been made to meet expenditure, which is mainly a continuation of the present work of rewiring and installation of fire doors and smoke detectors.

On the domestic side we have once again benefited from a further view of the Home's finances by John Bowen. Income from Residents has increased by over £10,000 but this was not sufficient to meet the increased cost of wages. The remaining overheads, with the exception of the cost of the property on which I have already commented, have been kept under tight control by the Secretarial Staff, to whom, with other Staff, we owe a great debt of gratitude.

This will be my last report to you as Honorary Treasurer as I have felt for some time that the Home would benefit from a change. I shall, of course, continue to take a great interest in your future activities and well being. I am pleased to inform you that Mr John Harris will be taking over, and I am sure that you will make him feel very welcome. In conclusion I would like to send my Best Wishes and to thank, again, the Secretarial Staff and in particular Mr Burton and Mr Bowen.

John Thorpe

GIFTS IN KIND Various Bodies and individuals have presented sundry items of equipment and other useful apparatus. To them all we say a big 'Thank You'!!

Photo. Courtesy of J. Hamilton.

A nice touch on Christmas Day 1981, was the gift of a 'buttonhole' to Residents and helpers.

Our picture shows two Residents 'pinning up', assisted by a fellow-Resident armed with a box of pins, and obviously already enjoying their celebrations.

A buffet supper was also laid on early in the New Year and much appreciated by all.

Photos: Courtesy of A. Edwards.

PEACE

The Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist, Holdenhurst.

It is in this delightful little House of God that a number of our Residents have worshipped over the years, and its little churchyard often forms their last resting place.

CHRISTMAS DAY — 1981

After the main Christmas Lunch had been served to the Residents by John Crane, and his young staff, members of Committee and friends, a small band of Residents remained to serve the helpers. Our picture shows the young Catering Staff receiving their just reward for a truly excellent meal.

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