There is no doubt in the mind of the author that keeping the Diary helped her in the process of her bereavement in that it "objectified" (Ailsa's term) her grief, while yet allowing her to go over it again and again. The Diary is going to bring much comfort to bereaved parents; for counsellors and other professionals, it will make a memorable contribution to the growing body of knowledge about the development of the concept of death among young children. I have felt privileged in being able to review *The Daniel Diary* and as if entrusted with this private and often poignant dialogue between mother and son, so movingly put to paper that it amounts to nothing short of revelation.

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THE PITCH OF GRIEF
A programme about loss, grief and recovery

The Pitch of Grief, which was reviewed in the Summer 1988 issue of *Bereavement Care* (p.24), is now available in the U.K. through: Concord Film & Video Council Ltd., 201 Felixstowe Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP3 9BJ. Tel: 0473 726012 or 0473 715754.

Cruse News

Follow-up of Major Disasters

The Department of Health has asked Cruse—Bereavement Care to set up a Joint Working Party to consider what lessons can be learned by Social Services Departments and other local agencies from recent major disasters in the U.K., and how these lessons can best be disseminated to those providing social and psychological support in the aftermath of such disasters. Funding for this project is being provided by the Department. The first meeting of the Working Party will be in February 1989. Cruse has responded to the recent aircraft disasters in the U.K., Lockerbie and East Midlands, by providing local Branch counsellors and the support of Cruse House.

New Branches

Since our last issue, new Cruse Branches have opened at: Corby, Dundee, Foyle, The Isle of Man, Selby, Waltham Abbey and Harrogate. Cruse now has 150 Branches in the U.K.

Steering Committees

Steering Committees, which precede the opening of a new branch, have been set up at Colwyn Bay, Dover and District, Grimsby, and Rother and Hastings.

Cruse Bereavement Counselling Courses

LONDON

Archway Branch are holding a 7-week course on Thursday evenings from 7th February to 16th March 1989. Topics covered include how children are affected by death, the experience of ethnic minorities, the hospice approach, dealing with sudden death and disasters, and a psychotherapist on counselling the bereaved. This course is suitable for all who work with bereaved people and also for the general public. It would be a good preliminary course for those considering training as bereavement counsellors.

Cost: £28 for the 7 evenings, or £5 per individual evening. Venue: Jackson's Lane Community Centre, Archway Road, London N6 (opposite Highgate Tube Station). Further details from Hazel Sternberg, Archway Cruse, Tel. 01-341 4515 (answerphone).

MIDLANDS

For details of courses to be run in the Midlands in the first part of 1989, please contact the following:
Birmingham: Cruse, 021-643 4822.
Coventry East: Doreen Cox, 0203 594218.
Leominster Border Marches: Mandi Cree, 05473 387.
Newark: Anne McKenzie, 0636 71869.
Sandwell West Midlands: Gayna Jepson, 021-557 4356.
In case of difficulty, please contact Mrs. Caroline Bernasconi, Cruse Midlands Area Organiser, Blue Cedars. Ashow, Kenilworth CV8 2LE (0926 55669).

NORTH THAMES AND EAST ANGLIA

Chiltern and Beaconsfield. Introduction to loss and bereavement (for potential Cruse workers). Mondays 6th February to 13th March, 7.30-10 p.m. at the Stokebury Centre, London Road, Amersham. Cost: £12. Requests for application forms to Kay Clymo (training officer), Chesham 782483, or to Branch contact (Amersham 22515).

Dacorum (Hemel Hempstead). Understanding bereavement. Mondays 23rd January to 13th March, 7.15-9.15 p.m. at Dacorum College, Hemel Hempstead. Cost: £17.85 (£5 widows and widowers). Applications to Prue Noble, 4 Hempstead Road, Kings Langley, Herts WD4 8AD (09277 64305), or to The Organiser of Adult Studies, Dacorum College. Speakers include Dr. Colin Murray Parkes and Dr. Peter Bruggen.

NORTHERN ENGLAND

Durham. A training course for professional workers will be held at Elvet Riverside, University of Durham, on Wednesdays from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. from 1st February to 22nd March 1989. Course Fee (including refreshments): £120. Please apply immediately to Nick Tyndall, Training Officer, Cruse, 126 Sheen Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1UR.

SOUTH EAST ENGLAND

Chichester and Arun Branch will be running a course on Understanding Bereavement, starting on Monday, 6th March 1989 for seven weeks. Cost £20. The course is designed for those who have a professional concern, existing counsellors, those who may wish to become volunteer counsellors for Cruse, and anyone else who may be interested. The sessions will be held at the Richmond Day Centre, Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester, starting at 7.30 p.m.

The course will be followed by a second part designed to provide the skills needed for those who wish to become Cruse counsellors or for Cruse counsellors who wish to update or improve their skills.

For further details and an application form please write to Mrs. Ruth Genrey, Course Secretary, "Tresungers", Church Road, East Wittering PO20 8PS, or telephone Chichester 784770.

SCOTLAND

Elgin/Inverness. A Training Course will be held from 27th February until 20th April 1989. Applications should be made to Mrs. C. Bagnall, Ingleside, West Road, Elgin, and Mrs. F. Gillingham, 45 Temple Crescent, Inverness.

East Fife have a proposed course to be held in Kirkcaldy from 15th April until 1st July 1989. Enquiries can be addressed to Mrs. Ruth Hampton, Cruse Organiser for Scotland, 138 McDonald Road, Edinburgh EH7 4NL. Tel: 031-556 4489.

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