Bereavement Care

for all who help the bereaved

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MORE PEAKS AHEAD

The Queen to attend Cruse gathering

We are delighted to announce that Her Majesty the Queen will be attending the Cruse Silver Jubilee Gathering at the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington, on 8th November. Everyone in Cruse is aware of the signal tribute to the organisation that such a visit implies. It will undoubtedly be a momentous occasion.

Following successful gatherings in Cardiff and Edinburgh, the showing of the new Cruse display stand in the House of Commons for a week, a huge mailing programme to promote links with the Churches, and many enjoyable Area and Branch events, other Jubilee highlights planned for the autumn include:

- **Cruse Week** (6th-14th October)
  - — The Jubilee will be marked by many church services, including one in Westminster Abbey on Tuesday, 9th October, at 5 p.m., at which Derek Nuttall will be the speaker.
  - — A radio appeal on behalf of Cruse. 14th October, 8.50 a.m. Radio Four.
  - — The publication of All in the End is Harvest: an anthology for those who grieve. Published by Darton, Longman & Todd in association with Cruse. £3.95. Edited by Agnes Whitaker. Publication day, 6th October.
  - — The likelihood of many feature articles in the press, on Cruse's work, and interviews or mentions on the radio or television.
- Two more regional gatherings, in Leeds on 1st September, and in Exeter on 6th October.
- Many more branch parties, fairs and other social events, especially in October.

G.P.'s STUDY BEREAVEMENT

Cruse and the Royal College of General Practitioners held a joint course on bereavement and bereavement management at the College on 3rd & 4th May, 1984. Forty-five doctors attended. The course was introduced by Dr. Veira Bailey. Dr. Colin Murray Parkes spoke twice, once about The Theory of Loss, and later about Recent Research and its Implications for Management. Margaret Atkin from Gt. Ormond St. Children's Hospital spoke about The Death of Children. Susan le Po'devin gave a short talk about Counselling Skills required in Bereavement, fol'owed by two sessions of group work rehearsing such skills. Dr. Kerry Bluglass spoke about Stillbirth and Cot Death, Dr. Dora Black on Bereaved Children and the Family and Derek Nuttall on Making Use of Voluntary Organisations.

Many of the G.Ps. attending expressed appreciation of the insights that the course had given them. There have already been a number of requests for similar courses to be held so that more G.Ps. may benefit.

Cruse in Parliament

A splendid new exhibition stand featuring the work of Cruse spent a week in one of the halls of the Houses of Parliament, thanks to the sponsorship of the DHSS and of Mr. Paul Dean, previously Cruse's

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Since our last issue, Cruse Branches have opened at:

Burnley, Rendle & Rossendale: (Mrs. J. Byers, 26 Acresbrook Road, Higham, Burnley, Lancs. Tel: Padiham 75297.)
Suffolk Mid-Coastal: (Mrs. M. Ede, MBE, Garden Cottages, School Lane, Benhall, Saxmundham, Suffolk. Tel: Saxmundham 2836.)
Northern Ireland: (Cruse, 35 Lisburn Road, Belfast. Tel: Belfast 232695.)
Bath: (Cruse, Bluecoats House, Sawclose, Bath BA1 1EY. Tel: Bath 65878.)
Doncaster: (Mrs. M. Ball, 5 Asholme Road, Doncaster. Tel: Doncaster 20096.)

There are Steering Committees currently working at:

Aberystwyth, Afan, Bracknell, Chester-le-Street, Colchester, Coventry, Durham, Guildford, Great Yarmouth, High Wycombe, Melton Mowbray, Newark.

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