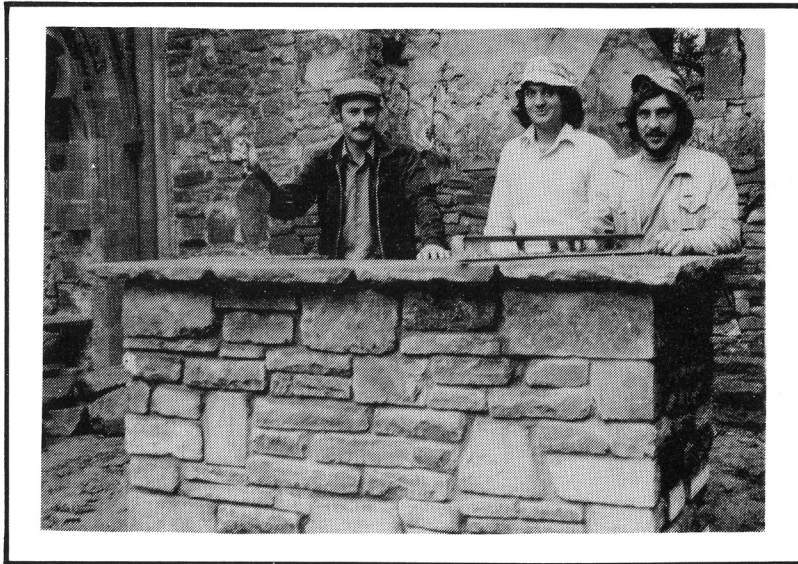


We are honoured that our diocesan Bishop has consented to be with us on this great occasion and we hope that our friends will turn out in force to add to its splendour. The special nature of the event has meant some alteration to our customary order of proceedings, but we hope that as many as possible will be able to arrive here by midday and to stay for both services. Car parking arrangements will be as usual down at Capel-y-ffin, by kind permission of Mr. Lloyd of Chapel Farm. Again we shall look forward to welcoming the Abergavenny Town Band to our pilgrimage, without whose support our singing would be ragged indeed upon the mountain air! Limited resources prevent us from being able to offer lunch to our visitors but we would encourage you to bring a picnic and make a day of it. After Evensong, as usual, we hope to provide light refreshments at a modest charge.



Alun Davies, Kevin and John Bright pause in their work of building the altar in the Abbey Church at Capel-y-ffin.

for the Trustees
HUGH ALLEN
Master of Ceremonies

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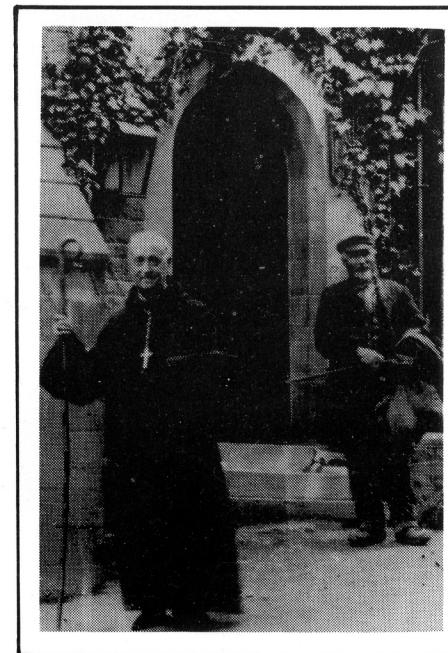
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In our last newsletter which was sent out just over a year ago we spoke of our plans to renew the sanctuary steps and floor in the ruined abbey church and to install a free standing stone altar. This project, you will recall, was being undertaken as a memorial to our late senior trustee, the Revd. John Windle, and we are grateful to all who have contributed to this special appeal. Members of Fr. Windle's family and wide circle of friends have been particularly generous, as have our own loyal and regular supporters.

Our target sum was necessarily a very high one and it has been no surprise to us that it has been nowhere nearly realised.



We live in hard times, and we would be among the first to admit that the maintenance of this or any other ecclesiastical building, ruined or otherwise, must take very much second place to the alleviation of the inhuman degradation in which so many of the human family are compelled to live. The terms of reference of the Trust require us to be as much concerned with handing on a spiritual tradition as with preserving its tangible relics;

Fr. Ignatius OSB
(The Revd. Joseph Leycester Lyne)



the preachers at recent pilgrimages have been very helpful in this respect and last year's guest preacher, the Very Revd. Horace Dammers, Dean of Bristol, was no exception. We are grateful to Dean Dammers, who is founder and central correspondent of the Life Style movement, for his challenging message, and we would commend the movement to all who are trying to find a simpler way of living for themselves and a fairer distribution of the earth's resources for all.

The main object of the appeal was, as we told you in our last newsletter, to repair the structure of what remains of the ruined church so that it would continue to be available for public use in perpetuity. The comparatively small sum received (£723.16) restricts us to less ambitious objectives. Work on the steps, floor and altar however proceeds apace, as does routine maintenance of the masonry. The winters in the Black Mountains rarely fail to take their toll and we find that the walls need some attention almost every Spring. If we cannot raise the sum required to set the church in order once and for all we must continue to "make do and mend," but we are confident that, with your generous support and the goodwill of so many who give us their time and energy without charge we shall be able to conserve the ruined church as a worthy memorial to past endeavours and a place of spiritual refreshment for future generations.



A subscription form is enclosed with this newsletter. If you are not already a regular contributor and would like to help us with this work, please fill it in and return it together with a donation to The Father Ignatius Memorial Trust at the above address. This will ensure that your name is included on the mailing list for our next newsletter.

To revert to the present; the new altar, now in the course of construction, will be completed by the time you receive this newsletter. It will be dedicated and used for the first time at this year's Pilgrimage.

This event will be held on :-

Saturday 30th August

The programme will be as follows

- 12 Noon SING EUCHARIST and Dedication of the Fr. John Windle memorial altar in the Abbey Church.
Celebrant: The Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon.
- 2.45 pm. SOLEMN EVENSONG in the Abbey Church followed by procession to the Calvary and Statue.
Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon.
- 4.00 pm. TEA.

