

STUDENT CROSS 1998-2008

Introduction

In the early 1990s it began to dawn on a number of people involved with Student Cross in one way or another, including some of those who walked on the first pilgrimage in 1948, that 1998 would be the 50th anniversary year of the event. It was unanimously felt that this anniversary should be celebrated. As the leadership of the pilgrimage itself changes from year to year it was agreed at a Student Cross AGM one Easter Saturday, that the Student Cross Association (SCA), which among other things provides some continuity year by year, should be responsible for suggesting ways in which the anniversary could be celebrated and reporting back the following year. If the suggestions were agreed then the SCA would be asked to form a committee, to which anyone interested could join, to organise the celebrations. The suggestions were agreed, a committee was formed under the chairmanship of Phil Rostant, a former G.O.D., and work commenced.

Among the suggestions was the idea that a history of the first fifty years of the pilgrimage should be written. The present author had had this in mind for some years and had been collecting Student Cross material since he first walked in 1956. Others in the past had said they might write a history, but nothing had come of this. The author therefore agreed to take on the task. Initially he made contact with many who had walked Student Cross, asking for the loan of any photographs or documentary material they may have had or for any written contributions to the history which they could make. The response was very gratifying and all those who contributed or helped in any way were acknowledged in the book, which was duly written and printed under the title- "Behold the Wood " A History of the Student Cross Pilgrimage 1948-98. Some 550 copies were printed and to date virtually all have been sold and all production costs were covered. Surplus revenue from the sales has been put into the Student Cross Association funds for the benefit of needy pilgrims who would otherwise not be able to take part. The original printing costs were initially covered by generous loans from past and current Student Cross pilgrims, all of which were repaid in full. Those who contributed sections of the book, or other assistance, gave their time free of charge.

Time has now moved on and we find ourselves almost at the 60th anniversary of the start of the pilgrimage in 1948. It is generally agreed that we would be very unlikely to sell 550 copies of an up-dated version of the original book and failing the emergence of a very generous donor to finance a second edition, the best we can do is to produce a history of the 10 years from 1998 to 2008 and post it on the Student Cross website, and run off a handful of hard copies. Perhaps, for the 75th anniversary, somebody could write up the next 15 years, combine it with this and publish! The present author doubts if he will be around then! Partly as a result of the original publication and partly for other reasons, described below, new information about the history of Student Cross has come to light, since 1998. It seems important that this is recorded. This therefore is included here.

As noted in the original book, Student Cross was for some years an exclusively Roman Catholic affair. In the mid 1960s however, it gradually became ecumenical and is now firmly so, even though the majority of pilgrims are Roman Catholic. Some Legs have more non-Catholics than others and therefore their liturgical arrangements during the week may differ somewhat from the majority of legs. Over the Easter weekend at Walsingham however, the recent tradition for all legs together, is to have an ecumenical service on Good Friday in the RC Church, based on the RC Liturgy of the day, an ecumenical prayer service in the local Methodist Chapel on Holy Saturday morning, and later that day to have an RC Easter Vigil in the RC parish church, followed by an Anglican Eucharist on Easter Sunday at the Anglican Shrine of OLW.

The Origins of Student Cross

Since "Behold the Wood" was written in 1997/98, new information has come to light about the origins of Student Cross. This happened largely because the 14 Cross pilgrimage of Summer 1948, which was never repeated, decided to have a re-union of members of that pilgrimage, in Walsingham over a week-end in summer 1998. Two persons, apart from former pilgrims themselves, were invited to speak to that re-union, Fr Columba Ryan OP to speak on the immediate post-war Cross carrying pilgrimages and the present author to talk on the history of Student Cross. As it happened, the latter drove the former up to Walsingham for the re-union. What the author learnt from Fr Columba on the car journey and from his talk, was largely new to him and had a great bearing on the history of Student Cross and so is repeated here.

Just after the end of WW 2, many parts of Europe were in ruins. There were many millions of refugees and displaced persons and the whole continent was still reeling from the war and the dreadful discoveries of the Holocaust, the Katyn massacre and many other horrors. A number of European

Catholics, mostly University people, planned to make a pilgrimage to Vezelay, in Burgundy to pray for a lasting peace and to make reparations for the horrors of the war. This took place in the summer of 1946 and many hundreds of people took part in National and other groups, some 14 groups in all. Each group carried a 90lb oak wooden Cross in turns, and all the pilgrims wore small red crosses on their clothing. It is from these that the Crosses carried and worn by Student Cross to this day are derived. Each group started from a different place in France, walked for three weeks, often barefoot, and arrived at Vezelay on July 18th 1946 around the towering Cross which marks the spot where in 1146 AD, St Bernard had preached the second Crusade!

Through the Dominican order, a British contingent was organised to take part in the Vezelay pilgrimage and this was led by Fr Columba Ryan OP and Fr Simon Blake OP who later became a Student Cross Chaplain. Sadly, for us, he has now gone to his reward, but Fr Colomba is still with us, well into his 90s. One of the British pilgrims was a Capt. Charles Osborne, and it was suggested to him by Frs Columba and Simon that he might organise a Cross carrying pilgrimage to Walsingham in 1947 along the lines of the Vezelay pilgrimage, although on a somewhat smaller scale. This he did, and the pilgrimage took place. This may well have been the inspiration for the 14 Cross pilgrimage in the summer of 1948. Among the pilgrims in 1947 was a student at the LSE, Wilfrid Mauncote-Carter, who had served in the Royal Navy during the war. He was so taken by the idea of a Cross carrying pilgrimage that he resolved to try and organise a similar one, but for University students. On his return to London, he contacted three friends at LSE, Philip Daniel, Kevin McDonnell and Jacques Davis. As recounted in "Behold the Wood" these four organised the first Student Cross in 1948 and the rest, as they say, is history!

The procedures adopted by Student Cross were very much based on those of the Vezelay pilgrimage as emerges clearly from literature on that pilgrimage which has recently been discovered. The Crosses have already been mentioned, the Vexilla Regis was sung on moving off, the Credo was sung on arrival at a place, Mass was celebrated daily, Compline was sung in the evening and part of the pilgrimage was walked barefoot. Most of these procedures were followed by Student Cross for many years, although some have since died out e. g. barefoot walking was "frowned on" for many years although recently some pilgrims have taken this up again. Also, Easter Cross has maintained the tradition of singing Credo 3 as they arrive at the Slipper Chapel each year. One procedure that has always been followed is to make a Station of the Cross at every stop during the day. These were originally preached by the Chaplains, but for many years it has been the practice for individual pilgrims, either volunteers, or "press-ganged" to preach the Stations.

One very "useless" piece of information about 1948 has recently come to light and would be an "unanswerable" question for a quiz at a Student Cross re-union, namely – "Which Prime Minister walked on Student Cross" – The answer is apparently, Pierre Trudeau, former Prime Minister of Canada. He was a student at LSE at the same time as the founders of Student Cross and is said to have walked for the first couple of days of the first Student Cross in 1948 ! There are a number of other similar odd questions, like "Which one of Her Majesty's Ambassadors to Vietnam walked on Student Cross ? Read the book for the answer.

The Crosses carried by Student Cross

Again since the publication of "Behold the Wood" and probably as a result of its publication, new information on the origins and history of the Crosses carried during Holy Week has come to light.

It was originally intended that Student Cross 1948 should be the first and last such event. However such was its success and impact that the Union of Catholic Students took it under its wing and agreed to ensure that it would be an ongoing event, although operating under its own annually elected leadership team. The principal organiser, originally known as General Secretary Student Cross Committee, elected at Easter, would be co-opted onto the UCS Council. It was not until 1960 in Peter Foster's tenure (incidentally as I write he has just had a letter in the Tablet-Sept 2007) that the post began to be called GOD – the name has stuck!

According to Philip Daniel, the original London Leg Cross was made by the Eric Gill Studios in Ditchling. As a result of the idea of non-continuation it was decided to give the Cross to the Parish of Walsingham where a "temporary" Parish Church was about to be built in Friday Market. The idea was that the wood from the Cross would be used to make the altar rails for the new Church. For whatever reason this never happened, and the then Parish Priest put the Cross into storage. For the 1949 London leg a new Cross was made at a cost of around £10, and has been used by the Leg ever since. It is certainly a very early Cross as inspection of it in 1999 showed that it was made of oak and had the four notches towards the base designed to hold the struts used to hold the Cross upright during wayside stops.

In 1961, the new PP of Walsingham, noticing that Graduate Cross (now Easter Cross) had been walking since 1957 without a Cross, offered the Cross in storage to them and they carried it until Jubilee year 1998 when it was donated to Student Cross as a whole, carved with the Jubilee logo by Jane Quail, and permanently installed in the grounds of the Slipper Chapel.

As noted before, Nottingham Leg (now Northern) started in 1949. According to the accounts for that year which have survived, the Cross cost less than £5! Every year it was stored after Easter at the then Junior Seminary at Tollerton, Notts. One year around 1969/70 the Leg arrived to collect their Cross and found it wasn't there. On enquiring, they discovered it had been mistakenly burnt as a Yule Log the previous Christmas! Fortunately a spare Cross was available, the one made for "Old" Midland Leg in 1957 and which had ceased to exist by 1969. Northern have carried this Cross ever since.

When Family Cross was started in 1981, a new Cross was made for this leg. After 1986 the Cross was put into storage and was taken on by PegLeg when this started in 1992.

All the other Legs are still carrying their original Crosses except Easter who as mentioned before donated their Cross as "Jubilee Cross". Easter then had a new Cross made, organised by Paul and Jane Quail, which is lighter than the old one, as a concession to the advancing age of many of the regular Easter Cross pilgrims!

Peg Leg's Cross was made for them by Dave Hartley, a pilgrim. Kettering Leg still carry the Cross made for them in 1972. By a curious chance, the maker of the Cross happened to be in the Oxford Stores in Walsingham in the late 1990s when Kettering happened to be drinking there.

THE JUBILEE YEAR 1998

The celebrations of the Golden Jubilee year 1998 were in five main parts:

1. The actual 1998 pilgrimage itself which included the carrying of "Celebration Cross", by all Legs at some time or other during the Holy Week, an exhibition of documents and photographs of the first 50 years, and an informal dinner held on Easter Sunday in Walsingham attended by leaders from every generation of Student Cross.
2. A Student Cross re-union held over the weekend of 12th to 14th June 1998 at the ecumenical conference centre at Swanwick, Derbyshire at which the exhibition was again mounted.
3. On 26th September 1998 a celebration Eucharist was held at St Etheldreda's Church in London from where the first Student Cross pilgrimage started in 1998. A mini exhibition was mounted at the Church. Many in the congregation attended a special lunch afterwards.
4. The publication of the history of the first 50 years – "Behold the Wood"
5. The creation of a Student Cross archive of relevant documents and photographs, collected by the author and donated by many other members of Student Cross. The archive is now permanently housed in the archives of the Roman Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, in Walsingham. It has been regularly up-dated since.

The 1998 Pilgrimage

One way in which the Jubilee was celebrated was with "Celebration Cross". After the 1948 pilgrimage, the Cross carried by the pilgrims who walked from London that year was left behind in Walsingham and was put into storage. As mentioned above, it was used by Easter Cross from 1961.

When it was realised that this was probably the original Cross, it was decided that it should be carried by every leg of Student Cross during Holy Week 1998, as well as their own Crosses and thereafter should be erected in the grounds of the Slipper chapel as a permanent memorial of the first 50 years.

Steve Carpenter and his wife Alyson Coates kindly volunteered to be responsible for transporting Celebration Cross between the different legs during Holy Week 1998, so that each leg could carry it for at least part of one day. The Cross was carved with the Student Cross logo for Jubilee year which was designed by Jane Quail, a well known sculptress and wood-carver and a long-standing member of Easter Cross. Later, "Celebration Cross" was permanently installed in the grounds of the Slipper Chapel where it can be seen to this day, and the author arranged for a plaque to be attached to it giving its provenance.

Having been permanently installed in the grounds of the Slipper Chapel the Cross was formally "unveiled" on Good Friday 2001 in the presence of the whole of Student Cross that year, by Philip Daniel and Andrew Stankiewicz who had both

participated in the first Student Cross in 1948, and subsequently. Sadly, both of them have since died. -RIP.

The Pilgrimage itself in 1998

Some nine legs completed the pilgrimage comprising about 270 pilgrims in total with an estimated 300+ past or present members being in Walsingham for all or part of the Easter week-end. These are still record numbers for the pilgrimage. Some legs were heavily over-subscribed. These were the usual legs that had been walking for some years. In order of foundation they were: London, Northern, Kettering, Easter (originally called Graduate Cross) Oxford, Midland, Essex, Peg Leg (originally Family Cross) and Ely. Some may argue with this list of "seniority" but the facts are as follows. London was obviously the first leg in 1948, with Nottingham (later called Northern), following a year later. There was then a gap until 1957 when the original Kettering leg first walked, and the author ought to know as he was the first secretary, and his friend David Peel, who still walks Easter, was the first leader. Also in that year Graduate Cross first walked. Kettering Leg walked for some 7 years and then stopped, and was re-founded a couple of years later as Midland Leg. Oxford then followed and then, confusingly, the new Kettering leg started, followed by Essex. Family Cross started in 1981 and ran for some five years and then stopped only to be resurrected as Peg Leg in 1992. Ely started in 1996 and the newest Leg, Wells, in 2006 as a result of Peg Leg being heavily oversubscribed for a couple of years.

For the first time for some years, Student Cross 1998 did not have a walking Anglican Chaplain. However, at the last minute, and through the good offices of Michele Crawford, the retired Rector of Aylsham, Canon Jack Vyse, who had often provided hospitality to Oxford Leg in the past, was prevailed upon to celebrate the Anglican Eucharist on Easter Sunday, and to preach and he "did us proud".

Amazingly, it has emerged that Canon Vyse's grandfather tried to buy the Slipper Chapel in the 1890s but was "beaten to it" by Charlotte Boyd, who eventually donated it to the RC Church.

The weather was appalling with heavy rain and flooding in many areas during Holy Week 1998. There was even some snowfall over the weekend in Walsingham. This did not however dampen spirits even of those Legs who had to wade through quite deep water to get to the Slipper Chapel on time on Good Friday. Some of the pilgrims witnessed a journalist sent to cover Student Cross, trying to cross, at the ford near the Slipper Chapel, the swollen River Stiffkey. The journalist's car was swept downstream and had to be rescued by a farm tractor! However Easter Sunday was dry, enabling the Anglican Eucharist to be held at the outside altar at the Anglican Shrine which is the preferred location for this liturgy.

An unexpected, but very welcome aspect of the Easter week-end was that the landlord of the Black Lion, in Friday Market had a local brewery produce a special brew to mark the 50th anniversary. This was called "Wooden Cross Ale" and found favour with all who drank it.

Happily, five people who had walked on the first Student Cross were able to be in Walsingham over the week-end and some of them took turns in manning the merchandise stall in the village hall. Also a message of greeting was received from the founder of Student Cross, Wilfred Mauncote Carter, from his home in Canada, and this was read out at the AGM on Holy Saturday.

The Exhibition

As noted above the author had, over the years, collected much Student Cross material comprising, photographs, posters, advertising literature, leaders notebooks, accounts, correspondence, handbills itineraries etc and as the result of an appeal, had collected much more. This resulted in much original material from the first pilgrimage and the early years thereafter, with material from virtually every year of the pilgrimage. This was arranged in a series of sheets, depicting each of the Legs, or functions e.g. Liturgy. The end result was so extensive that the Village Hall in Walsingham had to be hired so as to provide a suitable venue, over the whole of the Easter weekend 1998.

The Hall was also used that year for the sale of Student Cross Association (SCA) merchandise (Sweat-shirts, T-Shirts, Mugs, Teapots etc) and several

thousand pounds were taken which had to be stored in the safe in the Parish Church in the absence of any banks! This was through the good offices of Tom Coleman, the Sacristan, who has been a good friend of Student Cross for many years. Most members of Student Cross that year attended the exhibition as well as members of the public.

The Celebration Dinner

This dinner was held on the evening of Easter Sunday 1998 in the Old Bakehouse Restaurant in Walsingham and the owners Chris and Helen Padley looked after us superbly. Sadly they have both now retired and there is no longer a superb restaurant at the Bakehouse.

Unfortunately, the Bakehouse could only house some 40 diners so the organisers had some agonising choices as to who should be invited to attend. This dinner was a private initiative by people who had walked Student Cross many times in the past and who wished to gather a representative selection of diners from every period of the Pilgrimage. All those who, over the years had rendered singular service to Student Cross were invited as well as representative Chaplains, members of most Legs, six past and present “GODs” and a number of those who had been on the first pilgrimage in 1948. (See appendix for list of attendees – also sample photos).

Speeches were made by Mike Egan, Sonia Clark (nee Beckett), John Bryden , Philip Daniel and Chris Awre on the history of various aspects of the pilgrimage and various toasts were made.

The Swanwick Reunion

This was held from Friday June 12th to Sunday June 14th 1998 at the Swanwick Ecumenical conference centre in Derbyshire. Some 130 current and past walkers attended and all agreed that it was a most memorable occasion. The weekend was based around three liturgies. A form of Compline on the Friday evening, a Roman Catholic Eucharist on the Saturday evening, celebrated by Fr Robert Pollock O.P, who, to date has participated in more years than any other Chaplain. The preacher at this Eucharist was Fr Rags Hay-Will, a former Leg Chaplain. Finally an Anglican Eucharist was celebrated on the Sunday morning at which the celebrant was the Rev. Dr Genny Tunbridge, a former GOD of Student Cross, and the preacher was the Rev. Prof Tim Gorringe, also a regular Leg Chaplain. The Liturgies were beautifully organised by Michele Crawford and Bobbo Levesley. The theme obviously was 50 years, and Michele flanked one of the Leg Crosses with 50 votive candles in red glass holders and surrounded the altar with 50 altar candles and a lovely floral display.

The keynote address at the weekend was given by Fr Giles Hibbert O.P., to great acclaim, and a number of other speakers gave workshops. These were Alec Brady, Fr Paul Parvis OP, Mrs Hazel Egan and Mgr Vladimir Felzman, a former Leg leader before his ordination. There was a parallel programme of events for children and young people.

In addition there was much socialising between old friends in the bar, and at mealtimes, and a very entertaining “Party” at which many participants entertained us with Student Cross songs, old and new, and the present author was subjected to a “Mastermind” quiz on the history of Student Cross! Some people who participated had not seen each other for over 50 years so it was a very joyous occasion. It was particularly pleasing that nine people who had participated in the first Student cross in 1948 were able to be present, seven walkers and two lady students who had cooked for the pilgrims in Walsingham. In addition there were seven who had been on the 1949 pilgrimage. One of the most notable features of the weekend was the way in which all the different generations present got on so well together in stark contrast to what often happens in secular life.

The Student Cross Exhibition was mounted again over this week-end and SCA merchandise sales continued from Easter with the addition of sales of a superb tape of Student Cross music produced by Bobbo Levesley and friends.

Phil Rostant chaired the organising committee for the weekend who all did a faultless job.

The Celebration Eucharist

This was held on Saturday September 26th 1998 at St.Etheldreda's Church, Holborn, London. Appropriately, for this was the Church from which the first Student Cross Pilgrimage set off from for Walsingham in 1948. The Eucharist was con-celebrated by, Fr Fabian Radcliffe OP, Fr Tony Nye SJ, Fr Richard Finn OP, Fr Bob Ombres OP and Fr Bogumil Koscieska T.O.P. all of whom had walked Student Cross as pilgrims or Chaplains or both and Alan Johnson, a former Student Cross liturgical organiser played the organ and organised a scratch choir for the occasion. Over 100 pilgrims attended, from all generations, even GOD's new baby, and a mini version of the Student Cross exhibition was mounted.

Many of those who attended the Eucharist enjoyed a splendid lunch afterwards at an Italian Restaurant nearby. They kindly opened for us on a day when they would normally be closed.

The Founders recollections

In their 1st May issue of 1998, the Catholic Herald published a short article by the founder of Student Cross in 1948, Wilfrid Mauncote- Carter, who was then a Deacon in the Catholic Church in Canada. This is now reproduced here in full :-

“ Fifty years ago, I was privileged to become the leader of the first Student Cross pilgrimage from London to Walsingham and, *ipso facto*, the founder of an enduring institution.

In 1948 we catholic students were back at University after the war-time break in our studies, with the social and political energies we had before it, sharpened by our life-shaking experiences. The world we had come back to differed greatly from our expectations or yearnings. One thing which our university ambience brought into focus was the aggressiveness of the communist and “ fellow travellers” propaganda at all levels and generally “between the cracks”. It seemed impervious to our efforts at counter-attacks which were often turned against us to our further discomfiture.

We struggled to find a strategy of response. Prayer was a fairly obvious answer and “prayer made with the feet”, Peguy's definition of pilgrimage, seemed to provide for the proclivities for action of ex-service participants. We decided on a cross-carrying pilgrimage as a symbol of reparation for the war and its evils, a token of reconciliation for which we all hoped and for which some of the original pilgrims have spent their lives achieving.

The second aspect of the pilgrimage was directed to individual development, for though a demonstration may impress people for a while, what is truly meaningful and enduring is the change in the person who then goes on to influence others. We sought to achieve this by meditative prayer on the pilgrimage itself, beginning with the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross, well known to everyone, and building on them in the allocutions given after the ten-minute rest which we had each hour.

These led cumulatively to Walsingham; as our feet carried our bodies there, so we hoped that heart and mind were both leading the spirit up to the silent wordless prayer such as the *Cloud of Unknowing* speaks of; the prayer truly of the “hidden life”.

At the time of the first pilgrimage many of the aids to this were specifically there: the austere seclusion of the Shrine deep in the Norfolk countryside, with its tiny wooden hermitages matched to their adjacent trees: the new built stone chapel, matched to the ancient chapel lovingly and effectively restored, and the conferences initiated by Bruno Scott-James in the garden. It was hoped pilgrims would make further visits, but in any case carry away with them, like seeds, the insights they might develop into the beginning of contemplative prayer.” – Rev.Deacon Wilfrid Mauncote-Carter.

Other events in 1998

A number of other events took place in 1998 and while these were not strictly Student Cross affairs they were all related to Student Cross and/or

Walsingham in some way. Furthermore they were all attended by numbers of present or former Student Cross pilgrims. These events were:-

Walsingham Centenary Mass, Westminster Cathedral 21st March 1998

As part of the celebrations to mark the centenary of the re-opening of Walsingham as a major centre of RC pilgrimage in 1897, the Papal Nuncio and several English RC Bishops con-celebrated Pontifical High Mass. At least 17 Student Cross pilgrims, covering almost every year from 1955, attended. Several of these were invited to take part in the formal procession with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham (OLW) which preceded the Mass. In time honoured fashion the Student Cross contingent continued the celebrations in a local hostelry after the Mass.

Catholic Peoples Weeks- Week-end 1st-4th May 1998

Although not a Student Cross function, this weekend was organised by two regular Easter Cross pilgrims, and the speaker and Chaplain was Fr Edmund Hill OP who is a former Northern leg Chaplain at least three times, and of the 20 or so who attended, six had walked on Student Cross including one who had walked Student Cross in 1949, but who had since lost touch. He was promptly signed up for the Swanwick re-union and has since walked Easter Cross several times!

Memorial Mass for Bishop Gordon Wheeler

Sadly Bishop Wheeler died in 1998 at the age of 87. He had in the 1950s been Catholic Chaplain to London University and was sometime national Chaplain to the Union of Catholic Students, up to 1969, the parent body of Student Cross. For some years, Mgr Wheeler, as he then was, had been a Student Cross Chaplain and liturgical organiser at Walsingham and for many years was responsible for obtaining the necessary ecclesiastical approvals and Chaplain's faculties for Student Cross. It is believed that Mgr Wheeler celebrated the first Student Cross Easter Vigil at Walsingham after the Liturgical reforms agreed by Rome. Cardinal Basil Hume con-celebrated a moving Memorial Mass for Bishop Wheeler in Westminster Cathedral on May 11th 1998 which was attended by a large contingent of Student Cross pilgrims, past and present, who toasted the memory of Gordon Wheeler in a local pub afterwards!

Tablet Open Evening – June 25th 1998 Church House, Westminster

Again, not a Student Cross function, but one which was attended by many Student Cross pilgrims, many whom had been out of touch for some years. There was also present the father of an ex-GOD as well as a former G.O.D.

Many copies of "Behold the Wood" were sold there, and a number of people were "signed up" for the Student Cross celebration Eucharist later in the year, and a number of us enjoyed a meal together, after an excellent talk by Prof. Eamonn Duffy on the Papacy.

Westminster Cathedral Piazza –1st July 1998

This also, was not a Student Cross function, but was organised by Lala Winkley, herself the wife and mother of former Student Cross participants. The event was a peaceful and prayerful protest of the treatment of women by the Church and was attended by several Student Cross pilgrims including two former GODs! The event was filmed by the BBC and extracts from the film were later shown in a BBC programme.

Student Cross Liturgy Commission

This body was formally set up by the Student Cross AGM at Walsingham on Easter Saturday 1998 and held its first meeting during the year. It was set up to review the Liturgies as practised by Student Cross, and to make recommendations for the future. This body has proved to be extremely useful and is still in existence in 2008. It reports back to the Student Cross AGM each year and organises the Liturgies according to the wishes of members. Each Leg of Student Cross is entitled to send a representative to the meetings, and any other member of Student Cross who wishes to take part in the deliberations is warmly welcomed. The Commission has been

particularly useful over the past few years with the impending and actual closing of the old RC Parish Church in Walsingham and the construction of the new Church. This involved much re-thinking of the way we did things. In fact in 2006 the Good Friday Liturgy and the Easter Vigil had to be held in the dining room of the RC Pilgrim Bureau. This was by kind permission of Fr Noel Wynn SM, the RC shrine director whose brother, as it happened, had walked Student Cross in the past.

The 1999 Pilgrimage

This year seemed a bit of an anticlimax after all the hectic activities of the Jubilee year, but the pilgrimage went ahead as normal although with lower numbers than 1998. Total numbers were down to 210 although not everyone walked all the time. Eleven of these were children on Peg Leg. Essex Leg only had 13 members and were down to 5 walkers on the Tuesday, so they walked for part of that day without the Cross !

On Easter Cross that year was a Kenyan student who was hoping to set up a Student Cross type pilgrimage in Kenya. His Bishop was giving him every encouragement. A collection was taken up at Walsingham to support this venture which raised some £80.

It should be mentioned that Northern Leg celebrated its 50th birthday this year with a splendid, and well-attended, weekend reunion in Sheffield at which a mini exhibition was mounted.

The 2000 Pilgrimage

This year numbers recovered to 240/250 although some members only walked for part of the week. There were at least a dozen new walkers which was encouraging. The Easter weekend in Walsingham was blessed once again with fine sunny weather.

The 2001 Pilgrimage

2001 was the year of the great Foot and Mouth disease epidemic across the country. This severely threatened the viability of the pilgrimage that year and provided a severe test for the leadership team under that year's GOD, Una Moran. The team consulted widely as to whether the pilgrimage should go ahead in view of the risks of possibly carrying the infection across the east of the country, which, up to then had not been as badly affected as other areas. Among those consulted were the Anglican Bishop of Norwich and the RC Bishop of E.Anglia.

Eventually it was agreed that the pilgrimage could go ahead providing that strict disinfecting rules were followed. Fortunately, one of the regular pilgrims is the Rev. Deacon Dugald McDougall, then, a senior veterinary surgeon, and he was able to co-ordinate the supply of appropriate disinfecting equipment to each Leg.

Nevertheless, Essex Leg, decided to curtail their walking that year to walking from the Green Man at Little Snoring on the Good Friday, and spent the rest of the week in a Student Cross "Retreat", at Redhill in Surrey where Fr John Medcalf looked after them well. They spent part of the week making pilgrimage to Churches in London associated with martyrs. Also that year, Northern Leg lost two days walking as they started from Bourne, Lincs. instead of Nottingham, because of the epidemic.

Otherwise the pilgrimage went ahead as normal, apart from the regular disinfecting of footwear and car tyres. One very encouraging feature was that there were some 30 new walkers. Amazingly there were 12 "GODS" present at Walsingham.

Good Friday that year was particularly cold although dry, but Easter Sunday was fine and dry enabling the Anglican Eucharist to be celebrated at the open-air altar at the Anglican Shrine.

One very good feature was that Fr Tony Rattigan OP was a Student Cross Chaplain for the first time since his ordination in 1999. He had previously walked as a student and had been G.O.D. in 1983.

2002

There were about 230 pilgrims this year. Midland, however had comparatively few walkers and were helped out by Northern and Kettering Legs on

some days. Essex Leg included a lady Anglican Ordinand among their number as well as pilgrims from Mexico, France and Germany.

2003

This was a fairly average year for numbers. Oxford Leg had a very good turnout although a mystery virus kept some of them from walking for some of the time. At the AGM a message of greeting from the newly appointed Bishop of East Anglia, Michael Evans, was read out. At the SCA, AGM it was happily reported that the income of the SCA was going up. 12 G.O.D.s present at the week-end.

This year, for the first time for very many years Student Cross instituted a short Holy Saturday morning prayer service held in the lovely old Methodist Chapel. Each year it was planned that a different Leg would organise and lead this. London were the first. Many, many years ago a small band of Student Cross pilgrims and some of the Chaplains would sing Tenebrae on Holy Saturday morning in Walsingham.

2004

For PegLeg there were 55 applicants for 35 places (see below). Overall numbers were about 250. Generally a good year with no outstanding events. At the AGM a special thanks was voted to Tom Coleman, the Sacristan of Walsingham RC Church for many years of devoted service to Student Cross (which he is still giving). John Bryden was elected as the Student Cross representative on the fund raising committee for the new RC Church to be built in place of the old one in Friday Market.

2005

This was the last year that the Student Cross week-end Liturgies were celebrated in the old RC Parish Church and so there was a certain amount of sadness even though the old church had not been built at the time of the first Student Cross in 1948. Nevertheless there was some excitement at the prospect of the new Church whose plans looked very interesting.

At the AGM this year it was recognised that 2008 would see the 60th anniversary of Student Cross and agreed that this should be marked by suitable activities. The organisation of these was entrusted to the SCA and a committee was formed with Dom Shirt, a former G.O.D., as chairman.

It was proposed by PegLeg that as they had been heavily over-subscribed for a couple of years or so, they should form a new 10th Leg of Student Cross from 2006 onwards and this was agreed. Sue Shirt and Bobbo Levesley agreed to organise the new Leg.

2006

This year gave us quite a challenge for the Liturgies over the week-end as the old RC Church in Friday Market had been demolished, and the new one, though under construction, was not completed. We therefore had to look for another venue. Eventually after much consultation, Fr Noel Wynn the RC Shrine Director, to whom, many thanks, agreed that the Liturgies of Good Friday and the Easter Vigil could take place in the dining room of the Pilgrim Bureau. Obviously, however space was going to be limited and seating could only be available for those who really needed it. It was also fairly obvious that all the different Leg Crosses could not be brought in during the services. In addition the use of candles would have to be limited because of fire risk and a makeshift altar would have to be organised, and closely guarded during the kiss of peace at the Vigil ! The Liturgy Group spent many hours over several meetings, some at Walsingham, and eventually produced highly choreographed procedures which required almost military precision for the veneration of the Cross and reception of Holy Communion. It also necessitated an extra army of volunteers to clear the dining room after meals and re-instate after the Liturgies. Fortunately all went exceedingly well and despite the difficulties, the Liturgies were celebrated with dignity and devotion. Much credit must go to Michele Crawford and her regular Liturgy team, who worked very hard for the successful outcome.

Wells Leg, the 10th Leg, derived from PeGLeg took place for the first time, very satisfactorily.

2007

Fortunately the beautiful new Church of the Annunciation in Friday Market was completed in time for Student Cross 2007, and the Church had been consecrated by Bishop Michael Evans of East Anglia only a few weeks before Good Friday. This new venue for Student Cross Liturgies clearly required more hard work for the Liturgy Group, but happily the only difficulty was that it was undesirable for all the Leg Crosses to be brought into the Church so it was decided that only the Cross of the Leg reading the St. John Passion on Good Friday, would be present in Church.

Everything went according to plan and for the first time for very many years virtually all who attended the liturgies had a seat! The well ordered space outside the new Church now provides a splendid gathering place for Student Cross on Good Friday and a home for all the Leg Crosses over the week-end.

New information on the early years of Student Cross

As mentioned earlier, new information has come to light on the early years of Student Cross since the publication of "Behold the Wood" and the more interesting bits will be recorded here. The author is fairly sure that readers will not want a list of the Parish Priests of the various towns where Legs stopped overnight or the names of the restaurants they ate in!

Apparently, on London Leg in 1949 there were two Tanzanian students: their penance was to walk to Walsingham in boots. Along with their East African Olympic runners they were used to walking barefoot!

It is not clear whether in the whole history of Student Cross the different Legs had "March Captains" i.e. members who regulated the pace of the walk. However it is recorded that on London Leg in 1949 there was such an individual. It is also worth noting that among those who walked in 1949 was Maurice Couve de Murville, who years later was Chaplain to the Leg, and other legs, and eventually became Archbishop of Birmingham and a patron of the Student Cross Association. Sadly he died in 2007, several members of Student Cross attended his funeral.

Jacques Davis, who was on Student Cross 1948 and several subsequent years, told the author that he introduced the song "Green grow the rushes Oh" to the pilgrimage as a marching song. It was certainly being sung in the author's time-1956-59. (Apart from his time on Easter Cross 1961 to date with gaps)

2008 – The Diamond Jubilee

With the experience of the Golden Jubilee in 1998, The SCA proposed to the Student Cross AGM, at Walsingham in 2005, that the SCA should take the lead in organising the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2008. This was agreed and eventually a Committee was formed, which any interested member of Student Cross could join, but Dominic Shirt was firmly established as Chairman of the Committee with a mandate to "get on with it". The overall format of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations was eventually agreed as follows.

1. The 2008 Holy Week/Easter Pilgrimage to be as normal, except that a former pilgrim, a composer, would be asked to compose a special Mass setting for the occasion and John Bryden would mount a mini-exhibition, similar to the 1998 one, but brought up-to-date. The Mass setting was indeed composed but it was deemed to be musically inaccessible to the vast majority of Pilgrims and would not be used at the Easter Vigil 2008.

2. A celebration re-union day would be held on 13th Sept. 2008 in Sheffield, this city being one of the most accessible from all parts of the UK. The mini exhibition would also be mounted on this occasion.

3. Following the publication of "Behold the Wood", to mark the Golden Jubilee, John Bryden would write a history of Student Cross 1998-2008. Because it was felt that there would not be a large enough market to justify this to be published in a printed version, this would be displayed on the Student Cross Website.

4. The possibility of a Student Cross music CD or DVD was to be looked into, along the lines of the music tape that was made for the 1998 Jubilee.

5. Student Cross Association merchandise would be on sale at all appropriate venues.

APPENDIX 1STUDENT CROSS LEADERS 1998-2008

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>G.O.D.</u>	<u>M.O.D.</u>	<u>L.O.D.</u>	<u>DOG</u>
1998	Chris Awre	?	Michele Crawford	?
1999	Liz Smith	Neville Cameron	“	?
2000	Ellie Gibson	Alec Brady	“	?
2001	Una Moran	Helen White	“	?
2002	Neville Cameron	Dave Mottram	“	M.Jordan
2003	Ruth Stanley	Chantal Noppen	“	?
2004	Dominic Shirt	Sean Ring	“	D.Stanley
2005	Julian Tisi	Jonathon Burleigh	“	P-A. Magne
2006	Phil O'Connor	Catherine Simcox	“	P.Simmons
2007	Laura McMillen	Helen Appleton	“	
2008	Dave Ring	Mike Lagrue	“	Alice Deasy

Abbreviations

<u>G.O.D.</u>	General Organising Director
<u>M.O.D.</u>	Music Organising Director
<u>L.O.D.</u>	Liturgy Organising Director
<u>S.C.A.</u>	Student Cross Association Rep.
<u>D.O.G.</u>	Driver of G.O.D

APPENDIX 2 Leg leaders, officials and Chaplains 1999-2008LONDON LEG Started 1948

<u>Year</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Secretar(ies)y</u>	<u>Chaplain</u>	<u>Others</u>
1999	Julie McMahon	Paddy Martin/ Lisa Wright	?	Nicky ?
2000	Ruth Kelly	Cath Blanchard/ Fran Bowen	David Goodall OP	Pete Chapple
2001	James Reid	Terence Toolan/ Angela Wong-Keet	Richard Finn OP	
2002	Felicity Cairns	Alison Colclough/ Phillip Harrison	Richard Finn OP	Kate Szeless
2003	Fran Bowen	Matthew Stankiewicz Rosy Elliot	Richard Finn OP	Dave Stanley
2004	Rosy Elliot	Jen Schooling/ Claire Ring		Kate Szeless
2005	Mark Coley	Susan Taylor/ Phil Bowen	Ben Earle OP	
2006	Matthew Stankiewicz	Kath Arblaster/	Ben Earle OP	Kate Szeless
2007	Jonathon Riley	Stephen Costello/ Helen Taylor	Ben Earle OP	Kate Szeless
2008	Katherine Arblaster	Laura McCann Alison Slade		Mark Coley

NORTHERN LEG 1949-1952 Restarted 1954

1999	Helen Bolton	Emma Sincock/ Peter Hunter	Peter Hunter OP	
2000	Helen Jones	Kath Cramer	None	Murray White
2001	Sarah Joyce	Jennifer ? Kate ?	None	R.Levesley
2002	Emma Simcox	Michele Baird/ Oliver Fernandez	Tim Gorringe	
2003	Pete Taylor	Fay Neary Gemma Webb	Tim Gorringe	

2004	Michele Baird	Matt Neville/ Gabs Wenham	“ “	Emma Simcox Helen Smith
2005	Petra Hervey	Carmel Boylan/ Ju lie ?	None	
2006	Chantal Noppen	Rachel Saxton/ Kate Hewitson	None	Emma Simcox
2007	Carmel Boylan	Damien Sweeney/	None	Jonathon Burleigh
2008	Jonathon Burleigh	Angela Joyce/	Peter Hunter OP	Michele Baird

MIDLAND LEG 1957-1968 Restarted 1971

1999	Liz Saunders	Anthony Brown/ Neville Cameron	Aelred Connolly OP	Clare Harris
2000	Neville Cameron	Mark Jordan/ Helen ?	Aelred Connolly OP	
2001	Leigh O'Connor	Helen Quarrell	Tony Rattigan OP	Andy Wilson
2002	Anthony Brown	Steve Simmonds/ Celia Longham	Tony Rattigan OP	Catherine
2003	Steve Simmonds	Catherine Davison/ Celia Longham		Joe ?
2004	Tom Scott	Helen Appleton/ Tom Simcox		Jill Power Steve
2005	Tom Simcox	Clare Simcox/ Sarah ?	Richard Finn OP	
2006	Claire Simcox	James Connolly Kirsty Gelder-Smith	Richard Finn OP	Philippa O'Malley
2007	James Connolly	Joe Power Stephanie Connor	Richard Finn OP	Philippa O'Malley
2008	Mark Jordan	Paul O'Malley/ Teresa Pollard	Richard Finn OP	P O'Malley Una Moran

EASTER CROSS Started 1957

1999	Liz Roe	Owen Roe	Robert Pollock OP	John Bryden
2000	Liz Roe	Owen Roe	“ “	John Bryden
2001	Julian Tisi	Sue & Alex Theodossiades	“ “	“ “
2002	Julie McMahon	“ “	“	“ “
2003	Gerry Cain	“	“ “	“ “
2004	“ “	“	“ “	“ “
2005	“ “	Mick and Rita McManus	“ “	“ “
2006	Alan & Brenda Smith	“ “	“ “	“ “
2007	“ “	“	“ “	“ “
2008	“ “	“	“ “	“ “

OXFORD LEG Started 1962

1999	Tom Beddingfield/ Helen Smith	Jazz Beard/ Polly-A. Magne	John Pharro	Gavin Coley
2000	Brian Roberts	Gavin Coley/ Michael Hansen	“	“
2001	Tom	?	John Pharro	“

	Beddingfield		& Tim Gorringe	
2002	Michael Hansen	Emlyn Willis Richard Willis	John Pharro	Gavin Coley
2003	Peter Cain	Adrian Royd/ Teresa ?	both again	“ “
2004	Adrian Royd/ Liz Flynn	Mike Chapple Isabel ?	John Pharro	SueAstley Mike
2005	Rebecca ?	A-M.Czastka Alexis Hurford	“ Jeremy Law	
2006	Alexis Hurford	Graham Prentice/ Kate Gibley	“ “	Laura McMillen
2007	Blaise Bradley	Stella Woodward/ Eleanor Fiskin	John Delaney	Mike Chapple
2008	Kath Murphy	Kit Rodger/		Julian Tisi

ESSEX LEG Started 1972

1999	Emma McGowan/ Peter Cain	Stephen Haestier	Fabian Radcliffe OP	
2000	Bruce Byrne	Liz Stone/ Joe ?	Fabian Radcliffe OP	
2001	Paul Smith	Paul Tiernan/ Sean Ring	None	Cathy McNicolas
2002	Ed Grove	Clare Quarrell/ Glenn Oliver	Chris McCoy	
2003	Liz Stone	Sarah Patnell/	Chris McCoy	Clare Quarrell
2004	Celia Longman	Clare McMillan/ P-A.Magne, Craig ?		“ “
2005	Helen Quarrell	Sean Ring/Ruth Bale P-A.Magne		“ “
2006	Gwen Oliver	Emma Trousdale/ Craig Ince/Ruth Bale	Helen Durleigh	“ “
2007	Clare Quarrell/ Bruce Byrne	John Spence/ Bob Vale/Ruth Bale		Liz Haestier
2008	Craic Ince	Jason Mitchell/ Sean Ring/Ruth Bale		“ “ “ “

KETTERING LEG Started 1975

1999	Carol Everett	Carol Everett/ Anthony Rourke	Chris Hughes	
2000	Dave Stanley	Jenny Chudero/ Graham Scott	Chris Hughes	
2001	Bernie Scott	Anna Hall/ Dave Ring	Chris Hughes	Dom Shirt
2002	Anna Hall	Rob Kerr/ Zena ?	Chris Hughes	Morgan Williams
2003	Laura McMillen	Tom Connolly/ JamesConnolly	Chris Hughes	“ “
2004	Joe Slade	Lucy Tierney/ Kate Wrigley/Betty McDougall		Phil O' Connor
2005	Dave Ring	Alice Deasy/ Nina ? Betty McDougall	Fabian Radcliffe OP	Tom Connolly
2006	Alice Deasy	Marianne Johnson/ Ed Robson	Fabian Radcliffe OP	Tony Rourke
2007	Ed Robson/	Stewart Graham/	Fabian	Gez

2008	Vicky Hemmings Stewart Graham	Anna Hall ? Grace Morris/	Radcliffe OP “ “	Carpenter “
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PEG LEG Started 1992

Organisers

1999	Dave & Christina Mottram, Alison Gelder & Ian Smith			
2000	As 1999			Paul Fay
2001	Christine & Dave Mottram, Sean & Kate Bone			Paul Fay
2002	Kate Bone, Paul Fay			
2003	As 2002			Dom Shirt
2004	Colin & Lisa McDougall and the Cross Family Liturgy: Sarah & Mark Joyce			Dom Shirt
2005	As 2004			
2006	Sue Cross & Lisa McDougall			C.McDougall
2007	Lisa McDougall & Jane Carter Liturgy: Gabs Awre			“ “
2008	Lisa McDougall			“ “

ELY LEG Started 1996

	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Chaplain</u>	<u>Other</u>
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1999	John Carberry	Tony Capper - Nicholas	Fr Alessandro	
2000	Mike Kanssen	Jessica Kanssen/ Judith Turner	Fr Alessandro	Alyson Coates
2001	Joe Brien	Dugald McDougall	Rev. Deacon Dugald McDougall	
2002	Mike Paice	Liz Saunders/ Richard Oxenham	None	
2003	Liz Saunders	Judith Gibbons/ Alison Gelder/ R Oxenham		
2004	Judith Gibbons	Christina Mottram/ R.Oxenham/ A. Gelder		
2005	Christina Mottram	Terry Smith/		Ruth Bale
2006	Sam Caldwell	Katie Dudley/ Dave Mottram	Chris Hughes	Valerie Maddocks
2007	Sam Caldwell	Katie Dudley	Chris Hughes	“
2008	Katie Dudley	Catherine Dukes/ Sam Caldwell	Chris Hughes	

WELLS LEG Started 2006 as PEG 2

2006	Bobbo Levesley/ Sue Shirt			
2007	Bobbo & Maria Levesley	Sue & Dom Shirt		Dom Shirt
2008				

Philip L.Daniel	A founder member 1948 and Easter
Jacques & Mrs Davis	A founder member 1948
Andrew & Mrs Stankiewicz	A founder member 1948 and Easter
Dr Frank Hewitt	A founder member 1948 and Easter
Mrs Hilda Hewitt	A long standing member of Easter
Philip Bagguley	Former Chaplain Northern LOD & MOD
Mike Egan	Northern, London and has led Easter
Mrs Hazel Egan	A former secretary of Easter
Neil Clark	Leader London Leg 1956
Mrs Sonia Clark	A former head cook for Student Cross
Dr David Peel	Northern, led Midland 1957 & 58, Easter
Mrs Elizabeth Peel	A former head cook for Student Cross, Easter
Michael & Mrs M Pring	Northern 1950s, Easter for at least 20 yrs
Dr John Bryden	Northern, Midland, GOD 1958, Easter
Mrs Rosemary Bryden	Sometime joint secretary, Easter
Sir Michael & Lady Pike	London
Patrick & Mrs U.Daniels	Midland, Easter, GOD 1963
Dr Ted Monks	London 1950s and led Easter
Malcolm Macaskill	Led Northern 1955 & 1956, Easter
Rev.Dr Robert Pollock OP	Longest serving Chaplain , Easter
Michele Crawford	Oxford, Peg, GOD,1982, LOD ever since
Dr Alex Theodossiades	Oxford, Easter
Dr Sue Theodossiades	Oxford, Easter, Northern , GOD 1991
Alec Brady	Ex Sec & leader Northern, GOD1997
Mrs Sara Brady	Northern
Peter & Tricia Worden	Sometime organisers of Easter Cross
Peter & Christine Cain	Sometime organisers of Easter Cross
Chris Awre	Has led Oxford, G.O.D. 1998
Mrs Gabrielle Awre	Northern, led London 1994, MOD 1989
Sue Scott	Easter

APPENDIX 4

Corrections to "Behold the Wood "- published in 1998

History

Earlier histories date the vision of Richeldis de Favarches to 1061. Recent research suggests that this is too early and is possibly a result of Anglo-Saxon "Spin" because they wanted the Shrine of OLW to be associated with the Anglo-Saxons rather than the Normans! Richeldis's name suggest a Norman "Squire" and this would fit in with the Norman Conquest. There is no indication of Normans in Walsingham at, or around 1061. It is now thought that Richeldis had the Holy House built ca 1140.

Officials

It is believed that Ed Sharp, who was G.O.D. in 1975 is now a Priest (SMA).

Appendix 2- Student Cross Officials – Agnes Bray was not Head Cook in 1956 but she sang in the choir at Walsingham.

Appendix 3- London Leg – In 1954 as well as Mgr Tomlinson, Fr Simon Blake OP was also a London Leg Chaplain. Chris Murray, who was London Secretary in 1972 is now Fr Aidan Murray OSB.

Appendix 4 – Northern Leg. – In 1959 Neil Roberts was secretary of Northern not leader. The leader was Victor Emerson later a Benedictine Monk, now deceased. Also that year, Fr Tony Kenny, later Master of Balliol, was an additional Chaplain. J.P.Galligan and Simon Atherton were leader and secretary respectively in 1981, not 1982. The leader in 1982 was Tony Rattigan who was ordained as a Dominican Priest in 1999 and who has since been a Student Cross Chaplain. J.P. Galligan was recently President of the Newman Association as have been the following regular members of Student Cross over the years :- Philip Daniel, John Bryden, Mike Vadon and Peter Worden. In addition Dave Mottram, a Student Cross

regular, with his family, for some 20 years or so, is the son of Tony and the late Pam Mottram who have both been Presidents of the Newman Association.

A Fr Fox, a Rosminian is believed to have been a Chaplain to Northern in the 1960s.

In 1961 it is believed that Fr Brady was a Chaplain to Northern.

Appendix 5 – Midland Leg- In 1971, Mark Ashmore was secretary: In 1972 the secretary was Jenny not Jerry Foxon: At some time in the late 1970s, Geoffrey Preston OP was Chaplain: The Leader in 1978 was Bernard McDonald, He later married the Leader in 1978 Cathy Tavernor: One of the Secretaries in 1990 was Juliana not Julia Tan.

Appendix 6:- The Rev. Prof. Tim Gorrige was Anglican Chaplain to Oxford Leg in 1968.

Appendix 7 - EssexLeg: - Fr Paul Glendinning was an additional Chaplain in 1977 or 1978 or both years. It is believed he is now deceased.: The Leader in 1978 was Martin Rainsford and the Secretary was Jo Willis; In 1977 one of the Secretaries was Jill Poynor.

Appendix 8; Graduate/Easter Cross : The Chaplain in 1985 was Fr Aidan Murray OSB formerly a student pilgrim on Student Cross.

Appendix 11: It is thought that the Celebrant of the Anglican Eucharist in 1978 was Fr Paul King not Fr Tim Gorrige, but this has not been confirmed.

APPENDIX 5

List of known deceased members,Chaplains & benefactors

1. Celebrants for Student Cross Liturgies in Walsingham

Bishop Gordon Wheeler, Bishop Charles Grant, Mgr. George Tomlinson
Mgr. Kerr McClement, Canon Jack Vyse

2. Leg Chaplains full or part-time

Fr Leycester King SJ, Bishop Galvin of Borneo, 1948, Fr Dunn 1948
Fr Killeen 1948, Fr Stan Roman CSSP 1956 & 1957, Fr Simon Blake 1952,+
Fr Terry Corrigan 1963-66, Fr Peter De'Ath 1985, Fr Herbert McCabe OP,
Fr Laurance Bright OP 1965 & 66, Rev. Geoff Morgan, Fr John Maguire SDB,
Fr Geoffrey Tucker 1960s, Fr Bernard Fisher 1960-65, Fr Brendan Soane both a student pilgrim and later a chaplain, Fr Herbert Keldany 1958,
Fr John Pharro MHM Oxford Chaplain 20+ years, died 2006, Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, walked as a student and later as a Chaplain
Fr Richard Veasey SMA, Fr Paul Glendinning, Fr Edward Ennis SJ

3. Leg Members

Archbishop Derek Worlock, Fr Peter Allen SMA, walked as a student,
Philip Daniel, Dr Kevin McDonnell & Andrew Stankiewicz all founder members 1948,
Leo Kalinaukas, led Northern 1949, Dr Kevin Kelly led London 1952, John Wright led Easter 1969-71, Denis Ryan, Northern, London and a founder of Easter ,Dave Chapman led Midland 1983,
Victor Emerson OSB, London, Andrew Convey Northern 1956, Tony Keane Northern, 1956, Peter Courteney, London & Easter, Sheila Roe, Easter
Zita Wilkinson Sec. Easter 1984 & 85, Kevin McEvoy, Northern & Easter, Rick Duffy Northern & G.O.D.1959, Bernard Jewess Easter 1960s,
Dr Mike Casey Northern & Midland died 2006, Jonathon Shannon, Midland late 70s/80s, Patricia Handley and Agnes Petry sometime cooks for Student Cross, Tom Daly., Vincent Bailey led Essex 1986. Jim Standen, Easter.

4. Benefactors

Mr O'Donahue (The sweetie man), Fr Bruno Scott-James, Fr Langley and Fr Hulme all former Parish Priests of Walsingham, Alan Bond, May & Monica Mercer, John Bray, Mgr A.N. Gilbey.
There are undoubtedly many more deceased members and benefactors. We pray for them all at the Easter Vigil in Walsingham every year.

APPENDIX 6 Liturgical Celebrants 1999-2007

	<u>Good Friday</u>	<u>Easter Vigil</u>	<u>Anglican Eucharist</u>
<u>RC</u>	<u>Anglican</u>	<u>Celeb.</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
			<u>Celeb. & Preacher</u>

1999	Richard Finn OP	Michele Crawford	Fabian Radcliffe OP	Chris Hughes	Canon Jack Vyse
2000	John Pharro	Michele Crawford	Aelred Connolly OP	Peter Hunter OP	Canon Jack Vyse
2001	Fabian RadcliffeOP	Tim Gorringe	Richard Finn OP	Robert Pollock OP	Tim Gorringe
2002	John Pharro	Tim Gorringe	Chris Hughes	Richard Finn OP	Tim Gorringe
2003	Chris Hughes	Tim Gorringe	Chris McCoy	Fabian Radcliffe OP	Tim Gorringe
2004	John Pharro	Tim Gorringe	Tony Rattigan OP	? Ben	Tim Gorringe
2005	Robert Pollock OP	Jeremy Law	Richard Finn OP	Ben Earle OP	Jeremy Law
2006	Richard Finn OP	Michele Crawford	Chris Hughes	Fabian Radcliffe OP	Philip Barnes
2007	Paul Wilkinson	Michele Crawford	Ben Earle OP	Chris Hughes	Philip North

N.B. All the above ,except Michele Crawford who is not ordained, but who is a Eucharistic Minister, should properly be addressed as Rev. Fr., whether Anglican or Roman Catholic, but there has not been enough space to do so - Apologies

APPENDIX 7

	<u>Saturday Prayers</u>	<u>Good Friday Passion</u>
1999	-	Easter
2000	-	Essex
2001	-	Ely
2002	-	Kettering
2003	London	Northern
2004	Midland	London
2005	Ely	Midland
2006	Essex Leg	Oxford Leg
2007	Kettering	Easter Cross

APPENDIX 8 Leg Recollections

Recent events on Kettering by Joe Slade

Since the 50th anniversary, Kettering has been one of the strongest legs on Student Cross. So much so that in 1999, when Essex Leg was down to 15 walkers, Kettering lent the group six walkers – Mark Bowker, Gez Carpenter, Betty MacDougall, Phil O’Connor, Bernie Scott and Phil Thornley - on Wednesday for the rest of the week. However, the sudden loss changed the group dynamic of Kettering, while the six walkers felt they didn’t belong to any leg having split their week between two. Therefore, when two more legs asked for assistance in 2002, the leaders decided a different tack. This time, three different walkers joined Midland for a day, returning to the leg. Similarly, two Kettering walkers joined Oxford for a day and then returned to Kettering. In this way, the leg still retained its group ethos, while the walkers still felt attached to a leg. Incidentally, of the two walkers who walked on Oxford – their longest day into Norwich – one returned in agony, felt the need for a massage and went to bed early, while the other grabbed a beer and then joined in with the liturgy!

In 2006, Kettering celebrated its 30th anniversary with a special day of events. Past and present walkers were joined in Leicester by parishioners they meet on the route for Mass, followed by a buffet and a ceilidh in the evening. It was great to see so many people catching up with friends and reminiscing about old times. Highlights including carrying the cross round the outside of Holy Cross church at the end of Mass and a photo slideshow projected into the wall for people to see.

*For the more observant and historically minded, it is true that Kettering first walked in 1975 and that the 30th anniversary should have been in 2005. However, Kettering's notoriety for lateness even extended to its own anniversary celebrations!

Liturgy on Kettering Leg has undergone a revolution in recent years. Under the initial guidance of chaplain Chris Hughes, the liturgy during the week was done in small groups. In this way, everyone – even new walkers – could be responsible, while liturgy could respond to and reflect events during the week. When Fr Hughes decided to stop walking Kettering, leaving many friends behind enriched by his thoughtfulness, generosity and holiness and holey-ness in clothes, Kettering decided to take liturgy one step further by having a chaplaincy/ liturgy group, rather than just a chaplain in charge of liturgy. When Fr Hughes decided to step down, the leg considered 'doing a Northern' and going without a priest. However, Kettering was fortunate when Fabian Radcliffe agreed to walk with the leg. He agreed with the idea of the chaplaincy team. They now co-ordinate the liturgy and consider the spiritual needs of the group, ensuring everyone can take part in the prayers, services and reflections during the week, while the liturgy itself remains relevant and fresh.

One particular year was particularly memorable for those that walked – all 12 of them.

It was in the 1990s (Don't know the exact year) but they were even without a leader. Gez Carpenter takes up the story.

"At that time, we only ever had one secretary so she became leader and got an ex leader to be her sec. They contacted Colin McDougall about getting a car and managed to recruit his mother, Betty, as well as the car.

"Kettering time was born - we never made anywhere on time.

"We had loads of injuries – one woman never walked after Sunday lunch time while a man got an infected foot - plus other usual problems.

"Walking into Wisbech on Tuesday is a bitch of a day at the best of times but when you are down to 9 walkers on the road (so that was 7 on the cross) it is too hard to describe.

"When we reached the canal bank I had decided that I was going to drive the back up car for the last stretch as I could not take another step. But when I saw Midland on the other side of the bank (all 30 of them!), I was filled with a mixture of 'you lucky bastards' and a 'wow' it gave me a lift and the strength to carry on.

"After our station both legs walked together on opposite sides of the canal, then Midland started to run - we had no idea what they were doing, we thought they were racing us - there was no way we could run we could barely walk anymore.

"Then a short while later, we saw Midland van driving towards us and, like an episode of The Professionals, all these walkers came spilling out of the van to walk with us into Wisbech.

"It was probably the most special moment I have experienced on SX.

"There is no getting away from the fact that it was a hard year, but it was one of the most special years I have ever walked."

A final incident of note is from 2003 when the leg met a parishioner on the route. Mary Howells informed the leg she had been on a pilgrimage back in 1948 (probably one of the 15 pilgrimages after Student Cross that year). She was only going to help them out in terms of cooking but, because of all the injuries, had helped carry the cross for much of the route. However, when they reached the Slipper Chapel, she was told she could not complete the Holy Mile because she was a woman. Thankfully, Student Cross was able to right that wrong the following year and, 56 years after her first pilgrimage to Walsingham, Mary was given pride of place on the Holy Mile as we walked from the slipper chapel.

EASTER CROSS

Jubilee year 1998 saw two major changes for Easter Cross. Firstly, our Cross, which we had carried since 1961 was donated to Student Cross, as a whole, to become Celebration Cross as recounted

above. A new Cross was made thanks to Paul and Jane Quail, in lighter wood, to reflect the advancing age of many of our regular pilgrims. Also to reflect this, after much soul-searching, it was decided to shorten our route. We now walk the 13 miles from North Elmham rather than the 18 miles from East Dereham, as previously. However, one of our pilgrims, Mike Pring, who first walked Student Cross in 1956, on Northern Leg, still walks from E.Dereham every year and always catches us up by lunchtime, sometimes before! Our Cross is taken down to the Anglican Parish Church on Maundy Thursday where it remains overnight. Sometimes the Vicar of North Elmham is able to greet us on Good Friday morning and join us in prayer.

Easter has a hard core of about 20 or so regulars, most of whom have walked most years since 1998, and many before. In addition there are a number who come every two or three years. Sadly, due to age, infirmity and death we inevitably lose some of our regulars but we have gained a few who have come every year for the last five years or so. Every year we also welcome 5 to 10 pilgrims who are regular members of other legs, but who in those particular years cannot take the whole week off. These have included many ex G.O.Ds and leg leaders. We also usually have a few students. Probably our longest serving member is our Chaplain since 1978, Fr Robert Pollock OP. Usually we have a married couple as joint leaders, and another couple as organisers, both of whom normally serve a three year term.

Our numbers in total are usually 35-40 but with no more than 20-25 on the road at any one time as not all can manage the full 13 miles. Our lunch stop for many years has been the Boar Inn at Great Ryburgh where we are always well looked after.

Some of our non-walkers usually attend a traditional Stations of the Cross Service at the Anglican Parish Church across the road from the Inn, just before lunch. During the day we stop every 45 minutes or so and have a Station of the Cross which is preached by a volunteer, or a "pressed" one whom the leader has spotted coming off the Cross the wrong way!

We have a silent hour immediately after lunch when Fr Robert is available for confession or consultation. On arriving at the Slipper Chapel we sing Credo 3, keeping up a tradition that started in 1948. Thereafter we join with the rest of Student Cross for the weekend liturgies, AGMs etc.

What did you do this Easter ? by Angela Wong-Keet- London Leg

Believe it or not, I spent the week walking about 120 miles from Epping to Walsingham in Norfolk with 22 others carrying a 100lb wooden cross! - being part of an annual pilgrimage called Student Cross. The group I belonged to (consisting of students and ex students) "London Leg" met up on Friday 6th April and set off on our walk the following day, stopping at churches and community centres during the day for tea and cakes very generously provided for us. In the evenings, sleeping arrangements ranged from a church hall floor to a heated barn to the height of luxury- our own room at Trinity Hall in Cambridge (and a proper silver service meal).

Along the way, there were many conversations, many close friendships formed, much singing and laughter and of course a pub almost every evening as well as many pairs of sore feet and several blisters.

On Good Friday, after 7 days of walking, we finally arrived at the Slipper Chapel in Walsingham together with 8 other legs (groups of people who had walked from various other places including, for example Kettering, Nottingham and Ely) to walk the last mile into Walsingham together before celebrating the Good Friday Liturgy in the evening.

On Saturday night about 200 of us celebrated the Easter Vigil together which was an incredible experience. After which followed the Paschal Party which involved lots of alcohol and each "leg" singing to the others and for a small minority (myself included) staying up all night and then going to another service in the morning! Then there was a big mad rush to get group photos, addresses swapped, cards signed before everyone went off their separate ways home.

As always it was a fantastic experience. I have made lots of new friends and I found it all the more rewarding as I was the "night secretary" which involved organising all the night stops- all of which went according to plan, in spite of the slight stress I was feeling just a few weeks before.

I do not have the words to describe exactly how privileged I feel to have been part of this once again. Suffice to say, it was my 4th year and Student Cross has been established since 1948, so there must be something worthwhile in it.

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Despite requests, I have only had three pieces on Leg activities over the past 10 years, so for the other legs I have had to rely on my own archives or snippets of information from various people.

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