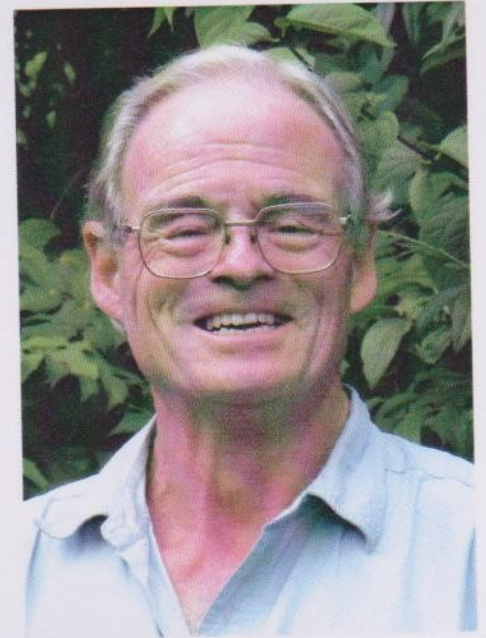


EAN HARDY KINMONT

7th September 1936- 30th May 2014

Ean was a loyal member of the Third Order of Saint Francis for 51 years, He was the first Regional Chairman of the Malvern Area, and was also a Regional Novice Counsellor. He was convenor of the Malvern Area for some years. His Franciscan vocation strongly influenced his life. Ean had a good voice and he attended St Paul's Cathedral Choir School, before going on to Aldenham School, where he excelled in athletics. After doing National Service, which he thoroughly enjoyed he did various jobs, among them working in a Probation Hostel and a farm training school for difficult boys, and as a result became interested in working with children with problems. Having had management experience working in book and stationer's shops in London, he did a teachers training course at Wall Hall, and taught for four years in a Junior school in St Albans, before developing his career in a school for maladjusted boys in Birmingham. His interest and skill in athletics and music and his calm and cheerful temperament helped him to excel as a teacher, and he was valued greatly as a member of staff.



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Ean married Ann in 1961, and their daughter Clare was born in 1964. They moved to Malvern in 1975, and both were valued members of the Malvern Area. In 1988 Ean decided to take early retirement from teaching. He and Ann became part of a Social Services Adult Placement Scheme, caring for people who couldn't cope on their own, but were not in need of nursing care. They shared their big home which they called Cannara, after the village near Assisi where the Third Order was founded by St Francis. They both felt strongly that their Franciscan Vocation led them to do something practical to help those in need. It was always a joy to visit them and to share their warm hospitality within their small community. Ean's practical and management skills were put to great use, as he looked after their property and cheerfully sorted out the problems of different people living together. This project came to a natural end in 2000, and they moved to the centre of Malvern, not far from Malvern Priory. Here they took on a new challenge to manage the Priory book shop, which they ran successfully right

up to Ean's final illness. It was a joy when their granddaughter Rebecca was born and they both hugely enjoyed helping to care for her.

Ean and Ann did everything together, and they both felt that Franciscan spirituality was right for them, with its emphasis on caring for people on the edge, its love and care for creation, and its respect for the church. They chose to celebrate their Golden Wedding with a Eucharist and party with fellow Third Order members in their home. Ean loved the Malvern Hills and used to take his dogs up there everyday, and they spent their holidays in the hills in Scotland or the Lake District. Both Ean and Ann were fond of music. Ann was a piano teacher, and Ean played the cello, and they enjoyed making music together. He also loved Concert Club concerts.

Ean was always cheerful and had a great sense of humour, and he was blessed with a calm temperament, so he never appeared to be anxious. In his later years he accepted ill health with such good grace. His final illness, cancer of the oesophagus, was a real testing time, yet he never complained once and impressed his doctors, his family and friends greatly by his sense of humour and his graceful acceptance of the situation. Ean died peacefully in the Hospice at Worcester, and his funeral at the Priory was of course sad, as we had to bid him farewell, but was also a glorious celebration and thanksgiving of a life dedicated to our Lord Jesus, and lived out in the spirit of his loving servant Francis.

John Hall-Matthews