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"Arise ... for we have seen the land and beyond. It is very good, and are ye still? Be not slothful to go and enter to possess the land for God has given it into your hand a place where there is not want of any thing that is the earths." JUDGES 18 v 9 - 10

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During the week prior to Christmas, members of staff went carol singing and raised £1200 (£747 in under 2 hours at Liverpool Street Station alone). On Christmas Day we again opened our doors to some of the local lonely folk. Buxton Hall was decorated and 100 people sat down to a much appreciated lunch. After some local Rotarians (who came in the form of Father Christmas) had distributed presents to guests, patients and staff, there was a "sing-song" with carols, a Christmas message and Christmas stockings given to all the guests before they were taken home by minibuses.

As Christmas drew near, the final preparations for the opening of the AIDS hospice unit on Elizabeth were in full swing.

A seminar entitled "Terminal Care for AIDS Patients - an Holistic Approach" with many eminent speakers, including Dame Cicely Saunders and Dr Colin Murray-Parkes, has been held in the Buxton Hall which has been refurbished by the League of Friends. Such interest was shown that we were over-subscribed, having already accepted over 200 applicants. We will be holding another seminar in the future on "Terminal Care for AIDS patients: caring in the community".

The seminar formed part of a successful Open Week of events during which many tours had been organised. Catering for a wide variety of disciplines, for those associated with the work of Mildmay, they provided an opportunity for people to view the hospice before admission of AIDS patients. The Press also were invited and produced favourable coverage of Mildmay - on television, radio and in the papers.

OPEN DAYS FOR MILD MAY SUPPORTERS

Wednesday 17 February 10.00 am or 2.00 pm
combined with a Day of Praise and Prayer

Thursday 18 February 10.00 am or 2.00 pm

Each visit will last approximately one hour and comprise an introductory talk, a tour of the AIDS hospice unit and a discussion with refreshments.

To book a place,
please telephone the Publicity Dept at Mildmay on
01-739 2331 (Ext 108/109) stating your preferred time.

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The first patient(s) will probably be admitted to Elizabeth on or soon after 23 February 1988. As we know many of you would like to come and see the AIDS hospice facilities at Mildmay and that this has to be organised before the patients are admitted, Wednesday 17 February and Thursday 18 February have been specially set aside as Open Days on which our supporters may come along at an invited time. If you are interested, please contact the Publicity Department who are arranging this.