
	<p><b>THE HCPT BEAUMONT LEGACY</b></p> <p><b>BEAUMONT COLLEGE &amp; ST JOHN'S BEAUMONT OLD BOYS, HON MEMBERS OF THE BEAUMONT UNION &amp; BEAUMONT JESUITS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN 135 PARTICIPANTS ON 63 HCPT PILGRIMAGES</b></p> <p><b>(31 known to be deceased)</b></p>	
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Key: 24 Deceased OB 7 Deceased Jesuit

**THE BEAUMONT AND HCPT ORIGINS**

Year(s) with HCPT	Year left Beaumont	Name	Involvement in bringing about the merger of the Beaumont College annual Lourdes Pilgrimage into HCPT
		Rev Fr 'Pere' Handley W R Lillie SJ	<i>Original 1<sup>st</sup> Jesuit introducer to Dr Michael Strode as chaplain to his London sodality group in London around the time the Trust was formed. Became a Group chaplain for about 12 years. Chaplain Groups 7 &amp; 8 Deceased in the late 1960s.</i>
		Rev Fr John Gillick SJ	Took Beaumont boys to Lourdes from 1956-57 to undertake 'Stage'. 1 <sup>st</sup> Beaumont link to Dr Michael & HCPT groups through Trustee Geoffrey Mitchiner – boys originally helped out groups with Stations etc & later were allocated and became part of groups and Group Leaders in 1962. Chaplain Group 2, Last Headmaster of Beaumont College Deceased
Beaumont pre 2 <sup>nd</sup> WW pilgrim & 1958	1931	Harry Hewitt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Beaumont link to Dr Michael and HCPT groups. Worked for Catholic Association taking National Schools Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Invited by Dr Michael to be 1st Group Leader Group 1 - served for one year. Deceased
1931 Beaumont pre 2 <sup>nd</sup> WW pilgrim & until his death	1929	Freddie Wolff	1936 Olympic Gold medallist. Took his family to Lourdes in 1958 for the Centenary year in Group 1 with Harry Hewitt. Became 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group Leader Group 1 & early Trustee. Children included Jenny [married Frank Holford (Group 2)], John [(Group 2 Group Leader) married Anne Ortoli] & Carol [married Paul Bedford OB (Group 18)]. HCPT/BU mentor to so many Beaumont boys / OBs in Lourdes. Infamous for 'Chu-Chin-Chow' plates spectacle in 'Le Cintra' Café! Took many of his young grandchildren to Lourdes as the "Lupini", several of whom became leaders of Groups 2, 18, 42 & 542. Deceased
1963	1927	Mowbray Bessell	A silver medal Brancardier who arranged to do his Stage while Beaumont pilgrimage in Lourdes. A useful supporter in the early days of HCPT. Group 1. Deceased
1964	1927	Maurice Houdret	Deceased
	1931	Marquis Eustace de Escandon KM	<i>"'Tucko' was driven up from Madrid by his Chauffeur Valet and stayed in an expensive hotel. Trousers always immaculately pressed. He had been injured in the Civil War and walked with a limp. When we left Lourdes by train, he would race the train in his car to all the level crossings for the first 10 miles out of Lourdes and give the train a wave. He was a generous supporter". JPAW</i>
1962 - 1967	1967	Rev Fr John Brogan SJ	Chaplain Groups 5 & 6. Arranged Reunions at Beaumont until 1967 Died March 1990
1965-1968	1967	Rev Fr Tom Smalley SJ	1 <sup>st</sup> Chaplain Group 24 Hosanna House Chaplain. Deceased
? 1969 to ? 1996	1967	Rev Fr Joe Dooley SJ	Chaplain Group 35 Died November 2011

## *Historical Notes*

Beaumont College had its own Pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter in the mid 1950s. After HCPT was founded, initially Beaumont boys were available to assist an individual group when this was desired, for example to assist at the Stations of the Cross. The 1961 HCPT list of pilgrims includes Michael Bedford (OB 61) as the first Beaumont boy to be allocated as a helper to an HCPT group for the pilgrimage, this in Group 6 with Fr Handley Lillie SJ. From 1962 the Beaumont pilgrimage merged into HCPT and boys were allocated, generally in pairs, to some of the groups each year until 1967. Courtesy of Fr John Brogan SJ, reunions for the whole pilgrimage were held on the lawns at Beaumont until its closure in 1967. The founder remembered often the extent the thurible was swung from side to side at Benediction by the thurifer, which much impressed him!

Harry Hewitt (OB 31) was the first Beaumont Group leader in 1958, followed by Freddie Wolff (OB 29) in 1959. Fr Handley Lillie SJ was group leader of group 8. John Wolff (OB 58) became group leader of group 2 in 1962, John Bedford (OB 55) of group 18 in 1964, Patrick Burgess of group 24 (OB 63) and Michael Burgess of group 1 (OB 64) in 1965 and Brian Burgess (OB 67) of group 35 in 1969. Other OBs who have been group leaders have included Gerry Green (OB 64), Robert Bruce (OB 64) of group 1, Philip Stevens (OB 63), Mike Wortley (OB 65) of group 24 and Jeremy Hawthorne (OB 67) of group 35. John Flood (OB 65) stepped in once in the 1970s at the last moment for Patrick Burgess for group 24, when work prevented Patrick coming, and then became the group secretary until 2016. Michael Bruce (OB 66 & OS 68) stepped in for his brother Robert for group 1 during the Falklands War in 1982. OBs Descendant Group leaders have included Michael Holford (OSJB 77) for group 2, Madeleine Stanimeros (né Bedford) for group 42, Christian Longley (nee Bruce) for group 1, Philippa Nash (né Bedford) for group 42 and Lizzie Macwilliam (né Wortley) for group 24. Groups 1, 2, 3, 18, 24, 35 and 42 have in the past all been led by OBs and some by OSJBs and/or their descendants. There have been at least 2 Hosanna House Groups led by them, Groups 503 & 542.

Beaumont and St John's old boys who have been HCPT Chair of the Executive include Brian Burgess and John Wolff and Chair of the Trust, Andrew Flood (OSJB 91). HCPT Trustees include Freddie Wolff and two of his grandchildren, Michael Holford & Philippa Nash and Michael Wortley. IHCPT trustees have included Ian Bangham (OB 64) and Desmond Keane (OB 67), the latter also being Chair of IHCPT. Mike Wortley has arranged the payment of HQ staff salaries for umpteen years, maybe 25.

There are many other Wolff, Bedford, Holford, Stevens, Burgess, Bruce, Wortley, Flood, Houdret, Bailey & Hawthorne children & grandchildren who, although not Beaumont nor St John's pupils, have been group helpers over the years and there are innumerable grandchildren and great grandchildren who may become helpers in the future and thereby indirectly contribute to Beaumont's legacy within HCPT, indefinitely beyond the death of the last Beaumont College old boy.

There are also children and grandchildren who have been taken to Lourdes with HCPT, either on account of a disability or accompanying their parents or grandparents. OBs and their families' visits to the Grotto are the central aspect of pilgrimages.

The London Beaumont Region was founded in the 1980s from groups that at the time were led by OBs or their offspring. The Cintra café had been discovered by group 24 shortly after it opened in the 1970s and subsequently became the LBR café until its closure earlier this decade. In 2004 Michael (OB 61) & Mandy Bedford founded the BOFs as a group to enable OBs to observe and support the HCPT Pilgrimage. Over the last 16 years 28 OBs and Hon OBs and many of their spouses have enjoyed this experience, several each year. Other OB's still accompany and support group 24 in its Venerable section, and also IHCPT.

Jean Vanier (OSJB 37) (deceased May 2019), the founder of L'Arche, a charity with 149 homes for disabled adults worldwide, was at St John's Beaumont for one year before the family moved to Paris in 1937. He was one of the principal speakers at the Lourdes 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary HCPT 'Called by Name' conference on disability in 2008. His talk can now be viewed or read at <https://www.hcpt.org.uk/jean-vanier-at-hcpt-conference> and the 2016 film 'Summer in the Forest' relates to L'Arche & his life.

Brother Michael, before his death, expressed his delight that the legacy of Beaumont was marked on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and is now documented, as well as his surprise and pleasure that so many from Beaumont have been involved over the years.

Beaumont College was founded by the Jesuits in 1861 and closed in 1967. At the time Fr Alastair Russell commented in the Tablet "Something rather wonderful is being made to die". The Spirit of Beaumont lives on through its OBs, St John's & HCPT.



**Beaumont College 1961 - Centenary Year**



**The Queen arriving at Beaumont – 15<sup>th</sup> May 1961**

Year(s) with HCPT	Year left Beaumont /St John's	Name	Groups & Roles	Comments
	1928	Lawrence Roche MC KSG		Deceased
About 1970	1931	Gus Wolff		Brother of Freddie Deceased
	1933	Rev Fr Wilfred Johnson	Chaplain Grp 2 1966	Deceased
2003 with Mike Bedford	1934	Jack Wolff		Brother of Freddie Deceased
2003 with Mike Bedford	1948	Dr Brian Dillon	Group 18	Deceased
	1950	Rev Fr Peter Marsh	Chaplain Group 2	
2017 to date with the BOFs	1950	Robert & Agnes Schulte	BOFs	
2006 with the BOFs	1950	David Liston	BOFs	
2004, 2007 & 2014 with the BOFs	1952	William Henry	BOFs	
? 2005, 2006, 2008 & 2009 with the BOFs	1953	Raymond Nicholls (aka 'Nick the Click')	Group ? Trust Photographer BOF's	Deceased
2004, 2005 2017 & 2018 with the BOFs	1954	Paul Bedford	Group 1 BOFs	Deceased January 2020
?	1954	Richard Nurick		
1958	1955	John Bedford	Group Leader Grp 18	Deceased
	1956	Jeremy Connor		Retired Judge & benefactor
2004 to date with the BOFs	1957	Guy Bailey with Paula	BOFs	Life President of the BU
2014 with the BOFs	1957	Frank Staples	BOF's	
1957 - 1958	1957	Anthony Bernard		
1957	1957	Christopher Corcoran		
1957	1957	Peter Walker		
1957	1957	Dr David McCurry		
1957	1957	Timothy G Page		
1957	1957	John Newling-Ward		
2003, 2005 & 2015	1958	George Stanton	HH Group 503	
1958 to date	1958	John Wolff	Group 6, GL Grp 2 & HH group 503. Old & Bold. Chair of Exec.	Son of Freddie.
1990 - 1996	1958	David McIlvenna	HH Group 503 HH locum manger	
2004, 2014 & 2016 with the BOFs	1958	Tony & Bibi Parish	BOF's	
1958	1958	Dr Robin Mulchay		Deceased 2019
1958	1958	Ron de la Grange		
1958	1958	Anthony O'Connor		
1958	1958	Richard Hewins		
1958	1958	Anthony W Mitchell		Killed in an air crash '62
1958	1958	Anthony Synott		
1958	1958	Patrick Mackinley		
1958	1958	Adrian Stephen		
1958	1958	Paul Haddon		Deceased
1958	1959	John Prové		Deceased
1958	1958	Anthony D'Ombra		
1958	1958	Richard Bellamy		

1958	1959	Mike Wood		
1958	1959	Timothy Doyle		
1958	1959	Rev Fr Michael Bingham SJ		
1960	1959	Christopher Gardiner-Thorpe		
		Rev Fr. Gerald Hughes SJ	Chaplain Group 2 1964 Group 21 1966 & 67	Deceased
2006 with the BOFs	1960	John Paton Walsh with Jill	BOFs	Life Vice President of the BU
2004 to date with the BOFs	1960	Tony Outred	BOFs	
2011 to date with the BOFs	1960	Derek Hollamby	BOFs	
	1961	Rev Fr Herbert Bamber SJ	HH Chaplain	Deceased
1961 1990s & early 2000s 2004 – 2016 leading the BOFs	1961	Mike Bedford (BU Committee)	Groups 7 & 8, Group Leader Group 18 & The BOFs	Substantial fundraiser. Deceased 30.08.2016
2004 to date with the BOFs	2019 Hon Member of BU	Mandy Bedford		Wife of Mike Secretary of BU 2019
2007 to date with the BOFs	1961	Tim & Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor	BOFs	
1961 & 1963	1961	Anthony Warwick-Ching	Group 6	
2005 – 2018 with the BOFs	1961	Count Thierry de Galard-Teraube		
2004 to date with the BOFs	1961	Bill Gammell	BOFs	Master of the Feltmakers
1961	1961	Ian Glennie	Group 2	
2004 to date with the BOFs	1962	Robert Wilkinson	BOFs	BU Committee, Editor of the Beaumont Union Review <a href="https://www.beaumont-union.co.uk/news.html">https://www.beaumont-union.co.uk/news.html</a>
1962	1962	Edward K Monaghan		
2006 – 2009 with the BOFs	1962	Graeme Grant (with widow Liz)	BOFs	Deceased
1961 (aged 15) & 1962	1962	Robin Gore	As a child in Group 1	Died 18.5.62 while at Beaumont
1962	1962	Jonathan Coleman		
1962	1962	Michael Tussaud	Group 2	Deceased
1962, 1963 & 1964	1962	Colin Russell	Group 2	
1962	1962	Christian Forbes	Group 2	
Evening visit to the BOFs	1962	Mark Lake	BOFs	
1962	1962	M Philip (aka Charlie) Poels		
2010 with the BOFs	1962	Roger Johansen	BOFs	
2010 with the BOFs	1962	Philipp Mayer with Margot	BOFs	
1962 – 2017 2011 –17 with the BOFs	1963	Michael de Wolff (aka 'The Baron')	Group 1	Brancardier Silver medallist
1962 & 1964	1963	Sir Christopher W Kelly KCB	Group 3	

1962	1963	John Gillibrand	Group 7	
1962 & 1963	1963	Anthony Russell	Group 8	
1961 to date	1963	Patrick Burgess OBE, GCStJ, DL, KGCHS with Maggie	Groups 3, 15 & 1 <sup>st</sup> Group Leader Group 24 London Beaumont Regional Chair Chair of Trustees of the Hosanna House Window Fund	High Sheriff & Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex, Chancellor of the Order of St John & of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, Master of the Feltmakers
1963	1963	Alastair Warwick-Ching	Group 6	
1963	1963	Andrew Dearing	Group 15	
1963	1963	Finbarr O'Driscoll		
1963 for several decades	1963	Philip Stevens with Nicky	Groups 2 & 1. With wife Nicky Group 3 Former Group Leaders London Beaumont Regional Chair	Leader of the Beaumont Union Battlefields Tours to Ypres in May 2015, and Verdun in May 2017 & June 2020
1963 2004 to date with the BOFs	1963	Richard Sheehan with Marylu	Groups 2 & 6 BOFs	
2015 with the BOFs	1963	Mark Marshall	BOFs	
1963 to date	1964	Robert Bruce OBE RM	4 <sup>th</sup> Group Leader Group 1 London Beaumont Regional Chair & 2004 Trust Mass Liturgy leader	
2008 with the BOFs	1963	Paul Burden with Joanne	BOFs	
1964 1967	1964	Gerry Green	Group 4, Group 6 Leader 1967	
1964	1964	John Haddon	Group 2	
1964	1964	Ian Prové	Group 18	
1964	1964	Hubert de Lisle	Group 2	
1964 - 1967	1964	Philippe Ortolì	Group 2 GL	
1964 – 1966 Later IHCPT	1964	Ian Bangham	Group 18 & Group leader Group 61 Former IHCPT Trustee	
1963-82 1996 Veterans' Group Leader	1964	Michael Burgess CVO OBE	Group 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Leader 67- 69 71-77 & 82	Brother of Patrick & Brian
1964	1965	John Devaux DL	Group 2	Retired as a Circuit Court Judge, 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2019
1963	1965	Richard Cree		
1965 to date (except 1966)	1965	John Flood KSG	Group Secretary Groups 24 & 324 & London Beaumont Region Race Night Founder. English Cycle 2015, 2017 & 2019	BU Committee. Trustee Hosanna House Window Fund Matrix inventor Organiser of Pat Hall Memorial Walks 2019 & 28.06.2020
1965 - 1966	1965	Christopher Newling-Ward	Group 18	
?	1965	Dr Peter Savundra		
1965 - 1966	1965	Terence O'Brien	Group 6	
2006 with the BOFs	1965	Anthony Tussaud	BOFs	

1964 To date	1965	Michael Wortley	Group 6 Group Leader Group 24 HH Group & Trustee. Paymaster Acting Chief Exec. Cycle - IHCPT + English	
2016 & 2018 with the BOFs	1965	Chris Tailby CBE with Moira	BOFs	
? 1968	1965	Paul Reynier	Group 24	
1965	1965	Edwin de Lisle	Group 2	
1965	1966	Kenelm Hall-Patch	Group 1	
1965 1982	1966	Johnny Marshall	Groups 24 & 40	
1966 & 1967	1967		Group 2	
1966 - 2007	1967	Brian Burgess KCHS with Elizabeth DHS	Group 1, 1 <sup>st</sup> Group Leader Group 35 Chair of Exec. HCPT Bartres Ball / Race Night Founder Trustee HH Window Fund	Chancellor of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre Master of the Feltmakers Deceased 22.05.07
1966 - 2013 2014 - 16	1967	Jerry Hawthorne	Group 24 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group Leader Group 35 & Group 729	
1966 & 1967	1967	Joseph Li	Group 2	Deceased
1966 & 1967	1967	Stephen Hall-Patch	Group 24	
1966 to date	1967	Desmond Keane	IHCPT Chair, Group Leader & Trustee	
1966	1967	John Mitchiner	Group 4	
1966	1967	Dr Michael Johnson		
?1967	1967	Dr Brian Gardiner	Group 24	
?	1967	Emil Savundra		
1968 - 1970	Went on to Stonyhurst 1966	Hugh Wooldridge	Group 55	
1967 1982	Went on to Stonyhurst 1966	Michal Bruce	Group 24 Group 1 Leader 1982	Brother of Robert Deceased
2012 & 2014 with the BOFs	N/A	Rev Fr Kevin Fox SJ	Chaplain Group 18 & the BOFs	Hon member of BU
2015 to date with the BOFs	N/A	Rev Mgr. Jim Curry	Chaplain to the BOFs	Hon member of BU
1972	St John's 1977	Michael Holford	Group Leader Group 2 Former Trustee	Son of Frank & Jenny
? 1980s	St John's	Simon Scott	Group 1	Son of Tony Scott, a Beaumont master
1979	St John's	Tim Wolff		Son of John
?	St John's 1981	Paul Wolff		Son of John
?	St John's 1983	Mark Bedford	Group 42 English Cycle	Son of Paul
1982	St John's 1986	Johnny Holford	Group 2	Son of Frank
?	St John's ?	Eddie Stevens	Group 3	Son of Philip
?	St John's 1991	William Stevens	Group 3	Son of Philip

1995 to date	St John's 1991	Andrew Flood	Groups 1, 24, 42 & 542. IHCPT Cycle 2006 Trustee & Chair of HCPT 2012 – 18	Hon member of BU,
?	St John's 1992	Matthew Wortley	Group 24 & DGL 24 IHCPT Cycle 2002-04	Son of Mike
1997 to date	St John's 1993	Christopher Flood	Groups 24 & DGL 3 IHCPT Cycle 2002-04	Son of John
?	St John's 1999	Jamie Bruce	Groups 3, 24 & 42	Son of Robert

The earlier days - taken from The Beaumont Union website article "The First 75 years", published 23.11.19



Freddie Wolff

### **1931 Beaumont College Lourdes Pilgrimage**

The School sent parties to Lourdes following the Great War and these continued till the School's closure.

Among the pilgrims shown:- P Emerson ( Lt Col Punjab Regt) W Hope-Nelson ( Lt Col 8th Hussars OBE, polo player 3rd Bart) D Garces (Trinity Camb & St Thomas's), C Davis ( WW2 RAF Flt Lt KIA N Africa 1942) , N Throckmorton (WW2 Major KOYLI), R Duval ( Sydney Univ. WW2 Surg-Lt Narvik DSC) .

A Throckmorton ( Montreal Univ. Priest, 12th Bart) , **F Wolff (Olympic Gold Medallist, WW2 Capt Ox & Bucks, Ch. Metal Exchange)**, J Drummond ( Sandhurst R. Ulster Rifles WW2 DSO Brigadier) , P C Leggetter ( Science Master, Commander OTC), J Talbot, ( WW1 Lt Coldstream Guards, 4th Baron of Malahide), G O'Connor (Christ's Camb. Middlesex Hosp. WW2 Capt. RAMC. Mayor Abingdon)



**1929 Beaumont College Lourdes Pilgrimage  
Charabanc to Lourdes**



John Wolff Fr John Gillick SJ

**1958 Beaumont College Lourdes Pilgrimage**

*and from a different and current millennium*



**The London Beaumont Region in April 2004 comprising Groups 1, 2, 3, 18, 24, 35 & 42  
on the occasion that the Region led the Liturgy  
and the Regional Beaumont Rugby shirts were inaugurated**



**Founder of HCPT - 1956**

**Brother Michael Strode KSG - Born 5<sup>th</sup> June 1923 - Died 27<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**His Memorial Service will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 at Westminster Cathedral  
Many tributes to him and his huge legacy can be found at [www.forevermissed.com/brother-michael-strode/about](http://www.forevermissed.com/brother-michael-strode/about)**



*A collage of photos of Beaumont College OB pilgrims, two with the HCPT founder*



*Aeterna non Caduca*