Christopher Martineau TSSF

Christopher Martineau, who died in December 2012, was a member of the Wyevern Area of TSSF for the last eight or so years of his life. In 2010, we were delighted to be able to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his admission to the Novitiate: he was professed in 1954.

Christopher was a very special person, and my difficulty in writing a tribute to him, is in choosing the words which will effectively pay tribute to all that he meant to us in this Area, and, I know, previously, in the Skipton Area.

Christopher was already well on in years when he joined us, but, immediately he arrived in our Area, he attended such meetings as he could, and became, quickly, a loved and respected member of his, and my, Local Group. He was consistently thoughtful, caring, prayerful, gentle, humorous, and lovely to have in the group. More than that, he was involved. He knew what meetings were being held, and, if not able to be there, would, frequently, send a message, a comment or a thought relevant to the occasion. He was totally a part of the group, and we felt his presence, his enthusiasm, his prayerfulness, even if he was not with us in person. Anyone who visited him in his home, came away feeling inspired and blessed by his humility and generosity. His influence affected the whole Area, though many members may never have met him. We miss him, because we have lost a dear friend, a man of God, and a committed and faithful Franciscan. He was a joy to know.

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