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**OCKENDEN INTERNATIONAL, FORMERLY THE  
OCKENDEN VENTURE, REFUGEE CHARITY OF  
WOKING: RECORDS, INCLUDING PAPERS OF JOYCE  
PEARCE OBE (1915-1985), FOUNDER, 1929-2006**

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Introduction

The Ockenden Venture was founded in 1951 by three local schoolteachers, and took its name from founder Joyce Pearce's family home 'Ockenden' in White Rose Lane, Woking. The Ockenden Venture became a registered charity on 24 February 1955, under the War Charities Act 1940, its stated object being to receive young East European people from post World War II displaced persons camps in Germany and 'to provide for their maintenance, clothing, education, recreation, health and general welfare'. Within a few years, world events and the increasing numbers of refugees world wide would lead it to widen both its remit and its scope.

The project had begun in 1951, when Joyce Pearce (1915-1985) persuaded Woking District Council to help support a holiday for 17 displaced East European teenagers at her sixth form centre at Ockenden House, as part of the Festival of Britain. An ad hoc arrangement was subsequently made for two of the girls to stay in Woking when they had obtained visas to attend school in England. The plight of older non-German speaking children in the refugee camps, for whom the educational provision was inadequate, provided the stimulus for Joyce Pearce, her friend and teaching colleague Margaret Dixon (1907-2001) and her cousin Ruth Hicks (1900-1986), headmistress of Greenfield School, Woking, to found the Ockenden Venture. The project was initially a modest one based solely in Woking, but houses were soon acquired in Haslemere, and in 1958 Ockenden took over Donington Hall near Derby as a school for boys.

After World Refugee Year was declared in 1959, government money and increased donations enabled Ockenden to open

eight new houses across Britain, and a small administrative staff was established. Direct help to adults was begun with the founding of The Ockenden Venture Family Trust, prompted by government relaxation of immigration laws to allow handicapped immigrants to enter the UK. The Trust was registered as a war charity on 16 Feb 1960, and worked for the admission of parents of children already in the UK under Ockenden Venture schemes (it was merged with the Ockenden Venture in 1991). Chiefly prompted by Joyce Pearce's desire to provide assistance to Tibetan refugees in India, in October 1962 the general council of the charity agreed to amend the constitution of the Ockenden Venture to state its object was 'to receive displaced children and other children in need from any part of the world and to provide for their maintenance, clothing, education, recreation, health and general welfare', to allow the possibility of help to non-European children. Initially most help took the form of donations towards existing orphanages and schools, and sponsorship schemes, but Ockenden's first direct participation in overseas-based work also began during the 1960s, with projects in India, northern Africa and later south east Asia. In 1971, Ockenden merged with refugee charity, Lifeline.

The most dramatic expansion of the Ockenden Venture came with the government's decision in 1979 to accept Vietnamese 'Boat People' (who had begun leaving south Vietnam in large numbers after the invasion of Saigon by Communist forces in 1975) into the UK. Ockenden, Save the Children and the British Council for Aid to Refugees were given responsibility for a third of the country each to arrange for reception and resettlement of incoming families (Ockenden covered Surrey, the Midlands, the North West, North East, North Wales, Gosport and the Portsmouth area of Hampshire. The Birmingham office was responsible for organising resettlement; support was provided through support group liaison officers and support groups from the local communities). The three agencies operated under the umbrella of the Joint Committee for Refugees from Vietnam (JCRV) which was established by the Home Secretary in October 1979 under the chairmanship of Sir Arthur Peterson. Ockenden opened 25 new centres in response to the crisis, and by the end of the government programme in 1982, found itself a changed organisation, with a large workforce in formal salaried employment where before the organisation had been principally voluntary or semi-voluntary.

During the early 1980s, Ockenden continued to receive refugees and to add to its projects overseas. The death in 1985 of Joyce Pearce, who had continued as the driving force in the charity for 30 years, prompted questioning of the future aims of Ockenden. Several years of dissension followed over the managerial structure and the 'ethos' of the organisation, which from being a

very small charity almost unique in its objects, now found itself one among many charities involved in refugee work. The burden of maintaining Ockenden's UK refugee accommodation to modern standards became an increasing argument for concentrating effort on overseas projects. Houses were closed down during the 1990s, until only Kilmore House, Camberley, a home for severely disabled Vietnamese orphans, remained in 2001.

In 1999, the Ockenden Venture became Ockenden International, and concentrated nearly all its work overseas, in Sudan, Afghanistan, Cambodia, Pakistan, Iran and Uganda. Nowadays, Ockenden International operates purely as a funding agency, having transferred many of its programmes to local organisations.

### The records

The records were appraised and selected on site, from the archive store and from a set of filing cabinets housing some refugee personal files.

Due to the nature of the organisation, the archive presents some problems of accessibility: for most of the period covered by these records, Ockenden was a small organisation, closely overseen by Joyce Pearce, and evolving to reflect the requirements of the projects which it undertook. Some records were probably off-site while the UK homes were in operation; filing of in-letters at Woking does not present a clear series. While some small series of filing systems were evident, they did not appear comprehensive for any period; some collation of papers of particular interest took place in the late 1980s. The result is many files of similar dates with a similar diversity of subject matter.

It is known that there was no comprehensive record of persons assisted by Ockenden and that some personal files of individual refugees are known to have been passed on to the persons concerned. For the Vietnamese and post Vietnamese period, a sample of personal files was selected for the archive.

For a general overview of current projects and houses, the annual reports (7155/4/1/-) provide a useful level of detail; the chairman's reports to the council are also of importance (7155/2/1/-), some of which are listed separately with Joyce Pearce's papers on policy and strategy (7155/3/-).

For records relating to individuals, see Administration of Ockenden Homes, 7155/5/-, including indexes of refugees, and Refugee projects series, 7155/6/- and 7155/7/ (the latter in particular for Vietnamese settlers); early annual reports (7155/4/1/-) also provide information on named individuals.

It is known that some of Joyce Pearce's correspondence was destroyed after her death by Margaret Dixon and staff members (see Margaret Dixon's diary, 7155/15/10).

Much of the correspondence was filed in no particular order, so any chronological arrangement is often lacking.

### Arrangement

Because of the fluctuating structure of Ockenden's organisation, and the lack of any clear division between Joyce Pearce's personal and Ockenden records, subdivision of this material into clear functional groupings has not proved possible (see 'the Records' above for more detail). Cross-referencing to the principal alternative sources has been given but is not comprehensive.

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Access conditions

Unpublished minutes and other papers are closed for 30 years. Files which are stated to include material relating to named refugees or which contain sensitive information about individuals are closed for 100 years: permission for access to files must be sought via the History Centre from the depositor.

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7155/1/ THE OCKENDEN VENTURE CONSTITUTION, 1955-1994

The Ockenden Venture was registered as a war charity on 1 January 1955. The objects of the original constitution were "to receive young displaced persons from camps in West Germany who have been driven from their homes by the Second World War and to provide for their maintenance, clothing, education, recreation, health and general welfare." Ockenden's work expanded into other areas, and in 1962 the Constitution was revised, "to receive displaced children and other children in need from any part of the world."

The Ockenden Venture Family Trust was registered as a war charity on 16 February 1960. Its objective was to bring 20 refugee families (parents of Ockenden children and their other children) to the UK for permanent immigration under the government's World Refugee Year emigration scheme. Families would be found accommodation and maintained until they became self-supporting or could be accepted as British nationals.

In 1971, Ockenden merged with the Lifeline charity although this was not formalised until 1989. For records of Lifeline, see 7155/2/4 and 7155/12. March 1989 saw the amalgamation of Ockenden Venture and Ockenden Venture Family Trust. Documents are listed in this series only if they solely relate to formal constitutional change. For discussion of the changes, see also General Council (7155/2/1/-) and Executive Committee (7155/2/2/-), and papers of Joyce Pearce (7155/3/5/-).

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|---|---|-----------|
| 1 | Copies of Ockenden Venture and Ockenden Venture Family Trust constitutions with revisions, and correspondence relating to proposed amendments   | 1955-1975 |
| 2 | Bundle of papers relating to the proposed merger of Ockenden Venture and Ockenden Venture Family Trust, and the formalised incorporation of Lifeline. Includes correspondence with Charity Commissioners regarding status of Lifeline | 1982-1994 |

7155/1/3 Copy reports pertaining to trustees' meeting. 21 Jun 1994  
Minutes of meeting missing

7155/2/ OCKENDEN MANAGEMENT AND  
ADMINISTRATION: MINUTES AND  
PAPERS, 1954-1995

Joyce Pearce dominated both policy-making and executive action to the extent that it was occasionally unclear in what capacity, whether private or as the 'honorary organiser' or chairman of Ockenden, she acted.

Aside from the creation of several sub-committees, the central management of Ockenden remained comparatively informal until the 1980s, although the charity's involvement with resettlement of Vietnamese refugees and its subsequent government funding demanded a more regulated management style.

Following Joyce Pearce's death in July 1985, a management team was chosen to replace her role, and the first executive director was appointed in 1988. Directorships were created for UK operations, overseas activity and central management. During this time, the views of executive members were divided: there were those who wanted to run Ockenden in a more business-like manner, whilst others wished to maintain Ockenden in the perceived spirit of Joyce Pearce.

For drafts of Joyce Pearce's chairman's reports to the general council, see policy and strategy (7155/3/-). For the charity after Joyce's death, see also Margaret Dixon's papers (7155/3/7/-).

7155/2/1/ GENERAL COMMITTEE (LATER GENERAL  
COUNCIL, LATER ADVISORY COUNCIL), 1958-  
1995

The General Committee was established in 1958 to make final decisions on general policy as proposed by the Executive Committee. The first Annual General Meeting was held at Caxton Hall on 21 May 1960. In 1961 the name was changed to the General Council. Meetings of the General Council appeared to have ceased from 1978.

In the 1980s, a new Board of Management structure was mooted. This ultimately led to the establishment in 1989 of an Advisory Council as the policy-forming body of Ockenden. Its function was to advise the General Committee on policy issues; to provide a policy forum for Ockenden supporters; and to act as a link between Ockenden and the broader refugee community. The Council comprised General Committee members, patrons, representatives from groups of Friends and specially invited members.

7155/2/1/1	Signed minute book of the General Committee (later General Council) and Annual General Meeting	21 Mar 1958 -24 Jun 1970
2	Minutes of the General Council and Annual General Meeting (some signed)	17 Sep 1970 -25 Nov 1978
3	Minutes of the Advisory Council and Annual General Meeting (some signed), 10 Mar 1989-11 Oct 1994, and correspondence relating to the future of the Council. Also copy of Chris Patten's address to Ockenden AGM, 1 Oct 1987	1987-1995
4	Small bundle of correspondence including report of the first Annual General Meeting, 21 May 1960 (minutes not included in 7155/2/1/1), and Joyce Pearce report to the General Council, 13 Oct 1962	1960-1966
5	Chairman's report by Dr Christopher Woodard outlining reasons for his and his brother Peter's resignation from Ockenden; also handwritten 'suggested press release' by Dr Woodard	1961
6	Small bundle of papers relating to Advisory Council membership. Includes letters from Virginia Bottomley declining invitation to become patron, Nov 1988, and from Richard Todd expressing regret that he is unable to attend future Advisory Council meetings, Mar 1991	1988-1991

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (LATER GENERAL COMMITTEE), 1954-1995

The Executive Committee, which had overall policy control, first met on 2 December 1954 to launch a scheme for the education of children of displaced persons. Its first chairman was Canon Malcolm Venables, Canon of St George's Chapel, Windsor, who, on his death in 1957, was succeeded by Dr Christopher Woodard.

Woodard, a medical doctor and faith healer by whom Joyce Pearce was greatly influenced, resigned in 1961, citing pressures of work (officially) and lack of confidence in Ockenden's administration (unofficially). Labour politician David Ennals stepped in as acting chairman until Dr Woodard was re-elected in May 1964.

Following Woodard's second resignation in 1966, Joyce Pearce became chairman of the Executive Committee until 1970 when she was succeeded by Sir Arthur Rucker, and her role reverted officially to that of Honorary Organiser. Following the merger in 1971, a new Executive Committee incorporating Lifeline, was established.

In 1987, the committee appeared to be divided on a number of matters. One issue was whether to depart from the traditional policy of payment of salaries according to need or whether salaries should be graded according to a structured scale. A paper proposing new salary structures was rejected by the committee resulting in the resignation of the chairman, David Ennals, in 1987. He was succeeded by Margaret Dixon until ill health prompted her resignation in 1990.

In the same year, the Executive Committee was renamed the General Committee and was established as the policy-making body, meeting no more than four times a year. Some minutes include copies of reports and correspondence presented at the meetings.

7155/2/2/1	Signed executive committee minute book. Also contains minutes of Donington Hall Refugee Centre Committee, 15 Dec 1956-2 Dec 1957	2 Dec 1954 -21 Mar 1958
2	Signed executive committee minute book	23 May 1958 -15 Dec 1962
3	Signed executive committee minute	12 Jan 1963 -18 Nov 1963
4	Signed executive committee minutes	4 Jan 1964 -17 Dec 1964
5	Signed executive committee minutes	20 Jan 1965 -16 Nov 1965
6	Signed executive committee minutes	20 Jan 1966 -24 Sep 1966
7	Signed executive committee minutes	7 Jan 1967 -2 Dec 1967
8	Signed executive committee minutes	6 Jan 1968 -9 Dec 1968
9	Signed executive committee minutes	4 Jan 1969 -16 Sep 1969
10	Executive committee minutes, 14 Mar-31 Oct, some signed. Also minutes of meeting to discuss development of Beech Hill and other Ockenden properties as 'caring communities' for young people with special needs, 10 Nov	1970
11	Executive committee minutes. Following the merger with Lifeline in 1971, a new Ockenden Venture (incorporating Lifeline) executive committee was established	8 May 1971 -12 Nov 1979
12	Executive committee minutes, some signed	1 Apr 1980 -11 Dec 1980
13	Signed executive committee minutes	3 Feb 1981 -9 Nov 1981
14	Signed executive committee minutes	18 Jan 1982 -26 Oct 1982

7155/2/2/15	Signed executive committee minutes	1 Feb 1983 -26 Sep 1983
16	Signed executive committee minutes	26 Apr 1984 -26 Nov 1984
17	Signed executive committee minutes	2 Aug 1985 -13 Dec 1985
18	Executive committee minutes	17 Jan 1986 -12 Dec 1986
19	Executive committee minutes. Includes correspondence relating to resignation of chairman David Ennals following committee's rejection of proposed new salary structures. 2 vols	4 Feb 1987 -13 Dec 1987
20	Executive committee minutes. 2 vols	14 Jan 1988 -9 Dec 1988
21	Executive committee (later general committee) minutes	20 Jan 1989 -17 Nov 1989
22	General committee minutes	2 Feb 1989 -20 Sep 1990
23	General committee minutes	11 Jan 1991 -9 Dec 1991
24	General committee minutes	25 Feb 1992 -9 Dec 1992
25	General committee minutes	10 Mar 1993 -13 Dec 1993
26	General committee minutes	1 Mar 1994 -6 Dec 1994
27	General committee minutes, 7 Mar; agenda and reports of 27 Jun meeting (minutes missing)	1995
28	Circular from Joyce Pearce to Margaret Dixon and other Executive Committee members outlining Ockenden's current situation and possible future developments	1966

- 7155/2/2/29      Typescript draft, 'Suggested rules for the Ockenden Venture board of management', underlining role and structure of executive committee; also flow chart of Ockenden structure      nd [?1960s]
- 30      Biographies and photographs of Ockenden general committee members      1991
- 7155/2/3/      MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, 1990-1994
- The Management Committee was established in 1989 by Ailsa Moore, initially to replace the Ways and Means sub-committee. In February 1990, it became the implementing body of the Executive Committee. Very few minutes have survived prior to 1992.
- 1      Meeting minutes, 31 Aug 1990 and 7 Jan 1992-20 Dec 1994      1990-1994
- 7155/2/4/      LIFELINE (FORMERLY ADOPTION COMMITTEE FOR AID TO DISPLACED PERSONS), 1969-1989
- On the disbandment of the Guides International Service (GIS), the Adoption Committee for Aid to Displaced Persons (later Lifeline) was formed in October 1953 to help victims of Nazi concentration camps, and displaced persons in Germany. Sue Ryder was vice-chairman of the Adoption Committee; former Belgian resistance leader, Françoise Rigby, was honorary secretary and later chairman until 1973. She and Joyce Pearce first met in August 1954 to discuss joint projects to help children from DP camps.
- In 1960, the charity changed its name to Lifeline and merged with the New York-based International Rescue Committee (IRC) in 1963. Lifeline extended its work to help elderly people in Trieste, Spanish refugees in France, African students in Uganda, Tibetan students in India, and Chinese children in Macau (Macao).

Discussions concerning a merger with Ockenden began in 1969, and two years later Lifeline was incorporated into the Ockenden Venture, although this was not formalised until 1989. From 1971, Lifeline had a representative on the Ockenden executive committee and had a separate sub-committee to discuss and manage Lifeline affairs. Its funds were shown separately in Ockenden's accounts.

By the mid 1980s, Lifeline's activities had declined to an extent that steps were taken to wind up the charity. This appeared not to happen although Ockenden started to take over former Lifeline projects. For pre-merger papers, see 7155/12/-.

7155/2/4/1	Papers relating to management of Lifeline and its merger with Ockenden. Also includes correspondence with Lifeline patrons inviting them to join the Ockenden general council; and reports on Macau and Trieste projects	1969-1989
2	Minutes of Lifeline sub-committee (later Lifeline sub-committee of the Ockenden Venture). First meeting was convened to discuss the basis on which the merger between Ockenden and Lifeline would work	8 Oct 1970 -22 Oct 1980
3	Correspondence of Françoise Rigby (later White) with Joyce Pearce and others. Letters discuss Lifeline's merger with Ockenden, progress of projects and Ms Rigby's decision to resign as chairman of Lifeline	1971-1985
7155/2/5/	OTHER OCKENDEN COMMITTEES AND SUB COMMITTEES, 1960-1994	
	Further papers relating to sub-committees appear among the main Executive Committee series above.	

Ockenden Venture Family Trust committee,  
1960-1961

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| 7155/2/5/1 | Minute book of the Ockenden Venture Family Trust, recording three meetings only: 12 Feb 1960 (1 <sup>st</sup> meeting), 22 Apr 1960 and 4 Jan 1961; also letter to editor of <i>Walton and Weybridge News</i> outlining the purpose of the newly formed Trust | 1960-1961 |
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Publicity Sub-Committee, 1964-1989

Further material relating to publicity is listed under the series Annual Reports and Publicity (7155/4/-) and Friends of Ockenden (7155/11/1/-).

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| 2 | Meeting minutes, 11 Nov 1964-12 Apr 1966, and publicity department reports, 1988-1989 | 1964-1989 |
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Finance and Administration Sub-Committee,  
1987

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| 3 | Meeting minutes | 11 Feb 1987<br>-11 Mar 1987 |
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Ways and Means Sub-Committee, 1987-  
1988

The Ways and Means Sub-Committee was formed in 1987, the amalgamation of the Finance and Administration, and Development Sub-Committees. The first meeting was on 11 May, and it was chaired first by Oliver Atkins, later by Leslie Humm. On the latter's resignation in December 1988, the sub-committee folded.

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| 4 | Meeting minutes and associated reports | 25 Mar 1987<br>-23 Nov 1988 |
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Staff Consultative Committee, 1987-1989

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| 5 | Minutes, 21 May-28 Oct 1987 and 28 Feb 1989 | 1987; 1989 |
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Overseas Sub-Committee, 1987-1994

Chaired by David Ennals, the overseas sub-committee dealt with overseas projects.

- 7155/2/5/6 Meeting minutes and associated reports. See 17 Nov 1987  
also executive committee minutes for -16 Jan 1990  
missing dates
- 7 'The Way Ahead' meeting minutes and Feb 1994  
associated reports. Organised by Mandy  
Smith, overseas project manager, the  
meeting's purpose was to identify ways of  
expanding Ockenden's work overseas
- UK Sub-Committee, 1987-1992
- The UK sub-committee was concerned with  
the management of Ockenden houses and  
staffing matters. See also Ockenden homes:  
administration (7155/5/-) and management  
of Ockenden reception centres (7155/7/3/-).
- 8 Meeting minutes, 21 Jan 1987-22 Feb 1991, 1987-1992  
some signed, with associated reports. Also  
copies of visit reports to Ockenden houses,  
1992
- 7155/2/6/ EXTERNAL COMMITTEES (WITH OCKENDEN  
REPRESENTATION), 1959-1981
- World Refugee Year Committee, 1959-1960
- The objective of World Refugee Year which  
ran from June 1959 to May 1960 was to  
rouse international opinion and raise money  
to help clear the DP camps in Europe. It was  
the brainchild of a group that included  
Christopher Chataway, MP and Ockenden  
patron.
- 1 Correspondence with Baroness Elliot of 1959-1960  
Harwood, committee chairman, concerning  
committee's proposals for admission of  
refugees to Britain

County of Surrey Refugee Committee,  
1960-1981

Following a conference at County Hall, Kingston, on 25 January 1960, the Surrey Refugee Plan was established, in co-operation with the British Council for Aid to Refugees (BCAR), to settle 33 refugee families in 33 county districts by voluntary effort.

The executive County of Surrey Refugee Committee was elected to appeal for funding and to obtain housing for refugee families. Joyce Pearce was invited to represent Ockenden on the committee.

In 1970, Surrey Refugee Committee appointed Ockenden to undertake relief work on its behalf and subsequently transferred £8,000 of its funds to Ockenden.

See also 6128/1/138: Correspondence and papers relating to the work of the County of Surrey Refugee Committee and the reception of a refugee family in Banstead, Mar 1959 - Jun 1972.

7155/2/6/2	Meeting minutes with associated reports and correspondence	25 Jan 1960 -3 Sep 1981
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Standing Conference of British  
Organisations for Aid to Refugees  
(SCBOAR): Committees, 1965-1966

Ockenden was represented on the Tibet sub-committee by Joyce Pearce and Fred Forty. See 7155/8/1/3. Ockenden also participated in the 1966 European Campaign for World Refugees organised by SCBOAR.

3	Meeting minutes of European Campaign for World Refugees committee, with associated reports and correspondence	12 Oct 1965 -26 Sep 1966
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7155/3/ OCKENDEN VENTURE POLICY AND STRATEGY, c.1945-1995

The roots of Ockenden 's work began in the discussion groups held by Joyce Pearce and Margaret Dixon for their sixth form pupils at Mitcham County School for Girls. By 1951, the Ockenden project to assist refugee children had unofficially begun, and henceforth Joyce Pearce's work (and indeed many aspects of her life) was dedicated to the charity's development.

Since Joyce Pearce's work often predates the formal adoption of policies or specific projects by Ockenden, or deals with areas which were not realised in their original form, the records below have been separated from those of the general council and executive committee. However, the records of management of Ockenden include much comparable material and should be referred to for a fuller picture of Joyce Pearce's writings and opinions. This series also includes the writings of Margaret Dixon and other Ockenden staff members.

See also Joyce Pearce: Private Papers, 7155/14/-, and Margaret Dixon: Private Papers, 7155/15/-.

7155/3/1/ WORK LEADING TO FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OCKENDEN VENTURE, C.1945-1968

See also Ockenden Work In The UK: East European Refugees, 7155/6/1.

Sixth Form Conferences and Ockenden Education Centre, c.1945-1968

As teachers at Mitcham County School for Girls, Joyce Pearce and Margaret Dixon encouraged their sixth formers to discuss current affairs. In 1946, weekend discussion sessions were hosted at their flat in Mitcham.

As the sessions became more popular, it was decided to open a residential sixth form centre at Ockenden House in Woking, inviting participation from schools across the country. The centre was also available for student, youth and adult organisations to hold their own courses and conferences. An 'Ockenden' committee was formed comprising Joyce Pearce, Margaret Dixon, Ruth Hicks and Cedric Collyer. Invitations were sent to local politicians, clergy, head teachers and others to become sponsors of the sixth form courses.

A 1951 leaflet states that the objects of the sixth form conferences were 'not only to give girls and boys of day schools the experience of a residential scholastic environment but also to evolve a new academic method by which they may be helped in the development of a philosophy of life amid the conflicting ideologies and beliefs of today.'

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| 7155/3/1/1 | Exercise book with label (added at later date): 'Joyce Pearce's Writings "Can we save our children?" written just after War in 1945 or 6 prior to VIth Form conferences and Ockenden'. Contains handwritten thoughts on inter-war attitudes to foreign policy in Britain, and on concept of pacifism. Front of book contains names and addresses in different handwriting | c.1945-1946 |
| 2          | Papers relating to Ockenden Education Centre and weekend courses. Include reports and programmes and correspondence with speakers, attendees and potential sponsors. Also typed extract of letter from Joyce Pearce [?to Christopher Woodard] asking him to help organise the courses   | 1947-1954   |
| 3          | Handwritten notes by Joyce Pearce on the 'Ockenden experiment': residential courses to broaden the education of sixth formers. Includes later typed transcriptions  | c.1948      |

7155/3/1/4      Typescript history of Ockenden Education Centre and reference to resumption of sixth form conferences, 1963. Also draft of David Ennals's speech at sixth form conference, 29 Jun 1963; programmes for sixth form weekend conferences      1963-1968

Festival of Britain holiday for children from Displaced Persons' (DP) camps, 1951-1952

At an Ockenden weekend course, sixth formers watched a film, 'Answer for Anne,' concerning an American schoolgirl's discovery of the plight of displaced people in Europe. This led them to suggest a holiday for some of the children in DP camps in Germany, and a committee was set up under the chairmanship of Dr Alec Vidler.

In the summer of 1951, 17 East European teenagers were invited to stay at Ockenden. The visit was funded by local people and organisations as part of Woking's Festival of Britain celebrations.

Afterwards, Joyce Pearce and Margaret Dixon accompanied the young people back to Germany and witnessed the dismal conditions of the camps, prompting them to bring some of the refugees to Britain for a better life and education.

- 5      Bundle of papers relating to arrangements for the holiday. Includes correspondence with the Guide International Service (GIS), brief case notes on individual children, news cuttings, script of BBC radio programme 'In Town Tonight' featuring two of the refugees, Mirzda Niedra and Herkules Strolia. Also letters to Joyce Pearce from some of the children on their return to Germany      1951
- 6      Notebook of Joyce Pearce, with annotations, describing 1951 holiday, preparations made prior to their arrival, visits to London and hospitality of local people. Also typescript version of account entitled 'Hope still remains' and article produced for a leaflet thirty years later (containing extracts from original account)      1951

- 7155/3/1/7      Diary of holiday at Ockenden of seventeen      1951  
 refugee children, and of their return to the  
 DP camps in September. Accounts written  
 by local sixth form girls and by Margaret  
 Dixon
- 8      Scrapbook of press cuttings and photographs      1951-1952  
 of the Festival of Britain holiday
- Education of refugee children from  
 Displaced Persons' camps, 1951-1956
- Following the 1951 holiday, a number of  
 children from DP camps were brought to  
 Britain under the Guide International  
 Service (GIS) Education Scheme. Many of  
 these children came from 'hard-core' refugee  
 families in which family members suffered  
 from tuberculosis and were therefore  
 ineligible for emigration schemes.
- In 1952, six girls were offered an education  
 and home at Ockenden House, including one  
 of the original 17 young people who visited  
 Woking the previous year. One girl  
 subsequently returned to Germany but the  
 remaining refugees were henceforth known  
 as the 'first five'.
- The girls lived at Ockenden and were  
 initially taught by Joyce Pearce, Margaret  
 Dixon and Ruth Hicks, before being  
 admitted to schools in the Woking area. The  
 success of the exercise led to further  
 children from DP camps being brought to  
 Woking. A second house, Venture Hill, was  
 purchased for use as a dormitory annex to  
 Ockenden House.
- Following an inaugural meeting on 2  
 December 1954 to launch an official scheme  
 for the education of DP children, the  
 Ockenden Venture was established as a  
 registered charity in 1955.
- 9      Correspondence with the Guide      1951-1955  
 International Service (GIS) and others  
 regarding assistance for 'hard core' refugee  
 families and education of their children in  
 England

7155/3/1/10	Correspondence with, or relating to the 'first five' girls and their families. Includes script of radio programme, 'Polish girls from DP camps,' in which Janina and Elizabeth Cichon were interviewed. Some letters are in German	1952-1956
11	Typescript progress report by Joyce Pearce on first group of girls from DP camps being educated in England. Also report on the girls' families by Patricia Whetstone of Local Committee for Aid to Displaced Persons during her visit to Augustdorf DP camp	1953
12	Exercise book of Joyce Pearce with handwritten notes on plans to educate refugee girls. Describes problems faced by non-Germans in the camps, and the creation of the Ockenden Venture to 'give home, health and education' to refugee children. Also typescript reports on education of children from DP camps in Germany, including proposed establishment of residential secondary school	1950s
13	Exercise book of Joyce Pearce with later label on cover 'Germany ?1956'. Includes handwritten draft letter from Hanover, describing her visits with Sue Ryder and Muriel Gofton to DP camps to select children to bring to England; handwritten notes on individual refugees; and letters from Rosa Ward of the GIS and Gillies Shields of Donington Hall. Also later typescript copy of letter 'to her family and friends in Woking, Hanover 1952'	1950s
14	Bundle of papers relating to the general situation of refugees in DP camps. Includes typescript report 'The Hard Core Problem' by Robert Collis (Irish doctor and writer) following tour of camps in the British zone of Germany	1950s
15	Typescript notes by Joyce Pearce for 'C.R.W.'s [probably Christopher Woodard] article' on methods of discipline used on Ockenden children from DP camps and their employment prospects	nd [?1960s]

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POLICY STATEMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS,  
1959-1988

Ockenden had regular meetings with other organisations including the UNHCR to review its present work and future strategies. In addition, papers were presented, mainly by Joyce Pearce and often as 'thoughts' rather than as official policy documents. See also Ockenden general histories 7155/13/1/-.

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| 1 | Typescript proposal for the expansion of Ockenden's work, 22 May 1959. Recommends that Ockenden should bring to the UK at least 200 children from DP camps during World Refugee Year. Also draft of 'Vision of the future of the Ockenden Venture', 1965. Both items written by Joyce Pearce and Christopher Woodard | 1959; 1965            |
| 2 | Typescript copies of Joyce Pearce's 'thoughts' and 'surveys' on Ockenden's situation and future  | c.1960-1977           |
| 3 | Typescript reports 'Thoughts by the very new Hon. Treasurer on Ockenden Venture', by Ronald Menday. Discuss financial implications of developing volunteer training schemes and extending overseas activities  | 1967                  |
| 4 | Typescript papers relating to office organisation and responsibilities. One item states, 'The office should be out of bounds to the children and dogs!! at all times.'; another observes, 'Major (and most minor) decisions can only be made by Miss Pearce – or Miss Hicks. Reference to them is essential'         | nd<br>[1960s x 1980s] |
| 5 | Folder of reports on Ockenden policy and programmes for unaccompanied refugee children. Includes case notes on individuals   | 1970s-1980s           |
| 6 | Handwritten notes by Joyce Pearce, 'Education for what? Historical perspective', with later transcript   | nd [?1970s]           |
| 7 | Typescript copy statement on the 'Ockenden ethos' by Joyce Pearce  | nd [?1970s]           |

7155/3/2/8	Typescript report 'Case for continued funding for medium term support' for Vietnamese refugees, by Joyce Pearce	26 Mar 1982
9	Report on Ockenden Venture administration by 'P.S.P.' [Philip S Perry, newly appointed general secretary], with handwritten comments by Joyce Pearce. Identifies poor communications, fragmented administration and lack of job definition. Also background notes by Barrie Denton for Coombe Head meeting (19 Dec 1983) relating to future strategy and structure	Dec 1983
10	Handwritten notes by Joyce Pearce on steps towards world peace, with typed transcription noting 'written probably in the early '80s'	1980s
11	'Thoughts on Ockenden' submitted by staff members on the organisation's future	Dec 1987
12	Ockenden report 'Planning for the future' detailing operational goals and action steps	Oct 1988
7155/3/3/	ACCOUNTS OF OVERSEAS VISITS, 1963-1990  See also individual overseas projects.	
1	Typescript report of Joyce Pearce's visit to Tibetan refugees in India	1963
2	Handwritten account and typescript reports of Joyce Pearce's visit with Dr Christopher Woodard to South Vietnam, Hong Kong, India, Nepal and the Middle East to study the conditions of refugee, destitute and handicapped children	1971
3	Typescript notes of Joyce Pearce's visit to refugee families in Germany	1972
4	Folder of Joyce Pearce's handwritten accounts and typescript reports of visits to Vietnam	1973
5	Typescript accounts by Tra-ngoc Minh of visits to orphanages run by Father Doan in Binh Tuy province, Vietnam. Association with Ockenden unknown	1974

7155/3/3/6	Notebook of Joyce Pearce containing account of visit with Nancy Rice-Jones and Marcia Fairburn to Thailand and the Philippines, Apr-May. Includes typed transcript with annotation, 'MD seen 19.1.87' (possibly for inclusion in Margaret Dixon's booklets. See 7155/13/2)	1977; 1987
7	Joyce Pearce's diary of visit to refugee camps in Thailand with David Ennals and meeting with UNHCR. Includes typed transcript	Sep 1980
8	Notebook of Joyce Pearce containing accounts of visits with Jill Buxton to hospitals and welfare centres in Poland. 2 vols	1981-1982
9	Typed transcript of account of Joyce Pearce's visit to Russia with Peter [Woodard] and Nancy [Rice-Jones]. Joyce Pearce had broken her leg so had to use a wheelchair	1983
10	Notebook of Joyce Pearce containing account of visit to Hong Kong, hosted by Caritas (social welfare bureau of the Roman Catholic Church). Describes conditions in different refugee camps visited, selection process of refugee children to be brought to UK, and meetings with local government officials and charity workers	Oct 1984
11	Overseas visit reports by Jim Thomson, Ockenden director of overseas operations. Includes to Pakistan, Sudan and Thailand	1986-1988
12	Typescript account of Ailsa Moore's visit to Pakistan and India	Apr 1990
7155/3/4/	SPEECHES AND CONFERENCES, 1962-1980S	
1	Transcript of speech by Dr Kurt Hahn on the needs of youth at Ockenden AGM, 6 Jun 1964. Includes reprint of Hahn's article 'Unnecessary Deaths' from <i>The Listener</i> , 26 Apr 1962	1962-1964

- 7155/3/4/2 Transcripts of addresses by Dr Christopher Woodard to The Challengers, Upsall Castle, 21 Mar 1964, and to reunion [?of GIS] organised by Rosa Ward, 26 Jun 1971 1964; 1971
- 3 Folder of speeches made by Joyce Pearce. 1972-1985  
Comprises:  
Transcript of talk to a group of social workers and probation officers, Sep 1972;  
Extract of 21<sup>st</sup> birthday speech at Keffolds seminar, Nov 1972;  
Typescript article based on talk, 'Frontiers of Concern,' at Standing Conference of British Organisations for Aid to Refugees, London, Sep 1978;  
Draft speech 'The Healing of the Nations' at Ministries of Healing Conference, Jul 1979, with copy of speech in *Burrswood Herald*, magazine of the Burrswood International Fellowship (Autumn 1979);  
'The role, rights and needs of refugees' at conference, 'On the Implications of World Service', organised by Universal World Harmony - World Council of Service, 1979;  
Resumé of speech on Ockenden's work at staff meeting, Apr 1980;  
'The earthing of the Christ energies: a way of compassion', at Wrekin Trust weekend, May 1981;  
Talk at Glastonbury Festival, Jun 1981;  
Speech at Sundial House (spiritual centre in Sussex), with reference to Ockenden's ethos, recent visit to a refugee conference in Geneva, and economic situation in Poland, Dec 1982;  
'Children of light and children of darkness', discussing the necessity for selfless recognition of each other's needs in order to face the world's problems, 1983;  
Speech on Ockenden's work and ensuing question and answer session at World Goodwill event, London, 1983;  
Edited version of 'The Peace of the World' at Omega Day conference, c. 1983;  
'The darkest corners of the earth' with references to the situation in Poland, c.1983;  
'Wanted - a compassionate gesture' regarding the need for Britain to do more to help Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong, Nov 1984;

- 7155/3/4/3 contd  
 'The Strategy of Hope' at World Goodwill meeting, Charing Cross Hotel, London, Dec 1984;  
 Speech at twenty sixth commemoration of the Tibetan uprising in Lhasa at Tibet Society, Mar 1985.
- 4 Papers relating to Lions International Peace Symposium, Famagusta, Cyprus, 6-7 Mar, with edited version of Joyce Pearce's speech, 'The Peace of the World'. See text of speech in 'Joyce Pearce by Herself', (7155/13/2/-) 1982
- 5 CD containing recordings of speeches: 1980s  
 Joyce Pearce, 'The Peace of the World', 1982;  
 Joyce Pearce, 'The Dilemma of Our Times', nd;  
 Margaret Dixon's tribute to Joyce Pearce read by Hilary Alder. Also includes transcript of speech, 1986
- 7155/3/5/ JOYCE PEARCE: OCKENDEN PAPERS AND CORRESPONDENCE, 1953-1983  
 The large volume of Joyce Pearce's correspondence is dispersed throughout the archive and illustrates her wide network of connections which invariably assisted Ockenden's cause. Many of her papers contain a combination of Ockenden-related subjects and personal topics which reflect the nature of her relationship with many of the correspondents. Throughout the collection, correspondence is often fragmented and lacking associated documents.
- 1 Correspondence with Sue Ryder, Leonard Cheshire and Mabel Ryder (mother of Sue). In some letters, Sue Ryder addresses Joyce Pearce as 'Dearest Tortoise'. Topics include concern over behaviour of children sent from DP camps; and Leonard Cheshire's resignation from Ockenden executive committee 1953-1982

7155/3/5/2	Correspondence with Enid Blyton regarding donations of foreign-language versions of her books to Ockenden	1959
3	Transcript of recorded conversation between Joyce Pearce and 'MEB' [?Meg Botting] regarding visits to communes at Eel Pie Island, Twickenham, and at Westbourne Place Road, London, which gave them ideas for their plans for Quartermaine	Jan 1971
4	Correspondence with Margaret Dixon, discussing Ockenden policy, staff and children	1978-1983
5	Correspondence with Major James More-Molyneux thanking him for Guildway's support, discussing merits of dairy farming, ethics of killing animals, and possibility of work experience at Loseley farm for Ockenden staff member	1978-1980
6	Exercise book with handwritten notes on Ockenden's project for training in child-care in South Vietnam. Contains later annotation '1971 (after JP's trip)'. Also contains notes on Keffolds community, 'Susan aged 13½' and letter drafts	1970s
7155/3/6/	JOYCE PEARCE: DEATH AND TRIBUTES, 1985	
1	Circular to Ockenden patrons and friends announcing the death and funeral of Joyce Pearce; order of service, Christ Church, Woking, 19 Jul; and letter from Ruth Hicks 'to the "Ockenden Family" in Broken Hill' thanking them for their help at the funeral	Jul 1985
2	Papers relating to service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Joyce Pearce at Westminster Abbey. Includes order of service and transcripts of address by David Ennals and personal tributes by former Ockenden refugees	18 Sep 1985
3	Sample selection of letters of condolence, including from Clarence House (on behalf on HM The Queen Mother), Sue Ryder, Leonard Cheshire, Sadruddin Aga Khan, former Ockenden staff and refugees	1985

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| 7155/3/6/4 | Small bundle of news cuttings relating to death of Joyce Pearce   | 1985       |
| 5          | Personal tributes to Joyce Pearce: 'One woman's vision' by the Rev William C Dowling; letter from Gerd [Ledermann], quoting Mary Carolyn Davies's poem 'To Give One's Life'; programme of United Nations Peace Day Festival, Royal Albert Hall, London, 17 Sep, containing tributes from Lamia 'Monferriga' [Moufarrige] and Christopher Woodard  | 1985       |
| 7155/3/7/  | MARGARET DIXON: OCKENDEN PAPERS AND CORRESPONDENCE, 1985-1995   |            |
|            | Margaret Dixon, a colleague of Joyce Pearce at Mitcham Girls' School, was a founder member of Ockenden. She described herself as Joyce Pearce's 'ironic observer, devil's advocate and front line'. From 1959 until 1966, she was head of Donington Hall. She then ran The Abbey, Sutton Courtenay, after which she was at Woodleigh, and finally at Quartermaine. She was chairman of Ockenden from 1987 until 1990. See also Margaret Dixon, private papers, 7155/15/-. |            |
| 1          | Folder of papers entitled, 'Events and grumbles leading up to the meeting on October 10th 1986'. Contains Margaret Dixon's annotated comments on meeting minutes, letters and reports relating to Ockenden policy and criticisms of Ockenden staff  | 1985-1986  |
| 2          | Margaret Dixon's speeches: at St Mary of Bethany, Woking, Nov 1986, concerning Ockenden's aid to Poland; and 'A few thoughts on Ockenden on the occasion of Tibet Day', Mar 1989  | 1986; 1989 |
| 3          | Correspondence with Denise Moll, Ockenden secretary   | 1987-1988  |

7155/3/7/4	Copy of statement at Ockenden staff meeting following departure of executive director Gillian Nicholls, 1988; circulars to staff announcing resignation of David Ennals from Ockenden, and her own resignation as Ockenden chairman, 1990	1988; 1990
5	Handwritten article (with typed transcript) on Ockenden's history and the worldwide refugee problem (for unknown publication)	Dec 1989
6	Copy letters to Mary and Jigme Taring discussing situation in Tibet and news at Ockenden	1989-1990
7	Copies of letters sent to <i>The Times</i> and other newspapers; also reader responses to her letter requesting further government help for Vietnamese refugee	1989-1991
8	Article by Margaret Dixon on Ockenden, 'Do Something!' from <i>Toc H Journal</i>	1990
9	Correspondence with Rentokil concerning rodent infestation at Haslemere houses and explaining Keffolds administrator's opposition to killing of any animals (a belief to which Joyce Pearce also subscribed but Margaret Dixon did not)	1990
10	Handwritten speech 'to be read for me by Hilary Adair at the AGM on October 16 <sup>th</sup> '; also transcript of interview on Radio Surrey, 14 Nov	1991
11	Correspondence with Oliver [Atkins] concerning legal ownership and archiving of Joyce Pearce's papers, replacement of her memorial stone, and the general situation at Ockenden	1994-1995
7155/4/	ANNUAL REPORTS AND PUBLICITY, 1951-2006	
7155/4/1/	ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS, 1962-2005	
1	Ockenden Venture annual report and accounts	1962

7155/4/1/2	Annual report and accounts	1963
3	Annual report and accounts	1964
4	Annual report and accounts	1965
5	Annual report and accounts	1966
6	Annual accounts	1967
7	Annual report and newsletter	1967-1968
8	Annual accounts	1968
9	Annual report and newsletter	1968-1969
10	Annual report and newsletter	1969-1970
11	Annual report and appeal	1970-1971
12	Annual report	1971-1972
13	Balance sheet and accounts, year ended 31 Dec	1972
14	Annual report	1972-1973
15	Balance sheet and accounts, year ended 31 Dec	1973
16	Annual report and appeal	1974
17	Twentieth anniversary report	14 Jun 1975
18	Annual report and appeal	1975-1976
19	Balance sheet and accounts, year ended 31 Dec	1976
20	Annual report and appeal	1976-1977
21	Annual report and newsletter	1978
22	Balance sheet and accounts, year ended 31 Dec	1978
23	Annual report and newsletter	1979
24	Balance sheet and accounts, year ended 31 Dec	1979

7155/4/1/25	25th anniversary annual report and newsletter	1980
26	Annual report and newsletter	1981
27	Annual report	1982-1983
28	Annual report	1983-1984
29	Annual report	1984-1985
30	Annual report	1985-1986
31	Annual report	1986-1987
32	Annual report	1988
33	Annual report	1989
34	Annual report	1990
35	Annual report, 40th anniversary edition	1991-1992
36	Annual report	1992
37	Annual report	1993
38	Annual report	1994
39	Annual report	1995
40	Annual report	1996
41	Financial report and accounts	1997-1998
42	Ockenden International annual review	1999
43	Annual report and accounts	2000
44	Annual review	2000
45	Annual report and accounts, year ended 31 Mar	2001
46	Report and accounts, 1 Apr-31 Dec	2001
47	Annual review	2002
48	Report and accounts, 1 Jan-31 Dec	2002
49	Report and accounts, 1 Jan-31 Dec	2003

7155/4/1/50	Annual review	2003
51	Annual review	2004
52	Report and accounts, year ended 31 Dec	2004
53	Annual review	2005
54	Report and accounts, year ended 31 Dec	2005
7155/4/2/	STRATEGIC REPORTS AND INFORMATION SHEETS, 1960S-2006	
	See also policy statements, 7155/3/2/-.	
1	Bundle of Ockenden reports and information sheets relating to its overall work with refugees and to specific projects	1960s-1980s
2	Unbound copy of Ockenden International report, 'Combating HIV/AIDS in Eastern Sudan: the case for preventative action', by Sarah Lake and Graham Wood	Feb 2005
3	Unbound copy of Ockenden International report, 'Bleeding Boundaries; civil-military relations and the cartography of neutrality' by Jake Phelan and Graham Wood	Nov 2005
4	Unbound copy of Ockenden International report, 'Displacement and vulnerability: an investigation into the complex dynamics in north-west Cambodia' by Ian MacAuslan and Graham Wood for Ockenden International	Jan 2006
5	Unbound copy of Ockenden International report, 'An Uncertain Return: report on the current and potential impact of displaced people returning to southern Sudan' by Jake Phelan and Graham Wood	Jan 2006
6	Ockenden International information sheets: 'Reporting on community development spending to returning refugees in Afghanistan'; 'Reporting on education project cuts to Afghan refugee communities in Pakistan'; and 'Reporting on the expenditure of Community Assistance Projects in Missan, south Iraq'	nd [?2000s]

7155/4/3/	PUBLICITY MATERIAL AND APPEAL LEAFLETS, C.1959-2000S	
1	Appeal booklets and posters in support of children from DP camps	c.1959-1960
2	General appeal leaflets, posters and calendar	1960s
3	Appeal and sponsorship leaflets for Tibetan children and students exiled in India and Nepal	1960s
4	Biafran children appeal leaflets	1960s-1970
5	Appeal leaflets and posters, including for Bangladeshi and Vietnamese refugees	1970s
6	Appeal leaflets and posters, including for aid to Poland and Sudan	1980s
7	Promotional leaflets for handicraft projects in Thai refugee camps	1980s-1990s
8	Examples of Christmas cards sold in aid of Ockenden	nd [2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 20 <sup>th</sup> cent]
9	Ockenden International promotional brochure	nd [2000s]
7155/4/4/	FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES, 1958-1989	
1	Programme and promotional flyer for 'An All-Star Christmas Matinee in aid of the St Martin-in-the Fields Appeal for Refugees'. The event raised funds for Ockenden and featured in British Pathé newsreel, 'Suffer the Little Children'. See 7155/4/8/-.	19 Dec 1958
2	Transcript of interview with Christopher and Peter Woodard and Ockenden refugee, Krystyna Patrzalek, on 'Southern Affairs' television programme	Sep 1959
3	Small bundle of programmes, flyers and invitations for Ockenden fundraising events. Includes 'The Boy Friend' charity performance at Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford, 1967; and concert at Guildford Cathedral in aid of Vietnamese refugees, Dec 1979	1959-1981

7155/4/4/4	Programme of Rotary Club Henley Midnight Matinee in aid of Ockenden. Featured film was 'Don't Bother To Knock' starring Richard Todd. Programme cover signed by co-star, June Thorburn	1961
5	Programmes of Refugee Childrens' Aid Committee fundraising events: May Ball at Skindles Hotel, Maidenhead, 1961-1962; 'All in Love' gala performance at the May Fair Theatre, London, 24 Mar 1964. (The Refugee Childrens Aid Committee was formed in July 1960 to raise funds for Ockenden. The 1961 May Ball celebrated the opening of Beech Hill)	1961-1964
6	Programme of Ockenden 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball at Carlton Tower Hotel, London	28 Oct 1965
7	Programmes of events in aid of the Refugee Circle (of which Ockenden was a member): the Black and White Ball at Hyde Park Hotel, London, 27 May 1969; charity premiere of 'The Optimists of Nine Elms' starring Peter Sellers, at ABC cinema, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, 25 Apr 1974	1969; 1974
8	Programme, 'A Special Concert' at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, in aid of Ockenden's new home in Camberley [Kilmore] for handicapped children	14 May 1975
9	Ockenden programme of informal gatherings in Woking and Haslemere in tribute to Mary Pearce (mother of Joyce) on the first anniversary of her death to discuss opening of a 'Sharing Centre' for counselling and healing	Feb 1977
10	Programme and advertising sheet for a Song for Ockenden presentation, 'The Magic Flute', at London Coliseum. The 'Song for Ockenden' series of fundraising musical events were established by Harry Coghill	3 May 1984
11	Programme and script of 'The Horsham Rehearsal: a Celebration of Horsham History' in aid of Ockenden	Oct 1989

Ingrid Bergman (1915-1982), 1966-1982

Hollywood actress Ingrid Bergman first visited Ockenden at Woking in 1965 during a season at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford

Miss Bergman made several television and radio appeals on behalf of Ockenden. In 1973, she paid a well-publicised visit to London Zoo with five disabled Vietnamese orphans, brought to England by Ockenden for medical treatment.

7155/4/4/12	Papers relating to Ingrid Bergman's work on behalf of Ockenden. Includes letters from Miss Bergman to Joyce Pearce, television appeal scripts and news cuttings	1966-1982
7155/4/5/	NEWSLETTERS, 1961-2006	
	See also records of individual Ockenden houses, reception centres and friends groups.	
1	'The Ockenden Venture Newsletter'. 10 vols	Feb 1961 -May 1964
2	'The Ockenden Venture Newsletter', Spring and Autumn issues; and 'Ockenden News Flash', Christmas 1968	1965; 1968
3	'The Ockenden Venture News Sheet', Autumn 1970 and 1982 issues	1970; 1982
4	'Ockenden Venture Newsletter', vols 1-4 (vol 2 missing). 3 vols	Feb 1981 -Aug 1982
5	'Venturer newsletter', nos 1-14 (nos 11 and 13 missing). Ockenden newsletter for people involved in providing support to the Vietnamese refugee community in Britain. 12 vols	1983-1985
6	Staff newsletters: 'Ockenden Venture Bulletin', Nov 1986, and 'The Ockenden Venture Newsletter', Dec 1988.	1986; 1988
7	'Ockenden Venture Newsletter' for friends and supporters of Ockenden. 3 vols	1992-1993

7155/4/5/8	'News From Ockenden'. 3 vols	Mar 2005 - Feb 2006
7155/4/6/	NEWS CUTTINGS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES, 1951-1994	
	<u>Scrapbooks, 1951-1984</u>	
1	Scrapbooks of news cuttings relating to Ockenden's early work. Includes Festival of Britain holiday, opening of Donington Hall, and visit of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. 2 vols	1951-1959
2	Booklet of photocopied Ockenden news cuttings	1951-1984
3	Loose pages from scrapbook with news cuttings relating primarily to Hendre Hall, Barmouth, and Tibetan Homes Foundation scheme in India. Also includes uncaptioned photograph of three Ockenden children	1960s
	<u>Loose cuttings, 1956-1990s</u>	
	Bundles of loose news cuttings relating to Ockenden by subject:	
4	Donington Hall	1956-1966
5	Visit of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to Ockenden	1959
6	General Ockenden news	1950s
7	Windlehurst, Ambleside	1960-1962
8	The Abbey, Sutton Courtenay	1960-1964
9	Keffolds, Haslemere	1960-1979
10	Celebrities associated with Ockenden	1960-1986
11	Woodleigh, Dewsbury	1961-1962
12	Bickerton Grange, Wetherby	1961-1967
13	Hendre Hall, Barmouth	1961-1977
14	Westholme, Birmingham	1962-1964

7155/4/6/15	Tibetan refugees and the Dalai Lama	1963-1991
16	Biafran refugees	1968-1970
17	Vietnamese refugees	1968-1990s
18	General Ockenden	1960s
19	General Ockenden	1970s
20	Aid to Poland	1981-1986
21	General Ockenden news	1980s
22	General Ockenden news	1990s
23	Journal articles relating to Ockenden. Comprises: John Woodiwiss, 'The Ockenden Venture', in <i>Surrey County Journal</i> , Apr-Jun 1956; Draft of World Refugee Year article by Joyce Pearce for <i>Girls' Life Brigade Chronicle</i> , 1959; 'Success story' in <i>Essay</i> , journal of Barclays Bank Staff Association, 1959; Ockenden article in <i>The Log</i> , magazine of Toc H Women, Sep-Oct 1959; 'Childhood begins at Broken Hill' reprinted from <i>The Blundagon</i> , Mar-May 1960; 'Meet Krystyna' from <i>Research Review</i> , summer 1960, house magazine of General Electric Company Laboratories; Joyce Pearce 'The Ockenden Venture', reprinted from <i>The Village</i> (National Council of Social Service), 1961; 'It started with Janina' and 'A dream becomes a reality' from <i>Inner Wheel Magazine</i> , Mar 1962; Ockenden feature in <i>The Girls' Brigade Magazine</i> , Feb 1966; E L Kemp, 'The Ockenden Venture' from <i>Surrey Today</i> , Mar 1966; Joyce Pearce, 'The story of the Ockenden Venture' <i>World</i> (journal of Council for Education in World Citizenship), Spring issue, 1967; Keith Ashton, 'Ockenden's venture into child-rescue', in <i>The Reader's Digest</i> , Jun 1967, and response to article from a teenager in India paying tribute to Joyce Pearce and requesting a pen pal from Ockenden;	1956-1990

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Jean Coles, 'The Ockenden Venture' from Rotary magazine, May 1968;  
 Ockenden article from *Norfolk Life*, Feb 1969;  
 Romany Bain, 'Do miracles still happen?' from unknown publication, c.1960s.  
 Account of Hendre Hall houseparents and the healing of their sick son by Dr Christopher Woodard;  
 Patricia Moxey, 'Surrey personality profile: Joyce Pearce, OBE', from *Surrey County Magazine*, 1974;  
 Wendy Robinson, 'The Ockenden Venture' from *Nursing Mirror*, Jun 1975;  
 Jef Smith, 'The road from Poland to Peckham and back' from *Health and Social Service Journal*, 25 Aug 1978. Describes Ockenden's Intermediate Treatment programmes for disturbed teenagers at Haslemere and at St Mary's Road, Peckham;  
 Joyce Pearce, 'The Ockenden Venture,' edited version of talk at Iona Conference, in *Burrswood Herald*, magazine of the Burrswood International Fellowship, Autumn 1978;  
 Sue Griffiths, 'The Ockenden Venture', in *New Tomorrow*, Nov 1978;  
 David Tolfree, 'Problems of inter-county adoption' from *Social Work Today*, Nov 1978. A former Ockenden worker in Saigon describes his concerns regarding the adoption of Vietnamese children in western countries;  
 J Gillies Shields, article about Donington Hall, 'A refuge of two centuries' from *County Life*, 22 Mar 1979;  
 Michael Marshall et al, 'The Boat People' from unknown publication, c.1979. Contains photograph of Nguyen children at Ockenden;  
 John Francis, 'Magic book that opens chapters of life' extract from *TV Times*, 9 Oct 1980;  
 Posthumous article 'The Ockenden Venture by Joyce Pearce OBE' from the *Brown Book*, 1985, journal of Lady Margaret Hall Settlement (founded in 1887 to tackle the problems of the inner city. Joyce Pearce read history at Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford, in the 1930s);

- 7155/4/6/23 contd  
 Angela Hall, 'Port Sudan: construction of a community development centre' from *Refugees*, Jan 1986;  
 Diane Worsley, 'The Ockenden Venture' from *Refugees*, Jul 1989;  
 Will Ellsworth-Jones, 'An eye for an eye?' from *The Independent Magazine*, 3 Mar 1990. Article about Ockenden workers Chris and Clare Rolfe and their children who were killed by a terrorist bomb in Sudan.
- 24 Typescript copy of Ronald Higgins' article, 'The Seventh Enemy' from *The Observer Magazine*. (Higgins described the seventh enemy as the human factor of apathy and inertia which poses the greatest threat to mankind. Although not Ockenden-specific, this formed the basis of many of Joyce Pearce's policies) 23 Feb 1975
- 25 Photocopy of 'Asylum and the protection of human rights' by Ailsa Moore, from *Medicine and War*, vol 10. Miss Moore was executive director of Ockenden, 1989-1995 (1994)
- 7155/4/7/ PHOTOGRAPHS, 1957-1991
- 1 Bundle of photographs (some captioned), including:  
 Cseslawa and Maria with Miss Pearce, 1957;  
 Boys at Donington Hall, 1961;  
 Official opening of House of Faith, Mussoorie, India, by the Dalai Lama, 1963;  
 Joyce Pearce with Mary Pearce and Ruth Hicks outside Buckingham Palace, on receiving her MBE, 1964;  
 Ingrid Bergman with children at Ockenden, 1965;  
 Reunion of former Ockenden boys at Donington Hall, Jun 1966;  
 Five disabled Vietnamese refugee children with teacher, Heathrow Airport, Nov 1973;  
 Genyon Choeden Topgye, former Tibetan Ockenden student, working as sponsorship secretary in Mrs Taring's office, India, 1970s;  
 Montagnard (highland) children at refugee camp, East Saigon, 1970s; 1957-1982

7155/4/7/1	contd Dancers in national dress at Keffolds Open Day, 24 Jul 1982; Joyce Pearce, nd [1980s].	
2	Photograph album of children at Donington Park [from The Lightbox, Woking; depositor unknown]	1958-1960s
3	Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on her visit to Ockenden, accompanied by Joyce Pearce and meeting Polish girls in national dress	4 May 1959
4	Photograph album of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on her visit to Ockenden's Woking houses [from The Lightbox, Woking; depositor unknown]	1959
5	Folder of captioned photographs of Richard Todd, actor and patron, with Ockenden children at fundraising events	1960
6	Bundle of captioned photographs comprising: Jan Tylka standing in front of Quartermaine School, Haslemere, c.1962-1963; The 'first five girls' Ockenden's tenth anniversary celebrations, 1965; Rear view of The Abbey, Sutton Courtenay, nd [?1960s]; Keffolds, Haslemere, nd [?1960s]; Boy weaving at Khelaghar orphanage, India, Dec 1984.	c.1962-1984
7	Proof sheets of photographs of Ockenden children, houses and projects (probably used in annual reports). Uncaptioned	1960s-1970s
8	Two photographs of Vietnamese refugee families taken by Marcia Fairbairn (accompanied Joyce Pearce on her visit to Vietnam in 1973 and later became an Ockenden patron). One is captioned 'Father Huynh Van Loi, and mother Tran Thi Chi and their three children'	1970s
9	Photograph taken at UNHCR meeting with non-governmental organisations in Geneva. Shows Nancy Rice-Jones representing Ockenden, and Otto Benecke Stiftung	12 Feb 1986

7155/4/7/10 Photograph of Ockenden executive director 1991  
Ailsa Moore meeting the Dalai Lama

7155/4/8/ FILM FOOTAGE, 1950S-2009

Over 40 reels of film were included in the original record deposit. These have has been digitised and DVD viewing copies are available. The original films are held at Screen Archive South East. See films compilation F/69 and individual description sheets.

The DVDs contain both professional productions and amateur films, of which some of the latter is very fragmented and interspersed with other subject matter.

7155/4/8/1-2 are in a single case.

1	<p>DVD 9851 containing the following footage:</p> <p>UID 7068: Unidentified twin children playing in the garden at ?Ockenden House. Black and white, no sound. 9 mins, 1950s;</p> <p>UID 7048: Children playing in the garden at The Abbey, Sutton Courtenay. Colour, no sound, 2 mins, 1960s;</p> <p>UID 7066: Children at gymkhana and at fancy dress pageant on horseback. Also people at a hunt meeting. Black and white, no sound, 9 mins, 1950s;</p> <p>UID 7067: Church wedding and reception with children dressed as bridesmaids and pages. Also beach scenes with children surfing in the sea and playing in a pool. Black and white, no sound, 2 mins, 1950s;</p> <p>UID 7076: Sports day races interspersed with footage of woman on camel in desert, and people in swimming pool. Colour, no sound, 6 mins, 1960s;</p> <p>UID 7079: Children playing on a beach and rowing a homemade, double-hulled boat in the sea. Colour, no sound, 4 mins, 1960s;</p> <p>UID 7069: Twins on beach, riding tricycles and playing with dog in garden. Black and white, no sound, 15 mins, 1951-1953;</p> <p>UID 7070: 'Weddings'. Footage of children playing on beach interspersed with church wedding footage. Black and white, no sound, 14 mins, 1952-1953;</p>	1950s-1960s
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UID 7061: Opening of Venture House, Woking, by the Dean of Windsor, the Rt Rev Eric Hamilton. Part of BBC newsreel.

Black and white, no sound, 3 mins, 1955;

UID 7071: Further footage of twins.

Colour, no sound, 15 mins, 1956-1957;

UID 7054: 'Suffer the Little Children - Englishwoman's care for refugee children is lesson in practical humanity', British Pathé newsreel about Ockenden's work. Black and white, with sound, 4 mins, 1958;

UID 7072: Fragmented footage of children and adults at Sissinghurst gardens, Kent; at the seaside; at a sports day and a cricket match; on the beach; and skiing in St Moritz, Switzerland.. Colour, no sound, 16 mins, 1958;

UID 7047: Peter Woodard dressed as Father Christmas visiting displaced persons' camp, handing out presents and flowers to inhabitants, and Volkswagen van piled high with gifts. See also UID 7058 and 7059.

Colour, no sound, 2 mins, 1959;

UID 7055: 'Give Them A Chance', World Refugee Year appeal by HRH Duke of Edinburgh. Includes footage of refugees in various displaced persons' camps across the world, with specific references to 'hard-core' refugees. Black and white, with sound, 2 mins, 1959;

UID 7056: 'No Man is an Island'. World Refugee Year documentary about displaced persons in German camps, including Ingolstadt barracks. Commentary by Frank Phillips. Black and white, with sound, 17 mins, 1959;

UID 7058: Peter Woodard delivering Christmas presents to children in German DP camps on behalf of the people of Jersey and the Love Apple League of Guernsey. See also UID 7047 and 7059. Colour, no sound, 13 mins, 1959.

- 7155/4/8/2 DVD 9852 containing the following 1959-1980  
footage:
- UID 7059: Excerpt from Southern Television's 'Southern Affairs' programme. Shows Peter Woodard delivering Christmas presents to DP camp inmates in Hanover, Brunswick, Wolterdingen and Helmstedt. Also shows St Christopher housing settlement for sick refugees, overseen by Sue Ryder and Leonard Cheshire. Black and white, with sound, 13 mins, 1959;
- UID 7049: 'Exposure', United Nations film shown on BBC Lifeline programme, about refugees and DP camps worldwide for World Refugee Year. Narrated by Michael Shillo. Black and white, sound, 9 mins, 1959-1960;
- UID 7053: ?Television footage filmed at Keffolds, including interview with Joyce Pearce; Tibetan youths and European children in the garden; and young Tibetan girl, Yangzom. [See also scrapbook of news cuttings of Yangzom, 7155/10/3/1]. Black and white, some sound, 6 mins, c.1964;
- UID 7060: 'In Search of Security'. United States Information Service (USIS) film about resettlement of hill tribe refugees in Vietnam. Black and white, sound, 12 mins, 1960s;
- UID 7062: 'Sharing Till It Hurts', Thames Television 'Afternoon Plus' documentary about Ockenden, filmed at Keffolds. [See 7155/4/8/5 for version with sound]. Includes interviews with Joyce Pearce, Margaret Dixon, Barrie Denton, Sarte Erenpreiss, Daniel Eyassu, and Nguyen Lan. Colour, no sound, 33 mins, 1980;
- UID 7050: 'The Displaced Persons'. BBC TV film of DP camps in Europe, focusing on psychological effects on refugees. Includes footage of Buchholz DP camp, and of so-called 'free-livers' who have received no official help. Commentary by John Morgan. Black and white, sound, 11 mins, Mar 1964;
- UID 7051: Granada television programme about Bickerton Grange, Wetherby, narrated by Michael Parkinson. Includes interviews with houseparents, Sidney (Tom) and Pattie Lovell, and with some of the refugee children. Black and white, with sound, 6 mins, 1965;

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UID 7065: 'Land of Exiles', fundraising film by Nicholas MacDonald for Spanish Refugee Aid Inc. about lives of Spanish refugees in France. Black and white, no sound, 13 mins, 1965;

UID 7052: Excerpts from BBC TV News Library footage of Biafran refugee children in Britain. Includes interview with Joyce Pearce. Black and white, no sound, 4 mins, 1968;

UID 7057: 'Life at Hendre Hall' ('Ar Grwydyr yng Nghymru'), programme about children at Ockenden home in Barmouth. Black and white, no sound, 4 mins, Apr 1969. See also Welsh audio soundtrack, 7155/4/8/3 (UID 7057);

UID 7063: 'The Lonely Ones', refugee film produced by the World Council of Churches for ATV for World Refugee Year. Black and white, with sound, 20 mins, 1959-1960.

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DVD 9853 containing the following footage:

1959-1980s

UID 7073: Infant, 'Laura', at different stages of childhood, playing inside and outside large [?Ockenden] house. Colour, no sound, 20 mins, 1970s;

UID 7077: Peruvian street market and general street scenes. Colour, no sound, 3 mins, 1970s;

UID 7078: Footage of Uros Indians on river in Peru. Poor film quality in parts. Colour, no sound, 3 mins, 1970s;

UID 7074: Toddler, 'Laura' playing in a garden with other children. Colour, no sound, 3 mins, 1973;

UID 7075: Young children, 'Laura' and 'Martha' playing in a garden. Colour, no sound, 3 mins, 1976;

UID 7064: Official visit of HM The Queen Mother to Ockenden and Venture Houses. Black and white, no sound, 2 mins, 1959;

UID 7083: Holiday footage of Galapagos Islands flora and fauna. Colour, no sound, 23 mins, 1970s;

UID 7080: 'Ockenden children playing on Cornwall beach. Colour, no sound, 3 mins, c.1970s-1980s;

UID 7081: Ockenden child, 'Adam', playing tennis and in swimming pool. Colour, no sound, 3 mins, 1984;

- 7155/4/8/3 contd
- UID 7082: Footage of Ockenden child, 'Sienna'. Shows young blonde child and older dark-haired child playing in garden. Colour, no sound, 3 mins, c.1980s
- UID 7057: 'Ar Grwydyr yng Nghymru' ('Life at Hendre Hall'). Welsh audio soundtrack. See film footage, 7155/4/8/2 (UID 7057). 4 mins, 1969.
- 4 DVD 9854: Ockenden International 2005  
promotional film, narrated by Bob Friend. Shows projects in Cambodia and Uganda; also interviews with James Beale and other Ockenden staff. Colour, with sound. 30 mins
- 5 DVD viewing copy of 'Sharing Till It Hurts', 1980  
parts 1 and 2. Colour, with sound, 40 mins
- 6 Showreel DVD, Apr 2009, produced for (1958-1965)  
volunteer events. Contains the following:  
'Bickerton Grange, Wetherby', 1965;  
Yangzom and Tibetan students at Keffolds, 1964;  
'Suffer the Little Children', British Pathé newsreel, 1958;  
'No Man is an Island', World Refugee Year film, 1959.
- 7 Promotional DVD produced for Ockenden Sep 2009  
launch event containing excerpts from Ockenden film footage. Black and white and colour, with sound, 8 mins
- 8 DVD of 'The Airmail Orphan' about Mar 2010  
Vietnamese refugee, Viktoria Cowley, broadcast on BBC Television. Colour, with sound, 20 mins
- 9 Ockenden showreel exhibition version. Jun 2010  
Contains film footage as in 7155/4/7, also stills and film footage of 'The Vision' play. Black and white and colour, with sound, 10 mins
- 10 Typescript schedule entitled 'Memories of nd [1975]  
the last twenty years' found with film reels. Comprises programme of Ockenden speakers, films and slides, with commentary by compere, Keith Ashton

- 7155/4/9/ OCKENDEN LIBRARY, 1987-1992
- 1 Archives and information catalogue listing photographs, news cuttings and audio-visual material held by Ockenden, 1987; also staff library catalogue of items held at Ockenden's UK office, Woking. Includes lists of books, audio tapes, video tapes and magazines, either relating directly to Ockenden or to associated subjects, including refugees, health, charities and psychology, 1992 1987; 1992
- 7155/4/10/ PUBLICATIONS OF ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS, 1951-1994
- 1 Bundle of publications, comprising: 1951-1994
- Annual report of Guide International Service, 1951;  
 Newsletter of Sub-Committee for Aid to Concentration Camp Survivors, Oct 1957, with foreword by Sue Ryder. Includes references to Ockenden's work with children from DP camps;  
 Copy of *Onslaught*, magazine of United Kingdom for World Refugee Year, 1959;  
*The Girls Life Brigade Chronicle*, 1959-1960. Includes articles on World Refugee Year with reference to Ockenden. 2 vols;  
 Annual report of British Council for Aid to Refugees, 1966. (Ockenden was a member society of the Council);  
*The Refugee Child*, published for the International Year of the Child 1979, concerning plight of Vietnamese boat people. Contains references to Ockenden ;  
*The Coombe Head Courier*, newsletter of the Coombe Head Baden Powell Fellowship, edited by Rev W C (Bill) Dowling, 1991 and 1993. Contains references to Ockenden. 2 vols;  
*The Messenger*, newsletter of Haslemere and Hindhead group of United Reformed Churches, Feb 1994. Contains Ockenden article, 'Keffolds and Haslemere' by 'Miss Elsie' [Broughton].

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OCKENDEN HOMES:  
ADMINISTRATION, 1951-1994

Ockenden's property portfolio quickly expanded from its beginnings at Ockenden House, White Rose Lane, Woking. In the organisation's formative years, further houses in Woking were acquired to accommodate the growing number of children coming to Britain from Displaced Persons' camps in Germany. These included Venture House and Venables House.

In the late 1950s, Ockenden acquired Donington Hall in Derbyshire and Keffolds in Haslemere, Surrey, the latter being designated as a school as well as a home. World Refugee Year (1959-1960) raised funds for resettlement of refugees in Europe, and Ockenden received money to open eight new houses including Broken Hill in Woking, Hendre Hall in Barmouth, Westholme in Birmingham, Beech Hill near Reading, and The Abbey, Sutton Courtenay (owned by David Astor).

By 1963, there were 18 Ockenden homes with capacity for up to 600 children. Other properties were endowed to Ockenden by private individuals. In the 1960s and 1970s, the Ockenden homes also housed refugees and students from Tibet, South Africa, Biafra, Ethiopia, Malawi and Vietnam. From 1979, some of the Ockenden houses were used as reception centres for the Vietnamese Boat People

This series comprises records relating to the running of houses belonging to or leased by the Ockenden Venture, principally general correspondence files, but also some files relating to individuals which do not form part of a series. Often these contain lists of refugee residents and letters concerning their care and education. Excluded from this series are records relating specifically to the Vietnamese reception centres, which are described under resettlement of Vietnamese refugees and management of reception centres, below.

Further detailed information on the Ockenden houses is included in reports to the general and executive committees. See also management of reception centres, 7155/7/3/-, and the 'Ockenden Houses' booklet, 7155/13/2.

7155/5/1/	PROPERTY PORTFOLIO, 1954-1990	
	Joyce Pearce and her mother, Mary Pearce, inherited several Woking properties from Mrs Pearce's father, Henry Quartermaine, a former mayor of Woking.	
1	Correspondence with Barclays Bank relating to Woking properties held in trust from the estate of Henry Quartermaine.	1954-1982
2	Copy Declaration of Trust relating to Ockenden properties, 1963 with later annotations and amendments	1963-1988
3	Correspondence with Gosling & Wilkinson solicitors relating to sale, transfer and lease of Woking properties	1969-1980
4	Schedules and reports relating to Ockenden houses	1960s-1980s
5	Copy Trust Deed relating to Ockenden properties	1 May 1973
6	Letter from Withers Solicitors regarding transfer of Littledene and land at Poplar Grove, Woking, from Aquarian Healing Trust to Ockenden	Jan 1990
7155/5/2/	WOKING HOUSES, 1955-1994	
	Many of the Woking houses were initially leased or loaned to Ockenden by Mary Pearce who had inherited them from her father, Henry Quartermaine.	
1	Admissions and departures register of girls at Venables and Venture houses. Also list of girls at Ockenden, 1960	1955-1966
2	Lists of teenagers living at Woking houses with details of place of work or study	Nov 1968

The Woking Friends of The Ockenden  
Venture, 1959-1994

The first meeting of the Woking Friends took place on 13 April 1959, and was chaired by Constance Maxwell. Its object was to support the aims and objectives of Ockenden by giving practical help and by raising funds. The Friends group closed in 1995.

7155/5/2/3	AGM minutes and annual reports (incomplete)	1959-1994
4	Executive committee minutes (incomplete)	13 Apr 1959 -15 Feb 1961
5	Executive committee minutes (incomplete)	13 Apr 1964 -25 Feb 1975
6	Executive committee minutes, 24 Sep 1981; 7 May 1986-7 Dec 1994 (incomplete)	1981-1994
7	Copy of Constitution	nd [?1959]
8	Newsletters and circulars	1959-1993

7155/5/3/  
OCKENDEN HOUSE, WHITE ROSE LANE,  
WOKING, 1966-1971

Ockenden House was purchased by Mary Pearce in 1946, with the intention of opening a healing centre. Following the church's opposition to her plan, Mrs Pearce offered the house to her daughter Joyce to house the sixth form weekend conferences which were increasing in popularity and size. 'Ockenden' became the headquarters of the Ockenden Venture until its sale in 1969. The house was demolished and a new estate of homes was built on the site. See also Ockenden Education Centre, 7155/3/1/-.

- 7155/5/3/1 Papers relating to the Ockenden Housing Society Ltd, established for the purpose of building low-cost, self-contained and warden-assisted accommodation for elderly people in the grounds of Ockenden House in White Rose Lane, Woking. Although planning permission was obtained, the scheme was later abandoned. 1966-1968
- 2 Draft legal statement 'Ockenden Development' by unknown author contesting building costs for planned housing development following sale of Ockenden. (Joyce Pearce had not yet given possession of land to the purchaser, a housing association) c.1967
- 3 Small bundle of correspondence relating to closure and sale of Ockenden House, relay race to commemorate move to Broken Hill, and development of land on the site 1969-1971
- 7155/5/4/ VENTURE HOUSE, CONSTITUTION HILL, WOKING, 1960-1986
- Formerly called 'Dunblane', Venture House was purchased in 1954 by Ockenden for 'the reception and accommodation of suitable young persons'. It was officially opened by the Dean of Windsor in November 1955. See film footage, 7155/4/8/1.
- For a short while, Venture House was used as a residential nursery for the children of Commonwealth students in the 1960s. The houses then reverted to housing for young refugees. In the early 1970s, the playgroup was reopened for young children with special needs.
- 7155/5/4/1 Small bundle of papers relating primarily to Venture House playgroup, including progress reports on children. Also lists of children living at Venture House, 1960 and 1962 1960-1986

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VENABLES, CONSTITUTION HILL, WOKING,  
1960-1984

Originally called 'Tumble In', Venables was owned by Henry Quartermaine (grandfather of Joyce Pearce). On his death, the property was held in trust for Joyce and her two cousins, Frederick Henry Quartermaine Weaver and Barbara Mabel Quartermaine Weaver. With the financial help of the Variety Club of Great Britain, the house was opened as an Ockenden home in September 1958. In 1983, it was sold to the trustees of the Aquarian Healing Trust (run by Joyce Pearce and Ruth Hicks). The house then served as a transit centre for refugees seeking asylum in Britain.

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| 1 | Bundle of papers including list of children living at Venables, Dec 1960; and correspondence relating to lease renewals   | 1960-1969 |
| 2 | Bundle of correspondence relating to sale of the half share in Venables by Joyce Pearce's cousins to the Aquarian Healing Trust. (Sale was delayed for three years due to a dispute regarding additional rent payable during Ockenden's occupation of the property) | 1977-1984 |

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BROKEN HILL, GUILDFORD ROAD, WOKING,  
1957-1975

In 1960, Broken Hill was purchased by Ockenden with World Refugee Year funds. Following the vacation of Ockenden House in 1969, Broken Hill became the Woking headquarters. The property was badly damaged by fire in April 1973. Rebuilding of the house was undertaken by former Ockenden boys who worked in the building trade.

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| 1 | Notice of application for discharge of Restrictive Covenant on land in Guildford Road, Woking, by Thorsden Estates (freeholder) | 1957 |
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| 7155/5/6/2 | Lists of children living at Broken Hill and correspondence mostly with housemother, 'Mrs Charlotte' [Mielins], relating to children's activities  | 1960s     |
| 3          | Papers relating to reinstatement of Broken Hill following fire damage   | 1973-1975 |
| 7155/5/7/  | <p>REIGATE HOUSE, CLAREMONT ROAD, WOKING, 1960-1969</p> <p>Reigate House was purchased with funding from the Reigate World Refugee Year Committee and from Woking UDC to house families from DP camps. One of the first residents was Sister Maria, a former Polish underground worker, imprisoned at Belsen concentration camp and godmother to Jeremy, son of Sue Ryder and Leonard Cheshire. The house was officially opened by Herbert Best, Mayor of Reigate, in April 1961.</p> |           |
| 1          | Correspondence with Reigate and Woking councils relating to funding and purchase of Reigate House. Includes details of first residents and list of donors to the Woking fund  | 1960-1969 |
| 7155/5/8/  | <p>NO. 1 CLAREMONT AVENUE, WOKING (LATER MAXWELL HOUSE), 1962-1978</p> <p>The property which was purchased with World Refugee Year donations, opened in September 1961, as 'the fifth children's house ... temporarily used for ten small boys newly arrived from Germany'. In 1962, it was renamed Maxwell House in recognition of the work of Mrs Constance Maxwell (first Chairman of Woking Friends).</p>   |           |
| 1          | Small bundle of papers including names of children resident at 1 Claremont Avenue   | 1962-1978 |
| 7155/5/9/  | <p>KATANA, BROOKLYN ROAD, WOKING, 1987-1988</p> <p>Closed in September 1988 and was handed over to Greenfield School.</p>   |           |

7155/5/9/1	Small bundle of correspondence containing news of occupants	1987-1988
7155/5/10/	DONINGTON HALL, DERBYSHIRE, 1956-1989	
	<p>The tenancy of Donington Hall was offered to Ockenden in 1955 by its owner Gillies Shields, but the charity was unable to afford to support the number of children who could be accommodated. However, on the invasion of Hungary in 1956, it served as a transit centre for Hungarian refugee boys. In 1958, after the Hungarians' resettlement, Donington Hall was used for Polish refugee children. The girls were then transferred to Woking, and Bernard Faithfull-Davies was appointed to look after the boys. In 1959, Margaret Dixon resigned her teaching post at Mitcham County Girls School and moved to Donington to run the school for East European refugee boys until its closure in 1966. Most of the older boys relocated to Sutton Courtenay with Miss Dixon, with the remainder going to Barmouth and Beech Hill.</p>	
1	Bundle of correspondence relating to tenancy and administration of Donington Hall. See also minutes of Donington Hall Refugee Centre Committee, 7155/2/2/1	1956-1967
2	Copy of <i>The Kingsley School Magazine</i> signed 'to all those at Donington Hall' and containing an article on Ockenden	1958
3	Correspondence with United Nations Association (UNA) mainly concerning organisation of workcamps to decorate Donington Hall. (Correspondents include David Ennals who was secretary of the UNA at this time)	1958
4	Correspondence relating to Donington Hall administrator, Bernard Faithfull-Davies, and his plans to establish an 'Ockenden Venture' holiday camp in Germany for refugee children (without the approval of the executive committee). Faithfull-Davies was subsequently dismissed from Ockenden	1958-1959

7155/5/10/5	Lists of boys resident at Donington Hall. Include some or all of following: date of birth, date of arrival, contact address in Germany, and name of sponsor	1960-1966
6	Donington Hall reports by Margaret Dixon	1961-1966
7	Correspondence relating to accusations of homosexual behaviour against named members of staff at Donington Hall. Includes transcripts of interviews with staff	1962
8	Housemaster's term reports on boys not in houses. Include comments on conduct and ability	1962-1963
9	Housemaster's term reports on boys in 'Hastings', 'Huntingdon' and un-named house. Include comments on conduct and ability. 3 vols	1963-1965
10	Housemaster's term reports on boys in rooms 2 and 4. Include comments on conduct and ability	1965-1966
11	Loose index cards of Donington Hall Old Boys. Contain names, contact addresses, and details of sponsors	nd [?1970s]
12	Typescript accounts of Ockenden's involvement with Donington Hall taken from recorded interview with Margaret Dixon, 5 Oct 1987	1987-1989
7155/5/11/	HASLEMERE HOUSES, 1962-1967	
	See also individual houses below, and Haslemere Community 7155/9/1/-.	
1	Correspondence relating to planned development of Keffolds and Quartermaine into an international school. See also 7155/5/13/4	1962-1963
2	Papers relating to seminar to discuss training young people for voluntary work in developing countries. Ockenden considered establishing a permanent voluntary service training centre at Haslemere	1967

7155/5/12/

KEFFOLDS AND KEFFOLDS COTTAGE,  
BUNCH LANE, HASLEMERE, 1958-1990S

Keffolds was originally run as a children's home by Dr Barnardo's Homes from 1942 to 1958. On the suggestion of local resident Valerie Walmisley that the property would be suitable to house refugee children, Dr Barnardo's agreed to lease Keffolds to Ockenden who opened the home in April 1959, with the support of a group of Ockenden Friends, led by Mrs Walmisley. In 1965, Ockenden purchased Keffolds, and Joyce Pearce later chose this as her residence, moving from Woking. The Keffolds estate was sold in 1994.

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| 1 | Correspondence with Valerie Walmisley and Dr Barnardo's Homes regarding use of Keffolds as an Ockenden home  | 1958-1959   |
| 2 | Lists of children resident at Keffolds House and Keffolds Cottage. Includes some progress reports  | 1959-1978   |
| 3 | Photocopied extracts of articles relating to Keffolds people and activities  | 1961-1988   |
| 4 | Papers relating principally to staff conduct, work practices and conditions at Keffolds. Includes letter to Joyce Pearce from member of teaching staff stating his "distaste for schoolrooms" and preference for working in the garden at Keffolds | 1960s-1980s |
| 5 | Papers relating to Keffolds Open Days and other fundraising events. Includes news cuttings and captioned photographs   | 1960s-1980s |
| 6 | Case notes and correspondence relating to Keffolds residents with special needs  | 1974; 1988  |
| 7 | Sketch plans of proposed meditation centre, Keffolds, by Elidir LW Davies FRIBA  | nd [?1970s] |
| 8 | Papers relating to resignation of named Keffolds temporary administrator due to conduct of Vietnamese refugee residents  | 1987        |
| 9 | Social Services inspectorate reports on Keffolds and Keffolds Cottage  | 1988-1991   |

7155/5/12/10	Small bundle of correspondence relating to Keffolds Cottage, including concern over its planned closure and future of its residents	1991
11	Arrival and movement lists of refugees at Keffolds. Details include name, country of origin, date of birth, age, reason for departure and new address	1991-1993
12	Sale particulars of Keffolds Estate and letter concerning its new owners	1990s

Friends Of The Ockenden Venture  
(Keffolds), 1959-1987

A committee was appointed on 23 Jan 1959 to help launch the Keffolds project and to establish a permanent Friends group.

Founder members included W F Crick (chairman), Valerie Walmisley (secretary) and C Haskell-Thomas (treasurer). The Friends group was dissolved in 1972. A Keffolds Support Group was later established to assist the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees.

13	Papers of Keffolds Friends, including meeting minutes, 8 Dec 1959-4 Jul 1972 (incomplete), annual reports, and newsletters, 1959-1970	1959-1972
14	Keffolds Support Group correspondence with David Ennals expressing concern over level of Keffolds' running costs	1987

7155/5/13/  
QUARTERMAINE, FARNHAM LANE,  
HASLEMERE, 1959-1993

Quartermaine, originally Stroatley Rough, was built in the 1890s for Arthur Lewis Leon, a London County Council alderman. The house was left to Leon's daughter, Mrs Marjorie Vernon, who in 1933 allowed the house to be used by Dr Hilde Lion as a school for Jewish refugee children of German parentage.

In 1945, Mrs Vernon transferred the use of her property by deed poll to the religious order of St Mary's Convent in Wantage, Oxon, "on the condition that the premises should be occupied free of rent by a school for German evacuees until the end of the war and for five years after." Later, the school also accepted English children but closed in July 1960.

In the same year, St Mary's Convent agreed to lease the property to Ockenden in order to establish a school for the children housed at Keffolds. It was renamed Quartermaine, after Joyce Pearce's grandfather, and opened on 17 January 1961. The first headmaster was T D (Tom) Green who favoured an academic approach along grammar school lines, whilst Ockenden's executive wanted to establish a more practical school. Mr Green was replaced by Herbert Leigh-Jones who remained at Quartermaine until 1965.

Quartermaine was purchased by Ockenden in 1964 and continued as a school for resident boys and for girls from Keffolds until the summer of 1965. Margaret Dixon and Eric Jones took charge of Quartermaine in 1975, and the house later served as a centre for the Quartermaine Educational Project (see 7155/9/1/-) and the Intermediate Care programme (see 7155/9/2/-). In the late 1980s, it became a reception centre for Vietnamese refugees.

7155/5/13/1	Papers relating to the closure of Stroatley Rough school and its subsequent lease to Ockenden. Includes correspondence with St Mary's Convent and Dr Hilde Lion. Also correspondence concerning the organisation of a work camp to prepare the building for use	1959-1964
2	File of correspondence with T D Green concerning his appointment as head teacher, the school's educational approach, problems with accommodation, his unsuccessful plans to purchase Quartermaine, and subsequent resignation	1959-1964

7155/5/13/3	Papers including lists of children attending Quartermaine school, and copy of school magazine, summer 1962	1961-1963
4	Papers relating to future development of Quartermaine school. Includes proposals from Tom Green and Colonel Menday, the latter proposing a less academic institution. See also proposed international school, 7155/5/11/1	1962-1963
5	Typescript history of Quartermaine house by Mr D Jeffreys of Crawley and correspondence with Ockenden	1964-1965
6	Correspondence with Royal Naval School in Farnham Lane, Haslemere. Subjects include the school's interest in purchasing Quartermaine, and concerns over visits to boys at Quartermaine by girls from the Royal Naval school	1964-1988
7	Papers relating to the administration of Quartermaine school. Includes staff correspondence regarding working and living conditions, and reports on pupils' conduct and abilities	1960s
8	Report on 'school refusers' attending work programme at Quartermaine by Margaret Dixon and Eric Jones	1977
9	Correspondence relating to proposed sale of Quartermaine. Includes sale particulars. The original decision to sell Quartermaine in 1988 was delayed for several years to provide accommodation for Vietnamese refugees	1988-1990
10	Correspondence with Dr Margot Kogut regarding reunion of former Stroatley Rough pupils ('Stroatley Roughians') and unveiling of plaque at Quartermaine, 10 Nov 1990. Includes news cutting. Also letter from former pupil researching history of school	1990-1992
11	Letter from Vietnamese families at Quartermaine thanking Ockenden for their help: "Quartermaine House will be a memory that will be treasured"	Jan 1993

7155/5/14/

COOMBE HEAD, HASLEMERE, 1975-1997

In 1916, Coombe Head opened as an Edith Cavell Home of Rest for Nurses. The house was purchased by Ockenden in 1975 for use as staff accommodation, a conference centre and emergency refugee quarters. In 1993 it was re-opened to house the 'Ten or More' disabled refugee project, and it was finally closed in 1999. See also 'Ten or More Scheme, 7155/6/5/-.

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| 1 | Letter from Edith Cavell Management Committee confirming decision to sell Coombe Head to Ockenden, Mar 1975; typescript copy of Daphne M F Byrne's article, 'The Edith Cavell Home for Nurses, Coombe Head, 1943/1944: a Land Girl Remembers', May 1985 | 1975; 1985 |
| 2 | Papers relating to 'What are we and where are we going?' seminar at Coombe Head   | 3 Apr 1982 |
| 3 | Arrival and movement lists of refugees at Coombe Head. Details include name, country of origin, date of birth and age   | 1993-1994  |
| 4 | Papers relating to applications for government funding for refugees at Coombe Head. Includes project and budgetary reports with case notes on individual refugees   | 1994-1997  |

7155/5/15/

THE ABBEY, SUTTON COURTENAY,  
OXFORDSHIRE, 1958-1980S

The Abbey, originally built in the early 13<sup>th</sup> century by the Benedictine Abbey of Abingdon, was purchased in 1958 by David Astor, editor of *The Observer* newspaper and son of Nancy Astor. From November 1960 until 1970, Astor leased The Abbey at a nominal rent to the Ockenden Venture.

The first houseparents were Dane and Joan Leadlay. Initially, it housed Polish girls, followed by South African, Tibetan and Rumanian students. Margaret Dixon took over the running of the Abbey in 1966, bringing with her some of the older Donington boys. Following its sale in 1980 to a non-profit-making organisation which undertook extensive restoration work, The Abbey became home to 'The New Era Centre', a religious and meditative community.

- 1 Papers relating to The Abbey, including Open Day programme, chronological list of housemothers with extracts from annual reports, and promotional pamphlets 1958-1980s

7155/5/16/

HENDRE HALL AND GWYNFA, BARMOUTH, 1961-1994

Originally called 'The Cliffs', Hendre Hall was leased at a peppercorn rent to Ockenden in 1961 by Mr A F Elliott for a period of up to 21 years. With the help of local support groups, it opened in December 1961 as a home for refugee children and families.

On 27 August 1961, The BBC Welsh Service visited Hendre Hall and recorded a short programme for radio and television about the work of Ockenden and Hendre Hall in particular.

In the late 1970s, Hendre Hall was used as a reception centre for Vietnamese refugee families. See also 7155/7/3/10. A smaller house nearby, Gwynfa, was purchased in 1978.

For film footage of Hendre Hall, with separate audio soundtrack, see 7155/4/8/2-3.

- 1 Papers relating to administration of Hendre Hall. Includes correspondence regarding conduct of children and staff; lists of children at Hendre Hall; and newsletters of Welsh Friends of the Refugees 1961-1979

7155/5/16/2	Papers relating to administration of Hendre Hall, including detailed weekly reports from warden, Des Dornan. Also letter relating to purchase of Gwynfa by Ockenden	1977-1978
3	Letters to Joyce Pearce from warden, Bernard O'Connor, expressing concern at behaviour of boys at Hendre Hall and Gwynfa, and his subsequent decision to resign from Ockenden	1982
4	Correspondence relating mainly to staffing problems at Hendre Hall and Gwynfa. Includes staff reports and letters from Vietnamese residents	1987-1993
5	Correspondence relating to government funding applications for refugees at Hendre Hall	1989-1994
7155/5/17/	<p>BEECH HILL, READING, BERKSHIRE, 1960-1971</p> <p>In 1960, Beech Hill, a Georgian property near Reading, Berkshire, was leased to Ockenden by the British Red Cross Society who had run the house as a children's convalescence home since 1949. It was officially opened on 2 May 1960.</p> <p>The house initially served as a boarding school for refugee children under the age of 11 years. The first housemother was Henriette Wright, a Polish woman. In 1968, Ockenden used Beech Hill temporarily as a reception and transit camp for Czechoslovakian refugees. Following the Red Cross's decision to sell the property, Ockenden vacated Beech Hill in September 1971.</p>	
1	Correspondence with Blatchington Court Old Girls' Association regarding funding of the 'Blatchington Room' classroom at Beech Hill	1960

7155/5/17/2	Papers relating to administration of Beech Hill. Includes children's compositions and letters to Joyce Pearce, and staff correspondence with progress reports on children	1960-1971
3	Correspondence with British Red Cross Society relating to Ockenden's occupation of Beech Hill, including proposed use as a closed community for autistic adolescents	1966-1971
4	Files of refugees from Czechoslovakia resident at Beech Hill. Details include name, relationship to head of family, date of birth, occupation and date of entry into the UK	1968-1969
5	Typescript articles about Ockenden by Peter Woodard, extracted from ?Beech Hill parish magazine. Subjects include gathering at Beech Hill to form an Association of Tibetans in Britain, and use of the house as a transit camp for Czechoslovakian refugees following the Russian invasion	1970-1971
7155/5/18/	<p>BICKERTON GRANGE, TOM CAT LANE, WETHERBY, YORKSHIRE, 1960-1975</p> <p>Bickerton Grange was leased to Ockenden in 1960 by the Smith brewing family following an appeal by a group of Ockenden Friends in York which was launched in March 1959 by Philip Rowntree. £1,250 was raised and, in January 1961, the house received its first intake of East European children from DP camps.</p> <p>The first housemother was Dinah Newman; the house was later run by Tom and Pattie Lovell who featured in a 1965 Granada Television documentary 'Bickerton Grange'. See 7155/4/8/2.</p>	
1	Papers relating to establishment of Bickerton Grange as an Ockenden home and its administration. Includes lists of children, correspondence regarding staff activities and children's progress, and letters from children to Joyce Pearce	1960-1975

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WINDLEHURST, MILLANS PARK,  
AMBLESIDE, CUMBRIA, 1960-1977

Windlehurst, a large semi-detached house, originally a guest house, was purchased in 1960 by Friends of Ockenden for use as a home for East European refugee girls. In June 1961, the house was officially opened by Christopher Chataway, MP. In 1966, the house was temporarily closed, and the older girls were transferred to Woking. However, later that year, boys came to live at Ambleside. By the 1970s, there were plans to develop an Intermediate Care programme or to run Windlehurst commercially as a retreat and seminar centre, but instead it was used as a reception centre for Vietnamese refugees.

- 1 Papers relating to purchase, preparation and administration of Windlehurst. Includes houseparents' and friends' correspondence with Joyce Pearce regarding children's progress and conduct, and staff appointments. Also visit reports by Margaret Dixon, and lists of children at Windlehurst 1960-1977

7155/5/20/

WESTHOLME, OAK TREE LANE,  
BOURNEVILLE, BIRMINGHAM, 1960-1980

Westholme was the former residence of Henry and Lucy Cadbury. Part of the house was leased to Ockenden in 1960 and opened as a hostel for refugee boys to receive industrial or commercial training on reaching school-leaving age. When some of these boys returned to Germany to be with their families who had been rehoused from the camps, several younger boys were transferred to Westholme from Haslemere.

The first wardens were Frederick and Madeline Figures. Following their departure in 1962, Barrie and Enid Denton were appointed to run the house. Barrie Denton later ran Ockenden's Birmingham office for Vietnamese refugees (see 7155/7/3/-). Ockenden vacated Westholme in 1971 when it was handed back to Bourneville Village Trust.

7155/5/20/1	Papers of the Friends of the Ockenden Venture (Westholme). Includes annual reports and accounts, 1960-1968 (incomplete); copy of constitution; newsletters and fundraising pamphlet	1960-1968
2	Papers relating to administration of Westholme, including lists of boys and correspondence with Friends group	1960-1970
3	Progress reports by Barrie Denton on former Westholme boys, including some references to court appearances	1970-1971
4	Small bundle of correspondence with members of the Cadbury family, including Ruth Gillett (daughter of Henry Cadbury)	1975-1980
7155/5/21/	WOODLEIGH, DEWSBURY, YORKSHIRE, 1960-1989	
	<p>In 1961, Woodleigh, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, was leased to Ockenden by mill owners, Wormald and Walker Ltd, as an 'apprentice hostel' for 20 working refugee boys (on a similar model to that at Westholme, Birmingham).</p>	
	<p>The first warden was Joe Hornsby, who was later joined by Fred and Jeanne Sizer. From 1970 to 1975, Margaret Dixon and Eric Jones took charge of Woodleigh.</p>	
	<p>The house then remained empty for three years, other than being occupied by a Malawian refugee family who paid rent to Ockenden. In 1978, Ockenden purchased Woodleigh for £18,000 and opened it as a reception centre for Vietnamese refugees. See also 7155/7/3/13-16. Woodleigh closed in March 1994.</p>	
1	Correspondence relating to lease and subsequent purchase by Ockenden of Woodleigh	1960-1978
2	Correspondence relating to administration of Woodleigh. Includes lists of boys, and wardens' progress reports	1961-1978

7155/5/21/3	Case notes on Afghan refugee resident at Woodleigh	1988
4	Correspondence with Woodleigh administrator, Gary Luckett, relating to staffing matters and welfare of residents	1988-1989
7155/5/22/	SOUTH VIEW, BURGH HILL, HURST GREEN, SUSSEX, 1964-1978	
	<p>In 1963, South View (also spelt Southview), a small house with garden and orchard, was offered to Ockenden by the Witcombe family. It was initially used as a short-term convalescent home for children and staff, and Winifred Beckett was the first housemother until 1968. In 1966, a small group of younger children were taught English at South View by Helen Daniels, a former Ockenden volunteer in India.</p> <p>The house was later used as holiday accommodation by Ockenden staff and by London Borough of Southwark for children in its care. In 1972, Peter Woodard moved into South View and stayed until its sale in 1987. Yeshe Tsultrim (later warden of the Tibetan Cultural centre in Cambridge) lived at South View briefly in 1978 and it also housed Vietnamese refugees for a time during the 1970s.</p>	
1	Papers relating to administration of South View. Includes correspondence with Miss Irene Whitcombe regarding transfer of the property to Ockenden and its subsequent upkeep; also letter of Joyce Pearce to Yeshe Tsultrim regarding his decision to leave South View	1964-1978
2	Correspondence and plans relating to proposed youth centre at South View	1977

7155/5/23/

KILMORE HOUSE, CAMBERLEY, 1977-1994

Kilmore House was left in trust to Ockenden in 1969 by Mr de la Poer Beresford on condition that it be used as a convalescent home or as a children's home. In 1972, the house opened initially as a hostel for Ugandan Asian refugee families, with elderly Polish convalescents, and Biafran, Polish and Tibetan students joining the following year. In 1975, Kilmore became home to fifteen severely disabled Vietnamese children from the Daily Mail airlift who needed specialist nursing care. It was later developed to provide facilities for disabled children from Cambodia and the Falkland Islands.

In 1981, registration was granted for provision of short-term care to local severely disabled children and young people. In 1982, Kilmore was successfully registered as a children's home with Surrey County Council. It remained as the last of Ockenden's properties, housing severely disabled Vietnamese children, but closed in July 2006. The building was demolished in April 2010.

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| 1 | Administrators' general reports on Kilmore   | 1977-1994   |
| 2 | Papers relating to administration of Kilmore. Includes reports on proposed development of facilities by Diane Worsley and Elli Rushton; and correspondence relating to staffing problems | 1979-1994   |
| 3 | Small bundle of photographs (mainly captioned) of Vietnamese residents at Kilmore  | 1970s-1980s |
| 4 | Papers of Friends of Kilmore House, formed 18 May 1981. Includes meeting minutes, 18 May 1981-2 Oct 1989 (incomplete), and newsletters, 1983-1994  | 1981-1994   |
| 5 | Copy of Surrey County Council annual residential care home inspection reports on Kilmore   | 1989; 1994  |

7155/5/23/6	Correspondence relating to care of disabled children resident at Kilmore. Includes some case notes	1980s
7	Small bundle of news articles and fundraising pamphlets relating to Kilmore	1980s
8	Kilmore House scrapbook containing typescript history, news cuttings and photographs	1980s
7155/5/24/	DE LA SALLE HOUSE, OXFORD, 1990-1991	
	<p>From 1984, De La Salle House, Banbury Road, Oxford, was administered by Ockenden and staffed by the De La Salle Brothers, an international teaching order, to provide care for unaccompanied Vietnamese refugee children. The agreement with Ockenden finished on 1 September 1988 when management of the house was taken over by the Brothers. However Ockenden continued to work with the Brothers to provide care for the refugees.</p>	
1	Social Services Inspectorate reports on De La Salle House. 2 vols	1990-1991
7155/6/	<p>OCKENDEN REFUGEE WORK IN THE UK (EXCLUDING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES), 1950s-1990s</p>	
	<p>This series is arranged chronologically by the places of origin of refugees, rather than strictly by project. From the 1960s, Ockenden assistance to refugee groups evolved from the early UK-based assistance solely to children from DP camps to the reception of families and individuals from other countries in the 1960s to the 1980s onwards. These included adult relatives of the early refugees, university students, handicapped people and asylum seekers. These cards and indexes are not believed to offer a complete record of residents of Ockenden homes.</p>	

Reference should also be made to the Ockenden homes series, 7155/5/2/- (as well as to the annual reports, 7155/4/1/-) for a full picture of the assistance given to UK-based refugee groups, and for records of individuals.

Work with the Vietnamese Boat People is treated separately, as it was a project which was well beyond the normal scale of Ockenden activity, and because the records held relate to Ockenden's part in joint relief work with other bodies.

7155/6/1/

EAST EUROPEAN REFUGEES FROM GERMAN DISPLACED PERSONS' CAMPS, 1950S-1990S

See also Work Prior To Formal Establishment Of The Ockenden Venture, 7155/3/1.

Individual record cards, 1950s-1990s

Record cards of East European children (and some adults) from German DP camps who arrived at Ockenden between 1952 and 1967. Include all or some of following: date and place of birth, nationality, arrival date, address in UK, education and employment details, and name of sponsor.

Most contain background notes on family circumstances; some also have attached birth or baptism certificates, educational records, medical notes, photographs, news cuttings and related correspondence. Record cards date originally from late 1950s-early 1960s with later additions. Some documents are in German or Polish. Arranged alphabetically by surname. Some records contain sensitive data.

1	Achmedow-Ambrozejczyk	1950s-1960s
2	Babecki-Buchner	1950s-1970s
3	Cedro-Czutkowna	1950s-1970s

7155/6/1/4	Danielewicz-Dyriw	1950s-1970s
5	Edes-Everts	1950s-1980s
6	Fedeniuk-Futerko	1950s-1970s
7	Gavars-Gurinskas	1960s-1990s
8	Halys-Jurgelewicz	1950s-1970s
9	Kaczmarska-Kwotschenko	1960s-1970s
10	Labacik-Lukawska	1950s-1970s
11	Maciejewska-Mysiuk. Also includes one Pakistani national (Akram Mirza)	1950s-1980s
12	Nagy-Nzenwa. Also includes one South African national (Nobantu Ellen Nobadula)	1950s-1970s
13	Odyniec-Owczarz	1950s-1980s
14	Pabian-Pyszynski	1950s-1970s
15	Raczkowski-Rzepiak	1950s-1970s
16	Saledinoglu-Smirnow	1950s-1980s
17	Smykulis-Szymkowiak	1950s-1990s
18	Tabaczynski-Tylka	1950s-1970s
19	Ulczyńska-Vesic	1950s-1970s
20	Walczak-Wysocki	1950s-1990s

7155/6/1/21 Zajac-Zydyczyn 1950s-1970s

Indexes and general lists, 1954-1984

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| 22 | Correspondence relating to request from Latvian DP camp inmate for her daughter, Helene Vaupsas to be educated by Ockenden   | 1954-1955   |
| 23 | List of families in DP camps considered for UK emigration scheme. Some of the children were already at Ockenden. Details include name, relationship to head of family, date of birth, and brief notes on family circumstances  | c.1959      |
| 24 | Lists of refugee children resident in Ockenden houses  | 23 Oct 1960 |
| 25 | Passenger lists of children returning to Germany for the summer holidays. Includes name of child, Ockenden residence, and final destination  | 1961; 1964  |
| 26 | Index cards of children with home addresses and parents' names. Originally created in 1960s with later additions   | 1960s-1970s |
| 27 | Index cards of children, surnames A-G, A-M, H-L, M-R, N-Z, and S-Z, who arrived in Britain 1957-1975. Originally created in 1960s with later additions. Mostly East European but includes small number of Ethiopian, Tibetan, Ugandan and Vietnamese names. Details include date and place of birth, arrival date in Britain, and physical description. 6 vols | 1960s-1970s |
| 28 | Alphabetical lists of children, originally created in 1960s with later additions. Also includes one page of Tibetan and South African students. Details include nationality, date of birth, DP camp, Ockenden house, later address, and name of sponsor  | 1960s-1980s |
| 29 | Copy of letter to Joyce Pearce from John Martin regarding circumstances of death of Uwe Kaugers. Includes notes taken at inquest   | 1984        |

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## SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS, 1963-1984

In 1963, Ockenden, with the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS), explored the possibility of helping African students obtain qualifications and tuition in order to qualify for entry into British universities and technical colleges. In 1965, a selection committee including Ockenden patron, Dr Robert Birley, began to consider suitable candidates. With the co-operation of NUSAS, the South African Committee of Higher Education (SACHED), the Africa Bureau and other organisations, an initial intake of six students from South Africa and Rhodesia was selected to come to Britain.

Ockenden provided a home base for students from South Africa who were unable to complete their education because of the extension of apartheid after 1958. The students were financially supported by the National Union of South African Students. Some of the students came from neighbouring states to South Africa.

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| 1 | Papers relating to Ockenden assistance to South African students. Includes meeting minutes, 13 Aug 1963-4 Feb 1965; correspondence with Dr Robert Birley, NUSAS, UNHCR and others regarding selection of students and their subsequent progress in Britain | 1963-1968 |
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Individual files, 1963-1984

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| 2 | Dabi Simon Mrwetyana (later Simon Kumalo) and his brother Mahlubi Livingston Mrwetyana, whose further education in Britain was supported by Ockenden. (Kumalo later joined Ockenden's executive committee)  | 1963-1984 |
| 3 | Moeletsi Mbeki, one of the first South African students to be supported in Britain by Ockenden. (Mbeki is the younger brother of former South African president, Thabo Mbeki. He is a political economist and deputy chair of the South African Institute of International Affairs) | 1964-1981 |

7155/6/2/4	Hidinua Hamupunda, South African student	1965-1968
5	Hintsa Tshume, South African refugee	1965-1968
6	Sipho Mrwebi, South African student	1966
7	Gulam Mayet, South African student	1966-1968
8	Moegamat Sedick Johaadien, South African student	1966-1971

7155/6/3/ TIBETAN STUDENTS, 1965-1985

In 1964, Ockenden began a pilot scheme for the further education of Tibetan students in England, as part of a professional training scheme for the exiled Tibetan community in India. The scheme was approved by the Dalai Lama and the British Government on the condition that the students would return to work in India at the end of their studies.

See also Tibetan Homes and Schools, India, 7155/8/1/-, and Tibetan Community and Cultural Centre, Cambridge, 7155/9/4/-.

1	Typescript account, 'Escape from Tibet' by Ockenden student Lobsang Chophel who came to England in 1964	1965
2	Ockenden report on proposed leadership training course in England for Tibetan students	c.1966
3	Correspondence of Genyen Choedon (later Tobgye) and Tashi Tobgye Topgyal, former Ockenden students, with Joyce Pearce and other Ockenden staff. In India, Genyen worked for the Tibetan Homes Foundation, and Tashi worked for the Central Tibetan Relief Committee. The couple married and later emigrated to Canada. See also individual files below	1969-1983
4	Letters to Joyce Pearce from Tibetan students previously helped by Ockenden in Britain	1969-1985

Individual files, 1964-1983

7155/6/3/5	Tashi Tobgyal (Topgyal)	1964-1974
6	Jhampa Namgyal	1964-1975
7	Jampa Jangchen Surkhang	1966-1968
8	Genyen Choeden	1966-1970
9	Samphe Dorji Lhalungpa	1967-1983

## 7155/6/4/ BIAFRAN REFUGEES, 1968-1980S

In 1967, the independent republic of Biafra in south-east Nigeria was created, following years of civil war. The new state witnessed the death of 1 million of its inhabitants through famine and fighting, and eventually 2,000 sick children were evacuated to Gabon and the Ivory Coast.

Between 1968 and 1970, Ockenden worked with Caritas Internationalis and other charities to bring some of these children to Britain, and later with the Biafra Parents' Association to reunite children with their families in Britain.

Ockenden also supported Claire Glorieux, a Belgian social worker, at the Mission Sainte-Marie in Libreville, Gabon, which cared for 700 Biafran children. See also news cuttings, 7155/4/6/16.

1	Correspondence relating to Ockenden's appeals for Biafran aid. Includes sample of letters offering homes to Biafran children following a television appeal	1968-1969
2	Correspondence with Comfort Iwegbuna, Biafran woman resident in London, requesting Ockenden's help in bringing her children to England	1968-1969
3	Correspondence with Caritas Internationalis	1968-1970
4	Correspondence with Home Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office regarding admission of Biafran children to Britain	1968-1970

7155/6/4/5	Correspondence with Claire Glorieux regarding support for Biafran refugee children at Mission Sainte-Marie in Libreville.	1968-1971
6	Correspondence with Margaret Green of All Hallows Appeal for Biafran Children	1968-1974
7	Correspondence with Dr K Owonka Dike whose children were cared for by Ockenden	1969-1970
8	Correspondence relating to Igwe family whose children were brought to England and looked after by Ockenden	1969-1970
9	Papers of Co-ordinating Committee for Action on Nigeria/Biafra, chaired by Bruce Kent and including Joyce Pearce amongst its members. Includes meeting minutes and information sheets. Also details of a symposium at Quartermaine, sponsored by the Committee	1969-1970
10	'Biafran tracing operation' papers, comprising index cards and case notes of requests by Biafrans in Britain seeking reunions with their children. Index cards include name and age of children. Case notes include details of family circumstances	1970
11	Case file of Nzenwa family supported by Ockenden in the UK	1970-1971
12	Report, 'The Nigerian Civil War – the background and the economic and political consequences', with list of signatories (mainly British civil servants and missionaries who had worked in Eastern Nigeria). Contains no references to Ockenden	14 Nov 1968
13	Newsletters and other publications of Biafran aid action groups, including Britain-Biafra Association and Save Biafra Campaign	1968-1969
14	Typescript draft booklet on Ockenden's role in the Biafran War [?by Margaret Dixon]	1980s

7155/6/5/ 'TEN OR MORE' PROGRAMME, 1973-1999

The 'Ten or More' scheme was started in 1973 by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in co-operation with several European governments. It offered resettlement in participating countries to refugees requiring urgent medical treatment for life-threatening injuries or illnesses and that could not be provided in their current country of residence. At least ten refugees per annum were accepted by each country. See also case file, 7155/6/6/3.

Ockenden took an active part in the programme from the outset, sponsoring refugees from Africa, the Middle East and South America. In 1993, Coombe Head was designated as the centre for 'Ten or More' activities until its closure in 1999.

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| 1 | Correspondence with British Council for Aid to Refugees (BCAR) and UNHCR regarding administration of 'Ten or More' scheme  | 1973-1989 |
| 2 | Correspondence relating to Blanco-Carbajal family from Peru, sponsored by Ockenden under the 'Ten or More' scheme  | 1976-1977 |
| 3 | Papers relating to Ockenden's administration of the Ten or More programme. Subjects include requests for financial support from central and local government, and conference to discuss the programme's future, Coombe Head, 17 Jan 1994 | 1992-1994 |
| 4 | Correspondence relating to 'Ten or More' refugees accepted by Ockenden at Coombe Head, Haslemere. Includes some case notes   | 1995-1999 |
| 5 | Case file of Kurdish refugee family brought to Britain under the 'Ten or More' scheme and supported by Ockenden  | 1997-1998 |

7155/6/6/	UGANDAN REFUGEES, 1975-1984	
	<p>After Idi Amin became president of Uganda in February 1971, his attempts to eliminate all opposition led to 20,000 refugees fleeing the country. Ockenden provided support for some refugees who came to Britain at this time, and later under the 'Ten or More' scheme.</p>	
1	Correspondence file relating to sisters Doreen Peter Abe and Meriam Peter Abe supported in Britain by Ockenden	1975-1980
2	Correspondence relating to Ugandan children brought to Britain by sponsor Eve Osborn and supported by Ockenden. Includes adopted children of Bob Astles, former associate of Idi Amin	1975-1982
3	Case file of Ugandan refugee supported by Ockenden under the 'Ten or More' scheme	1982-1984
7155/6/7/	ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES, 1975-1995	
1	Small bundle of correspondence requesting housing support and school bursaries for exiled members of the Haile Selassie royal family and former Ethiopian ambassadors staying at Keffolds	1975-1978
2	Case file of Ethiopian refugee. Includes progress reports and photographs	1984-1995
7155/6/8/	REFUGEES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, 1966-1998	
1	Personal file of child of Polish refugee, fostered by Joyce Pearce. Some documents are in French	1966-1994
2	Correspondence with, and relating to, Rhodesian refugee, Violet Maposa	1969
3	Case file of Mendes family and other Goan refuges from Malawi, supported by Ockenden	1976-1978

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| 7155/6/8/4 | Case file of Mr Laldenga, leader of outlawed Mizo National Front party in India. Laldenga and family were granted political asylum in Britain and initially received by Ockenden at Venables, Woking. Includes press cuttings and obituary | 1982-1990 |
| 5          | Report and correspondence by Mandy Smith on Ockenden's emergency reception of Cambodian refugees who had arrived at Heathrow after escaping into Thailand  | 1986      |
| 6          | Case file of Iranian refugee resident at Keffolds  | 1990-1991 |
| 7          | Case file of Kenyan asylum seeker received by Ockenden at Coombe Head  | 1998      |

7155/7/ RECEPTION AND RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN UK, 1963-1996

Ockenden's involvement in Vietnam began with its takeover of a Saigon orphanage in 1971 (for which see 7155/8/4 below). After the fall of Saigon to the Communists in 1975, Ockenden became involved in the reception of refugees fleeing the country. Initially, it provided BCAR with informal assistance, particularly with obtaining housing offers in the Midlands.

In 1979 the government agreed to receive refugees from camps in Hong Kong and rescued by British boats. Ockenden was officially appointed along with Save the Children and the British Council for Aid to Refugees to administer reception and resettlement. Between 1977 and 1980, with government funding, Ockenden took on over 200 staff, opened 26 reception centres and resettled 3000 refugees.

In 1982, the government programme for welcoming refugees ended. Ockenden continued to liaise with the Home Office for the reception of small numbers of refugees under the Geneva Convention and of others rescued at sea (who were funded by the Home Office). Ockenden also attempted to negotiate for the reuniting of families. It is worth noting that, amongst the 'Vietnamese refugees' accepted into Britain were also nationals from Cambodia and Laos.

7155/7/1/

ORPHAN AIRLIFT FROM SAIGON, 1975-1991

In April 1975, David English, editor of the *Daily Mail* newspaper, chartered a plane to rescue Vietnamese orphans before the fall of Saigon to communist forces. These included children from the Ockenden Hoi Anh Duc Orphanage and from establishments run by Project Vietnam Orphans (PVO).

The Home Office sanctioned the move on condition that the children were initially cared for by a registered charity and Ockenden was chosen to undertake this task. The 99 children on the airlift included the five disabled Vietnamese children who had come to Ockenden in 1973. See also Ockenden Orphanages, Saigon, 7155/8/4/-, and individual files 7155/7/4/-.

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| 1 | Papers relating to orphan airlift including lists of children with date of birth (or approximate age) and destination address. Also correspondence with Project Vietnam Orphans, news cuttings and later information regarding whereabouts of airlift children | 1975-1991 |
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VIETNAMESE RECEPTION AND  
RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME, 1975-1994

Following its involvement in the 1975 orphan airlift, Ockenden became increasingly involved in the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees in the UK. In October 1978, 350 Vietnamese boat people were rescued by the 'Wellpark', a British registered ship, and brought to the UK.

In 1979, when the British government agreed to resettle a further 1,500 Vietnamese refugees, Ockenden, along with Save the Children and the British Council for Aid to Refugees (BCAR), worked with the Home Office under the umbrella of the Joint Committee for Refugees from Vietnam (JCRV), to undertake resettlement of refugees in the UK. A zoning arrangement was established whereby each charity had recognised territories within the UK for its operations. Ockenden was responsible for the Midlands and the North of England, although it also operated in other parts of the country.

Work with British government agencies,  
1977-1992

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| 1 | Correspondence with Home Office regarding Ockenden's role in reception of Vietnamese refugees and its relationship with BCAR   | 1977-1979 |
| 2 | Correspondence with the Home Office and other departments discussing government policy concerning resettlement of Vietnamese refugees. Includes letter to Joyce Pearce from Margaret Thatcher confirming decision on humanitarian grounds to admit boat people rescued by MV Sibonga | 1979      |
| 3 | Correspondence with Home Office regarding resettlement programme, with particular reference to government funding and administration of reception centres  | 1980-1992 |

7155/7/2/4	Correspondence with Hong Kong Government Office regarding need to accelerate resettlement of Vietnamese refugees from Hong Kong camps	1980-1984
5	Papers relating to Home Affairs Race Relations and Immigration Sub-Committee at which Ockenden gave evidence concerning reception and resettlement of Vietnamese refugees	Dec 1984
6	Copy of signed contract between Home Office and the Ockenden Venture for reception and resettlement service for Vietnamese refugees	Dec 1991
<p><u>Joint Committee for Refugees from Vietnam (JCRV), 1979-1983</u></p> <p>The JCRV was established in October 1979 to strengthen co-ordination between the voluntary organisations – BCAR, Ockenden, and Save the Children Fund (SCF) - in the planning and implementation of the reception and resettlement of refugees from Vietnam.</p> <p>It operated under the chairmanship of Sir Arthur Peterson, with representatives from each agency and a secretariat seconded from the Home Office. Its functions included conveyance of refugees from Hong Kong and acting as a forum for policy discussion. In 1981, Refugee Action, founded by ex-Save the Children personnel, joined the committee.</p>		
7	Meeting minutes with associated reports	8 Nov 1979 -17 Apr 1980
8	Meeting minutes with associated reports	15 Jan 1981 -12 Nov 1981
9	Meeting minutes (incomplete), 9 Jun 1982-14 Feb 1983, with associated correspondence	1982-1983

7155/7/2/10	Papers relating to proposed co-ordinated research programme to examine resettlement of Vietnamese refugees in the UK, following Ockenden's Braham report (see 7155/7/7/1). Requested funding was declined by the Home Office whose research unit (HORU) conducted its own research, a précis of which is included in the papers	1980-1982
11	JCRV monthly statistical returns of Vietnamese refugees. Data includes occupation by reception centre, arrivals by country of first asylum, and numbers of refugees resettled	Jan 1980 -May 1982
12	JCRV 'Vietnamese Projects' booklet of programmes run by Ockenden, BCAR and Save the Children	1981
13	Draft JCRV proposal for funding of Vietnamese programme, 1983-1984, following planned withdrawal of government support after 31 Mar 1983	Sep 1982
14	JCRV report on Vietnamese refugee programme, examining its achievements to date and identifying future priorities in successful resettlement of refugees in the community	Nov 1982
15	JCRV report, 'Vietnamese refugees: their needs and our response', Jun 1983. Identifies difficulties faced by local authorities in responding to needs of Vietnamese community. Also minutes of meeting with local authority associations and government departments to discuss the report, 2 Aug	1983

British Council for Aid to Refugees and Standing Conference on Refugees (later British Refugee Council), 1977-1983

The British Council for Aid to Refugees (BCAR) and Standing Conference on Refugees were both founded in 1951. Joyce Pearce was a member of BCAR's executive committee and also belonged to several SCOR committees. In December 1981, BCAR merged SCOR to form the British Refugee Council to "enable Britain to make a dynamic contribution to refugees in this country and abroad." Member agencies included Ockenden, Christian Aid and Oxfam.

7155/7/2/16	Draft report to SCOR by Nancy Rice-Jones on her visit to Thailand and the Philippines with Joyce Pearce to investigate ways of helping displaced people from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.	May 1977
17	Correspondence with BCAR relating to funding and administration of Vietnam resettlement programme. Includes some meeting minutes of BCAR executive committee	1977-1979
18	Meeting minutes of SCOR Indo-China Campaign Group, attended by Joyce Pearce	1979
19	'Committee of Eight' report recommending improved co-ordination and development of work of BCAR and SCOR. The committee members, including Joyce Pearce, were nominated by the two organisations	1980
20	Minutes of BCAR executive committee and papers relating to proposed formation of British Refugee Council	1981
21	Unbound typescript report, 'Assistance to Refugees from Indo-China' by Nora Morley-Fletcher, former BCAR General Secretary. Includes historical background with references to BCAR's and Ockenden's involvement in the 1975 orphan airlift	31 Mar 1982
22	Correspondence with BCAR relating to funding of resettlement programme	1982-1983

British Refugee Council Joint Operations Committee (JOC), 1984-1987

From 1984 to 1987, the Vietnamese Programme was funded by the Home Office and co-ordinated by the British Refugee Council Joint Operations Committee (JOC), in co-operation with Ockenden Venture and Refugee Action. A steering committee, comprising representatives from Ockenden and Refugee Action, and a BRC Information Liaison Officer (ILO), first met on 1 June 1984. The committee was responsible for the day-to-day running of the programme under the policy direction of the JOC.

7155/7/2/23	Papers of the steering committee, including meeting minutes	1984-1985
24	Papers of the steering committee, including meeting minutes	1986-1987

Refugee Action, 1983-1994

Refugee Action was founded by former Save The Children Fund workers, Colin Hodgetts and Julia Meiklejohn, in 1981.

25	Ockenden correspondence with Refugee Action discussing joint Vietnamese resettlement initiatives, with particular emphasis on family reunions. Includes meeting minutes	1983-1994
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Family Reunions and Unaccompanied minors, 1980-1994

The Family Reunion co-ordination office was originally run by the JCRV from the Home Office headquarters at St Anne's Gate. In September 1982, although still funded by the Home Office, the work was transferred to Ockenden's office at Broken Hill, Woking. Initially Ockenden dealt primarily with the Orderly Departure Scheme from Vietnam and with Family Reunions from other south east Asian countries.

In October 1985, the work was extended to cover the entry of Vietnamese refugees from the camps in Hong Kong and from certain south east Asian countries under the Home Affairs Select Committee's Sub-committee on Race Relations and Immigration (SCORRI) programme. To this was added the co-ordination of 'boat rescues' and 'Unaccompanied Minors'.

7155/7/2/26	Papers relating to Unaccompanied Minors cared for by Ockenden. Includes case notes and arrival lists, and general report, Jan 1981	1980-1984
27	Ockenden 'Unaccompanied Minors' meeting minutes	3 Jan 1986 -9 Sep 1992
28	Family Reunion arrival lists. Gives name, date of birth, country of departure, UK arrival date and destination. Also includes some Cambodian, Iranian, Laotian and Afghan refugees	Nov 1987 -Jan 1991
29	Family Reunion arrival lists. Gives name, date of birth, country of departure, UK arrival date, destination and name of sponsor where applicable	Feb 1991 -Mar 1994
	<u>Other parties involved with Vietnamese refugees, 1975-1985</u>	
30	Correspondence with David Taylor of Asian Students Christian Trust (ASCT) concerning work with Vietnamese refugee children in Hong Kong and the Philippines. Ockenden provided financial support to the Trust with a view to bringing some refugees to the UK. Includes project reports and refugee case notes	1975-1985
31	Papers of Adventure Ireland, run by Charles Shackleton, which arranged holidays for Vietnamese refugee children from Ockenden	1978
32	Correspondence with British Committee for Vietnamese Refugees (BCVR), formed by Mrs M B L de Roland-Peel. Joyce Pearce initially attended monthly meetings held at the House of Commons, but later dismissed them as having 'little practical application' for refugee aid	1978-1983

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| 7155/7/2/33 | Copy statement in support of Vietnamese refugees from a conference convened by the Dean of Westminster at the suggestion of Joyce Pearce. Includes list of signatories                      | 1979      |
| 34          | Correspondence with Hong Kong Christian Service, following director Pastor K L Stumpf's appeal at Ockenden meeting for accelerated resettlement of Vietnamese refugees                      | 1979-1983 |
| 35          | Sample of letters and poems sent to Ockenden from groups and individuals in response to appeals for help for Vietnamese refugees. Most offer support but includes some 'poison pen' letters | 1978-1981 |

7155/7/3/

MANAGEMENT OF OCKENDEN RECEPTION CENTRES AND RESETTLEMENT UNIT, 1978-1996

Many of the existing Ockenden properties which had fallen into disuse were reopened as reception centres for Vietnamese refugees in the 1970s and 1980s. Additional centres, leased by Ockenden, were opened in Bridport, Cullercoats, Didsbury, Exmouth, Harrogate, Hindhead, Portsmouth, Stockton-on-Tees, Wetherby and Wolverhampton. The largest centre was Nelson Hall in Eccleshall, Staffordshire, which could hold 400 refugees. In addition, an office was opened in Birmingham from where the resettlement programme was run. This series also includes some case notes and arrival lists of Vietnamese refugees at the individual centres. See also individual Ockenden Houses, 7155/5/-.

Arrival lists have been retained only where they include arrivals processed by Ockenden. Some lists also include non-Ockenden destinations. Each refugee was given a JCRV serial number, and these were normally grouped in family units. See also refugee files, 7155/7/4/-.

7155/7/3/1	BCAR arrival lists at Ockenden reception centres, mostly of Vietnamese refugees from Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore. Also includes some boat refugees, and Laotian refugees from Thailand. Details include name, family relationship, date of birth, occupation, arrival date and destination	1978-1980
2	Reports on Ockenden reception centres	1979-1993
3	Schedule of Ockenden reception centres. Details include name of lessor and period of lease (where applicable), and capacity (for accommodating refugees). Also list of staff concerned with Vietnamese resettlement project	1980
4	Monthly statistical returns of refugee movements by Ockenden reception centre. Data includes arrivals and departures by gender and age group (over or under 16 years). No names given but includes JCRV serial numbers	Oct 1981
5	Fortnightly statistical returns of Vietnamese arrivals by Ockenden reception centre. Shows numbers of refugees resettled and remaining in reception. No names given	1981-1982
<u>Sunshine House, Alverstoke, Hampshire, 1981-1982</u>		
Sunshine House was formerly a special school run by the National Children's Homes (NCH). In December 1978, it was opened by Ockenden (with the co-operation of the NCH) as a reception centre for Vietnamese refugees. Its first administrator was Paul Rushton. The centre was closed in September 1981 for Home Office reception purposes. The NCH then helped Ockenden to re-open the centre in December 1981 to take refugees from Nelson Hall.		
6	Arrival lists at Sunshine House of Vietnamese refugees rescued by MV Setoda. Details include name, family relationship, date of birth, age and additional notes on personal circumstances. Also resettlement registration form of Fan Thi Han only which includes brief history of events	7 Jun 1981

- 7155/7/3/7      Small bundle of arrival lists direct from Vietnam of families at Sunshine House. Details include name, family relationship, and date of birth      7 Oct 1981
- 8      Copy letter from Joyce Pearce (?to local press) about imminent closure of Sunshine House      29 Sep 1982
- Windlehurst, Ambleside, Cumbria, 1983-1985
- 9      Small files with case notes on Vietnamese refugee families housed at Windlehurst      1983-1985
- Hendre Hall, Barmouth, Gwynedd, 1989-1994
- 10      Arrival and departure lists of Vietnamese refugees at Hendre Hall. Details include name, country of origin, date of birth, age, family relationship, arrival and departure dates, reason for departure, and new address      1989-1994
- Bridport, Dorset, 1981-1986
- In December 1979, a reception centre for Vietnamese refugees was opened at North Allington Hospital, Bridport, by Ockenden and BCAR. Nearby at Delapre House, Ockenden established a middle school which provided intensive English courses for Vietnamese children. The North Allington Centre closed in 1988.
- 11      Correspondence relating to proposed future uses for Bridport reception centre, including possible relocation of middle school. Includes reports on Delapre House school      1981-1982
- 12      Small files with case notes on Vietnamese and Laotian refugee family arrivals at Bridport. Details include name, date of birth, occupation, education, and date of arrival in UK      1983-1986

Woodleigh, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire,  
1984-1994

In 1978, Ockenden purchased Woodleigh for £18,000 and opened it as a reception centre for Vietnamese refugees. Woodleigh closed in March 1994. See also 7155/5/21/-.

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| 7155/7/3/13 | Papers relating to Vietnamese residents at Woodleigh. Includes proposals for centre for unaccompanied teenagers; report on police incident with Vietnamese visitors; copy of house rules; copies of press cuttings   | 1984-1987 |
| 14          | Lists of resettlement addresses of Vietnamese refugees previously resident at Woodleigh, Dewsbury. Details include name, date of birth, Woodleigh arrival and departure dates, and new address   | 1984-1994 |
| 15          | Arrival and departure lists of Vietnamese refugees at Woodleigh, Dewsbury. Details include name, country of origin, date of birth, age, family relationship, arrival and departure dates, reason for departure, and new address  | 1991-1993 |
| 16          | Resettlement files of Vietnamese refugees previously resident at Woodleigh. Details include name, date of birth, family relationship, arrival date, resettlement address, and photocopy of visa with photograph. Some files include correspondence about the family's background. 2 vols | 1991-1994 |

Nelson Hall, Eccleshall, Staffordshire, 1979-  
1982

The largest Ockenden reception centre was Nelson Hall which opened in May 1979 to accept nearly 400 boat refugees rescued from the MV Sibonga.

In the winter of 1981-1982, Nelson Hall's heating system broke down and 160 Vietnamese refugees had to be moved out. This led to a controversial BBC 'Watchdog' television programme being made about the inadequacies of Nelson Hall. The centre closed in 1982.

See also Dragon Project, 7155/7/5/13.

7155/7/3/17	Papers relating to general administration of Nelson Hall, including reports on the centre by Leslie Humm and correspondence with Staffordshire Health Authority regarding concerns over refugees' living conditions	1979-1982
18	Correspondence regarding concerns over resettlement of Vietnamese families from Nelson Hall to Liverpool	1980
	<u>Quartermaine and Keffolds, Haslemere, Surrey, 1991-1994</u>	
19	New arrival lists of Vietnamese refugees at Quartermaine. Details include name, country of origin, date of birth, age, family relationship, and date of arrival	1991-1994
20	Movement lists of Vietnamese refugees at Quartermaine. Details include name, country of origin, date of birth, arrival and departure dates, new address, and reason for departure	1991-1994
	<u>Wood Hall, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, 1980-1981</u>	
	Ockenden leased Wood Hall from the Diocese of Leeds in 1980 as a reception centre for Vietnamese refugees. Following the closure of the centre in June 1981, Wood Hall re-opened as an ecumenical centre.	
21	Small folder of correspondence relating to general administration of Wood Hall reception centre and its subsequent closure	1980-1981

The Verralls, Maybury Hill, Woking,  
Surrey, 1983-1984

Previously a residential boys' home run by Surrey County Council, The Verralls was opened by Ockenden as a reception centre for Vietnamese refugees in October 1983.

- 7155/7/3/22      Small folder of papers relating to occupation of The Verralls by Ockenden. Also correspondence with Vietnamese residents supporting the reinstatement of their English language teacher whom they mistakenly believed had been dismissed      1983-1984

Oxley House, Wolverhampton, West  
Midlands, 1980-1981

Oxley House was one of several reception centres leased by Ockenden to house Vietnamese refugees. The centre was opened in 1980 and closed in June 1981.

- 23      Newsletters. 3 vols      1980-1981

Birmingham Resettlement Unit, 1978-1996

Under the direction of Barrie Denton, Ockenden opened its first Birmingham office at 165 Heathfield Road, Handsworth, in May 1978. The unit planned and co-ordinated the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees from reception centres into different parts of the country. In September 1981, the unit moved to 187 Berners Street, Lozells, in the west of Birmingham.

In 1988, Ockenden purchased 26a-28 Hamstead Road, Birmingham. Known as the 'Corner House', it was officially opened on 6 April 1989 and run by Maggie Cade. In August 1995, Ockenden's trustees decided to close the office. See also Birmingham support group, 7155/7/6/6.

- 24      Correspondence of Barrie Denton with Joyce Pearce concerning resettlement programme      1978-1983

7155/7/3/25	Correspondence relating to administration of Birmingham office. Includes typescript account of Vietnamese family bereavement and funeral by Ockenden resettlement officer with criticisms of staff conduct	1980
26	Correspondence relating to proposed permanent resettlement centre in the Midlands	1983
27	Papers relating to Ockenden Birmingham Resettlement Unit's series of conferences, 'From refugee to citizen' held at Walsall, Wigan and Newcastle	1983
28	Report, 'Plans and proposals re. the Ockenden Venture caring centre in Birmingham' by Andrea Sanyasi, Vietnamese programme team leader	Jun 1988
29	Promotional leaflet and copy of speech by Margaret Dixon at official opening of Corner House	1988-1989
30	Papers relating to Ockenden's joint initiatives with Midland Refugee Council (MRC) to provide employment, training, education and social welfare support to local refugee communities. The MRC initially operated from Ockenden's Birmingham office	1988-1991
31	Reports on work of Birmingham office by Ejaz Elhak, project manager	1989
32	Birmingham Office quarterly output statistics produced for Home Office. Contain numbers of processed reception and resettlement cases	1992-1994
33	Report 'Background to the location and function of the Birmingham Office', prepared by Maggie Cade for the Home Office	Mar 1993
34	Report on Ockenden project activities in Birmingham, Apr-Dec 1994. Author unknown	Jan 1995
35	Correspondence relating to proposed closure of the Birmingham centre	1995

7155/7/3/36	Report, 'Ockenden Venture in Birmingham, 1977-1995' by Maggie Cade	1996
	<u>Resettlement Officers, 1980-1982</u>	
37	Ockenden resettlement officers' meeting minutes	25 Feb 1980 -6 Sep 1982
7155/7/4/	VIETNAMESE REFUGEE FILES, 1963-1995	
	See also arrival lists under management of reception centres, 7155/7/3/-.	
	<u>Refugee family files, 1970s-1980s</u>	
	Series of correspondence files relating to the reception of Vietnamese (and some Laotian) refugees, for the most part at Sunshine House, Gosport, although other Ockenden centres feature. Each refugee was given a serial number.	
	Files include details of individual family members: name, date of birth, occupation, family relationship, and brief background notes. Some files contain more detailed case notes, photographs and personal correspondence. Files are arranged alphabetically by surname, normally that of the male head of the household (as wives retain their maiden name). Some correspondence is in Vietnamese and Chinese.	
1	Surnames Cheng – Mao	1970s-1980s
2	Surnames Ngo – Voong	1970s-1980s

Case files, 1963-1995

The files contain personal information about individual refugee children looked after by Ockenden. Includes some children brought to Britain on the 1975 Daily Mail airlift. Often contain additional records, including photographs, school records, progress reports, birth certificates and news cuttings.

7155/7/4/3	Case files for individual Vietnamese refugees. 11 files	1963-1995
7155/7/5/	RESETTLEMENT SUPPORT PROJECTS, 1979-1990	
	<p>Different aspects of the resettlement process were shared out among the involved agencies. Ockenden managed several educational and vocational training schemes for Vietnamese refugees.</p> <p>Other projects included the provision of bursaries for higher education, 'Vietnamese Children in Care' which offered support for unaccompanied minors, and English courses for children with special needs.</p> <p>Local support groups were largely instrumental in organising housing for refugee families, but the lack of adequate social housing became a problem. See support groups below, 7155/7/6/-.</p>	
1	Typescript report, 'the Vietnamese on Merseyside', by Frank Banton, Ockenden regional officer. Contains recommendations for better resettlement support	Dec 1986
2	Report on general resettlement problems of Vietnamese refugees, with particular emphasis on housing, by Peter Rees, Ockenden administrator	Mar 1987
3	Report by Anthea Sanyasi, Ockenden Vietnamese Programme team leader, on the needs of refugees from Vietnam in relation to local authority provision. Includes regional analysis	Dec 1987
4	Typescript accounts of Ockenden's provision of resettlement services for Vietnamese refugees	1980s

Refugee housing projects, 1979-1986

The lack of satisfactory accommodation made available by local authorities and housing associations became an increasing problem. To meet these shortages, several housing trusts were formed by Surrey churches to provide homes for Vietnamese refugees. They included the Haven Trust (Housing and Aid to Vietnamese Exiles Now) and Guildford Home Trust.

Through donations and investments, a house was purchased and rented out to Ockenden (or another organisation) who in turn sub-let it to a Vietnamese family, selected by Ockenden, for a fixed term. On completion of the tenancy, the house was sold, with the family being offered the option to purchase the property at the current market value. The proceeds from the sale were shared amongst the original investors.

7155/7/5/5	Papers relating to Ockenden's work with the Haven Trust. Includes correspondence relating to cases where, on expiry of lease, Vietnamese tenants were unable to purchase the property and consequently required to find alternative accommodation Closure required	1979-1986
6	Ockenden housing report, outlining difficulties in obtaining adequate accommodation for Vietnamese refugees	31 Dec 1980
7	Reports on administration of Vietnamese housing policy by Richard Lumley, Ockenden housing officer	1980-1981
8	Papers relating to Ockenden's sponsorship of Guildford Home Trust. Rents received were paid to the Boat People Home Trust, a registered charity under the patronage of the Bishop of Guildford. The latter trust was responsible for maintaining the property and for the practical and social needs of the refugee family	1981-1985

Education, 1979-1987

See also Quartermaine Education Project,  
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| 7155/7/5/9 | Papers relating to Conference on the Education of Vietnamese Refugees, organised by the governmental Educational Disadvantage Unit, and attended by Ockenden          | Nov 1979 |
| 10         | Correspondence relating to government funding of refugee education programmes. Includes report on JCRV conference, 'Learning English in resettlement', at Nelson Hall | 1981     |
| 11         | Papers relating to survey of Vietnamese children aged 11 upwards at school. The survey was sent to head teachers at schools in Ockenden resettlement areas            | 1983     |
| 12         | Report on seminar on educational needs of refugees from Vietnam, organised by Ockenden, Inner London Education Authority (ILEA) and others                            | Nov 1987 |

Vocational training, 1980-1990

Ockenden administered several vocational training programmes which were financed by the Manpower Services Commission. One of the longest running schemes, the Dragon Project was established at Nelson Hall in October 1980 to improve employment prospects for Vietnamese refugees in the 16-18 age group. The scheme provided training programmes that included basic clerical skills, motor vehicle maintenance, carpentry and horticulture. The project closed in 1990.

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| 13 | Papers relating to administration of the Dragon Project. Includes lists of students enrolled on the project, 1980-1981 | 1980-1990 |
| 14 | Typescript account by David Ennals on training and employment of Vietnamese refugees in the UK                         | 1983      |

7155/7/5/15	Papers relating to Ockenden employment project funded by Manpower Services Commission for twelve months to find work for Vietnamese refugees. Includes volunteer meeting minutes	1983-1984
	<u>Other support, 1984-1985</u>	
16	Ockenden report on proposed short-stay centre for Vietnamese refugees suffering from stress and psycho-social problems	Sep 1984
17	Ockenden proposal for improved support provision for mentally and physically ill Vietnamese refugees in Britain, by Mary Perkins	Oct 1985
7155/7/6/	LOCAL SUPPORT GROUPS: MEETING MINUTES AND PAPERS, 1979-1991	
	<p>A total of 213 refugee support groups were established within Ockenden's areas of responsibility (Surrey, the Midlands, the North West, North East, North Wales, and the Gosport / Portsmouth areas of Hants). The role of the support groups was to assist with the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees in the locality. They were often established by local churches or other organisations, with links to local reception centres. Sometimes they evolved through the work of local volunteers and later became formalised support groups. By 1984, the network of groups across central and northern England was organised by regions: North East, North West and West Midlands.</p>	
1	Typescript Ockenden background notes and guidelines for the use of support groups	Jan 1980
2	Papers of Ockenden regional support group conferences at Birmingham, Huyton and Newcastle	1980
3	Progress reports on support groups	1980-1981
4	Copies of 'Support Report', bi-monthly magazine for Ockenden support groups. 3 vols	1980-1981

Dorset Friends, 1979-1982

The Dorset Friends of the Boat People was established in November 1980 to run an embroidery scheme for Vietnamese women. The group was promoted jointly by Ockenden and the British Council for Aid to Refugees, both of whom ran reception centres in Dorset. In April 1982, the Dorset Friends group merged with New Homeland Crafts (formerly Northlands Project), a charity set up by Rev David Partridge to aid the rehabilitation of Vietnamese refugees. See also Bridport reception centre, 7155/7/3/11.

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Correspondence with Dorset Friends and New Homeland Crafts concerning Ockenden's endorsement and financial support. Includes meeting minutes, appeal circulars and newsletters

1979-1982

West Midlands region support groups, 1980-1991

The Birmingham Group of Friends was formed in 1977 to support resettlement of the first Vietnamese refugees in Handsworth. Following the opening of Ockenden's Birmingham office, the group disbanded, although original members continued to provide local support. As the Birmingham office's workload increased to cope with the growing number of refugees, the Birmingham Social Support System was established in January 1980. Following financial difficulties, the group split into smaller geographical groups, with the Handsworth and Aston Support Group forming in May 1981. The Birmingham groups later reformed as the West Midlands Group of Friends.

Other support groups opened across the West Midlands, and also in Hereford and Worcestershire, Leicestershire, Shropshire and Staffordshire. These areas later formed the West Midlands region.

7155/7/6/6	Papers of Birmingham Social Support System. Includes meeting minutes, newsletters and correspondence relating to group's financial problems and lack of resources	1980-1981
7	Handsworth and Aston Support Group meeting minutes and newsletters	1981-1982
8	Meeting minutes of West Midlands Group of Friends, and letters to the media from its chairman supporting plight of Vietnamese refugees	1988-1991
9	Meeting minutes and reports of Staffordshire support groups	1979-1985
10	Meeting minutes of Hereford and Worcestershire support groups	1980
11	Meeting minutes of Leicestershire support groups	1980
12	Meeting minutes of Shropshire support groups	1980
13	Meeting minutes of West Midlands support groups	1980
14	West Midlands regional report	31 Mar 1984
	<u>Merseyside and North Wales support groups, 1980-1991</u>	
15	Correspondence with St Helen's Support Group for Vietnamese Refugees concerning the group's concern over lack of support from Ockenden	1980
16	Wirral meeting minutes, with news cuttings about opposition to Wirral Borough Council's plans to house Vietnamese refugees	1980
17	Meeting minutes of other Merseyside and North Wales support groups	1980
18	Liverpool meeting minutes, 16 Aug, and letters from local volunteers criticising their treatment by Ockenden	1985

7155/7/6/19	Merseyside and North Wales regional reports by Ockenden regional officers	Apr-May 1987
20	Merseyside Ockenden Venture Refugee Supporters meeting minutes, including inaugural meeting, 10 Feb	1988
21	Barmouth meeting minutes	9 Feb 1989 -8 Jul 1991
	<u>North East region support groups, 1979-1984</u>	
	The North East region covered County Durham, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear. The papers of the following groups include reports and meeting minutes.	
22	Washington	1979-1981
23	Newcastle	1980-1982
24	Sunderland	1981
25	Other North East region groups	1980-1981
26	North East regional report	31 Mar 1984
	<u>North West region support groups, 1979-1984</u>	
	The North West region covered Cumbria, Greater Manchester and Lancashire. The papers of the following groups comprise mostly reports and meeting minutes.	
27	South Lakeland district	1979-1980
28	Preston	1979-1981
29	Manchester Co-ordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees from Indo-China (MARIC)	1979-1982
30	Pendle district (Barnoldswick and Nelson)	1979-1982
31	Skelmersdale	1979-1983
32	Hyndburn district (Accrington and Oswaldtwistle)	1980

7155/7/6/33	Barrow-in-Furness	1980-1981
34	Chorley and Leyland	1980-1981
35	Lancaster	1980-1981
36	Whitehaven	1980-1981
37	Wigan	1980-1981
38	Workington. Includes case notes on resettlement of Vietnamese families in the area	1980-1981
39	Blackburn	1980-1982
40	Burnley	1980-1982
41	Oldham	1980-1982
42	Rochdale	1980-1984
43	Salford	1980-1984
44	Other North West region groups	1980-1981
45	North West regional report	31 Mar 1984

Other support groups, 1979-1981

46	Notices and press cutting relating to Diocese of Guildford open meeting to support resettlement of Vietnamese refugees in Surrey	1979
47	Portsmouth Refugee Support Group newsletters. 2 vols	1980
48	Boston Spa meeting minutes and report	1981

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VIETNAMESE REFUGEES: RESEARCH, 1980-1990S

This series comprises research undertaken by or on behalf of Ockenden, and by external parties. All contain references to Ockenden.

- 7155/7/7/1 Unbound typescript report 'The Boat People in Britain: the Ockenden Venture resettlement survey', by Mark Braham and Peter Fenwick, 1981. Also includes Joyce Pearce correspondence with Mark Braham, and comments on the survey by Ockenden and BCAR 1980-1981
- 2 Unbound typescript report, 'A follow up study of Indochinese refugees resettled by the Ockenden Venture', by Canadian student Karen Moore, 1982, subsequent to Mark Braham's research. Also includes background research notes, correspondence with Joyce Pearce and copy of preliminary report 1981-1982
- 3 Home Office published report, 'Vietnamese refugees: a study of their reception and resettlement in the United Kingdom' by Peter R Jones. Identifies rivalry and lack of communication between agencies as one of the main problems throughout the Vietnamese programme 1982
- 4 Commission for Racial Equality published report, 'Vietnamese Refugees in Britain' by Felicity Edholm, Helen Roberts and Judith Sayer. Examines factors affecting the Vietnamese resettlement programme 1983
- 5 Unbound typescript Home Office report, 'Resettling refugees: the lessons of research' by Simon Field, highlighting the case of Vietnamese and other refugees in Britain nd [1985]
- 6 Typescript report on visit to Hong Kong camps holding Vietnamese refugees, by 'OLH' [Oliver Hall, Ockenden family reunion co-ordinator] 1987
- 7 Unbound typescript report, 'Evaluation of the Vietnamese Refugee Reception and Resettlement Programmes (1979-1989)' by Dr AM Agathangelou of Birkbeck College, London University. The report criticises Ockenden as having 'the reputation of being anti-professional in its paternalism, and even authoritarian, in its treatment of the refugee' Jul 1989

- 7155/7/7/8 Unbound report, The Vietnamese in Birmingham: a distinctive community – not "Birmingham's other Chinese", commissioned by Birmingham City Council Race Relations Unit, author unknown nd [1990s]
- 7155/8/ OCKENDEN: OVERSEAS WORK, 1963-1994  
Through its worldwide network of contacts, Ockenden became involved in many overseas projects in Europe, Africa, South East Asia and the Indian subcontinent.
- 7155/8/1/ TIBETAN HOMES AND SCHOOLS, INDIA, 1963-1995  
Following the invasion of Tibet by the Chinese in 1959, the Dalai Lama fled to India where he established a government in exile. In April 1963, following a global appeal for aid for Tibetan refugees, Joyce Pearce and project worker, Jill Buxton, visited the Dalai Lama and Tibetan orphanages and schools in India.  
Subsequently, Ockenden established several projects in India in co-operation with Tibetan charities, organising sponsorships and the supply of staff and volunteers. This record series includes correspondence between Joyce Pearce and Ockenden staff who provided regular reports of their work and conditions in India. See also Peter Woodard correspondence, 7155/10/3/3, and records of Lifeline which provided sponsorship for Tibetans in India, 7155/12/-.
- 1 Papers relating to Joyce Pearce's visit with Jill Buxton to Tibetan refugees in India, including reports and correspondence 1963-1964
- 2 Papers relating to development of Tibetan training and education schemes in India. Includes Joyce Pearce correspondence with Indian government officials, Peter Woodard, and other involved parties 1963-1965

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| 7155/8/1/3 | Papers of Tibet Sub-Committee of Standing Conference of British Organisations for Aid to Refugees, of which Joyce Pearce was a member. Include meeting minutes, reports, and Joyce Pearce correspondence with chairman, Sir Olaf Caroe | 1963-1970 |
| 4          | Typescript Ockenden project proposals for education and vocational training of Tibetans in India   | 1964-1969 |
| 5          | International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) papers, including seminar on Tibetan refugees, Mar 1964, attended by Joyce Pearce and Peter Woodard on behalf of Ockenden   | 1964-1967 |

Tibetan Homes Foundation, 1963-1994

Ockenden worked closely with the Tibetan Homes Foundation (a charity founded in 1963, sponsored by the Indian government and chaired by the Dalai Lama) to help train and educate young Tibetan refugees. Ockenden maintained and staffed its properties, The House of Faith (see below) and Silverwood, and also arranged a sponsorship scheme. The Foundation's organising secretary was Mary (Rinchen Dolma) Taring, the first Tibetan woman to receive a western education, who became a close friend of Joyce Pearce.

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| 6 | Papers relating to Tibetan Homes Foundation, including annual reports and correspondence with Ockenden  | 1963-1994 |
| 7 | Correspondence of Mary Taring with Joyce Pearce. Also includes letters from Jigme Taring (husband of Mary and headmaster of Tibetan High School, later Education Director of Tibetans in Exile) | 1963-1985 |

House Of Faith, Happy Valley, Mussoorie,  
1963-1987

In 1963, Ockenden leased 'Sobhag Bhawan', a house in Dick Road, Mussoorie, which was opened on 29 June 1963 as a home and kindergarten for 50 children. Later that year, Ockenden purchased the house with an endowment from Kathleen Goldie-Smith who requested that it was renamed the House of Faith. In February 1967, a decision was made to transfer the House of Faith to the Tibetan Homes Foundation, but this was not completed until 1987.

7155/8/1/8	Correspondence relating to lease and purchase of Sobhag Bhawan, including copy Deed of Sale	1963
9	Correspondence and reports of Ockenden volunteer teachers Valerie Swinscoe and Susan Hedley at the House of Faith. Includes notice of Ockenden press conference at Royal Overseas League, London, to mark their departure to India, Oct 1963	1963-1965
10	Papers relating to transfer of House of Faith deeds to Tibetan Homes Foundation, and to Ockenden's contribution towards repairs. Includes photographs of the property before and after renovation	1967-1987

Ockenden Centre, Club View, Happy  
Valley, Mussoorie (later at Dharwar,  
Mysore State), 1964-1968

In July 1964, Peter Woodard left for India to prepare an Ockenden training centre for teenage Tibetans in Mussoorie. The centre's aim was to provide mainly academic schooling (English and Hindi, in particular) but also elementary technical training, and was seen as the first of its kind to be established specifically for Tibetan students. The centre was formally inaugurated by the Dalai Lama in November 1964, to teach 30 boys aged 14-20. Malcolm Dexter was the school's principal.

At the request of the Indian government, the school was relocated to Dharwar in Mysore state in 1966. In April, there was a revolt by some of the boys and two Tibetan teachers against Malcolm Dexter and his assistant, Sangye Tensing, whom they accused of teaching the Bonpo religion rather than Buddhism. The teachers and boys left the school and returned to Mussoorie.

Ockenden despatched Peter Woodard to India to resolve the situation by meeting with all concerned parties, including the Dalai Lama. Following his investigations, a decision was made to close the school. Alternative uses of the Dharwar building as a convalescent home and training centre were discussed with the Dalai Lama's Office, but did not come to fruition. In early 1968, Ockenden disposed of the building.

7155/8/1/11	Papers of Malcolm Dexter. Includes correspondence with Joyce Pearce, with project news and describing events surrounding revolt at Dharwar	1964-1966
12	Correspondence of Joyce Pearce with Diana MacLehose who worked with Malcolm Dexter at the Ockenden Centre in Mussoorie and Dharwar	1965-1967
13	General correspondence relating to Dharwar revolt. Includes meeting reports and correspondence with the Office of the Dalai Lama and other concerned parties	1966
14	Peter Woodard's official report 'on the mutiny at the Ockenden School Dharwar (Mysore)'	18 Jun 1966
15	Papers relating to proposed use of Dharwar property following closure of Ockenden school. Includes correspondence with the Office of the Dalai Lama, and with Ann Rooke, Ockenden representative overseeing the property	1966-1968

Tibetan Nehru Memorial Foundation  
Training Centre, Clement Town, Dehra Dun,  
Uttar Pradesh, 1964-1974

In 1965, a vocational training centre for the Amdo Tibetan community was opened in Clement Town, Dehra Dun. This was administered by an education committee formed by the Tibetan Nehru Memorial Foundation, run by Captain W Davinson. Ockenden raised funds for the centre, and supplied staff including director C R L (Toby) Gooch (who was previously at Club View). From 1967, the Indian government began to stipulate that Tibetan aid projects should be staffed by Indian nationals rather than European workers, and so Ockenden was obliged to remove its staff.

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| 7155/8/1/16 | Correspondence of Toby Gooch with Joyce Pearce, Malcolm Dexter and other Ockenden staff. Letters discuss project updates and concerns over renewal of Gooch's contract  | 1964-1967 |
| 17          | Correspondence with the Tibetan Nehru Memorial Foundation and others concerning development of Clement Town foundation centre and Ockenden's subsequent withdrawal of support from the project  | 1965-1974 |
|             | <u>Other correspondence, 1965-1970</u>  |           |
| 18          | Correspondence and reports of Ockenden volunteers in Mussoorie, including Helen Daniel, Lady Anne Nevill and Susan Spencer. Includes typescript article, 'What it is like to work with Tibetans'  | 1965-1966 |
| 19          | Correspondence of Joyce Pearce with Freda Bedi and family with whom she stayed during her visit to India in 1963. An Englishwoman, resident in India since the 1930s, Bedi helped Tibetan refugees and converted to Tibetan Buddhism, taking the name Khechog Palmo | 1968-1970 |

Sponsorship of Tibetan refugee children,  
1982-1995

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| 7155/8/1/20 | Sample sponsorship file of Tibetan student, Deshig Palmo. Includes school reports and Ockenden correspondence with sponsor, Dr Ian Grimble (deceased)   | 1982-1995 |
| 21          | Ockenden reports and appeals on behalf of Tibetan refugee children; also circular to sponsors regarding Winifred Paine's visit to Tibetan homes and schools in India  | 1980s     |
| 7155/8/2/   | <p>ECOLE MENAGÈRE AGRICOLE PROJECT, MESSAAD, ALGERIA, 1963-1970</p> <p>In 1965, at the suggestion of Catholic Relief Services who were already active in the district, Ockenden applied for funding from Oxfam to establish a girls' vocational training school in Messaad, Algeria. The school was designed by architect, David Etherton, and building began in 1967. Renee Beach was appointed as the school's teacher-administrator in October 1967. The school was officially opened in May 1968 when it was handed over to the Algerian government. See also account of Messaad, 1966, by Renee Beach (Joyce Pearce by Others), 7155/13/2/2.</p> |           |
| 1           | Papers relating to establishment of Messaad school. Includes correspondence with Oxfam, and with Reginald Pollaris of Catholic Relief Services who acted as Ockenden's representative in Algeria. Also includes project progress reports and architectural drawings of the school. Some correspondence is in French   | 1963-1970 |
| 7155/8/3/   | <p>REFUGEE CHILDREN'S PROJECTS, MIDDLE EAST, 1963-1985</p> <p>Through the many contacts of Joyce Pearce in the Middle East, Ockenden sought to provide support for several projects in Lebanon and Jordan in the 1960s.</p>   |           |

In 1967, accompanied by Peter Woodard, Joyce Pearce visited Lebanon at the invitation of Mrs Lamia Moufarrige, president of La Maison Libanaise pour la Reformation, an organisation of high society women dedicated to establishing 'Les Villages d'Enfants du Liban', for underprivileged children. La Maison Libanaise purchased land for the development of a village at Batroun, north of Beirut, and Ockenden submitted a proposal for a residential school for Lebanese street children and Palestinian refugees. However, permission for the children's village was never granted by the Lebanese authorities.

In the same year, Ockenden was contacted by Winifred Coate, director of the Abdelliyeh Village Project in Zerka, Jordan (founded 1961), and sister of one of Joyce Pearce's tutors at Oxford. Miss Coate wanted to establish a girls' school at the village, and David Etherton (architect of the Ecole Menagère Agricole project, Messaad) drafted plans for the school. Ockenden approached Oxfam initially to finance a homecraft school at Zerka, but following a decision to open a general literacy school instead, funding was withdrawn. (See also article in 1970-1971 Annual Report, 7155/4/1/-).

Other projects that attracted Ockenden's attention, but appeared not to have come to fruition, included the support for a rehabilitation centre in Amman in 1967. The centre, founded by Leonard Cheshire in 1959, was run by the Jordanian Ministry of Health, but had lost vital third party funding. In 1968, Ockenden considered a further training scheme to bring to the UK Jordanian and Palestinian refugee students whose education had been disrupted by the Six-Day War.

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| 7155/8/3/1 | Papers relating to proposed joint venture between Ockenden and 'Les Villages d'Enfants du Liban', to provide residential school for underprivileged children. Includes Joyce Pearce's correspondence with Lamia Moufarrige, discussing their work, faith, and family matters. (Mrs Moufarrige was badly injured and her husband died following an axe attack by their youngest son) | 1963-1984 |
| 2          | Handwritten letter [to Ockenden staff] and journal entries by Joyce Pearce concerning her visit to Lebanon and Jordan with Peter Woodard. Includes typed transcripts  | 1967      |
| 3          | Correspondence relating to proposed Ockenden funding of a rehabilitation centre for disabled refugee children in Amman, and sponsorship of Jordanian and Palestinian students   | 1967-1968 |
| 4          | Papers relating to proposed funding of homecraft school at Abdelliyeh Village Project in Zerka, Jordan. Includes Joyce Pearce's correspondence with Winifred Coate  | 1967-1972 |
| 5          | Correspondence relating to Ockenden sponsorship scheme for handicapped and war-injured children in Lebanon. Includes correspondence and visit reports from Ann Foley, Ockenden aid worker; also copy of Joyce Pearce article, 'The Lebanon – what alternative to a final solution?' in British Refugee Council's <i>Lebanon Bulletin</i> , no 3                                     | 1982-1985 |
| 7155/8/4/  | OCKENDEN ORPHANAGES, SAIGON, 1971-1981<br><br>Ockenden became a registered south Vietnamese charity in 1971, and took over the running of the Hoi Anh Duc orphanage in Saigon from the Project Vietnam Orphans (PVO). Two years later, Ockenden established a playgroup for young children at Ky Quang orphanage.   |           |

In February 1973, five girls suffering from polio were brought to England for intensive physiotherapy treatment (on condition that they did not learn English). By the time they had returned to Vietnam nine months later, Ockenden had opened a day-care centre for handicapped children in Ky Dong Street. Some of the orphans, including the five girls, were brought to England on the Daily Mail airlift in 1975. See 7155/7/1/-. For individual files, see 7155/7/4/-.

- 7155/8/4/1 Correspondence of Nguyen Thi Diep, social worker and volunteer at Ockenden in the UK and at Hoi duc Anh orphanage, 1972-1975, with Joyce Pearce. Letters describe her work at the orphanage and the situation in Vietnam. After the fall of Saigon, Diep moved to the USA. (She addresses Joyce Pearce as 'dear Mummy') 1971-1981
- 2 Small bundle of papers relating to Ockenden projects in Saigon (later Ho Chi Minh City), including reports on orphanages 1971-1981
- 7155/8/5/ KHELAGHAR ORPHANAGE, BANGLADESH, 1972-1994
- Following the conflict between Bangladesh (formerly East Pakistan) and West Pakistan in 1971, and subsequent visits to the Indian subcontinent by David Ennals in 1972, Ockenden launched an appeal to support Khelaghar, an inter-community orphanage for Bangladeshi children in Jessore. Khelaghar was run by the Council for the Promotion of Cultural Harmony (CPCH), founded by Maitraye Devi to improve Hindu-Muslim relations in 1964. The orphanage moved to Dacca in 1973 and then to Calcutta in 1974. See *Joyce's Ockenden*, 7155/13/3/1, pp147-152.

7155/8/5/1 Papers relating to Ockenden's sponsorship of 1972-1994  
 Khelaghar orphans, including  
 correspondence with Maitraye Devi.  
 Subjects include problems with named  
 orphanage staff, attempted murder of Mrs  
 Devi and colleague in Bangladesh, and  
 relocation of orphans to India. Also includes  
 details of individual orphans

7155/8/6/ SUDAN COMMUNITY PROJECTS, 1980-1993

Joyce Pearce attended a conference as  
 representative of the British Standing  
 Conference on Refugees in Sudan at  
 Khartoum in 1980 and agreed to Ockenden's  
 involvement. With UNHCR funding,  
 Ockenden established a number of  
 community projects in Port Sudan and East  
 Sudan. These included educational and  
 vocational training programmes, handicraft  
 centres, and pre-school classes.

Anne Leng was appointed as Ockenden  
 coordinator, but initially became involved in  
 a countrywide survey on behalf of the  
 Sudanese Commissioner for Refugees; she  
 withdrew when Joyce Pearce expressed  
 fears at the cost of the survey, as Ockenden  
 generally undertook small local projects.  
 In 1981, a playschool for Eritreans at Deim  
 Korea, Port Sudan, was built, which also  
 provided adult training and a reception  
 centre. The initial phase of project  
 development in Sudan was completed in  
 1984.

In summer 1981, Anne Leng was recalled to  
 UK for health reasons and replaced by  
 Susan Dow, although she continued to take  
 an interest in the Sudan projects. Ockenden  
 then approached UNHCR for funding to  
 expand its activities in Sudan.

Many of the letters from Ockenden field workers are informal project reports and are generally upbeat but sometimes give vent to the challenges faced: dealing with the Sudanese government, relations with other agencies, the political situation, lack of resources, logistical matters, communications and the climate.

7155/8/6/1	Papers relating to International Conference on Refugees in the Sudan, including Joyce Pearce's typescript notes in which she proposed that Ockenden should appoint a permanent representative to Sudan to identify and prioritise projects	1980
2	Papers relating to work of Anne Leng, first Ockenden field director in Sudan. Includes project reports and correspondence with Joyce Pearce, and Nancy Muller, overseas secretary	1980-1981
3	Papers relating to work of Susan Dow, field director, who succeeded Anne Leng. Includes correspondence and progress reports, also correspondence of Sudan colleagues, Anne Harmer and Angela Hall	1981-1987
4	Papers relating to funding of Ockenden's work in Sudan, including project proposals and annual reports	1981-1993
5	Papers relating to joint initiative with Sutton Coldfield youth group to construct children's adventure playground in Port Sudan. Includes news cutting and uncaptioned photographs	1984-1986
6	Papers relating to work of social services adviser for unaccompanied refugee children, appointed by Ockenden to work with the UNHCR in Es Showak, East Sudan. Includes correspondence and reports of adviser, Jennie Street, describing Sudan projects and difficulties in working relationship with UNHCR. (Jennie Street was succeeded by Chris and Clare Rolfe)	1985-1988
7	Ockenden reports of visits to Sudan by David Ennals, Nancy Rice-Jones and Mandy Smith	1985-1988

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| 7155/8/6/8 | Papers relating to Ockenden community project Kilo 26, so named because of its location in the desert, 26 kilometres from nearest main road. Includes correspondence of John Stops, community worker, and Jim Thomson, director of overseas operations  | 1986      |
| 9          | Captioned colour photographs of Ockenden staff and community projects, 1986; uncaptioned colour photographs of David Ennals' visit to Sudan   | 1980s     |
| 10         | Ockenden Sudan project activities annual report and financial statement   | 1992      |
| 7155/8/7/  | <p>LAOTIAN AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEE CRAFT PROGRAMME, THAILAND, 1982-1993</p> <p>From 1979, Ockenden established vocational training centres in camps in northern Thailand for refugees from Laos and Cambodia. In 1984, it funded a handicraft programme, named 'Thai Payap', that provided refugees and local people with materials at cost price. The goods were then distributed for sale in the West. The handicraft programme helped craftspeople to establish new communities in Thailand. Ockenden was able to withdraw its support in 1988, when the communities had become self-supporting. For promotional material, see 7155/4/3/7.</p> |           |
| 1          | Papers relating to Ockenden's work in Thailand. Include reports on 'Thai Payap' programme   | 1982-1993 |
| 7155/8/8/  | <p>AID TO POLAND, 1981-1993</p> <p>In 1981, Ockenden started to raise funds for shipping goods to Poland, and later became responsible for spending further EEC money towards the cause. 2,000 Ockenden and Rotary Club centres in the country were mobilised to provide storage.</p>   |           |

From 1985, the Ockenden operation was run by Beryl Taylor who, along with Margaret Dixon, was awarded the Grand Order of Smile by the Polish Government in 1991. In 1986, a bequest from Czeslaw Chmielinski, who had worked for Ockenden since the 1950s, was used to equip a new ward in a children's hospital in Lublin.

7155/8/8/1	Typescript accounts of visits to Poland by Joyce Pearce, Jill Buxton, and Caroline Shaw	1981-1989
2	Correspondence relating to Ockenden's provision of aid for Poland, including progress reports and news cuttings. Also includes Beryl Taylor and Jill Buxton's correspondence with Margaret Dixon	1982-1993
3	Copy of Ockenden monthly bulletin, 'Lifelines to Poland', on work of Polish aid agencies in Britain	Mar 1982
4	Case file on the proposed repatriation by Ockenden of named Polish child living in England	1983-1984
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1	Letter to Joyce Pearce and visit report concerning distribution of Ockenden funds to Sri Lankan orphanages and homes by Timothy Wallinger, 1983; also Ockenden report on proposed 'Visudhaloka Sangamaya' community project in Sri Lanka,	1983
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	AFGHAN REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT PROJECTS, PAKISTAN, 1983-1994	
	From 1984, Ockenden funded employment projects for Afghan refugees in camps in north western Pakistan. These included a quilt-making scheme and a UNHCR-supported marketing centre (providing an outlet for local and overseas sales).	

The schemes were established on behalf of Ockenden by Tibetan refugees, Lobsang and Yangchhen Yeshi, in September 1984, and were later expanded to produce uniforms and tents. (See interview with Yangchhen Yeshi regarding Afghan projects in Peshawar, 7155/13/4/1).

7155/8/10/1 Papers relating to Ockenden handicraft projects in Pakistan, including news cuttings and progress reports from Lobsang and Yangchhen Yeshi 1983-1987

2 Copy of report, 'Afghanistan: a human tragedy' by British voluntary agencies concerned with the plight of Afghan refugees. Includes references to Ockenden handicrafts projects Sep 1987

3 Papers relating to administration and funding of tent and quilt making schemes in Pakistan. Includes references to murder of engineer employed by Ockenden 1991-1994

7155/9 OTHER OCKENDEN PROJECTS, 1964-1992

See also papers of Joyce Pearce, 7155/3/5-, and executive and general committee records, 7155/2/-, above for other projects based in Ockenden houses in the UK, including voluntary service courses at Haslemere.

7155/9/1/ HASLEMERE COMMUNITY AND QUARTERMAINE EDUCATION PROJECT, 1972-1992

By the 1970s, Haslemere had become the main centre for Ockenden's operational work, and the concept of a community caring project was proposed. A 'Haslemere Community' developed to help include all children and young people in need: this comprised not only overseas refugees but also British children from troubled backgrounds. Its aim was 'to provide a way of living, regardless of differences of race, colour or creed.'

A number of training and educational schemes were established, including the Quartermaine Education Project, and the Haslemere site hosted several festivals and conferences. See also Haslemere Houses, 7155/5/11/- to /14/-, and Intermediate Treatment, 7155/9/2/-.

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| 7155/9/1/1 | Papers relating to Ockenden's discussions with Community Development Trust (Surrey) for a proposed development of a therapeutic farming community for troubled teenagers at Haslemere  | 1972      |
| 2          | Papers relating to International Youth Festival of Hope for Mankind, Haslemere, Aug 1977, sponsored by Ockenden as part of the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations. Includes promotional literature and programme  | 1977-1978 |
| 3          | Papers relating to Quartermaine Education Project which established intensive English as a Second Language (ESL) courses for young Vietnamese and other refugees at Haslemere  | 1979-1992 |
| 4          | Typescript reports, proposals and staff correspondence relating to activities and future of Haslemere Community  | 1970s     |
| 5          | Copy of 'The Haslemere Community interim report' by David Child-Thomas examining future options for Ockenden's Haslemere houses. Also includes General Committee summary comments which favoured the option of developing Coombe Head as a retreat, training and conference centre, and selling other Haslemere properties | Sep 1992  |
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- INTERMEDIATE TREATMENT PROGRAMME, 1972-1985
- Intermediate Treatment (IT) was established by the 1969 Children and Young Persons Act for young people 'in trouble or at risk' to improve their lifestyles through education, practical training and the development of meaningful relationships with others.

In 1972 Ockenden met with Surrey and London social services and probation services departments to discuss the feasibility of a 'centre for preventative and intermediary care'. In April 1973, an IT programme was started at Quartermaine, Haslemere. The following year, Ockenden established an IT centre at 18 St Mary's Road, Peckham, London, which it rented from the Peter Bedford Trust. See also Haslemere Community above, and magazine article, 7155/4/6/23.

7155/9/2/1	Ockenden correspondence with Lambeth and Southwark social services departments and other parties regarding administration and funding of IT programme	1972-1980
2	Reports and case notes on individuals who attended the IT programmes at Haslemere and Peckham	1974-1979
3	Papers relating to Intermediate Treatment workforce, including resignation letters from individual staff members expressing concerns over pay and their treatment by Ockenden	1975-1982
4	Meeting minutes of London House Intermediate Treatment project support group (later project committee)	1976-1983
5	Ockenden Intermediate Treatment general reports and prospectuses	1970s

7155/9/3/ TIBETAN COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN AND TIBETAN CULTURAL CENTRE, CAMBRIDGE, 1964-1993

From the early 1960s, Ockenden was a staunch champion of Tibetan causes and communities. Joyce Pearce was an honorary vice president of the Tibet Society of the United Kingdom and a member of the Tibetan Community in Britain.

In 1976, the establishment of an official cultural centre in Britain was discussed at a meeting between the Dalai Lama and Joyce Pearce. Six years later, Ockenden acquired 6 Glisson Road in Cambridge. The Tibetan Cultural Centre, which finally opened in July 1989, was run by Tibetans Yeshe Tsultrim and Phuntsok Dhumkang. It closed in 1993.

7155/9/3/1	Correspondence with members of Tibet Society of the United Kingdom. Subjects include nomination of the Dalai Lama for the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize (Joyce Pearce was one of the proposers)	1964-1989
2	Programmes of Ockenden student seminars and discussion days in Haslemere relating to Tibetans in exile	1966-1983
3	Correspondence with the Office of the Dalai Lama. Subjects include proposed refugee projects and Joyce Pearce's meeting with the Dalai Lama on his visit to Britain in 1984.	1970-1989
4	Magazines and newsletters of The Tibetan Community in Britain, established in 1971. Contain references to Ockenden who hosted many of the Community's events	1982-1985
5	Papers concerning planned use of 6 Glisson Road as a Tibetan Cultural Centre and its subsequent administration. Includes correspondence with Tibetan Government in Exile concerning recruitment of instructor from India	1982-1993
7155/9/4/	BASLE COURT, BRIXTON HILL, LONDON, 1982-1985	
	Basle Court was a reception centre for refugees with special needs, and run by a joint management committee comprising representatives from Ockenden, British Refugee Council, London and Quadrant Housing Trust, and other charities.	
1	Small bundle of papers including committee meeting minutes	1982-1985

- 7155/9/5/ A STRATEGY OF HOPE FOR A WORLD IN CRISIS, 1983-1990
- In 1983, Joyce Pearce launched an educational initiative to increase global consciousness, 'A strategy of hope for a world in crisis'. Supported by Christopher Woodard, Christopher Chataway and others, the manifesto was unveiled in a speech by Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan at the House of Commons on 23 January 1984.
- 1 Papers relating to promotion of the Strategy of Hope. Includes copy of the Aga Khan's speech; also copies of *Interchange* newsletter, 'a networking service for empowerment through the sharing of hope and goodwill', produced by Ailsa Moore and Denise Moll of Ockenden. 3 vols 1983-1990
- 7155/9/6/ JOYCE PEARCE MEMORIAL LECTURES, 1986-1990
- The Joyce Pearce Memorial Lecture was delivered annually at Oxford University under the auspices of the Refugee Studies Programme and the Ockenden Venture. The eighth (and possibly last) lecture, 'Towards a New Refuge', was delivered on behalf of Aung San Suu Kyi by Dr Michael Aris on 19 May 1993.
- 1 Published texts of first and fourth lectures delivered by Jean-Pierre Hocké, UNHCR, and by James Ingram, Executive Director, UN World Programme. Also transcripts of tributes to Joyce Pearce at the Memorial Lecture by Margaret Dixon and Brother Edwin of De La Salle House 1986-1990
- 7155/9/7/ PROPOSED WORLD REFUGEE YEAR II, 1984
- 1 Typescript proposal for a World Refugee Year II by Lord Ennals, Sir Leslie Kirkley, Joyce Pearce and Dr Christopher Woodard Apr 1984

7155/10/ OCKENDEN OFFICERS AND STAFF,  
1959-1995

7155/10/1/ DAVID HEDLEY ENNALS (1922-1995), BARON  
ENNALS OF NORWICH, 1959-1995

David Ennals was a Labour politician and human rights campaigner. He first met Joyce Pearce in 1948 when he was Secretary of the Council for Education in World Citizenship, and was invited to address an Ockenden sixth form weekend. Following Christopher Woodard's resignation, Ennals served as acting chairman of Ockenden's executive committee from 1962 to 1963. He later became chairman of Ockenden's general council in 1970 until 1987. He was active in the support of Vietnamese refugees, and fostered an orphan from the 1975 Daily Mail airlift, (see 7155/7/4/6).

Following Joyce Pearce's death, Ennals was elected chairman in December 1985, resigning in November 1987, and severing ties completely with Ockenden in 1990. He once described his role as 'Ockenden's chairman and Joyce's servant'. See also Executive Committee minutes, 7155/2/2/-, and United Nations Association correspondence 7155/5/10/3.

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| 1 | Correspondence of David Ennals and his first wife, Eleanor (known as Dickie), with Joyce Pearce. Topics include World Refugee Year activities and Ennals' involvement with Ockenden  | 1959      |
| 2 | David Ennals's correspondence with Joyce Pearce, Barrie Denton and Denise Moll (who also worked as his secretary). Subjects include Ockenden policy, Vietnamese refugees and the Strategy of Hope. Also includes circulars from Ennals to Ockenden staff | 1973-1987 |
| 3 | Papers relating to Executive Committee discussions about David Ennals' role future with Ockenden, including Ennals' own proposals  | Jul 1983  |

- 7155/10/1/4      Reports of visits by David Ennals on behalf of Ockenden. Includes meeting with the Dalai Lama in India; visit to Vietnamese refugee camps in Hong Kong; and inspection of Afghan quilt-making projects in Peshawar, Pakistan      1980s
- 5      Obituary of David Ennals from *The Guardian* newspaper      Jun 1995
- 7155/10/2/      RUTH HICKS (1900-1986), OCKENDEN FOUNDER, 1971-1991
- Ruth Hicks, a cousin of Joyce Pearce, lived with her mother and an assortment of relatives and lodgers at Beechlands, Woking. She was a founder member of Ockenden but her main role was as headmistress of Greenfield school, Woking, which she purchased in the post war years, and which was closely linked with Ockenden. The school, which under Miss Hicks's leadership taught 'giving and caring and thinking of others', took boys up to the age of 11 and girls up to 16 years. Many of the pupils were Ockenden refugee children. Beechlands later became part of Greenfield school. An unassuming woman, very few records relating to Miss Hicks appear in the collection: Margaret Dixon described her as 'a Core of Quiet in the heart of all the Bustle.'
- 1      Letter from Ruth Hicks to Joyce Pearce reporting on events at Ockenden whilst the latter was in Vietnam      Feb 1971
- 2      Letter from former Greenfield pupil who had sent condolences on the death of Ruth Hicks, and reply from Joyce Pearce advising her that Miss Hicks was 'still very much with us in the land of the living'      Jan 1985
- 3      Order of service for funeral of Ruth Hicks      26 Feb 1986
- 4      Handwritten reminiscences of Ruth Hicks and Greenfield School by Margaret Dixon      1991

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ALFRED NATHANIEL PETER WOODARD (1913-2004), 1959-1986

Alfred Nathaniel Peter Woodard (known as Peter) was the twin brother of Ockenden executive chairman, Christopher Woodard. He became involved with Ockenden in 1959 whilst organising refugee fundraising activities in Jersey. He was initially appointed as Ockenden's estates and transport manager in 1960, with responsibility for planning children's transport to and from Germany during the summer holidays and helping to resettle refugee families in the UK.

In 1964, Woodard went to India to help establish an Ockenden home for Tibetan refugees (see 7155/8/1/-). His engagement to Joyce Pearce was announced in *The Times* in 1961, but they never married. His role at Ockenden was sometimes controversial, in particular his involvement in the handling of the 'Dharwar Revolt' in 1966. (See Tibetan Homes and Schools, India, 7155/8/1/-).

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| 1 | Scrapbook entitled 'Yangzom', compiled by Peter Woodard, containing news cuttings and photographs of his work for Tibetan refugees in India and for World Refugee Year in the Channel Islands. Much of the content relates to Yangzom, a young Tibetan girl brought to England from India by Ockenden for treatment of hydrocephalus. (See also film footage of Yangzom, 7155/4/8/2). Many photographs are uncaptioned                         | 1959-1973 |
| 2 | Scrapbook entitled 'The Ockenden Venture. World Refugee Year' compiled by Peter Woodard. Contains news cuttings, photographs, greetings cards, and programmes relating to fundraising events in the Channel Islands, visits to DP camps and work of Ockenden. Includes photographs of Joyce Pearce, Sue Ryder, Leonard Cheshire, and refugee children. Back cover missing. See also film footage of Woodard's visits to DP camps, 7155/4/8/1-2 | 1959-1986 |

7155/10/3/3	Correspondence file of Peter Woodard during his first visit to Mussoorie, India, as Ockenden representative. Includes letters and telegrams mostly from Joyce Pearce, discussing Ockenden's work in Britain and in India, reporting Yangzom's medical progress, reassuring Woodard of his abilities, and examining their personal relationship. See also 7155/8/1/-.	1964
4	Correspondence from, and relating to, a Tibetan tuberculosis patient for whom Peter Woodard arranged medical treatment in India	1964-1966
5	Letters to Peter Woodard from the Sakya Trizin, head of the Sakya Order of Tibetan Buddhism, regarding Ockenden 's support for its schools in India	1964-1967
6	Letter and telegrams from Joyce Pearce and others to Peter Woodard during his visit to India to try and resolve the situation following the revolt at Dharwar. See also 7155/8/1/11-14	1966
7	Typescript draft, 'The Pied Piper comes to rest', profile of Peter Woodard, warden of Southview, by Meg Botting. Mentions photographs by Arthur Beament (not included)	1979
7155/10/4/	STAFF PAPERS AND CORRESPONDENCE, 1977-1994  Records relating to staff can also be found in the Ockenden Homes files, 7155/5/-, and the papers of Joyce Pearce, 7155/3/5/.	
1	Typescript sheets, 'The Ockenden family', with names of staff and volunteers. Details include job function, place of work and salary (where applicable). Also staff lists, 1989-1990	1977-1990
2	Brief typescript account of Ockenden by former employee, Penny Whitby	Feb 1978
3	Typescript tributes by Margaret Dixon to Ockenden accountant, Doris Browne, 1981, and to finance officer, Fred Forty, 1983	1981; 1983

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| 7155/10/4/4 | Correspondence relating to Ockenden employee Michael Riddell. Includes letters from Riddell to a colleague criticising his work and the role of Ockenden house, 1 Claremont Avenue, as a healing centre; photocopy of incomplete, unsigned, handwritten letter [?from Riddell] strongly criticising Ockenden, in particular Joyce Pearce and Keffolds. Also later correspondence concerning investigation into Riddell's conduct at Ockenden and elsewhere | 1977-1984   |
| 5           | Minutes of UK staff meeting held at Quartermaine, Haslemere  | 28 Apr 1980 |
| 6           | Text of address by Jim Thomson at thanksgiving service in memory of Ockenden development officer, Rosemary Grove,  | Jul 1988    |
| 7           | Ockenden staff newsletters. 2 vols   | 1988        |
| 8           | Notice of leaving party for Barrie Denton, and letter from Enid Denton to Margaret [?Dixon] discussing her husband's resignation from Ockenden   | 1988        |
| 9           | Typescript autobiographical accounts by Losang (Lobsang) Yeshe who, with his wife, established Ockenden employment projects in Peshawar, Pakistan. See also 7155/8/10/-  | 1989-1991   |
| 10          | File relating to case of unfair dismissal of Ockenden gardener (Anthony Armstrong), following planned sale of Keffolds estate. The case against Ockenden was not upheld at the tribunal  | 1992-1994   |
| 7155/11/    | OCKENDEN SUPPORT, 1959-1992  |             |
| 7155/11/1/  | FRIENDS OF OCKENDEN VENTURE, 1959-1992<br><br>Activities of the various Friends of Ockenden groups ranged from direct participation with refugees, through organisation of sponsorships, to fundraising events. Some groups were established with a constitution and committee, whilst other support groups were more informal.  |             |

In addition, many individuals organised fundraising activities in aid of Ockenden. See also Friends groups of individual houses, 7155/5/-, and Vietnamese support groups, 7155/7/6/-.

7155/11/1/1	Draft constitution and guidance notes for establishing a Friends of Ockenden group	1961
2	Papers relating to Annual Meeting of Friends, including meeting notes and chairman's remarks. The Annual Meeting normally took place on the same date as the Ockenden executive AGM. Incomplete	1962-1992
3	Friends news circulars	1968; 1982
4	List of Ockenden Friends and Supporters groups with brief descriptions of activities	Jan 1989

Hertfordshire Friends, 1965-1990

The Friends of Ockenden Venture in Hertfordshire was established in 1965, largely through the efforts of former Ockenden employee, Henry McLay of Hoddesdon, who became the group's Honorary Organiser. The group continued until c.1972, then reformed at a meeting on 26 October 1979 to support the Vietnamese boat people, before finally disbanding in 1988.

5	Meeting minutes, 1965-1984, and associated correspondence	1965-1990
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Sutton, Cheam and Epsom District Friends, 1968-1995

6	Committee minutes	9 Feb 1968 -13 Nov 1975
7	Committee minutes	11 Feb 1976 -21 Jan 1988
8	Papers including financial statements, meeting minutes and newsletter; also correspondence discussing uncertainty of Ockenden's future and retirement of executive director, Ailsa Moore	1991-1995

7155/11/2/	OTHER SPONSORSHIP, 1959-1990	
1	Correspondence with members of the Covent Garden Opera Group (later Royal Opera House) who sponsored East European refugees and sent general donations to Ockenden over thirty years	1959-1990
2	Ockenden sponsorship information leaflets	1987; 1990
7155/12/	LIFELINE (FORMERLY THE ADOPTION COMMITTEE FOR AID TO DISPLACED PERSONS), 1954-1970	
	The Adoption Committee for Aid to Displaced Persons (later Lifeline) was formed in 1953 to help victims of Nazi concentration camps, and displaced persons in Germany. The charity changed its name to Lifeline in 1960. For Lifeline records following merger with Ockenden, see 7155/2/4.	
1	Correspondence of Françoise Rigby with Joyce Pearce and others. Letters describe joint efforts to bring refugee children from DP camps to England	1954-1970
2	Papers of Adoption Committee for Aid to Displaced Persons (later Lifeline). Includes copy AGM and executive meeting minutes, 1959-1970 (incomplete); copy appointment deed of new trustees, 1964	1957-1970
3	Typescript news circulars, including promotional flyer for Françoise Rigby's autobiography, <i>In Defiance</i>	1960-1961
4	Newsletters. 27 vols	May 1960 -May 1970
5	Sample of correspondence between Ockenden and Lifeline regarding attempts to bring Zamurs children to England from DP camp in Germany	1963-1965
6	Correspondence relating to Lifeline's support for Tolstoy Foundation's home for elderly refugees in Berlin. Includes case notes	1964-1967

7155/13	OCKENDEN VENTURE: HISTORY AND RECOLLECTIONS, 1950s-1990s	
7155/13/1/	GENERAL HISTORIES, 1950s-1970s	
1	Typescript Ockenden histories mostly by Joyce Pearce. (Some typed at a later date)	1950s-1970s
2	Typescript booklet, 'Notes on Ockenden 1945-1963'	1963
3	Typescript draft article, 'Well it just happened...' by Margot Campbell about the beginning and spirit of Ockenden	nd [1960s]
4	Typescript article, 'The Ockenden Venture by Margaret Jermyn', subtitled 'first British serial rights' from Ockenden PR department	Feb 1971
7155/13/2/	JOYCE PEARCE BOOKLETS EDITED BY MARGARET DIXON, 1980s-1990s	
	<p>In the late 1980s, Margaret Dixon, assisted by Denise Moll, began to compile a series of 24 booklets, entitled 'Joyce Pearce by Herself' and 'Joyce Pearce by Others'. These comprised extracts from Joyce's diaries, reports and speeches, and reminiscences by former Ockenden staff members. In 1996, a condensed version of some of the booklets was published as a single book, <i>Joyce Pearce: the story of Ockenden in her own words: 1951-1985</i>.</p>	
1	Handwritten and typescript contributions to the booklets by former Ockenden staff, including Martin Bolderstone, Eithne Carney, Peg Edmondson, Ann Hugh, Dane Leadlay, and Malcolm Stewart. Also autobiographical accounts by Vietnamese refugees	1980s-1990s
2	Individual booklets. 24 vols	nd [1980sx1990s]
3	Bound volume of the booklets with inscription from Margaret Dixon to John Kelly, 'my only complete set so guard it carefully'. Some pages are loose	nd [1990s]

7155/13/3/	PAMELA WATKIN BOOK ON OCKENDEN, 1992	
	<p>With the co-operation of Ockenden (in particular, Margaret Dixon), Pamela Watkin was given access to organisation's records to write a history of Ockenden, <i>Joyce's Ockenden: the story of a vision that became a venture for refugees..</i></p>	
1	Bound manuscripts (2 versions) and promotional flyer	1992
7155/13/4/	RECORDED ORAL HISTORIES AND TRANSCRIPTS, 1998-2009	
	<p>This series comprises interviews with former Ockenden staff and refugees, conducted and recorded by Rib Davis (writer of 'The Vision' community play, staged as part of the project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund). Most have been transcribed. There are also transcripts of interviews with Margaret Dixon, made by Hilary Alder in 1998</p>	
1	<p>CD recordings of interviews with:</p> <p>Hilary Alder, Ockenden trustee;  Roy Alder, retired DHSS Ministry private secretary;  Anonymous Vietnamese couple helped by Ockenden;  Mike Atkinson, Ockenden treasurer;  James Beale, Ockenden trustee and chief executive;  Ramiza Bektic, Bosnian woman whose daughter was brought to Britain for medical treatment by Ockenden;  Maggie Cade, Ockenden administrator at the Corner House, Birmingham;  Alexia Coke, Ockenden sponsor;  Jenny Dang, Cambodian refugee helped by Ockenden;  Enid Denton, Ockenden employee;  Vicki Donnelly, Ockenden sponsor;  Thuy Duong, Vietnamese refugee helped by Ockenden;  Janet Faller, Ockenden employee;  Sarte Janovskis, one of 'first five girls' helped by Ockenden;  Margaret Kemp, Ockenden employee;</p>	2005-2009

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Christina Lawson, Mitcham County Girls' School student who attended Ockenden sixth form conferences;  
 Josef Lobodzic, DP camp refugee helped by Ockenden;  
 Chi Hung Mach, Vietnamese refugee helped by Ockenden;  
 Denise Moll, secretary to Joyce Pearce;  
 Ailsa Moore, Ockenden executive director;  
 Pat Naylor, physiotherapist who cared for disabled Vietnamese refugee brought to Britain on the 1971 airlift;  
 Dace Pavasars, one of 'first five girls' helped by Ockenden;  
 Jane Pearce, retired local journalist;  
 Luy Pham, Vietnamese refugee;  
 Mike Salisbury, Ockenden sponsor and Woking Friends committee member;  
 Malcolm and Nora Stewart, Ockenden employees;  
 Barry Wild, husband of Krista Wild;  
 Krista Wild, DP camp refugee helped by Ockenden;  
 Yangchhen Yeshi, Tibetan refugee and Ockenden employee;  
 Gwen Young, Ockenden sponsor;  
 Jan Zoltonos, Polish DP camp refugee helped by Ockenden.

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Typescripts of interviews with:

1998-2009

Hilary Alder, 2009;  
 Roy Alder, 2009;  
 Anonymous Vietnamese couple, 2008;  
 Mike Atkinson, 2009;  
 James Beale, 2009;  
 Ramiza Bektic, 2009;  
 Maggie Cade, 2009;  
 Alexia Coke, 2008;  
 Jenny Dang, 2009;  
 Enid Denton, 2009;  
 Margaret Dixon, 1998;  
 Thuy Duong, 2009;  
 Janet Faller, 2008;  
 Sarte Janovskis, 2008;  
 Margaret Kemp, 2008;  
 Josef Lobodzic, 2009;  
 Chi Hung Mach, 2009;  
 Denise Moll, 2008-2009;

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Ailsa Moore, 2005-2008;  
 Dace Pavasars, 2008;  
 Luy Pham, 2009;  
 Mark Salisbury, 2009;  
 Malcolm and Nora Stewart, 2008;  
 Barry Wild, 2008;  
 Krista Wild, 2008;  
 Yangchhen Yeshi, 2008;  
 Gwendoyne Young, 2009;  
 Jan Zoltonos, 2009.

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JOYCE PEARCE, OBE, (1915-1985),  
 PRIVATE PAPERS, 1911-1985

Dorothy Joyce Quartermaine Pearce was born at 48 Chertsey Road, Woking, on 23 November 1915. She was the only child of Albert Victor (Vic) Pearce and Mabel (Mary), née Quartermaine. She attended Woking County School for Girls, and read history at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. After obtaining an Oxford education diploma, she took temporary teaching posts in Reigate, Chichester and Launceston, before accepting the position of senior history mistress at Mitcham County Girls' School.

As Joyce Pearce's life was so intrinsically linked with Ockenden, it is difficult to separate her business and personal papers. The personal diaries in this series contain entries relating to both personal and work matters. Other diaries relating specifically to work matters – for example, overseas visits on behalf of Ockenden - are found in 7155/3/5/-.

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Black and white photograph with inscription on back, 'Joyce's mother and father on their Wedding Day (about 1914)' [actually 1911]

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- 7155/14/2 Handwritten account by Freda Abbott of her service as driver with the Russian Red Cross in Lemnos. Includes typescript transcript and note on envelope that Freda Abbott was Marian Quartermaine's aunt (a relative of Joyce Pearce). In her account, Miss Abbott remarks, 'I wonder why some people expect gratitude from refugees? When all is said & done, what on earth have they to be grateful for?' 1920
- 3 Woking County School for Girls record book of sixth form meetings, 1929-1931. (Later label on cover: 'Joyce Pearce Headgirl at Woking Grammar School Form Meetings', but her name does not appear in the book). Also speech day programme and school record, 1936-1937, in which 'Old Girls' Successes' mentions Joyce Pearce obtaining BA Hons in Modern History and SCC Scholarship for Teachers' Training Course at Oxford University 1929-1937
- 4 Sketch book with illustrations of places and pets, self-portraits, and contributions by others 1930s-1940s
- 5 Album of Joyce Pearce's photographs, drawings, correspondence and ephemera [?collated by Margaret Dixon]. Includes signed letters from C S Lewis: one, in response to her views on good and evil, states, 'Go up to the top of the class! You seem to have evolved the answer of the best theologians on your own; and I agree with it', 1943; also handwritten note from Winston Churchill thanking her for her 'very kind token of good luck on my birthday', 1955 1930s-1980s
- 6 Letter concerning Norwegian girl, Anna Noack, from her mother, thanking Joyce Pearce for inviting Anna back to England and expressing concern over her daughter's health. [According to Pamela Watkin, in *Joyce's Ockenden*, Anna helped with the Festival of Britain holiday group at Ockenden. On her return to Norway, she fell ill but was supposedly cured through faith healing recommended by Dr Christopher Woodard] Aug 1950

7155/14/7	Photograph album entitled, 'Early Days. Joyce's Archive Photos for the Little House'. Subjects include Festival of Britain holiday group, visit of the Queen Mother to Woking, 'first five' girls, and other Ockenden children	1951-1963
8	Handwritten draft letter (with typed transcript) to 'Scribbler for Sue' concerning biography of Sue [Ryder]. Discusses her relationship with Sue Ryder and her reasons for keeping Ockenden out of the book. [Possibly refers to A J Forrest's <i>But Some There Be</i> ]	nd [?1957]
9	Correspondence with Peter Woodard. Includes handwritten drafts discussing their personal relationship and his role with Ockenden; photograph of Joyce Pearce and Peter Woodard at St Mark's Square, Venice; seating list of 'Luncheon for Men of Distinction', Savoy Hotel, London, Jul 1964, at which Joyce Pearce and Peter Woodard were guests	1959-1965
10	MBE and OBE certificates	1964; 1982
11	Diary, containing brief entries recording engagements and contact details. Includes transcripts of letters and prayers at back. Also typed transcript of later Jan 1975 entries (not in diary)	Dec 1973 -Jan 1975
12	Typescript extract 'From handwriting in an exercise book'. Most likely addressed to Christopher Woodard, Joyce Pearce reflects on her time at university, her vision for Ockenden, and Woodard's influence and achievements. Also discusses current situation at Ockenden with comments on individual staff	c.1975
13	Diary with intermittent entries. Topics include death of Mrs Pearce; assisting group of Goan refugees from Malawi who had arrived at Gatwick, and subsequent media attention; and references to the 'Christopher [Woodard] situation'	1976
14	Correspondence relating to court summons following killing of poultry by one of Joyce Pearce's dogs	1977

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| 7155/14/15 | Joyce Pearce 'This is Your Life' red book, signed by Eamonn Andrews', with captioned stills from the programme, copy of script and associated correspondence   | Apr 1979    |
| 16         | Obituary of Cecil Jackson-Cole, founding member of Oxfam, written by Joyce Pearce for the <i>Burrswood Herald</i>  | Oct 1979    |
| 17         | Handwritten letter drafts (some incomplete) to Peter and Christopher [Woodard] examining the complexities of her feelings for them, and their roles at Ockenden. Also letter to Oliver [?Atkins] asking his advice regarding Ockenden's future and her relationship with the Woodard brothers  | 1970s-1980s |
| 18         | Diary, including account of trips to California, Moscow and Geneva; also references to interview by Brian Johnson for 'Down Your Way' radio series   | 1983        |
| 19         | Copy of personal letter to Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Development and personal friend, expressing her concerns over government policy regarding refugees and nuclear armament. She stresses that Ockenden is a totally non-political organisation but 'I myself have always been more committed to the right rather than the left!' | May 1983    |
| 20         | Copy of <i>The Canadian C S Lewis Journal</i> , Summer 1985, with article about letter from C S Lewis to Joyce Pearce [see 7155/14/5], a copy of which was sent to the editor, Stephen Schofield, by his daughter who worked for Ockenden  | 1985        |
| 7155/15/   | <p>MARGARET DIXON (1907-2001),<br/>PRIVATE PAPERS, 1929-1992</p> <p>Margaret Dixon's diaries and reminiscences offer a candid and acerbic insight into her life at Ockenden. See also her Ockenden papers and correspondence, 7155/3/7/-.</p>  |             |

7155/15/1	Personal papers including letter confirming award of teacher training certificate, 1929; employer and character references; letters from Margaret Dixon and her mother to Joyce Pearce	1929-1954
2	Handwritten account of trip to Paris with Joyce Pearce	nd [?1950]
3	Mitcham County School for Girls magazines. Contain articles by Margaret Dixon and relating to her departure from the school. 2 vols	1955; 1959
4	Album commenced in the 1980s with personal reminiscences and containing earlier photographs, news cuttings and ephemera relating mainly to Ockenden people and houses	1957-1992
5	Contents of box labelled 'Margaret Dixon private', comprising correspondence and photographs sent during her time at Donington Hall and The Abbey, Sutton Courtenay. Correspondents include Sarte (Erenpreiss), Lala (Cichon) and Michael Richey (executive secretary of Institute of Navigation who volunteered at Donington Hall). Also uncaptioned photographs of a wedding party	1950s-1960s
6	Album entitled, 'Guest Book. "Quartermaine House" Haslemere. On the occasion of the reunion of the old "Ockendogs" on April 4, 1979, from the original "Ockendogs"'. Contains photographs, news cuttings, and reminiscences of Ockenden people and places, tributes to Ruth Hicks and 'Ceslaw', and postcards from Eric [Jones]. Also includes progress notes on Vietnamese boy, sponsored by Margaret Dixon	1960s-1980s
7	Album entitled 'A Common Place Book' and inscribed 'For Margaret from Eric -'83'. Contains a selection of literary quotations, poetry, religious texts, obituaries, photographs news cuttings, contributions from friends, and sketches of cats, with annotations by Margaret Dixon	1983-1999

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| 7155/15/8 | Copies of will. 2 versions: 12 May 1988 and 17 Sep 1990  | 1988; 1990   |
| 9         | Handwritten transcript of early life reminiscences (incomplete)  | nd [?1980s]  |
| 10        | Diary discussing various topics, including her will and arrangements for her funeral; Ailsa Moore's departure as Ockenden executive director; sale of Ockenden properties; selection of new chief executive; deaths of colleagues; work on a book about Joyce Pearce; and destruction of some of Joyce's letters and diaries | 1995         |
| 11        | Diary entries in sketchbook, describing daily routine: her infirmity, meals taken, and visits from colleagues and friends  | May-Jul 1997 |

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