

Memories of Fr. John Hodson C.Ss.R

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Fr. John Hodson who died in Bishop Eton in 1990.

As a much younger man during the war, John was in Liverpool, in Bishop Eton, and he would help the cook there if shopping were needed. It was during the war and John got very much involved in the black market in down town Liverpool. So much so that for his own safety he had to be moved to a community away from Liverpool - he went to Perth.

He did a lot of maintenance work in Perth on the building. He would be cleaning windows, and painting windows on the top floor with a rope around his middle, a rope that he thought was tied to the central heating radiator inside the room. But on more than one occasion was found to be just lying on the floor.

John spent quite a number of years in Hawkstone assisting Brother Sebastian on the farm, and I suppose it was more in his time at Hawkstone than elsewhere that John became known well, for having discussions with himself. He would talk to himself out loud using two different tones of voice, as if it was someone else another confrere and John who were having the discussion.

But he was noted, whatever he did, whether it was working on the farm in Hawkstone, or after that the last job that he had was sacristan at Bishop Eton, he always gave of his best doing jobs, whatever he was asked to do. And He died when he suffered from cancer for some time being in hospital for treatment. He died at Bishop Eton and is buried there.