

MESSENGER

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Overlooked highlights of 2001

At least four times as much copy arrives for publication as there is room for in this little eight-page paper. As each year comes to an end heaps of news material is consigned to the file marked 'the past'. We shall commemorate this new year by sharing some of the overlooked highlights of 2001. . . .



Top right: A hundred and four children went to Leamington Spa's Holiday Bible School back in August.

Top left: Preston Pathfinders brought life – and drama! – to their church and community in September.

Left: Teenagers from the South West packed the home of Ron and Ruth Clemow for a weekend of fun, fellowship and spiritual uplift in October.

Above: Back in June, Sisters Ingram and Krzanicka of the Nottingham Central church were given special awards for their voluntary work by the Lord Mayor of Nottingham.

May God guide and bless us in 2002!



John Surridge and Raafat Kamal outside the All Saints Pastoral Centre.

Adventist delegates attend Christian Aid Annual General Meeting

On 20 November ADRA-UK director Raafat Kamal and BUC Communication director John Surridge attended the Annual General Meeting of Christian Aid, held this year in the Tower Room of the All Saints Pastoral Centre in London Colney, Hertfordshire. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is one of forty sponsoring Church organisations for Christian Aid and many Church members collect for Christian Aid on an annual basis.

Recently ADRA-UK has had talks with Christian Aid over a joint water provision project in Afghanistan, and a few weeks ago Raafat Kamal met Dr Daleep Mukarji, director of Christian Aid, at a meeting in the House of Lords.

As well as receiving the Annual Report and an update on Christian Aid's four-year strategic plan, delegates at the AGM heard about a new campaign

entitled 'Trade for Life'. This new campaign will build on the tremendous success of Christian Aid's campaign to reduce Third World debt, which was responsible at least in part for reducing the total debt of some twenty-three countries by 100 billion dollars. The aim of the 'Trade for Life' campaign is to provide fair trade opportunities for poor people, and to raise considerably more money through changing market rules than was raised by the debt reduction campaign.

Commenting after the meeting Raafat Kamal said, 'Although ADRA-UK is a completely separate charity from Christian Aid, we do appreciate the work they do and are happy to work with them in many situations.'

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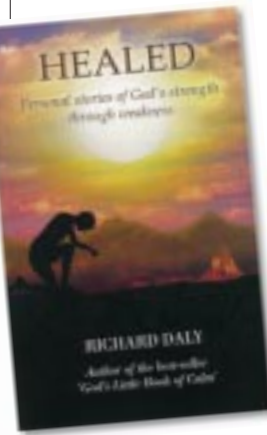
Paternoster publishes Adventist author

Gloucester pastor Richard Daly has enjoyed another publishing success. Following his *Little Book of Calm* and *Little Book of Bible Promises* (both published with Harper Collins), he published his *Little Book of Bible Promises for Children* with The Stanborough Press.

Pastor Daly's latest publishing venture (with Paternoster) is much more ambitious. It is a 176-page paperback titled *Healed: Personal stories of God's strength through weakness*. It is available through the Adventist Book Centre and is priced at £5.95. Order direct, on (01476) 539900, or through your PM secretary.

In days of conflict, gloom and tension it is good to read stories of God's healing intervention in the lives of His people.

EDITOR



Healthwise

A storm in a teacup?

Richard J. B. Willis, BUC Health Ministries director

When I wrote the article 'Microwaves' in *Family Life* over a decade ago most people were concerned with the safety aspects of their microwave ovens. Time has shown that microwave ovens are not the radiation hazard that people thought they might be. In fact there is more personal radiation risk from television sets, radon gas, and watches with luminous paint numerals!

Concerns have shifted from safety to other possible health hazards associated with microwave cooking. People want to know whether or not the nutritional quality of food is changed and, if changes do occur to food as a result of microwaving, what effect this might have on the health of the human body.

There are no clear answers to these questions. Consumer organisations around the world say that microwaved food is safe in all respects. Popular, as opposed to scientific, medical literature cites studies con-

ducted by Swiss food scientist Dr Hans Hertel, whose written report on denatured food was gagged by the industry that he worked for. He concluded that microwave cooking had an adverse effect on health by changing haemoglobin and cholesterol values and that white blood cells (lymphocytes) were decreased after eating microwaved food.

While some people would avoid microwaved food on the basis that questions have been raised concerning health effects, it should be viewed in perspective. Hertel's studies were conducted using only eight people of varying ages and having a particular dietary regime. His results were not open to peer review by other clinical and nutritional scientists or his experiment repeated. If eighty or eight hundred people had been part of the investigation there might be validity to his results and these would have been open to peer interpretation. No other

study has systematically looked at the health effects of microwave cooking since Hertel's mini-study in the mid-1980s. Hardly enough, one would think, to condemn a whole industry!

All forms of cooking have some effect on food quality and taste, as indeed do the ways that foods are harvested and stored. Consumer organisations report that even fragile vitamins in food remain intact if microwaved. Their only concern is that some foods microwaved in some ovens may be unevenly heated thus contributing to food poisoning, and even this risk is small and overcome by better design. Concerns about microwaves may yet be a storm in a teacup. Only further studies will tell.



Peace and Mission

The twenty-first century began as the age of foreboding. In the year 2000 there was the fear of the unknown. Would the Y2K bug crash computers and bring down planes from the sky?

2001 opened up more hopefully – for the financial markets and the politicians. Come 11 September hope was dashed as military and economic centres of the United States were hit by terrorist actions. The reverberations and implications of those events have been felt around the world. They have had a negative impact on the world's economy, private business, tourism and air travel.

Michael Burleigh of *The Times*, commenting on the atrocities in the United States, said 'The world has been turned upside down.' He went on to say that America had enjoyed a decade of certainty and unprecedented consumer boom and that it had abruptly given way to what historians would call an 'Age of Anxiety'. The chilling happenings of that late summer's day left many numb, confused and bewildered as to how this could happen in a civilised society. What took place that day was violently evil and diabolical. One woman was heard to say on the day of the atrocities, 'This is World War III.' She went on to say, 'Nostradamus predicted it.' In a time of crisis people tend to seek after prognosticators and prophets. The Nostradamus website, which has 4,000 hits a month, registered 140,000 hits in one week immediately after the disaster.

Church attendance increased from the following weekend. Nostradamus was no biblical prophet; a false seer he might have been. He is said to have predicted that the world would come to an end in 1999. However, Christians, following Scripture, know 'that we have a more sure word of prophecy'. Peter said, 'We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.' (2 Peter 1:16, NIV.)

The response of the coalition of nations against terrorism has been unequivocal and bloody. The tragedies of Afghanistan tell a story of punishment and revenge. As a Church we oppose violence but acknowledge its inevitability. We sympathise and empathise with the loss of innocent lives, whether in peacetime or in war, in the home or on the streets. Will the current war solve the problem of terrorism or banish fear? Jesus Christ gave us the answer 2000 years ago when He spoke of the signs of the end of the age: 'There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with power and great glory.' (Luke 21:25-27, NIV.)

While the world is panicking with fear, the Church can rest with calm assurance that the Prince of Peace is near. This promise was given by the angels at the first Advent: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favour rests.' (Luke 2:14, NIV.) The words of Jesus Christ to His apostles and followers were: 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.' (John 14:27, NIV.) We can claim these promises that in Jesus alone there is permanent peace.

In this hope we can face the New Year with confidence. There may be those of us who still have great concerns for the future and its security for ourselves, our families and the Church. We need not cultivate this fear, says E. G. White: 'We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.' *Life Sketches*, page 196.

Speaking on the topic of faith and prayer, she said, 'Only the sense of God's presence can banish the fear that, for the timid child, would make life a burden.' *Education*, page 255.

Seventh-day Adventists have an understanding of end-time events which should drive them into a commitment with God to save souls. They should not allow themselves to be paralysed into impotence by the events surrounding them. The fragmentation of society and its wickedness should not surprise them.

Life Development – a new start in 2002

The salvation of souls must be our concern and passion. We must give each person an opportunity to encounter the redeeming power of Jesus Christ. The battle in which we are engaged is the Lord's. This is the reason why your Union is inviting you to be a part of the Life Development venture in 2002. It is not business as usual but unusual business which must change the way we go about doing evangelism.

This type of witnessing is a venture of faith designed to engage the whole church in the Union, and far afield, in Christian witness. Our members must be at the heart of the business.

We need to have a church which is interactive, participatory and proactive in this twenty-first century. The Life Development venture is more than an evangelistic programme. It is a dynamic vision which finds its fulfilment in offering others fullness of life in Christ.

The objective of this strategy is to reach the secular mind and revitalise dying churches by providing a mixed menu of different evangelistic approaches. It is our hope that all departments of the church will be united together in making this concept work.

We should like to begin the New Year by re-emphasising our mission and priority. Exciting times are ahead for the Church if we follow God's formula for success. We will face challenges but have been promised the resources of heaven: 'And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' 'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' (Matthew 28:20; Acts 1:8, NIV.)

My message for the New Year is that as a people we seek to grow together in a closer relationship with God to accomplish the task before us. Let us employ the tools of Bible study, prayer, genuine friendship and love to be the contagious Christians we should be. Surrounding every member of this Church is an atmosphere which can embrace a soul for God's kingdom or for the kingdom of the world.

Outside the Church there are forces trying to distract the gaze of God's people from the prize of the high calling. Let us keep our gaze on the Lamb of God. Within the Church there are also detractors who can be found belittling our message on the Internet, producing controversial literature and tapes – but we must keep our eyes on Jesus. Let us not chase the devil's rabbits but go after the sheep bleating in the wilderness. Start the New Year in search of that one friend you must lead to Christ. What better way could one dedicate one's energies in preparing others for the coming Saviour? Search the household for the lost coin, the lost sheep and the lost son. Love and pray them back to God. May 2002 see a renewal in our commitment to Christ and to the mission of the Church.

*Pastor Perry is president of the British Union Conference.



(Left to right) Mr W. Riley, Pastor R. Morgan and Mr R. Angel.

Sterling soul-winners

On Saturday evening 17 November two laypersons were recognised and affirmed for their sterling contribution to the evangelistic work of the North England Conference. Nottingham Central church hosted the presentation ceremony.

Brother W. Riley, Personal Ministries leader of the newly-formed Breath of Life church, has been used by God to influence the baptism of six people, and is at present giving seven Bible studies. Brother R. Angel, Personal Ministries leader of the Worcester church, led his church to collect nearly ten times their Ingathering goal in 2001!

This presentation ceremony was part of the NEC Personal Ministries Celebration Weekend, 16-18 November, held at Upper Broughton, Leicestershire, and Nottingham Central church. It combined training and celebration, and was part of an attempt to bring together all the North England Conference Personal Ministries leaders.

Pastor E. B. Price from Australia,

seasoned soul-winner, especially of Jehovah's Witnesses (between 200 and 300), was the main speaker. To a packed Nottingham Central church he presented the second coming of Jesus in a powerful and enthralling way. Using spectacular powerpoint slides, he described the return of Jesus through the nebula of Orion, and he also convincingly demonstrated the text: 'Every eye shall see Him' (Revelation 1:7). His rationale was 'Rekindling the Flames for the Lost' – the theme for the weekend.

Other presenters included Pastor P. Sayers, with his 'Ready, Steady, Go' approach; Warwick and Audrine Bryan speaking on how to win Muslims; and Rosemary Lethbridge, from Wales, with her animated presentation on her remarkable experience with small groups.

Thirty-six people from the PM department attended this celebration and training weekend. Next year, 15-17 November, a similar event will be staged. It is anticipated that every PM leader will attend.

PASTOR ROY MORGAN, NEC Personal Ministries director

Mayor at Nursery Anniversary!

Edmonton church has been running a successful nursery for ten years. On 21 July the anniversary was celebrated. The current playgroup workers, Mrs F. McKenzie-Cook and Mrs Chrissie Napier, have been running the nursery for seven of its ten years. Each year the children who leave to go to school have a special graduation service in the church – complete with gowns! This year the anniversary and graduation took place together. Those present included the Mayor and Mayoress.

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Thanksgiving at Tottenham

Sabbath 22 September was a day of thanksgiving for the Tottenham West Green Road congregation. It saw the return of one of our elders, Steve Hudson, who had been critically ill for three months. The church was packed with members, relatives, friends, visitors and work colleagues who came to praise God for answering our prayers. Brother Hudson had been anointed. Sister Una Hudson refused to accept a negative diagnosis and had requested a second operation. On the day after being anointed, Brother Hudson was restored to health. During the special day of thanksgiving, as proof of his recovery, he gave the sermon!

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Vivien's baptism

On Sabbath 29 September, 12-year-old Vivien Gallows declared her love for Jesus through baptism. Witnessing



Newly-baptised candidates with evangelist Carlos Ming left, back row, first person, immediately above Pastor S. Thomas.

Lives changed in Life Change series

As a result of the 11 September attack our speaker, Errol Stoddart, was unable to come to conduct our Life Change campaign. Consequently, Carlos Ming of Jamaica spoke in the Bridge Park Complex, NW10, during our three-week campaign. At the conclusion – 20 October – twenty-seven candidates were baptised. Nightly attendance exceeded all expectations. One lady travelled 150 miles to be part of the baptismal class. District pastors are conducting follow-up studies at both the Bridge Park Complex and the North Wembley Community church.

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this joyous event were her mother Obieda, sister Stephanie and church members.

Vivien and her family, who hail from Colombia, have been worshipping with us for some time now. Her mother was baptised at the Advent Centre.

The immersion was performed by our minister Dr Richard De Lissler, who told Vivien to stand up for Christ.

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Accommodation available for a single female Adventist student in the Birmingham area (close to Aston University). Contact Pastor Cyril Sweeney at the North England Conference on (0115) 9606312.



From the house to the hall

On 6 October the Burton church hosted a Visitors' Day. On any other Sabbath Burton would hold its services in the home of one of its members. Though small in number, the membership wants to play a part in spreading the good news of salvation. A hall was hired and the Macedonia call was extended to various friends of the Burton church to 'come over and help us'. The members contributed to the worship by sharing their talents. Special note was taken of Sister Watson's testimony, Sister Marlene's meditational and Natasha's story-time. Our day was greatly enhanced by the participation of guests such as Brother D. Reid, who brought our sermon of the day, the musical group from Birmingham, The Waves, Harper Bell Adventist School Drama Group and the Fellowship choir from Wolverhampton. We were especially honoured by the presence and contribution of Pastor S. Palmer, Youth director of NEC.

Dr P. A. Herbert, along with the Burton members, was pleased with the number of local visitors who attended.

P. SWABY

MARLENE MAHIL

Different but one in Jesus

Sabbath 29 September was the day that Bristol Central celebrated and recognised the seventeen different nationalities within our family. Over the recent past, our church has been blessed with a diverse membership.

Those who had national costume wore it. We savoured the delights of food from around the world and listened intently as people sang and prayed in their native tongues. In the afternoon, people sang songs in their native languages, gave testimonies, told stories of the history of Adventism in their country and showed slides of their home churches.

In his sermon, our South African pastor said, 'We are all different, but are one in Jesus Christ.'

LISA SABADIN



Torquay at 60

The Torquay church celebrated its 60th anniversary on 27 October, and it was wonderful to see old friends turn up on the day. After a fellowship lunch they looked at the rogues' gallery display and browsed through the books of photocopied newspaper clippings and photos from years gone by. The 'Down Memory Lane' programme followed which included memories of events in earlier years, and duets from the past by Margaret Shipton (née Hearne) and Stella Jeffery. Talks were interspersed with choruses from the *Gospel Melodies* and hymns from even earlier hymn-books.

Grace Bainbridge spoke of the year 1941 when her husband, who was minister in Exeter, built the baptistry and the church was first dedicated. Nancy Campion told of how she was baptised by Pastor Mustard in 1942 – and immediately became treasurer for the next ten years, often

having to push the church collection of old pennies to the bank in a child's pushchair. Harold Spear spoke of the good times when the young people would go out selling magazines and books on the back of his motorbike.

Christine Leonard (née Beddall) added to the happy memories of those days. Ruth Arthur (née Campion) spoke of what it was like growing up in the Torquay church and how she appreciated the hard work of Miss Valence in Sabbath school, and Mr Reg Hearne who spent hours preparing interesting and stimulating programmes and events for the young people. Seven of those young people became teachers and quite a number went abroad to work for God. Dorothy Taylor (née Hearne) is convinced that church trained her to be a teacher, inspired her to be a missionary and confirmed her Adventist faith.

JEN READ

Owens family baptism

Jane and Mark Owens have been attending church at Newbold for several years, but Sabbath 6 October was a very memorable day – and such an important one that the Winchester Adventists closed their doors and came to Newbold. The occasion was the baptism of Jane and Mark.

Mark is a fifth-generation Adventist, originally from Leeds. He moved to Basingstoke in 1992 and it was there that he met Jane, who comes from the town. Jane says that it was Mark's mother, Ruth, who introduced her to Adventist teachings. After their marriage, Jane and Mark attended the Winchester church, but when their son Joshua was a year old they began bringing him to Newbold church – for company with other children. Joshua is now 5. Eliesha (20 months) attends Sabbath school and church at Newbold too. So they were both there on 6 October to see their parents make that vital commitment to Christ in the baptismal service.

Jane, who is 28, had studied the Bible with Pastor Terry Messenger, so it was appropriate that he should be the pastor to baptise her – and to give the sermon. Jane confesses that for two or three years she had been thinking about baptism, but had felt that her life 'didn't seem right' and baptism appeared out of place, somehow. It was Dr Clemency Mitchell who prompted her to make the happy decision, by pointing out that baptism is not a sign of having become perfect but a signal of beginning, of starting on a new path in life. And, once Jane had decided to take that step, Mark made his decision too. As a baby, he had been dedicated in Leeds by Pastor Denys Baildam, so it was a great joy for both Mark and Pastor Baildam, that they could be together again, as pastor and baptismal candidate, at Newbold, thirty-three years later.

MARGARET WHIDDEN



Bedford 'Bible Speaks' campaign

Evangelist Osmond Baptiste of Florida was speaker at Bedford Central's three-week 'Bible Speaks' campaign. The 11 September attack meant that he could not fly out until 19 September. Our pastor, Colin Stewart, filled in until his arrival. Excellent attendances, including many people from other churches, provided several interests for Bible worker Margaret Stewart to follow up. Many recommitted their lives to Christ during the campaign. The baptism of Michela Wilson was conducted in the Mount Zion Pentecostal church. Follow-up meetings – on the theme of Bible prophecy – are being conducted on Sunday evenings.

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Magdalen Sacranie Physiotherapist at Roundelwood

by Pastor G. Martin Bell

Magdalen was first introduced to the Adventist Church when she was posted by the Voluntary Service Overseas to a leprosy project based at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Blantyre, Malawi, in December 1968. Sponsored by Oxfam, she was the only physiotherapist involved in the project, and covered a 10,000-square-mile area with approximately 50,000 patients identified with leprosy. Most of these were treated as outpatients as far as possible, where they were regularly checked at rural clinics, but surgical cases were taken back to the 36-bed unit at Blantyre. Travelling with Dr Ray

Foster, a flying doctor orthopaedic surgeon, Magdalen often visited Adventist-run leprosy hospitals. Furthering her career in the 1970s, Magdalen worked for the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society, covering the north-east section of Winnipeg, and the north-east section of Manitoba Province, sometimes flying up to the Hudson Bay area where polar bears rattled dustbins at night. Having raised a family of four talented children, Magdalen attended a refresher course at the Grantham Hospital in Lincolnshire and, in 1989, moved to Scotland just across the road from Roundelwood. That's how she came to associate with the Adventist church again, and for the past twelve years has served as a

physiotherapist at Roundelwood. Her skills with leprosy are not needed so much here, but the wonderful treatments, advice and help that she gives to hundreds of people every year attending Roundelwood for arthritis and rheumatism pain and disability, has been appreciated beyond measure.

Magdalen says about working at Roundelwood, 'So many people over the years have told me that they thought that a place like Roundelwood only existed in their dreams – a place where they could really relax and rest and be looked after by a caring team

of people dedicated to meeting their individual needs. I can only say that after twelve years I still feel grateful and privileged to be a member of that team and humbled by the guests who come to Roundelwood looking for help with their life's problems.'

The physiotherapy department at Roundelwood also treats conditions such as MS, ME, Myasthenia Gravis, back pain, sciatic pain, victims of stroke and heart disease, injuries, and many other painful and disabling conditions.

Adventist singers on Radio Kent

BBC Radio Kent recently highlighted the songwriting talents of people in Kent. As part of that initiative, they invited Claris Lombart, an Adventist songwriter and composer, to the BBC studios in Tunbridge Wells for a thirty-minute live interview. Claris responded positively to questions, sang three of his own compositions – two in English and one in French. Following that first visit in April, the BBC invited him to go in for another live interview and to perform more songs. Claris told the BBC show host that he would bring along another singer to perform live some well-known Gospel songs. Ray Larose of Harrow church, a well-loved Adventist singer with a golden voice, sang with Claris on Friday 23 November at 11.15am.

DR CLAUDE LOMBART, Pastor of Harrow and Hope Community church

Golden Duo

'Blessing for golden duo' was the local newspaper heading for Rollin and Gladys Spence who celebrated fifty years of marriage this year. The couple, whose anniversary date was 11 November, held the celebration in August to accommodate relatives from America and Canada who were visiting England during the summer. The event was planned by family and relatives here and abroad to show their love and appreciation for a great couple.

Brother and Sister Spence are longstanding and well-loved members of the Huddersfield church. It was a very special occasion for the members as they joined with the family for this event.

Pastors I. Sweeney, D. Rafferty and T. Thomas officiated at the marriage celebration and renewal of vows service. This was followed by a reception for over 200 people at the Hudawi Cultural Centre, where many good wishes for the future were given and fond memories recalled.

The couple were married at the Adventist church in Hanover, Jamaica, in 1951. Brother Spence, a farmer, came to England in 1960 and was followed four years later by his wife Gladys. They have seven children (one of them deceased), nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

CHRISTINE MOSES



105 – Going strong

Annie Stoodley, a member of the Trealaw company, celebrated her 105th birthday on 18 October. In the year Annie May Stoodley first saw the light of day, Queen Victoria still had five years left on the throne. In 1896 Annie was born in Merriott, Somerset, the seventh of eight children, to parents engaged in farming. At 13 she went to work in a glove factory, where she earned four shillings and sixpence (approximately 22p) a week, giving her mother the four shillings and keeping just sixpence for herself. She met her future husband Frank Stoodley when he came to visit his grandmother in Somerset. They married in 1920 and moved to Trealaw. The couple had five children, two of whom are living still, Eunice and Pearl. Annie lived with her daughter Eunice and son-in-law David Jones until early 2001 when she moved to a nursing home. She has nine grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

'I joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1953 in a campaign by Pastor Amos Cooper, and attended church until my 100th birthday.' Mrs Stoodley now has six birthday telegrams from the Queen, and is one of the oldest people living in the country. However, she still has a few years to go to catch up with the oldest living woman in Britain. Amy Louise Hulme, aged 114, was born on 5 October 1887, at Bury, in Lancashire. We wish Annie Stoodley God's richest blessings as she embarks on another year of her life.

PASTOR R. L. VINE, Trealaw minister



Pastor Bernard Kinman – d. 10 October



much practical experience of the impact of alcohol, tobacco and drugs on the individual and their cumulative effects on populations.

When mourners representing all the facets of his life's journey came to the Stanborough Park church at noon on 19 October for his memorial service, Bernard's long and distinguished career had come 'full circle'. To this very location – Stanborough College – the youthful Bernard had come in 1929 to take the ministerial course. His earliest youth had been overshadowed by the tragedy of losing his mother when just a few days old. Both he and older sister Violet 'endured hardness' when left, in their most impressionable years, to the care of relatives in East Anglia. Was this background the source of his deeply ingrained empathy with children? Although he never knew his birth-mother he was to experience the tenderness of family life when his father remarried and Bernard became 'big brother' first to Joyce and then to Humphrey, a role which would also characterise his ministry to many young people.

College days at Watford and Newbold Revel were enlivened by a host of lifelong friends and enhanced by the presence of Agnes Russell, a popular faculty member who, it is alleged, 'failed to teach him French but married him instead'. Since he had left school aged fourteen, Bernard had much 'catching up' to do, but he duly graduated from Newbold in 1936 and began his first fifteen years of ministry in North England cities. Nottingham, Newcastle, Carlisle and Leeds districts were strengthened, as much by his sensitive sermons and pastoral care, as by the vigour and outreach of his evangelistic campaigns.

With feet planted on solid earth, Bernard was nevertheless a dreamer of dreams. A vision he shared with a group of lay members in Leeds, including Dr John and Joan Shone, and Gordon and Gwen Clew, was the establishment of a church school in Leeds. In fact he had negotiated the purchase of a spacious Victorian villa in Headingley to house the project when, in 1951, he was called to Edinburgh and others saw his dream fulfilled in the Laurieston School. Nevertheless he kept on dreaming.

Enchanted by the Master's method of seeking first the health and healing of the

multitude, Bernard sought liaison with physicians who shared his spiritual goal. His Scottish decade was illuminated by his effective partnership with the ageing but still vibrant Dr Gertrude Brown of Crieff, whose health talks made a natural opening for Kinman's sensitive Gospel presentations in Edinburgh city centre. A similar fruitful result was seen when Dr Brown joined forces with Pastor Ian McGougan's Sunday series in The McLellan Galleries in Glasgow's Sauchiehall Street.

In 1960 Bernard was called to the departments of Health, Education, Temperance and Youth in the British Union. In the years following this appointment, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Britain, on account of its health and temperance programmes, received more positive coverage in the public media than at any time before or since! At the invitation of Pastor Kenneth Elias, then Welsh Mission president, Bernard had presented in collaboration with Hungarian physician Dr Mera the first 5-day Plan to Stop Smoking in the British Isles. Held in Cardiff in May 1963, it was an unqualified success and was followed in the autumn by another in Belfast with Dr J. Houston. The third clinic, held in St Albans City Hall in the November, saw Bernard partnered by Dr Bernard Richardson, his longtime friend from Newbold days. Thanks to the enthusiastic endorsement of Dr George Cust, the Medical Officer of Health for Hertfordshire who recommended the programme to his colleagues countrywide, the undoubted success of this third presentation heralded a spate of requests from many local Health departments.

For several years, the majority of the 5-day Plan presentations were operated by the Church but sponsored by the local Council Health personnel. It was Bernard's policy to keep the Church's role 'low key' and generally about half-way through the course, when smokers were beginning to feel the benefits, one of them would enquire the identity of the course providers and without the blare of a single trumpet, the Church philosophy of health of body, mind and spirit would be stated.

It was a fulfilment of another Kinman dream when almost all Adventist medical practitioners and health auxiliaries in Britain, as well as a number of local pastors, became involved with the programme. At this time the whole country

had become alarmed by the tardy admission of the Minister of Health that there was a causal relationship between the smoking of cigarettes and lung cancer. Head teachers welcomed with open arms Bernard's appointed assistant, Lionel Acton Hubbard, with his stylish smoking models to counter the rash of smoking among schoolchildren.

Bernard's very public stand against tobacco, alcohol and drug addiction, his department's notable film library and literature, as well as his fraternal relations with other health and temperance organisations, had won him many influential friends and useful allies in local and national government and in Parliament. It came as no surprise therefore that when Bernard Kinman, who for many years had been an active member of the United Kingdom Alliance, retired from his ministry in the Adventist Church in 1976, he was offered and accepted the post of General Secretary of that distinguished consortium of Temperance organisations, becoming also Treasurer of the National Committee for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Dependency. The Kinman name is indeed still current in the House of Commons because of the Youth Seminars on Alcohol and Drug Addition which he instituted and which are now nominated 'The Bernard Kinman Lectures'. When he was aged 83 he earned a Master's degree in Health Promotion from Brunel University. In his 91st year he received a doctorate.

Ministering at Dr Bernard Kinman's memorial service was Pastor Robert Vine with Pastors Peter Stearman and David West. A unique and affectionate tribute to his father was presented by Bernard's only son Russell. Bernard's younger sister Mrs Joyce Odor of Bournemouth and his brother and sister-in-law Dr Humphrey and Mrs Maureen Kinman, who came from Canada for the occasion, led with Russell and Gail, the family mourners. Although unable to be present in person, Dr Bert Beach, representing the General Conference, sent his own appreciation of Bernard's unique service to the World Church, likening it to that of Bunyan's Mr Valiant-For-Truth for whom in due time 'all the trumpets will sound on the other side'.

PASTOR JACK MAHON

PRESTON, Clarice Maude – d. April. A West Indian in Britain, Sister Preston was born on 30 April 1914, and was interred on 30 April 2001 with the passing of her 87th year. Sister Preston was baptised and taken into the fellowship of the Adventist church in Burngreave, Sheffield, twenty-two years ago. Ever since then she has been a faithful member. In her declining years she was rendered immobile by crippling ailments, but she kept 'looking up'. Pastor Desmond Rafferty, the resident minister, presided at the funeral service in the Burngreave church, and at the interment. Sister Preston has seen her children's children's children. Now she has fallen asleep; and so we laid her down at eventide in her final resting place, and thought and sang of the meeting again on the 'glad tomorrow'.

ROSEMARY BLENMAN

DURKIN, John Alfred – d. 23 May. Baptised by Pastor K. Elias in 1955, John became a member of the Carter Knowle church. He met his wife Irene when she went to that church as a Bible Worker in 1959, and they married on 3 April 1960. Without children of their own they fostered eleven children and adopted one. They would have adopted more, but that proved difficult due to parent reluctance.

Four considered them Mum and Dad, and were especially close during the time of John's illness, and remain so now for Irene. John loved his church, and decorated (that was his trade) the outside of the Carter Knowle church. He was paid for this, but gave all the money to the newly-formed Chesterfield church when, in 1971, purchase was made of a Methodist church in Old Whittington, a village just outside Chesterfield. They have been faithful workers and supporters of that church ever since. During his membership of Chesterfield church, John held various positions including secretary, Personal Ministries leader, head deacon and Sabbath school superintendent. He was also an avid Ingatherer, collecting eight or nine cans each season going from door to door, and from the pubs. In recent times, due to failing health, he found it difficult to contribute as much as he wished. The funeral service was conducted on Friday 1 June by the writer at the church, and was followed by cremation at Brimington crematorium.

PASTOR MELVYN ELLIS

SPENCER, Edna – d. 25 September. Sister Edna Spencer passed away in a Home after a brief illness at the age of 92. Edna and her sister Doris originally belonged to

the Church of England but worshipped at the Congregational Church. They attended a campaign held by Pastor Brian Ball and were subsequently baptised in 1960 by Pastor Russell Kranz at the Edmonton church. The sisters soon became active members, beautifying the Lord's House through cleaning and flower arranging. The funeral service was held at Edna's crematorium on 4 October. Edna was a wonderful biblical artist and a faithful witness who now awaits with her late sister the soon-coming of her Lord.

JOHN RICH

GOODMAN, Rose – d. 28 September. Sister Rose Goodman was born in India on 24 August 1909. Her father was a corporal in the East Yorkshire regiment. Her mother was one of the founder members of the very early Adventist church in Birmingham, known originally as the South Birmingham church. Rose was the third daughter born to the family and her mother took the six children to church with her every Sabbath, which was not so easy when the church was held in hired rooms and it was a time when Seventh-day Adventism was not very popular. However, Sister Edge, Rose's mother, persevered and two of her children attended Newbold College and remained firm in their faith.

Rose was baptised in 1924 by Pastor Alfred Bacon, and held many offices in the church, including that of head deaconess. Her love was to work personally with friends and neighbours as she demonstrated in a practical way with hospitality and kindness that Christianity was working as Christ worked. Often the family would not know who was staying for the night or weekend (or longer). The needy, aged, bereaved and sick would find in Rose a generous and hospitable friend. For over fifty years Rose suffered ill health, but she had an indomitable spirit and carried on caring for her family, husband and friends regardless of her own pain and discomfort. The funeral service to remember Rose's life and to bring encouragement and hope to her family was conducted by Pastor Alan Hush on 9 October at the Camp Hill church. Both husband and wife await the call of the Saviour on the resurrection morning. Rose will be sadly missed by her two daughters, Brenda and Christine and their families, who lovingly supported and cared for her as she aged and became housebound. Sadly, one of the earliest Adventists in Birmingham has now died. However, as John the Revelator says in Revelation 14:13, her 'works will follow her'.

OLWEN I. MCINTYRE



Massive response to Shoe Box Appeal

by Chantal Alen

In our Western culture we all know about the 'me first' attitudes that can predominate our society and about how the 'real' story of Christmas can get pushed aside and minimised by the ever-increasing commercial hype that surrounds this time of year. At ADRA-UK we thought about what we could do, as a charity, to emphasise the art of giving this Christmastime instead of our usual request for clothing and other related items. It was then that the idea arose of our UK children getting involved in giving shoe box gifts to less fortunate children. The aim of this project was to invite the children's Sabbath school leaders and our Adventist schools in England to motivate and encourage the young to make up shoe boxes and to pack them with items such as crayons, colouring books, toys, toiletries and biscuits for use as gifts. The boxes were classified 'teenage girl' or 'boy', or 'baby girl', etc. The deadline for all these boxes to be delivered to our office was 15 November. However, they continued to

arrive at the office long after that date. We marvelled at how so many children gave, not just one box, but sometimes two or three. We received no fewer than 400 beautifully-wrapped shoe boxes complete with



Above, the parcels were gratefully received.
Left, Chantal with some of the beautifully wrapped parcels.



Christmas cards attached to them and with all the fancy trimmings.

The first despatch of these gift boxes, along with other humanitarian aid, went to ADRA-Belgrade in Yugoslavia at the beginning of November. The second truck left England on 7 December for ADRA-

Hungary. Both of these ADRA offices were committed to following through this project and ensuring that the boxes were carefully distributed to nearby orphanages. The end result, hopefully, has meant that the children received at least a little sense of their worth and importance. At the same

time it was an opportunity to teach our children the joy of sharing, giving and caring for other children like themselves.

On behalf of ADRA-UK I would like to say a big thank you to the leaders of the children's Sabbath schools and the headteachers of our schools for motivating the young people. The givers and the receivers alike were blessed by this appeal and the words of Jesus Christ Himself couldn't have been truer, that it is indeed better to give than to receive.

Roundelwood: student volunteers needed

Two young lady student volunteers are needed as treatment room assistants at Roundelwood Health Spa.

Accommodation, meals and a stipend of £120 per month are provided in keeping with the General Conference student missionary programme.

Applicants must be at least eighteen years of age and be prepared to start duties in January.

For further details please contact Pastor Martin Bell, Administrator, Roundelwood Health Spa, Drummond Terrace, Crieff, Scotland, PH7 4AN. Telephone: (01764) 653806.

He just kept on smiling

On Sabbath 6 October the members of Bristol Lodge Causeway, together with family and friends, gathered to witness the baptism of Des Mills.

All day Des had a big smile on his

face, he was so looking forward to giving his life to Jesus publicly. There were special musical items and Des selected his own hymns and Scripture readings, but one reading was very

precious to him – Romans 8 verses 1-17. He was immersed and welcomed into fellowship by Pastor Ron Edwards. Our new intern, Clive de Silva, together with elders past and present, also welcomed him.

COMMUNICATION SECRETARY

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	WHEN	WHERE	WHO	HOW
Youth Evangelistic Effort for everyone	8-22 December at 7.30 nightly (excluding Thurs)	Brixton SDA Church, Santley Street, London SW4 7QG	Evangelist: Errol Nembhard, South Africa	Selwyn Clarke, Brixton church 020-7274-8283
Sabbath School Training Weekend	18-20 January 2002	Willoughby Lodge Hotel/Nottingham Central Church	Faith Crumbly, Editor, Sabbath School Leadership Magazine, USA.	Application form from your church pastor or Sabbath school superintendent or ring Pastor R. Morgan, NEC Office (0115) 9606312

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SUNSET

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	Lond	Card	Nott	Edin	Belf
Jan 4	4.06	4.18	4.02	3.53	4.12
11	4.15	4.27	4.12	4.04	4.22
18	4.26	4.38	4.23	4.17	4.35
25	4.37	4.50	4.36	4.31	4.48

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20	John Loughborough	10am-2pm
27	West Midlands	10am-2pm

February

2	Leeds	5.30pm-7pm
3	Bradford	11am-1pm
3	Brixton	10am-2pm