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Messenger

International Congress on Preaching

by Pastor Russell Bryan
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Edinburgh was the centre of the Earth's magnetic field for preachers from 9-11 April. The International Congress on Preaching was held at Edinburgh University, causing 320 pastors/preachers from countries such as India, Philippines, Russia and the USA, to gravitate there. *Ministry* magazine worked in tandem with *Preaching* magazine to stage the event. Each day the audience heard several sermons from top preachers from various countries; mainly the USA and UK. There were also seminars on different aspects of preaching which filled the day like a meatloaf sandwich. Among the Adventist preachers taking part were Rear Admiral Barry Black, Pastor Ian Sweeney and Pastor Peter Bath.

Pastor Nicholas Satelmaier, Ministerial Association PREACH co-ordinator, says that there were several thousand viewers of the 3.5 hour satellite broadcast which went out Wednesday evening/Thursday to the hundreds of downlink sites around the world. Production was provided by Warren Judd of the Adventist Media Centre, the *Stimme de Hoffnung* crew

from Germany, and executive direction from Jerry Wallach (ACN) and Brad Thorpe (ATN).

Four of the five fields of the BUC were represented (the exception being the Irish). Most of the Scottish pastoral staff were there together with a number from Wales, SEC and NEC. Pastor John Duroe, Ministerial director for the South Asia/Pacific Division, brought along a delegation of five from the Philippines. There were also numerous Adventists from the USA. Nick Satelmaier estimated that 10-15% of the delegation was Adventist with five actually leading out in the programmes.

Pastor Alan Hodges, BUC Ministerial director, said that the Congress was 'very enjoyable and worthwhile'. From the NEC, Pastor Brian Robinson commented that the meetings 'were very inspirational. I could just sit back and hear them all again!' Newbold College lecturers Dr Daniel Duda and Dr Lawrence Turner also noted the strength of the content of the programme. 'There was plenty of very good material in nearly every sermon and seminar. Excellent! Well worth coming to.'



Rear Admiral Barry Black



Pastors Cyril Sweeney, Llewellyn Edwards and Ian Sweeney



Pastors John Duroe and Alan Hodges

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Have you caught the vision?

by Pastor Alan Hodges

- ❖ 'But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, *what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.*' (2 Peter 3:10, 11, NIV, emphasis supplied.)
- ❖ 'It is the privilege of every Christian not only to look for but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. . . . Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last great harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come to gather the precious grain.' *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 69.
- ❖ We all have a responsibility as Seventh-day Adventists to do our part in spreading the good news about Jesus, in speeding his coming. Have you caught the vision?
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Healthwise

Clogging up the works

Richard J. B. Willis, BUC Health Ministries director

The dangers of smoking are always in the news. With 1.25 billion people worldwide smoking it is an understandable cause of concern. Efforts to reduce smoking in the UK have had some effect, reducing smokers to about a quarter of our population. While research has centred mainly on heart disease, lung cancer, hypertension, and birth defects, a new area of investigation is looking at the role of smoking in mental illness.

A recent report says that cigarettes and mental illness have always tended to go together so it is surprising that it has taken this long to look at the matter more closely. Obviously people who are already anxious or depressed are likely to smoke to relieve their symptoms. It is estimated that up to 88% of people with psychotic disorders such as schizophrenia are smokers.

So the question is, 'Did the mental illness

come first, or did the smoking initiate it in some way?' Studies are now being conducted to answer this question. One such study has followed adolescents over a number of years. A group of 15,651 young people were tested for any evidence of mental illness and placed in one of two sub-groups – those who did have illness and those who did not. The depressed group emerged with the highest rates of heavy smoking. On the basis of this research Cincinnati paediatrician Elizabeth Goodman says, 'Current cigarette use is . . . a powerful determinant of developing high depressive symptoms.'

There are high smoking rates recorded in other studies for people with generalised anxiety disorder, depression, agoraphobia, and panic disorders. These studies show higher rates in the people who smoked more than a pack of cigarettes a day in adolescence.

Nicotine's effects of high arousal, rapid

breathing and heart rate, and raised blood pressure on the brain chemistry is thought to be at blame. The use of the new drug Zyban, used to treat the depression associated with smoking withdrawal symptoms, suggests that there is a common neuro-chemical pathway connecting depression and smoking.

It is reported that smokers are up to four times more likely to have a panic attack and three times more likely to develop panic disorder than non-smokers. The new research focus is welcome. We may soon see which, or how many, of the 4,000 chemicals in tobacco smoke affect us mentally since this is an area of concern to passive-smokers.



Editorial

David Marshall



Year of Jubilee



Both the Left-leaning *Guardian* and the Right-inclining *Sunday Times* began 2002 with dire predictions about Jubilee Year. The nub of the argument was: the age of deference has gone – no one will want to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Queen's accession.

I thought then that they were wrong. Now I know they were. It has *nothing* to do with 'anachronistic institutions appealing to post-moderns', and *everything* to do with people – *personalities* – and what they stand for. That much became obvious in the press and television coverage of the Queen Mother's death and funeral.

Yes, the national mood has changed in the last fifty years, and it's right that it should have. When the King died – I had just started school! – there was an atmosphere surrounding the coverage of all things royal that was too much like religious worship. A similar atmosphere also surrounded the Queen's coronation sixteen months later. Nevertheless, ordinary people took hold of the Coronation and determined to enjoy it. I wonder how many of us saw television for the first time on 2 June 1953. . . .

In the years since then there have been many changes. Newspapers that used to build circulations on representing the royals as 'the model family' now know that they will only win the circulation wars if they are first to report royal infidelities and indiscretions. And, whereas the role of the media in creating public attitudes should not be minimised, the media also *reflects* public attitudes. Long-lensed paparazzi would not be paid princely sums for pictures of Princess X bathing topless, if newspaper editors were not certain sure that the public would buy their papers in order to see them. Sadly in the 80s and 90s the young royals provided too much for a prurient people to feed on. And it was that diet that led the journalists to assume that the Queen would experience her Jubilee Year as a non-event.

What they are finding now, of course, is that the antics of the young royals did not impact on the Queen. Acknowledging that three failed marriages among her four children is a bit above the national average, the public is more inclined to empathise with the Queen than to blame her. They look at the Queen's own marriage and reflect on what *she* stands for.

Okay, so there is a lot about HM the Q that we cannot identify with – the cut-glass accent, the obsession with horses, the apparent lack of laughter – but there is a lot that we can appreciate, too.

When HM hoves to on our television screens at 3pm on Christmas Day she never fails to commend us to God and God

to us. Despite the fact that that sort of attitude is deeply unfashionable. Clearly HM has a firm religious faith and is not afraid of letting it show.

Doesn't that go with the territory – *Fidei Defensor*, and all that? Actually, no. Even shallow archaeology among the Queen's predecessors – Edward VIII, Edward VII, even George V, and certainly George IV – fails to uncover much that could be mistaken for religious faith.

Ben Pimlott and the Channel Four iconoclasts may deplore the Queen's sheltered upbringing and inadequate education, but at least the atmosphere that prevailed in the household in which the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret were raised was one in which Christianity could flourish. Further to that, the life-choices that the Queen has made as an adult have been towards things that we can respect and look up to. One thing that emerged out of the pronouncements of an assortment of important personages following the death of the Queen Mother is that Christianity was at the core of her life and that of her daughter. If, as somebody once said, the Queen 'is just the hereditary branch of show business' then Christianity should be more conspicuous in the lives of the *dramatis personae* of Hollywood and television.

I've heard the political case for a republic, of course. I've also been wondering whether the British system does not already represent a cleverly disguised republic. . . . However, at present – political loyalties *are conditional* – I find myself able to respect and look up to the person of the monarch and most of the things she stands for. So if there is a street party where I live, I'll join!

The first thing I heard about the plans for the Jubilee was that the Queen was rebuilding/refurbishing a number of royal chapels with a view to promoting prayer in the royal household. The jubilee years of the Old Testament were associated with liberation and repair, restoration and revival. In this year of Jubilee may we prioritise prayer, experience liberation from the sin that enslaves, and find revival as individuals and as a Church.

The Queen represents duty, decency and continuity, so I'm told; and they're not bad things. The *Independent* says that the Queen enjoys a 79% approval rating. What politician can say that? And how many, I wonder, could say it if they had been in power for fifty years?

Why not set out to make Jubilee Year mean something? The year of jubilee is coming when the King shall claim his sceptre and gather together a people known for their ultimate loyalty. May this Jubilee Year be a year for sharing; and a year of extending the invitation of grace so that others may enter an everlasting kingdom.

Impact Perth



The morning of 2 March was windy but it did not put the Scottish Mission Youth off setting up display boards in the centre of Perth. There were mimes, puppets, group singing, balloons and face painting. The children were handing out balloons, Bibles, magazines, Discover Bible School pamphlets and books to the general public with great enthusiasm. Then, after a lunch consisting of warm soup and sandwiches in Perth City Hall, the afternoon programme commenced. It started with the singing of well-known choruses and special items by the Mission Youth. These items included a duet by the Perth Student Missionaries Shawn and Caleb, as well as our own

Karl, plus mimes from Crieff and Aberdeen; to finish off the items there was music by the Dundee church male voice choir. The speaker for the day was our new pastor for the Edinburgh district, Pastor Clifford Herman.

It was all a great success and we hope to go to other cities in Scotland with the programme. Thank you for your help in making this day a special day for us!

MARCEL GHIOALDA

Juniors take church service

by Samina Logan and Amy Hulbert

It is just over a year since Newbold church inaugurated a new church service. It was by the youth. It was for the youth. And it was a comfortable setting for invitations to youth in the community. The Newbold youth service is held bi-monthly in the Moor Close Chapel and is a location where teens have opportunity to be involved in worship from song-leading to prayer and praise to preaching.

The Sabbath before Easter this innovative service took on a new dimension. A younger generation yet again took the service. Newbold's Juniors led out in a multi-media worship experience using mime, skits, computers and music to recount the events of the Easter weekend through the eyes of first-century television reporters.

Youth leader David James helped seven enthusiastic Juniors devise a mime based on the song, 'When Love

Comes Home'. This song about friendship and love introduced a play written by Anita Marshall, 'Our Man in Jerusalem'. There were six acts all based on News Updates about the arrest, trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. The sermon was taken by the courageous Ana Plantak, who fired questions to the congregation on the basis of the play. Over twenty children were involved in the service and £146 was raised for the Newbold Pathfinders to attend the TED Pathfinder Camporee in Poland in the summer of this year.

Our thanks to Marenko Markek and Victor Hulbert who organised the service.



The Mime Group

Tammy wins Diana Memorial Award

On 19 March, Tammy Griffith, 13, of Wimbledon church, was presented with the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Award for her courage and determination in fighting a brain tumour, which was diagnosed when she was 3. Tammy has received much treatment for her illness in recent years. Recognised treatment has now ceased and she is taking alternative treatment which, to date, has had a stabilising effect.

Tammy was nominated for the Award by St Andrew's Roman Catholic School in Leatherhead for her outstanding contribution to the school and for showing exceptional courage in coping with her problems. The award was presented by the school's chaplain, Father McGrath, in the presence of approximately 150 well-wishers, including her family, teachers and her year 8 peers. The press were also in attendance and Tammy's story has since featured in many local papers.

Although Tammy can no longer write, she goes to school every day and recently achieved an A+ for a Religious Education project. She now uses a laptop and, while at school, has an assistant with her at all times.

Tammy has a particular talent for the arts and

has proven herself to be very creative in many different areas. In particular, she has a flair for writing and has often been commended by her teachers. One of her more immediate goals is to publish a collection of her short stories and, as part of her award, she hopes to fulfil this ambition. With a wide taste in music, Tammy also plays the



Left, Karla and right, Tammy.

violin and has performed to the delight of large audiences. In addition to this, she has often proved her commitment to various projects by appearing at functions despite feeling ill. Such devotion never goes unnoticed and, as a result, she is very much valued by her peers and teachers.

At church Tammy is equally inspirational. With her soft, sweet voice, she often recites and reads Scripture and other thought-provoking texts. She is polite and helpful and is a valued member of her study group in church.

Church elder Arthur Campbell of Wimbledon church said, 'Tammy is a remarkable young adult who has borne her illness with fortitude and hope. When you spend time with her you often forget that she has an illness at all.'

Tammy is, above all, a family person. In particular she adores her parents Maureen and Jo, and younger sister Karla, 11, and has special relationships with each of them based on mutual love, loyalty and respect. Her family background has also provided her with a well-balanced attitude to life and equipped her with many valuable qualities including a deep love for God. Tammy also has many friends and family in Barbados and, in particular, her grandmother with whom she has a special relationship.

The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Award was launched nationwide in April 2000 to recognise and celebrate the outstanding contributions made by many secondary school students to their schools and communities.

ASHA WJJE



Faith's second coming

by Pastor Roy Morgan, Personal Ministries director, NEC

Faith Crumbly, editor of the *Sabbath School Leadership* magazine, was requested to come a second time to do another Sabbath School training workshop in the North England Conference, 18-20 January. Both Upper Broughton in Leicestershire and Nottingham Central church were used as venues. I was asked to invite her again to do a repeat performance of her first workshop in 2001. The Moss Side church can confirm the impact of her first workshop. Sister Clarke, former assistant superintendent, was asked to display some of her ideas inspired by the first visit.

The theme of the keynote sermon by Pastor Egerton Francis, NEC president, on the opening night was 'Make your Sabbath school the very best', and summed up the overall goal of the training weekend and the NEC Sabbath school department. The invitation for Faith Crumbly to return is part of that strategy. Sister Crumbly commenced the workshop as usual with her interactive approach. She had the thirty-three attendees form into groups to discuss the problems and solutions of the Sabbath school. One suggestion that emerged was that periodically Sabbath school could run right through to the end of divine service.

Sabbath was spent at Nottingham Central church, thus giving wider exposure to the workshop. During the Sabbath school slot Faith Crumbly demonstrated the CLAIM approach in teaching the lesson. This approach is simple and effective. The acronym carries five components:

- C – Connect: Why should I study this subject?
- L – Learn: What are the Bible facts?
- A – Apply: How does this topic work today?
- I – Integrate: How can I use this information next week and share it with others?
- M – Master: Students master the skills by telling their own experiences.

On Sabbath afternoon the audience was led into a number of fun exercises in order to put across the art of learning skills. This was complemented by presentations by Heather Haworth (BUC Children's Sabbath School director) on the latest resources for teaching children, and Pastor Cyril Sweeney (NEC Family Life director) on safeguarding our children against abuse.

In Sunday's workshop Faith Crumbly taught us how to evaluate our members' temperaments and personalities, and to use this information with maximum effect. This workshop was very informative. It was evident that Sister Crumbly has special skills in this area.

A message point that came through the workshop sessions was the usefulness of the *Sabbath School Leadership* magazine published monthly. It is pregnant with ideas and inspiring articles, with useful updates in the department. I would like to encourage all superintendents to take out a yearly subscription. For details contact the Sabbath School department at the NEC.

Attendees may well ask for Faith to return. There may well be a third coming.

Hackney: Leaves of Life

The Hackney church held its Health and Temperance Day on Sabbath 30 March. The programme was led by the Health and Temperance team, Sisters Pat Flemmings, Miriam Barham and Joacinta Joachin, who invited the dynamic and health-conscious group, Leaves of Life, to take the programme for the day. During Sabbath school we had a presentation by Alec Maran entitled 'The Way'. Alec reminded us that the spiritual Rock from which water comes is Christ; and that by eating healthily we begin to see things more clearly, especially in our study of the Bible.

The sermon, entitled UFO – Utter Foolishness Only, was presented by Darren Ross. In his address he spoke of the ignorance and foolishness of the Pharisees in their relation to Christ. He also encouraged us all to have a NEWSTART: Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunshine, Temperance, Air, Rest and Trust in God.

There were a number of presentations in the afternoon, before the group concluded the day with some healthy cooking demonstrations, leaving all members and visiting friends with a sweet taste of things to come in view of Christ and Heaven.

Leaves of Life have monthly meetings and cooking demonstrations at the Advent Centre. They can be contacted at www.leavesoflife@aol.com or www.leavesoflife.org.

DARELL PHILIP

Newport's new beginnings

The first quarter of 2002 has been a new beginning for Newport. It began after a very sad but nevertheless enjoyable evening to mark the end of Pastor Lockham's nine-year pastorate. A presentation of china was made after speeches of appreciation to Paul and Helen for their hard work.

Pastor Adrian Broome, based in Hereford, will share his ministry with us until a permanent pastor can be found.

St David's Day on 1 March was organised by Pastor and Mrs Broome. The ladies of the church provided a fine supper of leek soup and rolls, Welsh cakes, etc. The meal was enjoyed by fifty people, and several more joined us in the church for a presentation on film of the life of St David. This is the first time a national event has been commemorated in the Newport church and we sincerely hope that it won't be the last.

On 2 March we received a visit from Pastor and Mrs R. J. B. Willis for a Health and Temperance presentation. Pastor Willis spoke about 'Thorns in the Flesh' and how God permits suffering to help us accomplish his purpose in us. Ron Kelly, Temperance secretary, introduced the programme and Vera Machell, president

of the Newport Temperance Society, read the scripture. After a hearty fellowship lunch Brother Willis continued with the theme of being positively healthy: We are designed for optimum health, and obedience to the laws of life achieves this.

March 16 was opened to the Adventist Business and Professional Association, when Pastor Martin Bell officiated. The Newport church heartily welcomed the forty-six visitors and their children and enjoyed their participation in the worship programme.

VERA MACHELL

West of Ireland Day of Fellowship

Sabbath 10 November was a special day of fellowship at the Galway church. A large congregation, comprising the Galway and Newmarket churches, heard Pastor Curtis Murphy, the new Irish Mission president, give a sermon entitled, 'Pilate's sermon: two challenges and a question'. There were worshippers from nine different countries present, including France, Germany, Latvia, Moldova, USA, Australia, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Ireland. In his sermon Pastor Murphy stressed the need for making a commitment to Christ. As in the days of Pilate, each of us is asked to make a choice between Jesus and Barabbas, between life and death. At the end of the sermon Pastor Murphy asked the congregation to stand and recommit themselves to Christ.

The day of fellowship was a time of spiritual renewal. Church members and their families left with a new sense of commitment and desire to serve the Lord.

OLIVER MARTYN

Galway members meet Dana

Dana Rosemary Scanlon, the Gospel singer and MEP (Member of European Parliament) for Connacht-Ulster, was the subject of the popular *Songs of Praise* programme on Sunday 3 March. The programme was set mainly in Galway where Dana now lives. Local choirs sang hymns including 'Be Thou my Vision' in Galway Cathedral, and Dana sang her 1972 hit 'All Kinds of Everything' inside the Galway Irish Crystal visitors' centre. The centre is right beside Grianach House, home of the Galway church. The Galway church is delighted to be situated near such a prestigious building. The *Songs of Praise* programme is broadcast to millions of viewers in the UK and Ireland.

A very positive image of Galway and the West of Ireland came across in the programme featuring Dana. Two Galway church members, Betty O'Rourke and Tommy Mulveen met, and had an opportunity to witness to Dana, in the weeks prior to the broadcast of the *Songs of Praise* programme.

OLIVER MARTYN



Listening to one another

Roy Adams *

Long-timers among us would remember a period in the church when we used to have more discussions – more open forums, as we called them. Much of this happened in connection with the old Missionary Volunteer (MV) Society meetings, the predecessor of the Adventist Youth meetings of today. Members young and old would come together in spiritual conversations on issues facing the church. We listened to each other. I miss that.

Today, at least in some of the circles in which I move, everyone seems so uptight about everything – as though the future of the universe would be jeopardised if, God forbid, some incorrect idea should drop from our mouths. Perhaps spooked by the outrageous excesses of certain controversialists among us in recent times, we clam up and keep our opinions to ourselves.

I sense a continuing need to organ-

ise non-threatening situations in which people can express themselves freely on a range of subjects, small and big. Christian standards, for example. The threat to the environment. The allocation of church resources – in regard to money, programmes, and human power. Divorce and remarriage. Jewellery. Music. Stem-cell research. Cloning. Abortion. Capital punishment.

Take capital punishment. I wouldn't want to write about that, but I'd sure like to hear a reasoned discussion on it. There are many proponents of the practice who'd be surprised how complex the situation has become since they last visited the issue. And many dogmatic opponents may equally be surprised by the weakness of the arguments that support their case.

The conflict between Israel and Palestine is another I wouldn't touch in print. Too complex. But do I have opinions on the issue? You bet I do. Strong

ones, in fact. What violence! What injustice! What revolting atrocities! Why shouldn't we be concerned? And why shouldn't Christians discuss what they might learn from it; and what, if anything, they can do about it? I look upon these forum exercises as informal think tanks for the church, sounding boards for fresh ideas.

But such occasions must be truly non-threatening. If we 'fix' the audience in any way, it does not work. Eggheads talking to fellow eggheads is boring. And I get a little queasy when I see a forum stacked with either 'conservatives' or 'liberals', in which contrary viewpoints are not welcome or respected. There's much that so-called conservatives could learn from 'liberals'. There's much that so-called liberals could learn from 'conservatives'. There's much they could both learn from 'moderates', and that so-called moderates could learn from both. Mutual respect is

paramount. We gain nothing by talking past each other.

People in administration should listen to those who're not, and vice versa. Members should listen to pastors, and pastors to members. *Real* listening, though – not make-believe, simply to be polite. Listening to learn the other person's point of view, to discover where they're coming from. As a pastor, I had my first elder co-teach the pastor's class with me, just so I could spend time in the various divisions of the Sabbath school – listening. I wanted to hear what the Lord had given these leaders for that day. It's the height of arrogance for pastors and others in leadership to think that God may not have something to convey to them through lips other than their own on Sabbath morning.

Yet I know colleagues of the cloth who'd almost never be seen at a meeting where they weren't in the limelight. As if they're too big to sit down and listen to 'the common people'. But some of the richest gems of wisdom come from the most unexpected sources.

Listening to one another. I love it when someone says to me: 'I hear you.' Doesn't necessarily mean they agree with me, but they want to signal they're listening. And that's nice.

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scripture: Psalm 121. At times in her life, Jill has been deeply unhappy even to the extent of trying to take her own life. She is grateful to her late father Albert and mother June Taylor, to her husband John who has always been kind and supportive, but mostly to God who lifted her up so that she is now happy and confident again.

Matthias, in his late thirties, has two jobs. He works in an electronics factory and for Hertz Car Hire. He was born in Malaysia and, with his parents Chris and Dora Towle, he came to the UK when he was 7. Dora was an Adventist, Chris was a Roman Catholic. After Chris joined the Adventist church, some of their seven children did so too. Matthias has two sisters, Melady and Yvonne who are both members. He joined the Harrow church some years ago, but drifted away. Job 11:13-18, which speaks of the forgiveness of God, was instrumental in bringing him back to the Adventist church. Matthias also studied with Pastor Vine and was baptised by him; his other big decision was to become engaged to Romona Hutaaruk, the daughter of one of our pastors in Indonesia.

Andrew Bone attended Stanborough Park church as a child. His grandmother Barbara, and parents Patricia and Peter, are faithful and much-valued members. Both his parents were baptised at the church. Himself a fourth generation Adventist, Andrew is connected very closely with the history of the church in Britain. Two

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Four stories, four ways to Christ

A lovely baptismal service took place at Stanborough Park church on 6 April. The four candidates for baptism each have a story to tell and no two are alike.

Jill has had much sadness in her life. Her first daughter was a victim of cot death and her second

daughter had to be given up for adoption. Several people became important in Jill's life. She met and married her second husband, John Knight, and they have two sons, Stephen and Peter. A machinist by trade, at work Jill had befriended Samantha Lee, a member of the Stevenage



Pictured by Stanley Maxwell are, Pastor Robert Vine, Matthias Towle, Jill Knight, Freddy Machicado, Andrew Bone and Pastor David Neal.

ROBINSON, Gladys – d. 9 March. The Derby church was saddened by the sudden death of one of its oldest members, Gladys (or Robbie as she preferred to be known) Robinson. In anticipation of a visit from her daughter Margaret from the USA, and her 80th birthday later in the month, Robbie and her husband Steve had been working in the garden. The next day she was admitted to the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary and the following day, Sabbath, passed peacefully to her rest. Robbie was the eldest child in the Lowe family. Because of the early death of her father, she had to take on the responsibility of helping her mother with the family. With the arrival of war she moved to Watford. After a short period spent working at Granose Foods, she took nurses' training at Shrodells Hospital and qualified as an SRN. In 1944 she married Stephen Robinson, and two daughters were added to the family, Margaret and Stephanie. Later in life she became a Senior Sister and served the children at Chailey Heritage Hospital in Lewes. Although having experienced several serious illnesses since retirement, Robbie was vitally alive, enjoying every moment, every day. She understood the meaning of living each day to the fullest. She wrote, 'These hours are mine. I will be glad today.' The garden was her delight, as it was for all who were privileged to enter it. Flowers blossomed under her touch. Every type of bird was welcomed there, and each found its favourite food – including a robin who would even pop indoors for a treat. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her. She was kind, a good listener, and ready to help anyone in need. Robbie had a strong, simple faith and always stood fast in the faith she accepted as a girl. On 15 March, during the funeral service, Pastor R. H. Surridge brought words of help and comfort to Steve, Margaret, Stephanie and the rest of the Lowe family and friends. From the Scriptures he emphasised the saving sacrifice of Jesus and especially his

resurrection, which is the promise and guarantee of eternal life. We do not sorrow as those without hope for we know we shall see Robbie again when Jesus returns to claim the redeemed of the Earth at his second coming. Our prayer is that God will comfort and sustain Steve, Margaret, Stephanie and their families at this time.

KATHLEEN LOWE

WILLIAMS, Rosina – d. 24 February. Rosina Violet Foster was born in Plymouth in 1918. Her mother was a Seventh-day Adventist and Rosina was herself baptised. At 20 she went to Newbold College where she met Eric Williams. Graduating in 1941, she became a Bible worker in, among other places, Wimbledon. After their marriage in 1942 Rosina and Eric set up home in Leicester. There John, Tony and Anita were born. In 1957 the family moved to Los Angeles, California. Rosina and Eric helped many young people, including their own children, receive the benefits of a Newbold College education. In 1969 they moved to Seattle. There they legally adopted Linda, a Korean young lady in whom they had had an interest for some time. The family took American citizenship, though Rosina asserted that she would 'always be English'. She nursed Eric for some time until his death in 1997. Then she returned to England to visit the family before returning to the US 'to reinvent herself'. Her faith in God and his church had always been an important part of Rosina's life. She loved to share her faith and missed no opportunity to do so. She travelled a great deal in her final years and passed away in her sleep. John, Tony and Anita, together with ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren survive her. Her funeral service took place at the Bellingham Adventist church. She awaits, in sleep, the call of the Life Giver.

JOHN WILLIAMS

Adventist Musicians' Association: Have you joined yet?

by Trevor Johnson, Public Relations and Events manager

With the recent and successful launch of Adventist Musicians' Association (AMA) at Newbold, I trust that those of you who registered have now received your membership cards and details in the post. A programme of events is currently being devised for the next year, which will be of benefit to all those involved in music ministries or allied services attached to music.

We want to encourage all Adventists involved in music or those who share an interest in music to join AMA. You may not be aware, but there is currently no membership fee to join, and members will have preferential rates for services and events hosted by AMA. Plans for a series of music workshops in both the north and south divides are being planned for autumn 2002.

AMA aims to make a difference for all musicians/singers in the TED area by providing a genuine forum for exchange of ideas/skills and music-making collaborations. If you want to be part of this progressive association please obtain an application form from:

BUC Music Co-ordinator John Surridge,
BUC Office, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts, WD25 9JZ.
E-mail: jsurridge@adventist.org.uk
Your can also visit the AMA website www.ama-ted.net to obtain an application form.

more Park church members are Andrew's aunt and uncle, Margaret and Llew Meredith. Pastor W. H. Meredith, Llew's grandfather, was the president of the BUC when the Park church was built. Andrew has loved the Lord as his Saviour for years. He studied Business Administration at Newbold and a little later got his Master's degree in International Development from the University of East Anglia. For nearly three years he was with ADRA in Rwanda, one of the toughest areas of the world. At present he works for World Vision based in Nairobi. Why should Andrew decide to be baptised now at the age of 34? There's a clue in his favourite verse: John 14:27 reads 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world

giveth, give I unto you. . . . ' Perhaps Andrew has seen enough of the world to know that God offers something better. By the time you read this, Andrew will have married Audrey Yeoh, a young lady he met at work. He studied with Pastor David Neal, who also baptised him.

Pastor Neal baptised the fourth candidate, too. The son of Norma and Freddy Machicado, and the brother of Karen and Jenny, who all come from Bolivia, young Freddy is now 12. Pastor Vine studied with him and found he had Bible knowledge and understanding way beyond his years. Last year one of his friends, Nick Dean, was baptised and this encouraged Freddy to do so too. His favourite story is that of Joseph.

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS 2002

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the ninety-seventh Annual General Meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Association Limited will be held on Thursday 20 June 2002 at 2.00pm in the Board Room of the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
M. K. Taylor (secretary)

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST TRUST COMPANY LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the twentieth Annual General Meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Trust Company Limited will be held on Thursday 20 June 2002 at 2.15pm in the Board Room of the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
M. K. Taylor (secretary)

GOOD HEALTH ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the ninety-ninth Annual General Meeting of the Good Health Association Limited will be held on Thursday 20 June 2002 at 2.25pm in the Board Room of the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
G. M. Bell (secretary)

GOOD HEALTH ASSOCIATION (SCOTLAND) LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the thirty-fifth Annual General Meeting of the Good Health Association (Scotland) Limited will be held on Thursday 20 June 2002 at 2.35pm in the Board Room of the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
G. M. Bell (secretary)

ADRA-UK

Notice is hereby given that the fourth Annual General Meeting of ADRA-UK will be held on Thursday 20 June 2002 at 2.45pm in the Board Room of the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
R. Kamal (secretary)

HHES LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the twenty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the HHES Limited will be held on Thursday 20 June 2002 at 2.55pm in the Board Room of the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
P. Hammond (secretary)

THE STANBOROUGH PRESS LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the hundred and eighth Annual General Meeting of the Stanborough Press Limited will be held on Thursday 20 June 2002 at 3.05pm in the Board Room of the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
P. Hammond (secretary)

ADRA-Ireland in Brazil

In our last issue we reported that ADRA-Ireland had financed a number of projects in Brazil and that Ireland Aid (the Irish Government) had provided 75% grants totalling IRE600,000. Pastor Alan Hodges has now provided pictures covering the opening ceremonies for some of the projects.



The second Children's Day Care Centre to be opened at Cuiaba, Mato Grosso, Brazil.



Karaja Indians dance at the opening of the new Development Centre.



Children at the Samambaia Day Care Centre, near Brasilia, pose with ADRA personnel.

Statement from the Trans-European Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

The Employment Tribunal case involving one of our former employees has been a painful experience for all involved and we are truly sorry it ever took place. We apologise for the hurt that we have caused the Applicant. It was never our intention to victimise her or to dismiss her unlawfully. We continue to uphold her in our prayers, hoping that we may share mutual forgiveness and reconciliation.

In the Decision dated 8 April, the Tribunal upheld complaints against the Trans-European Division of unfair dismissal and victimisation. However, complaints of breach of contract and direct sex and race discrimination were not upheld.

The Decision states that the Applicant's original claims that she had been treated less favourably on racial grounds or on the grounds of her sex were not upheld. However, the Applicant succeeded in her subsequent complaint that she had been treated to her detriment because she had made complaints of race and sex discrimination

against the Trans-European Division.

While we are unable to agree with some of the findings of fact made by the Tribunal, and while we would like to have these factual errors corrected, we accept the decisions which the Tribunal has made.

At a further hearing a claim for the Trans-European Division to pay punitive damages of £5,000,000 to the Applicant was made. That claim was dismissed. We await the Tribunal's decision on remedies, consequently, the case is not yet fully concluded.

We are sorry that it was not possible to settle amicably outside of the Tribunal and that internal church procedures were not exhausted by the parties. We have learnt many things from this sad case. We are already reviewing our internal policies and procedures and will be updating these as necessary so that we embrace current British employment law and practice.

The Trans-European Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

'For many months now we have been looking forward to the conclusion of this case. We know that it has caused a lot of hurt within the Church and we are all anxious for mistakes to be acknowledged and damage to be repaired. Now it seems that the end of the legal proceedings is in sight. However, we know that it will take longer than this for the wounds to heal and for the relationships to be restored. We urge all of our members to pray earnestly that the great Healer will be able to do what may seem to be humanly impossible.'

BUC president Pastor Cecil Perry

Church Flat for Rent.
Unfurnished 2-bedroom flat for rent in Torquay, Devon. Rent negotiable. Please telephone Pastor Ron Clemow on 01752 774523 or 07799 642490.

Newbold College GRADUATION

Sunday 19 May 2002
at 2.30pm in the Gymnasium

Speaker:

Pastor Jan Paulsen

President, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Come and celebrate with the graduates. Admission will be ticket only. These will be distributed on a first-come basis and can be obtained from the:

Principal's Secretary

Newbold College,
Binfield,
Bracknell,

Berks, RG42 4AN.
Tel: 01344 407420

Email: hsavage@newbold.ac.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	WHEN	WHERE	WHO	HOW
Area 1 Day of Fellowship	18 May	St Austell Church	Speaker: Pastor Jack Mahon	01726 64494 meye5@meyewalker.freereserve.co.uk
'Da Plan'. Rap, Riddim and Rhyme	25 May, 7.30pm	St Bartholomew Hall, Somerville Rd, Bristol	Junior Robinson	Price £5. Tel: 0117 977 1088 07836 312 000
Aberdaron Staff day	2 June	Nottingham Central Church	Steve Palmer, NEC Youth department	0115 960 6312 email: NECSDA@cs.com
'Da Plan'. Rap, Riddim and Rhyme	22 June, 7.30pm	Montgomery Theatre, Surrey Street, Sheffield	SIANI & Teddy Bear	Price £6 adv. £7.50 at door. CLC 0114 272 4663 FAP 0208 318 2632
'Da Plan'. Rap, Riddim and Rhyme	6 July, 7.30pm	NTCG, 175 Calton Street, St Annes, Nottingham	Freddie Kofi & Spiritual Addiction	Price £6 adv. £7.50 at door. WO 0115 950 1919, FAP 0208 318 2632

All advertisements for upcoming events should be submitted in this format.

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