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Messenger

Sunday 14 July was possibly the first real day of summer this year and an appropriate date for the All London Sports Day. This annual event was organised and hosted by the Sports Committee of the London Youth Federation and the Youth department of the South England Conference.

In charge of the event was Roz Parsons, a PE teacher from the Walthamstow church, and her team of experienced and skilled volunteers. Roz has planned this event with each Youth director for the past twenty years. Her organisational skills are second to none.

Teams from the London churches participated enthusiastically in the day and were supported by at least 1,400 people in the stadium, who very noisily

All London Sports Day

All photos by Stefan Burton-Schnull

by Catherine Boldeau
SEC Communication co-ordinator



cheered them on. The atmosphere could only be described as 'electric'. Guest participants included a team from Stanborough Secondary School.

There were field and track events ranging from the novelty races of 'Mother and Child' to more serious events like 1,500 metres, mixed sex race, and four-by-four relays.

At eight o'clock when the results were announced the stadium

was still vibrant with varied sounds as spectators cheered all the teams for their participation.

The Cup was awarded to the team from Willesden and the Shield to the Stratford team.



Top right: London Sports Day, the race begins.
Top left: Spectators enjoy the day.
Below: Thanksgiving speaker BUC Youth director Pastor Des Boldeau.
Bottom left: JLS school leavers.

JLS Thanksgiving

by Catherine Boldeau
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On Sabbath 13 July the John Loughborough School held their annual Thanksgiving Service at the Holloway church. This special day, organised by John Loughborough head Ms Edwena McFarquhar, and teachers Mr Bwoga and Mrs Clarke, was designed to say goodbye to the Year-11 pupils (15- and 16-year-olds). These young people have only recently sat their GCSE examinations and are awaiting their results.

The guest speaker in the morning was Pastor Des Boldeau whose subject, 'OK and What if?' was based on the current Honda advert, 'The Power of Dreams'. The afternoon speaker was Mr Howard Jeffrey who works at the City and Islington College. In his address he urged the twenty-six young school leavers to do their best in the 'outside world'.

In attendance to support the pupils were the John Loughborough School



teaching and administrative staff, Pastor Eddie Hypolite, the school chaplain, and Mr Keith Davidson, Education director of the BUC, as well as parents, friends and school governors.

The South England Conference wishes the Year-11 pupils all the best in their future lives. We hope and trust that, in accordance with the day's theme, they will be successful and accomplish their dreams.





ADRA-UK driver survives autobahn crash

by Raafat Kamal, director, ADRA-UK

While driving the ADRA-UK lorry, volunteer driver Tony Welsh was involved in a serious head-on collision on the A8 autobahn near the town of Merzig, Germany. He was returning from Belgrade where he had just delivered a full load of textiles, clothes, shoes, toys, household furnishings and building materials.

Having set his cruise control to the standard 85 kph, Tony was travelling along a three-lane section when a car approaching from the opposite direction suddenly veered right across the

middle lane and into the path of the lorry. Tony took emergency evasive action but could not prevent the crash. 'There was an almighty collision,' he reports. 'Everything loose was thrown around the cab. My right-hand wheels went into the soft earth of the verge and the tractor unit jack-knifed right round into the trailer. Fortunately I was wearing my seatbelt at the time. When the vehicle came to rest it took me a few moments to gather myself, although I was completely unharmed.'



Tony immediately got out of the cab to see if there was anything he could do for the driver of the car. The car itself was very seriously damaged and at first Tony thought that the driver had been killed. However, he noticed some movement and a passerby summoned the emergency services. 'I was very impressed by the speed at which they arrived and took control of the situation,' he said.

As Tony was severely shaken by the whole event, the German police arranged for him to be taken to Luxemburg airport. From there he got on a flight to Heathrow where he was

met by ADRA-UK volunteer transport manager Dave Balderstone. Back in the ADRA-UK office Tony was feeling much better, but was still quite upset. 'I'm most concerned about the other driver,' he said. 'We know that he was taken by air ambulance to a special hospital but have not heard anything more since.'

The ADRA-UK lorry was covered by insurance and at this stage it is not known whether it can be repaired or will have to be replaced. If it has to be replaced there will be considerable costs above and beyond the insurance value.

Healthwise

Staph Outing

Did you know that when you visit someone in hospital you might be carrying a bacterium with you that could endanger the one visited and many others beside? *Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) is its name and it has been dubbed the 'hospital superbug'.

Nearly everyone carries the MRSA (colonisation) but not everyone gets infected with the bacterium, which can be life-threatening. MRSA is found in the skin, nose, blood and urine and can be passed onto others quite easily by kissing, or shaking hands when visiting, and having had recent contact with the body fluids.

So far MRSA has managed to stay ahead of the various antibiotics used to control its spread, including the methicillin group of antibiotics which specifically target staphylococci; hence its name 'methicillin-resistant'. Some MRSA respond to the toxic antibiotic *vancomycin*.

Studies in the UK indicate that the antiseptic properties of tea tree oil used in place of the more usual chemical antiseptics offers real promise in MRSA control. Active Manuka honey from New Zealand may have similar properties. The honey is collected from hives where the bees have pollinated the fairly rare Manuka bush (found only in NZ). Some, but not all, of the honey contains what has been called the Unique Manuka Factor (UMF). Every batch of honey is tested for this factor in the laboratories of the University of Waikato and can only be used for the antiseptic properties if the UMF is certified by them.

Around 100 patients a year die of MRSA out of approximately 80,000 patients annually infected by it after admission to hospital. People who are particularly vulnerable include the very sick, elderly, and others with open wounds or having tubes *in situ*. People who are generally healthy

are least likely to be infected although they can carry the infection to others.

It is a good precaution when visiting to wash one's hands before and after visits, especially to the very sick. Carrying disposable wipes in the car or briefcase will help if it is not possible to wash one's hands. Rigorously observing any masking or sterile procedures required in visiting some patients will ensure that the bacterium has little point of contact. While it may be friendly or polite, visiting ministers should avoid shaking hands with everyone around, especially where the reason for hospitalisation is not known.

By taking a few simple, sensible precautions the spread of MRSA can be halted and the staph denied a possible fatal outing.

Richard J. B. Willis, BUC Health Ministries director



Instant evangelism?

There are two crucial keys to the new evangelistic initiative we call *LIFEdevelopment.info*, and we must each get a grip on those two keys if the Lord is going to make best use of us in it!

Those crucial keys are – firstly, a recognition and commitment that evangelism is a *long-term process*, not a single event, and secondly, the *building of lasting friendship* with all kinds of people who come into our lives or into whose lives we come.

Our problem is we have been raised in a 'fast food', 'quick-fix' society that wants results – plenty of them and in double-quick time, if you please, or we'll give it up as a bad job. Ideally, we want the church to provide 'instant evangelism', rather like cuppa-soup, so that all we have to do is add the water, stir it round a bit and – hey presto! – instant baptisms with the least possible investment on our part!

Hey – if you haven't realised it yet, sorry, but it works less and less that way!

I am of a mind that, to be effective, communication of the Gospel has to be done on the receiver's terms and not on the broadcaster's terms. Does that make sense? Let me try to explain myself. The majority of folk 'out there' do not have the Gospel high on their priority list. They see no need of it in their lives, and though they may be courteous, they really couldn't care less. To quote a lovely word I learned recently – they are *insouciant!*

By contrast, we are very focused and somewhat impatient. We naturally want to find a way to break through that indifference, and we kind of feel that we fail if we cannot break through. We want to make full use of our 'friendship' to bring the Gospel to the top of their agenda – maybe to force it a bit if we can. Well, the truth probably is that we cannot. So our task is to build and maintain friendships that *they* may make use of when something happens in their lives that causes the Gospel to rise to the top of their priorities. In other words, we make friendships *for them to use, not for us to force*.

This is illustrated well in a book I have recently been reading.¹ The book is the record of the friendship and dialogue of two Christian men, as they pray and talk through questions of what it means to be a Christian in our times. Dr 'Neo' Oliver, a Jamaican pastor-turned-science teacher, converses with Brian (Daniel) McLaren, a white evangelical pastor in the USA. At one point in their conversations, Dr Oliver observes:

'I always used to feel so tense when I was with people from outside the church. I guess there was always this threat in the air – either I was going to be pulled down by their bad behaviour, or I was going to judge them and preach to them. It was unpleasant for both sides. I felt tense, and they probably did too. I don't feel that way any more at all.'

'Don't you ever try to witness about your faith to them?' McLaren asked. 'I mean, isn't there a time when friendship evangelism has to move on to the evangelism?'

'Pardon me, Daniel, but I am not too fond of that expression, "friendship-evangelism". It can prostitute friendship, which in my mind then invalidates the evangelism. If I'm going to pretend to be somebody's friend just so I can try to proselytise them, well, I might as well be selling soap. No, it's worse

than that. At least when I'm selling soap, I'm not degrading the soap by exploiting the friendship. I can't tell you how much that term bothers me.'

Dr Oliver continues: 'If there's one thing I wish I could tell every Christian about evangelism in the post-modern world, it would be about that word 'conversation'. I would say to stop counting conversions, because our whole approach to conversion is so, I don't know, mechanistic and consumeristic and individualistic and controlling. Instead, I'd encourage us to count *conversations*, because conversation implies a real relationship, and if we

make it our goal to establish relationships and engage in authentic *conversations*, I know *conversions* will happen. But if we keep trying to convert people, we'll simply drive them away. They are sick of our sales pitches and our formulas.'²

I take the commission of Ezekiel as being relevant in this matter. The Lord told Ezekiel that he was not sending him to people with a foreign tongue or foreign culture, but to his own people. But he warned that they would not listen or respond. Ezekiel's job, therefore, was simply to be their building contact and make himself available. The Lord said, *'At the end of the day, they must know there has been a prophet among them – that's all I ask of you!'* (Paraphrased from Ezekiel 2:3-7.) So that is what Ezekiel did – just kept drip-feeding the people with messages from God – sometimes in the form of charades. When a crisis forced God high up onto their agenda, they came to the one person they believed had contact with the

Lord, and they asked him for counsel and prayer. (As suggested by Ezekiel 8:1 and 14:1.)

This proposes that the measure of our success, so far as the Lord is concerned, is whether or not we built a bridge – not how many people crossed it!

LIFEdevelopment.info is an invitation to you to change your attitude to witnessing. There are umpteen kinds of methods, many of which you have tried and found to fail, but it is the *attitude* that most requires our attention. This is about committing indefinitely to being available to others as a reliable and trustworthy friend.

At first, this may seem unrewarding, or even a complete waste of time, because we don't get many instant results. But I believe the Lord wants us simply to 'let our light shine' to those around us even when he is not high on their agenda. Then, when his offer of love rises higher on their inventory, they will know a reliable and non-threatening person to whom they may go for safe help.

LIFEdevelopment.info is all about committing to being available permanently as a bridge. But remember, if you set out to become a bridge, you're likely to get walked over from both ends before you fulfil your dream. Let people take up your offer when they are ready. Usable friendship is something our friends use to reach Christ, and not what we use to get at them. Their terms, not ours.

*This guest editorial was written by Pastor Mike Stickland, director, Adventist Discovery Centre.

¹ *A New Kind of Christian*, Brian D. McLaren; Jossey-Bass Inc, San Francisco.

² *Ibid*, pages 103, 104 and 108, 109. Emphasis supplied.

Sign Language Ministry

by Basil Lumsden



Once again the Lord has called a group of young people to do his work – to spread the Gospel in a way that has never widely been done before, to go out and reach souls who hunger and thirst for his Word.

Insignia Sign Ministries (ISM) is from Battersea Adventist church and was founded in 1998. Our vision is to use the art of British Sign Language (BSL) to teach people with hearing and speech difficulties about the love of Jesus and of his healing power. We aim to foster a sense of belonging in the community by showing them that someone cares, and that in God's eyes we are all the same.

It is not that people with special needs need the Gospel more than anyone else, but that they need it presented in a way they can understand – the same as any other culture or people-group requires. Insignia strives to master the art of BSL so that we can minister to them more effectively.

Between 24 August and 8 September ISM is conducting 'Operation Dominica' in three areas:

Youth work: This will involve working with deprived and disadvantaged youth/children who may have special needs.

Visitation: We will be visiting residential homes, schools, centres for the disabled, community and youth centres, children's hospitals, youth prisons, and shut-ins.

Open programmes: We will be working with the youth within the local church in Dominica to create awareness and highlight the needs of the community. This will involve visiting and feeding the homeless, supporting the current church building project and presentations on deaf awareness, unemployment, teenage pregnancy and self-esteem.

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New things at the Wilmslow/Sale church replant

The Sale church decided after much prayer and searching to replant itself in a different area following many years of hard and dedicated labour in the Sale area of Manchester. The work of members who have now been laid to rest was a vital part of the heritage of the Sale church.

The church began its replant in the area of Wilmslow last December. Worshipping in a community centre, members saw an opportunity to do something for the community. A luncheon club was born, just one of the many ventures to impact the community for Christ. The six-week luncheon project was a success and served around thirty people, gaining the praise of community members and a write-up in the local paper. It is hoped that after the summer and a review the project might be able to run again.

'For the six weeks,' says Pastor Andrew Rashford-Hewitt, 'the effort of all involved, and those who prayed for the success of it, was certainly worthwhile. Making new friends in the community is what evangelism is all about.'

It is hoped that by the grace of God and the commitment and dedicated skills, of the church members, the Wilmslow/Sale church will in time witness its first new local converts.

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

Jubilee song



Harrowby Infants' School music teacher Esme Sutton (centre left) receives the Jubilee Song competition plaque from BBC East Midlands Today newsreader Anne Davies. Esme is senior elder of the Grantham church. Photo: Grantham Journal

It isn't often that one gets the opportunity to write a song for a royal occasion, but this was the challenge offered to Esme Sutton, head elder of the Grantham church.

Esme, who has been an Infant and Junior school teacher in both denominational and state schools for just over forty years, was invited by her head-teacher to compose a song for the Queen's Jubilee celebration to be performed by her school.

The BBC's 'East Midlands Today' had invited schools throughout its region to submit songs to be judged by the viewers.

The song was written during one weekend, and some four weeks later a demo tape was sent off to be assessed. The following week found a film crew at the Harrowby Lane Infant Church of England School taping the school's performance which was televised the next week. They had been chosen as one of the three finalists out of a total of more than a hundred entries!

On 3 June the school performed the piece at the 'Music Live Celebration' held in Lincoln, and a few weeks later, Anne Davies, co-presenter of 'East Midlands Today' went to the school and presented a CD and video of the school's performance, together with a fine plaque in recognition of the success.

Although they were pipped by only 58 votes, nevertheless it was a wonderful achievement for both the composer and the school, a fitting conclusion to a lifetime of teaching, since Esme retires at the end of the current school year. We wish her well.

MIKE COWEN

Leamington Spa baptism

June 29 saw the baptism of two young people into Christ's family at Leamington Spa Mission. Luke Grinton and Talullah Lombard have chosen to dedicate their lives to Jesus and their baptism represented a joyous occasion for themselves, family and friends. Talullah emigrated to the UK with her family from South Africa just under two years ago and Luke has been a part of the Leamington membership for some time.

TRISTAN SIMMONS



Ilford church dedication

Friday 24 May saw the commencement of the weekend celebrations, and worshippers ushered in the Sabbath with celebration and praise. All eyes were on the Adventurers as they kept in step with the accompanying martial beat. It was fascinating to see and hear the Cradle Roll and Kindergarten departments of Ilford church participating actively in praises to God and affirming that they were going to let their little lights shine. The Juniors led out in the reading of scripture passages, members rendered songs, special items, poems, speeches and prayers, and Pastor Lombart was on hand to give encouragement.

On Sabbath the Pathfinders' Colour Party drill preceded the unveiling of the plaque by SEC president Pastor Don McFarlane. The platform party comprised ex pastors of Ilford and our current minister, Pastor Horace Taffe. The service ran through Ilford's history dating back to the 1930s and made special mention of the various roles of members past and long-standing, plus Pastor Ellis Guthrie who spearheaded the construction of the church building. Ilford church choir blended their voices as they sang 'Magnify, Glorify'. Pastor C. R. Perry, president, BUC, reminded us in his sermon that 'it is not the metal in the church but the mettle in us that counts'.

The afternoon programme took us on a trip down memory lane. Pastors Ellis Guthrie, David West and Isaac Williams reflected on their time spent at Ilford. Members shared their experiences on growing up in the church, remembering how Humphrey Walters (now Pastor Walters) would take the youth on 'short' walks which turned out to be mini marathons! The youth put on a concert in the evening and among the home-grown talent were 'The Girls' – reunited for the first time in over fifteen years. This brought back floods of memories for the older folk who knew these young ladies as children.

Sunday, the grand finale, was a community fun day. Among the visitors was the newly-elected Mayor of Redbridge and Councillors. Cllr Mohammed Javed made mention of the fact that his first visit to Ilford church was back in 1983 when permission was granted for the building of the church. He was pleased to lay a stone then for the erection of the church and had returned to celebrate the completion!

A team of face painters were on hand to add a splash of colour to many faces while medical staff checked blood pressure, and computerised heart checks were carried out by the Health and Temperance department. A good time was had by all!

Our sincere thanks go to Pastor Taffe and the elders of Ilford church, the committee members, musicians and others who contributed to our praiseworthy, Spirit-filled weekend. Above all, we thank God for the way he has led us.

Our church has come a long way since a handful of faithful members worshipped in Ilford's Labour Party Social Club to where it is now – a church that has grown to such an extent that this same building is now bursting at the seams!

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

Pastor Horace Taffe, left, with local dignitaries, Ilford Mayor and Redbridge Councillors.



Faith goal plus!

It was a damp overcast first Sunday when forty members of Wednesfield – tins and permits in hands, and feet shod, were ready to embark on the fortnight-long ADRA Appeal (Ingathering). They went from area to area, from street to street, from house to house, collecting money and reaching for souls.

After the first week everyone doubted whether we would reach our goal, but one man (Maxwell Thompson) held on in faith believing that we would reach our goal of £6,000. In the end, we not only reached our goal but exceeded it by £500-plus to a tremendous £6,531.

Sydney Denham, 90 years old, collected most with £662.13; Pearly Francis was the second highest collector with £642.97; Jacelyn Debique, youth and first-time collector, £118.50; Eugenie Marriott collected £486.10, with £288.20 in one tin alone! Ken Scarlett, despite being very sick, was able to collect £391.41; finally, the man of faith Maxwell Thompson collected £440.13.

GRACE MCCOLL

Scottish Women's Ministries retreat

For the fourth year running a group of around thirty women from Scotland and Northern England met at the beautiful Balcary House with its wooded grounds, at Hawick in the Scottish Borders.

We were blessed this year with two visiting speakers, Heather-Dawn Small from the General Conference and Anne-May Wollan from the TED.

Heather Haworth, Women's Ministries director for the BUC, had planned a weekend rich in blessings for us. The theme was 'Hang Onto Your Joy' which Heather-Dawn took up, sharing her own experiences of the ways that the devil attacks us, and what we need to do to combat him; for example by being 'properly dressed' as in Ephesians 6:10-18, and following a Spiritual Game Plan, which entails a consistent devotional life, with serious Bible study, meditation and intercession, and above all prayer time when we can develop a real relationship with the Lord. We were moved and inspired by Heather-Dawn's experiences, and heartened by her description of the evidence of God's guidance and support in her life, and the ways in which her relationship with God has developed through prayer.

Anne-May talked about the work she had been doing in Bangladesh,

and other Women's Ministries projects that we could support in different ways. Her presentation on Building Effective Ministries was encouraging as we plan to set up a WM programme in Scotland.

We left with a lot to think over, inspired and empowered to continue the fight, after such a physically relaxing and spiritually uplifting weekend. A typical comment was, 'I felt very low when I came here, and I'm returning home with my soul uplifted.'

JUDITH MARTIN, GLASGOW

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The Gathering

'A morning of praise, worship and commitment; an afternoon of worship, renewal and equipping!' That's how it was billed, and that's exactly what it turned out to be. Members representing six different churches – and visitors too – turned out on 13 July for the second 'Gathering'. The Gathering sprang from an idea by Pastor Jon Gendle, to give small congregations in Essex the opportunity to experience the dynamic of worship in larger groups while at the same time modelling a more contemporary style of church.

Jon hesitates to call the Gathering 'a mini day of fellowship', stressing that it should not be looked upon as a one-off special event but as a legitimate way of regularly worshipping God, while also enjoying fellowship and teaching. The location for the Gathering varies as it moves around the area. Hired venues are used to ensure that no local church is viewed as the host and no one attending should see themselves as a visitor –

ownership is important.

The second Gathering was held at the Methodist church in Billericay. The morning session began at 10.30am, in keeping with the more relaxed approach. Worship leader David Andrews, assisted by his daughter Nicola on the keyboard, led the congregation through a dozen worship and praise songs, all projected on the big screen. The songs were interspersed with prayer from David and from Paul Smith, who also gave a powerful poetry reading from the Adrian Plass book *Clearing away the Rubbish*. The message for the day was given by Pastor Mike Toy, who preached on Spiritual Mountaineering.

After a fine lunch in the sunny church garden, the afternoon session began at 3pm with more worship. Then came the teaching from Pastor Jon Gendle using PowerPoint slides and video as he led out in 'An Ordinary Day with Jesus' – an excellent teaching resource from Willow Creek about



'experiencing the reality of God in your everyday life' – to which had been added some humorous but pertinent illustrations. This second part focused on relationships, a subject on which most had something to say from their own experience, ensuring that a lot of laughter also attended the meaningful discussion. The consensus of opinion was that all had a good day as we gained some simple biblically-based skills to enhance our everyday

relationships and as we met with and worshipped the God of the universe.

The next Gathering will be on 19 October at a venue still to be determined. G3, as it's called, will be the last Gathering for 2002, but six more are planned for 2003. The comment for those in the know: 'It's church, Jim, but not as we know it!' Amen to that!

JOSE BENNELL, Waltham Abbey

Emerald: Fact-finding Mission in Ireland

by Vicky Murphy

Some might argue that the most important building on the way into Galway is the Galway Crystal show-

room, but I would suggest that it is in fact the Grianach House Seventh-day Adventist School just next to it, and

that is where our whistle-stop tour of the Irish Mission began on Friday 26 April. Norman Goodwin, president of the Emerald Foundation, and Don Roth, member of the board and General Conference representative, and Richard Weismeyer, the editor for The Emerald Newsletter, came to see everything and do it all in ten days! So the journey began.

As school started that Friday, we all assembled in the school hall for a very special programme. Welcoming us, Mrs Thelma Rhodes, principal, expressed grateful thanks to the Emerald Board for their continued support, and her delight at having both Norman and Don at Grianach House so that they could see at firsthand the tremendous impact Emerald's investment in the school is having.

As always the pupils were stars. Everything was done with great enthusiasm, and almost to perfection. It also offered an opportunity for Norman and Don to present Iva Baasch with an award for her ten years of service to the school, and to recognise the out-

standing contribution that Mary O'hici has made over the years.

It was a whirlwind tour that took in every district and almost every church in the Irish Mission. Where possible they met the congregations and visited each pastor in his district. This was indeed a fact-finding mission. They wanted to see firsthand the issues that each pastor had to face. On Monday 29 April all the workers came together for a brainstorming session and a time of fellowship before the Emerald Committee members returned home. We discussed many ideas and shared a common goal for the future to see God's work expand in Ireland.

The Irish Mission is truly indebted to the Emerald Foundation for its continued support. Its faithfulness and resources – time, effort and finance – enable us to operate an educational programme, keep a presence both at Newmarket-on-Fergus and Enniskillen, and also provide a place where our young people can hold their youth camps.



Left to right, Pastor Douglas McCormac, Mission Communication sponsor, Don Roth (GC representative), Richard Weismeyer (editor of The Emerald Newsletter), Pastor Curtis Murphy, president of the Irish Mission, Dr Mart de Groot, Victor Pilmoor, Irish Mission treasurer, Pastor Rudika Puskas, Pastor Nathan Stickland, Thelma Rhodes, head of Grianach House School, Pastor Philip Rhodes, Norman Goodwin (president of the Emerald Foundation), Pastor Mike Logan, Kevin Wiley, Vicky Wiley.

HARRISON, Wilfred – d. 2 June. Wilfred was born in Sheffield. He moved to Rotherham, where he met Edna whom he married in 1933. Two sons were born, David and Stuart. While in Rotherham Wilfred and his wife attended campaign meetings held in Sheffield and both were baptised and joined the Rotherham company. David was disabled with muscular dystrophy and, as no treatment was available, the doctor recommended a warmer climate and so they moved to Guernsey. There Wilfred continued his painting and decorating work. They attended the Methodist church as there was no Seventh-day Adventist church on the island. However, the damp atmosphere caused Edna to have rheumatoid arthritis and so they moved back north and joined the Grantham church, attending regularly until it became too difficult – David requiring 24-hour care with washing, dressing, feeding, etc., which was all given by Wilfred. Despite this, David's brain was very keen and with meticulous and painstaking help from Wilfred he was able to use the computer and become an excellent photographer, winning national awards. After David died, Edna became ill, and again Wilfred used his caring qualities to look after her until she died. Their other son Stuart and his wife visited regularly and these visits, along with news of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, were the highlights of his later years. Wilfred looked forward to the second coming of Jesus and now he rests with that Blessed Hope. As a church family we extend our deepest sympathy and love to Stuart and Joan and the family.

PHYLLIS CALDWELL

CHAPLIN, Glenys – d. 9 June. On 19 June the funeral service of Glenys Chaplin took place at St Mary's Hall, Brading, on the Isle of Wight. Glenys was born in Todmorden on 27 September 1947, the eldest daughter of Renee and Donald Hewlet. She had a younger sister Sue and brother Barry. Glenys met her husband-to-be, John, in 1963, and in 1966 they were married. They moved to Oxford, their first home being a caravan at Horspath. In 1967 and 1971 Paul and Judy were born. During this period Glenys met her best friend Christine; they have been very close friends ever since. Glenys obtained her dream job in the Ambulance Service after working for many firms. This was in 1983. During her time with the Ambulance Service both Glenys and John were introduced to Jai from the Adventist church. This was at a time when both of them had been seeking for the meaning of life. Bible studies were conducted by Pastor R. D. Vine, and after a year Glenys gave her life to God and was baptised at the Oxford church in 1992. Because of back problems she had to give up the Ambulance Service. In

1994 Glenys went to work for Penny and Graham at Long Hanborough. When Penny and Graham moved to Broadway in the Cotswolds they asked Glenys to travel to and from Oxford in order to work for them. This she did. In 1995 came the day every woman fears; after having an X-ray checkup on her breast, she was informed that there was a malignant tumour. Glenys had an operation followed by chemo and radiotherapy. She bravely faced these times of painful illness, never complaining and always smiling. In 1997 things got back to normal. It was at this time that Glenys and John decided to sell up at Oxford and move to the Isle of Wight to fulfil Glenys's ambition to open and run a small hotel. They put in a lot of hard work redecorating and painting the hotel, but after three years tragedy struck. Just before Christmas 2000, after suffering with a bad back, Glenys was diagnosed again with cancer. Over seventy people came to the funeral service and a collection of £500 was taken, of which £450 went to the Mountmaton Hospice and £50 to the MacMillan Nurses Fund. Pastor David Foster took the service and many people there were amazed at the cheerfulness and happiness that revealed the blessed hope of life eternal with Jesus Christ our Saviour. Condolences to John and very close members of the family are expressed for the loss of such a wonderful wife and mother.

JOHN HEMMING

JONES, Jezariah – d. 15 June. It is with sadness that the members of the Erdington church record the death of Jezariah Jones. 'J', as he was affectionately known, was the son of Adventist parents Arthur and Jemima Jones, being the first of nine children. Seeking a better life, he left and went first in 1956 to Mexico, then to the USA, and then he came to England. He attended the evangelistic campaign meetings held in the Birmingham Summerfield Park, and was baptised at the Erdington church by Pastor Paul Haworth on 18 August 2001. Unhappily he developed cancer and was hospitalised and underwent surgery. He travelled to Jamaica to see his mother this year but returned early due to his illness worsening. We were not privileged to have his fellowship with us for very long – but his quiet smile and friendly manner will be missed. The funeral service, attended by a large number of relatives and friends, was conducted by Pastor Haworth at the Erdington church and was followed by the burial at Handsworth cemetery. To the many relatives, the Erdington members extend their sympathy and share their sorrow at the death of Brother 'J'; and with them look forward to seeing him again on the resurrection morning.

H. M. THOMPSON, Church Clerk

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Death of Lloyd Fleming-Noel. It is with sadness that we report the death of Lloyd Fleming-Noel, husband of Mrs Gwen Fleming-Noel, the first black Bible worker in the South England Conference. Brother Fleming-Noel had been sick for some time in his home on the island of

Grenada in the Caribbean. Our sympathies go out to Sister Gwen and the rest of the family. The funeral was held on 21 July in Grenada. The leadership of the South England Conference solicit your prayers on behalf of the family.

CATHERINE BOLDEAU

Wednesfield baptism

Sunday 30 June was a significant day at Wednesfield church, Wolverhampton. Two young people, Jacelyn Donielle Debique (17) and Stacey Rebecca Ferguson (14) publicly

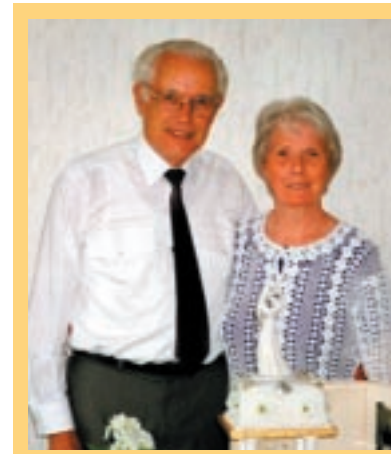
declared their commitment to serve God through baptism, expressing their ultimate joy as they took this step. Songs of praise and thanksgiving were rendered by Wednesfield's innovative

adult choir as well as a group of our young people. Pastor Richard Jackson presented the message of encouragement to the candidates as well as to the waiting congregation, after which Pastor E. Francis, NEC president, performed the baptism.

Wednesfield church enjoyed what

was its second baptismal service. With prayer and supplication, the members look forward to the next baptism on 29 September when it is anticipated that more souls will be presented for the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

SANDRA FRANCIS



Golden Wedding

Dennis and Beryl Hall celebrated 50 years of marriage on Sabbath 29 June. Various members of their family took part in the Sabbath school programme, including musical items by some of the grandchildren and a tribute by Carol, their daughter, volunteered by her brothers Graham and Ray for her inherited gift of the gab! She spoke of the example given by her parents to them in the home and church, resulting in their commitment to Christ. This influence has passed on to subsequent generations.

A gift of a crystal bowl was given by the Plymouth church, where Dennis has served as elder for many years. Later in the day family and friends gathered together for a meal and fellowship. This included all three children, two of their spouses (Julia and Sue), five out of the six granddaughters (Kimberly, Jennie, Sophie, Gemma and Jackie) and one great-grandson (Brennan). Some of Carol's family (Nolin, Sally and Wojtek) were unable to come over from America.

We wish them future years of happiness together.

JULIA HALL



New Youth pastor for Belfast

Back in September 1997 Adam Keough began training for the pastoral ministry, little knowing that five years later he would be returning to Northern Ireland. Adam had left the Belfast/Larne parish when he was 12 years old after his father had served in the Irish Mission for a number of years.

Adam began his appointment as Youth pastor to the Belfast and Larne churches on 1 July. He has recently finished his studies at Newbold College and has only his Masters thesis to complete before he graduates in 2003. He is exploring the synthesis of Church and technology and the way the Church can expand through the Internet.

Although having lived near Belfast as a child, Adam had few memories and felt that he was coming to a new country. He said that it was going to be hard leaving behind friends but he was equally excited about the future. He commented on the vision and the energy that consumed the young people and looked forward to his ministry there. There are many different challenges. Belfast is a progressive city and so are the young people who make up a part of the local congregation.

FIONA MCKEE

Branch Sabbath School at Hackbridge

The newly-formed Hackbridge Branch Sabbath School, daughter of the Norbury church, celebrated its first anniversary on Sabbath 13 July. The speaker for the divine service was Pastor James Phillip who, through his message of praise and thanksgiving, encouraged host Pastor W. Blake, the leader, church elder Paul Hersey, and members to continue the good work – so that the group which started with seven core worshippers and now has twenty, will continue to grow, spreading the good news of salvation. Also that they will soon become an organised company and finally a church.

PASTOR WILFRED BLAKE

Au pairs find God in Moor Close Community

When two young ladies made their separate ways from Macedonia to Britain as au pairs, neither would have guessed that by leaving the homeland of Alexander the Great, they would end up not only learning about, but knowing personally the King of kings.

Sanja Filipovska arrived first in Berkshire and began to attend Bracknell and Wokingham College. There she met an Adventist couple from Yugoslavia who invited her to attend Newbold church. She came along, and attended Moor Close Community, the 'contemporary' student and young adult church at Newbold. She felt a warmth and a relevance there that touched her heart,

and in the past year and a half has barely missed a service.

A few months after Sanja began to attend Moor Close Community, she met Marija Ilijoska, another Macedonian au pair who was learning English at Bracknell and Wokingham College. Marija was new to the country and Sanja befriended her and asked if she wanted to go to church with her. Marija decided to take up the offer, and she too has now been attending for over a year.

At Newbold there is a thriving South Slav group which meets together for worship on Sabbath afternoons and for social events. It was in this caring context that Sanja and Marija

began to study the Bible with Miriana Koricanac, a Yugoslav pastor who is at Newbold doing further study. Miriana thoroughly introduced them to the doctrines and beliefs of the Adventist Church, during which time they began to consider baptism.

Their special day came on 11 May when they were both baptised. Having become 'like sisters' since they first met at college, they entered the baptistery together, where pastoral couple Gry and Victor Marley were waiting for them.

They were welcomed warmly by Moor Close Community and the wider Newbold church. They had come to learn English, but ended up learning something much more important – the language of Heaven which is the love of God, and salvation through Jesus Christ.

MOOR CLOSE COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION TEAM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	WHEN	WHERE	WHO	HOW
Youth campaign: 'ER: Code Blue'	16-31 August	Hampstead church, 66 Haverstock Hill, NW3 2BE	Greg St Ange (international speaker)	senni@talk21.com or phone 07956 510964
ASNA Annual summer outing	18 August 10am	Woburn Safari Park	(Adults £9/ ages 3-15 £7/ members 50% discount)	Phone Jackie Saul-West 0208-803-7033
Auditions for Radio Presenters. All ages and nationalities welcome	18 August 12 noon	Hampstead church, 66 Haverstock Hill, NW3 2BE	(Tube station Belsize Park on Northern Line)	Edison Weekes, 01923 462241 (call between the hours of 6.30pm-9.30pm only please)
Area 1 Family Camp	13-15 September	Chapel Porth	Pastor R. Clemow	Phone: 01752 774523
Area 1 Day of Fellowship	28 September	Oldway Mansion, Paignton	Dr Orville Woolford	Pastor R. Clemow; Phone: 01752 774523
ASNA One-day Conference – 'Disabilities and the Church: Let's get educated'	29 September 9.15am-4pm	Newbold College		Phone Sophia Nicholls 01491 833395

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