

# Messenger



## Newbold Graduation

by Angela Matthews

An emotional graduation ceremony marked the end of an era for forty-nine Newbold graduates. Students from twenty-three countries donned colourful robes and marched down the aisles of the College's new church building, becoming the first class to receive their diplomas there. Steven Rivers, a New York native who graduated from Newbold College fifteen years ago, and is now the principal at Stanborough Park School, gave the graduation address. He emphasised the need for graduates to go out into the world 'not as vessels to be filled, but as fires to be ignited'. He encouraged them to 'surround themselves with great people,' be loyal, 'under-promise and over-deliver' and 'always remember to pray.' Despite patches of rainy weather, Sunday 18 May was a day of celebration and inspiration for all the graduates and their families.

Among the forty-nine graduates, thirteen were from within the BUC. A number of class members initially came to Newbold from other Adventist educational institutions in England. Jeremy Brooks and Natasha Clark, both long-time Newbold residents, also studied at Newbold School. Anthea attended Newbold and Hyland House Primary School. Anita Choudary,



*Main photo: British Graduates 2003, back row: Left to Right: Dr John Baldam, Director of Academic Affairs, Jeremy Tremear MA Biblical Studies, Solon Kyriacou MA Pastoral Studies. Middle Row: Marcus Johnson BA Biblical and Pastoral Studies, Lloyd Lambert BA Biblical and Pastoral Studies, Adam Keough MA Pastoral Studies, Jason Bindra BA Biblical and Pastoral Studies, Jeremy Brooks MA Pastoral Studies. Front Row: Natasha Clark BA Humanities, Anthea Davis BA Humanities, Anita Choudary BS Behavioural Sciences, Denise Smart BA Biblical and Pastoral Studies. Not pictured: Colin Brewster MA, Carlton Douglas MA.*

*Above left: Fifteen years after graduating from Newbold, Steven Rivers, Headmaster of Stanborough School came back to be the Graduation speaker at his alma mater.*

*Above: Pastor Sam Davis and his wife Rowena celebrated the graduation of their daughter Anthea with a BA(Hons) in Humanities. Anthea is now studying for an MA in Colonialism and Empire at King's College, London. Pastor Davis said, 'Anthea has developed intellectually, found focus and direction. She was assertive anyway but she has become a lot more confident.'*

*Below left: Adam Keough, youth pastor in the Belfast and Larne churches, is just one of this year's British graduates already hard at work in the ministry.*

*Below, left to right: Class of '43, Agnes Casburn, Edgar and Ruth Hulbert, Vera Cowley (spouse of graduate Pastor Bert Cowley), Maureen Kimman and Roy Scarr.*

Anthea Davis and Adam Keough all studied at Stanborough Park School; Anita also attended John

Loughborough as a junior. In addition to these British students, there were thirteen graduates from other Unions

in the TED. From outside of the TED there were six Africans, six Americans, two Brazilians, one Bermudan, one

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**Healthwise** with Richard J. B. Willis, BUC Health Ministries director

**Rages are Red . . .**

. . . violence is blue. It shows, and it is a growing concern. **In the UK today:** a domestic violence incidence takes place every 6-20 seconds; every 10 seconds in England and Wales domestic violence injures someone; 1 in 5 men claim to have used violence on their partner or ex-partner at least once; 1 in 10 women are violently abused each year, and 1 in 4 will experience domestic abuse at some point in their lives.

I won't even begin to describe the various kinds of abuse meted out, but they run the gamut of smacking through to murder. In some shape or form these abuses are either directly sexual in nature or used as a means of coercing sexual behaviours in gratifying selfish desires and displays of power. Children under 16 are to be found in around half the homes where people are abused, and in many instances are forced to watch the unnatural forms abuse takes in much of what is perpetrated.

Women figure high in the statistics because of the sexual element involved in domestic abuse. Under differing circumstances it is the men in the house that are abused, but these are frequently 'one off' events rather than the repeated patterns of abuse to which women and children, increasingly, are subject.

The intense fear element means that abuse is repeated without outside intervention to halt the process. **Victims of abuse:** account for about 3% of calls to Social Services and local Housing departments, around one call every 3 minutes (24 hours a day and through 365 days a year); 1 in 10 victims will contact a doctor or nurse (roughly one call a minute); and the police will be called to 1 in 8 domestic assaults (at slightly more than one call a minute).

A US domestic violence hotline reported receiving its 700,000th call for help. Multiplied across the various agencies these calls must be considerable in number. In England and Wales (at the last recorded date) 6.6 million incidents of domestic violence took place, with 2 out of every 5 resulting in injury. Another 13.6 million people (lowest estimate) reported frightening threats. To call our society sick would be a gross understatement, small wonder people turn to alcohol or drugs to ease the pain.

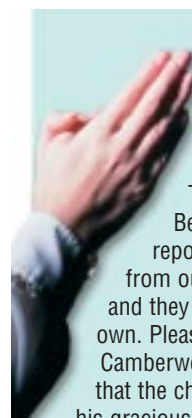
All sorts of reasons have been given for the increase in domestic violence, from sport to wars and to television in which *much*, if not all, of the violent action is totally gratuitous. Whether or not the television is the main culprit is a matter for debate.

Believing that it might be, last year 6.4 million people in the US participated in a TV-Turnoff week, an event that had the support of more than 70 national organisations including public health bodies. It has been calculated that American children aged 2 to 17 average around 20 hours of television a week. By age 18 these average viewers will have seen 200,000 acts of violence.

The writer David Schwantes reminds us: 'The media are what we make them. They are, after all, extensions of man and his moral philosophy. Consequently they show us at our best and at our worst.' So, if we have to get angry about something, rather than pick on those around us, let us get angry about the sickness and sadness inherent in domestic violence. We can channel our passions in ridding our society of this blight of abuse and fear so that our homes may be healthy places in which to live and grow.



**Prayer Feature**  
with Tracy Dixon



Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer for the Bethel church in Camberwell, London. It has been reported to me that the church there is really benefiting from our prayers and that people are attending regularly and they are now looking to find a church building of their own. Please pray that our Lord Jesus will enable the Camberwell members to find a suitable church building and that the church's numbers will increase greatly according to his gracious will.

I have also been asked specifically for you to pray for a couple known to me only as Von and Emile. They are in the early stages of their courtship and would like us to pray that God make it clear to them whether they should be thinking about further commitment (marriage or not). Marriage is of course one of the biggest decisions we ever make and these good people want to know if it is God's will that they should spend their lives together.

May I remind you to continue to pray for the starving in Brazil and for the government's moves to put in place social reforms that will enable the people there to eat and experience better living conditions generally. Please pray that God be with the social reformers there and particularly the leaders in the government. Also please continue praying for Susan from the Bethel church mentioned above. She was left blind after being attacked by her employer in Sierra Leone. She would like us to pray every day for her complete healing.

If you have asked for the church's prayers via this feature in the past and have clearly received an answer from God about the issue we prayed for, please keep us informed as it is so encouraging to see the way in which God responds to our cries for help. **Please continue sending prayer requests to Tracy E. Dixon 83 Penygroes Road, Caebryn, Ammanford, Carmarthenshire, SA18 3BZ.**



It's a mad, mad world. Have you noticed? The Turner Prize going a few years ago to someone who thought up the idea of turning a light on and off in an empty room. Crazy, or what?

Then there have been the Great Cola Wars: manufacturers of two identical drinks of carbonised water (flavoured with vegetable extracts) engaging in a world-wide war of 'aggressive saturation marketing' that cost billions. Madness. Then there's the cosmetic surgery industry. 'Is it possible that we are in danger of creating a world filled with semi-identical, plasticised, doll-like figures?' asked *Time* magazine.

So what, exactly, is madness? This definition appeals to me: 'Doing the same thing over and over again, hoping for a different result.'

I learned more from Portia Nelson's *Autobiography in Five Short Chapters* than from most autobiographies:

*Chapter 1.* I walk down the street. There is a deep hole in the pavement. I fall in. I am lost. I am helpless. It isn't my fault. It takes me forever to get out.

*Chapter 2.* I walk down the street. There is a deep hole in the pavement. I pretend I don't see it. I fall in again. I can't believe I'm in the same place, but it isn't my fault. It still takes a long time to get out.

*Chapter 3.* I walk down the street. There is a deep hole in the pavement. I see it there. I still fall in. It's a habit. But now my eyes are open. I know where I am. It is my fault. I get out immediately.

*Chapter 4.* I walk down the street. There is a deep hole in the pavement. I walk around it.

*Chapter 5.* I walk down a different street. From Ms Nelson's wise words we learn the shortcut out of madness. The cure has a number of stages:

- Getting out of the hole – *immediately!*
- Accepting responsibility for one's own actions.
- Accepting that one has a *choice*.
- Watching out for pitfalls and avoiding them.
- Changing direction – *completely!*

Portia Nelson says much that is of help to sinners. But there is one vital weapon available to sinners of which Ms Nelson appears unaware.

Have you ever heard Morris Venden tell the story of Mary of Magdala? He describes how Simon the Pharisee led her into sin. He talks about how she left Bethany for Magdala – but how her reputation overtook her on the way. He describes the chasm of despair within her; and how she became a prostitute in that city of merchants on the great road from Alexandria to Damascus.

Venden becomes animated as he tells how Jesus 'took ship, and came into the coasts of Magdala' (Matthew 15:39, KJV). His eyes

glisten as he recounts how hopeless Mary heard Jesus say, 'Whoever comes to me is never turned away.' He says that Mary came to Jesus and discovered that his enemies had spoken the truth: 'This man welcomes sinners.' (Luke 15:2.) He gives an account of how Mary repented, was forgiven, and learned to sit at the feet of Jesus.

But Venden, with a touch of Garrison Kieler in his tone, goes on, 'But Mary fell into sin again, because she had not learned how to sit at the feet of Jesus *when Jesus was not in town.*' Mary, says Venden, had been 'converted' but 'at least *seven times* Jesus had to lift her out of the pit' (see Mark 16:9).

Venden continues: 'Then Mary learned how to sit at the feet of Jesus when Jesus was not in town. She learned not only forgiveness of sin but how to live the Christian life. She learned how to live by God's grace day by day. She learned, too, to take the Spirit on board in her life and grasp the option that the Spirit-filled life brings, and experience the assurance: 'You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you.' (Romans 8:9, NIV.) Mary learned what the apostle Paul expressed so neatly: 'For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no-one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.' (Ephesians 2:8-10, NIV.)

Mary had, apparently, learned that she could not *work* her passage to the Kingdom of God; could not become righteous by her own exertions. Only by the power of faith that Jesus provides. She learned also that she could

receive this power only by looking to him, by staying close to him every day of her life – whether he was in town or not!

Portia Nelson's *Autobiography in Five Short Chapters* is just a bit *too* short. It omits the supernatural element essential to everyone's successful walk down the street of life. As a wise man once wrote: 'Don't try to work out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice. . . . He's the One who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all. Run to God! Run from evil!' (Proverbs 3:5-7, *Message*.)

When prodigal sons and daughters announce their intention to leave the Far Country and return to the Father's house, the inhabitants of the Far Country say, 'You're mad!' Because man's madness is God's sanity; and messed up man dismisses God's sanity as madness. The first sane decision many a prodigal son and daughter has made is, 'By the grace of God – *I'm out of here!*'





**Above:** Pastors Maurice Musgrave and Vernon Nambo with some of the Croydon literature-evangelists. **Pictures to right:** Sam Ahwan with some of the younger London LEs, Fitzroy Morris, Darren Ross, Irene Sewagudde and Derrick Henry.

## Pastor Musgrave retires



On Monday 12 May a presentation was made to Pastor Maurice Musgrave at the Croydon Adventist church. The presentation was made by Stanborough Press financial director Graham Barham on behalf of the London literature-evangelists. Since his retirement as BUC treasurer at Warwick in 1986, Pastor Musgrave has served the literature-evangelists of the London area as the unpaid manager of the Croydon depository. On behalf of The Stanborough Press and the seventeen London literature-evangelists who were able to be present, Barham thanked Pastor Musgrave for his years of committed service. Pastor Vernon Nambo, BUC Publishing department director, also

present for the occasion, spoke of the 'high level of appreciation' for Pastor Musgrave. 'Literature-evangelists have appreciated his large-heartedness, his attendance at all times and in all weathers – and the accuracy of his accounts,' said Nambo.

'There are many challenges to the literature work in London,' said Pastor Nambo. 'And we need to see a new generation who are prepared to rise to those challenges. In the recent past, Pastor Musgrave and I have welcomed some new, eager, well-qualified LEs in the London area. Some have been able to be present today: Darren Ross, Derrick Henry, Irene Sewagudde and Fitzroy Morris.'

Pastor Musgrave and his wife Nan have retired in the Watford area.

EDITOR

## Ilford: Holy Spirit working

The Holy Spirit is at work in Ilford church. On Sabbath 19 April five more residents for heaven were baptised.

Timothy Sukali, Serena Francis and Chidie Anunobi had been studying with church elder Gladstone Austin in the baptismal class each Sabbath morning. Oluwaseun (Sean) Adedayo, a member of our youth class, had told Ilford's Pastor Nigel David a few days previously that he too was ready to 'take the plunge' for Jesus.

Visiting Pastor E. Brooks officiated. His sermon entitled 'Which Church?' touched such a strong chord with visitor Patricia Cadogan that when shaking his hand at the end of divine service she asked if she could also be baptised!

It was only six months ago – 20 November – that five young souls, Linelle Hixon, Genesis Ryan, Ira Benjamin, Patience Campion and Lynette Msimanga pledged their hearts to the Lord.

KATHY RAYNEY



Seon, Chidie, Pat, Serena and Tim

## Balham wins SEC Domino Tournament

On 5 May churches from around London were invited to test their skills as they challenged each other to win the title of 'Domino Champion 2003'.

Although great interest was shown, only the truly brave churches put for-

ward their teams. The tournament, held in Battersea, went full speed ahead. With good food and refreshments, along with the knitted-brow concentration of the players, the day came to an end as everyone gathered

around the table where the senior team from Luton and the Balhamites battled it out for the much wanted title of undisputed Domino champions of the SEC.

With one set apiece, the senior team from Luton had the younger Balhamites on the ropes with five games to three in the final set, but the young men fought back bravely to win the set and the match two sets to one.

Carlton Fuller and Steve Anderson from Balham church came through

victorious, taking first place for both the team (trophy) and the church (shield).

There was nothing but praise for the good performance given by Lloyd Royle and Gusseh Stephenson from Luton emerging as proud runners up (medal). Allen Clarke (the Balham team captain) had nothing but praise for his colleagues, but his own disappointment showed as he himself was thrashed by the Lutonians 'B' team.

DEBBIE DAVIS



## War hero baptised

January 25 was a big day for Ray Orr, and he had had a few biggies before in his life. It was his re-birthday. Despite his something over 80 years, he was able to climb a ladder and into the tank for his baptism at the Wilmslow and Sale Fellowship church.

It was also a big day for Ray's wife Anna who had been baptised along with eighty others, including Ray's sister, by Pastor Ken Lacy. They never gave up praying that Ray would join them in the church.

Born in Belfast on 7 June 1922, Ray joined the RUC in 1941, a few months later joining the RAF, where he served in Radar, Signals, with whom he flew twenty missions as aircrew with bomber command, and in the special forces.

He served in many varied and dangerous places, including Blackpool, Edinburgh, Iceland, Malta, Egypt (where he gave a hand to Monty's 8th Army) Tunisia, Italy, France, Germany, Belgium and Austria.

He also boxed and played football with the RAF, where he added yet more medals to his already impressive

array: The Battle of Britain, Aircrew France and Germany, the Italian Star, the African Star, and he would have received the Burma star, had his transport ship not been sunk before his departure.

Even though he knocked out many of his opponents in the boxing ring, and came through unscathed in all his sorties, he was finally knocked off his feet by a five foot blond Austrian girl, Anna, now his wife.

But whatever country he was in, he was always the one who arranged the church visits for his comrades, never giving up the good habits he learned as a young boy in the Church of Ireland. He started attending church as a result of the NET '98 programme, even giving up his regular seat to watch Manchester United – now that's real commitment!

We know Ray is an African star, and an Italian star, but he has become a Wilmslow and Sale Fellowship star, and a heavenly star.

PHILIP EMM



David West

## Adventists in Good Friday walk

Each year, on Good Friday, Christians remember the Easter Story of Jesus Christ as he is cruelly put to death.

In Ipswich each year the Easter Story, portrayed and remembered by Christians from churches in the central area of the town, meet for a dignified silent witness on the morning of Good Friday.

A simple cross is carried at the front of the group which this year numbered around fifty. Outside each of the town-centre churches (including the Seventh-day Adventist church in Ipswich) we pause while a relevant scripture is read aloud by a member of that faith community. The route takes us through the pedestrian precincts busy with shoppers, and our witness clearly evokes a thoughtful response on the part of many.

A curious child asked her mother what these people were doing. We

overheard the mother reply, 'This is the day Jesus died on the cross for us.'

PAUL KING

## Island baptism

Sabbath morning 26 April was another milestone in the life of Sarah Linnington, for on that day at the Portsmouth church Sarah was baptised. Sarah, 18, comes from a loving family home on the Isle of Wight. She was brought up as an Adventist and gave a living testament of her love, faith, and commitment to Jesus Christ in the waters of baptism.

There was a large gathering of her family and friends to witness the event. Pastor David Foster, who has the Portsmouth and Isle of Wight churches, took the service and baptism. In his address he recounted that the famous escapologist Houdini boasted that he could escape from any lock in the world, but failed on just one. In Canada, try as he might, the



lock would not yield to his skilled hands. It transpired that the lock on the door was already open! His working at it was in vain. Eventually he leaned exhausted on the door and fell through! Jesus has unlocked the chains of sin that bound us. All we have to do is open the door of our hearts and let him come into our lives.

Visitors were impressed by the whole service, and one was heard to remark that she was 'deeply moved' by it all. Sarah is already a Sabbath school teacher helping children in the Isle of Wight church, and her work is greatly appreciated.

JOHN HEMMING

## They sprinted to the pool!

Derby Chester Green church had a wonderful day on Sabbath 1 March witnessing the baptism of Floretta Williams and 11-year-old Gharsha Haslam, who sprinted to the baptismal pool. They were well supported by family and friends as they both gave their lives over to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, after a period of dedicated study. The service was conducted by our pastor, Cedric Vine, and the immersion of the candidates was carried out by Dr Patrick Herbert, former pastor, who was delighted to be present on such a special occasion.

DOM J. HALLAM

## Scarborough Sabbath Fellowship

Visiting the Scarborough area? We now hold a Sabbath Bible Fellowship in the home of John and Norma Kent. Relaxed and lively Bible study discussion and lots of singing. Why not join us? You'll receive a friendly welcome to this flexible group. Take us as you find us! Phone 01723 862882 for further details and directions. And plan to join us in a simple fellowship lunch afterwards!

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# Youth Day of Fellowship

'Dundee – the place to be!' 10 May 2003

by Enock Bamusi, Glasgow

To many it would just be another day of fellowship for the youth in Scotland. The only difference, probably, would be the venue in that this time the whole day would be spent in Dundee! Most people must have thought this would be one of those routine gatherings in the church whereby youth (and the older ones, of course) would leave their own churches for a different kind of Sabbath worship elsewhere, just for that Sabbath. To the hosts, this would simply be a day when their church would be filled with people from other churches, spending the day with them!

But at 10am, no sooner had the Dundee worship team taken their places on the platform to lead in the song service, than those who had made it in time for Sabbath school realised that the whole day would be one with a difference. This was evidenced by the way the congregation responded when the team led in sweet and soul-lifting songs.

Then it was time for the lesson study. Most people had participated in an open discussion-type Bible study before but, on this day, Bankole Davies Browne demonstrated that an open study is not just a matter of people sharing what they have studied during the week but something that provides an opportunity to apply the lesson to one's own life with one major effect: soul changing. While the older members of the congregation were having this wonderful time, the teenagers were having their own share of the same cake with Marcel in another part of the beautifully-designed Dundee church. All younger children were also being well taken care of in another part of the building.

By divine service, the church was almost filled to capacity, and it was clear that over 150 people had turned up for the day. It was also noted that people had come from the following churches in Scotland: Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Crieff, East Kilbride and Irvine. Some of the people present had come from as far

away as Norway! The divine service itself brought more understanding of worship: that in worship you can make use of a variety of elements aimed at praising God. This particular service demonstrated that music (as performed by Glasgow's enthusiastic Blessed Hope singing group), mimes (as professionally performed by Mariette and Loraine), Object lesson (as presented by Marcel who, using a thin string with piece of paper folded around it, and balloon, demonstrated that we need something within us – the Holy Spirit – to move us in life) can direct our attention to Jesus.

When it was time for Marcel himself to stand up again for a 'short' message, the importance of music in worship was emphasised. Using a number of interesting illustrations and applications Marcel highlighted how spiritual music is an important component of worship, as well as how music can lead us into effective worship. His message revolved around Psalm 100. To emphasise this aspect more, the Dundee worship team came on stage again to lead the congregation in singing.

While we appreciate that spiritual food creates a more favourable environment for fellowshiping, we should not undermine the role physical food plays in this process. Yes, it was now time for lunch, and who would say there wasn't plenty or enough to eat and drink? We praised God for that and we recognised the good work that Claudette and her kitchen staff had done.

The afternoon programme started at exactly 14.30 after people had been given more opportunity to interact with one another. As if the morning sessions were not enough, the Dundee worship team came up to take a lead in the extended song service in the afternoon. One would have expected that after having already done a lot of singing in the morning, and expecting the possible effects of the 'heavy lunch', people would now demonstrate 'weaker' singing. Wrong! Actually the

more joyful singing was demonstrated in the afternoon, with a selection of well-chosen songs.

Other items that made the after-

noon memorable included Bible competitions between participating churches through a game called 'Blockbuster' (led by Andy Logan), and translating Bible passages in modern terms and considering their real life applications through an activity called 'Creative Modern Bible Illustrations'.

No sooner had these activities been performed than it was realised that time had run out, and that it was time to close the day. Evidently, it was a day too short for many, but Marcel assured everyone else that two more Youth Days of Fellowship were to follow this year: 20 September at Crieff and 1 November in Edinburgh, and the question is: Who would want to miss these and any other youth activities after Dundee, 'the place to be!'?

## Walk for Romania

by J. Marcel Ghioalda, Youth sponsor

On Sunday 11 May over three dozen people met in the Newburgh car park bright and early, in order to begin a twelve-mile sponsored walk. As well as some local folks, people came from as far as East Kilbride, Crieff, Dundee, Forfar, St Andrews and Aberdeen. Each of the participants went out prior to the walk and obtained sponsorship in order to support Project Romania 2003. The project will see thirty Scottish young people go to Romania and rebuild two condemned houses in which people currently live, as well as do summer work with the children in the local communities.

Despite some people's predictions, the weather was on our side and with the exception of a couple of drizzly moments, the sun accompanied us all the way. We started in Newburgh and continued through the picturesque Pitmedden Forest on our way to Abernethy, where we stopped for a much deserved cold drink. From Abernethy we made our way back to the car park in Newburgh along the A913. The views both sides of the Ochil Hills were inspiring: the sheep and cattle grazing, the oil seed rape fields in bloom and the birds singing – we were in good company.

It is because of the generosity of those who sponsored the 'walkers' that we raised just over £2,000 from this fund-raising event. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who gave generously and helped us make progress in raising funds for Project Romania 2003, a project aiming to raise £15,000 by the middle of June.

Some of the people who took part in the Sponsored Walk for Project Romania 2003



## Scotland's Project Romania 2003

by J. Marcel Ghioalda, Youth sponsor

The Adventist church has started making a difference in a local community in Romania, through its humanitarian efforts. Several distributions of food, clothing, firewood, and the fixing of several homes, have already taken place and were sponsored by individuals as well as some Scottish Adventist churches.

In order to make it possible, the church had to have a presence in the local community. Hence, where once was some grass, a barn and a couple of grapevines, now stands a beautiful church, a way off from being ready for use, but already endowed with three local members and several enthusiastic volunteers.

Some of us were fortunate enough to be part of the latest community project – food and clothes distribution. One of the volunteers summed up the experience: 'Our aim was to provide seventeen families with food, clothes and blankets to prepare them for the winter. We bought 40kg of potatoes, 2.5kg of rice, 2kg of sugar, cheese and two bottles of oil for each family. It was tiring, but worth it.'

The Church in Scotland is still committed to serving the wider communities around us irrespective of religion, creed or race. The Scottish Youth department shares this vision and as such has developed what came to be known as 'Project Romania'. The project aims at helping a village community just outside Bucharest, Romania, by using a two-pronged approach:

**Rebuilding two condemned houses** in which unfortunate people currently live (the owners are not members of our church).

**Summer Holiday School project** for children in the local community (again none of the children has anything to do with our church).

Another aim of the project is to help young people from developed countries like ours to appreciate the needs of much less developed communities such as the one we are targeting. It is our experience that whenever youth spend time in such projects they return to their own countries with a deepened sense of appreciation for what they have, and a better focus on developing their own future to the benefit of the communities in which they live. Already five young people from the Dundee church on Rennell Road are committed to go along on the project.



## Obituaries

**THROSSELL, Mabel, Lancaster** – d. 25 March. On 2 April more than a hundred mourners from far and wide crowded quietly into the Bournemouth church to honour and rejoice in the memory of Mabel Throssell, a greatly loved member for twenty years. Mabel's devotion to her church, her friends and anyone in need of loving care and sympathy, however, stretched much further back to the days when she looked after her little sister at school. Hers was, indeed, a lifetime of faith and service. Later when she was training to be a nurse, an elderly patient for whom she was caring, and who had herself nursed under Florence Nightingale, confided in her that she was just the sort of nurse the great Florence would have loved. Mabel was born in 1918 in Manchester, the fourth in a family that was to increase to six. She and her mother joined the church through attending campaign meetings under Pastor Johnson from Canada and at the age of 18 Mabel went to Stanborough Park to start her nursing career, first at 'the San' and then at Shroddell's Hospital, Watford where she qualified as an SRN. She had not been at the San long before she attracted the admiring attention of a very perceptive button boy who persuaded her to marry him four years later. In 1948 David and Mabel moved to Newbold College where David served as head of maintenance and Mabel continued her nursing career at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot. However, the college soon became aware of Mabel's abilities and persuaded her to teach Health Principles and Home Nursing, which led on to her forming many friendships with the students whose troubles and problems she was always ready to listen to. About this time the college library entered on a period of rapid growth and called Mabel in to oversee the critical work of cataloguing the new acquisitions com-

ing in, sometimes with almost overwhelming effect. She gave twenty years of service in this department before she and David retired. On their retirement Mabel and David joined the family of retired workers for the church at Lingwood, where Mabel was always on call whenever anyone fell sick. She also took an active part in the life of the Bournemouth church, most especially as a deaconess in which ministry she served for another twenty years. Mabel was a very gifted lady; athletic in her young days, and always possessed of a fine sense of humour. Her performances in sketches, in which she could mimic a Cockney or a Mancunian accent, were sparkling, and her beautiful contralto voice often sang to the glory of God in solo, group and choir. It was only to be expected that the passing of such a well-loved mother in Israel would draw so many to pay their tributes and thank God for such a life. Pastor Martin Bell, in the language of a Wordsworth poem, compared her life to the beauty of the placid river at Alresford where she had walked with her loved ones and friends. Keith Nightingale, her son in law, in a moving tribute seasoned with gentle humour, showed how much his wife's husband had meant to him. Pastor Ken Clothier sang one of Mabel's favourite hymns in her honour and Pastor Martin Anthony, her minister, warmed the hearts of all with his resurrection comfort. May all Mabel's sorrowing loved ones, especially her husband of sixty years, David; her children Leigh and Lorna and their partners and families; her brother Frank and his wife Christine, find comfort in the faith that sustained Mabel so long. To all who sent messages of sympathy, flowers and gifts to ADRA in Mabel's memory the family wish to say a heartfelt thank you.

DR JOHN WOODFIELD



**HAYDON, Ada Mary** – d. 9 April. Ada Mary was born in Cornwall in 1907, daughter of a tin-miner who was also a lay-preacher. His name was Michael Sedgemoor. As he moved in search of work, he took his family with him. Hence one of the themes of Mary Sedgemoor's life was movement, but movement with the stability afforded by a living faith in God. She trained as a teacher in Budleigh Salterton but, when she married her first husband Michael, she had to give up teaching for dressmaking – an interest she kept all her long life. She taught her children the Christian faith and, during the War when other mothers gave up their children to be evacuated, Mary insisted that her children, Yvonne and Michael, stay with her. Sadly her husband's life as a Royal Marine led to long separations and the marriage failed. However, Mary instilled in her children a continuing love of God. Michael is prominent in the Worldwide Church of God in Canberra, Australia, and Yvonne is married to a gentleman, Michael Guest, prominent in the Church of the Latter Day Saints in Watford. Mary became a Seventh-day Adventist in Australia more than twenty years ago and had many joys and sadnesses during her sojourn, but her attitude was: 'I just take life as it comes. I may have little, but I always have my Lord with me.' When she came home, Mary joined the Stanborough Park church and, due to age, she settled in Lime Tree Manor in Hemel Hempstead. It was the great privilege of one of her granddaughters, Laura, to nurse her in Lancaster Ward, Hemel Hempstead hospital, following a fall. Mary died at the age of 95. The funeral, shared by the writer and Yvonne and Laura Guest, took place at West Herts crematorium on 23 April. The story of Lazarus formed the basis of our thoughts as we committed her to God in the Blessed Hope of a glorious resurrection when Jesus comes back. It was uplifting to sing 'For all the saints who from their labours rest' as our closing hymn – a hymn of challenge and victory through many tribulations.

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## Newbold Graduation

Canadian, one Bulgarian, one French, one German and four from Serbia and Montenegro. This was beyond doubt an international graduation class.

The ceremony was well attended, filling the College church to overflowing. In addition to the parents, friends and family of the graduates, Councillor Dorothy Hayes, the Mayor of the Bracknell Forest Borough Council was there in her official role for the last time, after attending three years of Newbold graduations. She particularly wanted to be invited back as a friend of Newbold for future events. She said, 'I always look forward to coming to the College. There is a wonderful spirit here.' The Reverend Bill Meyer, rector of Binfield parish churches, offered the opening prayer.

Dr David Penner, who joined Newbold College as principal in August 2002, gave an end-of-year principal's report, taking an opportunity to reflect on the past school year. He highlighted improvements in the college's strategic plan, which aims to 'create a healthy and resourceful Christian

community'. He reviewed many of the spiritual and social events that have provided 'daily opportunities for expression', and praised 'the unique contributions of the sixty-four nations represented by the students this year', which included the mission trip to Romania and the European choir tour as well as a number of on-campus events. Dr Penner also reported on the Andrews University and Open University Validation Service visits, which took place this year and resulted in re-accreditation of both programmes for five years.

After the stirring address by Steve Rivers, Pastor Orville Woolford challenged the graduates to 'be strong and of good courage, conscious always of Jesus'. The 2003 class president Ailson Mores responded with appreciation to the staff of the College, and by announcing a financial donation from the class for the upkeep of Sylvia's Garden, as well as by reporting that the class had already planted a tree on the campus grounds. Pastor Cecil Perry, president of the BUC, offered a prayer dedicating the graduating class to God's ministry.

## Understanding Difference

'Understanding Difference – Building Communities in a Diverse World' is the title of an international academic conference at Newbold College 23-26 July. Academics from educational institutions both inside and outside the Adventist Church will address the conference, which is being hosted by the College's Centre for the Study of Religious & Cultural Diversity.

The conference will run in two complementary parts. Academic papers will be read on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Friday evening and Saturday, worship services and the rest of the conference programme will focus on diversity issues in Seventh-day Adventist communities.

Conference convenor Dr Stephen Currow, lecturer in Pastoral Studies, says, 'Diversity issues, and the discomforts that accompany them, weave

their way relentlessly through relationships in the classroom, the courtroom and the board room, the office and the factory floor, the pub and the club. The Church is far from immune to this process. We Christians have sometimes been too interested in perpetuating power and rights for people like ourselves in the Church. We have been guilty of making judgements, framing them in theological language, and then enshrining them as religious practices.'

In a climate where a focus on legislation and policies can exclude concern for responsibilities, this conference will take a fresh look at the issues. It will examine the problems facing different groups in an increasingly diverse world, and study a variety of creative models for building community founded on diversity in both the Church and the multi-ethnic society which we seek to serve.

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**Dr Andrea Luxton**, Associate Education director, General Conference.  
**Dr Nehemiah Nyaundi**, School of Social Sciences & Humanities, University of East Africa, Kenya.  
**Dr Zdravko Plantak**, Chair Religion department, Columbia Union College, Washington DC.  
**Pastor David Savalani**, pastor, Boston, Massachusetts, PhD candidate, Birmingham University.  
**Dr Russell Staples**, Emeritus Professor, Institute of World Mission, Andrews University.  
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