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Messenger

Sixty years of service

by John Osei-Bempong

Mrs Helena Mabel Thompson (née Cutler), like so many in 1943, followed the government's appeal for all to learn First Aid. After the evening instructions, the members had to walk to the Birmingham city centre, where they hoped they might find a trolley bus to take them home.

It was during these walks to the city centre that the class instructor, Mr Bernard Thompson, a Stoke-on-Trent Adventist member who was then working in Birmingham, discovered that Mabel had a keen interest in the Bible. He therefore invited her to attend a series of evangelistic campaigns which was being organised by Pastor Lamont Murdoch in the city centre. In order to encourage Mabel to attend the campaign regularly, Bernard agreed to meet her and to accompany her to the lectures.

The evangelistic campaign changed its venue and Bernard was unable to attend the series. However, Mabel faithfully continued to attend. She never missed a session.

As a result of Pastor Murdoch's evangelistic campaign, two of the candidates were baptised on 1 May 1943. Mabel happened to be the second candidate to be baptised on the same day.

As with most Adventist new churches, premises became a problem for the group, but Pastor Murdoch arranged for the members to form the Central church which met in a hall in Broad Street in the Five Ways area. Mrs Helena Mabel Thompson was elected church clerk on 1 May 1943.

When the group lost the Broad Street premises Bernard Thompson, who had then joined the church in Birmingham and was serving as an elder, was instrumental in purchasing the 'Hut' which was owned by the Stonehouse Gang at Erdington Six Ways. The Erdington church was established as a spin-off from Pastor Murdoch's evangelistic campaign and Mabel continued to serve as its church clerk with Bernard as the elder.

The Lord blessed Bernard and Mabel, and on 20 July 1945 the couple got married as Adventists and dedicated their lives to the service of the Lord. Over the years, God continued to bless them and the couple had two lovely children, Vernon and Iris.

On 1 May 2003 Mabel completed 60 years of continuous service as a church clerk. She must, perhaps, be one of the longest-serving church clerks in the Adventist Church. To all of us in Erdington, it was her Diamond Jubilee of Service to the Lord and we congratulate her for her achievement.



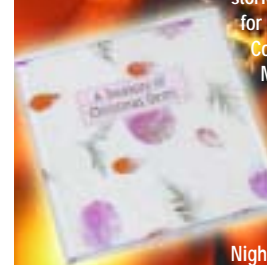
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To Latvia with Love A Christmas Shoebox Appeal

by Chantal Alen

The last shoebox appeal was launched earlier this year for Albania. It received the largest response we've had with approximately 1,100 orphans each receiving a shoebox gift. Donations came from individuals, schools, churches, Pathfinders, children's Sabbath Schools. From young children to senior citizens, your contribution played a part in showing these children that they are not forgotten and that this world can offer them compassion and not rejection. Our hope is to continue this positive impact and bring smiles to children's faces. A container will be shipped to Latvia in early December filled with shoeboxes which will be distributed by ADRA volunteers in time for Christmas so that the orphans will have the luxury of opening an unexpected gift all the way from the British Isles.

We are inviting you to get involved again this year by donating a shoebox containing small items that would be a valuable gift to an orphaned child at Christmas. If this idea appeals to you, here are a few details to explain what this entails. The following items are examples of the sort of things that can be included in the boxes:

- Toiletries such as toothpaste/toothbrush, flannel, talc, etc.
- Hair clips, bands
- Crayons and colouring books, pens, notebook, erasers, sharpeners, etc.
- Chocolate, biscuits, nuts/raisins, sweets (with a shelf life of at least 6 months)
- Underwear, T-shirt, night shirt, etc.
- Toys

Each box should be labelled to say whether it is for a girl or a boy and for what age. The idea is for the boxes to look like gifts so we would like to encourage you to have them wrapped as you would a Christmas gift. Arrangements for delivering them to us would need to be made. The closing date for receiving all such shoeboxes is **Monday 17 November 2003**.

If you have any queries regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact Chantal Alen on 01923-681723 or email at calen@adra.org.uk.

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Victory Bells

When Mary Wingrove willed to her beloved church in Southampton the money for eight bells – a full octave – she could not have known that they would bring blessing to millions across the English-speaking world.

In 1878 the newly rebuilt church on St Mary's Lane was officially opened by the Prince of Wales. There was some dissatisfaction because the congregation had wanted a tall steeple and a belfry – but the money had run out!

It was not until January 1914 that the steeple and the belfry were added.

That was when Mary Wingrove's bequest came in. The octave of bells, carried on carts pulled by eight Shire horses garlanded with flowers, was brought in procession along St Mary's Lane. By mid-summer 1914 they had been installed and the sound of them could be heard across the busy port city and out in the Solent.

By August 1914 Europe was convulsed in war. In the course of the 1914-18 War a generation of young men would embark from Southampton, many of them never to return. As the troop ships sailed out of the Solent the last sound the conscripts would hear would be the bells of St Mary's.

By 1917 those bells were famous as the sound of home.

On New Year's Day 1917 two men met. They would make sure that Mary Wingrove's bells were never forgotten. Douglas Firbar, 31, was a singer in a concert party who liked to compose his own lyrics. Archie Adams wanted to help the war effort but had been declared unfit. When Firbar and Adams met, a vast number of troopships crammed with thousands of tommies were waiting to sail out of Southampton Docks. 'Hey!' said Firbar, 'Why don't we lead them in a sing-song to take their minds off things?' The idea was a huge success.

A month later Firbar was in the bathtub when another idea struck him. He yelled to his wife to fetch him a pencil and paper. Within minutes he had scribbled down the lyrics for an entire song. He rang his friend, 'Archie!' he said. 'I've got something! Come over!'

Archie came over, read the lyrics, sat at the piano and hammered out a tune.

It had all been done to the peals of St Mary's bells. They were still pealing when, forty-five minutes later, Archie Adams was giving his completed tune –

to Firbar's words – a first run through:

'The bells of St Mary's
Ah! Hear! They are calling
The young loves, the true loves
Who come from the sea.'

The idea behind the lyrics was lovers, sundered by the sea, being reunited to the peal of bells.

The Tin Pan Alley of 1917 dealt in sheet music – not CDs and videos – and it was in sheet music form that 'The Bells of St Mary's' sold several million copies.

When the troops returned following the 1918 Armistice both they, and the waiting crowds at Southampton, were singing 'The Bells of St Mary's' – and the background music was the peal of the bells themselves.

The song caught on on both sides of the world. When Admiral Bird led his expedition to the South Pole he took a copy of the record to remind him of home. Several American universities adopted the song as their own. Every year it is played at the White House to usher in the new year.

Tens of thousands of soldiers had sailed out of Southampton to the peal of bells. When the fields of Flanders were reddened with more than poppies, many thousands survived to return home – to the peal of bells.

In John Bunyan's great allegory of the Christian way, *Pilgrim's Progress*, Christian was called from one city to another. The City of Destruction was under sentence of death. Burdened Christian left it behind. His burden of guilt was lifted at Calvary and seen no more.

But Calvary was near the *beginning* of the story. Between Calvary and the Celestial City to which Christian was bound there were hazards equal in horror to those of the Western Front. He had to do battle with Apollyon. For a time he was imprisoned in the Castle of Giant Despair, until he discovered that, all the time, he had had the key in his pocket; the key called Faith. Among the innumerable hazards, temptations and deceptions was Vanity Fair. Even within sight of the Celestial City and victory Christian found himself on the Enchanted Ground where he encountered the last great deception.

Every Christian does battle with temptation daily until Jesus comes.

At last Christian and his company approached the City of God 'and thought they heard all the bells

of the city to ring, to welcome them. But, above all . . . by what tongue or pen can their glorious joy be expressed! Thus they came up to the gate.'

Bunyan draws his picture of the Celestial City from the last book of Scripture. . . .

Sin, suffering, sorrow and death will be over for ever, never to return. 'And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. . . . He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" ' (Revelation 21:3-5, NIV.)

When the tommies returned to Southampton from the horrors of the trenches, the peal of bells of St Mary's was different. They were hearing the peal of victory.

The victory of 1918 was hollow. The land fit for heroes to live in proved illusory. In the peace were the seeds of future conflict.

But when the Christian's Forever Friend comes to live with him eternally the final conflict will be over and the country God has prepared for him will be beyond his wildest imaginings. The reunions that will take place there will never be interrupted by death, for death itself will have died.

At the Celestial City, says Bunyan, Shining Men introduce Christian and his company; "These pilgrims are come from the City of Destruction, for the love that they bear to the King of this place." . . . Then all the bells in the City rang for joy, and it was said unto them, "Enter ye into the joy of our Lord."

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

Of OGG and PYY

The OGG of the title is not to be confused with the formula for bribery expounded by Harold Birns (NY City Buildings Commissioner) in 1963, where OG = PLR x AEB (the opportunity for graft equals the plethora of legal requirements multiplied by the number of architects, engineers and builders!). It refers instead to an Israeli discovery of immense importance.

Professor Zvi Livneh (of the Weizmann Institute of Science) must surely have been tempted to say, 'So the Lord our God delivered into our hands Og' (Deut 3:3) when his team found evidence of an enzyme OGG (8-oxoguanine DNA N-glycosylase), which helps cells to repair when damage occurs as a result of smoking.

Healthy people have higher amounts of the enzyme (7.1 on a measuring scale devised by the team compared with 5.8 in people with lung cancer). A new blood test will be able to screen levels of OGG in the blood. Smokers who have a low OGG value are 100 times more likely to develop lung cancer than other smokers having higher OGG values. The finding may well account for the anecdotal heavy smoker who

survives into old age without getting cancer, and passive smokers who get lung cancer through no fault of their own.

Lung cancer kills 94 people a day in the UK and remains the biggest killer. Since most of these cases are diagnosed late, a screening programme may help to reduce the death rate considerably.

PYY refers to the hormone PYY3-36 produced by the endocrine cells in the gastrointestinal and which signals the brain with the message that enough food has been eaten. The hormone was found to be about a third lower in obese people. A team of researchers from Imperial College London and the Hammersmith Hospital have studied the effects of PYY3-36 on obese and lean people. It was concluded that the hormone reduced appetite and calorie consumption in both groups. It is thought that by upping the amount of PYY, obese people will feel satiated earlier and so eat less. The research showed that obese people given PYY reduced their calorie intake by about a third. Blood fat levels were also reduced.

The discovery of OGG and PYY are tremendous steps forward in tackling two of the major problems of our day and have the potential to reduce many millions of deaths globally from lung cancer and the diseases associated with obesity. However, neither of these breakthroughs is a miracle cure. Scientists involved with both areas of research point out that the discoveries are no substitute for necessary lifestyle changes: To protect against the hazards of smoking – stamp out tobacco in its many forms; to keep to ideal weight – take care with food choice and quantity, and not to neglect exercise.

If these discoveries are to have any real benefit we all have to play our part. OGG and PYY are therapeutic adjuncts to healthy living, not the means to be healthy!



Adventist appointed Magistrate

A member of the Milton Keynes Adventist church has been officially appointed to the Bench as a Magistrate of the Petty Sessional Area of the Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court within the Thames Valley Commission of the Justice of the Peace. Dr Robbie Osei Addaih is an elder and an active member of the church. He has previously served in various positions as head elder, Personal Ministries leader, Family Life Ministries leader and the local Ingathering agent.

'Dr Addaih is also very active in the community,' says Pastor Colin Stewart, minister of Milton Keynes and Bedford churches. 'This new role will further

enhance the overall impact of the church members within the community.'

Special prayers have been said for Dr Addaih in the church, requesting divine knowledge and wisdom to guide him in his adjudicating and juridical role in the court. We all wish him God's blessings and success in this new area of responsibility.

COLIN STEWART



Crieff young people stand up for their faith

Crieff church was host for a Youth Day of Fellowship on Sabbath 20 September. Many young people from other Adventist churches in Scotland joined the large number of members and friends for the main morning service, which was taken by the young people of Crieff.

The theme for the programme was 'Jesus - Who is he?' and the young people showed their various talents through song, mime, music and speech. Four short talks were given on aspects of Jesus, all seeking to answer the theme question. These talks were interspersed with excellent musical items and a captivating mime.

An informal afternoon programme included a Question and Answer session. A walk in the lovely Strathearn countryside gave everyone the energy to eat more delicious food and to contribute to the programme of games in the evening.

ANGELA LOGAN



The Crieff Adventist young people perform their musical item and mime

First of its kind

Area 6a Pathfinders, under the leadership of Rachel Valentine-Montoute, held a weekend of fellowship between 4-6 July. Over 200 Pathfinders and their families gathered to listen to the speaker, Pastor Oliver Archer from the Pioneer Memorial church, Michigan, speak on the theme 'A leader or follower? You choose!'

The aim of the programme was

to highlight the various gifts and abilities God has given to the young people within the Pathfinder ministry. Singers, musicians and composers, as well as orators from North London, demonstrated their talents to God's glory.

On Sabbath morning a march out, from Camden Lock Market to Hampstead church, led by the Holloway Drum Corps, took place. The procession was witnessed by the local community, who stopped to look in admiration at the display of Christian

From pounding the beat to pounding the pulpit

Pastor Clyde R. Moore and his wife Anette have been the new ministerial team in Barry and Cardiff churches for just over a year. Pastor Moore is a former police officer who served for twelve years in the Nottinghamshire Constabulary before being medically retired from the police force in 1994. Anette and Clyde were born and bred in Nottingham, attending the North Sherwood Street church before it was demolished, renamed and re-sited as the Nottingham Central church in St Anne's.

They have recently celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary and have three daughters, Jeanelle, Heidi and Vienna, and a son Dijon. They are also the proud grandparents to Jakeda and Jafari. On leaving the police service, Pastor Moore completed an access course at People's College, fully intending to study to be an English teacher. He commenced his studies at Nottingham Trent University, but the Lord intervened and led him to transfer to Newbold College where he obtained a BA (Hons) degree in

Biblical and Pastoral Studies and an MA degree in Religion. He graduated in June 2000 and the family moved to Peterborough where he commenced voluntary pastoral ministry in Leicester under the guidance of Pastor V. Harewood and in Peterborough under the guidance of Pastor Drene Somasandram.

In August 2001 Pastor Moore suffered a near-fatal car accident in which he broke his thigh and hip, several ribs, teeth and toes and was hospitalised for a month. He was immobilised for three months and then in a wheelchair before graduating to crutches. In January 2002, while still on crutches, he was interviewed by Welsh Mission president Dr Brian P. Phillips for the pastorate of Barry and Cardiff and he was offered the position. He commenced working in the Welsh Mission in May 2002 - still on crutches.

Prior to coming to Wales, Anette taught adults Arts and Crafts. Her number one passion is Arts and Crafts but her second passion is children's ministries, having worked closely with Heather Haworth during the past few



years all over the British Isles.

Since coming to Cardiff Anette has taken over the sponsorship of children's ministry for the Welsh Mission, but still finds time to visit and assist congregations in England. Together with her son Dijon and other youngsters from Cardiff she has formed a puppet team called Evangellion, which has performed in several congregations. Anette not only teaches with puppets, but she teaches how to use puppets effectively in ministry, all aspects from stage production to puppet manipulation.

During the recent 'He Came to Set the Captives Free' campaign, which was held at Cardiff Community church, the puppets were well appreciated. Anette also agreed to be the MC each night. Her warm smile and sense of humour had visitors and

members alike feeling at home. The campaign commenced on Saturday 11 May and meetings were held in the church building. Although the church was not full to capacity, the local members turned out and supported the meetings very well. There were five visitors the first evening, and several visitors turned up during the four weeks. The singing was

uplifting, and the preaching was powerful. One member said, 'I have been an Adventist a long time, but now the Bible truths have been made much clearer. I never really understood.'

Two people have been baptised. Two more have indicated their desire to be baptised in the near future, with a further two former Adventists requesting to be rebaptised. The campaign culminated on Sabbath 31 May with a gospel concert of praise. Gail Windrass from Luton Adventist church blessed us with her powerful singing, as did the Tamworth Community church choir. Other artistes included Jenny Leung, Vashti Jarvis, Phil Rawlinson, and Evangellion, the puppets operated by Anette Moore and Dijon Moore.

INA DOUGLAS JAMES

KCF Youth Week of Empowerment

April 14-19 saw Kennington Community Fellowship (KCF) host an undeniably groundbreaking event. Its title, Youth Week of Empowerment. Its subject, How to be a Player.

Organised by the highly proactive KCF Urban Ministries team, the week attracted a plethora of non-Adventist youth from the local community who were encouraged to participate actively in workshop-based seminars presented by Pastor Eddie Hypolite

and hosted by Seyi Olawole and Jessie Michelo at the Montgomery Hall community centre in Kennington.

The content of each workshop challenged the youth to examine critically youth and street culture and determine how, why and on what basis they defined themselves, their circumstances and their future. Working in conjunction with an interactive format that included comedy, competitions, poetry and song, the attendees appeared to be genuinely inspired and empowered by what they had witnessed throughout the course of the week, evident by



their daily attendance, contribution and attentiveness.

What was so fundamentally groundbreaking about this event was seeing such an eclectic mix of young local people inviting their friends and family to attend and whose number on the Wednesday evening swelled to 105, all from the local community, far outweighing that of their Adventist peers.

The week concluded on Sabbath with a KCF Youth Take Over (aka Youth day) which included an enriched Sabbath school lesson taught by Enoch Adu, and an emboldened

sermon by fellow youth and assistant head deacon Jermaine Wong on 'Making the difference'.

A wonderful impromptu show of appreciation came from the community by way of a rap performed by five young men on the topic of love at the evening concert.

ARETHA RUTHERFORD

Corrigendum Pastor Roy Chisholm was elected as Prison Ministries director following the SEC Session, not Personal Ministries as reported in MESSENGER 3 October. Our apologies.
EDITOR

'Eggciting' times at Corris

With no regular Adventist church in this part of Wales, it has been exciting and challenging to enter the area with the Gospel message. A stronghold of witchcraft and devil worship, the only church in the local area has a minister who encourages his congregation in the worship of 'mother earth'. The area also has the misfortune to have a great deal of poverty and unemployment.

Using the opportunities that Easter provides, an 'Eggciting Family Afternoon' was planned to which the whole village was invited. Egg rolling, egg decorating, egg and spoon races, basket making, quizzes and competitions were organised for all ages. Dads competed to decorate an egg as a recognisable sporting hero; Mums made Easter bonnets to grace their egghead creations, while the children had the freedom to let their imagination run riot. During the refreshment break the Easter story was presented through the making of an Easter biscuit. The children were all invited to take part in this activity.

ROSEMARY LETHBRIDGE



Haringey: Heaven's Harriers

For eight months Pastor Carl Thorpe, a fearless harrier for heaven, has been working tirelessly at Haringey. We have prayed for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and we have witnessed revival through the wonder-working power of God's word.

On 25 May we witnessed the baptism of six candidates following Pastor Thorpe's revival meetings and Bible classes. They were Deloris Thompson, Kevin Mohammed and Natalie Mohammed (husband and wife), Lisa Hunte and Lola Williams. Brother Earl Alleyne was given the right hand of fellowship at this time. Let the saints be glad and God be praised.

J. UGBOMAH



Dying church needs youth!

by Pastor Des Boldeau, Youth director, BUC

'If the adult church and its leadership does not change its attitude towards worship and its youth, the church will surely die – like many other nominal churches – and within the next ten years!'

Whether you agree with that statement or not, you must agree that if something stands still for long enough it will fossilise, and a fossilised church is no good to anybody.

The question to be asked is this:

How long will it take for our church leaders – locally, regionally and nationally – to recognise that they need to have a strategy for involving, training and mentoring the youth of our church to take leadership of the Body of Christ?

Why are we afraid of being progressive with the methods used to communicate the Gospel to an increasingly irreligious society?

As established church leaders, we need to allow younger men and

women to participate actively in forging a new way of customising the Gospel in the context of the people they meet and minister to.

Jesus is the model from whom we take our cue!

The Gospel message had an explosive impact upon the first-century world.

Jesus dared to be different from the expectations of the established church and its leaders – a rebel, you might be tempted to think! Spot on!

Everything he said and did was contrary to the rules and bylaws of the rabbis.

Am I suggesting that youth today should be rebels?

YES!

Ellen G. White states: 'With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world.' *Education*,

page 271. We do have youth that are committed to Christ and his church, not simply tradition!

Let us bring them on board with the present established leadership and empower them to use their creativity in an unorthodox way to bring Christ to the masses, bearing in mind that the vast majority of the established adult church cannot contextualise the Gospel for the person on the street.

Let us not be afraid of change or criticise others who are prepared to stand up for what they believe. Then, and only then, the world will know about our *Christ*, and not our Church!

Look at the Teen Ministries of our Union territory. Teen Ministries push back the traditional barriers. Even though it appears risky, it is one group's attempt to contextualise the good news for their peers. Don't be afraid, 'If this is of the Lord it will prosper but if not, it will dwindle into nothingness.' (See Acts 5:39.)



CAMPION, Ernest George – d. 4 August. Ernest Campion was a long-standing and respected member of the Torquay church. At a thanksgiving service for his 92 years of life, Pastor Ken Clothier said, 'As long as I can remember, Torquay and the Campions have been synonymous!' At the time of the outbreak of the Second World War Ernest and his wife Vera enrolled for a home study correspondence course on biblical topics. Then they attended evangelistic meetings conducted by Pastors John Mustard and Bob Bainbridge which led to baptism. This marked the beginning of a 62-year link with the church on Warren Road. Ernest left school during the years of the Great Depression when work was hard to find. Initially he was a gen's hairdresser, and then he became a bus conductor who eventually married one of his passengers, Vera. Following the war he commenced a 33-year career as an agricultural representative – visiting and befriending scores of farmers throughout south Devon. You would not call Ernest a typical salesman. Basically he was a quiet man – but his word was his bond, and the farmers were happy to do business with him. Ernest had three main interests – his garden, sacred music, and his local church, where he held many different offices. Dozens of church members throughout Britain will also recollect spending their summer holidays in the Campion home which became renowned for warm hospitality and wholesome vegetarian food. He is survived by his 91-year-old wife, two daughters, six grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren. Vera continues to live in the home which they have occupied all their married

The Pathfinder ministry trains more leaders than the whole church could ever dream of. Don't let them sit down in their congregations and fossilise. Bring them on to the leadership team. Let them make a difference.

There is a want of good young men and women – some Daniels, Ruths, Esthers, Josephs, Elijahs, Johns and Peters. Young men and women who are prepared to call sin by its right name, who will be true to God as the needle is to the pole.

Young men and women, don't despise your youth and don't let anyone despise you. Rise up and become examples of sound leaders in words, actions and charity.

Baptism in Gloucester

Family and friends gathered together on the afternoon of Sabbath 30 August to witness and support Rachel Rose as she took her stand for Jesus Christ. Rachel, in her testimony, spoke of her upbringing in Kenya and the influence her father had on her early faith and the encouragement she received.

Rachel came to this country some years ago, and has had her share of trials and tribulations, but she has

been steadfast in her trust and faith in the Lord and continues to give God the glory for what he is doing in her life. Pastor Stefan Burton-Schnull, on behalf of the Gloucester church, warmly welcomed her into its membership. COMMUNICATION SECRETARY

Hurricane in West Yorkshire

Pastor Thomas 'Hurricane' Bryan, Stewardship and Trust Services

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life. Daughter Betty is now enjoying retirement in California with husband Pastor Peter Cooper following 42 years of service for the church in Africa, Asia and North America. Younger daughter Ruth Arthur continues to support her husband's ministry throughout the Trans-European Division. Almost one hundred relatives, church members, neighbours and business clients assembled to say farewell to one of the 'south-western saints' who will no doubt soon hear the awakening call of the Master.

PASTOR JOHN ARTHUR (Son-in-law)

Mrs Vera Campion and daughters, Betty and Ruth, express sincere thanks for the many messages of comfort which have been received, and for donations to ADRA-Somalia (headed by grandson Steve Cooper) and the Torbay Hospital League of Friends in memory of Ernest.

CASCOE, Alice – d. 11 August. The Gloucester church was full on 14 August with family, friends and neighbours to celebrate the life of Alice Rebecca Cascoe. Alice (née White) was born in Watermount, St Catherine's, Jamaica, on 17 March 1922. The youngest of five children, and the only girl, her primary education was in St Catherine's, later moving to Kingston to seek work. Her parents were Anglicans, but in Kingston she stayed with an Adventist family, and this was to play a major part in Alice's acceptance of the Adventist faith. In 1960, Alice moved to England, settling up home in Stroud, where she worked as a maternity orderly at Stroud Maternity Hospital. In 1963 she gave birth to her only child, a daughter June, and worshipped at Chalford church until 1978, when she moved to Gloucester and married William Cascoe. She joined the Gloucester church with her husband and continued to work at Stroud. Sadly, William died in 1982, and soon after his death Alice retired, but continued to help others by participating in the community work of the Church, which gave her much pleasure. She enjoyed singing in the choir and visiting the elderly in their homes. Alice was a devoted mother and grandmother to daughter June and son-in-law Ralph Foster and her three granddaughters, Anita, Dionne and Nicole. In recent years her health began to fail. She will be sadly missed by her family,

church family and friends. The funeral service was taken by Pastors R. Davey and R. Daly, with the sermon by Pastor Roy Burgess, each of whom had ministered to her during her lifetime. Pastor Stefan Burton-Schnull, the present minister in Gloucester, also officiated. The interment was at Coney Hill cemetery, Gloucester. The Foster family wishes to thank all who sent messages and cards of condolence and for the prayers of the church and friends. R. C. HINDS

COOMBS, William Henry – d. 22 August. Henry was born in Bristol in 1911. At the age of 15, shortly after he was baptised into the Adventist Church, he moved to Watford to work at the Stanborough Hydro as a houseboy and pageboy. Later he was one of the last people to take the nursing course offered there and graduated in 1932. Henry always put the Lord first and tried to do what was right. He gave the Lord the credit for his success and the Lord blessed him and watched over his life. He was helped by Dr Shone who employed him and helped him to take a physiotherapy course. Henry graduated top of his class. After this he obtained a part-time appointment as a lecturer at the National School of Chiropractic. He helped set up two physiotherapy practices for Scholl. During the war Henry entered the RAF and, after some initial training, was put in charge of the Physiotherapy department at RAF Halton and given the rank of Corporal. He wanted to keep the Sabbath and had no problems obtaining Sabbath privileges. He later served in the hospital at RAF Cosford and then a rehabilitation unit at

Loughborough. After the war Henry returned to Watford and set up home with his wife Irene and they had two sons, Dudley and Paul. He established his own Physiotherapy practice in Watford and qualified as a State Registered Chiropracist. During this time Henry renewed his acquaintance with the tennis commentator Dan Maskell, whom he had met during the war, and Henry was invited to head the Physiotherapy team at Wimbledon each year for thirty years. Henry loved to watch Wimbledon and other sport programmes in his room at the Dell, a room filled with photos of his children and grandchildren of whom he was obviously proud. He also liked to go for a walk around the Dell grounds to get some fresh air and exercise. Henry was someone who was at peace, content with life and happy in his faith. He was committed to his Church and he was elder at Stanborough Park). His diplomatic skills helped him in these roles. Henry was always tactful and had a good sense of humour – always a gentleman. In retirement he moved to East Anglia, where he had many happy years at the Lowestoft church and then at the Dell retirement home. Henry was an example of someone who put his life in God's hand and was blessed. The Lord went ahead of Henry all his life and now in death he is secure in the Lord's hands. MARC RASSELL

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director of the Central Jamaica Conference, blew through the Huddersfield area for their Hope in Huddersfield 3 Evangelistic experience from 28 June-19 July. Each night the church was filled with visitors and members from the surrounding areas to hear the word of God conveyed in such an inspiring way. Two baptisms were held and as a result nine souls were baptised.

The Hurricane was the subject of conversations at the local market stalls. The town of Huddersfield was fed by his ministry. We thank God for allowing this freak weather front to pass through the area and ask that God continue to bless Pastor Bryan as he continues to fulfil Jesus' commission. CHRISTINE MOSES

Best strategy

On Sabbath 18 August Mottingham Adventist Youth Society visited Greenwich Park and held an open-air Adventist Youth Society programme. They were split into three groups, each taking the names of the Bird family, the Tree family and the Animal and Insect family. Each group had to identify at least ten different things within their individual family and find a scripture text and do a presentation as to how the text linked with their particular family. Also each group was given

FOCUS magazines and leaflets to distribute and they had to report back on the strategy they used. It was agreed that the Bird Family used the best strategy – the children volunteered to distribute the FOCUS magazines and leaflets and the older members identified the birds. V. M. BONNELL

Home schooling

On 25 April a Speakers' Day was held at Chelmsley Wood. The speakers came from the West Midlands, Bradford, Leicester and Derby. All were currently involved in home schooling. The audience consisted of Adventists and non-Adventists interested in educating their children in the manner outlined by Ellen G. White.

There was a lively discussion and a question and answer session which generated a lot of interest. RUTHLYN SOUTH

New website for West Green

Sabbath 20 September was the day the Tottenham West Green Road church website was officially introduced to the church. The site contains news, articles, a photo gallery and much more. Log on to www.tottenhamsda.org.

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Baptism in Gloucester

Family and friends gathered together on the afternoon of Sabbath 30 August to witness and support Rachel Rose as she took her stand for Jesus Christ. Rachel, in her testimony, spoke of her upbringing in Kenya and the influence her father had on her early faith and the encouragement she received.

Rachel came to this country some years ago, and has had her share of trials and tribulations, but she has been steadfast in her trust and faith in the Lord and continues to give God the glory for what he is doing in her life. Pastor Stefan Burton-Schnull, on behalf of the Gloucester church, warmly welcomed her into its membership.

COMMUNICATION SECRETARY



When does 36 Active equal 17 Exhausted?

If you haven't managed to work it out from looking at the photographs I will let you in on the answer.

For the fourth successive year, the doors of Southampton church hall were opened from 19 to 23 August to children in our neighbourhood. About three dozen attended on each of the four days of the Bible Holiday Club hosted by seventeen willing volunteers (Pastor's wife can be very persuasive).

With a theme of the Circus behind a varied programme, the children, arranged into age groups, crafted, painted – both paper and their faces – clown masks, skittles and balls (from balloons and split peas (would you believe?)).

There were visits from a professional clown, a road safety officer and a health and safety officer. Running throughout the four days there were songs to be sung, stories to be heard and plays to be watched. And, oh! such enthusiasm from those youngsters!

The week finished on the Sabbath



with the children giving of their all in a presentation in front of their parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and the whole Southampton congregation. They sang, they mimed, they played on chime bells. And they finally received

winners' medals together with Certificates of Achievement.

So you see, 36 very active children does equal 17 very exhausted grown-ups.

WENDY AND DAVID BRADLEY

Noah's Ark Holiday Club

by James Lombart

From Monday 11 to Friday 15 August the Bockhanger Community Centre played host to the Noah's Ark Holiday Club that has proved to be a big success in recent years in the Canterbury area. The five-day action-packed, fun-filled club received a warm welcome from the children of Kennington with on average twenty children attending each day.

As the name suggests, the theme for this year's club was Noah's Ark, with children learning the familiar story through games, song and crafts which resulted in the children making their own 'Noah's Ark' crafts, complete with animals and Mr Noah – all ready to be taken home at the end of the week.

On Friday parents attended a special programme which saw their children receiving certificates of attendance from Pastor F. Lombart, minister of the Ashford Adventist church branch. Parents also had the opportunity to see the club in action with the children being told the story about Jonah and the whale by our enthusiastic story teller and school teacher Jerome Langenhoven.

Following the story, the children sang to their parents songs that they had learned throughout the week, with some of the parents joining in too!

The club's director, Mrs B. Wilson, was pleased to see so many children attending the Noah's Ark Club, which was sponsored by the Ashford Adventist church branch and Churches Together In Ashford (CTA).



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ASNA Disability Ministry training and awareness programme	22 November	Leamington Spa church	NEC	For further details Tel: NEC 0115 9606312 Elaine Harlin, Leamington Spa

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