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by G. Martin Bell

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Newbold's Class of '54

For the Newbold graduating class of 1954 the weekend of 16 May 2004 was one we had been planning for and looking forward to for several months. This was to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

On a beautiful, sunny Sabbath morning we met to worship together for the first time in fifty years. Members of the class participated in the service, at the close of which College principal Dr David Penner recognised the class members by a special presentation from the College.

In the afternoon we set off to explore the beauties of the spring azaleas and rhododendrons in all their glory in Windsor Great Park.

At a celebration dinner in the evening, Mr and Mrs Roy Scarr were our honoured guests, Roy being our class sponsor in 1954. We were delighted that he was also the organist for our Sabbath service. Eighteen people were present to enjoy the delectable food so ably prepared by chef Daniel Southern; these included Dorothy Logan, Iris Edwards, Jean Baerg, James Cuthell, Ron Edwards, Peter Read, Mark Leeds and former spouses of deceased class members Geoff Munson (Valerie Dust) and Ruth Anderson (Philip



Anderson). Clemency Mitchell was unable to attend. Letters of greeting came from Switzerland, the USA and many parts of Britain. We had so much to share with each other in lifetime experiences of both joy and sadness. Old photographs reminded us of activities in our youthful days and brought many laughs.

We are thankful for the influence of Newbold in our spiritual walk through life, in the relationships and friendships formed and for the guidance of godly staff members.

Our time together was much too short and passed so quickly that it was late in the night as we said our goodbyes. We parted with a glow in our hearts in anticipation of meeting again for another reunion in heaven where there will be the best celebration of all.

JEAN HARDY-BAERG

Musicians' workshop

On Sunday 27 June approximately forty musicians, mainly from the south of England, attended a one-day Adventist Musicians' Association (AMA) workshop at the Stanborough Centre in Watford. The event was organised by Pastor Miroslav Pujic, Music director for the Trans-European Division, and was hosted by the BUC.

Lecturers for the day included Dr Bruce Bauer from Andrews University, currently lecturing at Newbold College; Pastor Geert Tap, Dean of Men at Newbold College and Creative Ministries director for AMA; Paul Lee, international singer, Music co-ordinator for the SEC, and AMA president; Trevor Johnson, Events manager for AMA; and Fred Shone, professional music producer and treasurer for AMA.

Dr Bruce Bauer specialises in missiology and focused on culture in relation to music. 'There

are people from many different cultures in our churches, not just those from different countries and ethnicities, but from different age groups as well. We all think that our way is best but do we consider other people's perceptions? I am less concerned about those who are already in the Church, but are we communicating the message in a way that will reach the next generation?' Dr Bauer went on to tackle the controversial issue of using drums in our churches and he challenged the musicians present to use their instruments in such a way as to bring glory to God. 'Most forms are neutral,' he said. 'Drums can be used for God's glory; they can also be used in a degrading way.'

Before and after lunch, which was provided by the Stanborough Centre management team, AMA president Paul Lee chaired lively discussion sessions in which various diverse issues were raised. Fred Shone gave a detailed breakdown of the practical issues involved in recording and producing a commercial CD, and Trevor Johnson described the logistical minefield that the unwary often encounter when planning a major event.

More than forty pictures from the day can be seen on the BUC website at: www.adventist.org.uk. For more information about the Adventist Musicians' Association see their website at: www.ama-ted.net. For other AMA workshops and events keep checking events list on the BUC website.

BUC NEWS

SOS

Does anyone know . . . the whereabouts of Mr L. Fletcher (born in 1910) last in contact with the Oulton Broad church in 1996 and believed to have married and moved to the south coast round about that time? Please contact Mrs Rose Barker 01502 584714.

Healthwise

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

Faking it

The recent commercial fiasco over Coca Cola's sale of bottled tap water and its withdrawal from the soft drink market exposes a flaw in the community psyche. People believed that the water advertised as 'pure' came from a spring and were disappointed to learn otherwise. People apparently want the 'real' thing.

So what do we make of Golden 'C' water marketed in the US as Golden 'C' Lithium Structured Water, and selling at \$15 a half ounce? It claims to be able 'to align and balance chakras and meridians; is a negative ion generator; clears stressful emotions and negative thought forms; rids crystals, food, rooms, people and pets of all negative

energy; reduces stress; disperses anger; boosts the immune system; dispels the energies created by dreams and nightmares; improves mental concentration; assists deeper meditations; soothes and hydrates skin; and creates the environment for visionary dreams.'

In addition to all these intrinsic qualities, Golden 'C' is alleged to protect from electromagnetic pollution created by kitchen appliances, TVs, and microwaves from ovens, environment, electric clocks, stereos, and tension cables. It is even supposed to refract more angstroms of light than water from Lourdes! While it may be fairly easy to spot this one coming, and be wary of it, the authenticity of other therapeutic items may not be so easy to establish.

According to the World Health Organization around 10% of all the

drugs on sale globally are counterfeits. Since various companies sell generic versions of named drugs in a variety of packaging these fakes may even turn up in High Street chemists and be issued as part of the prescribed medication.

These counterfeits are not reformulations of known drugs, they may be of completely inert substances. Literally dozens of babies in China died recently and many hundreds of others are suffering malnutrition as a result of using counterfeit formula milks lacking nutritional value. Unwittingly the mothers had simply been feeding their babies with coloured water.

Faking drugs has to be bad news wherever it happens, but especially when the counterfeiters are taking money away from impoverished people such as the majority of the AIDS victims in Africa. These

people are already risking their lives, and the lives of their families, with faked condoms.

We take much on trust, and we would not want it to be otherwise. In return we expect that our trust will be justified. It seems that there is no compassion in the market-place where big money can be made. Countless numbers have died from taking 'cut' drugs as well as from outright fakery. It is time for us all to be wise regarding those who are faking it, and try to put a stop to the misery they cause.



In search of outrage

The people of Seattle, Washington, could at last have closure. On 18 December 2003 Gary Ridgway, a dangerous prowler who'd terrorised the city in the early 1980s, was sentenced.

According to his own confession, he'd killed 48 women – although everyone knew he'd killed more. In her report on National Public Radio, Wendy Kaufman shared some of the reactions from more than two dozen victims' families prior to the sentence. 'They spoke,' she said, 'of the unfinished

dreams of their loved ones. And some looked Gary Ridgway straight in the eye as they told him how much they despised him. They called him an animal, a coward, a terrorist.'

Perhaps the strongest sentiments came from Tim Meehan. 'I can only hope,' he said, 'that some day someone gets the opportunity to choke you unconscious 48 times so you can live through the horror that you

put our daughters, our sisters, our mothers through. And then, some time after that, whether it be the fifty-first, the sixtieth, the sixty-third or whatever – you won't know when it's coming – that they choke you till you're dead.'

Those strong words stunned me. I felt uncomfortable. Earlier, I'd watched film footage of an apparently docile and bewildered Ridgway in the courtroom, his vacant eyes seemingly pleading for acceptance. Now, hearing the relatives' pointed words, I felt sympathy for the criminal.

My mind went back to the capture of Saddam Hussein, 'the butcher of Baghdad', a man who, during a reign of terror lasting decades, was responsible for the vilification, torture, and murder of hundreds of thousands of human beings. Imagine my surprise, then, to find myself feeling sorry as I watched pictures of his capture, a flashlight probing his buccal cavity, and hands hunting vermin in his hair. His look of utter helplessness and confusion got to me, momentarily causing me to forget that I was watching a monster (if you'll pardon the expression).

What am I missing?

Those sentiments – for Saddam and Ridgway – reminded me of how much a child of our times I am, which is the point of this editorial: Are we losing our capacity for outrage?

For all I know, Tim Meehan's reaction probably sprang from sheer anger – something different from

outrage, in my book. To me, anger is more visceral, more emotional, more irrational and personal. Outrage, on the other hand, is more dispassionate, more detached, but at the same time more profound and more difficult to deflect. You see it in Judge Richard Jones, who, before sentencing Ridgway, asked him to look at the victims' families and remember their faces. 'If you have a drop of emotion anywhere in your existence, you will face those young women in your dreams and private thoughts of your grisly deeds,' and 'you will be haunted for the balance of your life.'

No sympathetic cuddling here (as in my case). The judge had heard all the gruesome testimony, had felt the victims' families' pain. And what we desperately need as a society today is a similar indignation. I believe that prospective criminals closely study the mood of the culture and often interpret our knee-jerk, politically correct compassion as a sign of weakness.

Even terrorists cannot function effectively without community support or indulgence, a fact that seemed uppermost in the mind of Revd Ian Sherwood as he spoke out at the funeral of victims of the terrorist attack on British interests in Turkey last November. Holding little back, he zeroed in on Muslim scholars for not speaking out against Islamic fundamentalist terrorism. 'So few teachers stand up and criticise what is going on,' he said. 'That is part of the outrage. Let us not be lily-livered about it. Not enough people in Islam are prepared to stand up and say enough is enough.'

It is not the angry, hurting relatives of victims who deserve our indignation for giving vent to their anger; not the parents of the criminal for their *alleged* negligence; not the victims of terrorism for their *supposed* complicity; not some government for its policies. Our outrage should be directed instead towards the criminal, the tyrant, the terrorist, for their wanton and murderous taking of human life. Our hand-wringing and endless politically correct caveats confuse them. If more of us could be as outraged as Meehan was angry, I wonder if more criminals, tyrants and terrorists wouldn't get the message.

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 1NPR News, *Morning Edition*, 19 December 2003. 2Ibid. 3The *Daily Express*, 24 November 2003, page 11.

Anger and outrage are different

The shape of the future?



Could this be the shape of the future, Ingathering-wise, for those who have always complained about doorstep drudgery?

This year 500 people – of all ages – took part in the South England Conference's half marathon walk/run in aid of ADRA.

Organisers called it 'Thirteen Miles for Good'. It took place in Hyde Park.

'Initial estimates show that approximately 480 people completed the course either once or twice,' reported David Cox, Personal Ministries director of the BUC.

It took a lot of organising. More than 30 people were involved in the marshalling, registration – and First Aid! Thankfully, the First Aiders had nothing more serious to deal with than blisters. Hence, three months after the event (it occurred on 4 April) no harm has been done! Pastor Cox believes that in the region of £40,000 was raised through sponsorship.

Pathfinders were out in force, 24 from Stratford alone. There was a super-fast team of runners from Newbold. One well-sponsored entrant was only 8 years old. J. O. Martins of Holloway church, at 75, might have been the most senior finisher. 'Of Holloway's Ingathering total of £14,425,' reports M. Wedderburn, £1,250 came from the walk.'

'Among the athletes who arrived at the starting point,' reports J. O. Martins, 'there were only a few who wanted to run.' He decided to be one of them. 'A man is as old as he thinks he is,' said Brother Martins. 'If you *think* you are young you will be forever young,' he said. He is believed to have raised 'close to £800'. Comments on the day included 'Ouch!' 'It was great fun!' and 'People donate much more to Ingathering this way!'

A spokesperson for the SEC said, 'This could become the Church's media event of the year and, therefore, the witnessing event of the year.'

One pastor said, 'You only need to be moderately fit to take part and, if you have any doubts about your physical fitness, get some walking practice in through the winter. We could all do to lose some weight! Why not make this a really big event each year?'

Why not, indeed.

Holloway elder W. Hunter and PM leader M. Wedderburn conveyed their thanks to all participants.

'This year the number of participants was double what it was last year,' says Pastor Cox. 'Let's hope it's doubled again next year. . . . Most sponsorship income came in from individual efforts and personal donations, large and small,' he concluded.

EDITOR



ADRA'S youngest collector

A Leicester Central church preschooler has become the youngest Ingatherer in the North England Conference, raising a staggering £200 for ADRA.

At just 4 years of age, Joel Roberts rode a five-mile bike ride

and raised treble figures in sponsorship for the annual charity campaign.

His achievement makes him the youngest person with the highest total in the north for the ADRA campaign.

Joel's parents, Sam and Pam, made a last-minute decision to allow their only son to go on the ride, little expecting that Joel would complete the journey.

'Because he's young and because of the weather, we didn't decide until the day. You know how it is with coughs and colds with children,' said his mum Pam.

Afterwards the couple got sponsorship from family and friends. And the under-5 didn't even want to end his ride once he began, barely stopping for his dad to take pictures of his feat!

'My legs went round hundreds of times. Daddy helped me,' said the youngster.

Joel was nationally recognised with a trophy at the North England Conference camp meeting.

Weapons of Mass Destruction found in Tottenham church!

It seems that Bush and Blair have been looking for weapons of mass destruction in the wrong place, because on Sabbath 24 April they were found at the Tottenham (West Green Road) church! That's right – weapons of mass destruction were found in little old Tottenham – and in a church of all places!

Greed, envy, loneliness and poverty were found during the Youth Day Sabbath School service. Once

the troops (congregation) had calmed down after witnessing such a mammoth discovery, elder Steve Hudson led out in the lesson study and the newly-formed Gifted sang to close the service.

During the divine service, Devoted and Natasha Hunter blessed the church with their singing; and speaker Val Bernard highlighted other weapons that could cause destruction such as the 'square god' also known as television. The afternoon programme featured a presentation from our brilliantly talented drama group.

For those of you who are wondering, as soon as the weapons have been contained and examined by our weapons inspectors, we will report our findings to Bush and Blair right away!

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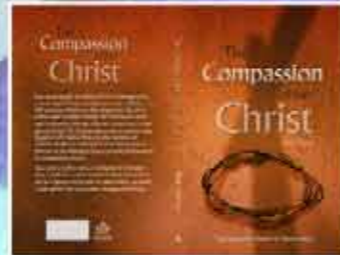
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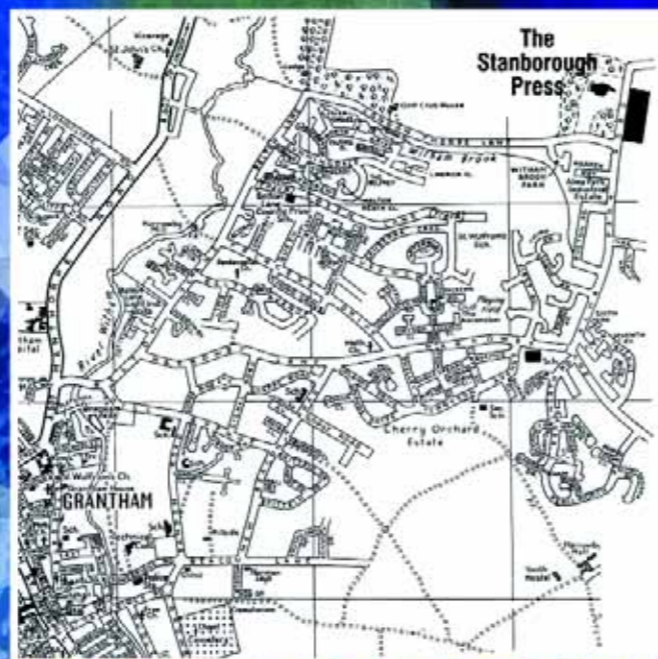


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Adventist Euro 2004

Sunday 27 June saw the first LYF 5-A-Side Football Tournament for 2004 take place at Wandsworth, Wandle Recreation Centre, South London. The tournament boasted 14 teams coming from all over the SEC. The usual suspects, Watford x2, Balham x2, Willesden, Norbury x2 and Kennington (2003 champions) turned out with newcomers Hampstead, Newbold x2 and Wimbledon, plus surprise turn-outs from old school teams Greenwich and Holloway.

The tournament started with prayer and then the teams were split into two groups with the top four from each group going through to the quarter finals. Each team was committed to trying to make it through to the last eight – the skills, the passion, the great saves, top right-hand corners, the through balls, the low drives, the dummies and the teamwork were enjoyed by the many spectators and supporters.

With the sun still shining and the supporters still cheering the last eight were notified that they had made it, and the quarter-finals began. The games were more heated at this stage as expected, but the teams with the

most skill, panache and passion made it through to the semi-finals. Balham A vs Balham B, and Willesden vs Watford B.

Both semi-final games were tough and demanding as the lengths of matches were extended, but Balham A and Watford B both turned up the heat to move to the next stage, the finals.

The finals began, but so did the rain, so more concentration and focus was needed from both teams to become 2004 champions. Watford surprised Balham with a quick two-goal lead and the question on everyone's lips was could Balham come back? The answer was simply – No, as Watford adapted well to the conditions and were without a shadow of a doubt the better team on the day.

The teams embraced one another at the end and were led to the presentation area where Balham received the runners-up medals and Watford B received the winner's cup and the shield.

Congratulations, Watford – 2004 Champions!

The LYF would like to thank David



Roberts and team, and the London Sports Council for the professionalism, effort and hard work put in that made the tournament the success that it was. Look out for 5-A-Side Football 2

in November (indoors).

For a look at the 5-A-Side Football 2004 picture gallery check out the LYF website: www.londonyouthfed.org.uk

DAVID ADAMS

Reap what you sew

How to Make an American Quilt was an unlikely film to come out of Hollywood these days. It explored the literal and symbolic depth of relationships and art.

Miles from Hollywood, a group of six women from North Bristol and Bristol Central congregations were brought together by the art form of quilt making. Almost unbeknown to the wider church, Veda Dennis, Gloria Watson, Merle Smith, Edith Appleby, Beula Garnett and Stephanie Anderson took two years to make a quilt that would go towards the North Bristol church building fund.

The quilt is entitled 'Sunshine on Old Cocks'. Stephanie Anderson (who introduced the other women to quilt making) explained: 'It's a nice block called broken dishes and the lovely sunny colours made us think of the title, "Sunshine on Old Cocks", suggesting that all are in need of Jesus and his sunshine.'

Unsurprisingly, the quilt was purchased for £125 even before it was completed, but that is not the only reward



these women have gained after their dedicated work. Stephanie says: 'We've all had a good time together and I now know five great ladies much better.'

SHILOH HAMITT

Performers: Kristina Harper-Fuller, Keira Allen-Anderson, Sanica Scarlett, Fiona Mason, Dominy Harper-Fuller, Marisa Ferguson, Nesta Brown, Mulenga Katebe and Nicole Harewood-Anderson.

If you would like to find out more

about Personify's ministry please e-mail Samantha Robinson or Laurene Harper-Fuller at: personify@lycas.co.uk. For more information about ASNA please see their website www.asna.co.uk.

DR CLINTON A. L. MONFRIES

Mime Ministry Launch

On Sabbath 15 May 'Personify' – formerly known as the Balham Mime Group – held a launch and fundraising event entitled 'Signs of the Times' at the Balham church. The event was well attended and although entrance was free the group raised £260 by collecting an offering and selling refreshments.

Personify looked resplendent in their customary red and black uniforms, now bearing a new logo designed by Simon Scott. Below the logo was printed the statement: 'Our vision is to reach those who cannot hear (physically deaf), have not heard, or will not listen (spiritually deaf) with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.' Personify performed a number of their mimes, most notably 'Awesome Wonder', 'Now Behold the Lamb', 'God has smiled on Me', and 'I Tried'. Each member of the group told us why they had joined the group and what they enjoyed about being a member. Vanella Harper, mentor and sponsor for the group, encouraged the audience to support Personify in the furtherance of their ministry.

Mrs Olivia Robinson, a

representative of ASNA (Adventist Special Needs Association) and also the mother of Personify's manager, Samantha Robinson, gave a short PowerPoint presentation highlighting the importance of members of the church becoming more involved in dealing with issues of those with special needs. The programme gave an insight into the objective of Personify to use the creative ministry of mime to spread the Good News to those who are physically and/or spiritually deaf.

Personify performed the following Sabbath in Leamington Spa, and the week after that at the Advent Centre Mime Festival. The full team is as follows: Managers: Samantha Robinson and Laurene Harper-Fuller. Choreographer: Kadine Brown. Mentor/Sponsor: Vanella Harper-Kissi.



Can we learn lessons from early Christian-Muslim Relations?



by Oscar Osindo, director, Adventist Muslim Relations, SEC

Since 11 September 2001, Islam has dominated international news. The catastrophic events of that day seem to have redefined Christian-Muslim relations and Islam-West relations. What lessons can we learn from the past, to help us resolve at least some of the current tensions?

Issues regarding Christian-Muslim relations are as old as Islam itself. The relationship between the two cultures has been damaged by Christendom but not necessarily by Christianity. Christendom has been obsessed with political domination, military conquests and Christianisation. Similarly Islam has been obsessed with its efforts to expand the Islamic empire. In its recent history of colonisation, the Christian West has been preoccupied with the expansion of its economic and political interests, while Western missionaries have been concerned with making converts. This latter endeavour seems to have failed miserably to make any significant impact on Islam. At present Islam continues to grow steadily in comparison with the Western Christian Church, which is in fast decline. Are there lessons that can be learned from Christian-Muslim history?

I want to narrate two stories about events that occurred during the life of Muhammad and which were recorded by Ibn Ishaq (d. 773), the prophet's biographer. These events seem to have determined Christian-Muslim relations for many years to come. The first event involved the emigration of a group of persecuted Meccan Muslims to Abyssinia, (present-day Ethiopia, East Africa) during the fifth or sixth year after

Muhammad's call to prophet-hood (Beheshti, 114). Muhammad advised the Meccans to flee to Ethiopia, the land of a righteous king, where people were never harmed (Ishaq, 146). The prophet trusted the adherents of the form of Christianity practised in East Africa more than he trusted Christians who followed the style of Christianity then current within the Byzantium Empire. Among those who went to Ethiopia were Uthman ibn Affan and his wife Ruqqaya, daughter of the prophet. Uthman was later to become the third Caliph of Islam and to play a significant role in the codification and standardisation of the Qur'an. Muslims testified in due course that they enjoyed protection and freedom of worship in Ethiopia (148). True to Muhammad's word, they were warmly received and taken care of. Muslim historians and scholars note that this emigration has definite historical significance (Beheshti, 114).

On one occasion the Arab (Quraishi tribe) persecutors of Muslims followed them all the way to East Africa to request their forced repatriation. However, the king of Abyssinia protected them. In their defence, the immigrants stated their belief in the virgin birth of Jesus, as taught in the Qur'an. The learned men of Abyssinia confirmed that the belief corresponded with the gospel account. Among those who sojourned in Ethiopia was Ubaydullah bin Jahsh, a cousin of Muhammad. Ubaydullah became a convert to Christianity and remained in Ethiopia until his death. He used to say to Muslims, 'We see clearly, but your eyes are only half open.' (Ishaq, 99.) One notable feature of the type of approach and of the relations that this Christian community established with Muslims was that it was not based on theological debates, but on the needs of the people in that particular community. In other words, it was about living the life

of Christ. In reference to this incident a verse was revealed to Muhammad: 'And nearest among them in love to the believers will thou find those who say, "We are Christians".' (Qur'an 5:82.) Yusuf Ali comments on this verse by saying that it is an allusion to the Abyssinian Christians. Again, the Qur'an says, 'and we ordained in the hearts of those who followed him (Jesus the son of Mary) mercy and compassion' (Qur'an, 57:27). It is also reported that when the King of Abyssinia died, Muhammad declared days of official mourning and performed for him full Muslim funeral rites (Ishaq, 155). This is one aspect of Christian-Muslim relations which has not been explored fully. The lesson learned here is one of friendship evangelism and respect for Islam.

The second story relates the visit to Medina by a Christian delegation of sixty men from Najran (South Arabia), led by their bishop, Abu Haritha b. 'Alqama, a distinguished scholar recognised as such by the Byzantine empire and on its payroll (Ishaq, 271). These guests were Muhammad's personal visitors. Yusuf Ali notes that the visit took place in the tenth year after *hijri* and that it was the prophet who summoned the Christians for this meeting, the purpose being to agree to the worship of the one true God.¹ The visitors were allocated a place to worship within the prophet's mosque in Medina, the second holiest mosque after the one in Mecca (Ishaq, 271). Having in mind the African Christian experience, Muhammad found it essential to give his guests a first-class reception. For three days they debated with Muhammad and received hospitality at the expense of the Muslims. They tackled theological controversies concerning the nature of Jesus. On the Arabian Peninsula at the time, there were two opposing Christian sects, the Nestorians and the Monophysites. The Nestorians believed that Christ

had only one nature, his divine nature, but Monophysites taught that Christ had two natures, one human and the other divine. This divine nature, they believed, was something the man Jesus received at his baptism (Gilchrist, 8). This debate seems to have been carried on into the Muslim arena, as noted by the Qur'an (5:14). The discussions between Muhammad and his Christian guests did not yield any fruitful results, except the alienation of the two faiths, contrary to the experience Muslims and Christians had in Africa. Besides this, the Christian delegation that came from Najran lost Kuz b. 'Alqama, the Bishop's brother, who embraced Islam. At this point Muhammad warned his followers against taking Christians as their friends' (Qur'an, 5:51).

Ironically, therefore, while Ethiopian Christianity, which looked for ways of co-existing with Islam in a respectful manner and which even defended Islam against those who wanted to destroy it, succeeded in attracting Ubaydullah, a cousin of Muhammad and one of the most spiritual men in Mecca, the Christian West's approach, involving debate and attempts at indoctrination (Christianisation) cost it the loss of Kuz, the brother of the bishop and a leading theologian among the Najran delegates. It is reported that Muhammad declared before his death that Christians must be expelled from the Arabian peninsula (Muwatta, Hadith No. 1588, p. 371).

In view of this experience, what can we learn about the process of formulating positive and fruitful approaches to Islam?

Friendship and bridge building is clearly better than a confrontational approach which breeds hatred and simply closes doors for continued witnessing. It will be worth revisiting the East African model, in view of the failure of the Western approach to Islam.

¹See footnote 400, comment on Qur'an 3:61

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IDRIS OWEN 1901-2004 d. 30 April. On Thursday 6 May we laid to rest, at the age of 102 years, William Idris Owen, a man of outstanding musical ability. Idris was born on 9 October 1901 in the town of Mountain

Ash in the Cynon Valley south of Aberdare, a coal-mining area of South Wales. Since the campaign at Mountain Ash conducted by W. E. Read in 1908, the family have been connected with the church. His mother was determined that he should not go to work in the only place of work open to young men in the town in which he was born. Idris began to study music at an early age and it was soon discerned that he had a great deal of talent. Towards the end of the First World War he began to attend Stanborough College in Watford and was only 19 when he was invited to teach music at our French college at Collonges. He served in that capacity for eighteen years and only left in the September of 1939 when war was declared. He often recounted the epic journey back to Britain by car loaded with his family and all the worldly possessions the car could carry. Idris taught music privately in Watford and for a few years taught both music and French at Stanborough School. He conducted the Stanborough Park Male Voice Choir which, during the period of widespread evangelism in Britain, supported many campaigns as well as appearing at conference sessions. He emigrated to New Zealand and in 1961 began teaching French and music at the Adventist Central School in Auckland. In April 1973 his first wife Lillian died and at the end of 1973 he married Netta, who remained his companion for the rest of his life. Idris was the father of four children: Roland, Emlyn, Violette and John. He returned to Britain in retirement and settled in Barrowby near Grantham. In 1990 he moved to Nantgardegir near Carmarthen to be near his daughter. The Owen family is scattered around the world. Roland was buried in Germany. Emlyn now lives in Australia. Vi Meredith who, with her family, supported him during the closing years of his life, lives in West Wales. John now lives in Canada. In our prayers we remember Netta, his companion over the past thirty years. Family, neighbours and friends attended the service at the Carmarthen church and our brother was laid to rest near the village where he had spent the last fourteen years of his eventful life. At the funeral service, conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastor Ed Sammons, we remembered our brother as we listened to the music of Chopin. Fittingly, we heard at the end of the service the triumphant Halleluiah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*.

DR BRIAN PHILLIPS

ALEXANDER JOHNSTON McAfee (1938-2004) d. 10 April. Alex was born in Bushmills, Co. Antrim, and died after a prolonged fight with cancer. A virus infection caused his deafness at a very young age, but Alex proved to be a fighter who overcame this and other handicaps in his life. He was a good sportsman, with interests or being actively engaged in motorcycling, bowls and football. In 1965 he married Etta Scott who had been almost deaf from her youth. Despite their handicaps, the two communicated very well with each other. Alex and Etta became members of the Belfast Adventist church, but also worshipped in the Church for the Deaf near Belfast's city centre. There they made many friends. This was especially apparent at the funeral service which was held on 14 April. The service was conducted by Pastor Mart de Groot, while translation into sign language was provided by Pastor Simon Henning of the Church for the Deaf. It was very special to have a church service where half the congregation was 'singing' in sign language! Alex's son-in-law Ricky Currie sang a beautiful song he had composed a few weeks earlier for his father-in-law. Alex knew his Saviour and had learned from him to accept what

ever was coming his way. Cancer treatment seemed to have healed him in September 2003, and he began to put on weight and walk a bit further every day. But it was not to be. In January his condition deteriorated and he died peacefully, surrounded by his family, in the Belfast Hospice. He never complained or bemoaned his condition but, as in all experiences of life, took things in his stride. A devout and devoted family man, he leaves behind his wife Etta, his daughters Alison and Julieann, together with the wider family circle. We expect to meet with our brother on that bright resurrection morning.

DR MART DE GROOT

GWEN CLEE (1911-2004) d. 29 May. Gwendoline Richardson was the ninth of eleven children whose parents owned a thriving greengrocer's business. In childhood she developed a sharp mind but due to the austere post-war conditions, lost the chance to study for the teaching profession in order to mind the family business. She later trained as a seamstress and quickly demonstrated her skill for working in textiles which would prove useful for the rest of her life. From Boxing Day 1935, Gwen and Gordon Clee were united in marriage for almost sixty years. Their first home was a rented stone cottage, after which they bought a house in Gildersome for the princely sum of £369.12s.3d. During their time there, their eldest daughter Susan (now Mansfield) and Ruth (now Taylor) were born. The young Clee family then moved to Beeston, near Leeds, where son Paul was born in 1947. Later the family moved to a typical Yorkshire stone cottage in Bramhope that bordered the Yorkshire dales. Because Gwen and her husband often worked as a team, it is difficult to speak of the one in isolation from the other. They were dedicated Adventists who played active roles in Leeds church and church school which were dear to them, holding church offices and being responsible for the upkeep of both these places. Although they were lay members they were perceived as wise counsellors by the ordained ministry, and their home at Croft Cottage was a frequent venue for missionaries and church administrators passing through. It was also a gathering point for the youth of the church where Gwen excelled as a generous hostess. Perhaps Gwen's youthful outlook stemmed from the days when she and Gordon helped establish the great tradition in Adventist circles of North England camps in Wales. While Gwen cooked the meals over an open log fire, Gordon dug the latrines - such were the primitive conditions of the time. Today the ex-army tents and the makeshift toilets have given way to modern chalets with all mod cons, but these improvements serve as a timely reminder of the pioneering spirit of such people as Gwen, to drive things forward. Gwen was musically gifted and frequently sang in evangelistic meetings for various ministers. It was the late Dr Bernard Kinman who made the aside, 'Gwen, I can preach the word, but it's your singing that touches their hearts.' Gwen's zest for adventure led the family to Holland in the mid-60s to assist stage-manage a pageant on behalf of the British contingency in the Utrecht Youth Congress. While Gwen was the busy seamstress sewing up banners and altering robes, the rest of the family acted out scenes from the church's history. That occasion remained a high point in Gwen's life and it illustrates that the closeness of her family was strengthened by their unity of purpose. In due time Gwen and Gordon relocated closer to their children and moved to Wokingham in 1994. Sadly, Gordon survived for only a few months, after which Ruth and Colin extended their home to include a fully-self-contained flat that offered Gwen the comfort, security and independence she needed. Towards the end of her life she became more dependent on Ruth and Colin, but her sense of fun and confidence in God did not diminish. Gwen believed that Christianity was a joy to be lived, a privilege to be shared and a journey to be made. After a series of minor strokes, Gwen was hospitalised for eleven days before peacefully falling asleep as the sun set on Sabbath 29 May. She was laid to rest in Binfield cemetery with Gordon. She now awaits the return

of the Lord Jesus Christ. Susan, Ruth and Paul and their families now eagerly await the blessed hour and reunion with Mum and Dad. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus.

COLIN TAYLOR



ALFREDA CONROY (1909-2004) d. 11 June. Alfreda, one of our oldest members, passed to her rest in Watford General Hospital after a short illness. She was 95. Alfreda was born in Glasgow where her father, Alfred Bacon,

was president of the Scottish Mission. He himself had trained for the 'Mission to Britain' at the age of 14, at the Bible College at South Lancaster, Massachusetts - now Atlantic Union College. The Bacon family were Londoners brought into the church through an evangelistic campaign with the lead title 'The Man Behind the Kaiser'. Though born in Scotland, Alfreda was educated in Nottingham, living at 22 Zulla Road which her father bought as headquarters for the work in North England. As was the wont in those days, ministers were constantly on the move, seldom staying more than two years in any church, and the Bacons soon found themselves in the Welsh Mission. It was, however, in Bristol that Alfreda met Dennis Conroy, son of the church elder there, Louis Burnett Conroy. Alfreda became a teacher, moving to Lyndhurst in Sussex, but she had caught Dennis's eye and after a seven-year courtship they wed on 11 June 1939 in Shrewsbury where Dennis was a young pastor. A year later, son Alan was born in Newport, Monmouthshire. Alan was to follow his Dad into the pastoral ministry. The couple moved back to north England, to Hull in East Yorkshire. It was there that they engaged in pastoral evangelism, as well as relieving the bachelor state of young Ray Vine - pastoring in Grimsby over the River Humber. He would catch the ferry and have tea and potato-scallops with Dennis and Alfreda before returning on the tide to New Holland. Upon his own

marriage, he succeeded Dennis in Hull as one of his sons, Robert, would succeed Dennis's son Alan in 1978. The Conroys themselves moved to Bradford during those dark days of war. Their next move was to Hastings and Brighton where Dennis became a 'senior pastor' with interns learning the skills of campaigning and leading the church. Not long after, he moved along the coast to Bournemouth where he led a building programme in the church in Alma Road. Then it was back north again - to Newcastle-upon-Tyne - by this time with daughter Lorna who was to follow Alfreda's profession of teaching. However, Alfreda's great joy was to support Dennis with song and piano in his work, as well as to be a mother to her family, a 'mother in Israel' to the church. From Newcastle, the couple moved to Wolverhampton and from thence to Dudley, where they had their longest stay. Then in Stourbridge, near the lovely Clent Hills, theirs was a home where good food and fellowship could be had by friends, strangers and relatives. Alfreda travelled on family holidays to exotic places like Turkey, Greece, Morocco, and once (memorably) to Mudeford near Christchurch, Dorset where they linked with Dennis's brother Ivor and his family, and Ray Vine and his. The three men, hiring a sailing boat, sailed down The Run, a dangerous tide-race, and across to The Needles on the Isle of Wight, all without life-jackets or boat-buoyancy aids. Alfreda lived fifteen years in Stourbridge, many of them as a widow, until she came to Watford where she lived eight years. The services - funeral and memorial - were taken by the writer and Pastor Patrick Boyle on the same day, 22 June, a day of sunshine and blossom as Alfreda was interred with her lifelong love, Dennis. Pastor Boyle spoke of the certain comfort due to believers in Christ, and personal tributes were made by grandsons Andrew Conroy (physiotherapist living in Toronto), and Graeme Annable whose fiancée Aleta King played the violin in both places. Alfreda leaves behind son and daughter, Alan and Lorna, plus six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all to await the day of Christ's return when all will meet again.

PASTOR ROBERT VINE

Weddings

PASCOE-COLLIVER The St Austell church was filled with relatives and friends, and was beautifully decorated with flowers and petals on 23 May to witness the marriage of Hilary Colliver and Keith Pascoe. Hilary looked radiant as she was escorted down the aisle by her father, Frank Colliver, and attended by two bridesmaids, Hilary's nieces. The service was conducted by Pastor Michael Walker, who likened marriage to building a house. 'It needs careful thought and planning, and must be built on a firm foundation,' he said. The church hall was packed for a good reception, where Keith sang a solo to his bride. We wish Keith and Hilary every blessing as they set up their Christian home in St Austell.

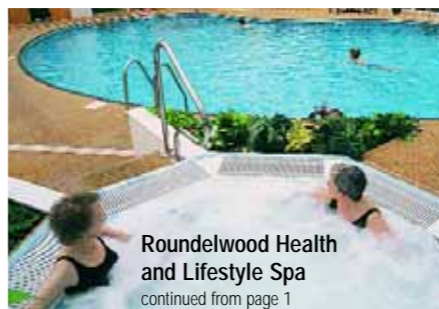
PEARL WALKER

LORENCIN-WILSON On 7 March the wedding took place of David Lorencin and Kelley Wilson in the beautifully decorated Battle Creek Tabernacle in Michigan, USA. The service was conducted by the fathers of the bride and groom, Pastors Ken Wilson and Jovan Lorencin, using the English and Serbian languages. The groom was attended by former or present Youthpages colleagues. The best man was Steve Wilson from Dublin and the groomsmen were Daren Bullock from High Wycombe, Adam Keough from Belfast and Ian Cort from Manchester. The bridal attendants were best friend Amy, sister Claire, sister-in-law Pepper and friend from student days at Andrews, Renita. The centre of attraction at the reception was a 15-ft model of Newbold's Moor Close, lovingly made by the bride's father and covered with real cake frosting. Moor Close was an important place because this was where David and Kelley met while Kelley was working at AWR in Binfield and David lived nearby in Bracknell. David's parents also first met in the same lobby! Pastor Wilson in his address re-

ferred to Moor Close and called for David and Kelley to make their relationship in marriage 'more close'. The beautiful and uplifting music was provided by the Andrews University Singers conducted by Dr S. Zork, the Brass Ensemble from Battle Creek Academy, where the bride's father teaches, by organist Paul Flyger and harpist Lorraine Alberts. At the reception, music was provided by David's cousins Vlado and Nena Slavujevic and Kelley's friend Renita. We wish Kelley and David much happiness and God's blessings as they set up home in Battle Creek.

CAROLINE LORENCIN

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Physiotherapy and pain relief. Roundelwood's physiotherapy department deals with a multitude of conditions including pain and stiffness in the back and neck; related headaches, osteo and rheumatoid arthritis, plus neurological conditions such as multiple sclerosis and hemiplegia. The physiotherapy department can also advise on chronic fatigue syndrome (ME) and other debilitating conditions.

We are especially proud of our in-house physiotherapy department, which is second to none.

Arthritis relief. The programme for arthritis relief is especially beneficial and includes a full consultation and assessment by one of our chartered physiotherapists and treatment each day. The warm hydrotherapy pool with underwater massage is very comforting and beneficial, as is therapeutic massage, hot packs, and paraffin wax, and salt and peat baths – a whole range of comforting treatments which produce remarkable results.

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tures on a number of lifestyle subjects, such as 'Natural Ways to Improve your Health'. Clients also have the opportunity to meet with professionals such as a nutritionist, a qualified counsellor, and to have a consultation with a doctor. (Additional fees apply.)

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