



## John Loughborough School: 25th anniversary

2005 marks the 25th anniversary of John Loughborough School founded in Tottenham in 1980 by the South England Conference. The founding headmaster, Pastor Orville Woolford, under whose energetic administration the school became an immediate success commanding headlines and editorials in national newspapers, pays tribute to the roles played by Maureen Luxton (then BUC Education director), Pastor Ken Gammon (then SEC president) and Dr Silburn Reid (then SEC Executive secretary) in the founding of the school.

Better Different, a collection of past pupils of the John Loughborough School, is helping organise the

commemorative celebrations for the 25th anniversary.

The first event, on 15 September at 4pm, will be hosted by Dianne Abbot MP and held at the House of Commons.

The second event, on 18 September, will be an official school reunion held at Lords Cricket Ground. That event will provide an insight into the background and achievements of the School and its many pupils over the last twenty-five years.

The 1980 intake was fifty pupils. By September 1981 it had risen to

300 students. The fact that the majority of JLS pupils are Afro-Caribbean has given the school a high media profile. It was also the reason why Ingrid Bergman's award-winning final film, *A Woman Called Golda*, was partially filmed at the school.

The Adventist teachers at JLS teach Religious Education and Black and Caribbean History alongside the national curriculum. The school provides, writes Anthony Roberts of Better Different, an insight into and understanding of the problems faced by the children of the Adventist con-

stituency and the wider society into the problems they face on a daily basis.

As a motto, 'Better Different' came from the founding headmaster Mr (now Pastor) Orville Woolford. Pastor Woolford was, and continues to be, seriously committed to JLS students and to the distinctive education for which JLS stands.

Details about the anniversary events can be found at the Better Different website [www.betterdifferent.co.uk](http://www.betterdifferent.co.uk).

For interviews or further information please contact our PR press desk at Visiononline on 0207 647 8699 or 07944 476194 or email [press@betterdifferent.co.uk](mailto:press@betterdifferent.co.uk).

Better Different, 'Better than Expectations, Different from the Stereotype'.





**Stanborough Press Open Day**  
Grantham

**4 September**

Special Speaker  
**Terry Lyndon Johnson**  
author of *Aim High*

also, **Ginger Church**,  
well-known women's author

Black author **Leighton G Campbell** will be present to do book signings of his much-acclaimed book *Wine in the Bible and the Scriptural Case for Total Abstinence*

All kinds of music and lots of fun

**Headteacher**  
**Stanborough Secondary School**

Required for January 2006  
11-16 Co-educational Church School

Stanborough Secondary School is a dynamic Adventist institution, with a Christian and international ethos. It is popular with both the Adventist constituency and the local community, and is housed in a modern, yet classic-type building, with up-to-date facilities to train and equip students to meet the demands of a technological and global environment. The school is set in landscaped grounds, which allow excellent space for recreation and sports, while providing a serene setting for day pupils and boarders alike.

The British Union Conference now seeks a suitably qualified educator and administrator to succeed the present headteacher Mr Rivers who has served the school successfully for over five years and contributed to academic and financial improvements.

The successful candidate will be a practising Seventh-day Adventist and is expected to demonstrate:

Vision and leadership skills to motivate and inspire the staff in fulfilling the mission of the school. Sound grasp of educational leadership and management principles and the ability to be an effective professional leader and team builder. The skills to manage and develop the curriculum to meet the needs of pupils, the expectations of the church community and national changes. The ability to work with governors in developing school policies, formulating the strategic plan and managing the school's improvement strategy for raising achievement. Evidence of adequate financial management and decision-making techniques. A successful track record in contributing to the creation of an effective teaching and learning school community. An understanding of and commitment to the Seventh-day Adventist philosophy and practice of education. Good communication and interpersonal skills.

Further details and an application pack are available from: Dr Keith Davidson, Education Director, BUC Offices, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts, WD25 9JZ.

Tel: 01923 672251; Email: [kdauidson@adventist.org.uk](mailto:kdauidson@adventist.org.uk)

Closing date for applications: Friday 9 September 2005  
Interview date: Monday 26 September 2005

**Headteacher required**

We are seeking to appoint a caring professional leader to the position of Headteacher at Dudley House School, Grantham, Lincs. Dudley House is a Primary School operated by the Adventist church with a roll of up to 80 pupils across Foundation and Key Stages 1 and 2. Applicants should have experience across the primary age range, a sound knowledge of the national curricula and a commitment to moving the school forward and maintaining its Adventist ethos. Prospective candidates are welcome to visit the school by appointment. Denominational salary scale applies.

For an application pack please contact Mrs Karen Shelbourn, Chair of Governors, Dudley House School, Dudley Road, Grantham NG31 9AA.

Closing date for applications 9 September 2005.  
Interviews to be held on 15 September 2005.

**Staff Vacancies at Stanborough**

Stanborough Secondary School in Watford has two vacancies they wish to fill for September.

- IT Manager: with qualifications in maintenance of Software and Hardware.
- French Tutor.

Interested in joining our team?  
Then send your CV to [srivers@stanboroughpark.herts.sch.uk](mailto:srivers@stanboroughpark.herts.sch.uk)  
Or phone 01923 673 268 for more information.

**Application deadline: 15 September.**

**Healthwise**

**Kid Net**

The fact that ever-younger children have an expertise in the modern technologies bodes well for the future, unless they get snared unwittingly in the Net. Not another broadside against the available pornography and paedophilia this time – horrendous though they are – but a new strategy by food and drink manufacturers to gain early customers.

Children with their own email addresses are encouraged to contact the food companies direct.

*Chewits, Frosties, Kinder Surprise, Nesquik, Panda Pops and Skittles* (among others) are printing codes on their packets which children must quote to get into the programmes. The code is just a 'one-off' so many purchases have to be made to keep regular contact.

Using the Net, the companies are able to advertise whatever they like. What they are doing is legal since the Net is not covered by the Advertising Standards Agency. Children are rewarded with special offers, coupons, small gifts, or downloadable phone ring tones.

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

The reward is for participation in online games, and promotional tie-ins. There are also bumper prizes for repeat visitors. Needless to say, it is not the companies producing the healthiest food that exploit these means. Being able to access the Net in this way also bypasses parents and teachers who could give guidance. Children are encouraged to pass on contact details of their friends.

This low cost method of attracting customers from among a vulnerable audience shows clearly that self-regulation of the food and drinks industry is a non-starter. At a time

when governments are trying to tidy up the marketing of food and drink to young people Net attraction is a cynical ploy.

The Swedish government is likely, following a commissioned Report, to demand that sales of food and drink to children should be cut by 50%. We cannot rely on voluntary agreements, and rather than spreading the Net, we need, like the Swedes, to draw it in tightly to protect the children.



# Confessions of a Creationist



Adventist parents who send their children to secular schools don't always know what they're letting them in for.

Mine didn't.

Were the teachers bad? No; a mix. Some brilliant.

Among the most brilliant was my primary school headmaster who was also my teacher when I was aged 9 and until I was 11.

He was one of the warmest, most charismatic characters I have ever met. His name was Maurice White.

His son, Peter White, was my school friend.

On one occasion, with half a dozen other boys, Peter White and I were caught out in a serious mischief.

As was the custom then, we were caned on our backsides. The half dozen boys were whacked once each. Peter was whacked six times, 'Because', said his father, 'you are the headmaster's son!' To my surprise I, too, was whacked six times. The headmaster's explanatory remark I shall never forget:

'You're getting six, Marshall, because you are a Seventh-day Adventist so you should know better.'

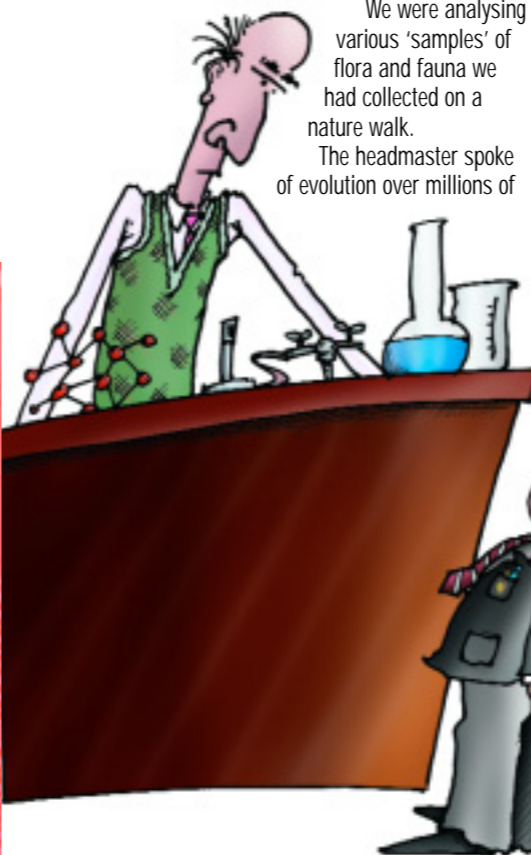
It still hurt but it was, I thought, a sort of compliment.

All of which makes it all the more surprising what happened a month or two later.

In my estimation, the headmaster fell from grace big time!

We had sung 'All things bright and beautiful' in morning assembly before we went to the classroom for our science lesson.

We were analysing various 'samples' of flora and fauna we had collected on a nature walk. The headmaster spoke of evolution over millions of



years – and my Adventist conditioning was outraged!

'But, sir!' I yelled, 'In assembly you said "The Lord God made them all!"'

Was this the occasion for another six of the best? I would have preferred that to what happened.

It was a mega putdown!

I can't remember precisely what he said, but I was given to understand that what was said in the classroom and what was said in assembly were two very different things. And, further, that no educated person still believed that the 'Lord God made the heavens and the earth.'

At that moment I felt very 'uneducated'.

Fifty years on and I still believe that God created everything. But I do feel educated.

Do I fetch up at big meetings to defend my views? No. I leave that to Professor John Walton of St Andrews University, Professor E. H. Andrews of London University, Dr Mart de Groot, Dr Colin Mitchell and Dr Albert Waite. I am also told that Dr Tim Standish of the Geoscience Institute does a brilliant job, as does Dr Monty White.\*

Why do I leave it to them? Because they are trained scientists of great eminence. My education was, mainly, non-scientific. I wouldn't even understand the questions asked at a meeting, let alone be in a position to provide answers.

You see the Day of the Mega Putdown permanently fixed the direction of my education. If scientific 'faith' was founded on Darwin's evolutionary theory then science was not for me.

Not that I entirely lost touch with the sciences at the age of 10. When I exchanged the country school for the town school and began the long haul to GCE, I soon realised that the distilled essence of what I was required to believe on origins was this:

*Life is an accident that came out of a Big Bang and a chance dance of chemicals. . . . Life forms have evolved ever since by the process of 'natural selection'. Charles Darwin wrote it all down in The Origin of Species. . . . Oh, and what began with a Big Bang is likely to end with another Big Bang, when some gung-ho politician decides it's time to make use of the nuclear stock-piles. The ultimate result of natural selection: unnatural deselection.*

Of course, most of my science teachers put it more convincingly than that, but they didn't convince me. To them evolution was as absolute as gravity or  $Tl^2$  – and they would entertain no questions. However, somewhere I'd read 'In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth' and part of the great imperative was 'Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea. . . .' My faith was built on that.

It was at university that I became aware that the conventional wisdom of evolution was under attack. In between marching against the war in

Vietnam and 'demos' against Apartheid, I attended lectures at the Students' Union that revealed evolution for the non-proven theory that it was and is. The whole basis of natural selection was under attack.

After university I taught at Stanborough School where, in the laboratories of R. W. A.

Luxton, P. H. Richards and L. H. Hill, the science taught in class did not conflict with what was pronounced in assembly and in church. Influenced by the arguments of Luxton and Co. I started building up a drop-file on the Creation versus Evolution debate. The pronouncements of Professor Andrews particularly drew my attention: 'It is possible to be wholly scientific and at the same time accept the opening chapters of Genesis as sober history.'

In the 1990s there was a positive eruption in Creationist science. Anyone familiar with the work of Answers in Genesis – [www.answersingenesis.com](http://www.answersingenesis.com) – will be familiar with the arguments. In case you're not, Anglican clergyman Kevin Logan wrote *Responding to the Challenge of Evolution* in 2002.

More recently Ken Ham has published *Why Won't They Listen? The Power of Creation Evangelism* (Master Books). Creationism as soul-winning evangelism? To my knowledge Adventists have tried it at least twice and found it, at the very least, a way to attract an interested audience and the support of the entire Christian community.

There have been meetings of Adventist scientists and Bible students in three consecutive summers – 2002, 2003, 2004 – on the whole origins business. Isn't it time to share what we have found with an interested public? Or did I misunderstand the import of the First Angel's Message?

Intelligent Design is catching on. It's what we believe in. Isn't it time to get involved in the debate?

Fifty years on from my primary school putdown I'm still convinced that Time plus Matter plus Chance do not make a world. In a man-blighted creation I still see enough beauty to suggest an Artist and enough design to suggest a Designer.

Outside the window of PrePress an assortment of blue tits, great tits, coal-tits and finches are finishing off the peanuts we hung out. All that colour and variety! Did it evolve?

Isn't it time to give a push and a shove to the Intelligent Design/Creationist School?

Creationist evangelism. Worth a try?



with David Marshall

\* All except two of the scientists named – Andrews and White – are, I'm proud to say, Seventh-day Adventists. Ed.





Stephanie enjoys singing as Richard plays the guitar



The Tuckley twins, who have been working at camp since it began in 1978, practise with the camp choir. They enjoy giving campers the opportunity to sing in a choir and both take vacation time from work to attend camp



Graham (left), and Michael wait patiently for dinner time

## 'It's addictive!'

by Karen Platjies

'It's addictive,' was the main response when staff members were asked why they keep working at Special Needs Camp. Some members of staff have been coming since the very first camp in 1978. Staff members range in age and occupation and many of them use their vacation time to work at Special Needs Camp. Despite their differences they all find camp addictive. I wanted to find out what the addiction was all about.

Special Needs Camp began on 10 July with the arrival of 25 campers and 45 staff. Located in the sleepy village of Aberdaron and surrounded by fields of baaing sheep, this camp is the perfect getaway from a hectic lifestyle and a much-looked-forward-to event for most campers. The location itself was enough to get me hooked. Just a five-minute walk to the beach, winding country lanes and lots of fresh air.

By the time I arrived on Thursday afternoon most of the exciting events had already taken place. I had missed sports day, the sandcastle competition, the bouncy castle, the day trip to the Sea Zoo and trips to the village, but the highlight was still to come. Thursday night was the banquet and the campers were very excited about the evening events – giving me clues as to what their talent was going to be.

The evening began with a fabulous meal in a *Toy Story*-themed dining room. The decorations were excellent and the room was completely transformed. After we had eaten, the talent show commenced with a rousing version of 'She'll be coming round the mountain when she comes', led by Pastor Curtis Murphy. The campers and staff really put on a good show and we were visited from outer space, saw Elvis impersonations, witnessed creative

dancing, and listened to poetry and solos. The most moving part of the evening was when we all sang 'God is so good'. I looked around me and felt God's goodness at work in a powerful way. Some of the campers have challenges greater than any I've ever had to face, yet they sang this song with gusto. After prayer, two campers – Simon and Iuan – wanted to perform one more song for us. It was fittingly 'Celebrate' by Celene Dion and as they danced, I thought about how appropriate the words were for the evening.

*'There's a party goin' on right here, A celebration to last throughout the years, So bring your good times and your laughter too, We're gonna celebrate your party with you.'*

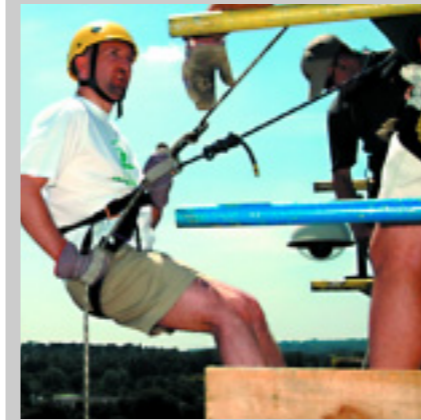
After a good night's sleep and breakfast on Friday morning we had worship. Pastor Murphy led out and talked about how each person is special to God and chosen by him. Stephanie, one of the campers, sang 'What a mighty God we serve' and I was again humbled as I thought about how easy my life is compared with the challenges she faces. You could feel the presence of God in the room and see his joy reflected on the campers' faces as they practised singing in the camp choir.

Instead of focusing on disabilities and difficulties, everyone worked together to enable the campers to enjoy all the activities. There was no hurry, no set timetable and no pressure. All the activities were planned around the campers' needs and each camper was given the opportunity to participate. I think Special Needs Camp is definitely the most rewarding and spiritually uplifting camp I have ever attended.

As I left the campsite on Friday afternoon I tried to sum up why I have the desire to work at Special Needs Camp next year. The best way to describe it is 'it's addictive'.

## Pastor in fund-raising abseil

by Joyce Hill



Stanborough Park church is increasingly enjoying the benefits of the four-year-old extension to the Little Church in the Woods. Many and varied are the activities held in its rooms and corridors, involving toddlers, teens, families, celebration parties and the 'golden oldies' Senior Members' Group.

For many years our SMG met in the Williams Hall. Climbing the stairs was quite a struggle for many of the elderly members. This fact kept the membership down to the thirties and forties when the challenge of the stairs overcame the joy of fortnightly fellowship. No more! Now sixty to seventy young-in-heart join us in our spacious, light hall, where a large, well-fitted kitchen is right at hand.

Part of the church outreach into the community is the distribution of *Stanborough News*, a quarterly forecast of the church's activities. From this leaflet, as well as by members' invitation, the SMG now has grown into the eighties, and a very jolly crowd we are. Mrs. Rosemary Barham, supported by a committee, is a leader with a light and loving touch. She has introduced speakers at our meetings whose subjects range from birds and beasties, music, finance, travel, humour, to Local Government and Services. All this is wrapped up with Christian loving friendship, which is the foundation of the group's being, and the reason for its success.

Last 4 October the speaker was Ms Gill Crowson, Community Fundraising Manager for the Watford Peace Hospice. She brought a video to show us, and our assistant pastor, Russell Montague, volunteered to run it. The video showed the special care that is given to the terminally ill. As the video ran, the audience was particularly moved by a young woman, dying, surrounded by her family. The video's message was clear. 'Because of the hospice no one need die alone.'

Ms Crowson continued by telling us about a fund-raising abseil down the 90ft wall of The Harlequin Centre to take place in June. Russell felt the atmosphere was still too sombre. In his own words: 'To lift the atmosphere I said, "I'm scared of heights, but if you'll sponsor me I'll do it!"' He was sponsored to the tune of £100 by the end of the afternoon. On Sunday 19 June he did it! Sponsorship money to date has reached £180 for the Peace Hospice. Bravo, Russell!



## Sunshine in the rain

On Sunday 5 June, church members from Ystrad Mynach and Llandrindod Wells put on a sale of work at a local community centre. It was organised by Paul and Carole Godfrey of Stanborough Park church, and local family members Daphne and John Godfrey, shown at left and right of the picture.

We raised funds for STOP (Save the Orphans Please), particularly in India. Cakes, flowers, toys, picture frames, books and household goods were sold to members of the public. In spite of heavy rain that day, there was sunshine in our hearts as we counted over £500 raised for this worthy charity. RICHARD L. VINE

## Women's 'Edifying' Ministries

Women's Ministries Day at Reading Central, 2 July, saw the culmination of a series of healthy self-esteem workshops for women led by guest

speaker Helen Fischle. UK-born Mrs Fischle, who obtained an MA in Social Work from the university of Alabama, USA, specialises in



From left to right: Anne-Marie Wright, Jan Abbey, Helen Fischle, Gema Cudjoe, Evreth Thompson, Guiselle Berkel-Larmonie

domestic violence in the African American community. She has received awards for her work which is dedicated to helping women from all backgrounds reach their full potential.

Mrs Fischle's sermon, 'He came to set the captives free', addressed the issue of domestic violence. She drew comparisons between biblical accounts of the ill treatment of the Israelites by Pharaoh and spousal abuse, explaining what church members can do to help liberate 'silent' victims of domestic violence.

The healthy self-esteem workshops were entitled *Girl Talk* (bonding between women), *Who are we in*

*God's eyes? Positive Self-esteem and Building Healthy Relationships*. Each one explored subjects that impact the lives of married and single women. Lessons were drawn from the lives and relationships of female Bible characters such as Esther, Ruth and Naomi, Miriam and Zipporah. Jan Abbey, Reading Central's Women's Ministries leader said, 'It was fantastic to see the women when they first came and watch the relationship between them grow. Barriers came down as their self-esteem grew.'

Princess Cudjoe, who attended the workshops, said that they were 'edifying' and remarked, 'There are



Dr Pipim examines the candidates

## Handsworth Wood African Fellowship

It is over a year since we began as a group of 20 people. Our regular attendance now is approximately 80. In March we progressed to company status. In June we had our first campaign. God has provided us with an excellent location – at the Handsworth Wood Girls' School – and a brilliant PA system.

The theme of our campaign was 'Living Without Fear'. Night after night the growth of the congregation reflected the impact that Dr S. K.

Pipim was having on the community. Bible Worker Sandra Dawes, Pastor Jackson and his team, together with the members of the Handsworth congregation (our parent church), deserve special thanks, as do Pastors Appiah and McIntosh and Dr Pipim. Personal Ministries leader Lot Masaine oversaw the running of the campaign.

Thanks go to those who helped us defray the costs.

Kathy Senesie

## SEC Sports Day

'Watford Keynes' won the shield on the South England Conference Sports Day held at the Barnet Cophall Sports Centre in North London on Sunday 17 July. The team of 45 was made up of members from the Watford Town and Milton Keynes churches in Area 7. They have been informally a team for the past two years, but this time the arrangement was a little more formal.

It is unusual for a team from a 'smaller church' to win this event. In response to this, Team Captain Raymond Stewart of Watford Town stated, 'For the past four months the team has been practising on Sunday mornings and on Monday evenings. I think this consistent effort made a big difference.' He continued, 'The team are like a close-knit family and we see no reason why we can't retain the title next year.'

qualities that we women have that we don't recognize.' In addition, Thelma Kier, who also attended, commented that she had greatly

Raymond was also pleased that at the practice sessions they were able to witness to one young man who did not come to the church but was advised that the rules of participation in the sports day were that individuals had to have attended church in the past month. He now attends voluntarily.

Colin Stewart, brother to Raymond, team manager and pastor of the Milton Keynes district of churches was excited over the win. 'This is one of the best experiences I have had since leaving London. It was good to see two churches working so well together without any bickering or difficulties. I hope the team will keep practising together throughout the year – this will not only be helpful for unity but to assist many of us to change our sedentary lifestyles.'

The cup was won by Stratford church.

CATHY BOLDEAU

benefited from the experience. Jan Abbey concluded, 'I feel much taller and stronger since the workshops.'

CLIVE MALCOLM



## Stoke Newington: 'Heroes and sheroes!'

Two members of the Stoke Newington church, Clarissa Rocke-Caton and Yvonne Smith, were nominated for awards at a special gala award ceremony organised by Britain's largest church, Kingsway International Christian Centre (KICC), at their headquarters in Hackney, London.

The first award of its kind attended by an audience of over 500 honoured the unsung 'heroes and sheroes' of Hackney, East London, who go about their daily chores caring for others who are less fortunate than themselves. Among the special guests was Labour MP for Hackney and Stoke Newington South Dianne Abbott.

Compered by BBC *Songs of Praise* presenter Diane Louise Jordan and newsreader Darren Jordan, the night was a mixture of laughter, tears and joy.

Awards were handed out by other special guests such as Peter Kerridge, Managing director of Premier Christian Radio and Rodney Hinds, Sports editor of the *Voice* newspaper.

Clarissa and Yvonne were two of the thirty-three finalists chosen from 330 nominations received from fifteen various categories.

The proceeds of this event were donated to the

Sickle Cell Society, the charity that provides medical care and services to people affected by this disorder.

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Dr Richard DeLisser with Clarissa (left) and Yvonne

## Introducing ICC by Sujoya Paul, ICC UK Public Relations officer

International Children's Care (ICC), was started by Adventists and is run by Adventists.

ICC had a booth at the recent General Conference Session in St Louis, and the current directors, Rick and Sharon Fleck, were interviewed on the Hope Channel on the final Friday. Rick Fleck is the son of Alcyon and Kent Fleck, who founded the charity in 1976. He was an Adventist pastor at the time and she had always had a vision for caring for orphaned children in a family setting rather than in the traditional style of orphanages which were large, impersonal institutions. They were approached by the Adventist Church to make use of a large piece of land in Guatemala. Although the idea of setting up children's homes was Alcyon's vision, she had not had much experience and so they stepped out in faith to start the project.

They employed local Adventist workers to run the homes and the Flecks oversaw the whole development of what is now called a 'Children's Village'. ICC envisioned that these 'Children's Villages' would include 10 homes, each with its own separate piece of land for growing vegetables. Each home would be large enough for 10-12 orphaned or abandoned children to be cared for by a local Adventist family. A Children's Village also includes a primary school, library, bakery, a

dairy and workshops for vocational and practical skills training. The Village is situated as closely as possible to a comprehensive school, so that the children don't have to travel far, and through child sponsorships and donations, they are also given the chance to go to university.

Since 1976, ICC has started projects in 17 other countries, in partnership with other Adventist organisations which have a presence in the country. One example is the ICC project in Congo. PROLASA, an Adventist Medical organisation has been working there for many years.

Recently, over 150 orphans came into ICC's care there when some of the state orphanages closed down because of internal violence. So ICC is working in partnership with PROLASA to raise funds to build much-needed housing for the extra children. As to educational attainments, many of ICC's children have graduated from university with business, theology and medical degrees. Many of them have returned to work for ICC after qualifying.

ICC is known to Pastor Don McFarlane. As SEC president he was in discussion with Pastor Leon

Wellington, a past president of one of the Jamaica conferences, to support an Educational ICC project in Jamaica. This project was promoted at our ICC booth in the GC by Pastor Wellington, and he hopes to work closely with ICC UK to recruit support among Jamaican Adventist members.

ICC works closely with local Adventist churches, and in High Wycombe, the Mickelfield Adventist church donated a large amount of clothes to ICC's Romanian Children's Village in 2004. The youth of Newbold decided to organise a

Twenty volunteers in Romania, aged from 15 to 68 years



**VERLEY VALENTINE (Brother Val) (1918-2005) – d. 5 March.** Stoke Newington was saddened by the death of her oldest member Verley Valentine (Brother Val as he was affectionately called) after a prolonged illness. Brother Val had been a member of this church since 1974 and held the post of first elder for a number of years, though he retired from active service many years ago. He was a mentor to many of the young men around in his active days. One of them, Pastor Steve Mackenzie, in his tribute to Brother Val, remembered when he preached his one-off sermon as a youth before even thinking of going into the ministry. Brother Val recognised his preaching ability and told him he was going to be a minister and gave him a book on how to prepare sermons. Pastor Mackenzie said that this book helped him in his early days as a pastor. Brother Val could relate to all generations. He was a friend of the young because he used to encourage them to do well and to put Christ in the centre of their lives. He loved music and was a very good singer. He was also a good listener and encourager. Brother Val was born in Jamaica on 6 February 1918 and came to live in England in 1961, working as a skilled craftsman. He and his wife Elmer celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in October 2001 and this was featured in *Messenger* and graced the front page of the *Weekly Gleaner*

(the top Caribbean newspaper) and featured in other weeklies, *The Hackney Gazette*, *The New Nation* and *The Voice*. A congratulatory card was also received from the Queen. His funeral service was held on 15 March and was conducted by our minister Dr Richard DeLisser, assisted by Pastor Richard Holder, Dr Carlos Thorpe and Pastor Stephen Mackenzie. Special musical items were rendered by our church choir, Brother Espeut from the Clapton church, and a special song composed by members of his family. Brother Val was laid to rest in Manor Park cemetery on 15 March, awaiting the resurrection call of his Saviour. He is survived by Elmer, his loving wife of sixty-three years, seven children, forty-six grandchildren, sixty-four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

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**KEITH NICHOLLS (1935-2005) – d. 19 June.** On Friday 24 June we committed to rest Keith Lorenzo Nicholls at Henley Road cemetery in Reading. Keith, one of six brothers and six sisters, was born in Deans Village, St James, Barbados, on 26 January 1935. He moved to Reading in 1962 with his wife Enid. Keith was profoundly committed to God's word and served the Church in the capacity of Sabbath school superintendent, deacon, head deacon, elder and lay preacher. He worked in every department, officially and unofficially,

but he will be remembered most notably for his role as Ingathering co-ordinator for Reading Central, a position he held for over 25 years with an outstanding zeal that underlined his passion for raising money for the continuance of missionary work around the world. Being unreserved, he made himself available to everybody and was always willing to help those in need within the church and in the community. He was also a popular Pathfinder leader and a valued assistant in the Community Services department. Keith was a steadfast soldier of the cross who will be forever remembered by his wife Enid and four children, two grandsons, numerous relatives and friends. We await the day of our Lord when we shall see him again.

CLIVE MALCOLM

**GRACE HOPE DOGHERTY (1915-2005) – d. 9 July.** Family and friends gathered at the Bournemouth Adventist church to remember and give thanks for the life of Grace Dogherty. Grace died within a few miles of her childhood home in Kingswell Road, Bournemouth, but the intervening ninety years saw her living in various towns and cities in south England, as she moved with her husband, Pastor Bert Dogherty, from church to church. Grace was born into the Benefield family, her father being a colporteur. She was the middle sister of five girls, while their

younger brother, Victor, was to become a well-known pastor. In time Grace went to Newbold College to train as a Bible worker, and it was there that she met Bert. Grace loved children, saying that there was nothing better or more important to a family, and so Grace and Bert adopted Yvonne. Pastor and Mrs Dogherty served in many churches around the South England Conference, from Cornwall to Norfolk, and Bedford to Bournemouth, retiring in 1979 from the Bristol area. They moved to Lingmoor in Poole, with Bert dying in 1987. Grace is remembered by family and friends alike as living a simple and faithful life. She had a quiet wisdom, and would speak her mind regardless of the circumstances, yet she was always willing to help others. Despite failing health in recent years her spirit remained undaunted, and she never lost her sense of humour. Her last few months were happily spent in the beautiful surroundings of Glenhurst Manor in Bournemouth. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, and attended by representatives from the BUC and SEC, Pastors Alan Hodges and Michael Hamilton respectively. Also in attendance were daughter Yvonne and her family, nieces living in Bournemouth, and nephew Kenny Dogherty from Ireland, as well as many good friends. May God grant all comfort now, and hope in that future resurrection morning.

PASTOR IAN LOREK

mission project to the same Children's Village also in 2004; Daren Bullock (director of ICC UK) and Lani Edwards (Youth leader) led the project there. A concert was held at Newbold to raise funds for the task and many Adventist musicians performed. In 2005, Daren wrote an article in *Encounter*, directly promoting the mission projects which were being organised for this summer.

Eleven volunteers are now in Romania, finishing the second children's home and starting a third. Three ladies came from Luton central church alone. ICC has already

given many presentations at churches such as Stoke Newington, when Pastor Richard DeLisser invited ICC to do a presentation for their Family Day, and the church packed gift boxes for the children in Romania. We had an article in the BUC newsletter about the volunteers leaving for Romania.

ICC is a very professionally run organisation which works closely with the social services in each country in which it has a project. We are organising short-term projects in Romania, Cambodia and possibly the Ukraine for summer 2006.

### JOB VACANCY AT ADRA-UK

ADRA-UK is seeking to appoint a **Finance officer**. Key responsibilities include providing day-to-day support to ADRA-UK implementing partners on financial management processes, financial compliance, and adherence to donor regulations and ADRA policies. Additionally, the Finance officer will be responsible for supporting the ADRA-UK Executive director and treasurer in drafting and revising donor financial reports, preparing ADRA-UK financial statements, planning ADRA-UK cash flow and developing project budgets.

The desired applicant will: hold a solid Bachelors degree in financial management or accounting (required); hold a Masters degree in finance, accounting, international development, or business administration (preferable); have at least two years accounting and financial management experience (essential); have experience of overseeing financial activities and personnel (preferable); have experience in development work or charity sector (desirable); have strong numerical, analytical, verbal and written communication skills (absolutely essential); have a passion for serving hurting people; be committed to ADRA's principles of development and Adventist beliefs.

ADRA-UK is offering this position in the first instance as a one-year contract. Salary will be according to the denominational wage scale. Job description is available upon request.

A letter of application together with a current CV and the addresses of two referees should be sent to: ADRA-UK director, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts WD25 9JZ. Tel/Fax: 01923 681723. Email: [director@adra.org.uk](mailto:director@adra.org.uk). The deadline for receipt of applications is **28 October 2005**. Interviews for suitable candidates will be held in November/December 2005.

### Small Group Training Weekend

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# Establishing new churches Reaching new people groups Church Planters' Exchange 2005

by David Cox, Personal Ministries director, BUC

'Germany was great. . . !'

'An early church experience of real fellowship, worship, teaching, prayer and togetherness. You could sense the moving of the Spirit of God. If "church" was like this each day of the week, we would move the world!'

'A time of spiritual enrichment, empowerment and enlargement! The Holy Spirit revealed to me once

again how much work there is to be done and my need to be focused and driven. I cannot wait to implement all of the things I have learnt this week.'

'The highlight for me during the week was Friday evening – the Agape Feast and Lord's Supper (which continued till midnight!). Also, Sabbath morning when we were called to pray for our different

national friends by gathering around them and praying for them – the sense of laying hands upon them gave a sense of belonging, concern and care. You just felt the genuineness of it all.'

'The highlight for me was seeing all those young people (50+ under 16 years of age) going forward for prayer, committing themselves to serving Jesus.'



## Stratford Youth Baptism

'IT'S NOW OR NEVER' was Pastor C. Preston's slogan for the youth revival meetings at Stratford, East London, in May. The meetings climaxed with the baptism of Barbara Gillin, Anthea Weekes and Nadipha Mbatsha by Pastor Richard Holder. Stratford – and heaven – rejoiced!

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GET READY FOR THE REVOLUTION

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## Milton Keynes church: *Images of Praise*

In association with MKC Productions, Milton Keynes church is pleased to announce a new and exciting evangelistic campaign, *Images of Praise*.

This series is designed to introduce our non-churched friends to Jesus Christ in a new and relevant way, featuring special guest speakers, music, questions and answers, plus health and lifestyle hints. Transmission starts on Saturday 3 September at 8pm and every Saturday until 1 October on Sky Channel 676.

So tell your family, friends and neighbours to watch *Images of Praise* on Sky Channel 676 for a life-changing experience. *Images of Praise* – coming to a TV near you!

CONGRATULATIONS to Jennifer Sleeman, the daughter of Pastor and Mrs Ian Sleeman of Stanborough Park church. Recently, Jennifer achieved a BA degree in education from Leicester University.  
BRONWEN ATKINSON

These reflections on the experience of the International Church Planters' Exchange held in Friedensau, Germany, 24-31 July, speak for the 120+ church members and pastors who attended the event from the British Union Conference.

They were among over 600 church planters from the UK, Holland, Germany, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Portugal, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Israel and the Czech Republic who met for prayer, praise and worship, inspiration, the learning of new skills (through 21 different workshop tracks) and the exchange of ideas and experiences in reaching people with the message of Jesus. Several non-Christian friends who attended left as Christians, having committed their lives to Christ during the week.

This year's Exchange was one of three such international events being held this year in the Trans-European Division, with a combined attendance of over 1,000 pastors and members now involved in establishing new churches to reach new people groups. Considering that the first Church Planting training event just five years ago at Newbold College was attended by only 16 people, it appears that the Adventist Church in Europe is once again becoming a church planting movement.

## ABC BOOK SALES

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Sept 2	7.45	7.57	7.51	8.05	8.13
9	7.29	7.41	7.34	7.46	7.55
16	7.13	7.25	7.18	7.28	7.38

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