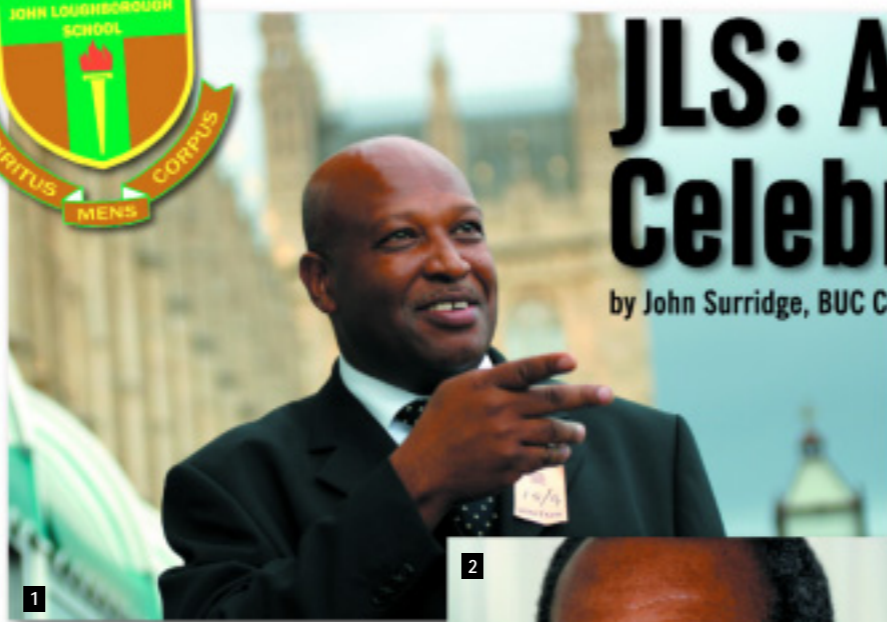




JLS: Anniversary Celebrations

by John Surrridge, BUC Communication director



On 15 September a special reception marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the John Loughborough School was held in the House of Commons Pavilion. The event was hosted by Diane Abbott, Labour MP for Hackney North and Stoke Newington, and organised by former John Loughborough student Anthony Roberts.

More than a hundred guests and dignitaries were present as Ms Abbott began proceedings by asking BUC Education director Dr Keith Davidson to open with prayer. She then commented on the general state of education in the United Kingdom and the relatively poor performance of black students, particularly boys. However, she went on to say that the John Loughborough School set different standards and had given black young people the belief that they could do well. 'John Loughborough has given us a way of looking at our children in a way that values and respects them', she said.

Ms Abbott praised the many practical steps that the School had taken in order to change the pattern of black education, and highlighted its standards, targets and monitoring. However, the key point for her was belief – belief in the children by the parents, and belief by the children in themselves. 'The educational community has a lot to thank the Seventh-day Adventist Church for,' she said.

Responding to Ms Abbott's address, Pastor Orville Woolford, the founding head teacher of John Loughborough, acknowledged the help of many individuals in the success of the school. 'As a Church we know the worth of



1. Dr Keith Davidson, currently BUC Education director. Dr Davidson was the second head teacher of JLS and the architect of Grant Maintained Status. 2. Pastor Orville Woolford, the founding head teacher twenty-five years ago. 3. Labour MP Diane Abbott, who hosted the JLS celebrations at the Palace of Westminster. 4. BUC president Pastor Cecil Perry speaks during the celebrations. 5. (L to r) Dr Davidson, Pastor Perry, Dr June Alexis (current head at JLS), Pastor H. Walters (SEC president), and Pastor Woolford.

ADRA-UK Vacancy Executive Director

General Information

Position Title: ADRA-UK Executive director
Employer: British Union Conference of SDA
Supervisor/Reports to: ADRA-UK Board of Directors and ADRA-UK Membership
Location: Watford, UK
Tenure: Full time
Date profile revised: August 2005

Philosophy of ADRA

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is an international non-government, independent humanitarian agency established in 1984 by the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the specific purposes of individual and community development and disaster relief. Through a variety of projects, ADRA supports the dignity that is inherent in each person. Committed to improving quality of human life, ADRA helps people in need, especially those most vulnerable such as women, children, and senior citizens. ADRA serves people without regard to their ethnicity, political affiliation, or religious association.

Core Competencies

- An experienced and committed administrator with senior management experience in the development sector – a minimum of seven years.
- Basic knowledge and experience in community development, proposal and report writing.
- Strong cross-cultural and human interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrated characteristics of honesty, initiative and team player.
- Holds a MA tertiary level of education – preferable.
- Loyalty and commitment to work harmoniously with ADRA's parent body, the Church leadership and entities, locally and internationally.
- Strong organisational skills.
- Excellent communication skills – articulate and comfortable with speaking in public.
- Passionate supporter of the Annual Ingathering Appeal.
- Visioning and driving the implementation of strategy.
- Strong networking abilities to liaise with ADRA offices, government offices, embassies, councils, etc.

Job Summary

The Executive director is the responsible administrative officer in charge of the general day-to-day operations of the charity.

Duties and Responsibilities

Administration

1. Sign and execute, in the name of the Charity, all documents in connection with the routine business of the Charity and any other documentation necessary for the Charity's routine business operations with governments and other agencies.
2. Act as Secretary for, and making and recording the minutes of, the meeting of the Board of Directors, the Appeals Advisory Committee and the Annual General Membership meetings in books/forms provided for that purpose, and recording therein the voted actions of the meetings.
3. Give notices, including those of the meeting of the members, the Board of Directors, the Appeals Advisory Committee and the Annual General Membership meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and/or as required by law.
4. At all times during the existence of said Charity, have custody of such records and minutes as may be necessary to record faithfully all the transactions of the Charity.
5. Ensure that the Charity assets are kept safe.
6. Assist the Treasurer with the overall financial management of the Charity, including developing annual administration budgets for recommendation to the Board of Directors, and controlling all expenditure.

7. Perform all duties incidental to the office of Executive director and Secretary of the Charity/related committees and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors and/or the Chair.

Promotion and Representation

8. Responsible for all fundraising activities, including the Annual Ingathering Appeal
9. Represent the Charity as the official contact with the national/international funding agencies, and in boards, committees and councils where ADRA-UK holds membership or is invited to attend.
10. Have complete oversight over all publications relating to the promotion of the charity, including the Annual Ingathering Appeal material, the Annual Report, the website and all articles/information printed in the BUC News and MESSENGER.
11. Maintain timely provision of reports to ADRA offices, ADRA Headquarters, government agencies, Charity Commission, auditors, national platforms, councils, Church entities and other related agencies.
12. Liaise with Community Services leaders of the Adventist Church in the UK in connection with public appeals and collection of donated goods.
13. Conduct speaking appointments within the ADRA-UK constituency on a regular basis, especially weekend events and programmes.

Strategy and Operations

14. Oversee all strategic planning and the execution of the Strategic Plan as approved by the Board of Directors.
15. Regularly track all project/programme activity and funding opportunities with the Programmes director and implementing partners.
16. Assist the Programmes department in the capacity building of partners to ensure programmes and projects are in compliance with organisational and donor standards and requirements.
17. Assist the Programmes department when necessary to conduct project planning and planned monitoring visits to ADRA-UK projects in field locations for quality assurance, meeting targets, and preparation of donor reporting.

Staffing

18. Recommend and process the appointment and dismissal of ADRA-UK personnel, as directed by the Board of Directors.
19. Manage the professional development of ADRA-UK personnel including specific supervision, mentoring/coaching, and staff evaluations/appraisals as necessary, and provide overall leadership in maintaining a good team spirit among staff.

Additional Information

This position will entail significant international and domestic travel. ADRA-UK's work is most often conducted in inhospitable and challenging environments around the world. The Executive director is expected to function productively in those adverse situations as well as in the UK office. International travel may be necessary at short notice.

For the most part, and wherever possible, the activities of the job are conducted within normal office hours. However, by the nature of the work, some assignments may require work outside of these hours. A flexible approach to working hours is essential in order to carry out the job successfully.

ADRA is committed to equal employment opportunities for all individuals. ADRA does not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, sex, age, national origin, marital status, or handicap/disability in its hiring and employment practices. However, as an employee of the Adventist Church on assignment to ADRA, membership in the Adventist Church is a prerequisite for this specific position.

Letter of application with current CV and addresses of two referees should be sent to: Eric Lowe, BUC Executive Secretary, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts WD25 9JZ. Tel/Fax: 01923 672251. E-mail: elowe@adventist.org.uk

The deadline for receipt of applications is 30 November 2005. Interviews will be held in December 2005.

Healthwise

Watch-dog

It is said that man's best friend is a dog, but that friendship is all set to get more intimate than some people would wish. The 'dog' in question is a highly sophisticated version of Sony's robotic dog *Aibo*, and the dog is being enlisted in the fight against obesity.

The dog, while not being able to talk, responds in various ways to the dieter's programme. It incorporates a pedometer, an electronic diary to record the person's eating habits, and a computer able to calculate daily calorie input and expenditure.

Aibo has four different behav-

iours: lethargy, energy – and two stages in between – all responding to the dieter's question, 'How am I?' On the basis of the computer calculations *Aibo* behaves according to how the person *should* feel depending on their compliance with the reduction regime.

If the regime has been strictly adhered to *Aibo* jumps up and down, wags its tail vigorously, plays vibrant music and flashes brightly-coloured LEDs all over its body. However, if the calorie intake has been too high *Aibo* moves lethargically and plays low-energy music.

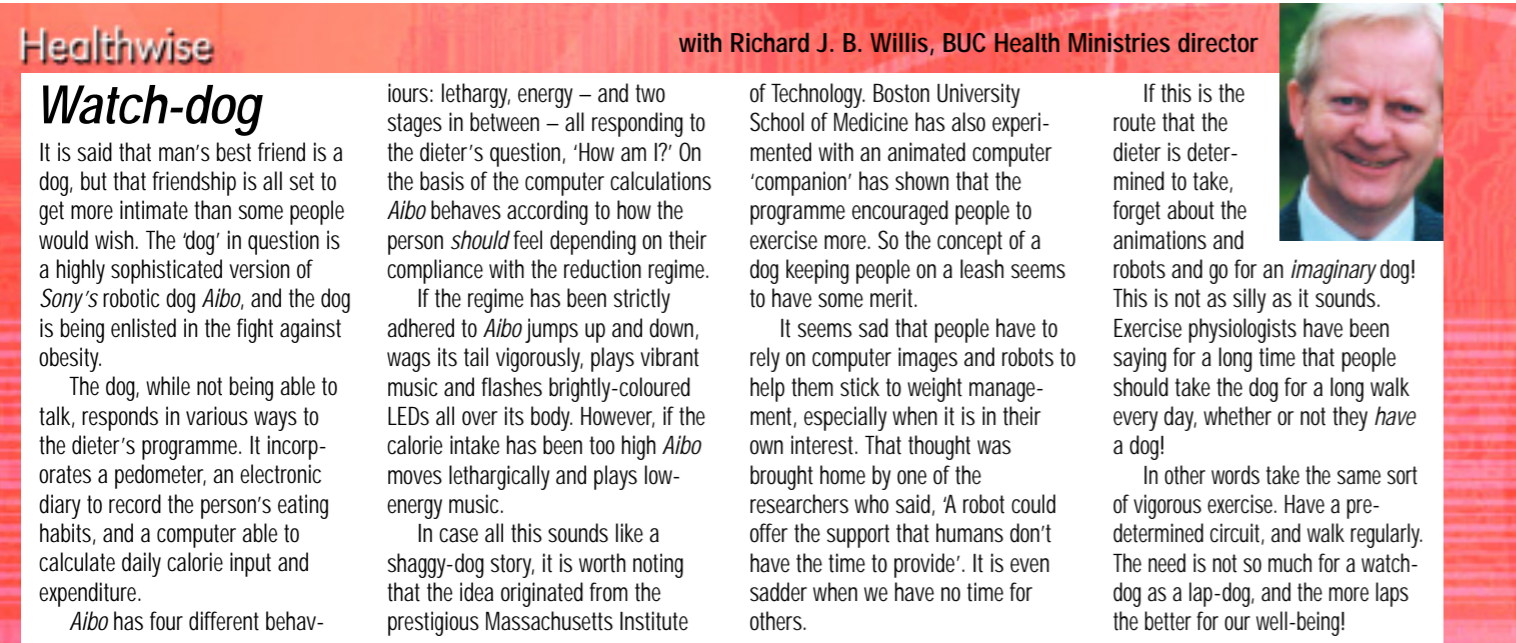
In case all this sounds like a shaggy-dog story, it is worth noting that the idea originated from the prestigious Massachusetts Institute

of Technology. Boston University School of Medicine has also experimented with an animated computer 'companion' has shown that the programme encouraged people to exercise more. So the concept of a dog keeping people on a leash seems to have some merit.

It seems sad that people have to rely on computer images and robots to help them stick to weight management, especially when it is in their own interest. That thought was brought home by one of the researchers who said, 'A robot could offer the support that humans don't have the time to provide'. It is even sadder when we have no time for others.

If this is the route that the dieter is determined to take, forget about the animations and robots and go for an *imaginary* dog! This is not as silly as it sounds. Exercise physiologists have been saying for a long time that people should take the dog for a long walk every day, whether or not they *have* a dog!

In other words take the same sort of vigorous exercise. Have a pre-determined circuit, and walk regularly. The need is not so much for a watch-dog as a lap-dog, and the more laps the better for our well-being!



From the moment the levees gave way, it was apparent that Katrina would mark another of those quasi-apocalyptic events in American history that would stand alongside the San Francisco Earthquake, Pearl Harbour and 9/11. Katrina caught people and Government unawares and brought home to us a truth that we should all live with daily. Mankind and its creations, even the bravest, are vulnerable to sudden destruction.

The fate of New Orleans entered my imagination, perhaps because, in population and in its vulnerability to the sea, it is astonishingly similar to the port city which I call home. Hence, as the ocean made its way down mainstreet and boulevard, smashing homes, carrying cars, creating corpses and bursting sewers, I was imagining the destruction taking place in even more familiar surroundings.

But New Orleans was only part of the disaster. Katrina's destruction blighted a territory, not the size of one of our larger port cities, but the size of the whole of the British Isles.

The Hope Channel broadcast the Air Katrina Relief Television Special. 'Thousands of Seventh-day Adventists, their churches and institutions are among the millions of people suffering in the Gulf Coast region of the United States following Hurricane Katrina . . .'. Churches had been wholly or partially demolished. Bass Memorial Academy in Mississippi had suffered severe damage.

In the Katrina confusion in New Orleans a woman was killed by an out-of-control vehicle. At a street corner her body was covered by tarpaulin and left. 'Not her friends, her grieving husband, nor her neighbours could persuade the authorities to take her corpse away,' reported *The Independent*. The body was left to decompose through the heat of five September days. Max, her husband, pleaded with the police to help him bury her, 'but they just told me to get the hell out of there,' he said. Before a sixth day could dawn Max made a makeshift grave and shovelled the decomposing body of his wife into it. On the white plastic sheet with which he covered

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it, Max wrote: 'HERE LIES VERA. GOD HELP US.'²

In late December, after the tsunami, I emailed Adventist thought leaders on three Continents and asked the 'Why?' question. Among the first to respond was the General Conference president. He wrote, 'Now is not the time to ask "Why?", or to search for explanations – some answers we may never have until our Lord returns.' And that, of course, was absolutely true; though the 'Why?' question comes unbidden to the mind, whether it's time or not. Of the tsunami he wrote; 'It is a distressing irony that this disaster occurred in a region of the world that is not well equipped to cope with an emergency of this magnitude.' And I thought, 'Yes! If the tsunami had impacted the East Coast of America it would have received more urgent attention.'

Right now, I'm not so sure.

Vera died because she was poor and, with thousands like her, could not evacuate the city as the forces of anarchy and the ocean of sewage closed round her. Governments who regard it as a matter of priority to wage war to plant the seeds of democracy in unpromising desert terrain, do not prioritise the health and safety of the underprivileged among their own people, it would appear.

Wes Granberg-Michaelson, General Secretary of the Reformed Church in America, has sought to answer the question, 'To what extent was this "Act of God" manmade?' His conclusion? The absence of any sustained policy to redistribute wealth had led to the 'national disgrace' of an ever-widening gap between rich and poor and to the fact that 27% of the New Orleans population below the poverty line had been incapable of escaping sudden destruction when it came upon their city.

He further argues that, annually, an 'area the size of Manhattan' had been lost to property developers from the wetlands separating the City from the Gulf (meant to act as a 'speedbump' to the incoming hurricanes made inevitable by climate change resultant from the accelerated use of fossil fuels).³ Kyoto and Katrina are connected!

Vera's family are still without a home or the prospect of one. Vera's body, two weeks dead as I write, has still not received proper burial.

To offset the effect of a seven-year famine in the Old Testament world, God communicated to a pagan pharaoh and laid on Joseph as superno in charge of the world's grain supply.

Perhaps we can view that as a model of God's preferred mode of operation in the event of a big crisis. Joseph twice provided an insight into God's way of working (Genesis 45:4-7; 50:19-20). God had not instigated the chain of events. He had brought good – deliverance, in fact – out of the worst-case scenario.

With regard to the way God works, Bible writers sought to draw back the curtain and reveal 'behind,

Here lies Vera. God help us



with
David Marshall

above, and through all the play and counterplay of human interests and power and passions, the agencies of the all-merciful One, silently, patiently, working out the counsels of His own will.'

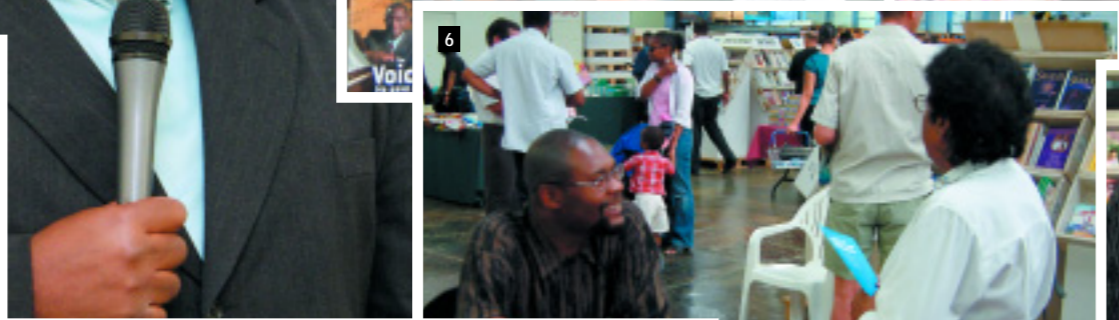
In the events reported in this morning's newspapers, I can see plenty of the 'play and counterplay of human interests and power and passions' in the Gulf states. The Hope Channel and the Adventist News Network report how the agencies of the all-merciful One are active through the various denominational relief agencies. For that I am thankful. But how about God bringing good out of a bad situation?

Already there is the *potential* for good to develop. Katrina has brought to the world's attention something about its largest democracy: the existence in it of a large underclass of people unblessed by its prosperous economy and defined by race, who are vulnerable in the extreme. It is too late for God and God's people to be of help to Vera. But Vera had a husband and a large, impoverished, underprivileged family. That family, the family of the survivors, numbers hundreds of thousands. How can Christians help accomplish God's will that they prosper and are in health?

To begin with, perhaps Christians can afford to extend their moral agendas to include the full breadth of social concerns, including the redistribution of wealth, in such a way as to make poverty history in the world's great democracies – as well as in the developing world.

Meanwhile, the priorities of God's people are? Give Vera a Christian burial. Be the channels of God's help to her family of millions.

¹Adventist News Network, 9 September. ²*The Independent Online*, 6 September. Reprinted from the *Church Herald*, October 2005, in *Sojourners*, < soja.net >. ³Education, page 173.



White House man at Open Day

1. Terry Johnson, Honor Guard to three US presidents. 2. Charles Ngandwe signs copies of his powerful book, *The Voice He Gave Me*. 3. Pastor Johnson's book *Aim High* was in great demand. 4. Hertfordshire GP and author Dr Clemency Mitchell talked nutrition. 5. The Doncaster Youth Choir made its debut. 6. Author Leighton Campbell signs copies of *Wine in the Bible*. 7. Review and Herald's Ginger Church was a popular speaker. 8. BUC Publishing director Curtis Murphy surveyed opinion on *LIFE.info* magazine. 9. Pastor Bob Smart with son Malcolm and wife Joy. The Open Day crowd received a sneak peek at *Home From the Sea*, a remarkable book to be launched next month. 10. The children had a good time on the bouncy castle.



Terrance Lyndon Johnson, White House staffer during the Reagan, Bush (senior) and Clinton presidencies, was top of the bill at Press Open Day on Sunday 4 September.

Terry ('Call me Terry,' he told everyone) has communication and people skills outside our previous experience. For his earlier education he was treated as educationally subnormal until an enlightened teacher ('Mrs Sherlock, five feet tall and five feet broad') diagnosed dyslexia and began the teaching regimen that was the making of T. L. Johnson.

Terry Johnson was part of the Honour Guard under three presidents. In film of overseas visits by Queen Elizabeth II, Margaret Thatcher and other major figures, Terry appears alongside his presidents, Ronald Reagan, George Bush (senior) and Bill Clinton.

It was during the Clinton presidency that Terry experienced a call to ministry and began training at Oakwood College. For the past twelve months he has been senior pastor at Sligo, with its 5,000 membership.

Pastor Johnson tirelessly signed copies of his brilliantly told story *Aim High*.

Terry Johnson's message is the same as that of Paul the apostle: 'All things are possible to those who believe.'

This year's Open Day occurred on 'the hottest September day since records began'.

Other authors signing their books included Charles Ngandwe (author of *The Voice He Gave Me*), Leighton Campbell (author of *Wine in the Bible: The Case for Total Abstinence*) and Ginger Church.

Charles Ngandwe sang and the Doncaster Youth Choir made their impressive debut appearance.

Dr Clemency Mitchell and Pastor Richard Willis gave health advice and signed copies of their books.



Birmingham's Pavilion of Hope

by Dr Jacquie Halliday-Bell

On Sabbath 6 August the 'Pavilion of Hope', Birmingham's annual evangelistic programme, began in a large tent in the middle of Summerfield Park, located in the Ladywood area of Birmingham.

The main speaker for the 25-night series was Dr Ivan Warden, Associate director of the Ellen G. White Estate in the North American Division, supported by health lecturer Dr Norman Knight from California, and singing evangelist Jerry Herbert, also from America. A small army of local ministers and church members handled all the practical and logistical challenges posed by such a major event.

In addition to the twenty-five evening programmes the 850-seat tent was used each Sabbath morning of the series, and on the opening Sabbath was filled to capacity. Attendance kept up well with some 500 people present for Dr Warden's

presentation on 'The Sin Vaccine'.

Dr Warden and his team used an entertaining and challenging, but also straightforward, approach. The theme song, 'Step Up to Happiness', told visitors what they could expect from the series: an improvement of their lives here on earth and an eternity in heaven. Dr Knight gave a no-nonsense talk on drugs, emphasising that in dealing with drug-using family members we can easily contribute to the problem if we are not careful. 'Tough love is going to be tough on you,' he said, 'but it's got to be tough if it's going to help your loved one get better.'

For the spiritual message guests were given simple worksheets containing a list of Bible texts. During his presentation Dr Warden worked through these systematically and announced several times that at the end he would be calling people to the front to show their commitment to Jesus Christ. About 100 people,

ranging from the grey-haired to young children, made their way to the front where they were welcomed by the team and prayed over.

After the official conclusion of the evening meetings Dr Warden invited his 'special guests' to have further Bible studies in a smaller adjacent tent and there was considerable interest.

The tent housing the 'Pavilion of Hope' meetings stood out prominently against the green of the park. With its ancillary vehicles, catering equipment, portable toilets and 12 kilowatt generator, it attracted the attention of thousands of people in the local area. Some of these joined the regular attendees, made up mainly of church members and their friends, and it is hoped that the warm welcome they received, along with the stirring messages from the front, will have encouraged them to make a life-long commitment to Jesus Christ.

Another baptism at Moor Close church

Three candidates were baptised at Moor Close, Newbold, on 2 July, in the third baptism this year.

Felicity Guy, Melody Tap and Jerry Miller have been active in the music ministry. Geert and Miranda Tap, parents of Melody, led a moving worship service on 2 July and Pastor Patrick Johnson shared a powerful message. As part of the teen group at Moor Close, both Felicity and melody have been studying with Pastor Johnson. Geert Tap baptised them. The girls shared how their love for music and the pastor's sermons refocused their lives from wanting to be pop stars to wanting to be missionaries.

Jerry has been blessing us for three years with his bass playing. He first came to church at the invitation of a friend and soon became involved with the worship team. When Geert Tap baptised Jerry it

became evident that they shared a bond through the worship band.

KIRSTEN OSTER-LUNDQUIST



The three candidates flanked by Geert Tap and Patrick Johnson



Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Pam and Bill Cross moved to Grantham, Lincolnshire, from Watford in 1974, Bill setting up his own engineering business in the town. Pam had a pen pal in the States with whom she corresponded

regularly. Her friend was an Adventist, and through her and the Pastor Curry campaign meetings, Pam became a member of the Church. Eight years after coming to

Grantham, Bill, who was beginning to lose much of his sight, was approached by a local social worker with the suggestion that he might be the best person, with his business experience, to organise and set up a Talking Newspaper for the Blind and Partially-sighted in the area.

This was a big decision which Bill and Pam spent some time considering and, more to the point, finding out what a Talking Newspaper actually was! They made the deci-

zine of items of interest to our blind listeners. A different group produces this each week through the month. When the *Grantham Journal* comes out at the end of the week, four people read the main-interest news items onto side 'A' thus producing a master tape. This goes downstairs to the tape-copying department where the cassettes are then packed ready for dispatch to our blind and partially-sighted listeners.

It was announced by Buckingham Palace on 2 June, that the Grantham and District Talking Newspaper for the Blind would receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. We are the only group in Lincolnshire and one of only five in the East Midlands to be so honoured this year. All workers must be unpaid volunteers to qualify. Through the years a number of the volunteers have been members of Grantham church. Our present minister, Pastor John Ferguson, has been a regular reader on the news side of the tape.

On 6 September, the Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Mrs Bridget Cracroft-Eley, representing the Queen, came down from Lincoln to present the Talking Newspaper with a piece of engraved crystal and a certificate signed by Her Majesty. The event was held in the Chairman's Room of the South Kesteven District Council offices in Grantham. Bill Cross, president, and Barrymore Bell, chairman of the Talking Newspaper, received the Lord-Lieutenant and were presented with the award.

Also present were the High Sheriff of Lincolnshire, the Chairman of Lincolnshire County Council, the Chief Executive of South Kesteven County Council, the Chairman of South Kesteven County Council, and the Mayor of Grantham, all with their wives. We had not seen so many people all together wearing chains!

As Adventists we feel that working for the Talking Newspaper is an excellent activity in which we can mix with many hard-working volunteers and, at the same time, provide a much-appreciated service for our blind listeners. The literature hand-outs that are given to interested people, make it clear that the Adventist church in Grantham played an important part in setting up the Talking Newspaper twenty-three years ago.

B. M. BELL, CHAIRMAN



Left to right: Jean Kirkman, Councillor John Kirkman (SKDC Chairman), Christina Turner (Mayor of Grantham), Mrs Bridget Cracroft-Eley (the Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire), Frank Turner (Mayor of Grantham), Bill Cross (President of the Grantham Talking Newspaper), Nigel Brown (High Sheriff), Barrymore Bell (Chairman of the Grantham Talking Newspaper), Councillor Edna Chapman.

A new Adventist doctor

Congratulations to Northampton church member Sarah De Vos, who graduated in June from Royal Free & University College Medical School, London, after completing a 6-year course in medicine. She now works as a junior doctor at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital in Bedfordshire. Many thanks for all the prayers and support of the church family, particularly Northampton, Kettering, GranoVita, Rugby, Chatham and Riverway churches.



GRACE DE VOS

Karen's baptism

On Sabbath 14 May Leamington church was blessed to witness the baptism of Karen Jamieson. Karen Started coming to the Leamington Mission in October 2003 and soon became a regular smiling face, helping out in children's Sabbath school classes and around the church generally.

The members of Leamington were delighted to welcome Karen officially on her special day. There to share in the joyous occasion was her husband Richard, their two daughters Alex and Robin, and many friends and family.

BRENDA-LOUISE PRETORIUS



sion to go ahead and were immediately faced with the task of finding the £3,600 needed to purchase the recording and high-speed copying equipment recommended by Mike Cowen of the Grantham church, which would be needed to get the project 'on the air'.

A meeting was called in December 1982 which included a social worker, three young people from the Young Members' Blind Club, a rehabilitation worker for the blind, Pastor Eric Lowe the Adventist church pastor, David Marshall the Press editor, and Mike Cowen. Eventually a committee was formed with Bill Cross as the chairman, Maureen Hammond, secretary, Pam Cross, treasurer, and Mike Cowen, technical officer.

With the help of Pastor Eric Lowe, the young people and some church members not so young, organised a Fun Run over ten miles using wheelbarrows – with passengers. The £1,300 raised was a real boost, and the Young Members' Blind Club and the Grantham Rotary Club, among others, made up the balance.

Now, twenty-three years on, some eighty volunteers are involved, of all faiths and none. Some two hundred tapes are produced each week. Side 'B' comprises a maga-



The Mavalla and McGoldrick families with the baptismal candidates Joanne McGoldrick (back middle) and Johnson Mavalla (front right)

Campaign, baptism and rejoicing

In the Easter holidays Bradford church had a campaign led by lay preacher Sam Mahlangu, a South African evangelist.

With three Sabbath mornings and fourteen consecutive evenings (concluding 10 April), Sam presented challenging messages. It was a great experience and we had fifty-four visitors. Several members invited their friends, and some committed their lives to Christ. The inspiring messages led many members to a deeper commitment to Christ, clinching commitment to baptism from some.

The first baptism was held on 18 June. Those baptised were: Johnson, 14-year-old son of Pastor and Mrs Mavalla (of Bradford church, where Pastor Mavalla is studying at the University); Johnson has always loved the Lord, has preached in Bradford church and also at a youth rally back in Nigeria.

Twenty-six-year-old Lisa Thulani Ngwenya came to England from Zimbabwe (although her family remained back home) and is now a student and a care worker. Lisa has worked hard in the children's Sabbath school and the church puppet group.

Mavis Chanetsa, a former Pentecostal Christian, attended the campaign after receiving an invitation from her cousin Marist, who was baptised in Bradford in 2004. Mavis's 10-year-old daughter Kelly joined her in the baptistry after being first to request baptism during the campaign.

Memory Van Beek, 27, a married mother of two, came to full commitment during the campaign. Violet Peter, a former Adventist, attended the campaign and quickly returned to her first love. Joanne McGoldrick, 26, was so excited and happy that she surprised Pastor Des Rafferty (who immersed each candidate) by giving him a friendly hug when she rose from the water. Joanne comes from an Adventist background and was top youth Ingatherer in Bradford church.

Pastor Jeff Couzins had prepared each candidate for baptism through Bible studies, and evangelist Sam returned to preach for the baptismal Sabbath.

CHRISTINA MCGOLDRICK

Bury St Edmunds church rededication

Sabbath morning 22 October at 11am.

Speaker: Dr Jonathan Gallagher

We warmly invite you to join with us and local religious and civic representatives in our service of rededication.

For further information contact David West on 01473 173275.

Wyboston, Cambridgeshire

25-27 November

Exploring Singleness – a journey of discovery through the experience of singleness

Love Connects – a spiritually focused marriage enrichment event

Parenting with Intimacy – biblically based parenting training programme

Cost: £95 per person double occupancy. £115 per person single occupancy.

For more information contact SEC Family Ministries on 01923 232728 or

kguthrie@secadventist.org.uk

London Romanian church

The London Romanian church (LRSDA) came into existence on 9 April. On 6 August we had our official inauguration service. Over a hundred crowded into All Souls parish church, Harlesden, to witness the event. His Excellency Dr Mihai Delcea, Head of the Consular department of the Romanian Embassy in London, was present for the occasion, as was Pastor D. W. McFarlane, outgoing SEC president. Translations into both English and Romanian were provided when necessary.

Liz and Titus Iudean, veteran members, gave a presentation on the coming of Romanian Adventists to Britain. Pastor McFarlane's sermon was translated into Romanian by our minister Pastor Nick Butoi. Pastor McFarlane superintended the



official organisation of the church and Pastor Vince Goddard gave the prayer of dedication.

The day was marked by wonderful music from talented soloists Alina Serban, Noemina Cosma, Madalina Tudoran and Ligia Stanciu.

What made the day of fellowship complete for the LRSDA was the fellowship lunch around 'a pot of Romanian food', a tradition followed since the beginnings of Adventist history in Romania

ALEX STANCIU



Patricia's baptism

Patricia Ford was received into membership at the Stoke Newington Community church, at her own request, on 3 September after attending and being baptised at the Family Life Evangelistic Campaign held at Finsbury Park, conducted by American evangelist Dr Phil Willis. Patricia was received into fellowship by Pastor Richard de Lissar and all the elders of the church. Elder Basil Corea was especially glad to welcome Patricia as he told us about her growing up in Harlow and knowing her since she was small, and how happy he is that she has decided to join us at 'Stokey'.

DONNA DOUGLAS

Job opportunity at Trans-European Division

The Trans-European Division is seeking an office secretary to the ADRA-TED director and the director for Adventist Volunteer Services at the international headquarters of the Adventist Church covering Northern Europe, the Middle East, Pakistan and part of Africa. This is a full-time position in two busy and varied departments. The successful applicant should have good organisational skills, strong communication skills, be able to work well under pressure and on their own initiative, have competency in the use of Microsoft Office, database programmes and perform basic book-keeping. Furthermore, the person needs to be energetic and efficient, demonstrate loyalty and commitment to the ideals of the Adventist Church, to ADRA's mission and in their personal Christian life.

The job description includes, but is not limited to, routine secretarial and data entry tasks, bookkeeping and the monitoring and processing of Adventist Volunteer applications. Professional qualities required are secretarial experience, advanced use of MS Word, Excel and Access programmes. Salary and benefits are according to the Trans-European Division Remuneration Scale. Details available upon application, a letter of which, together with current CV and the names and addresses of two referees, should be submitted by 17 October 2005 to: Harald Wollan, Executive Secretary, Trans-European Division, 119 St Peter's Street, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 3EY. Email: hwollan@ted-adventist.org.

Manchester Asian church

by Wilfred Masih

On 16 July the Manchester Asian church was officially welcomed into the sisterhood of churches in the North England Conference.

The special event attracted various Christians of Asian origin from other denominations around the UK as well as the regular membership and visiting Adventists. The programme started with a lively song service by Diamond Sathe, and the guest of honour was Pastor E. Francis, president of the NEC. He addressed the congregation during divine service and encouraged everyone to be of good spirit, even in the hard times, because God has a definite purpose for his Church.

'I feel honoured to be a part of this beautiful day and I thank everyone who has participated in assisting to make this day a success. Without their help and God's blessings all this would not be possible,' said Sanjay Sathe, the elected leader of the congregation.

'We must all work together for the church to be a shining light in this area so that more souls may be won for the kingdom of the Lord from Manchester. In particular we have a responsibility to reach out to those especially in the Asian community who need to know the truth about salvation,' said Pastor D. Masih the minister of the church.

Also attending were Pastor F. Mapp from Bolton and Pastor Punkaj, a visiting Baptist minister from India.

The afternoon was a real blessing as a special concert of music and praise brought everything into perspective as all the participants gave praise in the various Asian languages. Among the participants for the afternoon of music were: Crystal Masih, John Timotheous, Asha and Merlin, Pastor Punkaj, Elizabeth Masih, Bina Sharon, Brother Mammon, Brother Rex, Amber, Brother Mukesh, Brother Sujan, Pastor Francis and many more. The afternoon was hosted by Wilfred Masih.



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people,' he said. 'Human beings are created by God in his own image.' One of the key people in the School's development, Pastor Woolford said, had been Dr Keith Davidson, currently BUC Education director, who, during his eleven years at the School, pursued the issue of the School's finances 'like a Rottweiler!'

Pastor Woolford also praised the contribution made by the South England Conference administration, particularly Pastor Ken Gammon, who was president when the School was founded. 'The administration of the Church had faith in us as educators and supported us one hundred per cent,' he said.

Dr Davidson described his time at John Loughborough as a challenge and a struggle. His headship began in 1987, a time when Church schools were not considered for state funding. However, after much lobbying, and with support from MPs Bernie Grant and Stephen Byers, Grant Maintained Status was finally secured for the School in 1998.

'For us now,' Dr Davidson said, 'the challenge is to allow John Loughborough to continue to be a leader.' Pointing out the relatively poor performance of black students in most schools across London, he said, 'John Loughborough provides the best deal for our children . . . but we need a belief that all our children can succeed. John Loughborough should be an inspiration for other black children in our community.'

Other speakers at the event included the current head teacher Dr June Alexis who, while admitting that

there were still challenges, condemned those who were negative about the School. 'The media are saying to our children over and over again that they are at the bottom of the pile. . . . Don't be negative, come and help.'

BUC president Pastor Cecil Perry praised the achievements of the school over the last twenty-five years, and SEC president Pastor Humphrey Walters spoke to the students past and present, saying, 'John Loughborough School gave you the light and launched you on your way, but the brightest days of the School are ahead.'

JLS Anniversary celebration continued with a Day of Fellowship on 16 September at St Stephens Church, Enfield, and a banquet at Lords Cricket Ground the next day.



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28	5.41	5.53	5.41	5.41	5.56

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Alumni reunited
Stanborough School Reunion
Sunday 23 October 2005

Reunions are rare occurrences, so grasp this opportunity to make this one a very special occasion by inviting your friends and family to meet up with classmates and teachers. We are planning a full day with meal provided and opportunities to look back to the past and forward to the future.

There will be an optional informal evening function for those who want longer to socialise or need to stay overnight.

Tickets (including a two-course meal)
 We do encourage you to book as soon as possible to help us with planning. To encourage you still further we are offering a significant discount for prepaid bookings. Individual tickets £15; or £20 for two prepaid bookings. On the day £20 per person and £25 for two.

For an application form write to Stanborough School Alumni, Stanborough Park, Watford, WD25 9JT, or email: alumni@stanborough.park.herts.sch.uk, **no later than 12 October.**

JOB VACANCY AT ADRA-UK

ADRA-UK is seeking to appoint a **Programmes Officer**. Key responsibilities include investigating, sourcing and monitoring funds from government, public and private donors; supporting ADRA-UK's implementing partners on proposal development, donor compliance, monitoring & evaluation, and donor reporting; and provide backstopping to ensure that ADRA-UK's projects are successfully planned, conducted and completed.

The desired applicant will have: a solid Bachelors degree in a relevant subject; a Masters degree in international development/international relations/related subject; preferable: experience in working with government donors on grant applications; at least two years' overseas experience in relief and development work; in-depth understanding of current relief and development issues; strong analytical, verbal and written communication skills; a passion for serving hurting people; enthusiasm as a motivator; commitment to ADRA's principles of development and the SDA Christian beliefs.

Initially a one-year contract. Salary according to denominational wage scale.

Letter of application with current CV and addresses of two referees should be sent to: ADRA-UK Programmes Director, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts WD25 9JZ. Tel/Fax: 01923 681723. E-mail: mcastellino@adra.org.uk.
Deadline 30 November 2005.
 Interviews for suitable candidates will be held in December.