

Messenger

About 400 people filled Newbold College's Salisbury Hall on Sabbath afternoon, 12 April. They were people of all ages and cultural backgrounds, people from off-campus and on, visitors from Kent and Kettering, from London, Watford, and further afield. They came to hear a discussion with the Adventist writer and speaker, Clifford Goldstein, who for eight years has been the editor of the *Adult Bible Study Guides* used in Adventist Sabbath Schools around the world. Goldstein had spoken twice in the morning. In the Early Service he had talked about Daniel chapter 2 and, then, in the Family Service, he had told the story of his conversion from atheism to Adventism.

The Sabbath afternoon event, organised by Newbold's Centre for the Study of Religious and Cultural Diversity, had been advertised as a 'conversation' between Goldstein and some of Newbold's biblical scholars on the topic: 'People of the Book or People of the Quarterly'. Since a conversation between four hundred people doesn't work too well, the moderator for the afternoon, Vice Principal Dr Michael Pearson, decided on a question and answer session.

The questions ranged far and wide. There were questions about the choice of subjects and writers, including a question about the exclusion of contemporary issues like the environment. There were questions about communication in a variety of contexts, and the difficulties of meeting the needs of different people from different cultures at different stages in their spiritual journeys. Some asked whether the Bible study

guides developed thinking and problem-solving skills, and others whether it was possible for the 'lessons' to be edited for local use in particular situations, for instance, in church plants.

The answers roamed as wide as the questions. Goldstein offered his audience a number of insights into the challenges of editing a unique body of work which is published in 100 languages and, almost by definition, fails to please all its readers. He assured his listeners a number of times that they should feel free to ask their own questions on assigned Sabbath School topics. 'It's OK if you want to disagree with the quarterly. Jump off from the topic and explore it. It's just a guide,' he said.

The following week, on Tuesday evening, about 170 people came to hear Clifford Goldstein give the Diversity Centre's April lecture: '*Seeing is Believing – or is it? Faith and the limits of empiricism*'. This time, Goldstein, in philosophical mode, challenged the statement of the Nobel prize-winning author, Gunther Grass: 'All I can know is what I can see and feel and touch and taste.' Goldstein drew on the analogy of the mobile phone messages which are in the air but which we cannot

People of the Book?

by Helen Pearson,
Newbold PRO

hear without the appropriate receivers. He reminded his audience: 'All we can know is the reality our receptors create for us,' and challenged them to recognise and experience that 'revelation' can take believers further than the senses.

'It was fascinating over the time of Clifford's visit to see so many people so interested and enthusiastic about a variety of very serious issues,' says Dr Pearson, director of the Diversity Centre. 'The key, I think, was Clifford's willingness to be honest about his own journey and to acknowledge the open-endedness of many of the questions we discussed.'





with Jonathan Barrett

Plank-in-eye?

I had to fit yet another passenger seatbelt stalk in my car last week. This is the third one in a couple of years! I began to wonder why they keep breaking. I wondered if some passengers were too aggressive in pushing in the seatbelt. I wondered if the replacement ones were cracked when I fitted them. I wondered if they didn't build them strong enough. I wondered if I was just unlucky. Then the painful truth enlightened me: I was breaking them myself! Every time I get in my car to

go on a visit, I throw my briefcase onto the passenger seat. I have never actually seen it happen, but the briefcase must, sometimes, hit the seatbelt plastic stalk and damage it.

Since coming to this realisation, I have changed my ways, and from now on I will carefully place the briefcase on the seat! I don't want to have to waste any more time or money making repairs.

What is strange about this is how long it took me to figure out the cause and effect of my actions. Probably if anyone had watched me repeatedly throw in the case and noted the amount of times the seatbelt stalk had broken, they would have immediately put two and two together. We can often be the last ones to recognise our faults. Do you find that?

Jesus said: 'Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?' (Matthew 7:2-4.)

It can be so much easier to see the faults in others rather than our own. Jesus even made a kind of joke out of it, as he engaged in huge exaggeration to make his point.

It is quite easy for me to tell you

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about my foolishness in throwing the briefcase. It would be much harder for me to tell you about more serious issues, such as people I have hurt as a result of things I have said or done. What is even more disturbing to me is my unawareness of people I have hurt by my actions, even though this is so obvious to them and possibly others.

With the briefcase and the stalk, it took unusual damage, and my eventual reflection, before the cause was spotted. For you and me, let's maximise our times of reflection on our actions before unusual damage occurs in any area of our lives or relationships!

'Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticise their faults – unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging. It's easy to see a smudge on your neighbour's face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own. Do you have the nerve to say, "Let me wash your face for you," when your own face is distorted by contempt? It's this whole travelling road-show mentality all over again, playing a holier-than-thou part instead of just living your part. Wipe that ugly sneer off your own face, and you might be fit to offer a washcloth to your neighbour.' (Matthew 7:1-3, *The Message*.)

Is the church really necessary?



David Marshall

It does me good to sit in on a youth discussion from time to time. Youth seek to come to grips with the *real* issues and to push their arguments to radical conclusions.

One Sabbath I was thrilled to be in on a discussion about whether the church is 'really necessary'. It began when somebody made the point that ministers seem to be overly keen to exchange their pastoral positions for 'a job at the conference'. It proceeded as an analysis of the whole five-tier hierarchy of the world Church. 'How many presidents do we need?' somebody demanded to know. It was after that question that they debated whether an organised church was necessary and whether we would not be better off staying home and 'working on our vertical hold'!

An hour later, homeward bound, I pressed the cruise button, muted the Sat Nav and gave some thought to the issues.

When we are baptised, we are voted into the membership of the church.¹ What baptism means, however, is the death and burial of an old life and resurrection to a new. What activates the death-burial-resurrection process is repentance. Repentance also represents (to mix metaphors) a 180-degree change of direction. We depend totally on the Holy Spirit as we tread the new path to the Kingdom. *Regeneration, new birth and discipleship* are among the names given to the new walk.

So where does the church come in?

The church is the company in which the new walk takes place. That company is meant to be an environment in which regeneration – *spiritual growth* – can happen. Not only *can* happen! The environment provided by the church is meant to be a context *which is conducive to spiritual growth and discipleship*.²

That aspect of things had not surfaced in the youth discussion. Implicit in that had been the idea that baptism *is* regeneration/new birth. Whereas, in fact, baptism is *symbolic* of how all that begins to take place. That was why the youth had not grasped the importance of the church. Their sloppy theology arose from hundreds of sloppy sermons in which baptismal candidates are said to 'rise from the watery grave to newness of life'. That's not the whole truth. Most of us know that the devil puts in a lot of hard work to trip us up, halt our progress and even

change our direction *after* our baptism. After Paul has dealt with the theology of baptism (Romans 6) he deals with the theology of the Christian walk (Romans 7) in the course of which (verses 24, 25) we have frequent occasion to acknowledge our wretchedness and total dependence on Christ for our 'no condemnation' (Romans 8:1) status.

Do you begin to see the importance of the church as a warm, supportive family in which spiritual growth can be helped and discipleship made possible? In the Romans 8 phase of our experience either 'the sinful nature' or 'the Spirit of God' predominates in our experience. 'And if anyone does not have the spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.' (Verse 9.) As individuals we repent. As individuals we choose Christ's way. As individuals we grow and mature spiritually. But all this happens in company with a whole lot of other individuals – each at his/her own stage of spiritual development – and, corporately, those individuals are the church.

The New Testament has many pictures of what it means to be a Christian. Once you accept Jesus you are a member of his household/family, a stone in his building, a soldier in his army, a branch of his tree. . . . What do you notice about those pictures? *They are all corporate ones*.

Of course, none of these pictures, with the possible exception of the military one, contains the idea of a 'many-layered hierarchy'. That such a structure exists may be a testament to the global nature of what the church has become (and what it set out to become a century ago). But I would argue that that hierarchy is not the church. The church is a grass roots phenomenon meant to be an environment conducive * to our growth as disciples; * to making 'disciples of all nations'. The justifiability of this or that bit of the mechanism is how essential it is to creating the environment that will best achieve those twin objectives.

The most helpful New Testament picture of all is the one most frequently used. Paul has it in Romans, Corinthians, Ephesians and Colossians. It is the picture of the church as the Body of Christ.

It is through the church that *can* be seen that people can gain an appreciation of what the Jesus they *cannot* see is like.

Wow! Long pause. That needs to sink in. 'The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; . . . For we were all baptised by one Spirit into one body. . . . Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. . . .'³

An even longer pause as we assimilate these truths * the body needs all its parts if it is to flourish; * service is not the privilege of a few, but the responsibility of every organ in the body; * the body suggests mutual respect among members – unity in diversity; * the body owes its life and direction to the brain.

Every part of the body is connected to the brain through the central nervous system.

Hence everything depends on the brain and connectedness to the brain. So who is the brain? Paul provides a clue: 'He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the Head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. . . .'⁴

The leadership function of the church resides in Christ.

Does the body of Christ ever suffer from *arthritis*, the grinding of bone upon bone? Sadly, yes. What prevents arthritis is when a seating of gristle cushions the bone. In the body of Christ, the name of that gristle is love; 'Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.'⁵

So, 'Is the church really necessary?' While we may want to discuss this or that model of church governance and how many presidents we 'need', and we may want to discuss the occasional fracture or a case of *arthritis* or, even, *elephantiasis* in the church, the word 'necessary' is inappropriate as it applies to the church. The church is, at once, the sum total of those Christ redeemed *and* it is the body of Christ.

References:

¹1 Corinthians 12:12, 13. ²Ephesians 4:1-16. See especially verses 12-14. ³1 Corinthians 12:12-31. ⁴Colossians 1:17, 18. ⁵Ephesians 4:15, 16.



Enhancing Health

by Sharon Platt-McDonald RGN, RM, RHV, MSc, Health Ministries director, BUC

Brain Health Series

Part seven/a

NUTRITION AND THE BRAIN

I recently returned from California, where I attended the Fifth International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition held from 4-6 March at Loma Linda University. This was followed by the Adventist Nutrition Conference held from 6-8 March, also at Loma Linda. In the forthcoming issues of this brain series on 'nutrition and the brain', we will be analysing some of the information presented at the congress and conference as we highlight some of the key dietary practices and examine their impact on brain health.

General overview

'If the stomach is not properly cared for, the

formation of an upright, moral character will be hindered. The brain and nerves are in sympathy with the stomach. Erroneous eating and drinking result in erroneous thinking and acting.' E. G. White, *Mind, Character, and Personality*, Diet and Mind, page 392.

Recent research from the *Science Daily* (3 October 2006) mirrors the previous quote from E. G. White which was written over a hundred years ago. Researchers at the US Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory have found new clues to how the brain and the stomach interact with emotions to cause overeating, obesity and other mood-related behaviours.

Nutrition affects the brain in three ways:

1. *The brain cell* itself needs proper nutrition to carry out its functions, just like any other cell in the body.
2. *The myelin sheath* covering the brain cell acts like insulation covering electrical wires. It speeds transmission of electrical signals to the brain. Deficiencies of nutrients that compose

myelin, such as essential fatty acids, delay nerve-impulse transmission, negatively impacting brain function.

3. Some of the nutrients in the food we eat affect the *neurotransmitters*, such as serotonin, dopamine, and norepinephrine, which carry messages from one cell to another and affect mood as well as thoughts and actions.

- Observe the following list of foods that impact the brain both positively and negatively:

BRAIN BUILDERS

Avocados, bananas, brewer's yeast, broccoli, brown rice, Brussels sprouts, cantaloupe, flaxseed oil, greens, legumes, oatmeal, oranges, peas, potatoes, Romaine lettuce, soybeans, spinach, walnuts, wheat germ.

BRAIN DRAINERS

Alcohol, artificial food colourings, artificial sweeteners, colas, corn syrup, frostings, high-sugar drinks, hydrogenated fats, junk sugars, nicotine, overeating, white bread.

Healthy eating!





Bournville: 23 couples in renewal of marriage vows

by Lany Javelosa

On Sabbath 23 February excitement filled the hall to mark a very special and memorable renewal of marriage vows service in Bournville church. There were twenty-three couples who participated in this special event. Pastor Cyril Sweeney, accompanied by his beloved wife, conducted the ceremony. The occasion was organised by the Family Life Ministries and Community Services departments, spearheaded by Norma Flores and Hilda Haarhoff. To strengthen family relationships, especially between husband and wife, was the primary aim of the occasion.

'Love at Home' echoed in the air as the song was sung by the Messengers Quartet from Liverpool prior to the processional. While the instrumental music 'Jesu' was played, the officiating minister, followed by the twenty-three

participating husbands, walked down the aisle. As the husbands waited for their wives to enter the hall, the entourage, which included the children of the couples, marched in. To prepare the way of the twenty-three participating wives, the little children scattered flowers along the aisle.

Entering the hall were the beloved wives, all looking beautiful and elegant, giving their sweetest smiles as they walked in, one after another, meeting their husbands as they reached the centre aisle. What a lovely scene – a replica of their real wedding – now witnessed by their children! It was heart-warming to see the couples walking together, wife on her husband's arm – a symbol of unity and togetherness as they face challenges in their marriage relationship. Among them were Mr and Mrs Cecil Woodburn who are in



their 47th year of marriage, and their relationship remains strong and sweeter through God's grace.

In his sermon, Pastor C. Sweeney emphasised that the most important tool for any conflict resolution is *forgiveness*. After the sermon a very special prayer ascended to Heaven: prayer for all the married couples, the children, single parents, and also for those who are contemplating marriage. It was a blessed moment when each couple solemnly signed their certificate for the renewal of their marriage vows – a symbol of commitment of their love for each other. Everyone joined their voices in singing 'Household of Faith' to close the morning programme.

Afterwards, church family and friends remained for a lovely fellowship meal. At first the co-ordinators were concerned that there was not sufficient food for the large number

of people who came to share the memorable occasion. But – shades of Cana! – more food came!

The afternoon programme continued with a talk about the needs of the husbands and wives. By knowing these, the couples will be able to understand and cater to each other's needs, thereby making the marriage bond stronger. After the talk, the certificates, printed and framed, were given to the couples. The marriage cake was then shared by everyone.

As a sign of gratitude, a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a token were presented to Pastor and Mrs Sweeney. Elder N. Flores gave a vote of thanks to all who attended and took part – members and visitors alike. Heartfelt gratitude was also extended to the hard-working organisers, and all who supported with cash, time and talent to make the occasion a success! For all husbands and wives, may the theme for this memorable occasion – the greatest of these is love – always be in our hearts!

and appoint a full-time pastor for their fast-growing, and multicultural church. The search has ranged far and wide, and there have been some disappointments along the way.

At last, the man has been found and appointed. Pastor Jerry Smith comes all the way from the city of Trail, on the banks of the mighty Columbia River in western Canada.

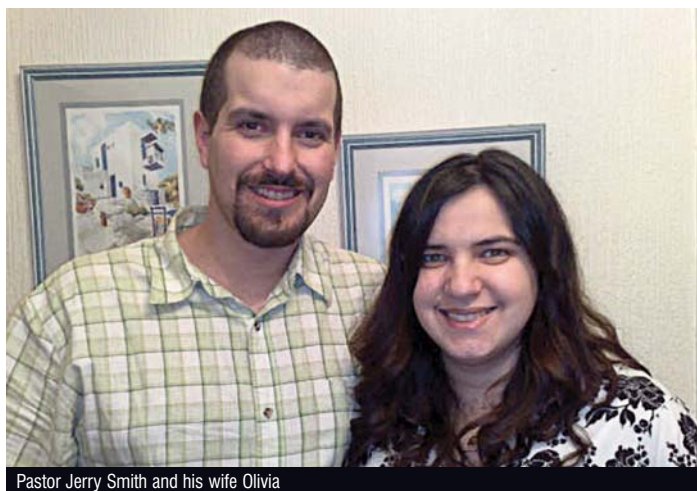
Jerry trained at Canadian University College (Lacombe, Alberta), and has worked in Canada for the past nine years, pastoring five churches during that time.

His wife Olivia comes from Harrow, Middlesex. They met in the year 2000 at the General Conference Session in Toronto. They were married, both in Canada (civil) and in the UK (religious), and are currently expecting their first child.

Pastor Jerry, in his address to the congregation at Chelmsford, said he felt God had called him to work for him in the UK, and he looked forward to working with the saints in Chelmsford and Basildon, and to bringing the message of God's love to a multicultural community. He enjoys playing racquetball and tennis, and looks forward to the opportunity of partaking of the many and diverse ethnic cuisines available in the district.

The Chelmsford church would like to express its heartfelt thanks to Pastor Paul Smith for his wisdom and guidance over the past years.

TED SHIRLEY



Pastor Jerry Smith and his wife Olivia

Reaching out: Multisensory Music Ministry in Reading

April 5 saw the start of a new project in the Reading Central church.

Members from the church have seized the opportunity to reach out to meet the spiritual needs of their members with disabilities and special needs by starting a Multisensory Music Ministry.

The Disability team provided an interactive multisensory programme using music, drama and other sensory resources. Four young people with disabilities attended this Sabbath programme. Volunteers supporting the project included young and more senior members who used their musical talents to create an atmosphere of praise and worship.

The Bible story presented by Anne-Marie Wright enabled the members to access the good



news of the Gospel in a new and interactive way. The next programme planned by the team is a Disability Awareness Day to take place on 17 May at Reading Central. We congratulate the Reading Central church on joining the Camp Hill church (who have been running a small group ministry for people with disability for over seven years) as they continue to make the Gospel accessible to people living with disabilities and special needs. For more information, or to share your Disability Ministry story, please contact ASNA Small Group Ministries co-ordinator on 01491 833395 or email asna@special1.fsnet.co.uk or visit the ASNA website: www.asna.info.

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Chip training promotes health evangelism

by Sharon Platt-McDonald, BUC Health Ministries director

The Coronary Health Improvement Programme (CHIP) Leadership Training Seminar, organised and part-sponsored by the BUC, attracted 200 registrants, representing ninety-eight churches from across the British Isles. The attendees spent four days at the Wyboston Lakes Conference Centre near Bedford from 3 to 5 April, where they participated in lectures, workshops, skits and interactive learning led by members of the US Adventist CHIP Association.

The CHIP training team included Pastor Harold Burden, chair of the Association, Dr Lynda Nelson, programme developer and director, and Dena Guthrie, workshop team co-ordinator. Sharon Platt-McDonald, BUC Health Ministries director, facilitated the event.

It was encouraging to see the broad spectrum of delegates which included pastors, health ministries leaders, lay workers and healthcare professionals, actively participating and eager to implement what they had gained through the course of the training.

The Sabbath programme was both spiritually uplifting and inspirational. Susanna Matthan led in a moving worship service, accompanied by husband Chris Rogers on piano and daughter Asha on violin. An enlightening presentation was undertaken by Dudley pastor,

Malcolm Watson, his wife Naomi, and a team from across the Midlands, who shared some of the positive life-changing effects both they and others experienced in participating in the MicroCHIP programme.

Representing the South England conference, Area 6d co-ordinator, Pastor Clive de Silva, and SEC Health Ministries director, Elsie Staple, shared similar experiences, captured vividly in DVD format skillfully created by the former. This also depicted their readiness to move on to the next stage of implementing the full CHIP programme in the London area. It was heartening to see the impact of this outreach ministry in reaching the community both on the spiritual and physical level.

In her sermon, Sharon Platt-McDonald referenced Psalm 42:5 and spoke of hope as 'The light in the distance which keeps the vision of your goals illuminated'.

Excellent music was rendered by violinist, Chris Rogers, with a moving Bach piece and the spiritual 'I want Jesus to walk with me', and Denzle McDonald singing 'The wonders of his hands'.

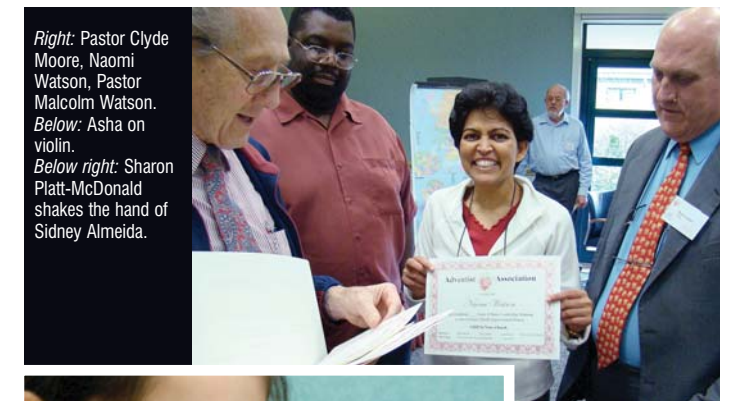
Sabbath afternoon presented an in-depth focus on the spiritual aspect of the CHIP programme and the basis for all our health programmes. This theme of spiritual connectivity was evident and

emphasised throughout the event at early-morning devotions and plenary sessions by Harold Burden, whose dry, humorous approach brought home the message succinctly.

Sunday saw the conclusion of the event with a dramatic graduation, accompanied by the theme music 'Land of Hope and Glory' as attendees were issued with certificates on their completion of the training. As people left, numerous comments about the efficacy of the event were repeatedly voiced. Among the comments made were: 'This is the best

training event I have ever attended.' 'The trainers were great.' 'This was a highly professional and well organised event.' 'I loved the food; it was the excellent standard that all Adventist events should aspire to.' However, the true impact of the training was best described in the succinct comment made by Irish delegate, Dr Mart DeGroot: 'I came with an interest, but I'm leaving with a passion!'

For more information on the CHIP programme visit www.chiphealth.org and www.adventistchip.org.



Right: Pastor Clyde Moore, Naomi Watson, Pastor Malcolm Watson. Below: Asha on violin. Below right: Sharon Platt-McDonald shakes the hand of Sidney Almeida.



ADRA Fun Run

On Sunday 20 April, runners and walkers, joggers and strollers gathered together at London's Crystal Palace Park with one intention in mind – to participate in this year's annual ADRA Fun Run and raise money for those in need. Participants, defying the near-freezing temperatures and adorned in their jade-blue and white ADRA Fun Run T-shirts, were formally given their running orders by Dr Terry Messenger, Personal Ministries and Sabbath School director for the South England Conference. The run was officially started at 10.15am by the president of the SEC, Pastor Sam Davis, suitably clad in his track suit. He prayed for God's presence, after which he counted down – 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 – and the 2008 ADRA Fun Run was on its way.

Among the 250 participants there were some colourful characters. Samantha Robinson of the Balham church wore a large Afro for effect. When asked if it was her own hair, she said, 'Yes, it's mine. I bought it!' Two ladies were also seen helping one another around the thirteen-mile course as, with one leg tied to the leg of the other person and one arm around each other, they moved in tandem to complete their goal.

Bert Smit, director of ADRA-UK, stated, 'What was most inspiring was the good spirit in which everyone participated, from the friendly volunteers helping out to the exhausted runners/walkers – all wanted to go the extra distance to "make a difference".'

One of the many highlights of this year's Fun Run was the participation of 7-year-old Jemuel from the Croydon church. Both he, his mother, and two sisters completed the course. Jemuel vowed this year to raise £1,000, well above the £154 he raised last year, and to date God has rewarded his faith to the tune of £817 with still more to come!

Dr Terry Messenger, commenting on the day, said, 'I was delighted with the numbers participating. It was especially good to see the older and younger generations walking and running together, enjoying each other's company while raising funds for a worthwhile cause. I wish to thank everybody for taking part. Each person's contribution is valuable and will help make a big difference in someone's life.'

DR RICHARD DeLISSER



Pastor Martin Bell speaks to the retirees at the Stanborough Press

In touch

Since Pastor Martin Bell was appointed Chaplain to Retirees there have been a number of successful Sunday gatherings held in various parts of the country. On Sunday 13 April Pastor Bell and Press manager Paul Hammond hosted a gathering at The Stanborough Press. The food laid on by Liz Gould, Maureen Hammond, Abigail Murphy and Toni Mason was judged excellent by all 81 retirees.

Among the local retirees who came was Peggy Foster, widow of Pastor E. H. Foster, who lives in retirement in Peterborough. Those who had travelled greater distances included Eric and Denise Winch of Crieff, the Beardells of Cheshire and the Stearmans from Watford.

DAVID MARSHALL

IN THE NEXT ISSUE . . .

A major feature called 'Resurrecting the Sabbath School' by Dr Terry Messenger.

Spring harvest

Spring is in the air, the daffodils are blooming, the apple and cherry blossoms are resplendent in their array of colours. Everything is fresh and new – new growth, new beginnings, new life. The joys of spring can be felt across the churches that comprise the South England Conference, as many have been engaged in a flurry of evangelistic activities.

In the Brixton church, Pastor Ainsworth Joseph of the Kingsboro Temple SDA church in New York, along with singing evangelist Racquel Faircloth of Jamaica, concluded a series of meetings on 29 March with a baptism in which fourteen individuals were baptised, with thirty more people being prepared for baptism. It is hoped that by the end of 2008 the Brixton church will exceed the 1,000 member mark. (Their membership currently stands at 979!)

In September of 2007 Pastor Joseph also conducted a series of meetings at the Croydon church, from which thirty-eight individuals

were baptised. At that time a number were not quite ready for baptism. However, on 26 January ten individuals were added to the church through baptism.

During the month of March the Edmonton Central and the Tottenham West Green Road churches invited Pastor Steve Riley of the South Caribbean Conference to conduct their annual Youth Week of Prayer. The meetings concluded with the baptism of seven persons.

The Church at Enfield, under the leadership of Pastor Jon Gendle, during the month of February increased their church membership when three new members were baptised. The Church specialises in 'process evangelism' which means that, rather than having campaigns run at intervals, regular Sabbath morning services are designed to be 'unchurched friendly' and contemporary in style, in order to attract people from the local community.

Across the Conference spring has sprung, the evangelistic harvest continues, and summer awaits our earnest efforts for the Kingdom.

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Maxine Lesley Washbrook (née Pain)

(1954-2008) d. 16 March.

Maxine was a Lincolnshire girl to the core and a Lincolnshire expression is needed to describe her: 'She was a lass and a half.' At her funeral at St Mary's, Harefield – where she had married John in 1976 – Bryan Webster said, 'Maxine wasn't always certain of herself; she was always wanting to do the right thing, but not always sure what that was.' Pastor Webster knew that because he was her spiritual adviser. But to family and friends she appeared pretty sure of herself. Hers was a strong, warm, loyal, caring, extrovert personality and she constantly reached out to others. She had great people skills, was a good communicator and had a sense of humour second to none. Her greatest love and all-absorbing interest was her husband and family: 'My John' with children Toni-Anne, Oliver and Leila. 'Nursing was her second love,' says Maxine's sister Sue Ancombe. 'Maxine was tremendously proud of her nursing qualification, and particularly loved the GU department.' It was there that Maxine developed, arguably, her greatest gift: personal counselling skills. Maxine was a member of the Pain family that

provided leadership for the Lincoln Adventist church for many years. Between 1967 and 1970 she was a pupil at Stanborough Secondary School where her persona attracted the attention and admiration of her classmate John Washbrook. John and Maxine had been together forever,' says Pastor Webster. 'John, you never thought you stood a chance of having Maxine as a girlfriend, let alone a wife. But you married and had a lot of years together. The two of you worked as a team for the good of your family, even when you were working away. That picture of the two of you paragliding says it all,' Webster concluded. The school romance blossomed into something more significant when Maxine was at the Lincoln College of Art and John was posted to nearby RAF Scampton. Between 1974 and 75 Maxine was matron in the boarding department at her old school. 'She couldn't have been better,' says David West, then preceptor. Maxine and John married in 1976, when they were both 22. For the first two years of her marriage Maxine did her nurse training. Toni-Anne was born in 1979, Oliver in 1982 and

Leila in 1985. Maxine returned to nursing in 1996, finally specialising in Genital Urinary medicine. She became a staff nurse. As a result of a domestic accident Maxine became a victim of Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, and suffered excruciating pain as a result. Nevertheless, she used it as an opportunity to extend her education, acquiring qualifications in Beauty Therapy and IT. Obligated to use a wheelchair, Maxine was still taking English and Maths classes in the months prior to her death. Her death on 16 March came as a result of a pulmonary embolism. Husband John and children Toni-Anne, Oliver and Leila, together with Maxine's siblings and many friends, were devastated. Images were shown at the funeral and at the memorial service at the Lincoln church of Maxine holding down a tent in a hurricane, entertaining her Mum and sister Joanne on a boat in Egypt, delighting in the mayhem of a Middle Eastern market and marching out to defend her sister from bullies much bigger and stronger than she was. Whether it was among the Pains or the Washbrooks or a mixture of the



two, the party got started when Maxine entered. Maxine was proud of all her children and of her first grandchild Sophia. Maxine rests in hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and reunion with those she loved. Left to mourn are her mother Margaret, husband John, children Toni-Anne, Oliver and Leila, granddaughter Sophia, her father-in-law, and her brothers and sisters, and many friends. By God's grace Maxine's story is by no means over and her best-ever party is still to be.

DAVID MARSHALL

Donations in memory of Maxine should be by cheques made out to 'Pain Management Unit – The RNHRD' and sent to Sue Ancombe, Kira House, Holt Lane, Lea, Derbyshire, DE4 5GQ.

David John Hatcher (1938-2008) d. 29 January.

David John Hatcher, always proud to be a Londoner, was born in 1938 in West Ham. In the early years of his life he suffered serious illness and lost his mother. During the war, he was evacuated to Wales where his name and his St David's day birthday made him very popular. Throughout his childhood his twin passions were animals and trains. He was delighted when he received his first train set as a present from his Mum and Dad. When he finished school he went to work in the city of London, from where he was called up for National Service and worked in the Casualty department at Charing Cross Hospital. Later he worked at National Employers' Mutual and in other companies as a credit controller. David was an active member of the Walthamstow Adventist church where he met Sheila Pearson. They bought a tandem and spent many hours cycling around London while saving up to get married in September 1959. Soon after that David bought his first car and looked after it and every car after that with extreme care and pride. The Hatchers initially set up home in Ilford,

soon after that moving to Barking and Woodford Green. They made lifelong friends in Walthamstow church which gave David enormous pleasure to the end of his life. Many of those friends, and others from Chelmsford and Bristol, together with colleagues from David's various workplaces, attended his funeral. David was a devoted husband to Sheila who describes him as her 'rock', and a loving and very generous father to his two daughters, Susan and Helen. He was never happier than when all 'his girls' were gathered under the same roof. Christmas was always a big event. The house was decorated and Christmas carols were constantly playing. Music was his passion. When his company moved to Swindon, the whole family moved too. By 2006, David and Sheila had acquired two sons-in-law and four grandsons. David enjoyed having some boys in the family to watch trains with. Sheila and David became members of the Bristol Lodge Causeway church where David served as a deacon and treasurer for many years, and continued to do so even after he learned in 2007 that he

had cancer of the liver. His two regrets were leaving Sheila and not being there to watch his grandsons grow up. For David it was important that life continued as usual. He underwent two demanding clinical trials, and his determination, courage and faith were a witness to all. Even in the midst of his sickness he still put others before himself. Against all the odds his family were able to keep him for one last Christmas. His faith remained strong to the end, and the hymn 'Because he lives I can face tomorrow' became especially meaningful to him. He fell asleep in the early hours of Tuesday 29 January. On 8 February David's funeral was conducted in the Wroughton parish church by Pastor Martin Anthony with Vicentiu Dranca. The committal at Kingsdown Crematorium followed. David leaves with his family a legacy of happy memories and gratitude for his values, faith, determination and courage which will leave a lasting imprint on their lives.

HATCHER FAMILY/HELEN PEARSON

Correction

MESSENGER 25 April 2008 Vol. 113.9 page 15 Obituary Fred Dust. The date of death was incorrectly given as 1 February. Fred died 28 February. We apologise for this mistake.

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Application packs are available on the school website: johnloughborough.haringey.lgfl.net or by contacting Mrs Y. Gordon, PA to the head teacher. Visits to the school can be arranged by contacting the PA.

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The John Loughborough School is a voluntary-aided Seventh-day Adventist school for students of all faiths between the ages of 11-16 in the borough of Haringey. The school's motto is *SPIRITUS MENS CORPUS*, indicating that the students are encouraged to aim at the great ideals of spiritual maturity, mental excellence and physical well-being.

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