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A marriage made in Heaven

A report on the NEC and SEC joint camp meeting with text by Dr Richard de Lisser, Jeff Nicholson and Ranette Prime.

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History was made on Monday 13 June when more than 3,000 people from the North and South England Conferences converged on Prestatyn, Wales, for the 2011 camp meeting under the theme 'Revive'. This was the first joint camp meeting for these two conferences since the re-introduction of the camp meeting in 1982. As proceedings got underway it was clear that the volume of people present at the opening service would present a logistical challenge as the week progressed.

Dressed in red bow ties, Pastors Ian Sweeney and Paul Lockham welcomed the members to camp meeting on behalf of their conferences, while Pastor Don MacFarlane echoed this in his greeting from the British Union. Pastor John Surridge then welcomed the members to the principality of Wales in the Welsh language.

The main adult speaker was Pastor Henry Wright, from the United States. He is no stranger to these shores, having preached at the first camp meeting to be held in the North British Conference, back in 1986.

He preached powerful, relevant, and revivalist messages throughout the week, appealing to both the *young* and the *young at heart*. When he preached, seats in the main auditorium were filling up at least an hour before the service began. He challenged the congregation to beware of 'making the journey of losing your love and ending up with the indifference of Laodicea.'

The music was of the highest quality, and Thursday's plenary session brought back memories for many as Paul Lee sang 'Coming Back to You', a song that he sang some twenty-four years ago when Pastor Henry Wright was preaching at the North British Conference camp meeting, an event that marked a profound turning point in his life.

Dr Ranko Stefanovic, who specialises in the end-time themes in Daniel and Revelation, gave powerful and scholarly presentations, which many found to be among the highlights of the camp meeting. The presentations were simple, practical and profoundly devotional in nature. He pointed out that biblical happiness is not related to the absence of trouble, but is a divine gift that exists in spite of adversity and trial.

The third main speaker for the adult programme was Pastor James Uyeda from Japan, who now ministers in Orange County, California. His energetic presentations were also well received.



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Megapixels of creation



Squirrel.

Taylor James, age 11, Canon A470



Flowers and bee, Cheshire.

Dan Trueman, Canon PowerShot Pro 1



Kestrel.

Dan Trueman, Canon PowerShot Pro 1



Mute Swan.

David Bell, Fuji S200EXR



Port Winkle, Cornwall.

Jennie Hall, Sony DSC-TX5

Enhancing Health

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Knowing your body – part 5a

Nervous system health

The nervous system is a complex collection of nerve tissue designed to receive and transmit messages. It comprises the brain and spinal cord (the central nervous system) and all the other nerves in the body (the peripheral nervous system).

General facts

The nervous system controls and co-ordinates everything we experience through our senses of sight, sound, touch, smell and taste. Various nerves control the voluntary and involuntary functions of our bodies. These affect our conscious and subconscious actions.

The nerve branches are comprised of cells called *neurons*, which are found in tissues, muscles and organs. Neurons are highly specialised nerve cells which transmit information throughout the body and are responsible for communicating information in both chemical and electrical forms.

The central nervous system co-ordinates activities between the various parts of the human body. The brain is responsible for our emotions, our perceptions of pain and pleasure, thoughts, memory, speech and behaviour.

Did you know?

- Nerve cells are the longest cells in the body.
- Neurons are the largest cells in the human body, and the brain has 100 billion of them.
- An average adult male brain weighs between 1,375 and 1,400 grams.
- An average adult female brain weighs about 1,275 grams.
- With ageing, brain mass decreases. The brain loses almost one gram per year.
- The nervous system can transmit impulses at a tremendous speed of 100 metres per second. Message transmission to the brain can be as fast as 180 miles per hour.
- To ensure proper functioning of the nervous system, sodium ions and potassium are essential elements. Vitamin B is also considered to be beneficial.
- Several factors affect the health of this key system. Lifestyle factors such as diet can affect the efficacy of brain function, as it is sensitive to changes in levels of sugar, types of fats and hydration. Alcohol, for example, interferes with brain processes by weakening the connections between neurons. As the functions of the central nervous system play an important role in daily activities, any damage caused to it can severely affect our day-to-day life, or cause permanent impairment.

In the next issue we highlight some disorders that affect nerve tissue. We also take a closer look at lifestyle factors which affect the health of the nervous system and how we can best maintain its efficacy as we age.

Good health!

editorial



Julian Hibbert
Editor

I got lost

How could a man get lost – for a few days – while travelling the 120-odd miles between Gatwick airport and his home in Trowbridge, Wiltshire? It actually happened in December 2010, after Mohammed Bellazrak had dropped off his wife, Latifa, who was going home to Morocco for Christmas.¹

The 72-year-old left the airport at 8am on 23 December, became disoriented because of the snow and ice, and spent the next sixty-six hours travelling in circles through Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire!

Once alerted, police *'were surprised to discover that ANPR cameras had recorded him in Bracknell, Wokingham, Burnham and High Wycombe – all presumably attempts at finding his way from Gatwick to Wiltshire.'* Their last 'hit' was in High Wycombe at 6pm on Christmas Eve.²

Christmas in a Peugeot 307

Mohammed spent a 'white' Christmas in his 'black' Peugeot 307. Certainly not my idea of home comfort!

Fortunately, his car triggered a camera alert on Christmas day, just before 2pm, and the police were able to end his odyssey, and return him safely to his family.

Have you ever been lost?

I have. Quite recently I got horribly lost between Grantham, Lincolnshire, and the Welsh coastal resort of Prestatyn. What should have been a leisurely drive of 150 miles became a nine-hour safari of more than twice that distance!

It was a saga of wrong turns – some of which were made under the stern direction of a vintage *Miss Satnav*. But, much as I would

like to, I can't blame everything on her. I must share some of the responsibility too!

The lost experience

The typical lost experience goes something like this: a) something doesn't feel right about what you are doing, and you experience self-doubt; b) then there is that flurry of false assurance, which makes you press on along your dubious route; but c) soon you experience that strong, nagging doubt again; and d) panic sets in; followed by e) a deep sense of dread; and f) a fear that blunts your ability to think straight.

I think that happened to Mohammed Bellazrak – eventually he was mentally paralysed, and incapable of anything other than driving on and on, through the snow and ice.

'Lostness' is not limited

This 'experience of lostness' is not limited to *direction* or *location*. It is equally true for our money management, careers, relationships, or religion and spirituality. There are many of us who live with uncomfortable feelings of doubt, panic, dread and indecision concerning at least one of these areas.

Like rabbits, we feel trapped in the harsh light of fate's blinding beams – we don't know which way to jump. Our lives seem to circle endlessly in orbits of fear and dread.

How do we get back on track?

Perhaps these simple rules can help:

Rule one: *Calm down, and recognise that panic is the father of stupidity!* It is natural to panic in situations over which we feel we have no control – or from which we cannot see an escape route. But panic invariably leads to stupid mistakes.

While on my Prestatyn 'safari' I experienced the results of panic. At one point, I realised suddenly that I was on a southbound motorway – far from North Wales – just 120 miles from London!

I panicked, took the first exit from the surging traffic, and slid to a halt on a deserted section of road, determined to find my way by map alone. But I then realised that I had executed my knee-jerk, panicky stop so quickly that I didn't know where I was, at what junction I had turned off, or even the name of the nearest town!

If part of your life seems out of control today, read Psalm 46:10: *'Be still, and know that I am God'*,³ and take the advice.

Rule two: *Accept by faith that God can help you to bring your life under control.* Panic will return unless you replace it with a sense of calmness, based firmly on your acceptance that God has the resources to do what he promises.

If you regularly read Psalm 46 (and similar passages), you will personalise those promises, and entrench that calmness in your mind. For example:

'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way . . .

The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
(Verses 1, 2 and 7.)

Rule three: *Actively seek God's reference points for your life.* Once your panic has been replaced with God-inspired calmness (Philippians 4:7), you need to search diligently for those things that God wants you to do in each area of your life – his reference points.

I am guilty of not plotting my course from Grantham to Prestatyn properly. I ended up driving empty, frustrating, wasted miles because I did not know **the precise reference points** for my journey to camp meeting!

Don't make the same mistake . . . on the journey of life.



'Calm down, and recognise that panic is the father of stupidity!'

¹<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1341643/Grandfather-72-caught-snow-chaos-spends-THREE-DAYS-driving-M4.html#ixzz1PLtDQ4H>.

²<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/3318106/Grandpas-three-days-lost-on-M4.html#ixzz1PLs5qSaj>.

³All the Bible references are from the New International Version.

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Free and 'online'

by Steve Holden

I expect all of you will be familiar with the internet auction site eBay – and many of you will have bought or sold items through this service.

The online auction site was founded as AuctionWeb some sixteen years ago and officially changed the name of its service to eBay in September 1997. Originally this site belonged to the Echo Bay Technology Group who tried to register the domain name echobay.com, but it had already been taken, so their second choice was secured: *eBay.com*.

On this site hundreds of millions of users around the world buy and sell on a daily basis. Clients are encouraged to use an extensive list of shopping tools in order to 'sell safely' and 'buy with confidence'. PayPal, its dedicated *e-commerce business*, allows payments and money transfers to be made easily online, and each transaction can be given 'positive' or 'negative' feedback – depending on the buyer's experience.

I mention this because of a recent article in the new tabloid newspaper, the *iPaper*, which pointed out some of the unusual listings that have occurred on eBay, and the amazing amounts realised.

Princess Beatrice's hat, worn at the Royal Wedding and drawing worldwide ridicule from style gurus, was sold on eBay a few weeks ago for £81,100 – which the princess, we are told, is donating to charity.

In December 2005 a Brussels sprout – cooked on Christmas day – was listed by 'crazypaving-preacher', one Andrew Henderson. It sold for £99.50 on 4 January 2006 and was widely reported in the national press – making front page news in some editions – before being followed by a series of copycat listings of various vegetables. The proceeds of this sale were donated to the 'Tearfund', a Christian relief and development agency.

Other listings have included a privately owned, undeveloped

Virgin Island listed in 2003 with a starting bid of \$3,000,000. A stone fortification (built in 1844) in upstate New York in 2006 was listed for more than \$5,000,000.

A Hornet F/A-18 jet fighter (2004), a MiG-21 (2006) and a Harrier jump jet (2010) were among the unusual items listed.

At the other end of the spectrum Bill Bennett, a 'hard up'



Coventry University student, started the bidding at 1p for a single *cornflake* – and sold it in 2004 for £1.20.

Those are bizarre items for bizarre sums of money!

In Isaiah 55:1 (NKJV), the exiled Israelites were summoned to return and be restored – free of charge: 'Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.'

Spiritual refreshment is a prerequisite for a sustainable spiritual life – just as water is necessary for physical life.

Christ similarly invited his listeners to drink of the water of life in order never to thirst again (John 4:14).

The water of life has the enabling power to *transform us* into what we should be – a facsimile of *Christ*.

We generally have to pay for the water in our taps – by rates or on a 'pay as you consume'



inbox

Democracy

Dear Editor

True democracy is scarce in our Church. I think our method of electing our leaders needs reform. It seems irrational to use a system that relies on only a fraction of our total membership of 33,000 to elect our leaders.

True democracy would give each member in the UK the privilege to vote. When it comes to the BUC elections, all members of the Adventist Church in the UK must vote. When it comes to the local conferences and missions, each member of the particular conference or mission should vote. The fear that 'one member, one vote' will lead the Church on a path akin to political party politics is a myth. We shouldn't pretend that 'Church politics' is non-existent. If politics is the art or science of influence and governance then, whether it is at the General Conference, Division, Union, local Conference, London Laymen Forum or Provincial Ministerial Council, the electoral system is political.

When people meet and speak about who is going to be the president of the SEC, for instance, they are doing politics. We may deny its existence but, sadly, some scheming and manoeuvring does take place among the body of Christ. It is my view that we discuss this matter openly, rather than behave like ostriches. As part of the restructuring debate, I would urge that the matter of 'one member, one vote' be given serious consideration.

In summary, then, 'one member, one vote' is democratic; it will give every member of the Adventist Church in the UK the privilege to elect our Church leaders; and it is cost-effective. It only requires the printing of voting cards and the shipping of the cards to the local churches. There will be no need to rent a hall and pay for delegates to attend a session. Indeed, if one of the aims of the restructuring is to save costs, then 'one member, one vote' is one effective way to save money.

PASTOR EBENEZER JONES-LARTEY

Aberdaron balloon release

Dear Editor

With reference to the article, 'Aberdaron balloon release', *MESSENGER* 13, 24 June, I trust that biodegradable balloons were used, so as not to damage the marine environment!

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issues

Evangelising and non-Christians

by Patrick Boyle



There are essentially six categories into which non-Christians may be grouped: Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, Jews, Sikhs and agnostic/atheistic/secular people. The issue is: can these groups be evangelised or not?

Is the matter this simple? Are there other factors to consider? For instance, are we responsible for the way we use our resources in evangelism? Is it defensible to use resources in apparently non-productive areas? Would it not be wiser to use them where the returns could be greater?

Is there guidance from Jesus? In sending out the twelve disciples our Lord said: 'And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them.' (Mark 6:11, NIV.)

The current rise of militant Islam challenges the effective use of our resources.

In the fourteen centuries since the birth of Islam, Christianity appears to have made no real inroads into it. Dialogue with Islam is possible in culture, economic development, peace and security, but religious freedom is another matter. Is it really possible to have dialogue with them regarding salvation?

There are good reasons why Christianity has had a minimal influence upon Islam. The chief of these is that Islamic beliefs are hostile to the Christian view of Jesus. For Muslims, Allah – their name for God – is a single being. Christians hold that Jesus is divine, a Member of the Godhead, along with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

There are other significant factors relating to the evangelisation of Muslims. Acceptance of Christianity for a Muslim usually means hostility between the individual and his or her family and community. In other words, it is extremely difficult for those who convert to Christianity to remain in their communities. Christianity is virtually doomed to extinction in the Middle East unless a

radical change takes place within Islam, leading to toleration and religious freedom for Christians in Islamic countries. The possibility of this happening is minimal at the present time.'

The safety of personnel is also a factor to be considered. Where the missionaries may be in danger their safety must be a consideration. It takes fine judgement to balance martyrdom with prudence in situations of danger. Jesus told his disciples not to expose themselves to unnecessary persecution:

'Jesus Himself often left one field of labour for another, in order to escape from those who were seeking His life. . . . So His servants were not to be discouraged by persecution, but to seek a place where they could still labour for the salvation of souls.' *The Desire of Ages*, p. 355.

The difference in engaging with other religions and the secular world lies in the possibility of dialogue taking place with regard to salvation. This is something to which Islam appears resistant.

Obviously Christians cannot ignore the 10:40 window and the 2.1 billion people, one third of the earth's population, who profess Islam. But how are they to be reached? Perhaps by indirect methods: literature, television and the internet? And a watchful eye must remain open to be aware of any opportunities that God's providence may provide.

The non-Christian world presents the Church with the increasingly difficult task of how to evangelise most effectively. Difficult choices are required in our efforts to fulfil the Great Commission. Is it wisdom at this present time to concentrate on those fields in which the harvest is ripe and the returns greatest?

'This article was submitted before the Arab Spring (Arab Revolutions) which commenced on 18 December, 2010. See: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arab_Spring.

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the Berean column

with Andrew Puckering



Tact

The Israelites were in trouble – again! Once more they had abandoned their God for foreign gods (Judges 10:6, 10). Once again they were invaded by the very nations whose gods they now served (Judges 10:7-9): only this time the LORD, who had come to their rescue many times before, had now had enough of their harlotry, and told them as much – even sarcastically telling them to ask their foreign gods to save them (Judges 10:11-14)! Who says the LORD doesn't have a sense of humour? When they truly repented, though, God pitied them (Judges 10:15, 16). So now the Israelites gathered at Mizpeh, ready to oust the Ammonites from their land – but none of them had the gumption to start an actual war (Judges 10:17, 18). What they needed was Jephthah.

Jephthah was a warrior whose brothers had kicked him out and disinherited him because he was the son of a prostitute, after which he attracted a group of 'worthless men' – brigands, vagabonds, ruffians (Judges 11:1-3, NKJV). He was exactly the sort of tough, hard fire-starter with a chip on his shoulder that the Israelites needed. He did a double-take when they asked him to be their captain ('Did you not hate me, and expel me from my father's house?') but, after determining that they really were in trouble and that he would actually get to be their leader – Jephthah, the one they'd rejected! – he took the job (Judges 11:5-11, NKJV). He did exactly what was expected of him, saying, in effect, 'Get off my land!' to the Ammonites, whereupon they in effect said, 'We were here first'. Jephthah proceeded with a history lesson to tell them exactly why they were wrong, and that God would show them whose the land really was. Then he defeated them, after making the rash vow for which he's famous (to sacrifice the first thing that came out of his house when he returned – which turned out to be his only daughter!) (Judges 11:12-34).

Now entered the Ephraimites. Ephraimites loved a good scrap – if war ensued and they weren't invited to the party, they got angry. They'd confronted Gideon over this before, after the LORD gave him and his 300 – the original, Israelite 300! – victory over the Midianites (Judges 7:15-8:1). Gideon's masterful diplomacy, however, pacified the Ephraimites and prevented a civil war (Judges 8:2, 3). It's no wonder the Israelites wanted to make him king (Judges 8:22)! Now, the Ephraimites squared off against Jephthah over the same issue: 'Why did you cross over to fight against the people of Ammon, and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house down on you with fire!' (Judges 12:1, NKJV.)

Jephthah, having precisely none of Gideon's diplomatic savvy (and probably still very upset over the loss of his daughter in Judges 11:35-40), first got all defensive (Judges 12:2, 3), and then went to war with the Ephraimites. He defeated them, and took control of the bottleneck where fleeing Ephraimites tried to ford the Jordan. The number of Ephraimites – children of Israel, whom Jephthah had just fought off the Ammonites to save – who died that day was 42,000 (Judges 12:4-6).

The question for us today is, 'Who are you going to be?' Are you going to be a peacemaker, like Gideon, or are you going to let that chip on your shoulder start pointless civil wars, like Jephthah? We know what Jesus wants for us, as he tells us in Matthew 5:9 (NKJV): 'Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.'

- Can you think of a proverb that's relevant to this story? (Proverbs 15)
- What response did the men of Succoth give to Gideon when he asked them for bread? (Judges 8)
- What lesson in tactfulness did Gideon teach them?
- How did Jephthah recognise fleeing Ephraimites?
- Why was it a good thing that Gideon refused the kingship?



Early morning prayer

The early morning prayer services were Spirit-filled and well-attended to overflowing – to the point that an extra half-night prayer service was held on Wednesday night from 10pm to 1am! The testimonies that were shared were inspiring.

Workshops

A wide variety of workshops were run, and all aspects of the Church's work were covered.

Youth

The Young Adult programme was an experience that will never be forgotten. Both speakers brought out different perspectives and lessons from Scripture that truly engaged the youth. The workshops from Pastor Juan lifted and inspired them to remember who they are as God's children through 'The Ten Commandments of Courtship'.

The music in the worship services was definitely a high point of the week, climaxing in the Communion Service with strong testimonies and praise.

Through the challenges of diversity, the youth and working

teams were blessed fully by the programmes, presentations and fellowship over the week. All in all, it was a healthy and positive experience that brought many closer to their Maker.

Teens

They began the day with praise to Jesus, and the preaching of Kimberly Bulgin followed during the morning with Pastor Eddie Hypolite's 'Chasing Daddy' series of workshops. They had a great time in small groups, and the creative arts, drama and music ministry workshops were a great blessing to the teenagers. In the evening there was the preaching of Pastor Bobby Bovell, who led them through the 'Butterfly Revolution', and the unforgettable nightly experience of 'The Boost', where teenagers shared their lives and journeys with one another. More than twenty young people came forward for baptism during the week. By the time Sabbath came around, the chant in the teen tent was, 'There ain't no NEC, there ain't no SEC, there's just US-EC and US is alright!'

Communion Service

More than 3,000 people filled the main auditorium, hours before the Communion Service commenced; such was the anticipation and desire within each person's heart to commune with Jesus and recall his sacrifice for us all.

A rendition from the 'Music 4 Life Strings' provided a unique blend to the service; the gentle melody of the orchestra provided a moment of reflection on what had been a challenging and impressive week.

Pastor Henry Wright preached the sermon and stressed that any one of those present could be in the place that Peter (or even Judas) were in at the communion table: we have all been guilty of seeking to manoeuvre Christ to do our will. This closing revelation silenced the congregation and immediately brought a sense of humility and repentance over them.

Sabbath services

Sabbath was the highlight of the camp meeting. Patrice Williams-

Gordon from Nassau, Bahamas, did the Bible study in a very dramatic and innovative way. This was followed by presentations highlighting personal evangelism and church planting in the various territories.

Throughout the week the adult and youth services were streamed live over the internet, courtesy of SECmedia. On the final Sabbath more than 2,000 viewers watched the service online, with many churches opting to share the camp meeting experience in their local church. Camp Meeting Radio (directed by Mike Johnson, SEC Radio co-ordinator) broadcasted on 87.7FM to a 30-mile radius around the camp venue, as well as on the internet. It provided a forum for news, views and interviews, as well as music.

Worship

The Worship Service captured the heart of this historic camp meeting, reflecting firstly the cultural diversity of the British Isles,

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which allowed for the Scripture reading to be recited in both English and Japanese by guest speaker Pastor James Uyeda; secondly the unique 'coalition' of the NEC and SEC, witnessed through the blend of voices which formed the worship team and the 126-strong choir, led by Tina Brooks and Dr Diana Sinclair.

The Worship Service was clearly the highlight of the camp for the now 5,000-strong congregation, which had come from far and near to worship in Wales.

Pastor Henry Wright preached a powerful message about Jairus, showing that our perceived self-importance can prevent God from operating in our lives. Our problems in life are not in how we pray, but in the things for which we pray. Instead of praying for the things we can see, we should acknowledge that God is preparing us for the things we cannot see. Our prayers are too short-sighted. We forget that we are praying to a God without limits.

By Sabbath the theme song, 'Light of my Life, Hope of my Heart', was being sung with conviction by all.

Ordination Service

In the afternoon, five ministers were ordained in a solemn and dignified service. The ministers from the NEC were Dan Majaducon and Victor Dacosta Marshall. The ministers from the SEC were Anthony Opoku-Mensah, Bernard Akakpo, and Petras Bahadur.

Gala concert

In the evening more than 300 children from ages 5 to 13 made an impressive entrance on the stage and displayed an amazing range of talents while singing and reciting Scripture. Children from the Holiday Bible Club entered with more than 150 starry crowns glistening under the stage lights, and presented a confident song of praise to Jesus.

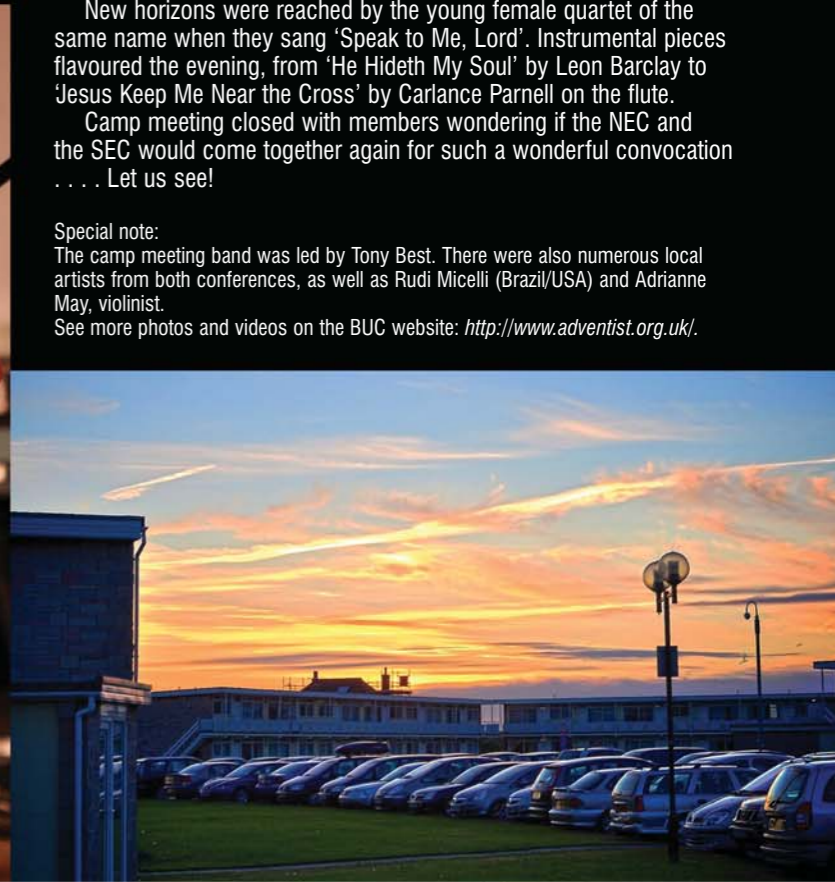
Singer and songwriter Mahali Selepe of Wellingborough Church sang a beautiful song which tied in well with the sermon preached earlier by Henry Wright, recalling: 'Isn't it great; when he's four days late, he's still on time'.

Croydon Gospel Choir performed next, and dazzled the audience with their songs. When they sang old favourites like 'Never Part Again', 'Troublesome Times Are Here' and 'Lo He Comes', the congregation joined in spontaneously. A single theme held the songs together: the anticipated Second Coming of Jesus Christ and the Gospel message to be preached. What a day that will be when we will weep no more!

New horizons were reached by the young female quartet of the same name when they sang 'Speak to Me, Lord'. Instrumental pieces flavoured the evening, from 'He Hideth My Soul' by Leon Barclay to 'Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross' by Carlance Parnell on the flute.

Camp meeting closed with members wondering if the NEC and the SEC would come together again for such a wonderful convocation . . . Let us see!

Special note:
The camp meeting band was led by Tony Best. There were also numerous local artists from both conferences, as well as Rudi Micelli (Brazil/USA) and Adrienne May, violinist.
See more photos and videos on the BUC website: <http://www.adventist.org.uk/>.



Scottish Mission also makes history

by John Wilby

The Scottish Mission held its first camp meeting at Scripture Union's Lendrick Muir estate in Life from Friday evening, 27 May to the Sunday afternoon.

Pastor Jacques Venter (originally from South Africa, now based in South England) asked delegates: 'When we look into the mirror of life, what do we see?'

In his Sabbath sermon he said, 'Our greatest test of faith as Christians is that Christ is present in our lives, right now', likening the example of the storm in Matthew 14 to what Christians face today; buffeted by an increasingly secular society – but comforted by a Christ who, even when we feel he isn't, is always there.

Pastor Venter emphasised that holding onto any bitterness or grudge would eventually lead to spiritual suicide. In the communion service, paired campers were invited to receive the bread and wine from the officiating pastors and to serve their partners in turn.

Pastor Venter also shared his experience of a church that had previously seen virtually no growth, and how its new approach to outreach was now dictated by the community around it. Recognising that children are important and that they need to be empowered to evangelise, the church always matches its Children's Ministry budget with the Evangelism budget, and funds measures designed to encourage church growth. His animated children's stories during the camp meeting underlined concern that by the age of 13 just 34% of children will have decided to stay in church, dropping to 4% by the age of 19.

In his final session Pastor Venter said that 'being church' begins long before you enter that building on Sabbath morning. It's all about God, and acting on your intention towards him; about craving the Holy Spirit every day and living a life knowing you've been forgiven. His closing thought was that we can 'be church, not to ourselves, but to our community.'

Adventist Discovery Centre director, Pastor Des Rafferty, delivered a Sabbath mission story that revealed that, of the 30,000 UK-registered students studying one or more of the centre's eighteen courses, 15,000 were active during the past twelve months. On the final evening he led campers in praying for each other. Aberdeen pastor, Lorraine Johnson's devotionals blessed early risers, as he said, 'God is wanting to speak to us every day; all we need to do is open the channel.' Pastor Clifford Herman, with Pastor Marcel Ghioalda's support, led a musical ensemble and the pastors and their wives gave a rendition of 'Be Still My Soul', accompanied by Pastor Des Rafferty's commentary.

Bad weather did not prevent a Sabbath afternoon walk to the nearby Ochil hills, and allowed archery, rope-climbing, golf, indoor football, table tennis and snooker.

Special thanks are due to Carole Peacock, SM secretary, and to Scotland's young pastoral team.

SM president, Pastor Bernie Holford, said afterwards: 'As this was a first for Scotland I was a little apprehensive. But the camp meeting with its chosen theme – 'Living an Authentic Christian Life' – was a success. I praise God for our leadership team, and that he has blessed us all: including me!'



news

'Whit and Wild' weekend

by Ian Cort

The annual 'Whit and Wild' event at the Aberdaron camp site, Llyn Peninsula, North Wales, was a great success. Held over the 27-30 May weekend, it was attended by more than 100 people from all over the UK who could fellowship together.

The event was organised and supported by the Ringway Seventh-day Adventist church, with further support from the North England Conference. Despite a rather damp and windy start to the weekend, the weather improved sufficiently for the campers to enjoy the beautiful countryside, and for many to participate in go-karting, watersports, and Zapcat rides (google it!).

The padre for the weekend was the NEC president, Pastor Ian Sweeney, who explored some of the interesting stories in the book of Judges, while the musical side of worship was led by Kristina Hammond and Claire Peacock.

A concert at the slipway in Aberdaron village on the Saturday brought together the camp and the local community, with those from the camp having the opportunity to sing of their faith in Jesus and his love to the local people, who wouldn't normally go near a church.

Charlene Picart and Richard Gray from the Ringway church, and 'Driftwood', a group from the Kidderminster church, were joined by a popular local group, 'Taylor Maid', and other members of the community. The mixture of Christian and secular music was an interesting combination, and was appreciated by all attending. Fundraising was done for the local RNLI, which helped to support the event.



BUC restructuring

Owing to the number of detailed and lengthy responses we received to Pastor Don McFarlane's restructuring proposal in the MESSENGER of 13 May 2011 – far too many to have been published in the limited time and space available before the recent session – the BUC administrators decided to publish them online at www.adventist.org.uk. We invite all interested parties to view them there, and to submit comments to the same site via info@adventist.org.uk. EDITOR

When God spoke

On Sunday 15 May Holloway Church received 120 guests from the north, south, east and west, for the first 'All-London "Revival" Day of Prayer.'

On arrival, individuals were prayed for by Brenda Edwards and other Plaistow Prayer Tower members after receiving Bible promises. Praise and worship was followed by a 'stronghold-breaking' prayer and the 'School of Prayer'.

God was able to speak, and congregants heard that if we had an obedience problem, it really reflected a love problem.

Pastor Osei, SEC Prayer Ministries co-ordinator, reminded congregants that a lukewarm attitude is detestable to God, but Christ gives us the remedy.

Prayer was offered for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, for pastors, Conference leaders, SEC elections, youth, evangelism, the political climate and those suffering from global disasters. New Life Choir and Louanne Sampson offered musical encouragement, and stirring testimonies gave praise to God, including those from recently-baptised Dean Cullinane and Che Timbou.

The community outreach activity included a silent prayer walk, prayer with individuals, and distribution of tracts.

One young person, Siobhan, was so inspired that she has started a Facebook page and will design a T-shirt saying 'God loves young people' to wear when she and others reach out to youths in gang areas.

The newly-formed Area 6 Prayer Partnership plan to form a prayer network and meet together to pray for our churches and church leaders, as well as our youth.

Members will pray and work closely with the Youth Federation to prepare to reach individuals in the forthcoming Olympics.

JEAN BOHI

SEC quadrennial session

Notice is hereby given that a quadrennial session of the South England Conference will be held at the Butterworth Hall, Warwick University, between Thursday 1 September and Sunday 4 September, 2011. Registration of delegates will take place from 11am on Thursday and the business sessions are due to commence at 1.20pm.

Notice is also given that proposed changes to the South England Conference Constitution will be considered and have been circulated to delegates.

PASTOR PAUL LOCKHAM, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Achievers



Congratulations to Graham Harvey of Bristol on gaining a BA honours degree in Youth Ministry with Applied Theology from Oxford Brookes University in conjunction with the Bristol Baptist College. Graham works part-time for the Local Education Authority.

CHRISTINE KING

Last month, Bobby Johnston of the Larne church, Northern Ireland, was presented with a special award to mark exceptional service to St John's Ambulance. He received the Order of St John – a royal order of chivalry – at an investiture and awards ceremony held in Hillsborough Castle.

He was one of twelve volunteers honoured in this way.

WEIERS COETSER



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www.myowntutor.org.uk; email: v-byrd@hotmail.com or phone: 02071128336. V. A. BYRD

CHIP works

On Sunday evening, 22 May, twelve graduates of Swansea's latest CHIP programme were presented with their certificates and badges at a special banquet and awards ceremony. Including friends, family members, guests and CHIP team members, more than fifty people attended the event, which featured as its guest speaker Dr Kunle Adesina, a consultant nephrologist (specialist in kidneys) based at Morriston Hospital.

The evening began with a generous buffet meal featuring dishes to which the CHIP participants had become accustomed during their four-week course.

Guests were initially bewildered by the variety of foods on offer, but their questions were soon exchanged for expressions of appreciation as they came to realise that healthy food doesn't have to be boring!

Although the CHIP programme focuses on coronary health, Dr Adesina gave a fascinating presentation on the importance of good kidney function and its relation to the health of the heart. Beginning with a general overview of the work of the kidneys, Dr Adesina pointed out that each of our kidneys contains about one million tiny filters. If these stop working, even partially, we can get into trouble very quickly and 'kidney failure

Chelmsford community services day

On 14 May, following the success of the previous year's community biscuit distribution, the Community Services department took the main service for the Chelmsford church: during the Friday night youth meeting, the youth had secretly decorated more than 720 cupcakes, which the church would deliver on paper plates to local houses that Sabbath!

This plan was revealed to a previously unaware Chelmsford church during the Sabbath service, after members had prayed in small groups. After a brief explanation from the Community Services leader, each small group was given four plates of cakes, and told to go and bless four families that morning. It was a great way of reaching out to people and building bridges with the community, just by knocking on someone's door and saying: 'We are from the local Adventist church and were wondering if you would like some free cakes!'

The whole church enjoyed the activity, and genuinely blessed the local community.

Most members thought it was a very good idea, and enjoyed the ability to give something free to people and not ask for anything back. Some families had told them that they were thinking of coming to the Chelmsford church in the future!

THOMAS STONE



ADRA-UK song competition



ADRA-UK

Poverty affects everyone. It ruins individual lives and affects entire communities. To increase awareness of poverty, its causes and its effects, ADRA-UK plans to release a new music video to promote its work.

Young UK musicians are invited to write a new, modern song (with lyrics) that reflects the work that ADRA-UK does. The competition is open to young artists/bands/groups (18-35 years). The deadline for submissions is 30 September, 2011.

More information about this competition is available from the ADRA-UK website. Alternatively, write an email to info@adra.org.uk and we will send you the details.

BERT SMIT, CEO, ADRA-UK



can lead to heart failure'.

Major risk factors affecting the kidneys included high blood pressure and diabetes, two conditions which the CHIP programme is renowned for reducing. 'What's more,' he said, 'people on dialysis have a ten-times greater risk of dying from heart disease than the average population.'

The twelve graduates are an outstanding example of what can be achieved through lifestyle change, and Wales CHIP director, Mrs Lil Saunders, was delighted with their success.

Chris was especially commended for losing over 5kg in weight, and Brent was commended for walking or cycling over 700 miles before the graduation. Vanessa's cholesterol fell 20% during

the course of the programme.

Ken and Marie John were typical of the people who took part. 'I enjoyed every minute of it', said Ken, though his wife admitted that she struggled with the food. 'It's a complete change from everything that we've ever done,' she said, 'but we've both lost weight and we're both happy.'

The Swansea doctors and nurses help to run the CHIP programmes. Their dedication makes Swansea CHIP one of the most successful CHIP ventures in the UK.

Pictures from the event can be seen on the Welsh Mission website at: www.adventistwales.org.

JOHN SURRIDGE

Health expo in Birmingham



The expo team.

The Camp Hill Health Ministries department fielded a health expo in Victoria Square, one of the major pedestrianised areas in the centre of Birmingham, on Sabbath 14 May.

Neil Blest (BUC Health Ministries co-ordinator) had travelled from Peterborough for the day and led the worship, which featured a sermonette highlighting the impact of health ministries in the community, and Grace Walsh (NEC Health Ministries director) also supported the effort, along with Health Exchange, a group in the city which gives health advice.

A deluge of about 200 attendees wanted to know more about the health message and the positive impact it could have on their wellbeing, and the Personal Ministries department answered questions and handed out tracts.

Volunteers included Alvin and Adrian Dawati, Delight and Juliet Mutemwe, Joshua John and Vanessa Bell: a group with an average age of just 15 years! Another volunteer, Jeff Hall, said: 'Prayer was essential to the day's positive outcome and there were lots of people interested in our humble efforts, . . . [the expo] seems to be a guaranteed way of

Baptism at Leicester Central

On 7 May Leicester Central Church witnessed the baptism of Kevier James, Annette Kenningham, Verdi Francis, Mary Allen, James Sewell, Dudu Ncube and Davina Charles, who enthusiastically declared their faith in Christ and the teachings of the Church after being examined by Elder Thebe. Ben Chapi was also accepted as a member of the church by affirming his faith in the teachings of the Church. Elder Denise Williams led the church in praise and worship, and Elders Silvia Ham-Ying, Eustace Charles and Kevin James encouraged the candidates.

Pastor George Kumi addressed the candidates with the story of blind Bartimaeus.

PHILIP HERBERT



Sitting, walking and standing at Brecon

John Payne took his stand for Jesus by allowing Pastor Jeremy Tremeer to baptise him in the river at Brecon Camp this year, while more than a hundred people watched from the banks. John and his wife Tracey have

attended several Brecon camps now and have been particularly helpful in the running of the camp.

Pastor Adam Keough of the Belfast church (also Youth sponsor for the Irish Mission)



The moment of John's baptism in the river Usk.

Photo: Victor Hulbert

engaging the people through the health message, the right arm of the Gospel.'

Sonia James added, 'It is all for God and not ourselves. It was a wonderful day and I'm glad I made a difference to the community.' One attendee, a non-Adventist nurse, wishes to offer her services in future expos.

A local councillor and two of the staff attended the expo following the recent election. They commended the work and were keen to know about future plans. One person wrote within twenty-four hours, saying: 'Yesterday felt like the first day of the start of my life.'

DR JACQUIE HALLIDAY-BELL

Baptism in Aberdeen

On Sabbath 23 April the Aberdeen congregation witnessed the baptism of Genevieve Haynes (who had once walked with God but fell away, and had reached the point of suicide prior to finding God again), Tarrick Haynes (Genevieve's son), Weiling Tang (who came from a non-Christian background in China), and Jane Prescott (who had been searching for a church which followed the Bible when she contacted an Adventist website which connected her with the group in Inverness).

Pastor Lorraine Johnson immersed each of the candidates. The short sermon on Psalm 23 was given by the visiting pastor, Dr Richard de Lisser.

JANICE SAVIZON



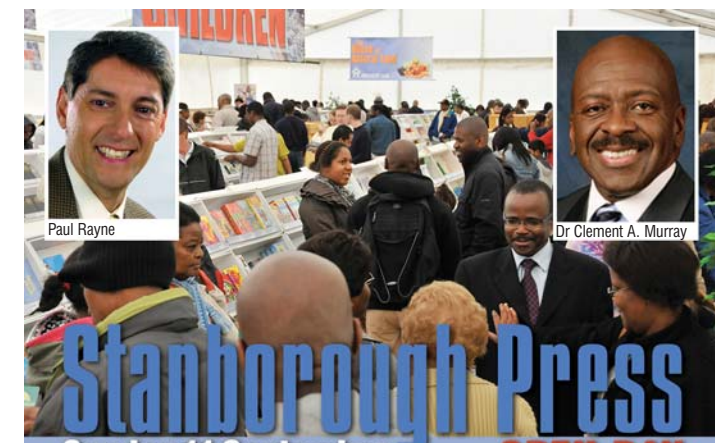
Left to right: Weiling Tang, Genevieve Haynes, Jane Prescott and Tarrick Haynes, flanked by Dr Richard de Lisser and Pastor Lorraine Johnson. Back row are Aberdeen and Inverness elders.

spoke at the camp from 27 to 31 May, basing his talks on Watchman Nee's book *Sit, Walk, Stand*, which is an exposition of Ephesians. He emphasised that God has raised us up to sit at his right hand, and used numerous

colourful illustrations and children's stories.

For pictures from the camp and a video of the baptism, visit the Welsh Mission website at: www.adventistwales.org.

JOHN SURRIDGE



Paul Rayne

Dr Clement A. Murray

Stanborough Press

Sunday 11 September
8.30am-4.30pm

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Guest speaker for the day will be Dr Clement A. Murray, 3ABN production manager and the producer of *3ABN Today*. He is the author of three books and has recorded his own music CD, *In His Time*, under the Chapel Record label.

There will also be a seminar on Christian family life by UK-raised Paul Rayne, who co-hosts the new 3ABN programme, *Happy the Home*. He and his wife, Carolyn, are the authors of *The Connected Family*.

Don't miss this great Adventist family event at **The Stanborough Press Ltd, Alma Park, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 9SL.**

Adventurer/Pathfinder camp

The Manchester Southern Asia Adventurer and Pathfinder programme was launched for the first time since the formation of the church with their first Adventurer/Pathfinder camp at Aberdaron, from 27 April to 1 May. The youth spent many hours completing their awards and honours, and the camp developed their leadership skills and confidence. The theme was 'Our Identity in Christ'.

SUREEN RAYAVARAPU



Sutton-in-Ashfield meets local community

The Sutton-in-Ashfield church constantly seeks ways to reach out to its local community, including a walking group named 'Sutton Strollers', which conducts walks suitable for all ages and all capabilities. The aim is to improve health and fitness and increase local knowledge of the church. The picture here was taken on the walk at Ironville Top, close to Codnor Castle, on Tuesday 19 April.

RUTH BERRIDGE



CHIP in the South

The ACA-UK & Ireland conducted a successful CHIP leadership training workshop on 19 and 20 March at the Stratford church.

The topics included Team Development; Financial Planning and Ordering; Marketing CHIP to the Church and the Community; Heart Screens; and Liability Issues. All participants were given a booklet telling them how to run a successful CHIP programme. Prayer and worship were central to the forty-six participants from Stratford, Ilford, Plaistow, Eastham, Brixton, London Ghana, the Portuguese church, Hackbridge, Aylesbury, Southend-on-Sea, Norwich, Holcombe Road, the Filipino church, and Cambridge.

FAITH MKANDAWIRE



Clacton-on-Sea health expo

On Sunday 15 May, following weeks of training, the Colchester and Ipswich churches helped the recently-established Clacton-on-Sea church to stage a health expo at the Clacton Retail Outlet. Led by Elsie Staples and Cynthia Austin, and aided by other local health workers, twenty members and families and two pastors served sixty-five persons with fruit, vegetables and personal health record charts, in addition to other folders and leaflets. The event had been advertised to every single home in Clacton!

SUE INGRAM



Manchester North children's health expo

Manchester North's first children's health expo – the first in the North-West – came after weeks of preparation on 1 May. The biggest attraction was the 'specially made camel' for the water-drinking session with Virey and Brenda, while soft music played at the trust table: all NEWSTART principles were displayed to twenty children and some of their parents with quizzes, games and hand-outs; not to mention ball games with Ros, and a temperance station displaying the effects of alcohol and other drugs. Children were still singing the closing song two weeks later!

BEVERLEY NGANDWE



Russian day of celebration

On 7 May the Russian-speaking Seventh-day Adventists in London held a day of celebration entitled, 'The Tenth Anniversary and Beyond', with the theme: 'Glory be to the Almighty God for the successful past and praising him for the prosperous promised future!'

Opening the morning celebration was Dr Susan Clark, representing St Paul's Church, who spoke on John 20:19. Pastor Michael Loutso and his wife joined the festive service, presenting the history of Russian-speaking Adventists and finishing with a prayer.

More than thirty guests attended, and received words of encouragement from a Christian writer, Alesandr Sibilev.

Alina and the children and youth worked tirelessly to prepare for the service, including musical items and presentations.

Pastor Emmanuel Osey encouraged congregants to stay focused and never be afraid: Jesus always protects his bride!

The service culminated with a call from Pastor A. Balan to serve the Almighty and dedicate our lives to Jesus today.

ANDREI M. BALAN

obituary



Joyce Hill (née Hulbert)
(1924-2011)
d. 19 May. Born 6 August 1924 in Seahouses, Northumberland,

she was the only daughter in a family with three brothers: Edgar, Clarence and Roy. Life was not easy in those pre-war years. A combination of the Great Depression and Grandad's choice to keep the Sabbath meant that employment as a carpenter – his chosen profession – was difficult. Thus, much of the time he worked as a colporteur – moving from town to town – and the first of many moves for Joyce was to Auchtermuchty in Perthshire, Scotland. The family then

moved to Watford, where Dad worked as a carpenter on the Stanborough Park Estate. This is where Joyce started her schooling – and also developed an early desire to be a teacher.

Her baptism in 1938 prepared her for the years to follow, and Joyce knew God protected her when she experienced a close miss from a Second World War bomb.

While her teaching career started in the state sector, Joyce was a pioneer in Adventist education – starting in Stanborough Park Junior School in 1947, then, together with Margaret Stendall, opening Fletewood School in Plymouth in 1948. In 1951 she moved to Wimbledon Church School, and then in July 1952 moved to Leeds, where she opened Laurieston Church School.

'Women Together'

The 2011 'Women Together' conference was held – appropriately, as NEC president Pastor Ian Sweeney remarked – near Meadowhall Shopping Centre, at the Source Conference Centre in Sheffield.

Following the opening ceremony, Geraldene Farmer, NEC Women's Ministries director, called on all delegates to encourage one another and relate to Christ as true sisters and daughters of God. Jennifer Sweeney, the wife of Pastor Ian Sweeney, reflected on her role as a 'maid in God's honour'.

Attendees were told of an educational sponsorship project for girls in India, and of Sisters in Service, an initiative of the Newcastle women whose acts of Christian service in their church and community are at the heart of their ministry. Girlie-Mae Andrada spoke of how she gives a monetary gift to God every time she parks easily at work, and she has never failed to find an easy parking place since! As Girlie pointed out, 'The money represents my faith and trust in God.'

Clair Sanchez-Schutte, the TEC Women's Ministries director and a native of Holland, said God's maids of honour should be honourable. The afternoon was given to workshops presented by Jane Chapman, Sally Grayley, David and Maureen Howard and Grace Walsh, NEC Health Ministries director.

The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of the Women of Excellence awards – one nominee 'maintained integrity despite threats to her life' and showed dedication to her husband during sickness yet continued her work at church, while another was cited for her sensitivity and support. Another nominee was noted for her spirituality and faithfulness to her non-Adventist husband who had begun to attend church – and whose friends now also attend church. The final nominee was dedicated to achieving her best, a



She later served in both schools at Stanborough – but the greatest part of her career took her back to Plymouth and Fletewood School, where she served from 1963 until her retirement in 1976. It was during this period that she also found the love of her life, a draughtsman in the dockyard, Richard Hill – and they married on 15 April 1965.

Hospitality was one of the gifts of the Hill household – with Sabbath lunch for many being a highlight of the week around the large table in their dining room.

Retirement was not an idle time for Joyce. In Grantham she mentored the youth with openness and humour. After moving to Watford in 1997 she joined the senior citizens' club at the Stanborough Park church. She also took up writing, including devotional pieces for Adventist World Radio, poems, and reports for the *Stanborough News*. She was immensely pleased when, at 85, she had

her first book published, *Heart-lifting Moments*.

Even when, in the last week of her life, she moved into the Watford Peace Hospice, she did not stop making friends and was delighted for the opportunity to be a Christian witness to the delightful staff there. She kept that caring attitude, her deep personal faith, and, alongside it, her sense of humour, right until the end.

Joyce asked for the hymn 'Because He Lives' to be sung at the funeral service, conducted by Pastors Alan Hodges, Paul Clee and Mary Barrett on 31 May. That hymn sums up her life and gives hope for those of us that long to see her again.

Her brother, Pastor Roy E. Hulbert, his wife May, and the nieces and nephews that she loved all wish to thank the many friends and church members who so freely expressed their compassion and support during the last weeks of Joyce's life.

VICTOR HULBERT

good role model for all young women.

The awards were presented to Audrey Ogundwere, Jessie Pairman, Sue Pearce, Heather Haworth (BUC Women's Ministries leader) and Joelle Urania Spencer.

The next 'Women Together' conference is planned for Sunday, 13 May, 2012.

GERALDENE FARMER



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Launch of Holistic Emotional Education (HEE)

What: HEE fundraising launch, 'Let's Talk – Unresolved Negative Emotions' seminar, supported by music from Paul Lee.

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When: Saturday 23 July 2011.

Time: 7pm, door open at 6.15pm.
Light refreshments available during break.

Cost: £15 (Students £10).
Tickets can be purchased from the Advent Centre on Thursdays between 7 and 8pm, and via the website:
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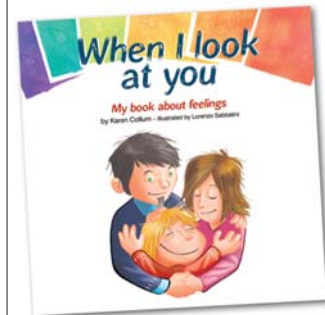
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Backache and sore knees for God

Volunteers from the Watering Hole recently transformed the Calmore Community Centre flowerbed with donated plants from Paulton's Plant Centre at Ower. Passers-by and even two people on crutches came to assist this loving example of Christianity in action!

ROSY



New book of the week
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Hearts and Hands

Teddy bears, zimmer-frame bags and toiletries' bags will be given to projects planned for the newly formed Hearts and Hands group at the Crieff church.

Members at Crieff are missionary-minded and dedicated to practical Christianity, and have been carrying out charity work for twenty-one years. With the help of Gift Aid and God's blessing, they have been able to support projects in Lesotho, South Africa, Pakistan, Egypt, Albania, Kenya, Romania and Ukraine.

But help is required in the local neighbourhood too, and Hearts and Hands was formed to respond to that need. Once a month, the church hall is turned into a workshop and a group of volunteers descend, armed with



sewing machines, irons and ironing boards, scissors and pins, needles and wool. They have lots of ideas and until Jesus returns

they have plenty to do: 'We're not big; we're not clever; we just believe in practical Christianity.'

CHRISTINE BAUWENS

Stanborough Park's got talent!

The children's musical concert at Stanborough Park Church on 7 May packed in more than thirty items of voice (solo and choir), piano, violin, trumpet, flute and clarinet music. The ages of participants ranged from 4 to 17, with an average age of 10.5. Under the direction of Jiae Ahn, and accompanied on the piano



by Minnoug Bae, the children raised funds for ADRA through sponsorship and a collection. The

church expects to use more such concerts as a form of outreach in coming months. SPC COMMUNICATION

Running to save lives!

Tristan Simmons and Nigel Clark of the Leamington Spa mission raised £900 for ADRA on Sunday 8 May, by running a half-marathon and full marathon respectively! They ran in Stratford-upon-Avon; Tristan, a member of the ADRA-UK board of trustees, managed 13.1 miles in two hours and two minutes, and the more experienced Nigel accomplished 26.2 miles in three hours and thirty-two minutes.

NIGEL CLARK



From left: Nigel Clark and Tristan Simmons.

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