

Camp Meeting Uncovered

A report on the SEC camp meeting by Catherine Anthony Boldeau

It was while driving along the M4 in heavy traffic listening to a news report of an accident at Junction 17, that a wave of tiredness suddenly overtook me. Camp Meeting had not officially begun and I was wondering how I was going to maintain any semblance of composure and authority, when I wanted to sleep for the week. The thought of waking to attend morning prayers at 6 to retire to bed at around 11 made me feel even more tired. So, when I drove through the gates at Pontins, Brean, at approximately 4 in the afternoon, I could have slept for Britain.

But even before I stepped out of the car, I felt the buzz of anticipation and activity in the summer afternoon sunshine. People were everywhere, smiling, hugging, checking in, carrying or wheeling luggage around. Unlike me, they were excited at the blessings they hoped to receive over the next week. Would they be disappointed?

Having seen the line up in the 'hall of fame', I knew that they were in for a treat. America provided us with the seven special guests chosen for this event. However, two of the guests represented examples of home-grown talent, who, having chosen America as

their place of residence, still maintained their links with England. Other guests included Cecil Perry (BUC president), Reinder Bruinsma (Netherlands Union Conference president), John Arthur (TED Publishing director), Keith Davidson (BUC Education director), David Cox (BUC Personal Ministries director). Other visitors from the 'higher' organisation were Victor Pilmoor (BUC treasurer), Eric Lowe (BUC Executive secretary), John Surridge (BUC Communication director), Heather Haworth (BUC Family Ministries director) and Des Boldeau (BUC Youth director).

Special guest speakers

Pastor Henry Fordham III was the speaker for the evening commitment service. Even before he

reached the pulpit, his presence was obvious by his distinguished dress. Instead of the usual British ministerial costume of the dark suit and white shirt, his nightly attire was a suit with a long jacket, matching waistcoat, cowboy boots, tie and handkerchief. To say the least he was immaculately dressed. In Exodus 26-31, God instructs Moses on the building of the tabernacle. In 28:2, he gives specific directions for Aaron's clothing: 'Make special clothes for Aaron, to indicate his separation to God – beautiful garments that will lend dignity to his work' (Living Bible).

Pastor Fordham certainly lived this text. The outward adorning was a reflection of the inner spirit of authentic leadership and

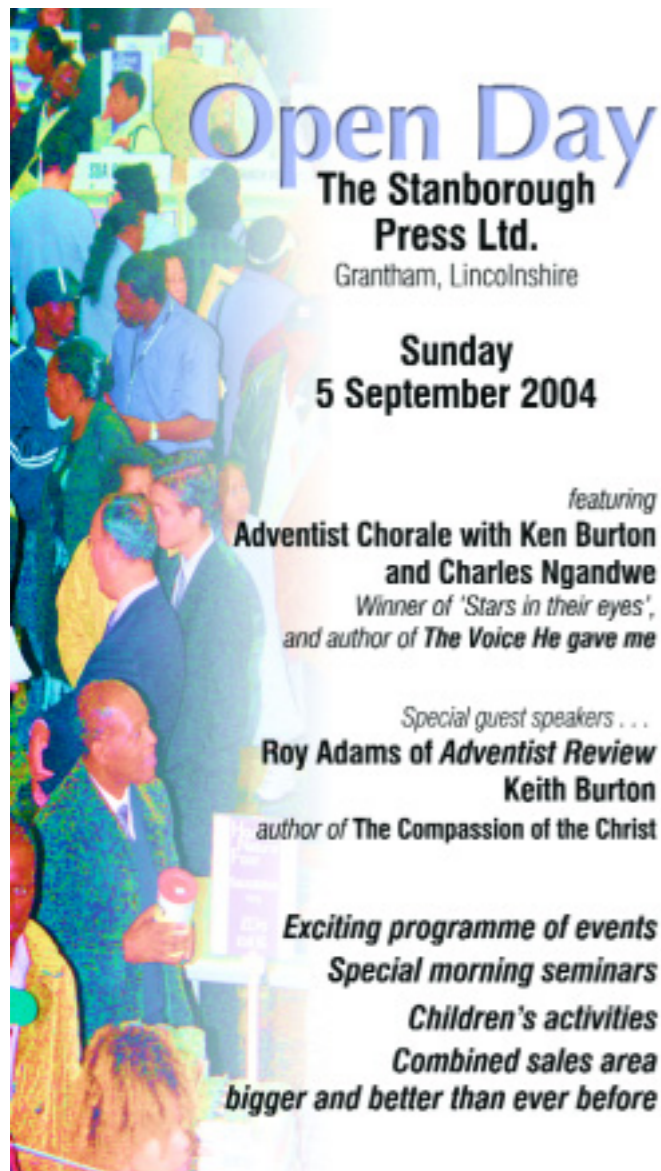


Left: The ordination group.
Below left: Walter Arties.



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

Animal Crackers

You would think that we have come a long way from the belief of medieval travellers in the *boramet* – a cross between a plant and an animal. While never encountered in real life, it was thought that this plant produced melon-like fruit which, when ripened, burst open to reveal miniature lambs with fleece as soft as cotton (which is what it was!).

In a new twist on having a 'frog in the throat' it comes as a shock to us today to hear of a man in the province of Hunan (China) whose doctor prescribed six raw frogs because for his patient, to cure the man's neck pain. The sick man nearly died after eating 130 of the frogs because they were infected with parasites.

There is no mention in the article of the expected effect of parasiteless frogs on human health. Although the case seems medieval it only happened this year, and in true modern fashion the patient sued his doctor.

We can wonder if we have made real progress since another article relates that a man bought a bottle of *Assisi Tea Tree Concentrated Shampoo for Rabbits and Small Animals*. After reading through the small print detailing the chemistry of the product and its benefits he noticed the ecologically and ethically correct statement: 'Not tested on animals!'

This last point reminds us that animals and human health have been intimately connected, and not necessarily through animal cruelty or vivisection. Observing animals and

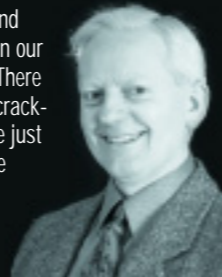
investigating how they go about their lives and survive may help to advance human health and well-being. Researchers at Kyoto Pharmaceutical University (Japan) have had hippos under the microscope. Not the whole animal you will understand, but their sticky, reddish sweat.

It seems that hippopotamus' sweat has at least two qualities which – if understood – may be useful to human health. The sweat contains two pigments – red and orange. The red one has superior antibacterial properties which protects hippos from particular pathogens and speeds recovery from the many wounds gained in fights. Both pigments act as an anti-UV screen so protecting the hippos' sensitive skin from overexposure to the sun.

Scientists are now working on the chemistry of the red (or *hipposudoric*

acid), and the orange (or *norhipposudoric acid*) to see if products can be made from synthetic pigments which can be used as anti-bacterial and anti-UV preparations for human use.

There was much that was of wonderment to the medieval mind and since cotton was a finer version of the fleece that travellers were familiar with, the *boramet* was as good an explanation as any. Scientists are discovering that there is still much to wonder at and investigate in our own world. There are animal crackers out there just waiting to be revealed!



with David Marshall

In case you missed the news: they're wanting to teach atheism as part of the religion syllabus in schools. 'Why not?' I pondered. 'It's taught in every other subject.'

I flirted with atheism myself when I was 18. Just then I was much taken with the work of the Enlightenment philosopher David Hume. And I was an atheist for the greater part of an afternoon. God let me get away with it all the way from the public library to my train, throughout the homebound journey and until I began my long walk from the railway station. Then he began to make his presence felt.

My walk home was down a country lane. Of course, it was the same lane I trod every morning and evening, but on that late April day – is it possible God was showing off? You know the sort of thing: the buds bursting forth in blossom, skies impossibly full of tiny, highly-coloured birds; the giant trees – were they always *that* well sculpted? David Hume, Sigmund Freud and Karl Marx, temporarily in the ascendant, bit the dust in favour of a work of art that required an Artist.

In the months and years that came after that, I chose to build on my faith instead of my doubts. Three towers, in particular, emerged. The first was the phenomenon of the Bible: written over sixteen hundred years by over forty different authors and cohering around a common theme: God's offer of salvation by grace through faith.¹ The second faith tower arose out of my reading of Frank Morison's *Who Moved the Stone?* and represented the wealth of valid historical evidence for the literal resurrection of Jesus.² The third was the sheer personality of Jesus to which I was exposed every time I dipped into the gospels.

But that late April afternoon was important. It gave me an empathy with atheists. Atheists choose to live without God. And living without God makes man a cosmic orphan: the only creature in the universe who asks 'Why?' but who cannot find an answer. If Time + Matter + Chance is the explanation, then there is *no* explanation; you have no reason for your existence and all you face, ultimately, is death.

Ravi Zacharias wrote: 'I am thoroughly convinced that when the last chapter of humanity is written the implications of atheism, ie living without God, . . . will have made life plainly unliveable.' Do you see why I am concerned about atheists?

Mind you, some of the finest Christians started out as atheists. Take C. S. Lewis, for example. His early atheism was, in part, well founded. He wrote, 'I am quite content to live without believing in a bogey who is prepared to torture me for ever and ever if I fail in coming up to an almost impossible ideal.'³ Forty years after that late April day I still don't believe in *that* kind of God.

By the summer of 1929 Lewis didn't believe in *that* kind of God, either. On a bus going up to Headington Hill⁴ (God is never off duty!) Lewis felt the approach of the 'Our Father' God. In *Surprised by Joy* he describes how, in the sidcar of his brother's motorbike, he moved to the belief 'that Jesus Christ is the Son of God' en route between Oxford and Whipsnade Zoo in 1931.

Nevertheless, acceptance of the Christian God – even

acceptance of Christ – was only the beginning of his road. Lewis often struggled. Readers who find it hard to get their heads round ideas like 'Justification by Faith' might be surprised to learn that Lewis did, too. His (atheist) biographer A. N. Wilson suggests that in Lewis's *Mere Christianity* he failed to do justice to many key concepts of the Apostle Paul's theology.⁵

For years to come Lewis continued to experience 'tremendous vacillations in his faith'. He wrote, 'I have no rational ground for going back on the arguments that convinced me of God's existence: but the irrational dead weight of my old sceptical habits, and the spirit of the age, and the cares of the day, steal away all my lively feeling of the truth, and often when I pray I wonder if I am not posting letters to a non-existent address.'⁶

Those readers whose own faith is uncertain will become angry with Lewis at this point. That a great Christian suffered from occasional doubt will make them feel spiritually insecure. Those with more mature experience will recognise the feeling. They will know, too, that when those feelings come, they have a choice: Do I build on my doubts or build on my faith? They will know, also, that if they choose to build on their faith the experience cannot be divorced from Bible study and prayer for faith. Another great twentieth-century Christian once said: 'If I stopped studying the Bible I would be an atheist in a fortnight.'

The greatest crisis in Lewis's faith happened after the death of his wife. 'I have stood,' he wrote, 'by the bedside of a woman whose thigh-bone was eaten through with cancer.' In the same way as he had committed his search for faith to paper in *Surprised by Joy*, he committed the bleak period of his loss to paper in *A Grief Observed*. Rarely, if ever, has a Christian shared so much of his sorrow as Lewis did in that little book. As so often, Lewis won the respect of his sceptical biographer when he exposed his vulnerability. 'Presumably one of the things which makes *A Grief Observed* such a consoling and helpful book to thousands of bereaved people,' A. N. Wilson writes, 'is that Lewis knew by instinct what is now a common place of bereavement counselling, that grief must be expressed and lived through. . . . Outside the Psalms and the book of Job, there is not a book quite like *A Grief Observed*, a book by a man who still believes in God but cannot find evidence for his goodness.'⁷

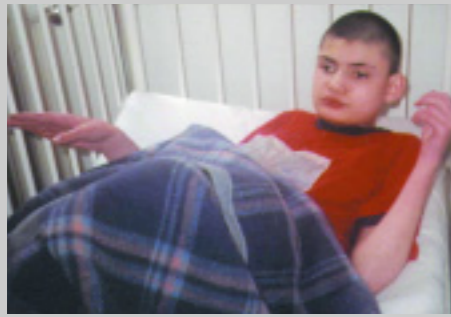
Rarely if ever has a Christian shared as much of his sorrow as Lewis did in that little book. Lewis won Wilson's admiration for hanging on to God even in the worst of times; and, in those times, having faith that the dark tunnel would have an end in blazing sunlight. Whatever our present crisis, God asks us to go with *him* – not with our feelings – and, when the reckoning comes, it will be found that he carried us through it.

Whatever happens, we do have an invisible means of support if we have built on our faith; and pray, earnestly, for that gifted faith that is *saving* faith.

'There cannot be a greater difference than that between someone who supposes that the human race (and with it all art, philosophy, science and virtue) is a mere atomic accident in a blankly meaningless universe and those who believe that there is a plan, and behind it all a design.'⁸

References:

¹I've summarised these arguments in *The Battle for the Bible* (Autumn House, 2004). ²I have summarised Morison's arguments and added a fair few of my own in 'Who Moved the Stone?', *FOCUS* volume 25 number 1, pages 8-11. ³Cited A. N. Wilson, *C. S. Lewis a Biography* (Harper Collins, 1990), page 42. ⁴Ibid, page 109. ⁵Ibid, page 137. ⁶Cited A. N. Wilson, page 123. ⁷Ibid, pages 283, 284. ⁸Ibid, page 87.



Tragic faces in Kosovo

by Harry Wilby



March and April were busy months for the logistical section of ADRA-UK. The truck went to Crieff in Scotland, where the trailer was loaded by volunteers from the church with aid accumulated by Mike Thompson for an orphanage in Ukraine.

On arrival at Stanborough Park headquarters this was transferred into a container for transhipment, and the ADRA truck was reloaded and left during the Easter weekend for Serbia and Kosovo. Half the aid was destined for distribution by ADRA-Serbia to refugees and the poor. The rest was medical equipment and general aid for a 700-bed hospital for mentally and physically impaired children in the village of Kulina in the south of the country.

Meanwhile, ADRA-UK received a request to assist ADRA-Serbia by transporting food aid to Kosovo. Their truck was too small to carry the 15 tons of food specially purchased for the many Serbian families made homeless in the recent troubles when their houses were burnt down by Albanian Kosovans.

Our truck is too big and heavy for the country road which leads up through the hills to Kulina, so the aid was transferred to the smaller ADRA-Belgrade truck, and ours was loaded with the food destined for Pristina, capital of Kosovo. We travelled south in convoy to the autoroute exit for Kulina and then went by car to assess the further needs of the hospital.

I will never forget the next few hours. I have seen physically and mentally disabled children before and seen many things in years of nursing which would upset most people. But Kulina has about 700 residents, from infants to young adults, and about 200 staff. The ailments range from severe deformities and brain damage through hydrocephalus, spina bifida, and anything else you can think of, to simpler things like club foot or Down's syndrome. Most of these kids would be cared for at home in loving families and with reasonable medical support systems in many countries. But in these lands where families are very large and poor, it is common practice to send the weakest or least attractive to orphanages or relevant institutions.

The staff at Kulina are devoted to their patients, but it would seem that lack of equipment, facilities and staffing levels have denied the children the level of care which would in many cases have produced improvements to their quality of life.

The older and more able-bodied adolescents enthusiastically and noisily helped to unload the cots, blankets, clothing, shoes, bicycles, occupational therapy equipment, and other goods from the truck. But as we inspected the wards we saw hundreds of children who had spent their entire lives staring up at a white ceiling, with only the stimulation of mealtimes and sanitary care to break up their interminable days. Many of the contorted and

deformed little bodies in the cots which appeared to be 6- or 7-year-olds were, in fact, teenagers of 17 or more years. It was only as we looked into the tragic faces that we could see this was so. I found it difficult to keep back the tears as I made mental notes of these scenes.

Another load was assembled at Watford, including more bicycles for the able-bodied, and wheelchairs so that the bed-bound can be given a view of the world outside the constraints of the wards, and the truck headed south again in late May.

David Balderstone, the volunteer transport manager for ADRA-UK, had flown out to meet me in Belgrade, and after getting paperwork for our load at the Nis customs we drove on atrocious, deteriorating roads to the Kosovo border where it should have taken half an hour or so to proceed. However, after a bad harvest last year the Serbs had introduced a new regulation forbidding the export of flour, of which we had several pallet loads. Prolonged negotiations failed to melt their hard hearts, but we noticed during the inspection of the load that the flour had been purchased from the Czech Republic. 'We need proof,' was the response. So we had to phone back to the warehouse and ask them to find the original invoices and fax them through to an agent in the next town over the border. Someone there would then bring them to us. Seven hours after arrival we left the border to drive the thirty kilometres to Pristina – with our flour, and without having given the customs men cigarettes, coffee or whisky, which is probably what they had been waiting for all along.

We arrived in Pristina as dusk fell and a crack of thunder warned of rain which soon began quite gently – rather in Scottish style – but soon became a downpour, as a human chain 'hand-balled' all fifteen tons into temporary storage.

Mauritian adventure

by Bronwen Atkinson

Thirteen people – nine from Stanborough Park church, one from Luton church and three from Newbold College – left for Mauritius on Sunday 30 May. They flew from Heathrow and stayed until 20 June. They expected lots of sun and sea, but did *not* go on holiday!



It all started last year during a Global Evangelism presentation at a convention in Barcelona. Brian Davison was so inspired that he determined to gather a team to run a campaign this year. Stanborough Park young people chose Mauritius from among those places available and, in faith, Brian booked seven sites.

However, time went by and he and Audrey Balderstone were the only ones committed to going. Should they delay the venture for one year? Then Pat Walton held a jumble sale to

help finance the project. It raised over one thousand pounds – the largest result ever. Audrey said, 'It seemed like a sign from God and so the decision was taken to go ahead.'

The thirteen ranged in age from 20 to 55. Eight of them preached at eight sites. The eight included four young men and two women. Two were musicians; one rendered necessary first aid; one concentrated on providing for the children and one acted as project photographer and reporter. They were Enoch Ado (Newbold student); Audrey Balderstone (who runs her husband's landscaping business when he is busy driving for ADRA); Cathy Dalton (a nursery nurse); Brian and Cecilia Davison (who run their own double-glazing firm); Chris Dove

(Newbold student); Andrew Evers (a chef); Sabrina Chineegadoo (Newbold student); Lloyd Harris (a carpenter); Lloyd's wife Claudette (a nurse); Laurie Jayram (Newbold student) and Vivienne Vine (Stanborough Park church's Bible worker).

On 11 June Audrey Balderstone reported: 'Our churches range from a large modern university church to a tent by the side of a small church, and attendances are between 200 and 300 people per night at each church. All the programmes commence around 7pm, but because of traffic and distance the first preacher leaves around 4pm and we all arrive home around 10pm. Until now each day has been taken up with refining, honing and practising the

Chiswick choir in Croatia

From 6-12 April Adriatic Union College hosted the Chiswick Gospel Choir from London. Under the professional leadership of Lynda Saunders and Gillian Musanu, this choir, which consists of British Adventists mainly of Afro-Caribbean origin, held concerts in Zagreb, Slatina and Pula.

At all of these performances the choir, along with the Reeves family, performed their modern gospel and black spiritual music with joyful enthusiasm, creating an atmosphere of joy and excitement for those in attendance. Even though they claim to be amateurs, they have behind them ten years of continuous service.

The choir's ex-pastor Sinisa Horvat arranged the visit. He was born in Slatina and was a former student of the college. He now works and lives in England along with his family. The members of the choir were hosted at the college for the first couple of days. From there they travelled to Zagreb and



Slatina to hold concerts in aid of humanitarian causes and all the money collected was for those who are sick and in need. In six days they travelled over 2,300 kilometres, raised over £2,000, and witnessed to over 1,000 people (mainly Catholics) who were grateful for their singing.

ELMA NOEL

Peckham Baptism

On 22 May three candidates decided to give their lives to Christ and to be a part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Those candidates were, Elaine Wilson, Enos Henry and Valentine Blake. It was a wonderful and emotional time for many as loved ones and friends gathered around the baptismal pool.

Elaine had prayed to God for the truth, and was led to the Peckham

Church. Enos felt that he had reached the age where he needed to commit fully to God. Valentine had always had a place in her heart for the Lord and decided to accept him fully as her personal Saviour.

Read their stories:

Elaine Wilson

'Some say that 'ignorance' is bliss, but Jesus said 'You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free'. A few years back I prayed to God for the truth and he took me on an amazing journey. I thank God for coming into my life and praise him for his unconditional love.'

Valentine Blake

'I started to attend Peckham last year. I was not invited; just went on my own – and I was always made to feel welcome. So I have decided to accept the Lord fully as my personal saviour and be baptised.'

Enos Henry

'I promise to serve God for the rest of my life and do his will and obey him. He is working in my life.'



sermon which will be presented that evening.'

She continued: 'We have been amazed at the organisation and total commitment of the local church members. Their dedication is absolutely amazing and has resulted in the numbers attending increasing, instead of decreasing, each evening. Not only have they spent three months in preparation for the campaigns, but they attend each evening, and plans are in place to continue Bible studies with those who have already indicated their desire to know more about our Message.'

The background to Enos's attendance at Peckham was a testimony in itself. Another of our members, Leonie Stanley, had been feeling the need to do something for God. Then, one day, God sent her out shopping (in a direction she hadn't planned to go) and she met a friend she hadn't seen for some time. The friend spoke about his parents, his father in particular, who hadn't been to church for some years because he wanted to go to an Adventist church. Surprise! Leonie replied, 'I'm an Adventist'. She went to visit Enos that very day and he was so happy to meet with a fellow Adventist. The rest of the story, as we say, is history!

CAROL JOSEPH

What do a baptism, a band, and a big screen have in common?

The answer? Charlotte Jane Dust, aged 11, who was baptised at Totteridge Road Baptist church on 27 March, and welcomed into membership of 'The Church', Enfield Town.

The Church normally meets at Kingsmead School in Enfield, but a new venue had to be secured for the day of her baptism. Due to its central location, Charlotte chose the Baptist church near her home, so that her family, friends, neighbours and teachers would be able to attend.

On the day, sixty turned out to watch and take part in the happy event. Of these, only eighteen were Adventists and the remainder mostly unchurched. When the invitations went out, many of those invited wondered 'Exactly what is a baptism?' Others thought it meant a christening! However, all their questions were answered when Charlotte was baptised by Pastor Jon Gendle. The comments afterwards revealed that the Holy Spirit had been at work in their hearts as they came face to face with the joy God can impart to his children. 'The whole service was so moving,' 'It touched my heart,' 'I didn't think church could be like this,' 'Will you come and visit me at my home,' and 'Can I visit your church?' were just some of many comments expressed over the refreshments that followed.

The Church band played a large part in the day's events and contributed greatly to the joy felt by many. Charlotte worships and plays in the band, which uses contemporary worship songs in keeping with the nature of The Church.

And the big screen? Charlotte was part of the 'think tank' that came up with the idea of advertising



on the big screen. Following a number of consultations between Pastor Gendle and the representative from Pearl and Dean, an advertisement featuring The Church is now showing at the local UGC cinema, next door to where The Church meets.

JOSE BENNELL

Stanborough Primary School
Applicants are invited to apply for a full-time (job-share will be considered) teaching post available in our Key Stage 2 department starting September 2004. If you would like to join our committed, professional team; are familiar with the National Curriculum; are keen to keep abreast with current educational practice; enjoy being part of a learning and faith community, please send your CV to The Headteacher, Stanborough Primary School, Appletree Walk, Garston, Watford, WD25 0DQ. Tel: 01923 673291. Applicants by Friday 9 July 2004.

Harper Bell Adventist School invites tenders to provide school meals. The meal provider would produce a variety of wholesome vegetarian meals, catering also for children on more restricted diets. Kitchen facilities are on-site and Health and Safety Regulations must be met. The school has 100 pupils and staff requiring meals, with provider responsible for purchase of ingredients, production and serving of meals. Tenders should be submitted, along with suggested 5-day menu, references and copies of relevant Catering and Health and Safety Certificates, to Mr O. Stewart, Headteacher, Harper Bell School, 29 Ravenhurst Street, Camp Hill, Birmingham B12 0EJ.

a deep-seated spirituality and knowledge of God. Without the rhetoric, excessive humour and loud voice stereotypical of many Black American preachers, he spoke sincerely, earnestly and humbly to the people. There was no 'I did this, and I did that'. He presented Jesus and Jesus only in his sermons. His theme for the week was the 'Sovereignty of God'. As a scholar of Jewish history, having gained his MA in this subject together with Business Administration, his sermons were meaningful, structured and well researched.

However, when he spoke of the death of his daughter in August last year, the silent tears flowed. His elegant wife who accompanied him sat with her head bowed. One could not help being moved at the revelation. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as they receive healing.

While walking around the site on Monday trying to find my chalet, someone called me. As I looked around, a face that I last saw around fifteen years ago at school greeted me. I remembered Stephen Eastwood well. He was in class with my youngest brother David. Stephen was the speaker for the youth service. Using his unique look at life, Stephen shared the Gospel with the young people.

Stephen is a graduate of Newbold College and is a pastor in a college town on the coast of California. He said, 'My ministry is all about helping people see God.'

Teens Ministries was somewhat different in many ways. Many teens who attended camp told me that they were surprised at the changes, so much so that many appeared to spend the entire camp meeting walking around in the sunshine. However, they were not disappointed in the speaker, Pastor D. C. Edmond, Executive secretary of the South Central Conference (USA). Having

been a Youth director in the past, he was able to engage the young people, and his relevant presentations had the number of teens attending each evening growing steadily.

Pastor Edmond has a special interest in teenagers and has even written a book on teenage dating and relationships entitled *Do it Right*. However, his personality came alive as he spoke to the youth during their hour of devotion each morning.

Dr Keith Burton very ably gave the morning devotional in the adult service. Keith is a man who speaks with clarity and authority. This is partly due to his personality, his education, and upbringing in the Croydon church. He is a historian and prolific writer. Apart from his articles appearing in the *Adventist Review, Celebration, Message, Collegiate Quarterly, Sabbath School Leadership, Spectrum and Ministry*, he has also authored two books, and his third book, *The Compassion of the Christ*, is soon to be released by Stanborough Press. Most recently he has been commissioned to write the *Adult Sabbath School Lesson* for the fourth quarter for 2006 and the commentary on Colossians for the *Advent Believers Commentary*. He teaches Religion at Oakwood College and serves as the associate pastor of the Madison Mission Adventist church. The South England Conference is extremely proud of their home-grown son and thank God for his ministry.

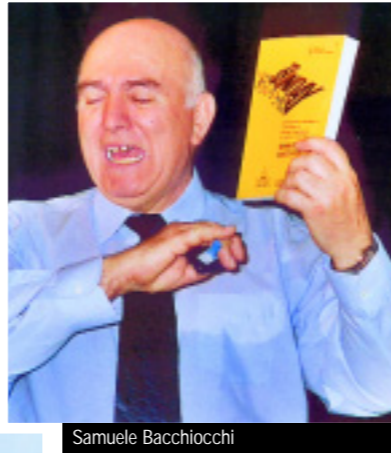
Dr Samuele Bacchiocchi is always a popular speaker in South England. He is best known for his books *From Sabbath to Sunday* and *Divine Rest for Human*



Henry Fordham III



D.C. Edmond



Samuele Bacchiocchi

Restlessness, and his main presentations were 'Pillars of Our Faith', centring around the Sabbath and the Second Coming.

I had an interesting conversation with Dr Bacchiocchi regarding musical issues on site. His controversial views on the topic differed greatly from my own understanding of good Christian music, and his impromptu presentation to the youth regarding this issue caused even the most conservative to be somewhat alarmed.

One of the features of camp meeting is the Health Spot. Dr Neil Nedley, a full-time practising physician in internal medicine with cardiology, gastroenterology, preventative medicine, mental health and the difficult-to-diagnose patient. His workshops were excellent, attracting at least 200 attendees each day. His wife and four young boys accompanied Dr Nedley to camp meeting.

Music

When I think of soothing music and a sweet voice, my mind immediately comes to dwell on the God-given talents of Walter Arties. His breath

the many workshops held. These included subjects such as Anger Management (Family Life), Parenting (Family Life), Women's Ministries, Spiritual Gifts, Music in Worship, Purpose-Driven Sabbath School, Children's Ministries, The Poetic Voice (Adventist Writers & Editors), ASNA, Publishing, Child Protection and Drug Awareness.

Camp Meeting TV

Camp Meeting TV was organised and run by 144TV, a group of young people from South London. The programmes were designed, edited and broadcast by them alongside the Hope Channel. Their target audience was primarily the youth and children

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Congratulations to Cynthia Benz on receiving a PhD in Theology from the University of Birmingham.

ABC BOOK SALES

July	4 John Loughborough	10am-2pm
	11 Manchester	10am-1pm
August	1 John Loughborough	10am-2pm
	4-8 Youth Congress, Poland	
	15 West Midlands	10am-2pm
September	5 Stanborough Press Open Day	

control is second to none. His angelic tones made my body tingle and my soul revive. If there was a time when I felt God spoke to me personally it was when I listened to him.

Pastor Walter Arties currently serves as manager/treasurer for the Voice of Prophecy at the Adventist Media Centre. He combines his musical artistry with a warmth and spiritual sensitivity seldom encountered in the Adventist community. In 1973 he was inspired to develop the *Breath of Life* telecast, which is currently viewed throughout the USA, Bermuda and part of the West Indies.

Pastor Arties also made a major contribution to the two concerts held during the week. Both of these featured 'ol time religion songs that truly blessed the hearts of the members. Denzle McDonald, Denise Wint and Demi Best also blessed the adult services with music. A fully rehearsed and highly professional praise team made a significant difference to the youth programme.

Thanks are extended to Paul Lee, Conference Music co-ordinator, for his time and hard work in developing music that was appropriate for the various occasions. In addition to this, appreciation should be given to Tony Best, Trevor Johnson, Sammy Messiah, Eddison Weekes and Clive Shepherd.

Workshops

Each year knowledge is gained from

PEARL MAUD HENRY (1923-2003) d. 16 October. On 29 September 1923, in a small town in St Mary, Jamaica, Rosetta and Hubert Grant proudly announced the arrival of their baby daughter, Pearl Maud, the youngest of three children. Their bouncing baby girl quickly developed into a lively child who attended Marlborough Primary School in Orange River, St Mary. School days were successful, and she excelled at most things. Each Sunday she worshipped at the local Methodist Church. In the early 1940s, during her late teenage years, she was introduced to the Advent message when she was invited to attend a series of evangelistic meetings conducted by Pastor Stockhausen near Richmond, St Mary. From her early days as an Adventist, she was excited to find ways to serve the Lord and further his Gospel. So by the late 1940s she answered the call to work in colporteur ministry with her close friend Evalyn Samuels (née Rowbotham), whom she had previously introduced to the Adventist faith. It was in the 1950s, while working as a colporteur and also as a trainee midwife, that she met and later married the love of her life, a health inspector named Alfred Henry. Not long after this the family emigrated to England, where Pearl pursued her career at the Thurnby Lodge nursing home in Leicester. She completed her training as a Psychiatric Nurse in 1967 and then worked at The Towers and Stretton Hall Hospitals until her retirement in 1987. About that time she, along with Brother Ken Marshall, helped to establish Golden Fellowship, a thriving, weekly club in Leicester for senior Christians and their friends. Throughout her years in England, Pearl was a tireless, active member of the Leicester Adventist church. In the 1970s, along with Brother and Sister Chambers, she developed a Branch Sabbath School in Merrydale and Saffron Lane, and often worked closely with the children of the neighbourhood where she lived. Over the years she has steadfastly and earnestly used her spiritual gifts in the cause of God, and carried the responsibility of several positions in her church including that of local elder, Community Services leader, Sabbath School superintendent and treasurer. In 1996 she successfully completed the NEC-sponsored lay preachers' course. In more recent years she was involved with the development of the newly formed St Matthew's Estate Branch Sabbath School. Following her retirement, Pearl became a short-term foster carer and welcomed several children into her care. In the years after this, she also opened her home to four young Adventist students: Janice, Aleta, Sarah and Bridgett, with whom she developed firm and enduring relationships. On 16 October 2003 the Lord brought rest to another of his true and faithful servants - a welcomed peace for her, after a brave and fierce struggle with the effects of the very medication that was hoped would lengthen her life. Her family and friends take comfort in the knowledge that her place with God is secured, and that she will arise at the invitation of Jesus to 'come and inherit the Kingdom that has been ready for you from the very establishment of the world'. She leaves to mourn, husband Alfred; sons Carlton and Astor; daughter and son-in-law Karen and Volney; grandchildren Richard, Leyan, Kimberley, Ben, Ryan, Callun, and Kai; and many close friends, neighbours, relatives and church family who miss her dearly. She was an inspiration to every life she touched and holds a special place in all our hearts. We will never forget her hearty laughter and joy of life. We know we'll see her in God's bright morning.

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EVELYN (EVA) WALKER (née Perrin) (1916-2004) d. 9 April. It is with great sorrow that the Lack family have lost another dearly loved sister. Eva was born in 1916 and was barely 1 year old when her father (Jesse Perrin) was killed in action in World War I. She was the third child of her mother, who married

Edward Lack in 1919, and she became one of a family of ten children. Soon after her stepfather died in 1931, Eva was baptised with her mother by Pastor Roy A. Anderson, and they became members of the Holloway church. As a young teenager, she sang in the choir for the evangelistic meetings conducted by Pastor Anderson in Finsbury Park and Wood Green. At that very exciting time, Eva made many friends from the choir and in the church. One of her friends became her husband, Len Walker. To help her widowed mother financially, Eva left school and spent several months working at Granose on Stanborough Park. Because this proved to be unprofitable, she went back home and worked in Hatton Garden, where she continued to work until she married Len in 1939. They had two sons, Peter and Raymond. When they were bombed out, near Alexander Palace, they settled in Wood Green. For many years Eva and Len were valued and active members of the Holloway church, and also gave help and assistance to Pastor George Vandeman and his evangelistic team at the London Coliseum and New Gallery evangelistic meetings in the 1950s. At that time, they gave accommodation to many Adventist missionaries and travellers passing through London, making a host of friends worldwide. In 1959 Eva, Len and boys left England to live and work in Cooranbong, Avondale, NSW, Australia. Len worked in the Sanitarium health food factory and Eva became the catering director at Avondale College, where she worked until she retired. Eva never really enjoyed the best of health, but she had a very happy disposition, and was great fun to be with. She endeared herself to all who knew her. Sadly, just over two years ago she was diagnosed with a serious heart condition. With her faith and trust in her Lord, and with his help, she bravely carried on, and with the love and care of those around her she endeavoured to cope with her situation. She spent her last six months in Kressville residential care in Cooranbong, near to her family and friends. Eva never really settled there, nor recovered from the loss of her beloved Len who died, exactly to the day, five years earlier. Eva died peacefully in her sleep (just as she wished) in the early hours of Good Friday, and she is very sadly missed by all who loved her, including her two sisters, four brothers, her son Ray, Jenny and family, Peter's widow Rhonda and family, and her first and only 1-year-old great-grandson Harry, plus a very wide circle of relatives in Australia and the UK. Eva was buried in Avondale cemetery with Len, and near to Peter, where she waits to hear the call of Jesus on that wonderful, promised Resurrection morning, when death, sickness and partings will be no more, and Jesus will bring with him the gifts of eternal life and youth - the time Eva was looking forward to - a glorious day soon to come!

JOHN GOLDRICH (1917-2004) d. 27 April. John was born in Glasgow on 27 May 1917. He was the youngest of a large family when his mother passed away. At the age of 4 he was sent to live with a crofter family on the Island of Mull. It was a happy life and he attended school until he was 14, then became a full-time shepherd. When he was 17 John decided to join the Royal Navy. He was stationed in Plymouth and it was there, during the Second World War, that he met and married Kathleen (Gilbert), who had grown up in an Adventist home, but almost twenty years were to pass before the couple joined the Church. In 1956 John was invited to join the staff of the British Consulate in Istanbul. There, he and his family met Pastor and Mrs Connard Rasmussen, missionaries from the United States who lived nearby. They became good friends and after receiving studies were baptised. Turkey was the first of many countries in which they were to work. Wherever possible they worshipped with local Adventists, were active in church life, and

in raising money for local charities. John and Kathy retired from the Diplomatic Service in 1982 when John was awarded the British Empire Medal. Israel was their last posting. They chose Northern Ireland for their retirement home in order to be near their grandchildren, and the Larne and Coleraine church members became their spiritual family. Following Kathy's death in 1996, John moved to Antrim where he lived with his daughter, Enid. Four years later he suffered the first of several strokes and Alzheimer's Disease was also diagnosed. As a qualified nurse, Enid cared for her father at home and latterly visited regularly when he was moved to a nearby nursing home. John's final illness was very sudden and within a week he passed peacefully to rest. Pastor Anton Kapusi and members from the Coleraine church gave prayerful support to John and his family at the hospital and later at the funeral service when they were joined by nursing staff and many friends who came to pay tribute to a true gentleman. John is now at rest in the Belmont Cemetery in Antrim, and is sadly missed by his daughters Mary and Enid, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family circle scattered throughout the United Kingdom and New Zealand. During John's long and interesting life the 23rd Psalm continued to have special meaning for him. His family look forward in faith to the day when the Good Shepherd will reunite them and they will 'dwell in the house of the Lord forever'.

MARY BARBER
The family are most grateful for the prayers and messages of sympathy sent during John's illness and following his death.

LESLIE FREDERICK BROOKES (1917-2004) d. 31 May. Les Brookes was born the year the Russian Revolution began and he lived beyond its dissolution. Born in Wales he became an Adventist after attending evangelistic meetings with his mother. His father insisted his wife and family attend the meetings, though he did not attend himself. Joining the Church set the direction of his life until his death. Aged 17 he left Wales to work at Dr Shone's Sanatorium in Walthamstow. From there he went to Granose Foods on Stanborough Park, beginning in the stockroom and graduating through most of the departments. He was Sales manager when he retired at 62 after 42 years' service. He was a lifelong member of Stanborough Park church, where his abilities as a tenor were often employed. He was second tenor in the English King's Heralds. Les died suddenly and unexpectedly on 31 May, aged 87. He was a kind, generous and cheerful Christian, and is missed by his second wife Hazel (née Norris), his daughter Anita, his sister Belle Taylor, the wider family and his large circle of friends. The funeral service took place at West Herts crematorium, and the large attendance of friends from Wiltshire to Wales was evidence of the influence and affection Les and Hazel generated. Messages of condolence from the General Conference president Dr Jan Paulsen, and Dr B. B. Beach, were especially encouraging. The choice of hymns, scripture readings and homily expressed Les's Christian faith and the hope he had in the promise of Jesus to return and bestow life everlasting on all who have put their hope and trust in him. Until Jesus comes our brother rests in this hope. The service was conducted by the writer assisted by Alan Creasy, Les's son-in-law.

PATRICK J. BOYLE

The John Loughborough School cordially invites you to its annual **Thanksgiving Service** Sabbath 10 July at the Holloway Church 381 Holloway Road, N7 9.30am-12.30 and 4pm-6pm



of the church. However, the morning show did cater for everyone.

Credit should be given to Cynthia Arthur and Olga Budrova for their hard work in launching this project.

Let's make a difference

Sabbath at camp meeting is always a 'high day in Zion' and this year was no exception. Sabbath School was led by Aris Vontzalidis, Conference director. Two audio-visual presentations made a difference to the service.

Let's Make a Difference was the title for one of the videos and is the theme for the month of September when the members of the church are encouraged to get involved in their community, without any other agenda except help for help's sake. Jesus went about doing good and we as his followers should do the same. More information will be available shortly and a copy of the DVD will be sent out to each church.

Sabbath highlights

Sabbath highlights this year began on Friday evening with the communion service. Pastor Steve McKenzie spoke with power and conviction about the meaning of the service to Christians. With a mix of humour

and provoking thoughts, our minds were drawn to the throne of God to find mercy and grace.

On Sabbath afternoon three young men were formally ordained to the Gospel ministry. Nathan Stickland is an Associate Youth director in South England with responsibility for the Pathfinders and Adventurers. He is the eldest son of Pastor Mike and Mrs Sheila Stickland and is married to Emma (née Davidson). They have three children. Nathan is outgoing, hard-working and thorough.

Frlson Todd Frias also followed in the footsteps of his father in accepting the call to ministry. He serves the Filipino members in London. He has introduced a number of innovative evangelistic programmes and



Eddie Hypolite



Pastor Stephen Eastwood



Dr Keith Burton

has trained his members for service. He recently married Joy Lopena.

Michael Njagi Mbui was born in Kenya and became an Adventist in 1982. After graduating in 1998 he entered ministry and subsequently served as the associate chaplain for the Central Kenya Conference and the district pastor for Embu Town. He is the pastor of the Maranatha Hayes and Maranatha Beckton churches. He is married to Nancy Njagi and they have two daughters.

In conclusion, I feel like Paul at the beginning of Hebrews 12, 'surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses' testifying to the glory of God, knowing him and making him known at SEC camp meeting 2004. Many other things happened at camp

meeting, but you really needed to be there. . . .

On behalf of the officers of the South England Conference, I should like to thank those who faithfully support camp meeting each year. Sincere thanks to all those who voluntarily come each year and serve in various capacities to ensure the smooth running of the programme. Appreciation to all the chairpersons and worship leaders for the events, and to all the workshop presenters.

And finally, Thanks be to God for another camp meeting. I hope and pray that those who attended know God more and will spend time in making him known to others.

See you at camp meeting next year where I hear we will be joining with our northern members. . . .

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'No Ring, No Ting' charity concert	Sabbath 3 July, 7pm	Greenwich church, Devonshire Drive, London, SE10 8JZ	Yvonne Campbell	Tel. 0208 692 1025, sanctuary@greenwichsda.org.uk Adults £10, children FREE
Divorce Care Ministry	Sabbath 10 July (pm)	Newcastle church	Merrily Richie, DivorceCare administrator	Tel Pastor C. Sweeney at NEC on 0115 9606 312
All London Sports Day	Sunday 11 July	London	LYF Sports Council	Tel London Youth Federation on 07956 688923
Moss Side Garden Party/Gospel Concert	8 August 2pm	Millenium Park, Great Western St., Moss Side, Manchester	Manchester Central Church	Tessa (0161) 226 3564 Free Lunch
Midsummer – an afternoon of music and song	Sunday 25 July 2pm	Lewisham church, 428 Lewisham High Street	Lewisham choir	Buses 54, 199, 136, 47, 75, 208 nicolabest@alstonroad.freeserve.co.uk
New LETS ANNUAL	9-15 August	Northampton	R. Morgan, NEC	Contact R. Morgan at NEC: 0115 960 6312.

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