HAPPY BIRTHDAY: CATTERICK CELEBRATES

Church plants are springing up across the British Isles but one of the most unusual ones must be in Catterick, North Yorkshire, home to Britain's largest army base. Yet for the last year a group of Adventists have been meeting there and developing a witness. This climaxed with 'the first fruits' in a New Year celebration on Sunday, 8 January 2012, their first birthday. A baptism of five individuals marked their 'new birth days'. But it was not just the adults. They then brought their six children: Hannah, Gloria, Etuate, Aleynah, Estellar and Louisa, to be dedicated to the Lord.

God had a particular plan when He laid it on the hearts of Weisele and Maria Wainiqolo to search for the truth about the Bible Sabbath. Consequently, leaving the fellowship of their local church they began observing Sabbath in their own home. At the start of 2011 they invited Pastor Volney Ham-Ying to study and worship with them. As the studies progressed, friends and family returning from postings abroad in such places as Helmand Province, Afghanistan, also began to attend. Although full, regular attendance was challenged with the interruption of training commitments; one mother, Virginia, travelled with her children every week from the army base near York to be part of the meetings.

Prayers were answered as facilities within the nearby Marne Barracks were made available for weekly Sabbath services. And through the year many more prayers for God's leading and guidance were also heard and answered.

What a great joy it was to witness Weisele and Maria together, publically committing their decision to follow Jesus all the way as they were first to be baptised. They were joined by another couple: Mikalele and Virginia Vakalolowa, along with Guardsman Autiko Domonakibau, a member of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards. All but one of the baptismal candidates are actively serving in the British Army. Now they are all soldiers in The Army of The King of Kings!
The North England Conference leadership team joined to make the day special. Warm words of encouragement from God's promises came from the President, Pastor Cyril Sweeney, along with Pastor Michael Simpson who oversees church plants across the Conference. They were joined by Pastor Curtis Murphy, NEC Area 1 Coordinator and minister at Newcastle church. The day climaxed with evening celebrations as a ten car convoy was led passed armed guards to a specially prepared feast at our regular meeting place: The Community Hall in Marne Barracks, Catterick.

CHURCH PLANTERS GET WEB TRAINING [SEC Communications]

How does the public know a church plant exists? That was the question posed on Sunday, 22 January at Newbold Church Centre as a designated training day was developed so church planters could sharpen their skills in integrating websites as part of evangelism. "With no website or web presence your church plant simply does not register on the radar of non-churched people," South England Conference Communication and Media director, Pastor Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist stated. An experienced church planter and coach herself, Pastor Øster-Lundqvist was enthusiastic to train the planters in seeing their websites as not only a necessity, but crucial in evangelism. "If the plant wishes to be involved in the community," Pastor Øster-Lundqvist continues, "a friendly and inviting website for the non-Adventist community is key."

Pastor Simon Martin attended the training along with his team from the 'Creative Church' in Dunstable. He was enthused: "The training proved to be extremely informative, practical and helpful. The seminar highlighted how essential it is in today's online culture to have a well-designed website for our church plants which contains the right mission-focused content, is appealing to the eye, and kept up to date!"

The training, a collaboration between two departments at the Conference, introduced planters to the basic steps of setting up a website and outlined some of the dos and don'ts of good web design. The day generated a lot of ideas. Pastor Martin adds, "As soon as the seminar finished our team set about redesigning our website!" NetAdventist, the free website service for Adventist churches in the UK and Ireland, also found a list of sign-up requests when planters returned home to their computers. Some of those sites are already looking very good.

The training was with the aim of strengthening the church planter's skill and understanding of how to make best use of web ministry. Through practical examples and a challenging exercise to look at various church and church plant websites through the eyes of non-Adventists, the message was brought home as to just how important it is to be intentional in what goes on a website. A couple of good church plant websites such as the Watering Hole and London Live were highlighted. "This really has planted some fertile seeds in our minds and broadened our outlook as to what we can do and how we can grow," stated Richard Newman from the Redhill plant in Surrey.

Stefan Stanicu, SEC technical coordinator joined the group to present on some basic technical items to consider and to share the available option for churches to make use of netAdventist. "It was an excellent day and all the church planters gave positive feedback; they've learnt things!" Pastor Aris Vontzalidis said with enthusiasm. "What is really great" he continued, "is that lots of them want to follow it up by going to further training through the SECmedia Academy this spring."

This is something that church planter, Jenny Williams, from Slough plant confirmed. "It was a highly practical seminar, filled with useful information such as, how the SEC and the BUC through subsidies are making netAdventist websites available to us for no cost! What I really liked," continued Williams
"was how Pastor Øster-Lundqvist combined the technical and practical skills of media with the spiritual side of church planting."

Pastor Martin added his team had been so enthusiastic after the training that they took Pastor Vontzalidis up on his offer of financial assistance for those church planters present to help out with the cost of attending the upcoming SECmedia Academy.

**GOD IN A RECESSION** Also a BUC News Video Report.

The start of a New Year and the bills are coming in following the Christmas spend. Wages are frozen or cut back. For many there is job insecurity, and increased fuel and food costs are eating into the family budget. Watching the news brings little joy except the thought that, "When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."


Yet while Christians look forward to the return of Christ, they still have to live today. In fact, some ask, How can I plan for 'tomorrow' when I am so worried about just getting through today?

In a short, insightful video presentation, Pastor Ian Sweeney, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland quotes Jesus' advice in Matthew 6:25-34 adding that money is not something Christians should worry about. "Worry actually changes nothing anyway," he states. However, he doesn't just leave it there and notes that as Christians, we have to be responsible. He then gives some very practical advice from his own experience, as to how to make ends meet, even in difficult times.

The Church is equally looking at budgets and praise is consistently given to God for the faithfulness of members in difficult times. Treasurers at Conference, Union and Mission level, as well as in local church settings, recognise the sacrifice that many members willingly make to support the Mission of the Church with tithes and offerings. "This is something we should never take for granted," states BUC Treasurer, Victor Pilmoor. "In preparing our 2012 budget I tried to clearly demonstrate to our trustees, and thus to our members, the mission focus of our activities. It is a humbling exercise." Regular reports on church finances are published on the BUC website which then flow alongside all the exciting reports of mission. While the emphasis on Mission and Evangelism is something that Pastor Sweeney will always keep as the top priority in his leadership, it is also something he demonstrates in his own personal life, including his finances, along with his family. "We wouldn't have anything if it were not for God," he states, thus when he sits with his wife to set the family budget, the things of God come first and that mission focus helps them with their other budgetary requirements and to live within their means. The three-minute video presentation is available now on the Hope TV-UK website.

**EVANGELISING SECULARISED BRITAIN**

Adventist business people and students are ready to take on BUC President, Pastor Ian Sweeney's challenge to evangelise secularised Britain. As leaders in their communities, universities and work places, this core group of individuals recognise that they have an important part to play in sharing the love of Christ in the context of the Adventist message, this according to ASI President, Jim Cunningham.

Jim, a retired Headteacher, knows a thing or two about secularised Britain. He led a school made up principally of working class, white youth in a deprived area of Grimsby. They came from a heritage
of fishermen who saw little value in education, but who now live in a Britain where the fishing fleet is a small fraction of what it used to be. Mentoring and showing them value in the better side of life was an important part of his role. Jim confesses that for a number of years he found himself on the periphery of the church, but getting involved in the Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI), Jim has found his life invigorated. "If there is one thing I want to achieve during my time in office," he says, "it is to see how Adventist business folk from every background can be enabled to help share the gospel 'in the marketplace'.

That is already happening, quite literally. ASI board member, Colleen Lewis, felt impressed to open up a Christian bookstall in Corby Market. Even though the stall runs at a loss, she has been amazed at the opportunities that this has given her to be able to share her faith. "It is not a loss. It is all profit for God," she told BUC Communication director, Victor Hulbert, during this week's recording of an 'In Conversation' programme to be aired on Revelation TV in the second quarter of 2012.

University student, Charlotte Bramble is planning to be at this year's ASI-UK Convention, 10 - 12 February. She says, "We as young people are especially aware of the challenges of this secular society in which we live. Whether you are a student, recent graduate, unemployed, self-supported ministry, entrepreneur, however you categorize yourself, come and learn from God's Word and from each other how we can reach the people around us." She has been part of the team planning the weekend that will bring Adventist business people and students together from across the British Isles under the theme 'Evangelising secularised Britain'. The programme at Staverton Park Hotel near Northampton is open for both weekend and Sabbath visitors but you have to book in advance. Passionate communicators will join together with various specialists who will share how God is already at work 'in the marketplace', but the emphasis, particularly in the Sabbath afternoon presentation and debate, will be to learn and share ideas. Charlotte says, "Be inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit as you hear how God has used people just like you and me to reach our secular community."

There are still a few spaces left both for day and weekend participants. If you are an Adventist business person or a university student, you are encouraged to attend and see how you can be part of the difference. For more details, a programme outline and costs visit <http://www.asi-uk.info/events/> or phone ASI secretary on 07790 452920, email <christinemanners_smith@yahoo.com>.

"GET CONNECTED – A CALL TO SERVE" [London Youth Federation]

Rachael Cuffie is a member of the Holloway Adventist church. She says, "I am a 21-year-old passionate young woman after God's own heart." Now she has taken on a new challenge – to serve as President for the London Youth Federation (LYF), for the next two years alongside her Vice President, Adrian Lee from Edmonton Central church. Rachael adds, "The London Youth Federation team will remain empty allowing God to fill us by the Holy Spirit, inspiring us as we serve and feed His lambs."

Who are the LYF? The London Youth Federation was established in the early 90s as a youth movement, empowering and equipping the youth of London to spread the Gospel. According to Rachael, "The aims of the LYF have evolved to meet the holistic needs of the youth they serve by equipping, cultivating and fortifying them to turn their communities upside down and invite all who will hear into a relationship with Jesus Christ. We aim to help both young men and women to reach unparalleled..."
mental, physical, and spiritual heights as we readily wait the soon coming of our Saviour and Friend Jesus."

With a newly elected leadership team, plan to hear much more on the work of the LYF, and how, together with youth and youth leaders, they can work cooperatively to make a real difference across London. Aims and objectives will be published in the next few weeks. Rachael concludes, "Revival is the most urgent need of the youth of London today and this is my first work. It is my passion to bring this world to an end; I long to see Jesus come in this generation: aren't you ready to go home?" Certainly the answer across London and beyond must be an overwhelming, "Yes!"

**A CHURCH WITH HOPE** [Simeon Esson]

Beckenham is a church with hope. It is a church with community. Christmas Eve Sabbath saw the church packed with a special programme that involved children, adults and youth in an extended worship service that drew the community. The festive refreshments afterwards heightened the sense of fellowship. Guest speaker for the day, BUC Communication director, Pastor Victor Hulbert, expressed that, "this is my kind of church. The spirit and the fellowship here is one that draws you back."

Originally a daughter church of Croydon Adventist church, Hope Community has matured over the years. On Sabbath, 21 January this continued as four ladies were ordained as deaconesses by Pastor S Matthias Esson: Coreen Williams, who heads the department; Elizabeth Wilkinson, Pheobe Kyeyune and Diana St Hill.

The church was packed to capacity with both members and, as always, community visitors. The music was rich. The fellowship enamoured. A number of young people were involved in the service, extending the welcome, leading the praise and worship, giving the community prayer, calling for the offering.

Pastor Esson, intriguingly preached a sermon entitled, 'Ready to Work the Work of the Lord'. He also prayed the ordination prayer and was assisted by Elders Yeboah, Henry, Demercardo, Roberts and Stephenson in the laying on of hands for the ordination.

**DEATH OF MRS EDITH MADGWICK**

It is with sadness that we have received news of the death of Mrs Edith Madgwick (née Morgan). Mrs Madgwick died 16 January 2012, after a period of ill health at the age of 84. Edith Morgan had worked as a secretary at Newbold College and in 1956 married the then principal of the college, Pastor William R A Madgwick. Following their marriage, the couple moved to North America where Pastor Madgwick took up a post at Atlantic Union College until retirement in September 1967. Following his death in 1983, Edith returned home to the UK and settled in Merseyside. She is survived by her sister Marjorie Gibson and niece Karen Chapman. Details of the funeral service will be forwarded as soon as these are available. Thank you for upholding the family in your prayers.
PROGRAMMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK

A choice of UK produced Adventist programmes are available for you to watch this coming week.

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692) watch the following two programmes:

**Searching for a God to Love**, Monday, 30 January, 8:30 pm. Part of a series of presentations by Dr Chris Blake during the Newbold Week of Prayer. This week's title: 'Why I don't Abstain'. This series now also airs on Hope Channel Europe each Friday at 8:30 pm.

'Adventists In Conversation', Thursday 2 February, 8:30 pm. The love of "family" crops up over and over during this lively and engaging interview with Pat Eastwood, but the love and support for her own family has made Pat venture forth to distant places around the world despite her terrible homesickness for those she had left behind.

On Hope TV you can watch a wide variety of programmes on the satellite and website. Next week's schedule includes the following UK produced programmes among its much larger international output:

Friday 27 January: 8:00 pm: Viewpoint: **What is Truth?**
8:30 pm: **Searching for a God to love**. Centre of His business part 2.
Sabbath 28 January: 12:00 am & 9:00 am: Viewpoint: What is Truth?
Monday 30 January: 12:30 am and 9:30 pm: **Chris Rogers** – ‘Christian Scientist' to Christian musician
Wednesday 1 February: 8:00 am: **Dejan Stojkovic** – A Serbian rebel,
12:00 midnight: **Ken Burton** – The music just flows
Friday 3 February: 8:00 pm: Viewpoint: **Organ Donation**, 8:30 pm: **Searching for a God to love**
Sabbath 4 February: 12:00 am & 9:00 am: Viewpoint: Organ Donation, 7:30 pm: Searching for a God to love

COMING EVENTS

AREA 7 - YOUTH FEDERATION ROADSHOW LAUNCH. Sabbath, 28 January. Area 7 - Youth Federation launch their Roadshow 2012. Theme: "The Language of Heaven". Focus will be placed on our commitment to God, His work, our friends and loved ones. Venue: Stevenage Adventist church (Methodist Church Hall), Sish Lane, Old Town, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG1 3LS. Time: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm (fellowship lunch will be provided). Contact: Shannelle Hall <shannelle@a7youth.co.uk>. Phone: 07985 656349.

STOKE CHOIR SINGS OUT. Sabbath, 28 January. Come and be uplifted as Stoke Choir minister in Stafford. Come for the worship, the fellowship and their ministry. 10:00 am Sabbath School, Divine Service, lunch and afternoon programme. The church at Rowley Street, Stafford, ST16 2RH. Contact: Dr Patrick Herbert <docherbert@hotmail.com>. Phone: 07932681927.

SEC TEENS DAY OF FELLOWSHIP. Sabbath, 28 January. I would like to encourage you to join our South England Conference Teens Day of Fellowship that will take place on 28 January 2012 at St Mary's Church, 245 Old Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5QT. See you there. Contact: Dejan Stojkovic <dejan@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 07919172176.

THE MEANING OF LIFE. Sabbath 28, January. The Discourse on Life, Meaning and Purpose through the Book of Ecclesiastes presented by Radisa Antic PhD. This is not just for Seventh-day Adventists. It is your chance to bring along that person at work who you have never been able to invite, the neighbour you have always been meaning to ask, the clever friend who knows it all, the lost Christian or church member. You bring them, God will do the rest. Time: 3:00 pm. Where?
Guildford Friends Meeting House, 3 Ward Street, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4LH. 15 minute walk from Guildford main train station and 5 minutes from London Road Guildford train station. Head towards the market in North Street and opposite the library and to the left next to the public toilet block will be our North Street entrance. Light refreshments provided. Contact: Paul <paulanthonymcconkey@hotmail.com>. Phone: 07817324070.

FILM OF OLD NEWBOLD & STANBOROUGH 1930S AND 40S. Sabbath, 28 January. Film of Old Newbold and Stanborough Park in the 1930s and 1940s. Come and take a trip down Memory Lane at 15:00 on Sabbath afternoon, 28 January. Venue: Moor Close, Newbold College, St Marks Road, Binfield, Berkshire, RG42 4AN. Contact: Kelvin Watson <kelvinwatson@uwclub.net>. Phone: 01344 452720.

SCOTTISH MISSION CHURCH OFFICERS' TRAINING DAY. Sunday, 29 January. 10:30 – 4:00 pm, at Crieff Adventist Church, Gwydyr Road, Crieff, PH7 4BS. Open to all church members, not just church officers, this is a day of workshops for everyone who is interested in the work of the church, and witnessing. Workshops planned so far include: Leadership, Prayer Ministries, Outreach, Children's Ministries, Family Ministries, Women's Ministries, Health Ministries and Communications. Guest trainers Pastor Eglan Brooks and Pastor Victor Hulbert. Lunch of soup, rolls and drinks provided. Please email Carole at office@sdascotland.com, or phone 01764 653257 if you plan to attend, so we have some idea of numbers attending, and can provide enough food.

PAT'S SALE. Sunday, 29 January. Pat's Sale returns again on Sunday 29 January from 1200 - 1400 in the Stanborough Centre, St Albans Road, Watford, WD25 9JL. The usual stalls will be there including cake, bric-a-brac, books, clothes, china, linen, crafts and toys. Refreshments and light lunches will be available. Admission 20p. All proceeds this month are for the Stanborough Church Soup Run. Contact: Pat Walton <walton@groats.co.uk>. Phone: 01923 672500.

CERTIFIED TRAINING FOR ADVENTIST MUSLIM RELATIONS. Sunday, 29 January. A four-part Certified Training Programme for lay people and pastors interested in Muslim Evangelism. This special course will cover: History of Islam, Expansion of Islam, Spiritual World of Islam, Cultural Barriers and Bible Studies. It will be spread over four Sundays: 29 January, 3 June, 2 September and 9 December. On completion you will receive a certificate and AMR Manual. Venue: The Advent Centre, 12 Crawford Place (off Edgeware Road), W1H 5HD. Cost is only £40 and includes materials, resources and lunch. Places are limited so please register on time to avoid disappointment. Contact: Ms Z Bishop <zbishop@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232 728.

AWARDS EVENING - "EXCELLENCE FOR HIS EXCELLENCE". Saturday, 4 February. Recognition of educational and community achievements throughout 2011. This programme will highlight personal achievements and thank those dedicated educators who have gone that extra mile for their students. The evening will conclude with a vegan buffet. Contact: Sandra Anderson <smonica.anderson@googlemail.com>. Phone: 07746897433.

NEC SABBATH SCHOOL LEVEL 1 TEACHER TRAINING. Sunday, 5 February and Sunday 19, February. Presenter: Beulah Plunkett Sabbath School director. Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. The event will run for two Sundays: 5 & 19 February 2012. Lunch is provided. Venue: Newtown Church,
Lichfield Rd, Aston, Birmingham, B6 5SX. To book a place: Call NEC Sabbath School dept on tel: 01159606312. For course information: Call 07961643597. Learn the art of teaching and facilitating; improve your communication skills; plan interesting and interactive lessons; make your Sabbath Schools classes a place of learning; help students get the most out of Bible and lesson study. Contact: Orlene Dunkley <odunkley@necadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 0115 9606312.

FEBRUARY DIVERSITY SEMINAR. Tuesday, 7 February. 'Wash me and I shall be blacker than coal' Faith, Ethnicity and Identity in British Seventh-day Adventist Discourses. A lecture by Dr William Ackah Birkbeck, University of London. Dr Ackah has been described as 'British Adventism's leading authority on ethnicity issues'. Venue: Smith Centre, Newbold College, St Mark's Road, Binfield, RG42 4AN. Time: 19:30. Everyone welcome! Contact: Helen Pearson <helenpr@newbold.ac.uk>. Phone: 07775-612610.

ASI UK CONVENTION. Friday, 10 – Sunday, 12 February. 'Evangelising Secularised Britain'. Venue: Staverton Park Hotel, Daventry Road, Staverton, NN11 6JT. Whether you are a student, recent graduate, unemployed, self-supported ministry, entrepreneur, however you categorize yourself, come and learn from God's Word and from each other how we can reach the people around us. Be inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit as you hear how God has used people just like you and me to reach our secular community. Booking form and details on the website, http://www.asi-uk.info, or from Christine Manners Smith. Weekend or day rates available. Contact: Christine Manners Smith <christinemanners_smith@yahoo.com>. Phone: 07790 452920.

LOVE SAX AND ALL THAT JAZZ2 (DA MANS DEM). Saturday, 11 February to Sunday, 12 February. Focus Arts Promotions Presents 'Love Sax and all that Jazz 2' (Da Mans Dem), the sequel to the hit comedy play. Written by Alan Charles, Da Mans Dem takes an informative and humorous look at men and relationships exploring those age old questions of what do men want? Why do men cheat? And what defines a man? In chapter one the girls were explosive in chapter 2 Da Mans Dem will get their say. Valentine Special: Sat 11 & Sun 12 February, Doors 7 pm – Show 7.30 pm. Tickets £17.50 Adv or £20 at the door. Broadway Theatre - Rushey Green, Catford, London, SE6 4RU. Box Office 020 8690 0002 – www.broadwaytheatre.org.uk. More info 07989 574 066 or focusarts.co.uk. Contact: Alan <focusarts@yahoo.co.uk>.

'THE BLACK AND WHITE BALL'. Sunday, 12 February. Holloway Pathfinders cordially invites you to their annual banquet 'The Black and White Ball'. An evening of fun, food and entertainment. Hosted by Joshua Roberts and Rumbi Sithole with DJ Nana Kay. Sunday, 12 February at the Advent Centre, 39 Brendon Street, London, W1H 5HD. Dress code: Formal - Black or White or Black & White. Come and enjoy a three course meal plus a night filled with prizes and surprises. Doors open at 4:00 pm with a drinks reception for early comers. Tickets: £10 Adults and over 7 yrs, £7 for 7 yrs and under. To purchase tickets please see Angeline Barclay and Hadasah Holder or contact 07403 136129 or email pathfinders@myholloway.org. Contact: Holloway Pathfinders <pathfinders@myholloway.org>. Phone: 07403136129.

SEC PRAYER & BIBLE CONFERENCE (TEENS MINISTRIES). Monday, 13 February to Friday, 17 February. Our Teens Prayer & Bible Conference is BACK! This is a life changing experience for many teenagers from around the Conference and Europe. Come and join with your friends and experience the power of God's blessings through prayer, fellowship and socialising. Date: 13-17 February. Speaker: Pastor Ryan Simpson (Associate Youth Director, Southern New England Conference). Venue: Stanborough Park School, Watford, WD25 9JT. Price: £60.00 per person (places are limited so book early to secure your place). Application deadline closes on Friday, 20 January 2012. See website for more details. Contact: Dejan Stojkovic <dejan@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 07919172176.

Small ADS
MARIJTJE VAN RIESEN, an Adventist 19-year-old from Grünstadt, Germany is searching a kindly Adventist family in the UK or Ireland with whom she could stay between April and August this summer for 1 - 3 months. She is happy to care for children and to do light housework or gardening. She speaks German, English, French and basic Spanish and would like to improve her English skills. For more details email Marijtje at m.van-riesen@gmx.de.

ALL DAY BIBLE CONFERENCE, Sabbath, 24 March. 'How to read the Bible for all it's worth!' featuring: Laurence Turner, Aulikki Nahkola, Cedric Vine and Jean-Claude Verrecchia. Location: Newbold College (Salisbury Hall), St Marks Road, Binfield, Berkshire, RG42 4AN. Conference Rate (Includes: Complimentary NRSV Bible, Lunch, Supper) £98. Early Bird Rate (until 24 February) £78. For more information contact: Debbie McReynolds. Email: dmcreynolds@newbold.ac.uk Phone: 01344 407420 or download an application form: http://www.newbold.ac.uk/article.php?id=533.

JOB VACANCIES at Newbold College: 2 Lecturers in Pastoral Studies; a College Chaplain; and College Relations Officer all needed to help the college thrive. Closing dates for all positions: 24 February 2012. At BUC Office: Receptionist's needed, closing date, 31 January 2012. For full details visit: http://www.adventistnews.org.uk/vacancies.php

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