

# MESSENGER

NEWS JOURNAL FOR THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND

## NEW BOOKS – NEW TECHNOLOGY

On Monday 18 May, Press workers gathered in the chapel for a special dedication service conducted by Pastor R. H. Surridge. Most countries in the English-reading world import books from The Stanborough Press. When these books are first published they are dedicated to God's service. Showcased this year were Hugh Dunton's *Consumer's Guide to Bible Versions*, David Marshall's *Joy in Jesus*, *New Testament Characters* by Derek Thomas, and Harry Young's *Understanding the Holy Spirit*. The books can be ordered from the ABC department of The Stanborough Press and cost £5.95 each.

In his dedication talk (see page 6) and prayer Pastor Surridge also highlighted the contribution of the Press workers and the authors, asking for a blessing on each. The new computer hardware and software in the pre-press department received special mention. The five work stations (using the latest software) will revolutionize the way the Press works, enabling them to create art work digitally, and to produce everything from book covers to magazine page layout on screen.

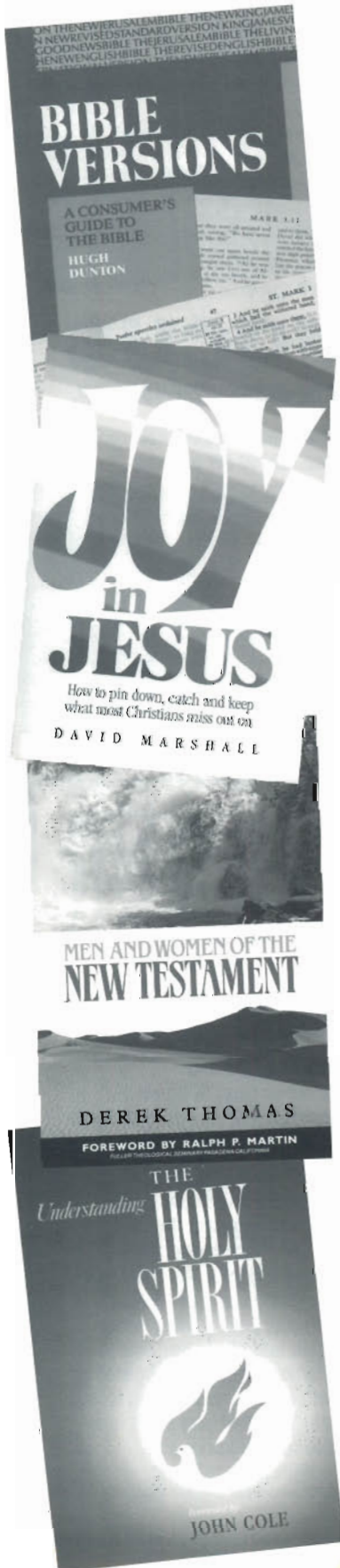
The Stanborough Press and its workers are active and well



known in the community. When the local parish church, St Wulfrum's, invited local businesses to participate in a display of flower arrangements for charity, the Press was keen to participate. The arrangement – by Audrey Howard – featured our publications. EDITOR



John Sutton arranges MESSENGER pages on-screen. Looking on are Karen Shelbourn, board member, Pastor R. H. Surridge, who conducted the dedication service, and Paul Hammond, the general manager.



# New Sabbath school lessons for 0-14-year-olds in 2000

In 1996 a survey from the General Conference was sent out to all of the Sabbath school leaders in each of the world divisions so that the Unions could report to the Sabbath School Committee of the General Conference the needs of the world field regarding the lessons for 0-14-year-olds. The results were taken into account as GC personnel Pat Habada and Stuart Tyner prepared the lesson outlines for children's lessons.

In June 1997, at St Albans, the General Conference held meetings to which all but two divisions of the world sent representatives. In July and August they also met in the USA for another session. In June the leaders worked morning, noon and evening for nearly two weeks to put together the 'body' of each cycle of lessons which are based upon the importance of responding to God's grace, our worship of Him, our love for each other and service to others.

Judie Rogers from the Review and Herald Publishing House at the June meetings gave a visual and practical pre-

sentation of the art work used for the children's materials. All were asked to fill in a survey so that it would help them know the style of pictures preferred. The BUC representative commented on the need to increase suitable multi-cultural and ethnic pictures as the lesson books are printed for Sabbath schools worldwide.

It was good to have the GC invite these Union leaders together so that many pertinent points could be discussed. This was the first time the world Church had been invited to give input. The opportunity arose for a vote that the new-style lessons be tried out in the local church and, if necessary, revised before going to the final printing. The quarterly BUC newsletter for Sabbath school teachers will keep the local church informed of future developments.

A major change for the Junior and Earliteen lesson books has come about earlier than planned. The 10-14-year-olds now have the same lesson book in full colour, entitled 'Powerpoints'.

In May and June, pilot pro-

**Mrs Heather Haworth**  
*BUC Children's Sabbath school director*

jects using the proposed Powerpoints syllabus have taken place in Manchester South, Chiswick, Swansea, Banbridge and Milton Keynes churches. The feedback from the children, teachers and parents will guide in the future production of Powerpoints.

The planned Powerpoints will have a four-year cycle based on Bible characters and events making the biblical principles relevant to the life of a 10-14-year-old. The Cradle Roll, Kindergarten and Primary division will also be tested in the BUC. Please pray for the writers of the lessons and those at the GC who are leading out in such an important and momentous project. We also need to pray for parents and teachers to continue encouraging children to study their lesson and attend on time their Sabbath school class. As members we can influence the spirituality of the young by helping the Church to prioritize time and money for the building up of our children's Sabbath school programme, after all, 'Jesus loves the little children, all the children . . . .'



## LETS GO!

Dear Fellow Members,  
**MARANATHA!**

"And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it, and then, finally, the end will come." (Matt. 24:14, LB.) The preaching of the Good News (the third angel's message) both locally and globally is the surest sign of the coming of Christ. Therefore NET '98 satellite evangelism around the world in October should cause our hearts to beat faster! Our church members, with faces lighted up, are going from door to door, from friend to friend,

distributing DBS Bible study guides and literature. All over the world our churches are coming alive through inreach focusing on salvation, and outreach ministries such as health and welfare community services.

Our theme for LETS '98 is 'FILLING THE NET'. We plan to focus on 'Church Growth' and 'Church Planting'. Four workshop topics will be 'Prayer Dimensions', 'Leadership', 'Bible Studies' and 'Organizing for Outreach Ministries'. You cannot afford to miss this one. Jesus needs us, and by His grace, 'LET'S GO!'

The NEC has established the Lay Evangelistic Training Seminar (LETS) as the official organization for all lay mem-

bers to be equipped for lay ministry. It is, therefore, in our interest that we make full use of every opportunity provided by this organization. Please look out for our advertisements from time to time.

LET'S follow on to fulfil our aims and objectives as earnest workers with Christ – our Leader. Remember:

### LETS' Vision is

An empowered, equipped laity serving as the active body of Christ in the United Kingdom.

### LETS' Pledge is

We will facilitate, equip, train, inspire, mobilize and support you, our members.

### LETS' Motto is

Every lay member – a lay minister. Each one reach one.

### LETS' Daily Prayer is

Lord lay some soul upon my heart and win that soul through me.



### LETS' Goal is

First: LIFE of Jesus in me.  
Second: LABOUR for Jesus through me. One soul per member per year.

### LETS' Reward is

Silver or Gold 'Modern 70' emblem and an opportunity to share your report publicly.

### LETS' Responsibility is

To attend an annual LETS seminar regularly for information, knowledge, and updating of skills. We have not seen some of you for years – we miss you! Please come again and cheer our hearts. Thanks again for co-operating with us and responding to our call. We need you all. It is a pleasure to serve you.

With love in Christ,  
CAROL A. DOUGLAS, (president/chairperson)





DAVID MARSHALL

# PUT THE SAINTS IN CIRCULATION!

'Let's melt down the saints and put them in circulation!'

Oliver Cromwell said that, but it could just as easily be our motto for the next four months.

Cromwell's government was running low on silver for coins. He thought of all the expensive silver plate in the churches and, experimentally, sent a troop of his finest into a church he knew to be wealthy. They came out dejected: 'The only silver we could find,' they reported, 'is in the statues of the saints.' That was when the Lord Protector said: 'Good! Let's melt down the saints and put them in circulation!'

Good theology, that; and the practical goal of authentic Christianity. Not rows of silver saints crammed into churches, but melted saints in circulation. It's time to get out there! See life as it is! That bottom-line theology must become top priority – and soon – if NET '98 is going to succeed.

So where should the saints circulate? Wherever they find themselves. No need, even, to catch a bus. In the homes down your street, each full of kids, where R and R stands for run and wrestle. On the shop floor where they test the mettle of your Christianity every living day. In the hospital where reality never takes a nap. In your school/college/university where students ask the questions that laser through the varnish of shallow answers. In that office where diligence and honesty are for ever on the scaffold – but where there's a deep-down desire for 'the more excellent way'.

Time to get out and get active! You don't feel you have it in you? On occasion, nor did Jeremiah. Sure he was good at bellowing about the sins of the people, but that's rarely what's called for. Once, feeling inadequate for the task, he decided it was time to bellow at God! 'Why are the wicked so prosperous? . . . You have planted them and they have taken root. . . . Set them aside to be slaughtered!' (12:1-3, NLT.) God saw Jeremiah's real problem, and cut to the chase: "'Jeremiah, if you get tired racing against men, how can you race against horses? If you can't even stand up in open country, how will you manage in the jungle by the Jordan?'" (Verse 5, GNB.)

Put in modern parlance, God was saying, 'Hey, you Adventists! It's pointless to preach about the Time of Trouble to come, if you can't even take a bit of good-natured banter when you introduce Jesus into the conversation. If a bit of peer pressure and backchat scares you out of your convictions, how will you stand when the enemy introduces his heavy artillery? Remember, I'm with you always! "Go, make all men my disciples" are My marching orders!'

Carol Douglas has just been on the phone. She's the LETS lady. LETS stands for Lay Evangelist Training Seminars and, this year, LETS is geared up to NET '98. Their motto between now and October: 'Each One Reach One'. Each day we are urged to pray: 'Lord, lay some soul upon my heart; and win that soul through me.' In each church, on every day of the week, they have some group praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit: the elders on Monday, the young people on Tuesday, the women on . . .

But LETS is dedicated to the principle: 'He has no hands but *your* hands, no voice but *your* voice . . . ' and

wants to train *you* in personal witnessing. LETS, a programme run by the Personal Ministries department, urges you to prepare the way for NET '98:

- By friendship evangelism – inviting people to spend quality time in your home and for you to help them with tasks and challenges in their homes. Without friendship evangelism, when you invite your neighbours and friends to attend NET '98 they'll say, 'Who are you to be issuing invitations?'

- Use the DBS cards and FOCUS magazines, not just in mass distribution, but as a means of making friends and establishing contacts. The soul-winning effectiveness of cards and magazines will be increased a thousandfold if a loving and lovable Christian is handing them out.

- Over the summer, and until the eve of NET '98, run programmes in your churches for as many evenings a week as you are able – lay evangelism, Revelation seminars, stress seminars, veggie food demonstrations, etc. Satellite broadcasting is easy. Getting people from the community over the threshold of your church – *there's* the real challenge!

That's the LETS programme for the rest of '98. LETS view NET '98 as the reaping campaign for the contacts you have made beforehand – friends, neighbours, family members, work mates, backslidden members. . . . That's how to make a technological miracle into a true blue, soul-winning miracle.

A chapter on Britain in the millennium book *Heirs of the Reformation* mentions that the *weekly* circulation of *Present Truth* (the FOCUS of those days) in the years 1897 and 1898 was 10,000, that's half a million a year. By the period 1909-1914 it was between one and two million a year. Imagine how tiny the membership base was then! That was the period of massive church growth. Ellen White: 'There are many places in which the voice of the minister cannot be heard, places which can be reached only by our publications – the books, papers, and tracts filled with the Bible truths that the people need. Our literature is to be distributed everywhere. The truth is to be sown beside all waters; for we know not which will prosper, this, or that. . . . More than 1,000 will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications.' (*Colporteur Ministry*, pages 4, 151-152.)

Remember God's words to Jeremiah when he was looking for an alibi: 'If you get tired racing against men, how can you race against horses? If you can't even stand up in open country, how will you manage in the jungle by the Jordan?'

Doing battle in the jungle calls for shock troops in super shape. Sabbath-go-to-meetin' silver saints are simply out of circulation if that's the limit of their faith. Racing and jungle fighting call for sweat, energy, keen strategy, determination, a good supply of ammunition, willingness to fight, and refusal to surrender. And that's why we must be melted! It's all part of being 'in circulation'.

The melting process is a preparation to advance. Remember where 'all power in heaven and in earth' resides. Tap into that power.



## Middlesbrough baptism

The afternoon of Sabbath 25 April was the occasion of an outstanding event in the church calendar, for 115 people came to the church to witness the baptism of five young people who had decided to follow the example of their Lord.

For the first time in the church's long history there were more visitors present than members; a ratio of two-to-one. The youngest of the candidates was Nicola Woodford, aged 10 years, followed by Laura Todd, aged 12. The young adults were Emma Wardle, Derek Starling and Paul Rayner.

The sermon was given by NEC Youth director Pastor Steve Palmer, whose theme was 'Get a New Life'.

The candidates were charged and accepted into fellowship of the church family at Middlesbrough. Each was introduced to the congregation by a sponsor and each gave a testimony of their decision to be baptized. They were immersed by our Pastor L. Edwards.

CHARLES COUPLAND

## Ninetieth birthday

On 21 March Sister West, senior, of the Holloway church, celebrated her ninetieth birthday. During divine service she was presented with a bouquet by Sister Walkinshaw.

A. RICHARDSON



## Love boat Zion

Hyland House School visited Holloway church on 14 March. In the Sabbath school the theme was, 'Love Boat Zion'. Among some of the children who took part in the programme were Leon Barklay, Anesha West, Tanya, Close, Sabrina and Corrine. During divine service the Hyland House choir, conducted by Ian Johnson, sang two songs, 'Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb' and 'Hallelujah'.

Sister Walkinshaw, a member of the school board of governors and a former head teacher, gave an account from a recent Ofsted report which praised the school highly in terms of its discipline, dedication and principles.

COMMUNICATION SECRETARY



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## Teens at crossroads

The Area Five Teens' Day was held in R... was 'Crossroads' (making decisions on...

The day was blessed by music and d... singer and songwriter Natasha Clarke, i... Silhouette.

The highlight of the day was the dyn... Clarke spoke about decision making fo... sure; Betty de Souza, relationships; Ru... Pyle rounded up the sermon with a cor... the importance of involving God in all c...

of Grace', 'Anarchy disguised as refor... mation', 'How to know God's true... message', 'The most vital issue', and... 'Who will remain faithful?'. Everyone... present was inspired as the cross was... lifted up as the most important issue... we must experience - to love God and... to serve Him better.

VERA MACHELL

## Newport: Preparations for NET '98

Many hours have been spent delivering Discover Bible School cards, and results are quite favourable. Members are now busy visiting the applicants and collecting the finished papers.

Fellowship lunches have been held each Sabbath, followed by a new Revelation video. Vesper services on Sabbath evenings take the form of the Doug Batchelor seminar relay from America.

Our membership also work very closely with the local churches in the town. Lay preaching and musical talents are shared for worship sessions.

Ron Kelly, our Temperance representative, works on both the local and South Wales committees for Alcohol abstinence. Vera Machell has been installed as president of the Newport Temperance Society for the coming year.

Members work for 'Churches Together', Oxfam and British Red Cross, collecting for Christian Aid week and Alexandra Rose day.

Time off was taken on the weekend of 22-24 May to enjoy the visit of Ty Gibson. What a thrilling experience following so soon after the LETS seminar. The subjects discussed were 'How to break a stalemate', 'God's theatre

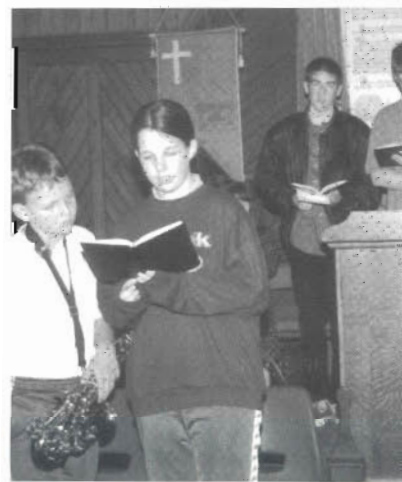
### STOP PRESS

Myrtle Roole, for many years a Community Services leader in London, was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

## The youngest church?

Seventh-day Adventists have been meet... north of Lincoln, since 1883. John Loug... on many occasions. Their church was o... at least, it can claim to be the oldest SD... prise that the average age of those who... youngest in Britain! There are far more...

From time to time the young people t... ally a musical affair. They all play music... plays the violin. Below, eight of the you... Daniel, Haley, Christopher, Wayne, Rach... picture - but still singing - are Hannah a...







hus, Stuart Clarke and Betty de Souza.

## roads

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High Wycombe's drama group,

ic preaching of five teenagers. Stuart  
rees; Charlene Bacchus, peer pres-  
a Mitchell, talents; and finally, Matthew  
lling grand summary, driving home  
important decisions. *CLIVE MALCOLM*

## Youth Day of Fellowship at Rugby

It was a great day! Rugby is a small church within a densely-populated area, and so it was nice for us to host such a major event.

It was a lovely, sunny day, and my sister (Charlotte) and I were responsible for distributing the programmes and welcoming people as they came in. The adult Sabbath school was conducted by members of the Leamington Spa Mission, and the children and young people separated for their own Sabbath schools. I really enjoyed it, the programme was interesting and down to earth.

The speaker for divine service was Pastor Dalbert Elias from the BUC. He talked about our relationship with God, and how we should live 'Lives worthy of God', our theme for the day.

After lunch a sizeable group of young people led by the Leicester Mime and Drama group went street witnessing in the Rugby shopping centre. It was wonderful to see people responding so positively to what they saw. Everyone who took part said they left on a 'high'.

The AYS programme was led by Northampton and Rugby youth, and consisted of drama, singing and instrumentals. It was both enjoyable and thought provoking.

The day came to a 'sporty end' at the local leisure centre, where we enjoyed a variety of sports which included badminton, football and basketball. All in all, it was an *excellent* day. More! More!! More!!!

*MISS CHARLINE BRAMBLE (12)*



## Thus far by faith

Sabbath 25 April was a day which will long be remembered by both Chiswick church and the Acton company members. It was on that day that the Acton branch Sabbath school officially became a company.

The theme was 'Thus far by faith'. Brother T. Alexander, leader of the Acton company, led in the call to worship, followed by a special welcome from the assistant leader Sister M. Bhola. Sister G. James shared a brief history of the Acton branch Sabbath school, covering the period when a group of Chiswick members first had the vision of working in the South Acton area up to the present. A group from Chiswick church then sang melodiously, 'Thus far by faith'.

The Acton singers blessed the congregation with the song of meditation, 'Lamb of God'. This was followed by the sermon presented by SEC president, Pastor Don McFarlane. He reminded the congregation that every pulpit set up is evidence of Christ's presence in the community. Pastor McFarlane also officiated in the organization of the company and examined the officers who then made a pledge to work for God in the community. The signing of a charter signified this. Pastor K. C. Henry, pastor of the company, presented the officers and offered a prayer of dedication. The morning ended with the benediction from Bible worker Sister K. Scoon.

The afternoon programme was one of praise in song, rendered by Hanwell Male Voice, Acton Trio, Philadelphia, Sean Brown, Emeyiseh and Sula, Acton Youth, Inspiration, Wayne Williams, Chiswick Gospel Choir, Calvary Temple Group and Donald Ward. *GABRIELLE JAMES*

## Video subscriptions increase dramatically

Subscriptions to *Video News Review*, the quarterly news and information video produced by the BUC, have more than doubled since this time last year. *VNR* is the official video of the BUC. Lasting approximately one hour, it now contains a 'news in brief' section, as well as features, interviews, and special information sections for events such as Ingathering and NET '98.

The cost of one year's subscription is just £20. Cheques should be made payable to 'British Union Conference', and sent to: Communication Videos, BUC Offices, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts, WD2 6JP. *JOHN SURRIDGE*

in the village of Ulceby, thirty miles rough and Ellen White preached there in 1888. Hence while, in one sense church in Britain, it may come as a surprise and the Ulceby church is among the er 16s than over 60s at Ulceby!

the service. When they do it is gener- instruments. Even 5-year-old Hannah people lead the singing, left to right: Bethan, Carmen and Celena. Not in the Jenny! *COMMUNICATION SECRETARY*



The Stanborough Press  
**OPEN DAY**  
Sunday 6 September  
Special speaker:  
**Elder GEORGE W. BROWN,**  
until recently president of  
the Inter-American Division.

## Weston baptism

Sabbath 25 April was a celebration day for the Weston-Taunton-Croscombe church members who came together for a baptismal and dedication service. Roma Honeyball from the Taunton church was baptized, and her two children, Alexandra and Olivia, were dedicated. Laurie and Connie Beetison were baptized into the Weston church.

Connie, a lapsed member having last attended church eleven years ago, was pleased to have Pastor Islwyn Rees visit her and invite her back to church, together with her husband, Laurie. After many months of weekly Bible studies with Pastor Rees, Laurie wanted to show his love for the Lord and His church by being baptized along with

Connie, which resulted in a touching scene as each embraced the other in the baptism- tery following their baptism.

For Connie it was wonderful to be back home, for Laurie it was wonderful to have found a home. From their first Sabbath at church they felt that the church was where they belonged, and that is how the church members and friends made them feel. Laurie and Connie feel proud of their new-found family in Christ and invited family and friends to witness their baptism into Christ and His Church. Nine were present, including their daughter and grandson who travelled from London for the event.

Pastor Islwyn Rees, assisted by Pastor Derek Clothier, conducted the baptism. *COMMUNICATION SECRETARY*

Left to Right: Laurie and Connie Beetison of Weston; Roma Honeyball of Taunton and Pastor Islwyn Rees.





## BOOKS THAT LIVE

*The text of a talk given by Pastor R. H. Surridge, at a dedication service for new books and new machinery at The Stanborough Press, 18 May*

Phillips Brooks, one of the great nineteenth-century preachers, defined preaching as 'the communication of truth by man to men'. If this is a valid definition, and I think it is, it introduces a vision of preaching which is nothing short of revolutionary. It modifies greatly the idea that the man in the pulpit each worship

of the *BUC News Letter*, the last paragraph contained these lines: If you want to reach 10 people, talk / If you want to reach 100 people, preach / If you want to reach 10,000 people, write!

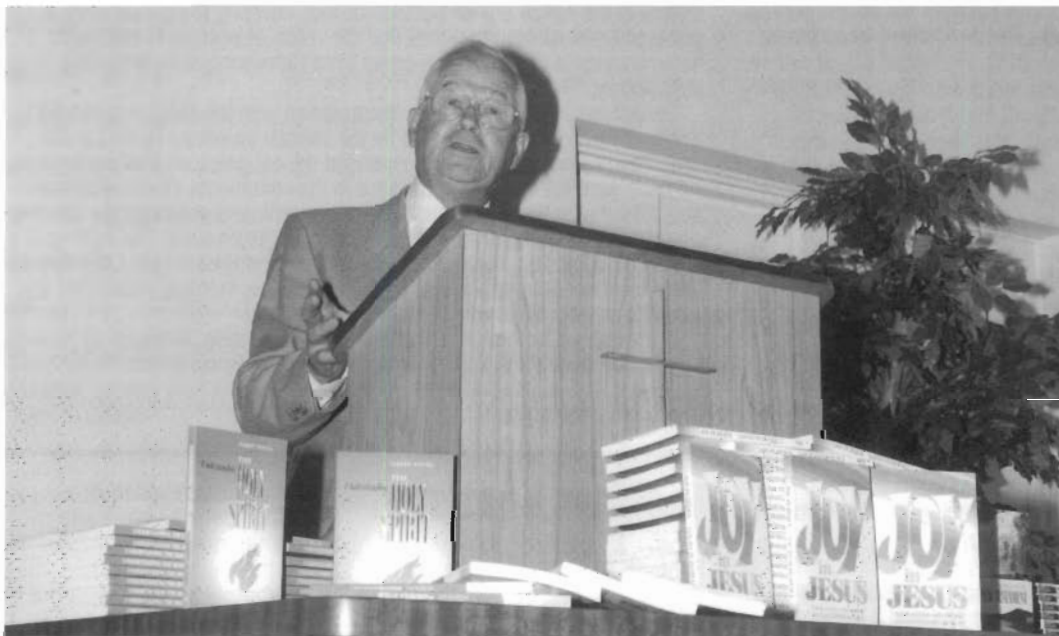
So then, if the definition of preaching is 'the communication of truth by man to men', then those who work at the Press

the other is 'personality'. 'Ah,' you may be thinking, this is what separates the Press work from that of preaching. Most of us work with machines which are merely the tools used in the production of books. These machines are inanimate objects and for that matter so are the books we print, therefore, the essential

Now John Milton is described in my *Dictionary of Literature* as the most formidably learned of all English poets and what he was saying is that creating books is like giving birth to children, and those children inherit something of the character and personality of their creators. They have within them the power to create the same impulses within the reader which stirred the author to write them in the first place.

Charles Kingsley, the Lincolnshire clergyman, who wrote *The Water Babies*, wrote: 'Except a living man there is nothing more wonderful than a book. Sometimes a book is like a message from human souls we never saw, who lived perhaps years ago and thousands of miles away and yet, on little sheets of paper, they speak to us, amuse us and vivify us, teach us, comfort us and open their hearts to us as brothers.'

Of course, these are rather grandiose sentiments which apply more directly to the author or to the illustrator and designer, perhaps, than to the artisans in the print shop. However, the creation of a book involved more than the product of the original manuscript, important as that is, it depends on men and women like you, who, by your individual skills, are able to transform and duplicate a single manuscript so that it *does not abide alone*, but reaches the homes and often the hearts of untold thousands in many lands. If time lasts there will be those living long after we are dead, who will read these books by David Marshall, Hugh Dunton, Harry Young, Derek Thomas, Mary Barrett and others. The Holy Spirit will have impressed the messages in these books which, collectively, you have created, upon the minds of many who we shall meet in the kingdom of God. They will have found Jesus and their salvation through your endeavours. You will see the result of your part in 'the communication of truth from men and women to men and women'. To contemplate that must provide encouragement far surpassing all other rewards. 'Glory be to Him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.' See Ephesians 3:20.



*Pastor Surridge speaks at Press dedication service.*

day is the only authentic communicator of truth.

There are millions of people all over the world who will go out, even in the foulest of weather, on a regular basis to watch their favourite sport who would never dream of entering the church situated at the very end of their own street. In Western Europe this type of person forms the vast majority of the population. Whether the preacher in the local church is effective in his calling as a preacher of truth or not is of no consequence to them, because only a tiny minority will have used the opportunity to find out. It seems to me that people in our society are very jealous about their privacy.

Although the presenter of sermons each Sabbath day may be involved in the greatest and most sacred of callings, he is, due to these attitudes in modern society, limited in his effectiveness, regardless of his ability. He is also limited by the number of people he can reach at any one time. In the hundredth edition

producing books containing vital truth are more effectively involved in the communication of that truth than any preacher can possibly be. When a preacher is reaching his hundreds, the books that you are producing week by week are reaching tens upon tens of thousands all over the world.

They are not only reaching them at the time of initial distribution but may continue in that communication of truth for generations to come. A century ago, colporteur Mr S. Ratcliff sold a copy of *Bible Readings for the Home Circle* to a man in Ulster. That book is still in use today. The grandson of the original owner found the receipt dated 1896 and phoned the Press, asking if the book was still in print. The Publishing leader has taken an updated *Bible Readings* to him. This is now in use at the centre of a new Bible study group.

Phillips Brooks goes on to say that there are two essential elements in preaching; one we have mentioned, which is 'truth', and

element of personality is missing. We are here this afternoon to invoke God's blessing on new equipment. But are we really? Surely God works with the living and not with things that are dead. I, for one, would not wish to be involved in this service if only tools of the trade were involved. We are here beseeching God to bless each of you using these tools to produce books which not only contain life-giving truth, but something of the personality of each of you using those tools to a greater or lesser degree. You see, books are not dead as some may suppose; John Milton said: 'Books are not absolutely dead things, but do contain a potency of life in them to be as active as that soul whose progeny they are. Who kills a man kills a reasonable creature, God's image; but he who destroys a good book kills reason itself. Man may live a burden to the earth; but a good book is the precious lifeblood of a master spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life.'

## OBITUARY

COOPER, Henry - d. 23 April. With the sad death of Henry Cooper our links to another era passed away. The era was that of Queen Victoria, the Pax Britannica and Ellen White. Henry was born in Hull. He became a joiner, decorator and builder before joining the Navy during the First World War. He was baptized by Pastor J. E. Bell at the age of 19

when the Hull church met in Thornton Gospel Hall. Losing his job over the Sabbath, Henry moved over the Humber to Lincolnshire, worshipping in the home in Louth of Miss Dyer and Mrs Rowntree. On 12 September 1920, Henry married Georgina (Ena) Clifford and children began to arrive - Arthur, Amos, Jean (who married Roy Graham),

and Peter. The villages of Utterby and Fotherby benefited greatly from the presence of the Cooper family in their midst. When the church was established in Grimsby, Henry became elder and was so when the writer's dad, R. D. Vine, was pastoring in Grimsby and Ukeby in 1942-43. Henry was also there when the writer was pastor back in

the early 80s. Even though Henry was 85 at the time of the church rebuilding in Daubney Street, Cleethorpes, he came in daily to decorate and to erect the folding doors and tracks in the youth hall. Our paths crossed again when I became Henry's pastor for a second time in 1990, Henry having moved to Poole to live with Arthur and Betty. His happy outlook was typified by his stock answer to the question 'How are you today?' The answer was always, 'Sailing along, brother.' Henry was a living tribute to the validity of the health message, just as the care he received from Arthur and Betty was a tribute to the kindness of God who incarnated His great love for Henry, through them. He will be missed in the Bournemouth church. Pastor Leslie Hill and the writer conducted the funeral service, aided by Lynette Vine on the organ. We relinquished Henry into God's care at Poole crematorium on Thursday 30 April, just five weeks short of his hundredth birthday. Henry leaves four children, fifteen grandchildren and more than twenty great grandchildren all living in the Advent Hope.

PASTOR ROBERT G. VINE

*Thank You.* Arthur, Amos, Jean and Peter, along with their families, wish to convey their grateful thanks for the many cards, letters and phone calls expressing Christian love and sympathy at the sad loss of their dear father. They, along with all of you, look forward to that great resurrection morning when we shall be reunited with our loved ones. 'Come Lord Jesus quickly come.'

VERA MACHELL

## WEDDINGS

PEARCE-CLARKE. This year The Stanborough Press has produced more than books. When David Pearce and Jan Clarke were married in the Grantham church on 3 May, they had written their vows, composed their plans, printed their invitations, and bound their lives together. David works in the print finishing department of the Press, where he has been employed for forty years, while Jan is the treasurer, having arrived from Australia only three years ago. The eldest son of the late Pastor Horace and Winifred Pearce, Dave was born in Watford. With his father the manager of Advent Press, West Africa was Dave's early home for twelve years. Jan was born in Brisbane to Margaret (now Macfarlane) and the late Charles Clarke. She is a graduate of both Avondale College and Sydney Adventist Hospital. The long distance from family and friends in the antipodes meant that the few who could come for the oc-

casation were most welcome. Sister Sharon and her husband Jeff Parkinson with daughter Lisa came from Sydney. Ruth (Balderstone) and Doug Friend arrived from Brisbane. Jan's mother and stepfather sent taped messages which were played at the reception in the Grantham Guildhall. Pastor Mick Smart conducted a relaxed and meaningful service, with Pastor Alan Conroy offering the prayer of dedication. The happy couple were attended by Robert Pearce (Dave's brother), Helen Savage (Jan's penfriend for over thirty years), and their nieces Lisa Parkinson and Kristina Pearce. Support and encouragement were given by the many members of the Pearce family who were present, along with work colleagues and other friends. It was a truly beautiful day, with evidence of God's guidance in bringing together two lives from opposite sides of the world. DAVID AND JAN PEARCE

SHEPHERD-LOCKHAM. The sun shone brightly on Sunday 31 May to add to the beauty of the day as Sara

Lockham walked down the aisle to the arm of her paternal grandfather to be joined in matrimony to Christopher Shepherd. Christopher's brother Michael was best man. The service was conducted by Pastor Paul Lockham, father of the bride, who pointed out that communication with each other and with Jesus was essential for a happy marriage. Taking John 15:5, 7-14 as guidance from the scriptures, it was emphasized that couples must both be grafted to the true Vine to receive the strength they need to build a successful Christian home. Never must they let their love or respect for each other slip. The church was tastefully decorated with pink and white floral displays arranged by deaconesses A. Bell and J. Needham. Sister Bell was organist. A delightful arrangement of 'Love me with your heart' was played by the bride's brothers, Joel and Matthew, on clarinet and flute. Over a hundred guests attended the reception. May God bless Sara and Christopher as they continue their studies for another year before they set up a permanent home.

## PROFILE

### DAVID BALDERSTONE

A profile by June Coombs



At first glance the presence of a landscape gardener in the war-torn areas of the former Yugoslavia seems like an act of extreme optimism. However, Stanborough Park's David Balderstone is not there searching for new business opportunities but delivering humanitarian aid on behalf of ADRA-UK.

Dave has been ADRA-UK's transport manager for over three years. As such he is responsible for co-ordinating truckloads of aid and ensuring that they reach their destinations, keeping the trucks in working order and sorting out the paperwork. Having ob-

tained a licence to drive the large trucks he is a regular driver taking aid to all sides in the Balkan conflict.

His involvement with Albania and the former Yugoslavia began about five years ago. Since then he has made three or four trips a year, each one taking a minimum of a week. In the early days, when he had to travel through active front lines, a round trip to Sarajevo could take three weeks.

Of his many trips to this area Dave says, 'I have delivered aid to all sides in the Bosnian conflict. I have seen the same suffering, heartache,

bloodshed, the same destruction of entire villages and towns. I have seen people of all walks of life, from all backgrounds, reduced to distressed and bewildered refugees not knowing what is to become of them.

'The aid is always well received. Our big truck is often emptied and aid distributed in a matter of hours. It's great to see the faces of people as they receive often small things that make such a difference to them.'

These trips have sometimes put Dave in some quite dangerous situations. 'The worst time,' he says, 'has been in Sarajevo when the shelling was on and bullets used to whine through the ruined houses and you never knew when the next one was going to come. . . . One very bad time was when bullets hit our truck from a point some 300 yards away. We had to drive through this area knowing and seeing the dust spirals as they hit the concrete at the side of the road and we had to go through the crossfire.'

However, being in dangerous situations is nothing new

to Dave. His first involvement with ADRA was in 1969 when he went to Africa as part of a team caring for refugees in the Nigerian Civil War. This involved organizing a large-scale feeding programme and establishing a small hospital. These trips were the first time he found himself being held at gunpoint and avoiding mines.

Dave finds himself having to work long hours at his business to allow him the time off for his foreign trips. He is grateful for having sympathetic partners who cover for his absences. He finds it amusing that on his various trips abroad his reputation for being shot at precedes him.

His motivation for returning time after time is seeing the distress surrounding him and thinking of how his family would cope in similar circumstances. For many of the people he helps this foreign aid is the only relief available. He feels privileged to be involved in helping to relieve their suffering and wishes that he could do more.

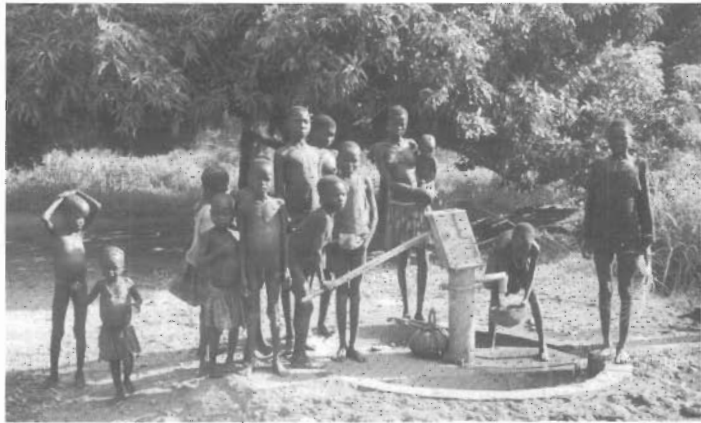
He says, 'I have been blessed in life with a happy family, good friends, a business, and a peaceful country. I feel I should put something back while I am able to do so.'



## Life-line Sudan continues

ADRA's Operation Life-Line Sudan continues. ADRA is by far the largest non-governmental organization working in famine-stricken South Sudan. TED's ADRA director, W. J. Arthur, has supplied these pictures.

- 1. ADRA has renovated 38 water pumps like this one in the Ngishot district alone.



- 2. John Arthur, right, stands beside the huge UN Hercules C130 transporter which carried 16 tonnes of food to the people of Bahr el Ghazal.
- 3. ADRA's team of doctors and nurses has provided basic health services for two million displaced people.
- 4. Appreciative of ADRA's help at the Merowe clinic, one mother named her daughter 'Adra' (in the local language, 'one who is endowed with much wisdom').

## UPDATE

### Newport: ADRA – high profile

The people of Newport who attended the diocese of Monmouth Council for Social Responsibility Volunteers Services on 6 June were left in no doubt about the work Seventh-day Adventists are doing through ADRA. Prominent in

the cathedral was a display feature on ADRA's work in various needy parts of the world. Leaflets and Discover Bible School cards were eagerly accepted by interested people. After the service was over, people still lingered to ask questions and seek advice. The Bishop of Monmouth was particularly impressed.

VERA MACHELL

### NEW CHURCH ADDRESS

The Leytonstone Church has moved her base from the Methodist church at 588 High Rd, Leytonstone E11, to the Cann Hall Road Methodist church, Leytonstone, E11.

A dynamic Gospel  
**CONCERT**  
Sunday 19 July  
5-8pm

The Round Chapel  
Lower Clapton Road, Hackney  
Adults £6 (at the Door £7),  
OAPs £5, 4-14 years £4

### VARIATIONS CONCERT

'Variations,' a well-acclaimed Adventist Gospel Choir from Detroit, Michigan, will be in concert on 11 July at 7.30pm in The Advent Centre, Crawford Place, London, W1.

For tickets contact: Paul Lee (0181) 013 0256 or (0956) 323 840 (mobile)  
e-mail: plee210959@aol.com

• They will also be singing and performing at this week church for Sabbath school and Hampstead church during the divine service on 11 July and also performing a dramatic presentation on Sunday 12 July at 4pm entitled 'Spiritual Roots'.

### Adventist dentist represents Church

Mark Sayers, VDS, represented the SDA Church at a service in Llandaff Cathedral on 5 July to welcome the British Medical Association while holding their annual meeting at Cardiff this year. Mark is the son of Pastor and Mrs Peter Sayers of Coventry and is an active member of the Cardiff church.

### Musical evening

A musical evening at Stanborough Park on 7 June brought together alumni and students of the Royal Academy of Music. It was organized by Helena Cavan, wife of Stanborough Park's assistant minister, Jonathan Cavan. Helena is herself a Royal Academy student. Artists included the Killian string quartet and pianist John-Paul Gandy, Joseph Sancho from Spain, Sara

Trobäck from Sweden, and Katherina Zahn from Germany. £500 was raised for the church's development project.

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

### Oxwich retreat

For many years youth camps were held at Oxwich Bay on the Gower Peninsula. The 'friends of Oxwich' have been meeting back at Oxwich for the last three years. This year their meeting took place over the weekend of 29-31 May. Pastor Doug Sinclair was padre. Pastor David Neal undertook the organization.

### Eastbourne baptism

Sabbath 28 March will live long in the minds of the Eastbourne church members. Our church building in Polegate was dedicated free of debt by our Conference president, Pastor Don McFarlane. Speaking to fifty-four members and friends his message was 'the Church in the community'. The Mayor of Polegate, Councillor Roy Martin, a member of the nearby United Reformed Church, spoke of the satisfaction the community shared when Adventists purchased the 150-year-old building in 1991.

During the afternoon programme

Pastor Brian Martin and previous minister Dr Zack Plantak provided historical background from the beginnings of the building as a Victorian infants' school to its renovation and rebirth as a church in 1991. Inspirational music was provided by Lidija Plantak on the organ and Sophia Nicholls (soprano).

On Sabbath 18 April, Kathy and David Lavanchy were baptized and became members of the Eastbourne church. Guest speaker, Bill Kitchen, Publishing director for the British Isles, presented an inspiring message based on the closing scenes of Christ's life. Kathy and David's family and friends witnessed their immersion.

COMMUNICATION SECRETARY

### GOSPEL CONCERT THE ADVENT CENTRE

Sunday 5 July at 6.45pm

In aid of the Special Needs Camp, Aberdaron.

Featuring: Plumstead Gospel Choir, Joy Bussey, Amana, Inspiration *inter alia*.  
Guest appearance: recording artiste Veronica Towers.

Tickets: Adult £7; 6-18 £5 (£8 and £9 at the door).

Tel: Venice Williams (0181) 286 7748.

### SUNSET

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17	9.10	9.22	9.21	9.46	9.49
24	9.01	9.13	9.12	9.35	9.39

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