MESSENGER

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Open Day 2001

Our first visitors arrived at 7.15 and came from Wellingborough. They were closely followed by members of the Lincoln church, and from then on there was a steady flow of cars, minibuses and coaches.

The caterers who provided a snack area and a full restaurant service set up business in our canteen, while, outside, the children’s fun area soon burst into life with happy voices filling the air around the slide and bouncy castle.

Church stalls run by members raising funds for their local churches overflowed with an abundance of goods for sale.

In the main building, members were busy seeking out the many bargains to be found in the book area and the food section, and Granovita Health Food Company were giving out tasty samples.

Authors Pastor Richard Daly and Dr Albert Waite were both signing copies of their books.

At noon the programme commenced in the main marquee. The Sale Church Group began our programme by singing various songs from their CD, Embrace, which had been recorded to raise funds for a new church in Sale. The group was led by Dawn Bailey and consisted of a group of young people introduced by their local minister Pastor Rashford Hewitt.

When it was time for our main speaker, Pastor John Lomacang, to bring us a message in song and word, what a powerful message it turned out to be. Pastor John moved the crowd with his own life story and brought them to their feet with his ministry in song. Such was the demand for his CD, Surrender, that we sold out!

Dr Waite presented his new book, Let the Earth Speak, a brand new publication dealing with Creation in a very readable style, and the Syder Sisters brought us more music in their distinctive way.

The afternoon programme was brought to an end by Pastor John finishing his story – once again to a capacity audience with many people standing around the sides of the marquee to hear this powerful preacher with such a beautiful singing voice.

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Fasten your seat belts ... Richard J. B. Willis, BUC Health Ministries director

... and adjust your elastic stockings and wriggle your toes: we are about to take off. Please ensure that you have read the safety literature and the health warning on your airline ticket.

A good idea, in view of the fact that one in ten people on long-haul flights are at risk of experiencing a deep vein thrombosis (DVT). DVT or ‘economy class syndrome’ is the latest in a variety of concerns facing air travellers.
**STATEMENT ON TERRORIST ATTACKS IN US**

News of the devastating terrorist attacks on the United States broke on Tuesday evening. British Union Conference president Pastor Osil R. Perry was travelling to Holland with other workers from the BUC when he was notified of the tragedy. Yesterday he issued the following statement and message to Church members in the United Kingdom and Ireland:

The deadly attacks on the financial and military symbols of the United States of America, including the civilian population, have left us numb. It is shocking to know that widerness could have reached such proportions. The British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists wishes to give its heartfelt sympathies to the hundreds of thousands of Amercans who have become victims of such terrorist activities. We pray that God will let His anger fall on the perpetrators.

Ask the God who cares to give the leaders wisdom to do what is right in these difficult circumstances. It is the Church’s desire that through Christ’s healing mercies will will find the people of America. May many find comfort, and answers to the inexplicable, in God’s promises to take full control of this world and vanish the evil.

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**Clapton revival and baptism**

It can only be described as a revival spectacular. Clapton church was the place to be from 4-11 August. Pastor Louis Preston, visiting us from the USA, spiritually, mentally and physically blessed us. Our theme was Faith-Fellowship-Forgiveness. All this was made possible, thanks to our resident pastor, V. Annette Johnson. Pastor Preston delivered the message to us each night with love and passion. He touched on practical matters such as health issues and parenting. He also spoke on The Joy of Forgiveness. No Condemnation, And A Faith to Celebrate.

Clapton church was packed to the fullest each night, and members willingly gave up their seats for visitors. This revival spectacular ended with five precious souls giving their lives to Jesus through a baptism conducted by Pastor Johnson. The newly-baptized members were Ricardo ‘Rico’ Montaque, Rose Lindo, Yvonne Lindo, Cherylie Martín, and Tamique Harley.

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**Chelmsford Pathfinder Weekend 13-15 July**

It was Friday the thirteenth, and things did not look good for our Pathfinder camping weekend at Skreens Park at Roxwell, near Chelmsford. The rain was torrential and showed no sign of letting up. We were on the point of abandoning our adventure when the rain stopped and gave us the opportunity to set up camp and have a bite to eat.

In the morning after a hearty breakfast, we were treated to a chalk aerial display by the local House Martin display team. A fire an invigorating walk we got together for fishing and a discussion on ‘Who really was the Good Samaritan?’

The weather continued to improve throughout the day, and in the afternoon our campers had the opportunity to practise their track and trail skills while on a pleasant nature walk in the beautiful parkland.

Our evening meal of (meat-free) hot dogs and beans was supplemented by additional campfire culinary delights that included ember-baked potatoes, doughnuts on a stick, egg cooked in orange peel, and finally, Luke Marshall’s favourite ‘volcano eggs’, all washed down with lashings of hot chocolate. Singing our camp song, ‘It only takes a spark’, around the campfire while watching a glorious sunset on the tree-lined horizon, seemed very appropriate.

On Sunday morning, after our early morning exercises and a trip to the site shop for souvenirs, we had arts and crafts (ropes and whipping or peg dolls), followed by a brisk game of rounders. We enjoyed a good lunch, played football-cum-rugby, then before you could say ‘Henry Wagtail’ (the Skreens Park emblem), it was time to pack up ready for home, it was hard to believe it was over so quickly.

Although things looked bleak at first, our one part-time and eleven full-time campers and staff had a busy weekend of walks and activities while we were well fortified for these rigours by an ample supply of fresh oranges.

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**Tottenham: Prayer and Fasting**

With the promise of 2 Chronicles 7:14 in mind, the members of the Tottenham West Green Road church met on Sabbath 28 July for prayer and fasting. Under the Spirit-inspired leadership of the prayer ministry team, petitions were made using the A-C-T-S format: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication.

The programme was divided into four sessions: forgiveness for individual and corporate sins; healing of the sick and deliverance in the hour of temptation; daily bread and temporal prosperity; boldness through the Holy Spirit to present the Gospel. By laying hold of the divine promises, the saints made their petitions, giving praise to God through hymns and testimony.

On the morning we had our quota of critically ill members. Among them were one of our elders and two of our teenagers. The testimonies of God’s healing providence and intervention in other lives came as an assurance of God’s promise that the prayer of faith shall save the sick.

The benefits derived from fasting are unique. One is empowered to self and filled with the divine presence of the Holy Spirit. The power of prayer has inestimable value.

**Sam Davis leads Youth Day at Hove**

Sabbath 5 May was Youth Day at Hove. Youth from many other churches as far away as Chelford came along and extra rows of chairs had to be provided as the morning progressed. I have choir songs, y’s, Thou joy of loving hearts; Kenneth led in a prayer session; and Pastor Sam Davis, SEC Youth director, preached on the faithfulness of God. Following a fellowship lunch a drama group from Hounslow made a presentation, and a group went down to the Hove seafront to sing Gospel songs and hand out leaflets.

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**Prayer Warriors!**

One of the most exciting events of the year so far was the Prayer Warriors’ Conference which was held on 3-6 May. Talk about power! Approximately ninety people attended this year’s conference. The event also attracted a number of young people from other denominations through Prayer Warriors. This was hosted by the NEC Youth department, youth from the SEC also attended.

Our guest leaders was a young couple from Apopka, Florida, Allen and Deirdre Martin. Their passion and zeal for God was definitely infectious! (Three months after the event, they still keep in touch with the youth on a regular basis.) The entire conference was based on 1 Chronicles 4:10, now famously known as the Prayer of Jabez. God used the couple to reach the lives of all the participants. Through the succcess of the prayer conference must also be attributed to the hard-working young people who led out in group discussions, Bible studies and prayer. Through their willingness to be used by the Holy Spirit, there is no doubt, lives were changed.

You had to be there! The presence of the Holy Spirit was poured out in ways we could never have imagined! Some of those who attended accepted Christ for the very first time! A fire that is still burning three months on! Some realized for the very first time that God is real! An absolute truth! Even some who have been in the church all their lives had their first real personal encounter with the Living God during this prayer conference! Feedback from the parents was incredible.

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**Handsworth outreach**

Pastor Hamilton Williams has brought Handsworth nearer to God with a special Prayer Weekend. The weekend concluded with a prayer breakfast attended by younger members as well as older ones.

Pastor Ian Sweeney followed the Prayer Weekend with his Ten Steps to Happiness series, and on Friday 8 June, eight souls made their commitment to God through baptism.

**Bradford’s Prayer Day**

Pastor Hamilton Williams led the Bradford church in a day of prayer, and Pastor Williams’ style was forthright, and he questioned many of the accepted methods of prayer.

The point of the exercise was to develop a personal relationship with God. Some of the points that stood out were: if we only pray to God when we hurt then He has to allow hurting to come into our lives; we need to be physically comfortable while we pray; when we can’t sleep at night we should pray.

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**Chelmsford Pathfinders**

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PLANTING A CHURCH IN BURY

When Pastor Peter Jeyes was moved to Bury he found himself with a church building - but only two regular attenders.

To enable the church to send down roots, Pastor Peter has worked with a core group of attenders to identify the church with the Bury community.

A series of community events has been organized around the church. An endeavour has also been made to find out what the community expects of its church and then implement the community’s desire.

Over the summer holidays young people, with the pastor’s cooperation, produced a brochure announcing that they were training from Saqoa Choudhary, a reporter on The Bury Times.

In the community the young people met the local postmaster, a former Pakistan test cricketer, who became their major feature.

Pastor Peter’s story was also told and an explanation provided as to why his church worships on Saturday.

Pastor admits to having been executive editor but credits local young people, Saisha, Sammy, Nicola, Hannah, Kimm and Lauren, as being sub-editors for cancer reporters. Daniel was his tea boy.

The young people, when last spotted, were hanging around the church playing football and shouting: “They are perfectly safe.” But these buildings were consumed as if made of pitch. The fire engines could do nothing to stay the destruction. The firemen were unable to operate the engines.

OBITUARIES

WRIGHT, Neville Theophilus – 6 July. British church was saddened to hear of the passing of one of its members. Brother Wright was born in Clermont, Jamacia in 1930. He was the third of seven children and grew up in a small village called Blackwells.

In 1950 he migrated to London where he met his wife Iris. They were blessed with three lovely children and, in time, ten grandchildren.

Neville attended an crusade at the Bawn Town Hall and joined the church. He was baptised by Pastor James Philip.

Brother Wright quickly became an active member of the church, participating in a variety of church and community activities.

He was recently ordained as a deacon and will always be remembered for his dedication to the church, his calm nature and warm smile, his punctuality and his willingness to do anything to help others.

The funeral service was officiated at her funeral service on 16 August, and Testimony Treasures, vol. 3, pages 401, and Testimony Treasure, vol. 3, pages 302-305.

What happens to pastors when their churches don’t fade away, that’s for sure!

When Pastor Llewellyn retired the very last thing in his mind was to be like some retirees he’d heard of who just wrapped up, handed over their former parishes to tell the new incumbent how things were to keep things running smoothly. The Llewellyns were determined to keep up the good work.

The government subsidies towards free places in nursery schools had gradually made it redundant.

The Llewellyns retired, but before closure eventually came they had made some alternative - and very different arrangements with regard to the use of his time.

In common with other pastors – including Doug Sinclair and R. J. B. Willis – he had first encountered Seventh-day Adventists while he was in the Navy. Someone had given him a book of Seventh-day Adventist literature-evangelism. It was a life of great sadness, the Llewellyns were determined to keep up the good work.

The Bury Times.

For this task they had studied shorthand and book-keeping and were to prove essential to the young family.

It was therefore natural that, when Pastor Llewellyn retired, he should have looked to the community for help. He had heard of who’d stuck around in case he could assist some seafarers in need.

So it had seemed natural for Viv to join the Merchant Navy, and that one per cent of the population of the Philippines is Seventh-day Adventist and that ship have all but disappeared. The Philippines is Seventh-day Adventist and that

Above: Viv and Anne Llewellyn. Right: Viv with chaplains from Seventh-day Adventist organisations.
Above, left: Dr Albert Wals signs copies of 'Let the Earth Speak'. Above, centre: Mary Hunter, centre, has been first to arrive at Open Day for many years, with her husband Bill – although she comes from Newcastle! Bill died in the Spring. On the Sabbath before Open Day Mary mentioned to her friend Janice Brice that this would be the first Open Day she had ever missed. 'Can't have that!' said Janice; and she drove Mary all the way to Grantham. Right: Stanborough Press Home Sales director Pastor Vernon Nambio has a new vision for the publishing work: to base literature distribution on the local congregation.

Below: Pastor Richard Daly of Gloucester signs copies of God's Little Book of Promises. In addition to publishing his book with The Stanborough Press, Pastor Daly has had considerable success publishing with HarperCollins and Paternoster.

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Anyone who has any items of interest that could be used to piece together the history of Handsworth church, please submit them to The Communication Secretary, Handsworth SDA Church, 98 Hutton Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, B20 3RD, or email: Karen@wilks-larman.freeserve.co.uk.

PASTOR G. D. KEOUGH

If you have any memories of Pastor Keough, teacher at Newbold College, missionary to the Middle East, pastor of Stanborough Park, or any letters or other documents that you would be willing to share, please contact Mr David Trim, Newbold College, St Marks Road, Binfield, Berkshire, RG42 4AN. Mr Trim is gathering material for a biography and would be very grateful for any information you can give him.

MORE MISSING MEMBERS

The South England Conference is anxious to trace the whereabouts of the following members who were last heard of in the towns following their names:

Mrs G. Date (Bridgewater); Mrs M. Leach (Seaford); Mrs P. Charles (Milton Keynes); Mrs L. Peat-Brown (Sutton), Mrs A. Turner (Hythe).

If you know the whereabouts of any of these members please contact Pastor H. Watters, South England Conference Office, 25 St John’s Road, Watford, Herts, WD17 1QO. Phone (01923) 232 728. Thank you.

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