1. This was the first purpose-built church constructed by Seventh-day Adventists in the British Isles. It was officially opened in 1888 in Ulceby.

2. The Armstrong home in Ulceby where Ellen White stayed for two extended periods during 1885-87.

3. The Southampton church building was purchased in 1891 (see No 3a) but evangelism in Southampton began by John Langhorne and William Ings in 1878-79.

4. The gate to the historic city of Southampton.

5. A section of the walls of ancient Southampton.

Pastor Cecil R. Perry, president, BUC, marks the one hundredth birthday of the British Union by a stocktake on the past and a glimpse into a future which he hopes will be interrupted by the second coming of Jesus.

continued on page 2
There was a lot of Christian history in the British Isles before Seventh-day Adventists arrived here. The Lollards, continued from page 1

Richard J. B. Willis, BUC Health Ministries director

I you had opened your daily paper 100 years ago, you would have been introduced to the amazing properties of Kemp’s ‘One Night’ Cold Cure. Tuberculous, Curic Wafers, Bell’s Fairy Cure, Munyonis man are afforded by those diseases which are widely

The Health of a Century

I have had this problem in mind, and I have noticed that it is not only the poorer classes who have a weakness for quackery, but the well-to-do too has a taste for curiosities with its mysterious compounds. Against this background the Adventist health message, with its message, for the use of natural remedies, must be a breath of fresh air, and was part of the earliest work. W. A. Olson published the Good Health Providence Medical Institution published a book in 1909 called Secret Remedies to expose them. A British newspaper visited a village blacksmith, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.

By contrast with 1902 one advantage that we enjoy in 2002 is that the Adventist church. While there is a massive difference between the highest- and the lowest-paid church, this did not help in the struggle to keep both the Sabbath and body and soul together. Of her eight children four died. The enthusiasm that had surrounded the work in that community.
The Challenge of our Second Century

The indigenous church began in the 1930s, though many would dispute this. Certainly the Depression and the Second World War altered the world view of British society. By the end of the twentieth century modernism, with its stress on reason, materialism and technology, had given way to postmodernity. Apologetics shift has taken place in popular thinking. People today are dazzled and distracted by a thousand options in religion, design, philosophy and alternative spirituality. General church attendance has hit a new low of 5%, with the pursuit of pleasure and pressure the popular option.

The church throughout Western Europe and in our Union territory faces a great challenge: that of connecting with people whose world view is radically different from our own. The traditional methods of evangelism, although still effective in reaching those with a Christian orientation, may not be so effective in reaching the non-churched, secular majority.

The challenge as we move into the second century.

To mark the 100th Anniversary of the British Union Conference we have sought to bridge the gap between the church and the churched and the unchurched by launching the Leaflet Development Project. This is a daring evangelistic attempt of faith which is an ongoing process to lead the non-believers to faith.

Friends and small groups

The build-up for what could be a journey covering fifty years, requires the unselfish determination to embrace the concept of making friends. Through the mechanism of forming small groups, establishing of Life Development Groups, and the mechanism of forming small groups, five years, requires churches to

Seize the moment!

This is a golden opportunity for the members of the Union to seize the moment to make an idea whose time has come. Witnessing to a lost world is our mission. There is no option but to better way to celebrate this anniversary than to find the Lost Coin, the Lost Sheep and the Lost Son.

We, therefore, will be on a never recurring past, but a hopeful end. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come!

An Edwardian Lady

Irene Owen at 101

The Mountain Ash (Abergele) and Penrhosbryn are two close-knit commu-

nities in the Conwy Valley in South Wales. These communities successfully grew up at the end of the nineteenth century as workers for the coalmines descended on the valley from all parts of Britain. The Owen family from the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire settled in this valley. Parents often fought hard to save their more talented sons from working in the dark of the mountains. Irene Owen was saved from such a fate by her talent for music.

The choice in the outbreak of the whole family came when H. E. Read sat up his bell tent next to Noddfa Chapel in 1908. The Bible worker, Maud Livings, made an impression on the family, and the Owens became the founding members of the church in Mountain Ash. Idris Owen was just 6 years of age at the time but remembers quite vividly the Standard of Attainment Courses that were set for Adventists. His musical career began at the age of 12 when he went to the organ of the Baptist Church for tuition in the harmonium. A year later the teacher suggested that a new student should be engaged as Idris had reached a high standard. He was to win the 12-16 year-old piano competition at an Eisteddfod in Bufty Port.

Of those early years at Mountain Ash, Idris still remembers the Public Debate in 1913 between the Adventist evangelist Morgan Nicholas and a leading Spiritualist. The report from the Advertiser Leader said that Nicholas had won the day. When a Conference was held in Mountain Ash in 1914, the local church had 36 members, but by 1916 it had just 17 members as some had moved away. Idris Owen was soon to follow, and found himself in St Albans College. He began to teach music at the college but was invited about 1922 to move to the college being set up at Colleges in France. He taught music there for eighteen years, but returned to Wales on the eve of the Second World War. He conducted the St Albans Park Male Voice Choir that supported evangelistic campaigns in many parts of the country. The next step in his musical career was to teach music for eighteen years as an Adventist school in Glasgow. On retirement, he returned to Britain and settled for a while in the Grantham area. His next move was back to Wales where he has often played, with a masterful touch, the organ at the Carmarthen church.

This centenary’s memory is seen today as he reviews the history of the Adventist Church for almost a century. He has seen many changes but remembers the excitement of those early years when they were talking to their friends and friends of the soon coming Jesus.

Most of the identifications are as follows:

Sitting (from left): Arthur Sanders, Roland Hamblin, William Coates, Eddie Wadsworth, Walter Dobbs, Fred Archer, Idris Owen (Chairman), Violet Owen (Secretary, now in her ninetieth), Frank Male, Edward Parry, Roy Burgess, Jack McMillan, Ron Beardsell, Idris Owen, and Roy McMillan.

Standing (from left): Brian Phillips, J D Gillatt, Doreen McMillan, Robert Madgwick, Irene Himsworth, Will Beardsell, David Anderson,philip Hansen, Irene Himsworth, William Maudsley, Reg Burgess, Ivor James, Miss Irene Beardsell, Rhona Cooper. At 61, in 1964, Irene married John Osborne. Viktor conduct ed the service and Ray Vine was best man. Irene and John retired first to Tunbridge Wells, then to Bournemouth. John was well known as a gardener.

One of Irene’s students was her sister Phyllis and her niece, Millie Osborne. Irene taught Phyllis’s younger brothers, Leslie and Mervyn, bird-spotting. Phyllis had a brilliant memory – and she was a brilliant writer. Irene’s great love was music and she had a great love for his Church and has no political perceptions of it. She is patient and happy to accept all the plans he has for the church. She will spend eternity in his company. Her attitude to life is one of thankfulness for blessings received, she overcomes its negative aspects in the knowledge that every battle has already been won – and Jesus is the victor.

The VOP Bible School where she took tuition for the college was paid for by Mrs Vera Beardsell of Manchester, wife of Sidney. Sidney and Vera subsequently joined Irene at college. Sidney became a pastor and his son – seventy years later – the College principal.

At 21 Irene Himsorh became a Bible worker. Her first assignment was to work with the evangelist William Maudsley in Glasgow. Two years later she was sent to work in Dundee where there was no pastor. Such were the communication problems in those days that Irene was conducting all services and working as a de facto pastor. A decade later she would work for an extended period in the Delyn district as a de facto pastor. A very youthful Donald Lowe, later to be a president in both conferences, was keen to have a ride on Irene’s new bicycle. Irene Himsorh was one of a number of women employed by the denomination in a quasi-pastoral capacity in Britain in the first half of the twentieth century. Female pastors were converted long before 1990!

A photograph of Irene taken at the age of 12 shows her as a hardworking, indeed, a glamorous young lady. She appears – along with W. H. Meredith, Harry Armstrong, Ted Craven, J. D. Gillatt, and many others – in the work- ers’ groups of the period. With evangelist Robert Madgwick, Irene helped build up the Edinburgh church. She subsequently worked with pastors in the Huddersfield, Nottingham, Sheffield and Manchester districts. It was while working in her home city that Irene was again attacked by rheumatic fever, a disease which is known to weaken the heart. As a result, in 1948, conference president C. M. Dorland recommended Irene’s move to the VOP Bible School where she took many of us through the Great. She has a tremendous ability to make friends – and keep in touch with them. She has been in her forever Church, and his life is being lived through her. He is a Friend with whom she has never had to touch. She has a great love for his Church and has no political perceptions of it. She is patient and happy to accept all the plans he has for the church. She will spend eternity in his company. Her attitude to life is one of thankfulness for blessings received, she overcomes its negative aspects in the knowledge that every battle has already been won – and Jesus is the victor.
Birth of the BUC
At Leeds in 1902 the British Church agreed to the formation of a union conference comprising two local conferences and three missions. The constitution for the union was not approved until the session at Southsea in 1903.

Stanborough College
Boaters were in fashion when the new extension to Stanborough College was opened in 1922. The stout Edwardian building, plus the 1922 extension, was the first black departmental director (SEC, early 1970s) and Dr Richard McLeary had become the first black conference officer. However, Dr Reid was the first black conference president. The first half of 1979 saw the arrival from the Caribbean of a number of young people being the next generation of leaders and stewards of God’s work. Although the current crop of young people are inexperienced and have much to learn, there is no shortage of gifts and talents among them. This looks set to shape the Church as a place of excellence and power in the near future. A lot of young people need to be given the experience of leadership-type roles. Their talents too must be developed. I am passionate about this because I myself am in a position where God is teaching me how to witness to people through preaching and teaching. If I was to go back in time I would never have guessed that I would be in a leadership role such as an elder or Sabbath school teacher. It just goes to show that God works in mysterious ways!

A plot in the country
When the Park estate was bought it was beyond the reach, it seemed, of the northern edge of Watford. St Albans Road was a country lane.

Adventist dynasties
Until the 1970s there was something ‘dynastic’ about the Seventh-day Adventist ministry in the British Isles. The photograph below, taken at Swannick in 1974, commemorates this fact. On the left is Pastor W. J. Newman, in the photograph by virtue of the fact that his son David is a pastor. Next along is Pastor R. O. Vine with his twin sons Robert and Richard. Pastor Dennis Conroy stands behind his son Pastor Alan Conroy; Pastor Fred Edwards behind his son Pastor Ron Edwards; Pastor H. K. Munson behind his son Pastor Geoff Munson; Pastor K. A. Elias behind his son Pastor Dalbert Elias. On the right of the picture are two generations of the Trevena family, both pastors.

New Camp Hill
The new Camp Hill Church was one of the largest to be built by the denomination in the 1980s. Nearby, the West Midlands Centre, containing the Harper Bell School, was purchased.
pictures of the past: the last decade

New Stanborough School

The decade began with the launch of the new Stanborough School project. While many had mixed feelings about the destruction of the old Edwardian building, most agreed it was a time for rejoicing.

Big day at the Royal Albert Hall

The South England Conference celebrated the millennium in October 1999 by a Big day at the Royal Albert Hall, which Les Pollard was the preacher.

MBE

Myrtle Roole of Stratford and the late Alf Kelly of Stanborough Park both received MBEs from Her Majesty the Queen for their services to the community.

Westminster launch

Actor Jeremy Irons and politicians Baroness Chalker and Baroness Cox helped The Stanborough Press to launch a book in its Autumn House range titled An Idea of Bosnia in 1998. The launch took place in the most ancient part of Westminster Palace, the medieval Westminster Hall. The same book was the subject of Esther Rantzen’s ‘Hearts of Gold’ programme on BBC1.

grant maintained status

At a press conference in the House of Commons, 5 March 1998, NP the late Barrie Grant, along with leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, announced that Grant Maintained Status had been given to the John Loughborough School, Tottenham.

NET ‘98

The NET ‘98 satellite series was the first evangelistic programme to involve a majority of the churches in the British Union’s territories. Delight Nelson’s powerful sermons were downlinked, many attended and a significant number of baptisms took place. Pastor Dalbert Elias was the principal promoter. The idea of a satellite downlink programme had been tried out in Ireland already by Pastor Alan Hodges. NET ‘99 would follow.

Stanborough Centre opening

Sabbath 8 September 2001 was the day of the opening of The Stanborough Centre, the Park church’s new extension. Denver Annable, the chairman of the church’s development committee, said that the need for additional room was evident decades ago. Church member Doris Clark, 95, snipped the ribbon and the church’s development committee, said that the need for additional room was evident decades ago.

Leamington Spa Mission

October 28, 2000 marked the opening of the Leamington Spa Mission. Built in 1883, The Mission was bought by the Church in 1993. Pastor Alan Coving and a dedicated group of believers, having planted a new church in Leamington, worked tirelessly to renovate this period building and to fit it to the requirements of modern worship. £180,000 was raised to bring the building back to life.

UN Goodwill Ambassador

At the Café Royale, Regent Street, on 9 June 2001 Stanborough School’s Laura Sweeting became, at 16, the United Nation’s youngest goodwill ambassador. Headmaster Steven Rivers indicated that Laura’s selection took place after the Daily Mail published a one-page feature telling how the school – drawing its intake from thirty-six countries – was itself a United Nations.

My dream for the Church

Elizabeth Jones

How do we move forward with the times? How can we bring secular people to our church in a non-threatening way? These are questions that need to be considered if we want to bring our message to the world in the twenty-first century. Evangelistic meetings and lectures on the Bible may reach a few people, but the majority these days are not interested when you mention church or the Bible.

For years I have thought how nice it would be to own my own café-bookshop where people could come and relax from the pressures and stresses of life.

At first this was just a pipe dream. Then one day in the Messenger I saw that The Stanborough Press was opening bookshops in two London churches – North Wembley and the Advent Centre. The idea crossed my mind, ‘Why don’t church members open cafés, which are also bookshops, as a non-threatening means of outreach?’ They would create an environment in which it would be possible to come in, have a drink and something to eat, browse through the books, have a chat, and basically enjoy time out from the stresses of life, yet not feel pressured.

Apparently the Newbold church has done just that, by setting aside an area for a similar project. A good idea, but maybe it would be better to establish café-bookshops away from church premises to attract people who would not want to go near a church. Only 9% of people in our country ever attend church, so it’s important to find ways and means of reaching out to the other 91%.

A café-bookshop is not an easy project to undertake. No one could do it alone. Perhaps it is something the BUC would like to consider.
The CAN School
Children Achieving Now

Golden Wedding on the Glorious Twelfth

The Glorious Twelfth (of August) had a special significance for Pastor Ron and Rachel Surridge of Grantham, for it was on that day fifty years ago that they started their life together as man and wife. It came as a complete surprise to the couple who had thought that their special day had escaped the attention of the church members!...}

Hackney: ‘Ready to rumble’

The Hackney Adventist Church held its No More Drama youth campaign 17–31 August. The speaker was Pastor Carlos Ming, 30, who was born and raised in Jamaica, and has been an Adventist for eight years.

Night after night visitors came to hear a man who preached the word of God with conviction and with holy boldness. Many young people were impressed with his God-given ability to reach out and help them. The pastor never held back and the congregation responded with ample support. Pastor Ming revealed how Jesus can be a source of strength and salvation for anyone who is willing to trust in Him.

Brixton Gospel Choir

The Brixton Adventist Gospel Choir (BGC) has made history by becoming the first UK gospel choir to receive national prime-time air-play on mainstream radio stations up, down and across the UK with their debut single ‘Shout it out’, featuring Larrie Cato and Pastor Nigel Graham David. The track was written, arranged and produced by Bishop Brad, who goes on to say, ‘Shout it!’ is a challenge to every Christian believer to go out and spread God’s love and tell them that he is coming back very soon!

BGC was formed over twenty years ago and now, under the direction of Miss Paolette Delisser, plans to embark on a national UK promotional campaign in a lead-up to the single’s release in November.

For further information contact Bishop on 07956 281179. Email: bishogospel@bishoproad.com. Watch this space!

Service in Hebrew

Pastor Ray Morgan, Personal Ministries director of the NEC, was the speaker for the Personal Ministries Day of Fellowship held at Bungaree church on 6 June.

The scripture reading was read with a difference in that Pastor Morgan and the congregation read each verse alternately in Hebrew and English. Pastor Ray Morgan read in Hebrew and the congregation responded reading the same verse in English. The programme was also interspersed with special renditions of vocal music by members from Africa and Korea. The organist was one of our brethren from Malaysia. The theme of the sermon was 'The amazing difference that one person can make who is connected to “Hebrew”, which theme continued into the afternoon programme when a video was shown about soul-winning.

Oxford youth go camping

The Oxford youth club held its seventh youth weekend on 28 August. Hil End, a campsite in the beautiful countryside of Farmoor, Oxfordshire, provided the setting for this exciting and inspirational weekend. Oxford youth aged 11-16 were able to invite their friends for a weekend of fun and spiritual nurture. Nature walks and outdoor activities were enhanced by the glorious weather. At the end of the weekend a campfire in the evening encouraged the warm spirit present at this youth event. A sports day competition provided some friendly competition. Friends invited to this youth weekend have now decided to attend the Oxford church on a regular basis. Spiritual food was provided by Nigel Nicholas, Gerald Hanson and Oxford minister Pastor David Spearing. Many thanks to Gova Macintosh, youth support, for her inspiration and organisation of this event.

Communique secretary

Newsbreak

Burggrave: AIDS and kindness

A letter in our path was the topic of the sermon preached on 3 August for the Community Services Visitors’ Day at Bungaree church, Sheffield, by Pastor Cyril Sweeney, Community Services director of the NEC. He talked about the terminal disease of AIDS, and how the church can help the community in these situations.

In the afternoon Pastor Sweeney spoke on kindness, and outlined four ways to make it a habit:

1. Make kindness a priority in your daily life.
2. Act kindly whenever possible as soon as possible.
3. Avoid friction – don’t delay and don’t deny.
4. Turn your pain into another’s gain.

Aid to the community on a different level is what the church is doing for those who are suffering from AIDS. The church is providing food, clothing, and other necessities to those who are struggling.

Accompanist for both choir and soloists, and to tell the children’s story during the service he was the man who preached the word of God and together they studied the Bible. Friendship turned to courtship and together they were united in marriage last November. Bible studies continued and Priit (a Hindu) decided ‘you go to God, and I’ll go to the Lord in the air’.

Oxford students: congratulations!

Congratulations to Marion Lewis, Barbara Remez and John Woodfield from the Oxford church. John obtained his First Class Honours BA degree in Ancient History from the University of Durham. He has a place at King's College, Cambridge, to do further studies leading to an M Phil degree in the same field. Marion Lewis and Barbara Remez obtained BSc and BA degrees at Coventry and Oxford respectively.

Communication secretary
Edinburgh Activities Day

September 1 dawned warm and gloriously sunny, a jewel in Scotland’s crown and just as rare, as families and friends from all over Scotland gathered for the first Scottish Activities Day.

Events got under way with the teams having to make team banners and cheerleaders’ outfits from bits of string, paper and newspaper – Blue Peter in real life! After that, events became more strenuous as the teams were cheered on to great athletic feats. The water-strenuous as the teams were cheered on to great athletic feats. The water-strenuous as the teams were cheered on to great athletic feats. The water-strenuous as the teams were cheered on to great athletic feats. The water-strenuous as the teams were cheered on to great athletic feats. The water-strenuous as the teams were cheered on to great athletic feats. The water-strenuous as the teams were cheered on to great athletic feats. The water-strenuous as the teams were cheered on to great athletic feats. The water-strenuous as the teams were cheered on to great athletic feats.

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Pastor Fred Mapp, online, with Pastor Llew Edwards and the Preston editors

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp

The congregations at Preston, Blackburn, and Lancaster gathered for a special programme of songs, speeches and a presentation, to thank Pastor Fred Mapp for his ministry in their district. Many spoke words of appreciation and rapport with them. On his ‘farewell’, he said, ‘I will be a friend’, and will be remembered for his sense of humour.

Preston says farewell to Pastor Mapp
An Orphanage for India

A report on the BESSO Project 2002 by Kish Poddar, Executive secretary, STOP International *

would definitely go on as one of these again," was the response of a volunteer (aged 22).

The BESSO Project 2002 began in February 2001 when a team of twenty-two STOP (Save The Orphans Project) volunteers came to India. They were mainly from Watford, went to the village of Thally in India, to construct living accommodation for the director of the Captain Aizahl Children’s Home. While there they met the children of another orphanage run by BESSO (Bethel Education and Social Services Organisation), an Indian regis-
tered charity. The thirty-three BESSO orphans, aged between 4 and 13, were living in two overcrowded and unsanitary rooms rented from a local land-
lord. This was all they could afford. STOP International had decided it would be better to build a new orphanage with some of their own land on which certain conditions were met by the landlord. The orphans selected a plot of land meas-
uring just less than half an acre on the outskirts of Hoshi, India. A price was

decided to secure the land for the construc-
tion of the orphanage. This question -ed the ability for the project to collect the qu-

A report on the BESSO Project 2002

STOP International had decided it would be better to build a new orphanage with some of their own land on which certain conditions were met by the landlord. The orphans selected a plot of land measuring just less than half an acre on the outskirts of Hoshi, India. A price was

An Orphanage for India

A report on the BESSO Project 2002 by Kish Poddar, Executive secretary, STOP International *

would definitely go on as one of these again," was the response of a volunteer (aged 22).

The BESSO Project 2002 began in February 2001 when a team of twenty-two STOP (Save The Orphans Project) volunteers came to India. They were mainly from Watford, went to the village of Thally in India, to construct living accommodation for the director of the Captain Aizahl Children’s Home. While there they met the children of another orphanage run by BESSO (Bethel Education and Social Services Organisation), an Indian regis-
tered charity. The thirty-three BESSO orphans, aged between 4 and 13, were living in two overcrowded and unsanitary rooms rented from a local land-
lord. This was all they could afford. STOP International had decided it would be better to build a new orphanage with some of their own land on which certain conditions were met by the landlord. The orphans selected a plot of land measuring just less than half an acre on the outskirts of Hoshi, India. A price was

An Orphanage for India

A report on the BESSO Project 2002 by Kish Poddar, Executive secretary, STOP International *

would definitely go on as one of these again," was the response of a volunteer (aged 22).

The BESSO Project 2002 began in February 2001 when a team of twenty-two STOP (Save The Orphans Project) volunteers came to India. They were mainly from Watford, went to the village of Thally in India, to construct living accommodation for the director of the Captain Aizahl Children’s Home. While there they met the children of another orphanage run by BESSO (Bethel Education and Social Services Organisation), an Indian regis-
tered charity. The thirty-three BESSO orphans, aged between 4 and 13, were living in two overcrowded and unsanitary rooms rented from a local land-
lord. This was all they could afford. STOP International had decided it would be better to build a new orphanage with some of their own land on which certain conditions were met by the landlord. The orphans selected a plot of land measuring just less than half an acre on the outskirts of Hoshi, India. A price was

An Orphanage for India

A report on the BESSO Project 2002 by Kish Poddar, Executive secretary, STOP International *

would definitely go on as one of these again," was the response of a volunteer (aged 22).

The BESSO Project 2002 began in February 2001 when a team of twenty-two STOP (Save The Orphans Project) volunteers came to India. They were mainly from Watford, went to the village of Thally in India, to construct living accommodation for the director of the Captain Aizahl Children’s Home. While there they met the children of another orphanage run by BESSO (Bethel Education and Social Services Organisation), an Indian regis-
tered charity. The thirty-three BESSO orphans, aged between 4 and 13, were living in two overcrowded and unsanitary rooms rented from a local land-
lord. This was all they could afford. STOP International had decided it would be better to build a new orphanage with some of their own land on which certain conditions were met by the landlord. The orphans selected a plot of land measuring just less than half an acre on the outskirts of Hoshi, India. A price was

An Orphanage for India

A report on the BESSO Project 2002 by Kish Poddar, Executive secretary, STOP International *

would definitely go on as one of these again," was the response of a volunteer (aged 22).

The BESSO Project 2002 began in February 2001 when a team of twenty-two STOP (Save The Orphans Project) volunteers came to India. They were mainly from Watford, went to the village of Thally in India, to construct living accommodation for the director of the Captain Aizahl Children’s Home. While there they met the children of another orphanage run by BESSO (Bethel Education and Social Services Organisation), an Indian regis-
tered charity. The thirty-three BESSO orphans, aged between 4 and 13, were living in two overcrowded and unsanitary rooms rented from a local land-
lord. This was all they could afford. STOP International had decided it would be better to build a new orphanage with some of their own land on which certain conditions were met by the landlord. The orphans selected a plot of land measuring just less than half an acre on the outskirts of Hoshi, India. A price was

An Orphanage for India

A report on the BESSO Project 2002 by Kish Poddar, Executive secretary, STOP International *

would definitely go on as one of these again," was the response of a volunteer (aged 22).

The BESSO Project 2002 began in February 2001 when a team of twenty-two STOP (Save The Orphans Project) volunteers came to India. They were mainly from Watford, went to the village of Thally in India, to construct living accommodation for the director of the Captain Aizahl Children’s Home. While there they met the children of another orphanage run by BESSO (Bethel Education and Social Services Organisation), an Indian regis-
tered charity. The thirty-three BESSO orphans, aged between 4 and 13, were living in two overcrowded and unsanitary rooms rented from a local land-
lord. This was all they could afford. STOP International had decided it would be better to build a new orphanage with some of their own land on which certain conditions were met by the landlord. The orphans selected a plot of land measuring just less than half an acre on the outskirts of Hoshi, India. A price was

An Orphanage for India

A report on the BESSO Project 2002 by Kish Poddar, Executive secretary, STOP International *

would definitely go on as one of these again," was the response of a volunteer (aged 22).

The BESSO Project 2002 began in February 2001 when a team of twenty-two STOP (Save The Orphans Project) volunteers came to India. They were mainly from Watford, went to the village of Thally in India, to construct living accommodation for the director of the Captain Aizahl Children’s Home. While there they met the children of another orphanage run by BESSO (Bethel Education and Social Services Organisation), an Indian regis-
tered charity. The thirty-three BESSO orphans, aged between 4 and 13, were living in two overcrowded and unsanitary rooms rented from a local land-
lord. This was all they could afford. STOP International had decided it would be better to build a new orphanage with some of their own land on which certain conditions were met by the landlord. The orphans selected a plot of land measuring just less than half an acre on the outskirts of Hoshi, India. A price was
**West Country events**

On 23-25 September several members from the Bodmin, Redruth, St Austell and Plymouth churches joined together for a family camp. Ray Allen from Adventist World Radio came with his family and led the weekend break. His theme was the Love of God. We had a good time of fellowship and fun. On the Sabbath over fifty people attended from the area, plus members from Crocombe and Chelford churches who were down in Cornwall on holiday.

The Area 1 Day of Fellowship was held at Oldway Mansion in Paignton on Sabbath 28 September. Pastor Orville Woolford led the day’s worship. His theme was, ‘He is faithful’. In the afternoon he shared with us his experiences during his travels through the Trans-European Division. The day was interspersed with musical items from the youth and a song service in the afternoon.

We were also able to welcome Pastor Bertie de-Kynshen and his wife Thessie who have recently taken on Exeter and Torquay churches.

Thessie who have recently taken on Exeter and Torquay churches.

**Sabbath 28 September. Pastor Orville Woolford led the day’s worship. His theme was, ‘He is faithful’. In the afternoon he shared with us his experiences during his travels through the Trans-European Division. The day was interspersed with musical items from the youth and a song service in the afternoon.**

**Chalford: 50 years’ celebration**

Sabbath 4 September was a very special day in the life of Chalford church. It marked the commemoration of the 50 years since the church commenced with a special celebratory service.

A church that normally holds only a handful of faithful members each week was totally transformed, beautifully decorated and filled to capacity with over sixty past members and pastors in attendance, and visitors from the local community.

The service began with a warm and vibrant welcome by the present minister, Pastor Richard Daly, followed by an appropriate hymn ‘How thank we all our God’.

Former ministers, Pastors Ron Davey, Margaret Stewart, Ian Lorek and Derek Clothier, were given the opportunity to share their experiences during their pastorates at Chalford. Gerald Whiting and Basil Hyatt, two of the longest-standing members, shared the history of Chalford church from its inception to the present day. Basil Hyatt also received a special plaque from the church for his many years of faithful and dedicated service and for initially drawing up the plans for the building.

The guest speaker for the day was conference president Pastor Don McFarlane whose sermon was entitled ‘Built on the Rock’. He reminded us that with the church being built on the ‘rock’, Christ Jesus, it will always be triumphant.

**Chalford: 50 years’ celebration**

The Area 1 Day of Fellowship was held at Oldway Mansion in Paignton on Sabbath 28 September. Pastor Orville Woolford led the day’s worship. His theme was, ‘He is faithful’. In the afternoon he shared with us his experiences during his travels through the Trans-European Division. The day was interspersed with musical items from the youth and a song service in the afternoon.

We were also able to welcome Pastor Bertie de-Kynshen and his wife Thessie who have recently taken on Exeter and Torquay churches.

**Chalford: 50 years’ celebration**

Sabbath 4 September was a very special day in the life of Chalford church. It marked the commemoration of the 50 years since the church commenced with a special celebratory service.

A church that normally holds only a handful of faithful members each week was totally transformed, beautifully decorated and filled to capacity with over sixty past members and pastors in attendance, and visitors from the local community.

The service began with a warm and vibrant welcome by the present minister, Pastor Richard Daly, followed by an appropriate hymn ‘How thank we all our God’.

Former ministers, Pastors Ron Davey, Margaret Stewart, Ian Lorek and Derek Clothier, were given the opportunity to share their experiences during their pastorates at Chalford. Gerald Whiting and Basil Hyatt, two of the longest-standing members, shared the history of Chalford church from its inception to the present day. Basil Hyatt also received a special plaque from the church for his many years of faithful and dedicated service and for initially drawing up the plans for the building.

The guest speaker for the day was conference president Pastor Don McFarlane whose sermon was entitled ‘Built on the Rock’. He reminded us that with the church being built on the ‘rock’, Christ Jesus, it will always be triumphant.

**Sabbath 4 September was a very special day in the life of Chalford church. It marked the commemoration of the 50 years since the church commenced with a special celebratory service.**

**A church that normally holds only a handful of faithful members each week was totally transformed, beautifully decorated and filled to capacity with over sixty past members and pastors in attendance, and visitors from the local community.**

**The service began with a warm and vibrant welcome by the present minister, Pastor Richard Daly, followed by an appropriate hymn ‘How thank we all our God’.”**