An emotional graduation ceremony marked the end of an era for forty-nine Newbold graduates. Students from twenty-three countries donned colourful robes and marched down the aisles of the College’s new church building, becoming the first class to receive their diplomas there. Steven Rivers, a New York native who graduated from Newbold College fifteen years ago, and is now the principal at Stanborough Park School, gave the graduation address. He emphasised the need for graduates to go out into the world ‘not as vessels to be filled, but as fires to be ignited’. He encouraged them to ‘surround themselves with great people’, ‘be loyal’, ‘under-promise and over-deliver’ and ‘always remember to pray.’ Despite patches of rainy weather, Sunday 18 May was a day of celebration and inspiration for all the graduates and their families.

Among the forty-nine graduates, thirteen were from within the BUC. A number of class members initially came to Newbold from other Adventist educational institutions in England. Jeremy Brooks and Natasha Clark, both long-time Newbold residents, also attended Newbold and Hyland House Primary School. Anthea Choudary attended Newbold and Hyland House Primary School. Anthea Davis and Adam Kenough all studied at Stanborough Park School. Anthea also attended John Loughborough as a junior. In addition to these British students, there were thirteen graduates from other Unions in the TED. From outside of the TED there were six Africans, six Americans, two Brazilians, one Bermudan, one

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I walk down the street. There is a domestic violence incidence. Getting out of the hole – it is just a bit easier than from what is perpetrated.

I won’t even begin to describe the various kinds of abuse meted out, but they run the gamut of smacking and kicking, pushing, punching, biting, strangling, sexual abuse, and far worse.

Victims of abuse:

In the UK today: 1 in 5 women and children, increasingly, are subject.

Women and girls are abused, and in many instances are forced to watch the unnatural forms abuse takes in much of society of this blight of abuse and fear so that our society can learn to be to God! Run from evil!' (Proverbs 3:5-7, NIV)

The intense fear element means that abuse is repeated without outside intervention to halt the process. Victims of abuse: according for about 3% of calls to Social Services and local Housing departments, around one call every 24 hours (24 hours a day and through 365 days a year). 1 in 10 victims will contact a doctor or nurse (routinely one call a minute), and the police will be called to a 1 in 6 domestic assaults (at slightly more than one call a minute).

A US domestic violence hotline reported receiving its 700,000th call for help. Multiplied across the various agencies these calls must be considerable in number. In England and Wales (at the last recorded date, 6.6 million incidents of domestic violence took place, with 2 out of every 5 resulting in injury. Another 13.6 million people (lowest estimate) reported frightening threats. To call our society sick with a gross understatement, small wonder people turn to alcohol or drugs to ease the pain.

Some of the reasons usually given for the increase in domestic violence, from sport to wars and to television in which much, if not all, of the violent action is totally gratuitous. Whether or not the television is the main culprit is a matter for debate.
Pastor Musgrave retires

On Monday 12 May a presentation was made to Pastor Maurice Musgrave at the Croydon Adventist church. The presentation was made by St Albans Press financial director Graham Barham on behalf of the London literature-evangelists. Since his retirement as BUC treasurer at Warwich in 1986, Pastor Musgrave has served the literature-evangelists of the London area as the unpaid manager of the Croydon depository.

On behalf of The St Albans Press and the seventeen London Literature-evangelists who were able to be present, Barham thanked Pastor Musgrave for his years of committed service. Pastor Vernon Nambo, BUC publishing department director, also present for the occasion, spoke of the ‘high level of appreciation’ for Pastor Musgrave. ‘Literature-evangelists have appreciated his large-heartedness, his attendance at all times and in all weathers – and the accuracy of his accounts,’ said Nambo.

‘There are many challenges to the literature work in London,’ said Pastor Nambo. ‘And we need to see a new generation who are prepared to rise to those challenges. In the recent past, Pastor Musgrave and I have welcomed some new, eager, well-qualified UCC in the London area. Some have been able to be present today: Darren Ross, Derrick Henry, Irene Sewagudde and Fitzroy Morris.’

Pastor Musgrave and his wife Nani have retired in the Watford area.

Ilford: Holy Spirit working

The Holy Spirit is at work in Ilford church. On Sabbath 19 April five more residents for heaven were baptised.

Timothy Sukali, Serena Francis and Chide Anunobi had been studying with church elder Gladstone Austin in the baptismal class each Sabbath morning. Pastor Musgrave, in his address he himself was to be present today: Darren Ross, Derrick Henry, Irene Sewagudde and Fitzroy Morris.

A curious child asked her mother on the part of many. Eventually he knocked the lock in the world, but failed on just lock would not yield to his skilled hands. It transpired that the lock on the door was already open! His work- ing at it was in vain. Eventually he learned exhausted on the door and fell through! Jesus has unlocked the chains of sin that bound us. All we have to do is open the door of our hearts and let him come into our lives.

Ilford Baptist Church

They sprint to the pool!

Derby Chester Green church had a wonderful day on Sabbath 1 March witnessing the baptism of Florenta Williams and 11-year-old Chandra Blackmon, who spritualised to the baptismal pool. They were well supported by family and friends as they both gave their lives over to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, after a period of dedicated study. The service was conducted by our pastor, Cedric Vine, and the immersion of the candidates was carried out by Dr Patrick Herbert, former pastor, who was delighted to be present on such a special occasion.

Scarborough Sabbath Fellowship

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DEBBIE DAVIS

War hero baptised

I January 25 was a big day for Ray Orr, and he had a few bigger before in his life. It was his re-birthday. Despite his something over 80 years, he was able to climb a ladder and into the tank for his baptism at the Wilmslow and Sale Fellowship church.

It was also a big day for Ray’s wife Anna who had been baptised along with eighty others, including Ray’s sister, by Pastor Neil Lucy. They never gave up praying that Ray would join them in the church.

Born in Belfast on 7 June 1932, Ray joined the RUC in 1942, a few months later joining the RAF, where he served in Radar, Signals, with whom he flew twenty missions as aircrew with bomber command, and in the special forces.

He served in many varied and dangerous places, including Blackpool, Edinburgh, Iceland, Malta, Egypt (where he gave a hand to Monty’s 8th Army), Tunisia, Italy, France, Germany, Belgium and Austria.

He also boxed and played football with the RAF, where he added yet more medals to his already impressive array: The Battle of Britain, Arrow France and Germany, the Italian Star, the African Star, and he would have received the Burma star, had his transport ship not been sunk before his departure.

Even though he knocked out many of his opponents in the boxing ring, and came through unscathed in all his surly, he was finally knocked off his feet by a fly foot Irish Catholic girl, Anna, now his wife.

But whatever country he was in, he was always the one who arranged the church visits for his comrades, never giving up the good habits he learned as a young boy in the Church of Ireland. He started attending church as a result of the NET ‘98 programme, even putting up his repair and watch to whet Manchester United – now that’s real commitment! We know Ray is an African star, and an Italian star, but he has become a Wilmslow and Sale Fellowship star, and a heavenly star.

PHIL KING

Adventists in Good Friday walk

Each year, on Good Friday, Christians remember the Easter Story of Jesus Christ as he is cruelly put to death.

In Ipswich each year the Easter Story is portrayed and remembered by Christians from churches in the central area of the town, meet for a dignified silent witness on the morning of Good Friday.

A simple cross is carried at the front of the group which this year numbered around fifty. Outside each of the town centre churches (including the Seventh-day Adventist church in Ipswich) we pause while a relevant scripture to read aloud by a member of that faith community. The route takes us through the pedestrian precincts busy with shoppers, and our witness clearly evokes a thoughtful response on the part of many.

A curious child asked her mother what these people were doing. We overheard the mother reply, “This is the day Jesus died on the cross for us.”

PHIL KING

Island baptism

Sabbath morning 25 April was another milestone in the life of Sarah Linnington, for on that day at the Portsmouth church Sarah was baptised. Sarah, 18, comes from a living family home on the Isle of Wight. She was brought up as an Adventist and gave a living testament of her love, faith, and commitment to Jesus Christ in the waters of baptism.

There was a large gathering of her family and friends to witness the event. Pastor David Foster, who has the Portsmouth and Isle of Wight churches, took the service and baptism.

In his address he recounted that the famous escapologist Houdini boasted that he could escape from any lock in the world, but failed on just one. In Canada, try as he might, the

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And plan to join us in a simple fellowship lunch afterwards!

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Balham wins SEC Domino Tournament

On 5 May churches from around London were invited to test their skills as they challenged each other to win the title of ‘Domino Champion 2003’. Although great interest was shown, only the truly brave churches put forward their teams. The tournament, held in Battersea, went full speed ahead. With good food and refreshments, along with the knitted-brow anticipation of the players, the day came to an end as everyone gathered around the table where the senior team from Luton and the Balhames battled it out for the much wanted title of undisputed Domino champions of the SEC.

With one set apiece, the senior team from Luton had the younger Balhames on the ropes with five games to three in the final set, but the young men fought back bravely to win the set and the match two sets to one. Carlfont Fuller and Steve Anderson from Balham church came through victorious, taking first place for both the team (trpty) and the church (shield).

There was nothing but praise for the great performance given by Lloyd Boyle and Gassie Stephenson from Luton emerging as proud runners up (medal). Allen Clarke (the Balham team captain) had nothing but praise for his colleagues, but his own disappointment being as he himself was thrashed by the Balhamians’ 15 team.

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Scotland’s Project Romania 2003

by J. Mchael Gholida, Youth sponsor

The Adventist church has started making a difference in a local community in Romania, through its humanitarian efforts. The church had to have a presence in the local community. Hence, where once we provided a week’s holiday in the mountains, we now have a project which aims at helping a village community of 1500 people. The project is already in its second year and has been very successful. The project aims at helping the wider communities around us, irrespective of religion. The project has this particular aim: to make a difference in a local community.

The Church in Scotland is still committed to serving the wider communities around us, irrespective of religion. This is the aim of the Project Romania 2003. The project will see thirty Scottish young people go to Romania and rebuild two condemned houses in which people currently live. It was planned to be part of the latest community development, but as we were not sure about the weather, we decided to go ahead with the project as planned.

Despite some people’s predictions, the weather was on our side and with the exception of a couple of drizzly moments, the sun accompanied us all the way. We started in Newburgh and continued through to picturesque Pitmedden Forest on our way to Abernethy, where we stopped for a much deserved cold drink. From Abernethy we made our way back to the car park in Newburgh along the A911. The views both sides of the Ochil Hills were inspiring, the sheep and cattle grazing, the oil seed rape fields in bloom and the birds singing – we were in good company.

It is because of the generosity of those who sponsored the ‘walkers’ that we raised just over £2,000 from this fund-raising event. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who gave generously and helped us make progress in raising funds for Project Romania 2003, a project aiming to raise £15,000 by the middle of June.

Some of the people who took part in the Sponsored Walk for Project Romania 2003

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Understanding Difference

‘Understanding Difference – Building Communities in a Diverse World’ is the title of an international academic conference at Newbold College 23-28 July. Academics from educational institutions both inside and outside the Adventist Church will address the conference, which is being hosted by the College’s Centre for the Study of Religious & Cultural Diversity.

The conference will run in two complementary parts. Academic papers will be read on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Friday evening and Saturday, worship services and the rest of the conference programme will focus on diversity issues in Seventh-day Adventist communities.

Conference convenor Dr Stephen Currow, lecturer in Pastoral Studies, says, ‘Diversity issues, and the discomforts that accompany them, weave through the academic study of religion and society. Individuals, communities.

In a climate where a focus on legislation and policies can exclude concern for responsibilities, this conference will take a fresh look at the issues. It will examine the problems facing different groups in an increasingly diverse world, and study a variety of creative models for building communities founded on diversity in both the Church and the multi-ethnic society which we seek to serve.

Representatives from other Christian Churches, the Open University and the Universities of Birmingham and Leicester are on the presenters’ list, together with a range of Adventist academics from Newbold, the United States and Kenya.

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The principal of the Adventist Diversity Centre acknowledges with sincere thanks anonymous donations of £300 and £1,000, which took place this year and resulted in re-accreditation of both programmes for five years.

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