R ealising it was the 25th anniversary of John Loughborough Adventist School, Anthony Roberts, Donnette Hamilton and Paul McDaniel, all students of the 1980s, felt the need to get in touch with ex-pupils and staff to organise a special reunion celebration which would coincide with the school’s anniversary. With the help of God and with the blessing of church and school, the Better Different Committee was set up, with a mix of past students, representative from the school and church, acting as the steering committee to get the project under way.

The anniversary follows a number of milestones since spring 1980 when, against much adversity, the Adventist Church, under the leadership of Dr Reid, pursued the opening of a secondary school in Tottenham, North London, to be named John Loughborough.

The School was the first of its kind and attracted both positive and negative publicity at the time of its opening. It received interest from the BBC and was televised on several occasions. One of the many highlights was the filming of a scene from the late Ingrid Bergman’s last film (A Woman Called Golda) for which she won an Emmy at the Golden Globe.

Why different?
Religious Education, as every other subject, was taught by Adventist teachers. Black and Caribbean history was taught alongside the national curriculum. It provided the school’s predominantly black Afro-Caribbean intake with insight and understanding into their own unique culture, paying homage to their great leaders such as Martin Luther King. In turn, this gave the students a unique confidence – ‘Better Different we were’ The motto came from Mr...

Better Different School Reunion, Lord’s Cricket Ground Sunday 18 September. Part of the 25th Anniversary celebrations of the John Loughborough Adventist School
A Case for Wartime Rationing?

The month of May saw the 50th anniversary of Victory in Europe, a war in which deaths were counted in millions. People living during the war years were forced to endure many hardships, including food rationing. However, this latter proved to be a blessing in disguise. It was wartime rationing that put Nathanielsz’s and other researchers’ conclusions into perspective. Not surprisingly, wartime starvation and near-starvation affected the health of those concerned. In Holland, it was the major factor that determined how we leave it. The quality of life in the womb, our temporary homes before we were born, programmes our susceptibility to later disease, stroke, diabetes, obesity and a multitude of other conditions in later life.

Professor of Medicine Nathanielsz states, ‘The health we enjoy today is a result of the food shortage experienced at that time. Babies conceived around or during the height of the war had a lower risk of developing diabetes and obesity.’

The 87-day Siege of Leningrad also had health consequences as a result of the food shortage experienced at that time. Babies conceived around or during the height of the war had a lower risk of developing diabetes and obesity.

It is not suggested that people today should adopt the severe dietary restrictions that are current in wartime, or in the interwar period. However, we are all familiar with the benefits of healthy eating and exercise.

In Holland, and with interesting health consequences.

Bring back the ration book. We need to eat our vegetables and fruits, and drink plenty of water.

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Wood Green: Three find faith

On Sabbath 18 December three precious souls committed their lives to Christ at the Wood Green church – Stania Lee, Cheryl Plummer and Ima Tomlinson. Stania grew up in St Lucia with her grandparents who were Seventh-day Adventists. She eagerly looked forward to Sabbath. She had wanted to be baptised at an earlier age but decided to wait until she was able to make her own decisions. When she was at school, she read her Bible during break; others thought she was strange but this did not deter her in any way. Stania arrived in England alone in 2004 and, not knowing anyone in the country made life difficult. Then life took a different turn. She met Bernice Lianscu, also from St Lucia, and an Adventist, who became a very good friend to Stania. Not only did they meet a good friend, but someone who shared her Christian beliefs. Stania began attending Wood Green church with Bernice, and after attending church for only three weeks requested Bible studies. Then she made her decision for baptism.

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Radio 4 at Leytonstone

The Leytonstone Adventist church community played host to BBC Radio 4’s Mike Ford on Sabbath 5 February. A brief interview (which included a perspective regarding ‘The Psychology of faith’), enabled our resident Pastor D. P. Chacko to explain to Mr Ford how individuals of varying personalities/personality traits could conform to the principles of a formal organisation (church) with a view to functioning effectively as a group.

Audience Graham welcomed Mr Ford and other visitors, for whose benefit she repeated the church motto: ‘Leytonstone church is small enough to know you, big enough to love you and strong enough to minister to you.’ Mr Ford captured different personalities at church before characterising them as: ‘Nervous and faint hearted’, ‘Impulsive’, ‘Layabouts’, ‘Robbers’ and ‘Spies’. Elaine Weeke and Denise Ingleton led the congregation in the praise and worship session under the direction of Fenn Brathwaite.

Jodan Forrester McKenzie gave our children their weekly treat on lessons in love. She reminded them that God created all people, and that on no account should bullying be tolerated. She equipped them with strategies with which to counteract bullying by encouraging them to report incidences of bullying to parents or guardians, and to pray to God who always provides a solution. 

Special Needs Camp

10-17 July

We have vacancies for carers and staff, and for medical, kitchen and laundry services. If you would like to work for a week in beautiful Altonerton please contact Joy Busby, 2 Shakespeare Street, Watford, Herts. WD17 1NH, Tel 01923 461204. Do not hesitate to contact me for more details.
Tailor-made for Teens

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Teens from all over met at the Care Centre on Saturday 23 April to see the Youth London Federation First teen event. According to the organizers, this was a special event that was trimmed, shaped and tailored to meet the needs of the teens of London.

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The evening began with a vibrant session of praise and worship from the Youth London Federation Praise Team. The host of the evening, Luke Whyte, L.Y.F teens representative, opened the programme with an icebreaker which highlighted the fact that we can judge people on their outward appearance – and be so wrong. God looks on the heart.

Throughout the evening, we were blessed with the lyrical talents of James Massoe from Graham, the vocal finesse of Ruth Whyte, and the miming talent of Danielle Sheppard from Willebridge.

The guests speakers for the afternoons were Andrew Fuller of Balham, Hannah Wray of Hertford and Gill (L.Y.F president) of Stratford. Everyone was touched by the testimonies of each of the speakers made.

Andrew reminded us that God ‘was there to use!’ So even if you feel that you have nothing to offer, God can still work through you to do mighty things in his name.

Naomi highlighted the importance of having and maintaining a relationship with God. ‘Being a Seventeenth Adventist doesn’t mean that you are supposed to have a connection with God only on the seventh day!’

Baha’i faith and shared her belief that all the doctors were immersed in evangelistic campaigns in the West country, with one public campaign. E. H. Foster, the last-named as a young man in the family, followed up by the funeral of his sister Kathleen who is blind and depended on her church and her family, especially her eldest daughter, Julie.

For the older generation, Julie married Pastor Vlado Godina at Stanborough Park church in a service that included his two nephews as ushers. The reception was a re-

bration and Sue’s family were also able to travel from Australia to be part of the cele-

bation conducted by Pastor Vlado Godina at a Brooklyn church. He loved what he heard, 

and took a stand for his beliefs after committing his life to Jesus. We offer our sympathy to 

his family and friends, and those who knew and loved her Lord, her church and her family.

She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. The service conducted by Pastor Logan 

mentioned how much the church had meant to 

Sue and Kelvin plan to continue with their work in an African country in which Kelvin has 

specialised. It was a great talking point was the table 

food that was served to the guests.

Kelvin’s mother, sisters and sister-in-law had 

spoken to the guests to present Christ more concretely.

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The Family Book

Rave review by Karen and Ron Flowers, co-directors, Family Ministries department at the General Conference.

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The Family Book: ‘A must for every Adventist family’

The Family Book

This family classic, published last year by the Family Ministries directors of the South and North Europe regions, is taking the world by storm.

One of its key features is that it’s not just the children who can read the Family Book. Parents can enjoy reading the stories to their children, and the segments make just 'one more' as enticing as reaching into the bag for one more potato crisp. For more information, the content stands up to the quality of its design.

This book is a strong blend of good family theology, sound psychology, creative, practical ideas for helping families live together, and ways we should all love, laugh and care, comfort and forgive. She is not afraid to tackle hard subjects, and so this has a broad range ofChristian values. Creative ideas for finding real intimacy in marriage, for growing responsible adults from parents, and for helping children to find their own place in the family circle multiply in her little rabbits left to their own devices.

Karen Hollert is more than a good teacher. She is a committed wife and mother who puts her love for God and good clothing at work. She knows the joy of family harmony and shared passion for ministry to families. We count it a privilege to pass on to you, through our personal recommendation of this book, a piece of the beautiful work in the Family Book to teens and pastoral contacts in Norwich as a result of George Roper’s campaigns in that city. In this rich and varied book, we have found many valuable ideas and advice.

WINFRED ROSALBA SLEIGH (1885-1978) 16 December 1978

Winfred (Rosie) was born on 16th December 1885 in a random house in High Wycombe. She was the second child of Adrienne, George and Nellie. Rosie was an older sister to Arthur, William and Eileen. Winfred trained as a nurse in Stratford Hospital, Greenford and was known as ‘Rosie’ to her friends. Her nurse training was cut short as she became engaged to Tony who was posted overseas in the First World War. Winfred was a nurse at Eastern General Hospital in Glasgow and was working as a nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, when her husband, Robert, was killed in the First World War in 1917.

Winfred, like many other women who were widowed or whose husbands were killed in the war, had to find a new way of life. Winfred was a strong woman who continued to be a good mother and was very caring of her family. She was a hard worker and was very attached to her family. She was a very strong and determined woman who continued to work hard and was very much involved in the local community. She was a very strong and determined woman who continued to work hard and was very much involved in the local community.

VIOLET ELIAS (1914-2005) 4 April 2005

Violet was born in the 1940s. violet was working as a teacher in a primary school. Violet had a very strong work ethic and was very driven. Violet was in charge of the local community centre and was very involved in the local community. Violet was a very strong and determined woman who continued to work hard and was very much involved in the local community. She was a very strong and determined woman who continued to work hard and was very much involved in the local community.
Young people join outreach project in Spain

Over the weekend of 15-17 April, young people from the St Albans, Stanborough Park and Newbold churches took part in a small outreach project in Sagunto, Spain. On Sabbath morning, the group played several songs for the morning worship and received an overwhelmingly positive response.

‘Even though we were singing in a language that wasn’t our own, audience participation was better than that of many of our home congregations,’ said one of the members of the group.

Sabbath afternoon saw the group returning to the scene with a full set of praise and worship music played to a very packed church. There was standing room only and again a wonderful response from those attending. Afterwards, many of the Spanish young people thanked the group and several said that the worship was just what they had needed that day.

It wasn’t just young people who responded. One gentleman, a local member of the Sagunto church and a doctor in the community, thanked the group profusely and said that that sort of thing was precisely what the church in Sagunto needed. The Youth director of the Spanish Jimison Hoford, Jenny Rivera, Bobby Blode.

Pathfinders’ Passover

The Newbold Adventurer club had a special Easter treat. We went inside Moor Close to the Blue Room. We had to take off our shoes and socks before we went into the room, where Aunty Luisa and Mummy had set a low table with lovely food and big pillows to sit on and lanterns to light the room. But before we could sit at the table, we washed each other’s feet and dried them.

Then we sat at the table and celebrated Passover, just like Jesus did at the first Easter. Passover is a Jewish celebration about when the Angel of Death passed over the doors marked with lamb’s blood before they left the slavery of Egypt. We had beetroot to remind us of the lamb, Matzos, which is a type of cracker, bitter herbs (ours was parsley) dipped in salt water to remind us of the Israelites’ tears, charoset, which is a mixture of apple, nuts, cinnamon and juice, to remind us of the mortar used by the slaves to build palaces in Egypt, an egg to remind us of new life, and four cups of grape juice (for thanks, the plagues, grace and redemption and praise), during the meal. The food tasted really good.

Chantel Richardson, Belinda Stojanovic, and Goran Stojanovic.

MATT VINCENT

also had a traditional hunt for the unleavened bread.

Then Aunty Luisa and Uncle Victor (Hulbert) told us how Jesus had changed Passover, at that first Easter, into a celebration of his sacrifice and our redemption. We remembered Jesus’ death and thanked him for saving us.

DANIEL HANNA (8)