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◆ The Church and Park grounds in February



Wilderness and desert will sing joyously, the badlands will celebrate and flower— Like the crocus in spring, bursting into blossom, a symphony of song and color. Mountain glories of Lebanon—a gift. Awesome Carmel, stunning Sharon—gifts. God's resplendent glory, fully on display. Isaiah 35:1-2 The Message Bible



◆ **NEWS IN BRIEF**

◆ **ORDINATION**



* Apologies for the poor quality of the photograph as the occasion was not recorded by a church photographer necessitating the use of a screen shot.

Probably the largest number of people ordained at the same time took place during the Sabbath Service on 3rd February involving 19 deaconesses, 4 deacons and 2 elders.

◆ **MORE TRAINED FIRST-AIDERS**

During the Sabbath Service on 24th February 13 SPC members were awarded with their First Aid certificates having completed the training course the previous Sunday. They will be available to staff a roster of available first aiders providing cover during Sabbath services. Thanks to Alain St. Germaine for organising the course with the aid of the Church Site Management Committee. The successful candidates were:

Pam Charles	First Aider	Sang Bin Jung	SPCM
Keila Pedditzi	First Aider	Rob Page	SPC Centre
Diana Sabatier	First Aider	Busani Lusinga	Deacon
Monica Ciocarlan	Deaconess	Rugane Francisco	Deacon
Giona Pedditzi	SS.Teacher	Clinton Quarshie	Deacon
Jihee Ahn	SPCM	Aline Santos	Pathfinders

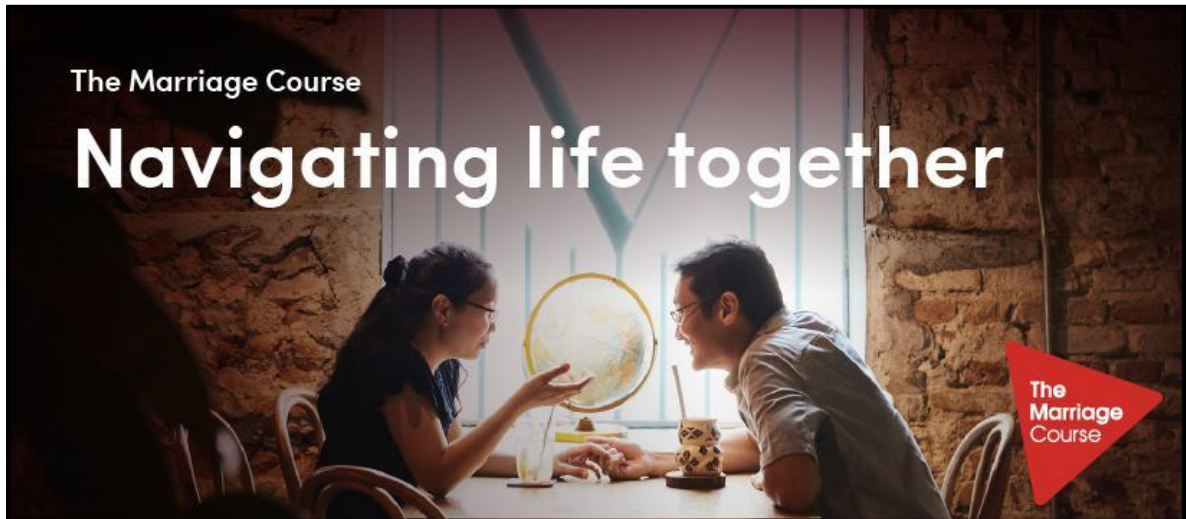
◆ **LUCKY ESCAPE FOR A SENIOR MEMBER**

A lucky escape for Dr. Colin Allen, an SPC member living in West Yorkshire, who wrote an article about how Christmas was celebrated from a historical perspective in the November newsletter. He rang to say that his house caught fire mid February caused by a faulty electrical bedroom heater. He woke to himself surrounded by flames. He was, thankfully, unhurt and reports that the fire brigade did an excellent job, using four engines, but about 1/4 of his house has been affected and many possessions destroyed. He is setting about replacing them and at 87 is talking of replacing his lost entertainment equipment with streaming so that he can enjoy Mozart before he goes to sleep. A bold move showing that senior citizens can move with the times! Perhaps he could provide advice to his younger cousin who is struggling with the leap from the Windows 7 operating system to Windows 11!

**You are invited to attend a performance of G. F. Handel's
'THE MESSIAH'
at Stanborough Park Church on Good Friday, 29th March at 7:30 pm**

Note: there will be no Teatime Concert in March

◆ **AN INVITATION FROM THE FAMILY LIFE DEPARTMENT**



The SEC Family Department's focus this year is Marriage, so the Stanborough Park Church Family Life Department is planning to run the Marriage Course. You may have heard of it or even done it. The Marriage Course is a series of seven sessions designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage. The Marriage Course is for couples looking for practical support to strengthen their relationship. The course is designed to help couples build strong foundations, learn to communicate more effectively and resolve differences well.

"There's no counselling, no airing of dirty linen in public, no group therapy – and it seems to work." Guardian 28 Dec 2013

The Marriage Course is based on Christian principles but designed for all couples with or without a church background. Some couples do the course to intentionally invest in their relationship, others are looking to address more specific challenges. Either way, the course offers essential tools and practical ideas to help you build a relationship that lasts a lifetime.

To run the course, we need your help. We will be running information sessions to provide you with more details during March. Contact us: June (Cummings), Dane, Fay or Roy at familylife@stanboroughchurch.org

◆ **SUCCESSFUL BARN DANCE RAISES FUNDS FOR STANBOROUGH SCHOOL**

The Barn Dance held at the end of January proved to be a successful fund-raiser for the school despite all but one of the helpers reporting in sick. The event was fully booked and the Cedar/Sycamore Room was packed out it's reported.



'Diana did a great job with the barn and line dances, then the teens grabbed the mic and took over for a bit then we had some impromptu traditional Greek dancing to finish!', reports organiser Alix Roberts. Also, she says, that there was just enough food so no wastage which helped the profits. Currently no figure raised is available until the school bursar reconciles the accounts. Hopefully, we'll have the amount available to report in the next newsletter.

NOTE: this photo, for illustrative purposes only, was taken at a similar event held in 2016.

◆ **WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: Women in Leadership - leading as a tech specialist by Paula Carrillo**

This article, originally written for the Messenger, by Paula Carrillo has been reproduced in recognition of International Women's Day on 8th March. Paula is the IT Director of the British Union Conference, graduating from Montemorelos University in Mexico with a Masters degree in Internet Engineering. She enjoys camping, star gazing and cultural diversity.

While at work, one day a visitor had an IT issue and my colleague called me since I am the I.T. person. When I arrived, the gentleman with the I.T. issue was surprised to see me -a woman- coming to the rescue. His shock was such that he even said, with a paralysed expression on his face, "I was expecting to see someone in trousers – you know?" to which I only smiled graciously.

Thankfully, I do not receive that type of comments very often. I had the opportunity to study Administration of Computer Systems at university in the Inter-American Division, then I volunteered in IT & Web Development in two of our Adventist educational institutions through the Adventist Volunteer Service. The part I currently enjoy the most in my work is software engineering and training people to use the applications available, and in so doing, building their confidence using technology. I feel that this is my professional contribution to a better world and to the advancement of the Gospel. In addition to my employment, I have, for many years, led my local church Pathfinder Club, Youth and Children's Sabbath School Departments. I see leadership as a service to God and an opportunity for good stewardship, rather than as a position of privilege.

In God's eyes both women and men have the same responsibilities and are equal. He gave us talents and skills to work together to look after the Earth He gave us. Sadly, women have been stereotyped to do only certain type of jobs. It is only very recently that women have had more access to any career they would like to pursue; but are women actually 100% involved, heard, included and valued?

In the Bible, we can see Deborah chosen to become a female military leader, Queen Esther in the right place at the right time to save her nation, the

business woman Lydia who was effectively the first native missionary in Europe and we can mention more, but there is one particular example that I've always loved, Mary of Bethany, who was allowed to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn along with the men! There was no distinction for being a woman. Jesus gave us an extraordinary example of gender parity, respect, valuing women and supporting their right to access education.

Today, "despite decades of progress towards workplace equality, women remain woefully under represented in the UK's technology workforce. The figures speak for themselves: according to WISE¹, just 23% of the people working in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) roles across the UK are female - and only 5% of leadership positions in the technology industry are held by women²."

According to PWC, "50% of the females we interviewed say the most important factor when choosing their future career is "feeling like the work I do makes the world a better place/has a wider impact". The corresponding figure for men is only 31%.³

So, why girls are not envisioning the Tech field as one where they can help the world be a better place? There are many factors, but one that speaks to me the most is in the words of one of the female pre-university students interviewed in the PWC women in tech report, she said: "Although heavily involved in STEM subjects at a younger age, I was discouraged by the sexism that surrounded me when I took part in competitions and conventions."⁴

Comments like that make us realise that women still struggle to be valued in some careers. I have had the opportunity to study and work in a field I enjoy, surrounded by supportive people. However, this is an opportunity that many women still lack. How can we start building the confidence in our girls who want to study STEM subjects? Gender parity as God planned it begins at home. I recognise that my husband has been a strong supporter in this by sharing domestic tasks and balancing our shared parental responsibilities.

It is at home that our sons and daughters learn to value each other as equals, values that can and should be reinforced at church as Jesus has clearly shown.



Paula Yunuen Carrillo, IT Support & Web Development, ADC & BUC

It is a great pleasure for me to share God's love in this world through technology. My desire is that everyone will find hope, salvation and peace in their lives. When I help a colleague resolve the issues with his or her computer, network or printer, I know that I am part of a much wider work being done for God. When I keep the websites updated, I know that people need this vital information to find faith in God. When I upload a new online Bible or Health course, I know that this gives people the opportunity to nurture their faith, improve their relationships or enhance their health. I thank God for using me in this field of work that I truly enjoy. Please keep visiting www.adventist.org.uk and www.discoveronline.org.uk.

1 <https://www.wisecompany.org.uk/statistics/women-in-stem-workforce-2017/>

2 <https://techcrunch.com/2016/05/10/the-lack-of-women-in-tech-is-more-than-pipeline-problem/?guccounter=1>

3 <https://www.pwc.co.uk/women-in-technology/women-in-tech-report.pdf>

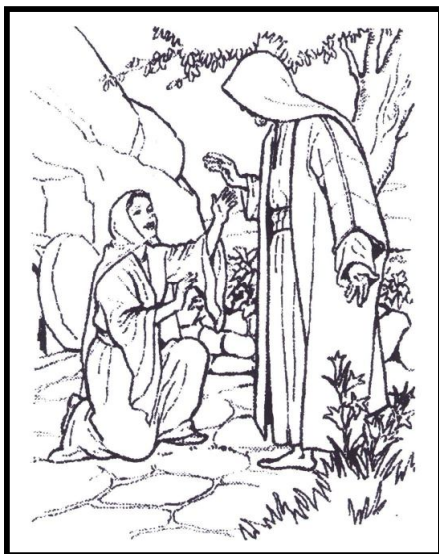
◆ **EASTER: 29th—31st MARCH**

● **THE EASTER MESSAGE IN A HYMN**

Sometimes anything extra is superfluous!

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won:
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes, where Thy body lay.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb:
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.



● **A THOUGHT ABOUT THE RESURRECTION FROM DENNIS JOHNSON**

Here is a new thought about Easter and with it let's begin.

The stone wasn't moved to let Jesus out but to let the disciples in!

No stone could have kept Him in there when His Father called Him out,

So it must have been moved so they could see in, is there any doubt?

Surely that's why the Angels waited there until the disciples came.

Jesus appeared and disappeared quite often when resurrected,

"He is not here He is risen", the message that first Easter morn,

Was given face to face, not through a stone and our living faith was born.

● **The Road to Emmaus**

This poem from the St. Joseph's RC Primary School website, written by A. Curtis, whilst bending the facts slightly, presents a lively version of the account of Jesus appearing to disciples on the way to Emmaus.

To Emmaus two friends gloomily walked,
They were desperately sad, and seldom talked.
Their hearts were heavy, Jesus had gone,
They trudged along, in the midday sun.

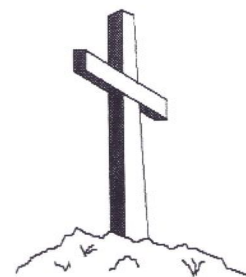
From out of a side road, stepped a bearded man,
"I'll walk with you if I possibly can."
"You're welcome," they said, and shook his hand,
"But the path is steep, it's covered in sand."

"Why are you sad?" said the man with a frown,
"I'm a stranger here; I'm new to this town."
"The Romans have killed our very best friend,
He really came to a sticky end."

They began to "chill out" and got on just great,
Come and eat with us, it's getting quite late.
"That's really kind," the stranger said,
"I need a meal and a nice warm bed."

They all sat down with a large chunk of bread,
The stranger whispered – "Your friend's not dead.
I'm hear with you now, look into my eyes,
It's the truth I speak, I tell you no lies."

As soon as he spoke, the stranger was gone,
Standing before them was God's only Son.
"Go into the world, and tell all I'm here,
The people on Earth, need have no fear."



EASTER is a movable feast tied to the Jewish Passover which commemorated the Israelites leaving Egyptian slavery under the leadership of Moses. Jewish festivals were based on a lunar calendar so it is held on the first Sunday after the full moon following the March equinox.

◆ FROM THE ARCHIVES: FIRE AT THE STANBOROUGH PRESS

Some examples below of how the blaze was reported in the local press and Messenger

On 3rd January, 1964 the unthinkable happened. The Press was ablaze! Shock waves went through the church community where the majority were either past or present employees of the various institutions situated on the Park. How could this have happened and why?

There was some thanksgiving that it had not been the Granose factory which, with its dry interior, would have been completely destroyed as was the case with the first food factory in this country.

Only the front of the building was destroyed so after a clean-up operation it was business as usual with the office staff relocating to the adjacent Granose office block.

PRINT BLAZE DID £120,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE
Prayers as firemen fought for control

Adventists prayed as fire swept through their Stanborough Park printing works early on Tuesday morning.

Firemen from Garston, Watford, Bushey, St. Albans and Rickmansworth fought the blaze, but before the fire could be brought under control over £120,000 worth of damage had been done to the building, machines and stocks of books.

Mr. Jim Willis and colleague Mr. Albert Balderson were working in the bindery, when just after 7 a.m. they noticed smoke. Although they gave the alarm straight away, it was too late.

The fire, which had started in a room used as a chapel, had swept through the piles of paper, half finished books and magazines.

Watched—and prayed

Employees from the Granose factory and the 85 workers from the press, who held a brief service before starting work at 7.30 a.m., watched and prayed as the fire spread from the centre of the building above the boiler house.

Firemen from the Hertis Brigade, under the command of Divisional Officer Gunnert were joined by men from the London Salvage Corps. Water pressure in the park was very weak, and firemen had to run hoses for a quarter of a mile to hydrants in the St. Albans Road.

The fire destroyed much of the new wing, which was added about five years ago, and only an empty shell was left standing.

But the fire was prevented from spreading into the machine rooms, and further paper stores at the rear of the building. Water, broken glass and falling bricks added to the damage.

Under control at last. In this picture a fireman is silhouetted in the window of the dispatch department, where the fire is believed to have started.

Bolton: The firemen worked hard, but even their efforts could not prevent the devastation of the administrative block and paper store.

Firemen were kept busy dragging out loads of smouldering paper from the stores, which was completely gutted.

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FIRE and FAITH
AT THE STANBOROUGH PRESS
 By Pastor J. A. McMillan
 President, British Union Conference

On Friday morning, January 3rd, fire was discovered in the front area of The Stanborough Press. Brother James Willis, of the book-binding department, had gone into the building at 6.20 a.m. and shortly after starting work, he noticed smoke and found a fire raging in the stock room. The fire brigade was soon on the job, but the flames quickly spread throughout the editorial, accounting, dispatch and stock rooms, and the entire front of the building was destroyed.

Our hearts were grieved as we stood helplessly by and watched the flames spreading from room to room, and as parts of the roof fell in and sparks flew upward, our prayers ascended to God for the vital work which our publishing house has done and must continue to do.

It is yet too soon to assess the total damage that has been done, but our courage is strong. Brother Craven tells me that all the vital records are intact. The fire was stayed as it reached the workshop and

The fire-damaged front of the British Publishing House.

Pictured: The Moment Flames Burst Out Of Roof

The news photo shows at ADVENT Presses at Stanborough Park, the moment flames burst out of the roof of the building. The fire was discovered at 6.20 a.m. and shortly after starting work, Brother James Willis, of the book-binding department, had gone into the building and found a fire raging in the stock room. The fire brigade was soon on the job, but the flames quickly spread throughout the editorial, accounting, dispatch and stock rooms, and the entire front of the building was destroyed.

EXTRACT FROM MESSENGER ARTICLE (left)

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We do not know how this fire originated, nor why the good Lord permitted this important institution to be damaged. But this we do know—the work will continue, for, as Paul wrote from prison, "The Word of God is not bound." 2 Tim. 2:9.

Don't Just Let It Burn!

Alert PR Team Turns Tragic Fire Of England Press Into Church PR

BY JACK MAHON

Public Relations Director, South England Conference

This article from the Messenger not only tells the story of the fire but demonstrates how you can turn a disaster into a PR success story!

'Tragedy doesn't need to be all loss if it can strengthen the bonds of sympathy and understanding which link to the community at large.'

Planning, most PR people would agree, is the open secret of success in our art. Get all the facts, advise the media—pictures, interviews, quotes, handouts—one can justifiably take pride in the operation classically performed, faultlessly executed.

Some operations, however, cannot be planned. They come upon one suddenly and without warning. Almost without exception they constitute bad news, tragedy perhaps. In spite of the fact that your heart is in your boots you have to start the wheels of communications turning. The editors and reporters whose friendship and cooperation you have enjoyed, depend on you for news of all sorts, not necessarily pleasant. We, in Britain, know a little more about this somber side since January 3, when fire tore the heart out of the Stanborough Press, our one and only publishing house.

It happened before daybreak. Michael Cowen, associate PR secretary for the Stanborough Park church, had taken delivery of a new twin-lens reflex camera the day before, little realizing what his first photo-call would be. Before retiring he had loaded it with Kodak Tri-X film, so when the fire alarm sounded he grabbed his new camera and his trusty Rolleicord, ran the hundred yards from his home to the press and shot off a series of dramatic pictures. The first press photographer arrived 45 minutes later, and the first reporter a full half hour later still. So our own pictorial record and eye-witness accounts were to prove crucial in the telling of the story.

Victor H. Cooper, my PR colleague in the British Union Conference, and I had an extremely busy day taking reporters as close as we could to the smoking ruins, explaining the work of our press, telling the various languages in which literature was printed, introducing publishing house personnel for interview, and racking our shocked and

weary brains for the answers to a barrage of questions.

During the morning we had an hour-long session on the telephone, dictating new flashes to wire services, radio, TV and national newspapers. Invariably the first question asked was, "Anybody killed or injured?" In spite of the diminished news value implicit in the negative, we were glad to be able to answer no to that one.

Watford is served by two weekly papers, the *West Herts Post*, published on Thursdays and the *Watford Observer*, which comes out on Friday. I decided to offer first choice of Michael's pictures to the *Observer*, which has the larger circulation and the handicap of a later publication day.

When I called at his office early on Monday morning to offer a choice of 16 glossy prints, Mr. Foster, the paper's picture editor, was visibly impressed. He made a selection of four shots of firemen and flames, and added a mug shot of Jim Willis, the press worker who gave the alarm. He beamed when I told him they would be exclusive. "You people are incredible," he said. "There isn't another organization in this town which is so efficient in its handling of internal news."

I hasten to add that this tribute properly belongs to Harry Leonard, Stanborough Park church PR secretary; Michael Cowen, his photographer asso-

ciate; and Pamela Guest, stenographer. Between them this hard-working team have notched up an impressive number of column inches since they began work together two years ago.

Bryan Uridge, the newly appointed editor of the *West Herts Post*, was glad to take a total of six pictures. "I haven't been on the job here very long," he said, "but I have been very much impressed with the quality and efficiency of your reporting. The stories you give us have good news value, and I am glad to use them." Both men expressed the thought that though from their point of view the pictures and stories were excellent, they must represent a great tragedy to our church. Something of this freely expressed sympathy revealed itself in both papers' handling of the story and particularly in the editorial column of the *Observer*.

A friendly telephone request by Victor Cooper for information about personnel engaged in fighting the fire, so that appreciation for their "prompt and gallant action" could be expressed publicly on behalf of the press management, received an immediately favorable response from the pleasantly surprised duty officer of the local fire service.

Tragedy doesn't need to be all loss if it can strengthen the bonds of sympathy and understanding which link us to the community at large.





These photos were taken by Mike Cowan who worked in the Press Art Department. He also was SPC's Public Relations Leader and recognising the opportunity grabbed his cameras, old and new, producing these photos. There are very few shots of this fire and these are now regarded as iconic. The photographer from the local paper didn't turn up until 45 minutes later.



Many thanks to David Bell, the current graphic designer at the Press for kindly providing these photos and others which will be shown in the next newsletter. Many taken by his father, Barry, who worked there and re-located to



FROM THE ARCHIVES: 1) THE EARLY DAYS OF NEWBOLD REVEL

Stanborough College relocated to Newbold Revel, near Rugby in 1932 taking over a considerably superior property with many potential benefits for the students' education. This edited account taken from The Missionary Worker gives an insight into student life. It seems that much of the training was vocational and designed to generate an income for the college, as well as the students to help pay fees, or make it self sufficient and teach a skill for life into the bargain (referred to as 'school industries' which included laundry work). Particularly helpful would be the fact that during World War 2 shoe repairers over the age of 30 were exempt from call-up. Reading this explains why Dr. Woodfield mentioned in his speech at the Newbold Revel students' reunion held in 1979 that current students worked a lot harder for their diplomas than during his time as a student.

WE have just completed our first term at Newbold Missionary College. Taking a retrospective view we can say that the Lord has been very gracious unto us, and we can see more and more His guiding hand in leading us to this place. Every activity of school life has been signally blessed since we came to our new abode. We had an unusually good spirit manifested during the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Unitedly students and teachers took hold and were rewarded by obtaining the sum of over £300—just £40 over our last year's goal.

Another very encouraging feature of our school's beginning is the four efforts that are being conducted in the neighbouring villages. In almost every instance the attendance has been increasing week by week. Many of the students spend their Sabbath afternoons giving Bible studies in the homes of the interested people and the Lord is about to give us an abundant harvest of souls. Already some are attending our Sabbath meetings at the College Church and quite a number come to our young people's meetings on Friday evening. These villagers all know that we are Seventh-Day Adventists, and this, rather than being a detriment, has turned out to be a blessing.

During the Week of Prayer we had a rich outpouring of the Spirit's power among us. On the Sabbath morning eighty of the students denied themselves their morning meal in order to attend the prayer meeting. That was a wonderful meeting! During the breakfast hour every Sabbath morning a band of young people meet in the reception-room for prayer and Bible study and these are certainly very precious occasions.

The school industries, while yet in their initial stages, are beginning to show good progress. Our very productive farm of 300 acres is, now well stocked with sheep and cattle. Already we have a sufficient milk supply for the school and have a surplus which we are selling to the families in the vicinity. Our potato and wheat crops were very good indeed. The market garden is also showing good returns and it is our plan to enlarge this department during the coming season. With our large range of greenhouses we ought 'to be able to grow a good crop of tomatoes. The carpentry department has had much work to do in transforming the mansion to suit our needs and is now busy fitting the large drawing-room with shelves for our new library. This is a spacious; well-lighted room, with seating capacity for about seventy readers, and will be an ideal' place for study.

This year we are spending £200 on new books so that our young people may become acquainted with the best in literature. The engineering department has just completed the installation of steam to the kitchen and is now setting up machinery in the laundry. Another new department is for boot-repairing. Here we have four expert boot-repairers, and already they are beginning to establish' quite a business, getting in trade from the neighbouring towns and villages.

We are pleased to be able to sound a note of courage to our brethren and sisters in the field. We believe that the Lord has brought us to this place which He had prepared for us, and that yet we are going to see a light, right in the centre of England, from which trained young people will go forth to the ends of the earth bearing a message for these dark days. We want to thank all our loyal, faithful members for the financial aid that they have given to the students. Truly the best investment we can make is in the lives of young people who will win souls for the kingdom of God.

W. G. C. Aftnnocti. THE MISSIONARY WORKER January 29, 1932

Over the next few years the student body increased and began taking in international students. The British Advent Messenger, May 13, 1938 reports that:

Nearly one-third of the student body comes from countries outside the British Union territory. Seventeen different nationalities are represented, including representatives from Canada, Australia, East and South Africa, Switzerland, Denmark, Norway, Estonia, Finland, Poland, Sweden, Hungary, Germany, New Zealand, and India. The overseas group is ably led Brother Tobiassen and is always to the fore as willing volunteers in all missionary activities. Newbold is truly an "International Missionary College".

However, just 10 years after the move to Newbold Revel the college was forced to move again, this time to much smaller and less suitable premises near Birmingham as a result of Newbold Revel being requisitioned by the RAF. This temporary move lasted for several years, much longer than expected, and whilst the students were accommodated in Packwood Haugh—and huts once again, staff were accommodated in nearby Aylesbury House which had different owners.

After the war Newbold Revel was returned to the church but the cost of upkeep proved prohibitive and so new premises were found in Binfield—the present site. The move to Packwood Haugh had been conducted in haste in deep snow and similarly the later move to Binfield after the war. This time the owners of Aylesbury House were keen to repossess the property and the British government, keen to find homes for Europeans displaced by the war was casting its eyes on the empty Binfield properties.

2) THE MOVE TO PACKWOOD HAUGH

The information below was obtained from a website called **Special Education in Solihull** and sums up that recorded in various issues of the **Messenger**.

Packwood Haugh School, a boys' preparatory school situated in Glasshouse Lane, Hockley Heath near Solihull in Warwickshire, relocated to Ruyton, Shropshire in 1940 amidst fears for the pupils' safety as it was feared that the school was located too close to Birmingham which would be a target for bombers. Such concerns did not trouble the powers that be who chose to relocate the Newbold Revel students there when the property was requisitioned by the government for use by the RAF.

The Special Education in Solihull website records: 'Between 1942-1946 Packwood Haugh was home to Newbold College, whose premises in Newbold, Warwickshire had been requisitioned by the Royal Air Force. The college moved to Binfield, Berkshire in 1946 and the 16-acre Packwood Haugh site was advertised for sale by private treaty in November 1946. Packwood Residential Special School seems to have opened in January 1951 in the former Packwood Haugh School, and 'catered for 60 boys aged 10-16 and appears to have closed in 1979'.

The original Packwood Haugh School is now a co-educational preparatory boarding school and remains in its Shropshire location.

The following edited account of the move has been extracted from the **British Advent Messenger** Vol. 47, no. 7 dated March 27, 1942.

• **Newbold Carries On! By N. H. Knight**

It is now common knowledge that Newbold Missionary College has removed from the fine wooded estate at Newbold Revel, near Rugby, to temporary premises known as Packwood Haugh, Hockley Heath. Hockley Heath is about ten miles south of Birmingham, on the main Stratford road, and Packwood Haugh is just over a mile from the main road. The location is delightful in many ways, the buildings being located on a hill in the midst of well-wooded country. The district is known locally as 'The Dormitory of Birmingham' as all around the vicinity are modern and attractive houses, many of them occupied by Birmingham business men. The village of Lapworth is near by and there are other attractive villages and hamlets within easy reach. The farming industry is well represented in the district.

The actual removal of the furniture and other effects from Newbold Revel to Packwood Haugh extended over three weeks — late in January and early February—during which time forty large loads were transported by road under most adverse conditions—most of the time through deep snow.

Packwood Haugh was formerly a preparatory school of very high repute, the pupils being prepared there to enter such public schools as Rugby, Clifton, etc. Some time before Packwood Haugh was made available to Newbold College, the preparatory school, at the time under the headmastership of Mr. S. C. McFerran, removed to premises near Shrewsbury, where they are enjoying continued success.

In a recent letter, Mr. McFerran very kindly outlined at our request the history of the school at Packwood Haugh, informing us, by the way, that the word "Haugh" is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning "Hedge."

He writes: "After forty-eight years it was sad for the school

to have to leave Warwickshire, but it was felt by many that it was situated too near Birmingham and Coventry, and that the children might suffer as a result of air raids.

"There was always a happy and cheerful atmosphere at Packwood and may the writer say that he hopes you will be equally happy there in your exile."

As already stated, Packwood Haugh is situated on a hill, and it is the earnest desire of students and staff that Newbold College shall be as a city set on a hill, that cannot be hid, and that its light may shine brightly, bringing many blessings to all around, to the glory of God.

In spite of the cramped accommodation, the College is already functioning almost normally. Some of the teachers are still living at Newbold Revel, and this necessitates their staying in the College home except for weekends. One of our lady teachers has been 'loaned' to the Stanborough Park Secondary School, but the classes are meeting regularly, and all are doing their best to 'make up for lost time.'

The erection of all the huts has not yet been completed, but those at present occupied by the young men students, are reported to be quite satisfactory. All the young lady students are accommodated in the College building.

The Industries have once again been set in motion, and there are plenty of orders to be filled. The laundry is not yet able to cater for all the demands made upon it, so temporary arrangements have been made with an outside laundry to do some of the work. Whereas the industries have been housed in what was formerly the school gymnasium, the laundry will be operated in the 'Squash court.'

The poultry and a number of milking cows have been transferred from Newbold Revel, which, with the kitchen, gardens, will provide work for a number of students. Some students have already contracted to work for farmers in the district, and other openings will undoubtedly occur whereby the students will be able to assist themselves and, we believe, find ample opportunity of bearing a faithful witness for the truth.

• **A New Era in Christian Education By N. H. Knight**

All are quite well acquainted with the events affecting the College during the war years: the requisitioning of the College buildings on the Newbold Revel Estate; the hurried exodus in the mid-winter of January, 1942, through a foot of snow to the "temporary premises" at Packwood Haugh, near Birmingham.

The word 'temporary' took on a new meaning to many at the College as the 'temporary' arrangements were intended to be for a year or perhaps two. Four years of "temporary" facilities tried the patience of many, and the acquisition of the new properties at Binfield, Berkshire, in January of this year brought a sigh of relief and gratitude to God.

Once more the tremendous undertaking of removing the furnishings, equipment, and machinery, and the complete personal effects of almost one hundred students as well as the staff with their families and house hold effects had to be undertaken.

Plans were laid for a well organized 'move' during the month of March. Circumstances, however, necessitated a hurried move early in January. The 'move' was commenced and everything necessary was eventually installed to enable the College to resume its normal activities on Tuesday, February 5th.

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◆ CHURCH MATTERS: ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Well done to our PBE Teams** who achieved first place in the recent SEC testing and are now setting their sights on the BUC Testing in March.
- **LILIES FOR EASTER:** Easter Friday is on March 29th this year. As in former years we invite you to enhance our Worship by donating lilies to beautify the church. You can donate as many lilies as you like (£5 per lily)- to give thanks to God, remember a loved one or to say 'thank you' to family and friends. All proceeds will go to the ADRA Annual Appeal. Please obtain an envelope from Pat Walton and write a dedication of not more than two lines. Please return the envelopes to Pat or Audrey by 23rd March at the latest. Thank you.
- **Bronwen Atkinson is home** at last having spent Christmas and her 93rd birthday in hospital. She returns for an operation at the beginning of March.
- **Parallel Sabbath School class** meets at the back of the main sanctuary. Please join us.
- **Women Ministry will be supporting the Watford Women's Centre** as its outreach programme and would like SPC women to get involved. The Centre welcomes donations of baby wipes and nappies. Please get in touch with Milimo or Esther if you would like to get involved in any way. If you want to give an anonymous donation, you can do so by indicating on the envelope how much you are giving to Women Ministry.
- **Women Ministry is keen to run an in-reach programme.** If you would like a visit or you know of anyone who would benefit from a visit and friendship, please contact Milimo or Esther.
- **We are fundraising for DENS** (supporting Dacorum's homeless) and the Church Development Fund by taking part in a 60km cycle on 28th April. Donations welcome: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/DENScycleride>. See Chiemi or Eric for further details.
- **The CSMC is reviewing and updating the register of key holders over the next few weeks.** Anyone not entitled to hold keys will be asked to return them so that the keys can be assigned to authorised key holders. Your help is appreciated in facilitating this.
- **FAMILY LIFE MARRIAGE COURSE:** see the article on page 3. Speak to June, Dane, Fay or Roy. Or you could email us at: familylife@stanboroughchurch.org. The department would like to know how best to support your family and what is important to you. Please complete the questionnaire to help us know how to best support your family and what is important to

you: <https://forms.gle/34me6d3DhtjTZN3o6> (Hard copies available on request).

• **The February Teatime Concert** featured pianist Alexander Adarkov. There will be no Teatime Concert in March.

• **ADRA'S ANNUAL APPEAL** (23rd March—27th April): it is five years since the last house-to-house ADRA collection. Messenger subscribers receiving the journal by post will have received an envelope to donate, otherwise they are available in the concourse. Funds will support projects in Nepal, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Mauretania, Zambia and Ghana.

• **Best wishes to Eustace Anthony** who is leaving for Antigua mid March where he will marry Ivy at the end of the month.

◆ REGULAR EVENTS

• **Let's talk about Jesus** held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 2pm. Everyone is welcome; bring a friend, your Bible, your favourite text, hymn or story so we can share and talk about our friend Jesus. Everyone is welcome.

• **Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting** is taking place in the Sanctuary and on Zoom: ID: 721 857 1482; Passcode: pray3r. We are praying for our children every Wednesday. If anyone wants to pray for their children. They can contact the SPC prayer leaders. Contact number 07988045461

• **A new baptismal class** started 2nd March at 10am. If you are thinking about being baptised or want to learn more about the Christian faith this class is for you! Please contact a member of the pastoral team if you would like to join.

• **Prayer Morning:** All are welcome to join the prayer meeting from 6am to 6:30am. Zoom ID 8316619709 passcode 777.

• **Women Ministry hold a weekly prayer meeting on Zoom on Fridays.** Join us! Zoom ID : 831 0985 5836 Passcode: Fprayer.

◆ **PRAYER CORNER:** Your prayers are requested for all the requests in the Prayer Box. You can place private Prayer Requests in the Prayer Box or via email STANBOROUGHPRAYS@GMAIL.COM

◆ THE LAST WORD

- Belief and faith is the basis of salvation.
- Whosoever believes in Him is not condemned.

Pastor Terry Messenger: sermon 24th February, 2024