



**A Word in Season . . .**

This is a very special year for my wife and me because we celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary. We both thank God for His many blessings experienced in our marriage over these last 50 years. That in itself is something to celebrate. Thinking about our anniversary, it suddenly occurred to me that the UK has several outstanding anniversaries this year.

Last February saw our Queen's Sapphire Anniversary - i.e. 65 years since she ascended the throne. Her Majesty spent the day at Sandringham in quiet contemplation, remembering the death of her father. Two eventful centenaries are celebrated this year - namely: the end of the First World War in 1918; and the formation of the Royal Air Force by the merger of the *Royal Flying Corp* and the *Royal Naval Air Service*. Last month saw the first anniversary of the Grenfell Tower Disaster in London; that was a very sad reminder that not all anniversaries bring occasion for rejoicing.

Interestingly, while I'm only focusing on the UK it is fascinating to note that during the course of this year over 5,000 newsworthy and notable anniversaries will occur throughout the entire world, many of them in the UK. We may be interested to note that 100 years ago, women gained the right to vote in Great Britain and Ireland. 90 years ago, the London & North Eastern Railway's *Flying Scotsman* steam-hauled express train commenced its non-stop journey from London King's Cross to Edinburgh. As we have been reminded recently in the news, causing scandal for the British Government, it was 70 years ago that the *Empire Windrush* docked in London with 500 Jamaican immigrants. It was 30 years ago that Margaret Thatcher became the longest-serving UK Prime Minister; she was in office for 8 years and 244 days! The first journey of the high-speed train from France to London through the Channel Tunnel took place 25 years ago.

These are fascinating facts and may surprise some of us that certain events took place much earlier than we may have imagined. That highlights the reality that,

as the old saying goes, 'Time flies'! It certainly appears to do so. As my wife and I reflect over the events in our married life together, some things just don't seem to have been as far back in time as they actually have. Is that an indication that we have been happy together? I would like to think that it is.

God also has anniversaries for us to celebrate. The Sabbath is a very important one as each week we celebrate His love in Creation and Redemption. Baptism is another in which we celebrate Christ's resurrection and the new life we receive in Him when we begin the Christian life. We celebrate His sacrificial death for our redemption by sharing in Holy Communion; and by this same ordinance, Jesus also directed us to look forward to His soon return. I wonder what anniversaries we shall celebrate in His Kingdom? I can think of one passage that drops a hint in that direction: check it out, it's found in Isaiah 66:22,23.

- Michael I Walker.

**Food for Thought . . .**

Seven prayer-less days make one weak!

- Anon

**Services of the Church . . .**

Bible Study/Discussion . . . .

Saturday 10:00 am

Children's Class . . . Saturday 10:00 am

Family Worship . . .

Saturday 11:15 am

Church Family Fellowship . . .

First Saturday

afternoon in each month after the

Worship Service and a fellowship meal.

Bible Study & Prayer . . .

Monday 7:30 pm

We operate a child protection policy.

Marriages – Child Dedications –

Believers Baptisms – Funerals

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**Church Family Fellowship A Great Success**



Last April, the Adventist Church in Burnt Lane launched a special ministry for promoting and organizing special fellowship events for the entire church family. It is called *Church Family Fellowship* (CFF). Its aim is to cater for all ages. There is no fixed routine as we want to make it as varied as possible. The event is held on the first Saturday (Sabbath) in the month. After the morning church services, we have a fellowship meal together before pursuing the planned activity for that particular afternoon.

On 7 July, a very special event took place at Womack Staithe in Ludham. Everyone, young and old, gathered for a picnic under the welcome shade of the trees. The weather was perfect. After the meal, everyone was invited to participate in various ways in a nature search. This was educational for the children and everyone enjoyed the venture. The children had great fun by searching for different items of interest. Prizes were promised for the best efforts. Needless to say, everyone wondered what the prizes would be! Gifts of delicious fruit were handed out for the best achievers. It was a really enjoyable day spent together and ended with a sense of well-being and of belonging to a very special church family.

## Editorial

You will observe that this edition is a joint one for July and August due to the holiday season. Wherever you intend to spend your summer holiday, we wish you all a very happy and enjoyable break. Our cover story takes on the seasonal touch with a very successful story at Womack Water. Enjoy the scrapbook pictures of the event.

- Editor

### ADRA Europe Active in Helping Greek Fire Victims



With more than 85 dead, hundreds injured, and more than 1,200 homes destroyed following deadly wildfires near Athens, Greece, ADRA (Adventist Disaster Relief Agency) is working to provide support. The fires, thought to be the deadliest on record, broke out on Monday 23 July.

Despina Tologlou is the lead person for ADRA operations in Greece and was running an evening event supporting refugees in Katerini, 500 km north of Athens when news of the fire came through. Immediately she transformed the event in the park as a fund raiser. Local citizens donated bottled water, food and hygiene items, basic medications and baby supplies, to assist those affected by the fire. Over 240 boxes were provided.



Tremendous immediate public response to ADRA appeal in Katerini

Working with the authorities, ADRA is now in the process of distributing additional supplies in the affected areas. João Martins, ADRA Europe Director said: "ADRA Europe is working together with the ADRA network to support initiatives in Greece during this emergency." They are looking at their emergency funding but extra donations are especially welcome at a time like this.

## Newbold College Awards Ceremony 2018



Newbold College is the senior college of higher education of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Northern Europe. This year's Graduation took place on Sunday 8 July when the students were awarded their degrees. Dr Daniel Duda, Educational Field Secretary for the Trans-European Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was the main speaker. Dr John Baildham, Principal, congratulates the graduates as they receive their diplomas.

### Adventist Hospital in Berlin Helping Victims of Female Genital Mutilation



The Waldfriede Seventh-day Adventist Hospital in Berlin

Over 350 victims of female genital mutilation (FGM) have received medical attention at the *Desert Flower Centre (DFC)* located in the Waldfriede Adventist Hospital in Zehlendorf, Berlin, Germany. The centre was launched in 2013 with the support of former top model Waris Dirie.

On June 21, 2018, Dirie spoke at the 6th *Live Surgery Symposium*, entitled 'Innovations in Proctology', held at the hospital with 300 doctors in attendance. "More *Desert Flower Centres* must be established around the world," she said. According to United Nations statistics, more than 250 million women worldwide are affected by this damaging procedure.

Dirie, 53, became widely known through her biography *Desert Flower* and the film of the same name. In it, the native of Somalia, who herself was a victim of FGM at the age of 5, describes her path of suffering and recovery. Waldfriede, a cooperating hospital of the *Desert Flower Foundation* launched by Dirie in Vienna in 2002, is the first institution in the world to look after the victims of FGM wholistically.

## The Next Vegetarian Cooking Class . . .

The church in Burnt Lane is part of the local community and is reaching out to serve this community. For those who have attended the bi-monthly vegetarian cooking classes in the upstairs *Function Room* of the church, whether regularly or occasionally, are well aware that this is a community project that is open to anyone whether they are church members or not. It is not a religious event but where we aim to promote healthy eating and demonstrate how to prepare wholesome recipes. You do not need to be a vegetarian in order to attend but you may discover the enjoyment of tasting alternative dishes. At each session, you will receive a printed recipe for your files and afterwards to sit down at the table and enjoy a tasty and delightful repast; and the bonus is that it will not cost you a penny! It is all part of our service to our community. So, if you have not yet taken advantage of this opportunity, why not pop in and give it a try? There is no compulsion to come again if you decide it is not for you. - Pearl Walker, Health Promoter



You are Invited  
To the Next  
Vegetarian Cookery  
Demonstration

And Afterwards to Sample the Food

at 12.30 pm on

Sunday 9 September 2018

In the Function Room

Seventh-day Adventist Church  
Burnt Lane, Gorleston, NR31 0PG

For further information  
Phone Pearl on 01493 720930

**Free Admission**

### Would You Like to Understand the Bible More Clearly?

**Pastor Mark Borrett, MA., BSc.,** is examining the *Book of Galatians* in the New Testament on a piece-meal basis. It entails a detailed examination of the book but in a simple, down-to-earth way. The *Book of Galatians* was written by **the famous apostle Paul** and is believed by New Testament scholars to be the precursor to what became his greatest theological work, namely the *Book of Romans*. Pastor Mark openly invites questions and you do not need to belong to the church to take part. **If you are interested, you are welcome to come along and share in this important study. It will take place in the upstairs Function Room each Monday evening at 7:30 where drinks and refreshments are provided.**