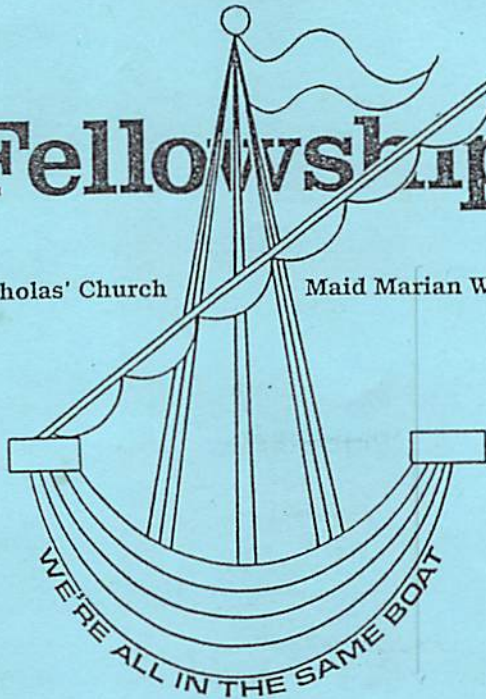


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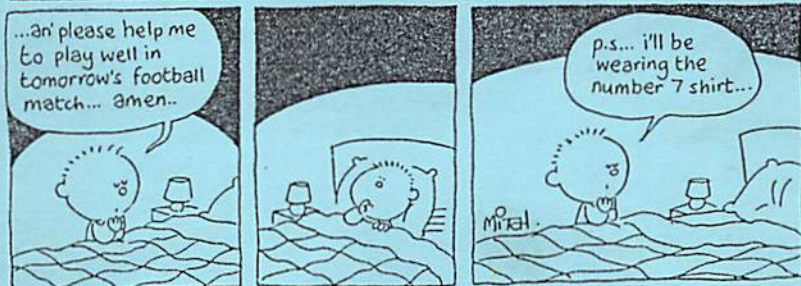
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## In This Issue: Is God a Good Sport?

the mouths of babes

by Roy Mitchell



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## Forewords

# Proposing Rest

The Keep Sunday Special Campaign do not propose to keep all shops closed on Sundays. In their recent campaign update, they set out their REST proposals. KSSC say that the 1950 Shops Act should be updated to allow certain types of shop to open. The categories are these:

- ☆ Recreation - Sports centres, historic houses, newsagents, florists, garden centres.
- ☆ Emergencies - Chemists, small food shops.
- ☆ Social Gatherings - Restaurants, take-aways, off-licences.
- ☆ Travel - Petrol stations, motor spares shops, travel kiosks.

These REST shops are very similar in type to those already legally trading. KSSC say that local authorities should establish a register of REST shops to make enforcement easy and effective.



David Blackmore, operations director at KSSC writes, "Shopkeepers have misjudged their position on Sunday opening. Many ... are

calculating that the legal restriction on Sunday trading is an unpopular law and that little harm is done if they ignore it. They are right that the law is an ass. They are wrong in breaking it. The issue raised by their behaviour is not Sunday trading at all but the importance of being lawful.

Retailers who plead that they are having a lean time would hardly sympathize with an impoverished thief who said the same. Shopkeepers who open illegally on Sundays, writing off fines against profit, are using the same bookkeeping as any professional shoplifter who treats the penalty of being caught as merely a hazard of his trade. Shops would want such petty thieves prosecuted, and penalties imposed to make such crime unrewarding. That is how they must be expected to be treated in return."

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# Is God a Good Sport?

**“God made me fast; and when I run, I feel His pleasure.”**

I know I must be a softie, but whenever Eric Liddle says these words in the film ‘Chariots of Fire’, I have to bite my lip very hard lest I burst out into fits of uncontrollable sobbing. A long sigh and a solitary tear later, I ask myself why I feel so moved.

I think it’s something to do with language which correlates sheer physical athleticism with a sense of spiritual exuberance. Such an unusual combination, yet such a profound insight.

## **Never-on-a-Sunday**

Sport and Church have been uneasy partners for many years. I well remember the letter I had from the pastor of a church I attended as a teenager. He’d read an article about me in the Colchester Gazette - I still cringe at the headline: ‘Never-on-a-Sunday David worships at wicket’ -



which reported my decision to play club cricket on Sunday afternoons that season. (I’d represented the County Under 25s the previous year and wanted to give myself the best chance of selection again in the faint hope of a professional trail).

## **The Wrath of God**

The pastor wrote, “It was therefore very grievous for me to learn that your-

self had been desecrating the Lord’s Name and the Lord’s Day by the playing of Sunday cricket.”

He proceeded to explain how I had led astray a member of his church who was now going to cycling club on Sunday mornings instead of church. He quoted the passage about “millstones round the neck” and warned me to avoid the wrath of God. Great encouragement for a young dreamer! While I chuckled at the



linguistic idiosyncrasies, I felt hurt and misunderstood as well. I was happy to speak about my faith amongst my sporting colleagues - and often found an open ear - but I learned to keep my mouth shut about sport in Christian circles. Apathetic disinterest and gently mocking laughter from believers were one thing, but outright persecution was too much.

## Radical

That uneasy partnership between Church and Sport is probably Plato's fault. Plato's philosophy separated matter from spirit; a platonic relationship is non-physical. Consequently, the divine could not inhabit a human body. St. John was totally radical in his day; to say that the Word (Logos - the Creative Energy initiating and sustaining the Universe) became flesh entailed an enormous shift in thinking for a culture steeped in Plato's thought.

Indeed, much of the thinking of the so-called 'Christian' West owes more to Plato than to Jesus or the revelation of God recorded in the old Testament. Judeo-Christian thought sees human beings as integral, whole creatures, in which body, emotion, mind and spirit cannot be separated

off from one another.

Both Sport and Theology have recently recognised that we are integrated creatures. At the same time as the Renewal Movement has discovered that healing of the body involved mind, will, memory and attitude, so sports psychologists have begun to emphasise the relationship between mental approach and quality of performance.

## Ludo

A realistic understanding of our humanity recognises the Homo Sapiens, created in the image of God, is also Homo Ludens. (Ludo means 'I play'). Thus, the "life in all its fullness" that Jesus came to bring includes the dimension of playfulness as it includes the dimension of worship. Hence, Liddle discovered the delights and pleasure of God as he ran. We lesser mortals feel more modest moments of wonder when we sink a 20 foot putt, shoot a goal or basket, or time a cover drive to the boundary. The American Sociologist Peter Berger believes that 'play' is a 'signal of transcendence', an indication of the human capacity for tasting experience of the divine.

It's gradually dawning on me





that my own motivation for participation in and viewing of sport is that I keep bumping into God, almost by accident, on Saturday afternoons. As the Psalmist says,

"Whither shall I go from thy Spirit?  
Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?"

If I ascend to heaven, thou art there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol, thou art there!"

To which may be added,

"If I nip down to the City ground, thou art there,  
or walk up to Trent Bridge, thou art there!"



'How about floating over Wembley?'

The mission of the Christian Church is to name and proclaim the God who is active throughout the world. Hopefully, His presence in the world of sport may be named more frequently and more fervently; hopefully, too, those in sport who, like Liddle, 'Feel His pleasure', whatever their particular sport, will seek - and find - the origin of their exuberant delight and so live the whole of life more fully than they had ever dreamed.

*David Beales*



'Thanks for calling, Miss Dobson - I'll leave my study as soon as I've dealt with a couple of pressing pastoral matters!'

## Answers

Down: 2 Olive, 3 Goats, 4 Son, 5 Seven, 6 Yeast, 7 Key, 10 Dan, 12 Urm, 13 Me  
Net, 17 Ben.  
Across: 1 Song of Songs, 6 Yoked, 8 As, 9 Nod, 11 You, 14 Eve, 15 St. John, 16  
Whale, Yoke, Zechariah.  
Lot, Moses, Noah, Obed, Peter, Quiver, Rahab, Sarah, Thomas, Ur, Vashti,  
Adam, Benjamin, Cain, David, Esau, Fig, Gideon, Ham, Isaac, Joshua, Kish,

# Give Women the Vote !

On Saturday 11th May, the Southwell Diocesan Synod debated the ordination of women to the priesthood. After a long and interesting debate, the Synod voted to approve the proposals in the draft legislation by the following majorities:

	For	Against
Bishops	1	0
Clergy	52	12
Laity	60	11

The Bishop of Sherwood was away, and there were no abstentions. I wonder whether any other Diocese will produce such a large percentage vote in favour.

There needs to be a majority of the forty-four Dioceses in favour before the General Synod can vote to give the new legislation final approval. Even then it must do so with a two-thirds majority. Finally both Houses of Parliament must also pass the legislation before Royal assent is given.

*John Holden*





# Footprints in the Snow

**O**n a cold, snow-filled morning in early February, Footprints dug out the infamous Footies van, armed themselves with full thermos flasks and blankets, and headed down the A453 at a time when every channel of mass communication throughout the UK was blaring out one message: *Stay at home!* For once the media did not appear to have overstated the situation: driving was less of a problem than locating where the roads were in the first place.

Six hours later, the refrain from the theme tune from 'The Scrap Happy Adventure' could be heard echoing from the roof of the Great Hall at Aston University in Birmingham: "Scrap Happy, Scrap Happy, Everybody is somebody" as an intrepid audience of about four hundred people joined in, determined not to allow a few inches of snow to spoil their afternoon.

It's been an interesting six months for Footprints: the second 'Wodgersay Reports' tour was received very enthusiastically by all last

Autumn. The Deputy Head of the school at which Carol Matthews teaches commented that it was one of the best events, if not the best event which had been presented at the school.

## £10,000 deficit

It is this sort of feedback which we find so encouraging and is so essential for perseverance. We have been affected by recent cuts and December 1990 saw us facing a £10,000 deficit, because a grant from Derbyshire County Council of £12,000 was cut to £2,500.

I suspect that the early part of 1991 was perhaps the nearest Footprints has yet got to finishing. All of us were ready to hear God saying

"That's it" but that particular message never came. Instead, through two particular gifts, we saw the deficit 'disappear' for which we do indeed thank God. 'Adapt and Survive' became our motto.



In January the Trustees made the difficult decision to



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make Kate redundant. However I am delighted to be able to report that Kate started a new job with the music, drama and dance support service at County Hall in May. One of her more onerous duties is to be present at the Edinburgh Festival for three weeks - the poor thing!

## Scrappy Times

Meanwhile Footprints re-adjusted to Kate's absence, as well as Michelle's, as Michelle started her half-time job as Disability Researcher for East Midlands Arts. Rehearsals for 'The Scrap Happy Adventure' followed and we welcomed a really good team of both familiar and new faces.

The tour went very well indeed. We heard of one man who bowed his head during a performance to pray for a family who were exactly like 'The Scrap Family'. Someone else told us: "All the children sang the song in the playground the next morning and we attracted 3 new recruits for Explorers following the show."

Hard on the heels of 'Scrap Happy' came Spring Harvest. Steve and Janet for the first time in many years gave it a miss as Steve was on sabbatical - a decision which I understand was not popular with their children! Michelle and Liz waved the Footprints flag at Minehead where

they were involved in the After Hours programme. Rumour has it that one evening found Michelle, dressed in Bermuda shorts and T-shirt and lying on an ironing board, being carried by four men over the heads of the audience and singing along to the Hawaii Five-O music. If you want to know why you'll have to ask her but apparently the audience loved it - a change from seminars I suppose.

## And Now . . .

And what of the present? Well, Steve and Janet are performing 'When the Bough Breaks' (which examines the issues surrounding an unwanted pregnancy) at Swanwick for the 'National Symposium on Teenage Sexuality'. Steve and Liz are leading an Advanced Drama Course in the inspiring setting of Launde Abbey. The Autumn is busy and plans for 1992 are well underway.

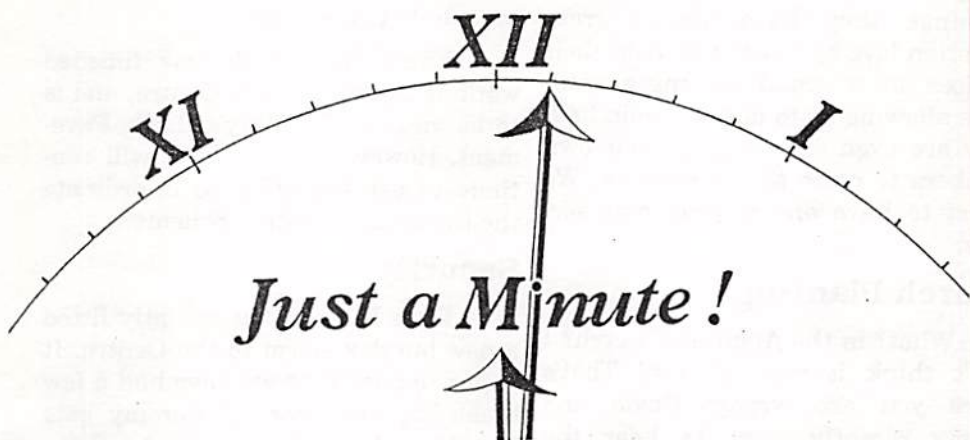
It's not been an easy few months but out of the refining fire new growth is beginning to show. God has had His hand on the company since its beginnings and it would seem that He doesn't intend to remove it just yet.

*Liz Leonard*

(If you are interested in being involved with the company or being included on our mailing list, do contact the Footprints office - Liz'll talk to anybody!)







*Recent articles describing the goings-on of the PCC have proved so popular that your magazine now boasts a new semi-regular slot! 'Just a Minute' will keep you up-to-date with the machinations and thoughts of the people who steer the church on your behalf.*

## **Redesign**

Our last service in St. Nic's in its present form will be on Sunday 7th July. The next day work will start on the main phase of the redesign - removing the pews. We have not budgeted for any of the demolition/removal to be done by contractors, so it is up to us!

We need to move items down to the church centre for storage, remove the pews and dōda panelling, and have a smashing time with a sledge hammer on the old radiators! Then the gravestones need to be lifted and relocated, and the concrete slabs disposed of. There will also be *lots* of cleaning!

We could make this a community project by coming to church to help in the evenings, and possibly taking a few days of holiday. If you feel God calling you to this ministry, please let Gordon Walker or Arthur Beniston know.

## **New Venue**

So where will we meet on Sundays while all this mayhem is happening? Answer: in the Castlegate Congregational Church. They have very kindly made their church available to us for the three months or so while ours is redesigned. In the evenings, there is no problem, as they do not have an evening service themselves. But for the



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mornings they have shown great Christian love by offering to hold their services in a small adjoining room while allowing us to use the main hall! They are even encouraging their own members to come to our services. We expect to have one or two joint services.

## Church Planting

What? in the Anglican Church? I didn't think it was allowed! That's where you are wrong. David and Jeremy recently went to hear the Archbishop of Canterbury speak to around 800 delegates on church planting. (The A B actually refused to come as a delegate - he wanted to give the main paper!)

## Movements in the office

Sadly, Christian Impact have almost completely closed down their operation in Nottingham - all that is left is a phone and a photocopier, but that is soon to go. Colin is arranging a lease for a new copier. (Footprints may

contribute to the cost).

Eddie Neale has now finished working at the St. Nic's Centre, and is to be vicar of St. Mary's, High Pavement. However Val Leyland will continue to use the office to co-ordinate the Diocesan Volunteer Scheme.

## Security

Dave Elliman has recently fitted a new burglar alarm to the Centre. It seems to need it as we have had a few break-ins, and poor old Jeremy gets his office window broken about twice a month these days.

On the subject of misdemeanours, merely hours before I put finger to keyboard to type this article, a man climbed the downpipe and perched on the church roof. The police were unable to get him down, but two fire-engines succeeded! When asked what he was doing, he replied "I wanted to get into the church"!


*David Moore*



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## Limerick

There was a young lady from Leeds  
Who swallowed a packet of seeds.  
In less than an hour  
Her nose was in flower  
And her head was all covered in weeds.

*Louise Elliman* 





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# Looking at Politics

## A New Christian Political Movement?

*As Christians, we need to be involved in all walks of life, and to be aware of what is going on in the world of politics. Roy McCloughry explores some of the issues surrounding a new movement.*

Christian values have been eroded in our society and there is a need to give these a higher profile in the political debates.

In January 1988, David Alton MP and Ken Hargreaves MP called together a group of Christians who were interested in politics. New ideas emerged about the need for a new movement within British politics which would more accurately express Christian values in society.

### Faith in Britain

On November 17th 1990 a rally at Westminster launched the newly formed Movement for Christian Democracy (MCD) which now has many thousands of members.

On its poster with the slogan 'Let's have faith in Britain' is the phrase 'together, let's tackle poverty, homelessness, debt, loneliness, and all the other social and environmental

problems affecting us today'.

David Alton is a key member of the MCD. He is an enthusiastic Christian from the Catholic tradition, and is well known for his public stance on pro-life issues.

### Charismatic and Catholic

The members of MCD are equally divided between Catholics and Evangelicals. In their concern to root policy thinking in biblical theology, they find that they have a great deal in common. Joint worship led alternatively from the Charismatic and the Catholic traditions expresses the hope that what we think and do might bring honour and glory to God.

The basis of the Movement for Christian Democracy can be found in the Westminster Declaration which has six principles:

- ☆ Social justice is founded in the character of God.

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It demands an equal regard for the condition of all and therefore a special concern for the needs of the poor, the suffering and the powerless.

- ☆ Respect for life affirms that all human life is created by God and made in His image. MCD is concerned with the life of the pre-born child. It is also concerned for those who do not have the essentials of life and suffer through famine, war or disease.
- ☆ Reconciliation is fundamental. Christians are a signpost to the Kingdom of God where all are one in Christ Jesus. This unity must be seen beyond the Church in our wider society. MCD is committed to the breakdown of oppression based on gender, race, class, nation, religion, ideology, and political power.
- ☆ Compassion. The God of justice is also the God of love. We are called to loving service of others instead of self-interest. Individuals, families, charities and communities are seen as the agents which bring active compassion to those in need.

☆ Wise stewardship is essential for the environment. All economic activity must involve our responsibility for the world God entrusted to us. Markets should be structured in such a way that fair and good relationships between buyers, sellers and others are ensured.

☆ Justice includes distributing wealth so all may participate fully. All authority is from God and must be exercised responsibly before Him. Those who concentrate power as individuals, or in multi-national corporations, may need to be called to account if they are seen to be working against the common good.

These six principles are derived directly from biblical teaching.

MCD does not focus on the individual as an economic unit, nor on the State as the ultimate political authority, but on relationships between people. There is a desire to restore the family which has been eroded by the increased fragmentation of the modern world. There is a need to bring back the idea of community, of belonging together and of knowing others and being known by them.



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# J. John Update

This year is the 10th anniversary of the Philo Trust, and J. John, together with Dave Edwards and Nick Shioleftou are just back from a 25-day tour of Australia, with a hectic schedule of missions, conferences and meetings.

Before they left, John wrote, "We look back over this term with much thankfulness to our Lord. God's grace and goodness have abounded. We have had many marvellous missions, especially at Oxford University and at Christ the King in Chatham. It was a joy to work with the Reverends Roger and Anne Dyer who are doing a marvellous work of personal evangelism. It is a humbling experience to gather in the harvest where one did not sow. Three

dinners at the Wokingham mission were attended by a high percentage of unbelievers, the majority indicating a profession of faith, or a commitment to find out more.



"We have just finished a mission at St. Mark's Church in Battersea, which was encouraging. A packed programme of 10 meetings in 4 days, with a Mediaeval Banquet on the first evening! 'Little John' was the after dinner speaker - what can one say in that situation? So I spoke about another John who had

his head chopped off and just before he did, John said some very interesting things!"

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It is important to stress that MCD is a movement of Christians across the political spectrum and that there are no plans for it to become a political party.

Local groups are being set up so that people might join together to take action in their local communities and found a network of people who are concerned for change in our communities.

The most encouraging thing about the meetings that I have attended has been the commitment to prayer, fellowship and a concern to be biblically based.

*Roy K McCloughry*

Kingdom Trust

If you are interested either in joining or finding out more about the Movement for Christian Democracy you should contact: David Alton MP, The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

# Bible Brain Benders

The theme for this month's Bible Brain Benders is **Letters**. There is a word-shaped cross-word, an **Alphabet quiz**, a **maze** and a **letter-match**.

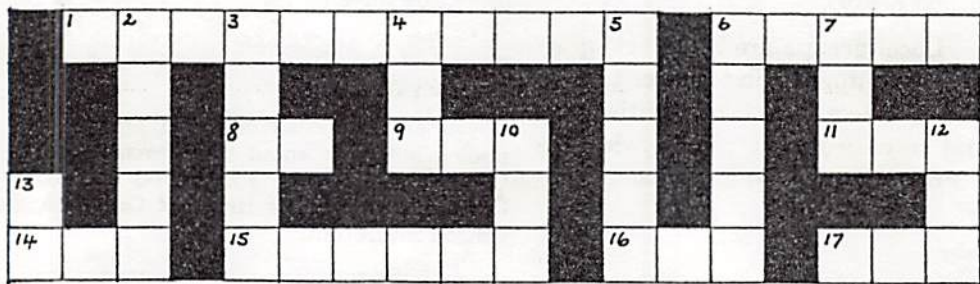
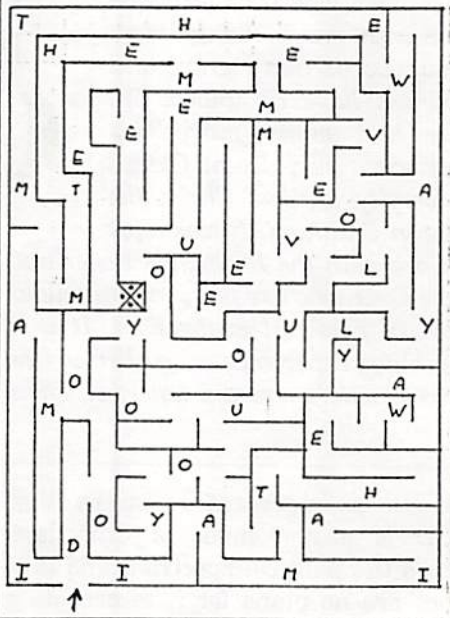
## Across

- 1 22nd book of the Bible.
- 6 Christians shouldn't be unevenly  
\_\_\_ with unbelievers.
- 8 First word of Psalm 42.
- 9 Land East of Eden, where Cain  
went.
- 11 Jesus loves this person.
- 14 First palindromic lady.
- 15 The beloved disciple.
- 16 X, written backwards.
- 17 10 down's baby brother.

## Down

- 2 Mount, held out as a branch.
- 3 These go on His left.
- 4 Ham to Noah.
- 5  $(1 + (4 \times 5)) / 3$ .
- 6 Leven.
- 7 One of which Peter has many.
- 10 The only true brother of Naphtali.
- 12 Water jar.
- 13 Jesus loves this person.

Go through this maze by the right route, and you'll find what Jesus said to someone. The route should make this person's initial.

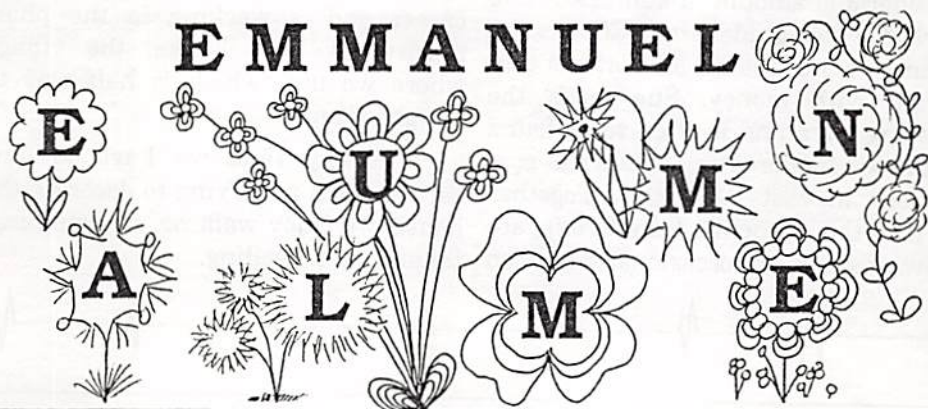




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## The Alphabet Quiz

A	The first man	(Genesis 2:20)
B	A son of Jacob	(Genesis 35:24)
C	This brother did a wicked thing	(Genesis 4:8)
D	He killed Goliath	(1 Sam 17:49)
E	He sold his birthright to his brother	(Genesis 25:34)
F	Jesus looked for fruit on this tree	(Matthew 21:19)
G	A sword for the Lord and for . . .	(Judges 7:20)
H	His father was Noah	(Genesis 6:10)
I	When he was born, his mother laughed	(Genesis 21:5,6)
J	He took over from Moses	(Deuteronomy 31:7)
K	King Saul was his son	(1 Samuel 10:11)
L	His wife became a pillar of salt	(Genesis 19:25-26)
M	Pharaoh's daughter adopted him	(Exodus 2:10)
N	When the rains came, he was safe	(Genesis 7:7)
O	His mother was Ruth	(Ruth 4:17)
P	He raised Tabitha to life again	(Acts 9:40)
Q	A container for arrows	(Genesis 27:3)
R	She sheltered spies	(Joshua 2:1)
S	Abraham's wife	(Genesis 17:15)
T	This disciple would not believe	(John 20:24,25)
U	Abram left this place for Canaan	(Genesis 11:31)
V	This queen was disobedient	(Esther 1:12)
W	Sea Monster	(Genesis 1:21)
Y	A harness for oxen	(Genesis 27:40)
Z	He was dumb till John was born.	(Luke 1:13-20)



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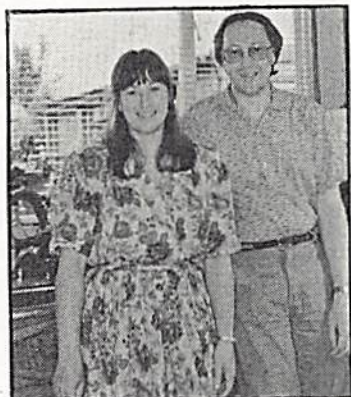


introduce you to . . .

## Chris and Sue Nurden

(or at least heard) reading the lessons on Sunday evenings.

Chris has been attending St. Nic's since he came to Nottingham as a student in 1977 and Sue joined him when they married eight years ago. Over the years we have taken on a number of responsibilities within the Church. Chris is perhaps best known for his work as



Church Treasurer, which involves a considerable amount of administrative work. He also guides the PCC, via the finance committee, in all matters connected with money. Sue leads the catering team and is often to be found in the kitchen creating wonderful concoctions in vast quantities. Together we lead the Rushcliffe Link Group, are Stewards and can occasionally be seen

During the week, Chris works in Derby as a Chartered Accountant and is an audit manager in an accountancy firm. His clients range from a Cricket Club to a Turkey farm and from a recording studio to a school for deaf children. Sue meanwhile is taking

an enforced break from her nursing career and is working in the pharmacists at East Leake, the village where we live, which is half way to Loughborough.

In any time we have to ourselves, when not trying to decorate the house, we enjoy walking, entertaining, tennis and travelling.



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## From Our Own Correspondent



### Shaun and Jan Walsh

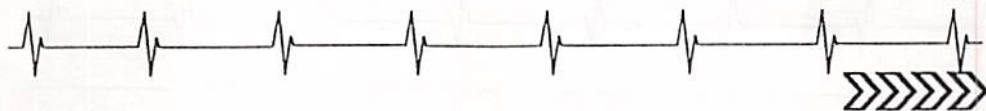
Shaun, formerly an accountant, and his wife Jan, formerly a physiotherapist, are currently serving in India with 'Youth with a Mission' (YWAM), a category into which they still just about fit! They are largely supported by St. Nic's, their home fellowship.

Following a six month YWAM Discipleship Training School based in Holland, Shaun and Jan returned to Nottingham for a time of preparation (and 'coming to terms'), and in January this year they flew out to Hyderabad, a city in South-East of India. Their ultimate aim is to plant churches among an as yet unspecified

people group in India. They are currently learning Hindi, and expect that for the next couple of years they will be finding their feet and becoming acquainted with Indian culture.

### Hyderabad

Early in April, Shaun and Jan moved into the YWAM base in the city of Hyderabad, prior to commencing a seven week term at a Hindi language school at Mussoorie in Northern India. Mussoorie, situated in the Himalayan foothills, is much cooler than Hyderabad, and part of the reason for their going was so that Jan could escape the heat since she is expecting their first baby towards the end of June.



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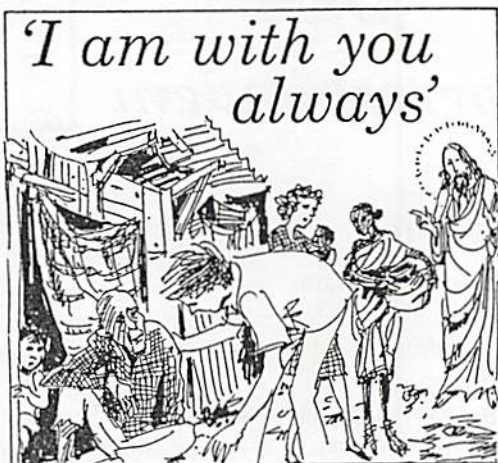
At the end of May they will return to Hyderabad to have the baby and live on the YWAM base for the first few months of parenthood, since they will receive more emotional and practical support than at Srinagar Colony. It 'just happens' that there is a nursing home ten minutes walk from the base equipped with all the latest American equipment, run by two American trained doctors! In all likelihood there isn't another hospital like it in the whole of India.

### Extraordinary Demands

This is just one of the many ways in which the Lord is reassuring them that they are on the right road, and that He is actively involved in the details of their lives. As with Paul in the New Testament, when God places

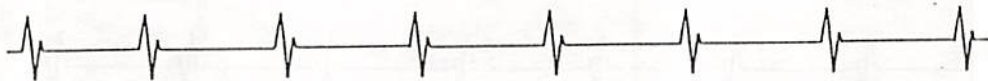
extraordinary demands upon His servants, he grants them special experiences to give them something to hold on to.

While Shaun and Jan have an organised support group based in England, letters from interested persons are always welcome, but when writing to Shaun and Jan, please do not include the name YWAM in the address, as you may put their foot in it with the authorities. This



is important. However, it is not necessary to be cautious with the content.

Shaun and Jan's address is:  
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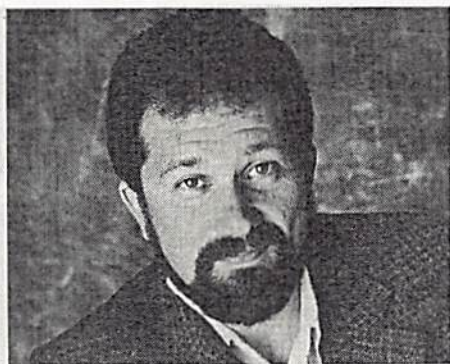
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## 'Rolling in the Aisles'

*Fred Denno is a member of St. Nic's, and used to work with Footprints. He is currently on tour with "Riding Lights".*

On the 26th and 27th June, Riding lights Theatre Company will be coming to the Great Hall at Nottingham University to perform their latest production, 'Rolling in the Aisles'.



### Ministry

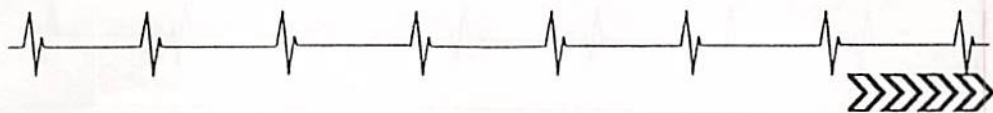
For the first seven years the company comprised more or less the same group of people. Since 1984 many actors and actresses as well

as technical and administrative people have played some sort of role in the development of the ministry of Riding Lights.

This will be the second time I have appeared with the company there, having played Adrian Plass in 'The Sacred Diary of Adrian Plass aged 37 3/4', last March. [Ah! I *knew* I'd seen him somewhere - Ed]

Riding Lights was established fourteen years ago. Initially it was the drama team for David Watson at St. Michael-le-Belfry in York. Later it became a theatre company in its own right.

The aim and purpose of this ministry is to share and communicate the gospel of Christ through the medium of drama and theatre, and to spread the fragrance of Christ in an area which, for far too long, has been devoid of an obvious Christian presence.



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### Used by the Lord

Since 1977, this sort of work has increased with the formation of other companies such as Footprints (in 1979), Back to Back, and Trapdoor.

The Lord has used each company to make advances into various areas of theatrical activity. Riding Lights has been used strongly to make its presence felt as a Christian witness in top theatrical venues such as Wimbledon Theatre and the Palace Theatre, Manchester.

I first worked with Riding Lights in the Spring of 1985, when they did their first tour of 'St. John's Gospel'. Over the last six years I have done several productions with the company culminating with the highly successful tour of 'Adrian Plass'.

'Rolling in the Aisles' is a collection of sketches, which goes through the Bible chronologically from creation to resurrection. They have a light-hearted and humorous feel to them, but each one makes a serious point about the truth of the Gospel.

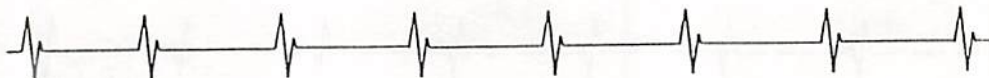
As I write, we have been touring as a company for six weeks, and by the time we get to Nottingham we will have been together for nearly four months. There are eleven of us on tour and we have covered many places all over the country, moving on virtually every other night. Please pray that our relationships and general health will remain good, and that we might truly show the light of Christ.

### Further Afield

After this tour has finished, we will all go our separate ways, and I hope to be going to Singapore to help set up a Christian theatre company there.

You may be wondering why the company is called Riding Lights. When a ship is at anchor, its riding lights make it visible to travellers passing by in the darkness. I hope you will be able to come and see 'Rolling in the Aisles', and continue to support this statement of faith in a world searching for light.

*Fred Denno*






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## People and Places

Charlotte Barratt is now home, *last two weeks.*" but continues to be unwell. Her furlough will be extended. We hope to publish more about her work in Nigeria soon.

Dianne Davis, a volunteer in Bolivia, is extending her stay until August. She is working in a children's home. Di writes, *"Please pray for guidance. The home is now full, but cases keep coming. This week we have taken in two girls who saw their mother beaten to death by the man she lived with. Fortunately he was not their father, so he has no claims on them now. They are aged 9 and 12. Please pray for sensitivity as they adjust to their new home, and the reality of what has happened over the*

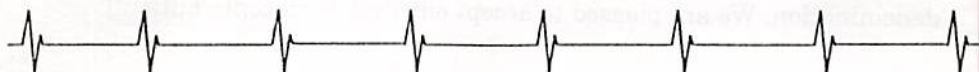
Wanted - one car.

Would you be prepared to lend a car to missionary personnel returning from abroad? Please contact Hilary Holden (812043).

David Sudlow, one of our link group leaders, is on a course preparing for missionary work overseas. He writes, *"I hope to go to West Africa in mid '92 for a year or so to start with. My long term vision is to be involved in training young African Christians for church planting among unreached peoples, initially among Moslems in N.*

*E. Burkina."*

Andrew and Lynn Lennard-Jones have some exciting slides of their work in Uganda. They plan to show them at an 'open house' at Alec and Valerie King's and again at a church event. Watch the pew-slip for details.





# Bible Stories ?



Esau was a cowboy in the wild and woolly West,

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His father gave him half a farm, his brother Jake the rest;  
But when he saw his title deeds were very far from clear,  
He sold them to his brother for a sandwich and a beer.

Three Jewish boys in exile: Shadrach, Meshack, Abednigo

Refused to worship Baal, and so they had to go.

They put them in the furnace to burn them up like chaff,  
But they wore asbestos trousers, so they got the final laugh.

Jehu had a chariot of ninety-five horse power.

He drove through Ramoth Gilead at a hundred miles an hour;

He had a spot of trouble in the main street of Jezreel,

For little bits of Jezabel were sticking in his wheels.

King David and son Solomon lived such wicked lives;

They went to picture palaces with other peoples' wives.

But as they grew in wisdom they began to feel some qualms,

So Sol'mon wrote the Proverbs, and David wrote the Psalms.

Samson was a boxer of the old Joe Bugner school;

He killed ten thousand Philistines with the jaw bone of a mule.

But then Delilah captured him - she filled him up with gin,

And when she slashed his hair right off, the coppers ran him in.

Jonah was a prophet who thought he'd like to sail.

He bought a steerage ticket on a trans-atlantic whale.

But when he found the fishy fumes were heavy on his breast

He prayed to God Almighty, and the whale it did the rest.

Moses was a prophet of the Israelite stock.

He drew the sparkling water from the dry and barren rock,

But when the people saw it, they roused a mighty cheer,


For it wasn't sparkling water, it was Tennant's Lager beer!

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[The Editors try to operate without discrimination based on race, colour or denomination. We are pleased to accept our first Irish contribution!]



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## Situations Vacant

### Freedom Ministries

Freedom Ministries, (Alyn Haskey), would like to extend an invitation to anyone who is unemployed or on flexi-time to be an associate team member. Useful assets include clean driving licence, ability to sing, act or dance, boundless energy (you'll need this to keep up with Alyn!), enthusiasm and interest in evangelism and caring. Good sense of humour essential! Contact Alyn on 605489

### Calling all Mothers!

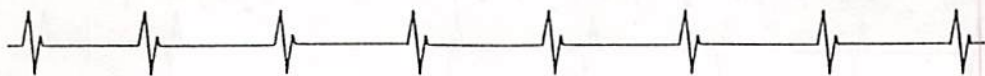
- Christian female seeking part time employment child minding on a temporary basis. If interested, please contact Sue Ramsay on 855550 for further details.

### Scripture Union

Can you help the Scripture Union Training Centre?

- ☆ Volunteers are needed to help with catering on a voluntary basis at the Training Centre on Heathcoat Street. The main times when they need help are for morning coffee, lunch and mid-afternoon teas, mostly during the week but occasionally at week-ends.
- ☆ The level of commitment can be variable, from sparing the occasional few hours to helping on a regular basis.
- ☆ Interested? Contact Paul Truby at the Training Centre, 418144

P.S. If you live in or near the City Centre and can offer bed and breakfast for those attending courses that last more than one day (and for which a payment is offered), Paul would also like to hear from you.



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### Blooming Women

- ☆ Written and performed by Sue Aldridge and Rowena Edlin-White
- ☆ 7:30 pm Thurs 6th June at the Potter's House
- ☆ Tickets £2 from Ro on (91) 794926



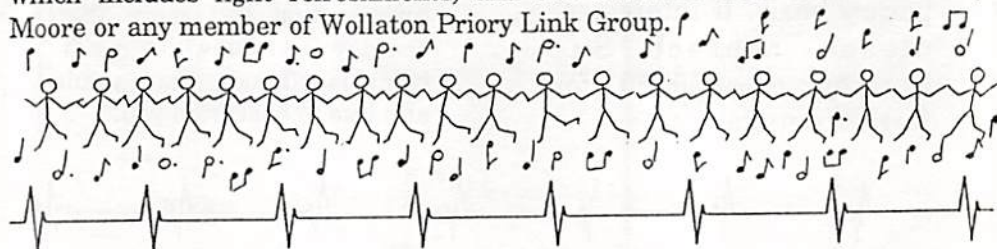
### Barge Trip

There may be a few places available on this year's Barge Trip. The evening provides a good opportunity to enjoy a relaxing trip along the waterways of Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire.

There is a meal available and a bar on board, bring a friend if you wish. Contact Gerald Cook *immediately*, Tel 283835

### Barn Dance

Bring your friends to the Hoe-down on June 14th! Tickets are £1.80 each, which includes light refreshments, and are available from David and Fay Moore or any member of Wollaton Priory Link Group.






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### Living Spaces

One more person needed to join three other Christians in a furnished house in Beeston, from September onwards. Contact Duncan Millar, Willoughby Hall, University Park.

Accommodation available from July 1st, sharing a house in Lenton. For further details Tel. 475609 (evenings)

☆ Tim Elwood

13, Lilac Cresc., Beeston Rylands  
NG9 1PP

☆ Pauline Holmes

113, Thorneywood Rise, Thor-  
neywood NG3 2PE 585178

☆ Denise Baines

9, Sandringham Place, Hucknall  
NG15 8EV 638339

### Clowning Around in the Diocese

Paul Morris, the Diocesan Adviser in Evangelism, wants volunteers to be clowns. In Clumber Park, on 4th August, from 2:00 - 4:00pm, there is to be a Christian Festival, the first of its kind. There will be drama, dance, children's features, testimony and a talk, and some singing.

Gospel leaflets will be handed out, and this is where the clowns are needed. Will you help give leaflets to the hundreds of people who will be watching and listening?

Your commitment would be two evenings or one Saturday to prepare and pray. You may have never done this before, but if you share this day, I can promise you a memorable and a joyful time.

Please ask Jeremy Fletcher for more details.

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Curate to Bishop: "I've been asked to bury one of my parishoners who is not an Anglican but a Baptist. What do you advise?"

Bishop to Curate: "You've been asked to bury a Baptist? My advice to you is 'bury as many as you can!'"

Centurion to Roman barmaid: "I'll have a Bacardus, please."

Barmaid: "Don't you mean a Bacardi?"

Centurion: "When I want a double, I'll ask for it!"

{Subtle Latin Joke}

## Quotable Quotes

- Archdeacon Tom Walker, who preached at St. Nic's at the end of May, is reported as saying that he never apologises for preaching long sermons because, "sermonettes breed Christianettes".
- According to the same chap, "an Archdeacon's visitation actually means, 'Have a night out with Jesus'".






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# DIARY

## June

- Sat - Wed 1st - 8th      St. Nic's annual holiday at Southport
- Sat      8th      10:30 SU Training Event, 'Designing your own Small Group Programme'
- Sat      8th      'Feast of Trumpets', New English Orchestra
- Sun      9th      10:15 Dedication of Benjamin Smith during morning service
- Mon      10th      'Sexuality in Marriage', John and Agnes Sturt - fully booked
- Wed      12th      'Self Esteem', John and Agnes Sturt - fully booked
- Fri      14th      8:00 Barn Dance organised by Wollaton Priory Link Group
- Sat      15th      11:15 Wedding of Mark Enstone and Jo McCloughlin
- Thur      20th      7:30 Induction of Eddie Neale as Vicar of St. Mary's
- Sun      23rd      3:00 Outreach at Castle B&Astand
- Wed      26th      7:00 Barge Trip on River Trent
- Wed /Thu 26- 27th      'Rolling in the Aisles' at University Great Hall
- Fri      28th      8:00 Eight 'til Late at 96, Burlington Road.
- Sat      29th      8:00 Midland Baroque concert in church
- Sun      30th      Wendy's last working day at St. Nic's 

## July

- Tue      2nd      Installation of the Provost at Southwell Minster
- Wed      3rd      Southwell Diocesan Renewal Ministry Quiet Day at Trowell Rectory - Evangelism and Prayer'
- Sat      6th      12:30 Wedding of Robbyn Herbert and Richard Proctor
- Thur      11th      7:45 'Speaker's Corner', Lower Lounge. Davids Huggett and Beales



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- ☆ Copy 23rd June for 7th July - Note that this is a week early!
- ☆ Copy 4th August for 18th August