

# JUNE 2007

## The Spencers' twenty three years with us, at The Drive

Phil will, I know, be sorely missed. There was hardly a committee or an activity in which he was not involved – be it putting out tables for the Harvest Festival lunch, or for his forthright and often challenging comments in the Church Council, or the Church Life Committee and others.

He was a regular attender, with Phyllis, at Frank's house group, where his perceptive comments on the bible passage being discussed, were appreciated. He was a very efficient Senior Steward, where one of his early tasks was to change and detail the way the church cash-offering should be recorded. He was often involved in helping people, and I particularly remember telling him about the problem of my very big old freezer in my cellar, which needed moving – he was one of the first to offer help. His surveying background was put to good use in both the Development Committee and the Property Committee. He was heavily involved in bringing the concept of rotating stewards, and other duties, to fruition, and organized the rota.

Phil gave much thought to all matters and invariably had his own view, and, if he felt that something should be said, he jolly well said it!

Phil, we all wish you and Phyllis all the best in your new surroundings.

Peter Foster

## And Phyllis?

I remember how delighted I was when Phyllis joined the Drama Group, and proved to be a most efficient stage manager! She was involved in many of our productions, eventually directing some herself.

I particularly remember producing "Dear Octopus", when we needed so many different props, including fifteen dining chairs and a long table for the big dinner party in Act III. They were all stored in the Cranbrook room, together with all the glasses, crockery and cutlery needed for the event. The ladies had to change into evening dresses, and the men into dinner suits. Everything was marked so that the right things went on stage at the right time. Phyllis handled it all, without batting an eyelid!

Later, when the Drama Group ceased to operate, Phyllis became involved, with Andrew, in coaching and organizing the "Quavers". She was with them at every event, making sure that they were well turned-out and had all their music sorted. She must have been so proud of them – in a recent newsletter Phyllis wrote about this, and how she felt that a love of music had been instilled into them, and nurtured over several formative years.

Phyllis and Phil were most hospitable, and, in Drama days and in "Quaver" days, we have enjoyed many happy evenings in their company.

Barbara

## **!! EXAMS !!**

All our young people seem to be working very hard at the moment, for various forthcoming exams. We wish them all the very best in whatever course they have chosen to take. It's always nice to see them in church, whenever they can tear themselves away from their books!

## **C H O I C E S**

Each life is like a journey,  
With choices every day.  
Which path will be the best one,  
To take us on our way?  
It sometimes seems so simple.  
Our route runs clear and true,  
Yet other times we dither,  
Unsure of what to do.  
Yet do not fear confusion,  
How ever far you roam,  
We need but ask for guidance,  
And surely we'll reach home. *Maggie Ingall*

## **CHURCH ANNIVERSARY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

This year we have invited the **Rev. Dr. Stuart Jordan** Co-Chair of our new London District, to conduct our Anniversary Service at 10.45 am. [This information was omitted from the Circuit Plan.] Dr. Jordan has served in the Connexional Team as Secretary of the London Committee since 1997 and prior to that was stationed in various appointments around the country. We look forward to welcoming him to our church.

## **CELEBRATION OF THE HYMNS OF CHARLES WESLEY 1707 - 1788**

***SUNDAY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> at 6.30 pm***

Andrew Taylor, Brian Taylor and Frank Sayers have prepared an evening to mark the tercentenary of the birth of Charles Wesley to be held in our church, which will be led by a choir drawn from the Circuit. The organist at St. Andrew's, Duncan Paterson will be taking part. Included is a dramatized conversation with Charles and his wife, Sarah.

## ***BRISTOL 29<sup>TH</sup>. SEPTEMBER 2007***

If you have only paid the deposit for Peter Sharp's day trip,  
could you please pay the balance by **SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY.**  
**Any enquiries - phone Peter Sharp**

## CIRCUIT MISSION AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY EVENT 2007

SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE at SEVEN KINGS CHURCH –

At **4.00 pm onwards**, including tea and worship.

Stephen writes in the Circuit Directory of May to July

“In the year which marks 200 years of Antislavery legislation, the Methodist Church, along with any other organizations is campaigning to ensure that the issue of sex-trafficking is addressed as a global concern.”

**Margaret Sawyer**, Women’s Network Secretary, will lead the meeting on **June 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Do support her, and this event, if you possibly can.

## DECAJAZZ

Don’t forget to get your tickets for the “Dinner with Decajazz”

at The Drive Hall on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm.**

Proceeds from this event will benefit the 2008 Development Scheme.

**Diane, Jeremy or Matthew** would be delighted to supply you with tickets,  
Tickets £10. Concessions £8. Family £30 (this includes a 3-course meal!)

## ALL AGE WORSHIP

The All-Age Worship and Junior Church planned for **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

will now take place on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July,**

when the service will be led by **Philippa Normanton.**

## CHURCH GROUNDS

Help is needed to keep the church grounds looking good - pruning, weeding, sweeping, grass cutting. Offers of help to Brian Taylor.

## WORK MORNING

The next work morning will be on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

## PRE-SCHOOL FUN DAY

The Drive Pre-School is having a FUN DAY on

**Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>** between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm in our hall and grounds.

**TOMBOLA      BOUNCY CASTLE      TEA & COFFEE      INDIAN FOOD**

**HENNA FACE PAINTING      BRIC-A-BRAC      and much more**

*ALL ARE WELCOME*

## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be another of those Slides’ evenings in aid of N.C.H.

on **SATURDAY OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>** beginning as usual at **7.00 pm**

Further details will be given later.

## CIRCUIT CALENDAR

Sunday June 17 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Circuit Mission event at Seven Kings	see page 3
Saturday June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00 pm for 7.30 pm	“Dinner with Decajazz” at The Drive	see page 3
Sunday June 24 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 pm	Strawberry Cream Tea at Beacontree Heath	
Wednesday June 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Circuit Meeting at Grange Hill	
Sunday July 1 <sup>st</sup>	6.30 pm	Celebration of the Hymns of Charles Wesley At The Drive	see page 2

## **COME TO SUPPER!**

### **The New Essex Choral Society**

Invites you to their

**BROADWAY BANQUET on SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>. JULY at 7.30 pm  
at BARNARDO'S CHURCH, BARKINGSIDE.**

An evening of music from the shows of  
Rogers & Hammerstein, and others, followed by a buffet supper.  
Tickets: price £10 from Box Office, 8550 8677 or on the door.

## **JUNE 2007 DIARY**

SUN	3	10.45 am 6.30 pm	Rev. STEPHEN NORMANTON - All-Age Worship - "MOSES" Rev. STEPHEN POOLE
TUES	5	8.00 pm	Church Fellowship – Nigel McMurray will speak about Frank Salisbury – "Methodism's Painter Laureate" - Illustrated with slides
WED	6	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - Rev. Stephen Normanton
THUR	7	8.00 pm	Wesley Hymns' Choir Practice
SUN	10	10.45 am	Mr. ALLAN RAMSDEN
TUES	12	8.00 pm	Tuesday Meeting - <i>(to be arranged)</i>
WED	13	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - Members' Afternoon
THUR	14	8.00 pm	Wesley Hymns' Choir practice
SAT	16	10.00 am	Work Morning - see page 4
SUN	17	10.45 am	Rev. STEPHEN NORMANTON - Family Communion <i>Collection at Communion for Benevolent Fund</i> 4.00 pm onwards CIRCUIT MISSION & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY EVENT at Seven Kings <i>see page 3</i>
TUES	19	8.00 pm	Tuesday Meeting - 'Devotional' with Rev. Stephen Poole
WED	20	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - <i>to be arranged</i>
THUR	21	8.00 pm	Wesley Hymns' Choir Practice
SAT	23	7.00 pm for 7.30 pm	"Dinner with Decajazz" <i>see page 3</i>
SUN	24	10.45 am	Mr. JOHN NICHOLLS
TUES	26	1.00 pm 8.00 pm	Church Lunch Tuesday Meeting - <i>to be arranged</i>
WED	27	2.30 pm 7.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - Mr. Frank Sayers CIRCUIT MEETING at Grange Hill
THUR	28	8.00 pm	Wesley Hymns' Choir Practice

## JULY 2007

SUN	1		<b>CHURCH ANNIVERSARY</b>
		10.45 am	Rev. Dr. <b>STUART JORDAN</b> - see page
		6.30 pm	<b>CIRCUIT CELEBRATION</b> of the hymns of <b>CHARLES WESLEY</b> - <i>see page 2</i>
TUES	3	8.00 pm	Church Fellowship - "Desert Islands" - chosen by Martin Fairhurst
WED	4	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - Rev. Stephen Normanton

WILL YOU PLEASE HAND ITEMS FOR THE COMBINED **JULY / AUGUST**  
NEWSLETTER TO BARBARA FOSTER BY **SUNDAY JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>**.