

The British-Israel-World Federation NEWSLETTER

January 2009



Our focus for 2009 by the President

The *Continuing* Kingdom of God upon Earth – Without doubt, the Greatest Love Story of All Time

From the founding of the Federation in 1919 the central theme of our teaching has been to proclaim God's great purpose for the People of the Book in their history and Destiny. The Kingdom of God upon Earth is central to the unfolding history contained in the Bible divided as it is into two testaments, or covenants, made with God's Israel people being separated for service as an example or servant people.

There is a wonderful continuity in these two covenants for the people called by God to establish a righteous civilization among the nations in observance of God's Divine Law. It is a continuity revealed in the great story of redemption for a people whom God loved as His national bride – but loved so much that He was willing to give His only begotten Son as a sacrifice to atone for their national transgression. This, that they might be restored once more as the wife of Jehovah to lead the nations in peace.

It is this vision of continuity in God's great plan that is tragically missing from the Gospel of the Kingdom as it is preached in our churches today – if indeed the Bible and the Kingdom message are preached on at all any more. "Where there is no vision, the people perish" is the warning given in Proverbs 29:18 by King Solomon.

In order to bring attention to this enormous lack of biblical teaching about the Kingdom of God, we are launching a new publication in 2009 under the title *The Continuing Kingdom of God Upon Earth*,

and subtitled: *Without doubt – The Greatest Love Story of All Time*. This publication will be made available as a free booklet with an attractive cover for distribution among friends and contacts. The Kingdom story is followed in brief readable sections as a history in continuity and covers the usual points raised by those Christians schooled in replacement theology.

A Wake Up Call is Coming

I attended a Celebration and Thanksgiving Service on November 9 for the life of one of our best known eldest members who passed away in October, age 93. The service was well conducted and many tributes to the wonderfully enthusiastic lady were paid. Everyone knew her because of her enthusiasm and verbal 'Amen's' in the meetings. She was interested in everyone and everything. This is what makes the difference in respect of British Israelites. There is no 'small world' complex with them. They know that the Kingdom on Earth is continuing and they follow events with utmost interest.

It was unusual that her fervent belief in British-Israel was also mentioned at the service. However, although there was a full line of her local BI friends in attendance, on a very stormy night for weather, nothing else was said or invited as a contribution by those conducting the service. Even afterwards when I introduced myself there was no further interest shown in the Kingdom message. Why is this? It is a common feature of funerals for British Israelites, that the

ministers conducting the service never mention the life's work of these great servants of the Lord for the Kingdom, the Kingdom which indeed they pray to come in the Lord's Prayer. What a wake up call is coming for the shepherds of the flock when the Lord does indeed come into His Kingdom upon Earth and actually takes up the Throne of David *in our midst*. And yes – in case you were in any remaining doubt as to the identity of the enthusiastic lady,

DID YOU KNOW?

The Bible Society has produced a new website 'Christians in Parliament' in its latest initiative aiming to attract Christian Members of Parliament and those interested in praying for and receiving more information about how Christians are impacting the political sphere.

The Bible has been translated into more than 1,200 languages.

it was Gladys Cook. She was always giving away our publications and it is sad she will miss the new publication which is now about to be issued. It will now be up to all of us who remain to distribute the message it contains.

The Opportunity We Now Have

This year marks the 90th year in the life of the Federation which we intend to mark with a series of events starting with a special weekend gathering in London during May. The actual anniversary day from the inaugural meeting in 1919 is 3rd July, which this year marks a period of thirteen years from the statement made in the House of Commons that the Coronation Stone – the Stone of Destiny and symbol of God's House and Kingdom upon Earth – was to be removed from Westminster Abbey and returned to Scotland.

At 7.00 am on 14th November, 1996, the 48th birthday of HRH Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales, the Stone was duly removed from its 700-year-long historical setting in the Coronation Chair to begin its journey to Edinburgh Castle. This event recalled the previous brief illegal removal of the Stone at Christmas 1950, when it was taken back to Scotland. In a remarkably short time afterwards, in March 1951, our

book *Stone of Destiny* was published by the Covenant Publishing Company.

Now, after much work in checking and referencing, the long-awaited second edition of *Stone of Destiny* is ready for sale. There is a new chapter on the significance of the return of the Stone to Scotland. Also, apart from the cover, you will be interested to know that the production of the book is being conducted in-house under our new print-on-demand technology and machinery.

Moreover, we are enormously pleased to announce that our new professional film, entitled *Our Christian Heritage*, is now available on DVD and is being advertised in a catalogue with a circulation of 30,000. This film is a soft approach to the British-Israel message linking the Palestine Campaign of 1917 and the miracle of the deliverance of Jerusalem with the first century coming of Christianity into the British Isles. We have included a special leaflet about the film in our current edition of *The Covenant Nations* magazine for ease of ordering.

The Prince of Wales and his Destiny

Prince Charles reached the age of 60 on November 14th, twelve years, which is the number of government, after the Stone of Destiny was returned to Scotland. He is now the first Prince of Wales to reach the age of 60 without becoming monarch. The media is giving coverage to his 60th year and is examining the hopes and fears of the longest-serving heir to the throne. *The Daily Telegraph*, London, on November 10th, 2008, published a feature article on Prince Charles by Andrew Pierce under the title "Will he ever be king?" Pierce wrote: "The Prince of Wales is a deeply spiritual man who is often engrossed in books on religion. He falls to his knees before bed each night in silent prayer." Many perhaps may be surprised by these words – how many of us would have thought of the

Prince praying like that every night? Much of his private time is spent walking with officials on the moors of his beloved Birkhall in Scotland.

They say that during these treks he agonises out loud about the future of the planet, rainforests, the fate of small farmers, the threat posed by genetically modified food, the rise of the big corporations, the decline of the Church of England, and continuing deprivation in the inner cities. "He really cares. He always has," said one official. "He does not just moan about it. He gets on and tries to do something about it. He wants to change things. He could have been a different Prince of Wales but he has chosen to wear his conscience on his sleeve and take on causes, even though he knows people sometimes mock him."

On the death of the Queen Mother in 2002 at the age of 101, Prince Charles voiced his anxiety that he might never be king. That fear is highlighted even more now that he has reached 60. While his close friends and family have toasted his good health, they too will wonder if he will ever fulfil his destiny – but it may well be that he has already achieved far more than he would as king. Interestingly and perhaps importantly, the Queen passed 666 months from her Coronation on December 2nd, 2008, as the global financial crisis deepened.

Are we approaching a very significant moment in the reign of Elizabeth II? Let us pray with the Prince of Wales in 2009 for the Queen that she, as the Lord's Anointed, might be given the strength to face the great issues of state that lie before us.

Michael A. Clark, President
The British-Israel-World Federation
1st January, 2009

DID YOU KNOW?

Six Members of Parliament belong to a cross-party prayer group nicknamed the 'G6.'

The number of promises given in the Bible is 1,260

NEW DEVELOPMENTS & GROWTH

2008 was a year in which new things happened non-stop. At the end of the previous one, Martin Lightfoot joined the Federation as Field Officer and a house was bought to enable the expansion of the offices in 121 Low Etherley. This meant that David Aimer could move to the house providing more room for Covenant Publishing while also providing improved accommodation for him and guests visiting Headquarters.

Nicola Gallone began working as the administrator for the Federation, Talia Creed concentrated on Covenant Publishing, Hilary Kingston took on the bookkeeping, Kate Price continued with the library and Philippa Clark joined the team as Publications Officer with particular responsibility for ensuring the regular production of *The Covenant Nations* magazine. These extra staff have meant that more outreach can be planned and achieved.

Here are just a few of the new activities: the film *Our Christian Heritage*; the National Bible College lectures; the tours of the British Museum; the 'Life in the BIWF' newsletter; the revised books and leaflets; deepening contacts with our friends in USA, Canada and Germany; more articles and films to be seen on the website.

The Headquarters building was found to need extensive repairs and refurbishment. This is now complete for the exterior so all the archives are safe from the elements. The Board room has been repaired and redecorated along with the General Secretary's office. All through this upheaval the work of organising and running the Federation has been maintained thanks to the hard work and adaptability of all those in the offices.

The new President, Michael Clark was confirmed in his role by the Board in the summer and a new Board member joined

too – Mr Peter Bennett. The Board continued to meet regularly and to support the initiatives and ideas of the President, the General Secretary and their team.

With God's blessing and guidance 2009 should be another year of enthusiastic work in His service.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Journal of Organic Chemistry (1984 vol.6:463-471) reported experiments using wood buried deep in alkaline clay with temperatures of 150deg.C that produced coal within 36 weeks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BIWF: Celebrating 90 years of Witness:

In London at the Anniversary Rally
Saturday 9th May & Sunday 10th May

At Hothorpe Hall for the Summer
Convention Monday 13th July to
Saturday 18th July

At Gilsland Spa for the 90th Annual
Congress Friday 2nd October to
Monday 5th October

Area Rallies: South Area Rally

At Newbury - Saturday 28th February
In London - Saturday 14th November

Morecambe Rally

Friday 24th April to Sunday 26th April

Carlisle Rally

Saturday 6th June

Halifax Rally

Saturday 19th September

Troon Rally

Saturday 4th April & Saturday 12th September

Northern Ireland

Saturday 4th April & Saturday 6th June

BIWF-USA

405 West Searcy Street, Heber
Springs, Arkansas 72543 USA
In May

BIWF (Canada) Inc

313 Sherbourne Street, Toronto,
Ontario, M5A 2S3, Canada
Friday 18th September to Sunday
20th September

Germany gathering

At Haus Sonnenblick, Bad Teinach,
Germany - Saturday 17th October
to Thursday 22nd October

Please contact Headquarters for full details of these events.

BIWF - USA CONFERENCE

The President, Mr Michael Clark and the General Secretary, Mr David Aimer, attended the 'Destiny of the Nations Conference' held at the resort town of Heber Springs in north central Arkansas, from May 6th-8th, 2008, which was a resounding success.

The venue for the Conference was the excellent and well designed Quality Inn Conference Centre located in pleasant and very comfortable surroundings. The accommodation and conference facilities being combined together made for a very enjoyable and relaxed atmosphere.

An encouraging number of people were in attendance representing several Kingdom publishing organizations, churches and ministries from a number of states. There was ample room for several book displays, which included one by Artisan Sales, all of which generated much interest.

Under the theme "Manasseh-America," James McElroy, President of BIWF-USA, welcomed the delegates. Michael Clark and Pastor David Aimer addressed the Conference, together with a range of interesting speakers that included: Pastor



Charles Jennings, Chaplain to BIWF-USA, publisher James Bruggeman, 'Coach' Dave Daubermire, author Des Thomas and Pastor Glen Millar of Lake Hamilton C.C.

A highlight was the visit by delegates to the offices of BIWF-USA in the town centre of Heber Springs. The offices are very well appointed and after one year of settling in, the premises are functioning splendidly as the headquarters of the organization.

The President, James McElroy, is making many contacts across the southern states among people who are welcoming the BIWF witness – in particular to the fact that at last there is a group who are identifying a people of Israel other than the Jewish folk.

The Conference concluded with a Covenant Praise Service and the Lord's Supper. Delegates departed for home on a high note promising to bring more of their own folk next year.



DID YOU KNOW?

Mark Twain was born on the day of the appearance of Halley's Comet in 1835, and died on the day of its next appearance in 1910.

He himself predicted this in 1909, when he said: "I came in with Halley's Comet in 1835. It is coming again next year, and I expect to go out with it."

BRITISH MUSEUM TOURS 2008



The tours of the British Museum have been mentioned as one of the new ventures for this year. Mr Martin Lightfoot joined the staff at the end of 2007 and his special interest is archaeology and the evidence which supports the integrity of the Bible. He was keen to lead a visit to the Museum so it was planned for Saturday, 21st June. Previously, small groups had walked around the City of London and visited the Tower of London and Westminster Abbey; it was expected that a different event would be interesting and enjoyable. This was indeed the case – the first visit was so popular that a second one was arranged for Saturday, 20th September. Again there was an excellent turn-out. Some people returned for a second visit bringing other family members with them.

One very encouraging feature is that this type of outreach appeals across the generations and to those who have had no previous contact with the Federation. Also, the group collected more followers as they toured the exhibits from other visitors to the Museum who were fascinated

by the stories and information which Martin was giving. It was an opportunity to make new contacts and friends.

In 2009 the Anniversary Rally in May is going to provide another chance to see the Crown Jewels in the Tower of London and to visit Westminster Abbey with the Coronation Chair and the West Window. Mr Lightfoot is preparing another tour of the British Museum, this time looking at Israel and the Pharaohs in particular. We look forward to welcoming all those who want an active weekend of fellowship.



DID YOU KNOW?

The British Museum holds a collection of 130,000 Assyrian cuneiform tablets, few of which have been translated. Professor Michael Jursa recently came across a name on one of the tablets - Nabu-sharrussu-ukin, described as "the chief eunuch" of Nebuchadnezzar II, king of Babylon.

In *Jeremiah* 39, he found, spelled differently, the same name - Nebo-Sarsekim, described as Nebuchadnezzar II's "chief officer."

SUMMER CONVENTION

The programme for the Convention included two new items this year. The most exciting one was the first showing of the professional film which had been commissioned from Ed Skelding Productions, an independent film producer. The title of the film, *Our Christian Heritage*, complemented the theme of the Convention which was **Our Precious Heritage**. Mr Skelding himself gave a talk on the making of films on Wednesday afternoon and then the film was shown in the evening. It was greatly enjoyed by all present and concluded with a Q & A session.

The other new element was 'Study In Basics' which was put on for three afternoon sessions. This was intended as an opportunity for those new to the message to be given some basic information so that they would not be at a loss in the more detailed lectures. However, instead of just a small group attending for a seminar-type hour, nearly everybody turned up for all three meetings. It was very encouraging to see the interest – many people found it helpful

In giving them ideas as to how to put across the Israel truth when they witness to friends and contacts.

Once again the Convention was held at Hothorpe Hall Conference Centre where the facilities and weather combined to make it an extremely enjoyable few days. It was not all work for everyone – there was a darts competition held on two of the evenings for darts players of all ages and of all skills! This extra event was very popular and will undoubtedly be repeated next year. There is equipment for other sports to hire as well as the open country for walks.

There were the usual high quality lectures from our regular speakers and it was of absorbing interest to hear how they interpreted the theme. Morning Devotions each day and the two Epilogues provided extra spiritual food. The four visiting speakers who stimulated much thought were Pastor Robert Phillips of Carlisle; Mr David Hillard, author of *Britain Awake*; Mr Alastair McConnachie of *Sovereignty* and Mr Stephen Green of *Christian Voice*. All the lectures were recorded for audio cassettes and filmed for DVDs – they can be ordered from Headquarters.

The President, Mr Michael Clark, opened the Convention and gave an inspiring address reminding everyone of the great promises to our forefathers and giving us hope for the future. He and the General

Secretary, Mr David Almer, conducted the Annual General Meeting of the Federation on the third day.

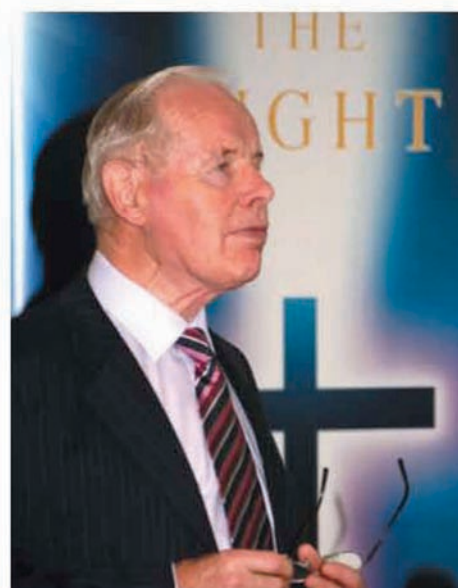
Members re-elected to the Board were Mr Roy Senior and Mr Alfred Brown and it was announced that Mr Peter Bennett had been co-opted on to the Board with effect from the AGM. Mr Clark read out the Loyal Greetings to Her Majesty the Queen and the reply which had been received.

The Convention closed as usual with the Covenant Service of Holy Communion. The President gave some final words of thanks to all for their help and support and then the Israel blessing.

Everyone left for home early on Friday morning having enjoyed the fellowship and teaching and feeling ready for the challenges ahead. The dates for the Summer Convention in 2009 were announced as Monday, 13th July to Saturday, 18th July.



Alastair McConnachie



David Hillard

2008



Robert Phillips



Michael Clark



Stephen Green



Ed and Margaret Skelding
with Michael Clark

89th ANNUAL CONGRESS



The Swan's Nest Hotel in Stratford-upon-Avon was the venue for this year's Congress. Situated on the river and close to the town centre, it provided comfortable accommodation, excellent food and a very pleasant environment in which to focus on the theme 'This Sceptred Isle and the Isles of the West.' The President, Mr Michael Clark, opened the weekend on Friday evening with his address 'Is it the Cleansing of the Sanctuary?'

On Saturday there was time for a visit to the town as well as lectures from two speakers not heard from recently. Mr Peter Bennett spoke after breakfast and Mr Nelson McCausland gave the evening lecture. There was a meeting after lunch

chaired by Mr Clark for Members to review the Annual Accounts presented to them by Mr Almer in his role as General Secretary.

These were duly accepted. A highlight for those unable to attend the Summer Convention was the opportunity to see the new film *Our Christian Heritage*. There had been some minor revisions to it following the first showing and it was much appreciated again. Everyone was looking forward to it being widely available.

Mr Alfred Brown led the Morning Devotions on Sunday and then it was planned that Morning Worship would be at local churches. However there was heavy rain and so an impromptu service of readings,

hymns and prayers was arranged and led by Pastor David Almer for those who did not feel like battling the elements. In the afternoon Miss Carol Cream and Mr Martin Lightfoot both gave presentations and the final address was by Pastor David Almer who spoke on the need to be motivated and enthusiastic.

The President closed the Congress with some words of thanks to all who had contributed and then read the Israel blessing from *Numbers 6:24*.



Nelson McCausland



Martin Lightfoot



Peter Bennett



David Aimer



Carol Cream

DID YOU KNOW?

One Babylonian creation myth describes the god Marduk cleaving the carcass of Tiamat the dragon goddess. From one half he made the earth, from the other half he made the heavens.

According to statistics from Wycliffe International, the Society of Gideons, and the International Bible Society, the number of new Bibles that are sold, given away, or otherwise distributed in the United States is about 168,000 per day.

WEDDING OF THE YEAR!!



Last year's *Newsletter* carried the happy news and photographs of the engagement of Sarah Clark and Daniel Lewis. It is with great pleasure that Mr and Mrs Michael Clark share with you these photographs of Sarah and Daniel's wedding which took place on Saturday, 16th August, 2008, in Birmingham. Following a honeymoon in Lincolnshire, they are now settled near Cardiff.



CONFERENCE IN GERMANY

18th-22nd October 2008



Mr Michael Clark, President, and Mr David Aimer, General Secretary, were invited to speak for a second time at the conference 'The House of Israel and the House of Judah' held in Germany under the leadership of Heinz Mohrlök. This group of Lutheran Christians gather annually for fellowship and teaching to learn more about the Israel message. Some people attend for just a few sessions and others for the whole period. There was a good attendance of about 80 in the course of the conference.

Mrs Philippa Clark accompanied them and they all enjoyed renewing their fellowship with German friends from last year and also with the small group of Dutch and English who were there too. It was held in the same comfortable hotel, Haus Sonnenblick, in the small spa town of Bad Teinach. Once again the weather was fine and there was time to enjoy a long walk in the woodland above the hotel and to admire the views.

Mr Clark's opening remarks on the global financial crisis were well received, as was his address on *The Continuing Kingdom of God Upon Earth*, which was translated in

advance for him by Hans-Udo Hoster who read it out on the final evening. His address from last year on 'Ephraim and the Throne of David' was available in German and all the copies were very quickly taken. The magazine *The Covenant Nations*, *BIWF Newsletter*, and *The Covenant Publishing Co* catalogue were very popular too. Mr Aimer gave a PowerPoint presentation of 'St Martin's Cross on Iona' with a live translation given by Wolfgang Kü. He included some guidance as to how to communicate the basics of the Israel message by 4 short points. This was received with enthusiasm and before the end of the conference it had been translated into German for them to take home.

There was a very interesting visit to the small church in the town where there is a large and magnificent 17th century painting 'Die Lehrtafel der Prinzessin Antonia' which means 'The Teaching Aid of Princess Antonia.' The painting as first seen is in fact on two doors which open to show the one beneath which has the deeper, richer meaning. Much of the symbolism and purpose of it could be

understood since it portrays the whole biblical story but there was an English guide to read when necessary. It was fascinating to see the depiction of the twelve tribes on this inner panel and to note their prominence.

Once again there was a real sense of Christian faithfulness and a desire to pray, to study and to deepen their knowledge of the scriptures. An invitation was given again for another visit next year and it is hoped that we will be able to combine it with some research into the migrations across Europe.

DID YOU KNOW?

The system of Bible chapters was introduced in AD 1238 by Cardinal Hugo de S. Caro, while the verse notations were added in 1551 by Robertus Stephanus, after the advent of printing.

THE BRITISH-ISRAEL-WORLD FEDERATION ITS PLACE WITHIN THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

As an educational society, the Federation sets forth the central theme of the whole Bible. It proclaims both the Gospel of individual salvation and the Gospel of the Kingdom, as taught by Our Lord Himself; and it demonstrates that these two aspects of the Christian faith, while remaining interdependent and inseparable, are nevertheless not identical but complementary parts of what the Apostle Paul described as the whole counsel of God.

Lest there should be any misunderstanding, let it be stated in the clearest possible terms that the Federation proclaims the risen, ascended, living Christ as the only Saviour of all mankind, irrespective of nationality, race, or colour. The individual Israelite, no less than the individual Jew and Gentile, must look to Him alone for forgiveness of sin, and for the hope of everlasting life.

While the Federation never fails to present

the Lord Jesus as the Saviour of the world, it also proclaims Him as the Redeemer of "the lost sheep of the House of Israel" and, in doing so, it bears witness to the truth that on the Cross of Calvary God's Servant Nation, which had been cast out of His service for its infidelity, was recommissioned to carry the whole Gospel – that is to say, both the good news of individual salvation and also the good news of His *continuing* Kingdom – to all the families of the earth.

In other words, British-Israel teaching unifies the teaching of the Scriptures; it enlarges the field of Christian vision; and it reveals God's great plan of salvation, both on the spiritual and also on the material plane. Of crucial importance, the Historicist Interpretation of prophecy, taught by all the Reformers, is revealed in its great profundity.

Because of its essential simplicity as an exposition of Holy Writ, British-Israel teaching

provides a common meeting-ground for all denominations of the Protestant Faith, where the unhappy divisions of the Church of Christ may be laid aside in the warmest fellowship.

It must not be supposed, however, that the Federation has any desire to draw its adherents away from the Churches of their choice. On the contrary, it is the declared ambition and purpose of this society to send its members back to their own places of worship with their faith renewed, refreshed and strengthened by closer acquaintance with the Word of God.

Thus it will be seen that the Federation is both undenominational and interdenominational, advocating the specific doctrine of no particular sect, but seeking, so far as it may, to serve the whole Church of Christ, by contending earnestly for 'the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.'

OBITUARIES

Gladys Cook, was a delightful and enthusiastic lady, interested in everything right to the end of her nearly 94 years, being born just before Christmas in 1914. She passed away in hospital on October 25th, 2008. Gladys came from London and was converted to Christ in the inter-war years during the great revival campaigns of Principal George Jeffreys. She was baptized in water by him at the Royal Albert Hall (as she often reminded us!).

In her youth she became a skilled needlewoman employed by Harrods in their Court Dresser department, a skill which she used all her life making clothes for her family and herself. I first met her as a teenager at the Bible Pattern Church

in Birmingham and as a great enthusiast she was always positive, spreading the gospel to those with whom she came into contact.

Although she came into British-Israel truth during her early life as a Christian, Gladys was not able to attend meetings and conventions until recent decades, due to family commitments.

Released from these she attended as many events as possible always sitting at the front. She will forever be remembered for the supportive comments, 'Amens' and humorous repartee many of which are captured on recordings of speakers' lectures.

The celebration and thanksgiving service for her life, held at her church on November 9th, was very well attended and a great tribute to her life as an outgoing Christian. She never had a bad word for people, even though they had big disagreements with her over her freely expressed opinions on BI. In fact, her British-Israel belief was actually given a mention in one tribute to her life by a former pastor. Gladys was asked to leave four Pentecostal churches in her latter life because of what she believed, which says so much more for her than those churches. Long will be our warm memories of dear Gladys.

Michael A. Clark

OBITUARIES

Mary Harper was a very active and dedicated worker for the Federation who passed away on 5th April, 2008. She lived for most of her life in Leeds where she was born in 1924. Educated at a private school, a Church of England school and a commercial college, she worked in the telephone department, first as an operator then in the clerical section of Leeds Head Post Office, until her marriage to Fred Ogden Pedley in 1948.

Both Mary and Fred were keen supporters of the British-Israel-World Federation and both worked for it in the North-East Area of England. Mary succeeding her husband as Area Organiser on his death in 1976. She also held office on the Federation's Board of Management before relinquishing this role to take charge of the North-East Area until just after her marriage, in 1989, to the late Rev Victor Harper (former President of the BIWF from 1983-87). Mary and Vic held meetings in their home which originated as a result of enquiries by a few church friends. She always felt supported by the kindness of BI members and friends throughout the years.

Mary also acted as Minute Clerk to the Federation Board for a period of 30 years, until her last illness cut this short. Both her husbands supported her in producing reports of lectures, rallies and conferences, and a privately-issued paper *The Covenanters* which was started by a former Federation President, Rev John Shenton; also the *Leeds Newsletter* which was sent out far and wide over a period of 50 years.

A lifelong member of the Church of England, Mary was extremely happy in Stokesley. The funeral service was held in the parish church of St Peter and St Paul on Wednesday, 16th April and was conducted by the vicar, Rev Michael Dykes. It was well attended by friends near and far, both within and outside our Federation. Praise and acknowledgement of our Lord's work in the life of our dear friend was rendered by the vicar and in the hymns.

Following the service those present were invited for refreshments in the Town Hall. Called to say a few words I reminded

everyone that she is now asleep, resting peacefully in the everlasting arms until that Great Dawn when we shall all meet. During our fifty years association, she often mothered me and was a loving sister, stimulating and amusing in conversation and debate. Forthright and kind in manner, while sometimes in stout disagreement she was not one to break faith easily with her protagonists. We travelled many miles together when she was touring Scotland or I was touring in her Area but particularly when attending our regular business meetings in Birmingham and Walsall. A special memory is of singing *Nearer my God to Thee* which we seldom got just quite right together because of the different tunes and the lack of a choirmaster. The memory of it touches me still and prompted me to render it on that special day. May her name continue in Israel.

Matthew J Browning



Nora Johnson died in hospital on 12th September this year. We knew her for over forty years as a woman passionate for the gospel of her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the Israel Identity message. Following our departure from Hull to the London area, Nora and her husband Ray took over the responsibility of running the BIWF branch in Hull.

After serving in the ATS during the war, Nora was in much demand as a preacher in Pentecostal Churches. In later years she became an invaluable support to Ray in his writing of articles and speaking at meetings and support at BIWF rallies, conferences and Congresses.

At the funeral, their daughter, Janet, read the following tribute:

*A special lady was amongst us
With help and support abounding
And now she is in glory
With angels by her side
Her eyes upon her precious Lord
Her Saviour friend and guide
She is with us though
Family, friends and all
And shall be waiting there for us
When the Lord comes and calls*

Sue & Martin Lightfoot

Reginald Aubrey Skinner passed away on 30th April, 2008, in South Africa where he was born in Durban nearly 86 years previously. He fought with the SA 6th Division in Italy and Egypt during the Second World War and then made his career in the family factory - manufacturing plywood. He married after the war and it was his wife who introduced him to Christ. The identity discovery took a much longer gradual lifetime course. His technical ability and mathematical skills meant that he enjoyed studying the Great Pyramid with all its numbers and passages. He shared this study with his son, Keith.

He and his wife and son, Keith, spent a few years living in England and then following his return to Vosburg he took over the secretary position for BI in South Africa in the early 1990s. Mrs Skinner predeceased him on 29th April, 1996, and life was very quiet for him afterwards. He is survived and remembered by his two sons, Keith and Alan, and their families.

His father's favourite verses were read at his funeral. *Job 19:25-27.*

Keith Skinner, 22nd May, 2008

Stop Press!

Mr George Bedford died in hospital on Saturday 13th December, 2008, after a long illness. He was a faithful supporter of BIWF for many years, serving as North West Area Organiser until retiring due to ill health. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Renee Bedford and his family.

SCRAP BOOK



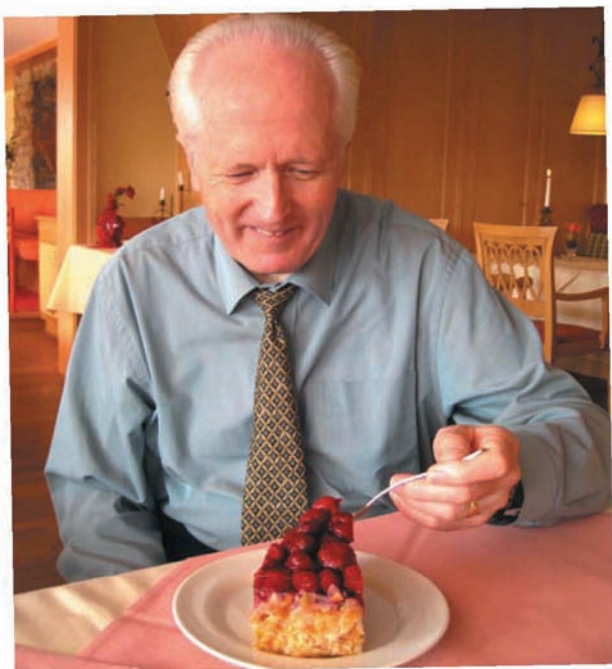
"Pin this to your braces..."



"Duck! It's David's throw..."



"My glasses are better than yours..."



"Numbers or cake - definitely cake!!"



"I used to do modelling..."



"So that's where the bracelet went..."



"The dart board is behind you..."

DID YOU KNOW?

The first British Missionary Society, The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel was founded by the Church of England in 1710.

The Church of Scotland established the Scottish Missionary Society in 1796. Nonconformists established the Baptist Missionary Society in (1792), the Congregational Missionary Society (1795) and the Wesleyan Missionary Society in (1813).

Agatha Christie's novel "Murder in Mesopotamia" was inspired by Charles Leonard Wooley's excavation of Abraham's home town, the biblical Ur of the Chaldees.

Thanks

We would like to thank everybody for his or her contributions this past year. All the organizing of meetings and conferences and all the kind donations, letters and prayers are truly appreciated.

A Form of Bequest to incorporate in Will

To those who may be desirous of assisting the Federation by way of legacies, the following Form of Bequest is recommended to be incorporated in your Will.

I give and bequeath to: **The British-Israel-World Federation**
Charity No: 208079

121 Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, DL14 0HA, the sum of £_____ sterling, free of Inheritance Tax, to be paid to the Financial Secretary, for the timebeing, of the Federation, whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for such legacy.

N.B. A legacy need not necessarily be in money; any property may now be given by Will for Charitable purposes.

Donations

For all those who would like to give a portion of their tithe, big or small, as a donation to the Federation: all cheques, order or bank drafts (in sterling for overseas donations) can be made payable to BIWF, and sent to Headquarters at Low Etherley.

Please indicate if you are a UK tax payer so that we can claim the Gift Aid portion from the Inland Revenue.

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