

SPECIAL FEATURE

In our Leyland Home we have Sister Dorothy Brace who was born in Middlesbrough, Yorkshire in December 1910. She comes from a large family of five sisters and one brother.

The family came into the Truth in the early 1920's and soon moved from Yorkshire to Lewisham, London so that they could begin attending meetings at the London Tabernacle.



Dorothy, a teenager at the time, remembers standing on the edge of the pavement on Saturdays offering the Watchtower and Golden Age magazines to those walking by.

The family later moved to Ramsgate, Kent where Dorothy and one of her sisters became colporteurs and were given a map of the county of Surrey to work. They set off on bicycles with their suitcases on the back and cartons of literature on the front and arrived in Chertsey where they first had to find somewhere to stay. The next two years were spent discussing the Bible with people and placing books and booklets.

In 1935 Dorothy married William Brace, a Grammar School teacher, and went to live in Pontypool in Wales.

Dorothy was still very active in the ministry using the Transcription Machine to play the records in the Welsh villages and also involved in the Information Marches in London. She vividly remembers carrying the boards which had 'Religion is a snare and a racket' on the front and 'Serve God and Christ the King' on the back.



During World War II William and Dorothy served as pioneers in both Coventry and Leicester and then Spalding in Lincolnshire. Both were imprisoned for their stand on neutrality.

After the war they moved to Mexborough in Yorkshire. Then later they were invited to live in America for a year. It was there in Denver, Colorado that Dorothy became pregnant and on returning to England in 1951 gave birth to her son, Tony.

Sadly Dorothy's husband died in 1997. Dorothy continues faithfully serving Jehovah and looks forward to the time when God's Kingdom with all its blessings, which she has proclaimed for decades, will become a reality.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following staff who have achieved the following qualifications:

NVQ Level II

- Lisa Clements (Blackpool)
- Michael Scollay (Blackpool)
- Rebecca Scollay (Blackpool)
- Wendy Shields (Blackpool)
- Chantelle Turvey (Blackpool)
- Rebecca Brennan (Leyland)
- Steven Rodrigues (Wigan)

NVQ Level III

- Janet Jenkinson (Blackpool)
- Sue Clifton (Leyland)
- Barbara Occlshaw (Wigan)

AAT Level III

- Matthew Hindmoor Jnr (Head Office)

Merthyr Tydfil



Since we purchased the Hotel in May, much work has been accomplished. Detailed plans are now being submitted to the council for their approval, and the hotel is being prepared for the builders to commence making the necessary changes to convert the hotel into a care home. We hope to complete Phase 1 by Spring 2007 when we will be able to accommodate 32 residents.

An auction is to be held on 21st October at the Home of all unwanted furniture and equipment. Arrangements are also being made for the ballroom to be converted into a Kingdom Hall for use by the local congregation

Over 300 brothers and sisters went to our Open Day in June and the support has been wonderful. When we purchased the hotel it was discovered that we had no lawn mower, and 8 acres is a lot to cut with small hand mowers. However, soon after the Open Day, a brand new sit-on mower was delivered, a brother had overheard of our need and anonymously made the purchase.

To date we have had 32 brothers and sisters apply to work at the home, and 22 elderly brothers and sisters have applied to come into the home.



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