



# one heart, one way

News about Wesley Guilds and Fellowships

## Free resource leaflets from the Wesley Guild

### WB161

#### You are Welcome

This introductory leaflet is for encouraging new members and takes its name from the traditional greeting given by members of The Methodist Guild Ghana, to all visitors. There is space for local Guild's to add contact details.



### WB157

#### Calling all men and women...

Is a leaflet designed particularly for those thinking of starting a new Guild. This may be Church officials, ministers or interested individuals.



Available free from Methodist Publishing House, or from the Connexional Secretary.

# A Youth Club for Oldies

...this is how one enthusiastic member summed up his local Guild! Whether you are put off or not by that title Guilds do offer diversity. As an organisation we are over 100 years old but the activities of our members are not and there is something for most people. The Guild offers itself afresh within the new vision of Our Calling.

If you are looking for a regular mid-week meeting for all, men and women, why not consider the Guild. Guilds operate a varied programme tailored to local needs.

Some Guilds have a structured programme covering-

**Spiritual and Devotional** - Worship, Service Planning, Bible Study.

**Educational** - Talks and discussions (eg topical issues, local history, other countries).

**Service** - Being a good neighbour. (eg what can we offer, at home and overseas).

**Social** - Opportunities to enrich and stimulate our Christian faith, through leisure activities, informal meals, outings and fellowship.

Others may offer a more informal meeting but all seek to provide Spiritual and devotional evenings, fun and friendship, interesting talks and discussions, and the opportunity to support local or national charitable projects.

All Guilds whatever the name or the size are encouraged to be part of the large connexional family by affiliating to the Wesley Guild so working together and helping one another.

**Need help with your local Guild?** Why not contact your local District Secretary (contact the Connexional Secretary if you need their details) or the Connexional Secretary details on the back page.

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**Nigeria Health Care Project (NHCP)**



An initiative of the Wesley Guild

[www.nhcp.org.uk](http://www.nhcp.org.uk)

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# Nigeria Health Care Project Report

## A Message from the Project Coordinator

Representatives of the Project visit Nigeria biannually, at their own expense to review progress and confirm that the money has been spent as agreed; to assess future needs; and to obtain photographs and other information. Below you will find a snapshot of some projects visited in February. The full report is now available on request from me or from our website [www.nhcp.org.uk](http://www.nhcp.org.uk). We hope this will encourage you in your personal support of the Project and with your prayers.

Peter Grubb – Project Coordinator

### Ogoli Ugboju Methodist Hospital

Four years ago termites had destroyed half the roofing, the premises were very neglected and looked run-down with no equipment or drugs. The picture today is very different with a well-run smart hospital. A success story thanks to the staff and community who have carried out most of the repairs and raised the funds for this.



Sister Grace at Ogoli Ugboju with local minister and patient

A qualified nurse will shortly take up a post and a visiting doctor (3-4 times a year, donating his fees to the hospital) carries out operations. Last year they delivered 106 babies and performed 96 other operations. Ogoli is being registered as an immunisation centre. Hopefully this will attract the services of a full-time doctor and other qualified staff. People come from a large area to receive treatment.

### Restoration Centre for the Homeless Mentally ill Agboke-Oglewu

This project arose when the Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Revd Sunday A Idoko saw the alarming number of mentally ill



Building work at Agboke

roaming the streets of Otukpo town. The premises of a former Methodist secondary school now

renovated await equipment and furnishings. Appointed Staff have been sent for training at Amaudo and Edawu (similar centres). There is strong community involvement particularly regarding the rehabilitation programme.

### Royal Cross Hospital Ugwueke

The success of this hospital is a tribute to the inspired service, skill and enthusiasm of Dr Hans van den Corput (who is being funded for a 5-year period by World Church Office). The hospital often treats over 100 patients in a day, and has 40 in-patient beds, though not enough. Patients are not just from the local communities. Total figures for 2003 -11,123 outpatients treated, 1,146 in-patients admitted, 382 operations. There were 63 births.

The hospital expects to be fully self-supporting in a few years but funds are required for completion of the water project, a new ward block, finishing and equipping a new operating theatre. The hospital has an excellent reputation, good administration and full community support.

### Omuo-Ekiti Methodist Hospital

The first funded project when the Project started in 1992. The beds were fully occupied. Average monthly patient attendance is 488. Omuo has itself bought an X-ray machine and an incubator. The laboratory and pharmacy are now in use. There is a transport arrangement with local villages for people attending the hospital.

Sister Victoria Ayegbusi is to retire in three months time after 10 years service with the Clinic/Hospital. Dr Eban Kingsley is the Medical Officer for this hospital and came first as a Nigerian Youth Service Corps doctor but has stayed on after his compulsory year. We will continue to fund the doctor's salary.



Sister Victoria Ayegbusi, Dr Eban Kingsley & the Bishop of Ifaki

### Those who continue to wait in hope for funds to become available

Methodist School of Health Technology, Ebenta, proposed health centre at Owerri, Item Chijioke Memorial Hospital.

### Ros Colwill

Many people have been praying for Ros since her very serious illness in September 2002. The current position is that she is walking with a quad stick. She still suffers from severe cramps and has sleeping problems but day-by-day her strength is returning and things get easier. She is now living in London in an adapted flat.

Ros still hopes eventually to return to Nigeria and is engaged in suitable courses and asks that people continue to hold her in their prayers. A tribute to her organisational skills is the ease with which Diane Blair has been able to take over the management of Amaudo.

# Financial and Related Information

The original target of £220,000 (2001-2005) was increased to £275,000. Contributions to February 2004 are as follows:

	£
Guilds	61,000 (29%)
Christian Guild Holidays	16,000 ( 8% )
Churches/Fellowships	66,000 (32%)
Personal (incl. Gift Aid)	48,000 (23%)
Miscellaneous	16,000 ( 8% )
<b>Total</b>	<b>£207,000</b>

It is encouraging that interest is so wide, and in the past year, two Churches have contributed £43,000. Long-term support is vital to the continued success of the Project.

Expenses (mostly publicity) continue to be kept below 5% of the total income. Since the start of the Project in 1992 to February 2004 over £561,000 has been raised.

## Project Expenditure from 1992 to March 2004

	£
Amaudo Centre for homeless mentally ill	118,000
Methodist Hospital Omuo-Ekiti	48,000
Bethesda Hospital – Ikachi	54,000
Health Centres at Damishi, Kamuru & Galadima	64,000
Edawu Centre for mentally ill	53,000
Royal Cross Hospital – Ugwueke	38,000
Uzuakoli Leprosy Centre	35,000
Clinics at Kaiama & New Bussa	26,000
Wesley Guild Hospital Ado-Odo	20,000
Agboke-Oglewu Restoration Centre for mentally ill	7,000
Methodist Hospital at Ogoli Ugboju	9,000
Other projects, medical supplies & contributions to medical advisors expenses	24,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£496,000</b>

A further **£40,000** is available and will be sent to Nigeria shortly.

## Further information about this project and aids for fundraising, please contact:

**Peter Grubb**, Project Coordinator, 2 Darnley Lane, Colton, Leeds LS15 9EX. **Tel:** 0113 2646046, **Email:** peter@grubb10.freeserve.co.uk

Donations should be sent direct to the Hon. Treasurer, Alan C. Parker ACMA, NHCP, 26 Burr Tree Drive, Colton, Leeds LS15 9ED

## NHCP Website

[www.nhcp.org.uk](http://www.nhcp.org.uk)

The Project website is now available at [www.nhcp.org.uk](http://www.nhcp.org.uk). It is updated regularly and gives a comprehensive view in reports, information and pictures. It also lists all fundraising resources available.

## How you can help

- Work with your Guild, Fellowship or church to raise funds.
- Make a regular personal contribution.
- Pray for the work of the Project.
- Organise a special Nigeria evening.
- Keep informed by using our website and receiving our annual newsletter.
- Give talks to interested groups

# National Events

## Build the Guild 2003

This was held at Abbot Hall in October where the weather was good and the week a blend of stimulation and relaxation. The speakers were the Revd Inderjit Bhogal and the Revd Judith Chapman, and the theme of Respect in the Body of Christ was thought provoking and a real challenge to all present. Sharing and learning together is valuable and there was something for everyone to take away with them.

The next Build the Guild week will take place at: **Willersley Castle, Cromford, Matlock 26 September to 1 October 2004.**

The speaker will be the Revd Mark Wakelin, with the theme 'Finding God in All Things' further details in box below.

## Training weekends

In 2003 Training weekends were held at Morlands, Whitby and Willersley Castle, Matlock. These were opportunities to share ideas, learn from one another and put into practice some of the learning. Each was different, with group work, discussions, drama, music and prayer. At Moorlands the weekend ended with a Communion service with the Revd Derek Davidson in which everyone was involved with the preparation. At Willersley the group was smaller but was adapted to the needs of the individuals and their own Guilds. The idea of both these weekends is to provide an opportunity to Learn and Share for people in leadership roles within their Guild.

The next one will be held at **Willersley Castle** on **11-13 March 2005**, details will be circulated to all Guilds.

### BUILD THE GUILD 2004

Sept 26 - Oct 1

Willersley Castle, Cromford, Matlock (Christian Guild Holidays)

Revd Mark Wakelin - Director of the Guy Chester Centre London

**Theme** "Finding God in All Things"

A week of Spiritual refreshment with Bible teaching, excursions, free time, entertainment, indoor pool, and walks, in Derbyshire.

**Guild and non-Guild members welcome.**

Programme details from Aileen Fox \*

**Book directly** with the Hotel - prices on application

Tel. Willersley Castle on **01629 582270**, quoting **Build the Guild**



### Further Information

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## Methodist Conference Guild Celebration 2003

This year the celebration was held on 1st July at St David's Craig y Don and the Llandudno Guild ensured that all received a warm welcome. The speaker was the Revd Donald Ryan M Th, with the musical events led by Revd Peter Shilling and his group. Chairman for the evening was Revd Ronald Hoar. During the evening updates concerning the Nigeria Health Care Project and the Methodist Guild Ghana were given.

## Methodist Guild Ghana

Following an invitation from the Guild in Ghana Aileen Fox (Connexional Secretary) attended the 8th Biennial Conference (on a self-financing visit and holiday with her husband Roger) in April 2003. The Guild is still very strong in Ghana and the enthusiasm and dedication is hard for us to take in.

One of the highlights was bringing greetings to the 600 delegates and also visiting a number of individual Guilds. A visit was made to Wenchi Methodist Hospital to view the Ghana Guild x-ray project, which had been on going for almost 5 years.

The building was ready for the internal fittings but money was still needed. Watching the appeal made at the conference and the sacrificial giving by so many was humbling.

In January 2004 the project was handed over by the National Executive of the Methodist Guild and we await the photographs.

The links between the Guild in Ghana and the UK are still treasured greatly and they send their love and greetings to the Guild in the UK.

**For more details about Ghana and the visit contact Aileen.**

## 100 years on

In 2002 and 2003 three Guilds celebrated their centenary, these were Workington in Cumbria, Troon near Cambourn, and Prescot near Liverpool.

- How many more are celebrating this milestone?
- Do write and let us know about your celebrations.

### Who has been sent copies of this leaflet direct?

Ministers and Deacons in pastoral charge

### Who else in your church might find this useful?

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Please write their names and get them to tick the box when they have received or seen a copy.