



Editor's thoughts

Thank you and goodbye to Rupert

As you may have read in the Spring 2009 edition of *ACT Now* (p37) it was my sad duty at last October's ACT Annual General Meeting to announce the resignation of Rupert Kaye as Chief Executive of the Association with effect from 31 December 2008.

I am only too aware of how well Rupert has exercised his many gifts in advancing the work of ACT England and in supporting colleagues in ACT Scotland, ACTW and NIACT. Amongst Rupert's many achievements I would mention the high standard achieved by *ACT Now* under his editorship, the development of local training events and the production of high quality publicity materials. At the 2008 ACT AGM, on behalf of the Board and ACT members, I thanked Rupert for his conscientious, dedicated service and hard work for the Association during the past six years and for all he has achieved on our behalf. I offered him our best wishes for the future and promised him our prayers. We know that God still has much for Rupert to do.

Thankfully, Rupert kindly agreed to assist behind the scenes with the production of the Summer 2009 and Autumn 2009 issues of *ACT Now*. His input and advice has been invaluable and this issue would not have been possible without his goodwill and diligence.

Welcome to the Summer 2009 edition

I pray that God will bless the contents of this issue of *ACT Now* to energise and encourage you in all you do to serve Him in education.

Steven Spriggs writes about CREATE (Christian Reflection on Ethics and Teaching). This is an exciting project by The Stapleford Centre that aims to help Christians in their first five years of teaching identify and grapple with various ethical matters.

Jeff Benjamin tells how the Lord has blessed the Black Forest Academy, allowing it to grow and prosper. For more than half a century, BFA has provided a high-quality Christian English-language education to international students.

Leonard Bookman pens his final diary entry. To mark this momentous occasion *ACT Now* carries a poignant retrospective entitled 'How education used to be' by the noted educational historian and cat-lover Frederick Crabbitt-Thunderton-Armstrong.

ACT Day 2009

This year's ACT Day and AGM will be held in London on Saturday 10 October 2009. Our present plans are for this event to include both a farewell to Rupert and a welcome to the new Director. All *ACT Now* readers are invited to attend. So please write the date in your 2009 diary and invite Christian friends and colleagues to come along as well.

Arthur J. Jones

Have your say

Whether you want to write a letter or article in response to an item in this issue; express your views on a topical educational issue from a Christian perspective; share personal testimony about what God has done for you in an educational setting; review a book or film; share a lesson plan or classroom resource; write a poem; or submit a prayer request, please send your contribution to: **The Editor, ACT Now**, 94a London Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 1NX.

Presentation and submission

Individual prayer requests should be 20-40 words in length. Longer prayers, poems and film/resource reviews should be a maximum of 250 words in length. Emails to the editor should be 50-250 words in length; letters should be 250-800 words in length. Feature articles should be approx 500-1,500 words in length. Longer articles may be considered for publication in an abridged form.

All contributions should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document on a CD or as an email attachment. Naturally, all items should have been carefully spell-checked and proof-read by the author prior to submission. All items must carry the author's name and contact details. Feature articles must

also include: (i) a brief biographical note about the author (50 to 80 words in length) written in the third person; and (ii) a portrait photograph of the author.

Photographs and illustrations

Photographs can be accepted in two formats: (i) analogue (ie 'Kodak' prints); and (ii) digital. Analogue photos should be sent as clearly labelled unmounted originals, eg with a sticky label on the back (giving a photo caption/title and contact name). Digital photos should be sent as JPEGs unmodified from camera/scanner and at the highest resolution available (preferably 300ppi). As a rule the minimum file size is 800kb, however files 2,000kb or larger are preferred. Photos that do not meet these criteria cannot be accepted for publication.

Illustrations and logos may be included where these are relevant. Line drawings should be in black ink on white paper. All other artwork should be provided as a plain original without lettering or numbering.

Editing and copyright

All items received will be acknowledged as long as they carry adequate contact details.

The editor's decision to publish or reject material is final. The editor reserves the right to edit or amend the content, grammar and style of all items.

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Spring (January) 2010 All prayer requests (for the period 1 January to 30 April 2010), emails and letters to the editor, resource reviews, articles, etc should arrive at the ACT Office no later than **15 October 2009**.

Summer (May) 2010 All prayer requests (for the period 1 May to 31 August 2010), emails and letters to the editor, resource reviews, articles, etc should arrive at the ACT Office no later than **15 February 2010**.