1775

In London, George III is on the throne.

In America, the Boston Tea Party heralds the birth of the USA.

In France, Louis XV makes abortive plans to invade England. Wars rage in Russia, Prussia and Austria.

In India, Clive is dead, and Hastings subjugates the native millions.

In Dormansland, a poor man's conversion to the Baptist cause is noted.
1780

England at war with France and Spain, on the high seas and with George Washington on the American mainland:

In Dornansland, the poor man opens his cottage to fellow believers in the Baptist cause.
1782

In Dormansland
Baptist Dissenters are troubled by the local populace.
Riots ensue, until the Bow Street Runners arrive to restore order.
1786

In Dormansland the first Chapel is erected, & supplied by various preachers from Sevenoaks, Hand Cross, and other established Baptist Churches.
1789

In France

The Bastille is stormed:

In Dormansland

The believers are baptised in a local brook.
IN FRANCE
THE COUNTRY IS ENGULFED IN REVOLUTION;
IN DORMANS LaND,
A NEW CHURCH IS FORMED WITH NINE MEMBERS.
1815

NAPOLEON ESCAPES FROM ELBA. PLUNGES EUROPE INTO WAR.
THE BONAPARTE ERA ENDS AT WATERLOO IN DORMANSLAND.
WORK BEGINS ON THE NEW CHURCH BUILDING.
1817

IN DORMANSLAND.
THE NEW BAPTIST CHURCH
IS DEDICATED.
A FEW YEARS EARLIER,
THE REV.
JOHN NEWTON
PENNED THESE WORDS.
'AMAZING GRACE:
WHEN WE'VE BEEN HERE A THOUSAND YEARS.
BRIGHT SHINING AS THE SUN.
WE'VE NO LESS DAYS TO SING GOD'S PRAISE.
AS WHEN WE FIRST BEGAN.'
Inside the chapel, the new baptistry is dedicated.

This same baptistry is still used today.
1844

Queen Victoria reigns.
War with China.
Slave trade in America.
Famine in Ireland:
In Dormansland,
George Chapman,
our first pastor,
laid to rest,
after 51 years service.
1849-1884

Crimean War
Mutiny in India
Civil War in America

_IN DORMANSLAND_
Revd. Thomas Grigg
Ministers to his flock
For 35 years.
1892 Centenary Year.

C.H. Spurgeon died shortly before he was due to speak at D.B.C.

Plaistow Street

Outwood

Dormansland's "Daughter" churches all flourishing.

Eden Bridge
1914-18

WORLD WAR I

OUR PASTOR.

FRANK JOSEPH,

LOST ALL HIS

THREE SONS,

KILLED AT

THE FRONT.
1921-1932

The first Labour government in U.S.A. The Wall Street crash.

Depression: in Dormansland,

Ebenezer Vine

Bicycles regularly to and from Bromley to minister here.
1940's

World War II
Churchill, Stalin, Hitler, Roosevelt on the world stage.
Atomic bombs:

In Dormansland,
Joyce Inskip settles after being bombed out in the London Blitz, becomes Sunday school teacher and organist.
1950's

War in Korea.
Iron Curtain in Europe.
Elizabeth II, Queen.
China invades Tibet.
First rocket to Moon:
In Dornansland.
The remains of the Poor Man's Cottage are demolished.
1960's
Kruschev promises to "bury the west".
Kennedy assassinated.
Churchill dies.
In Dormansland, Joyce Inskip and Lilian Hobbs start a "manse fund" providing teas for visiting church parties.
1970's

In Downing Street, four Prime Ministers reside at various times: in Dornansland, a manse has been purchased, and Rev. Brian Andrews is the new pastor.
1980's

In Russia, glasnost, perestroika, political changes
Falklands War
in Dormansland.

The new church hall is completed, and we welcome
Rev. Gordon Steer as our new pastor.
Links with Romania begin when Norman Houghton and Pastor Gordon take medical supplies to the Hospital at Tulcea and establish fellowship with Tulcea Baptist Church.
1990's Romania (cont'd)

DUNAVAT Camp was developed with the financial and practical help of D.B.C. From a derelict vineyard has risen a thriving children's camp and Bible Teaching centre.
TULCEA'S V.W.

Gordon, Norman and Kevin drive across seven European Countries in the "Orange Peril" taking supplies for Churches, Hospitals and Orphanages.
1992

A new era in Europe.
Cold war ends.
Communism fades.
Christians in many countries are free
to worship again:
in Dormansland,
we celebrate our bi-centenary.

200 years of continuous worship.
1999

ROMANIA: Daughter Churches are established in BAIA, BABADAG, CIUCUROVA, and ISACCEA.

BOLIVIA: Gwen Heppleston works with Christian Students. Marries Marcos Quinteros. Returns home to continue Christian ministry.

SOUTH AFRICA: Andy Bawler involved in Christian youth work and training programme
2000 A.D.

We enter the Third Millennium with our continued outreach to B.M.S., Tearfund, FEBA Radio, and the leprosy mission. A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN.