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MMHS BOARD CHAIR DEBBIE FAULKNER REFLECTS ON HER JOURNEY INTO A LIFE OF SERVICE – AND HOW THAT INSPIRES HER WITH THE SOCIETY'S NEW STRATEGY

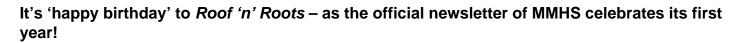
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Debbie Bullock's career quest took her from cooking to caring. She planned to be a chef, but joined the civil service. Swapping kitchen worktop for DHSS counter, she found herself working with benefit claimants who were at their wits' end, suicidal or issuing threats to staff.

It was an eye-opener for young Debbie.

use benefit books instead. That time showed her life on the edge. 'It was really awful,' she recalled, 'and things haven't changed in society. You hear similar stories now, 30 years on.'

A family background of conscience and compassion had clearly compelled Debbie towards this life of service – though she may not have realised it at the time. Her dad Tony was a Methodist minister, who – in his own words – 'served the servant of God' in Barnstaple, Bromsgrove, Chesham and Amersham, Aldershot, Farnborough and Camberley,



While the Methodist Conference was getting underway in Birmingham, <u>the Summer 2017 edition</u> was already landing on residents' doormats. Contents include:

- MMHS board chair Debbie Faulkner reflects on a mandate to serve;
- how Revd Pat Billsborrow heard a divine call as a little girl;
- what you need to know about traders at your door;
- Revd Heather Walker on the power of hospitality;
- and other information in the MMHS newsletter!

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