HELPING THE HOMELESS – FOR 25 YEARS

Twenty-fifth anniversaries are usually a cause for celebration and rejoicing yet one such milestone reached in December 2010 passed almost unnoticed. For twenty-five years without pause or break, London's homeless have looked forward to a Friday evening meal, courtesy of Stanborough Park church volunteers. While it may have become routine nature and low profile in the church diary, it is a service which has been much appreciated by its grateful recipients.

The 'Soup Run' started back in 1985 as the church's Youth Committee, then under the leadership of Pat Walton, looked at ways of involving young people in practical Christianity rather than just seeing religion as attending church and taking part in discussions. It was felt that becoming involved in tending to the needs of others less fortunate than themselves would also help to strengthen their Christian faith. Helping the homeless seemed an obvious option.

It was left to Youth pastor, Jonathan Barrett, to research and come up with a project that could be undertaken by the youth on a limited budget. He started by contacting the Salvation Army and investigated their hostels and 'Soup Runs'. He concluded that whilst the former was totally out of the question given the group's reliance on donations, the latter, which would involve taking warm soup and food for the homeless, seemed doable and that the needs in London were much greater than those locally. According to Jonathan the first recorded trip was Friday, 13 December, 1985. He says, "The church really got behind it, people enjoyed going, and members were extremely generous in financing it."

Initially it involved the volunteers leaving each Friday night with soup, hot drinks and food in a borrowed van to provide help for
the homeless sleeping rough around Waterloo Station and the South Bank. Over the years it has expanded. Pat continues to coordinate the project and states that she feels so blessed by the continuous and generous donations of money, time, food and clothing etc by members. The volunteers now take hot water to provide hot chocolate, tea, coffee and instant soup along with squash, which is given out in recycled plastic water bottles, food, clothing, toiletries, useful articles such as blankets and sleeping bags. Small household items are also included as these days they also help those recently housed who have nothing to put in them as well as the homeless.

The people helped have also changed. Originally they included glue-sniffers and people sleeping under cardboard. In the 1990s there were a lot of alcoholics, then a spell of people with mental health problems. More recently there has been a surge in the number of foreign nationals, especially Eastern Europeans, seeking help. Rosemary Duffus, a regular volunteer for 20 years, says, "We treat everyone who comes to us the same regardless of any problems they may have and there is always a crowd waiting for the van when it gets to the stop."

The volunteers are organised under one of four or five team leaders who pick their teams of 4-8 helpers (aged 16+) and a driver. Other volunteers provide and organise 40 rounds of sandwiches and fruit which are loaded onto the current minibus along with all the other things they need to take.

The Soup Run operates every Friday night between September and June with a two-week break at Christmas when the homeless migrate to the 'Crisis at Christmas' shelters. There is also a two-month break in the summer when the homeless seem to migrate to the coast and this gives an opportunity to rebuild stocks of clothing and bedding.

The volunteers set off for London around 8:30 pm returning about three hours later having set up two tables – one for food and drink and one for clothes and other items – in two Central London locations. Pat has had some helpers with her for twenty years including some local non-Adventists. Volunteers often bring along colleagues to help and these days teams from other Adventist churches in the local area also take a turn.

The whole project is financed by donations and money is a big concern. Pat organises regular sales at the church to raise funds to keep the project going and pay for the running costs of the minibus. But now she has an added problem. The F-registration minibus was purchased many years ago and now needs to be replaced. She has had some donations but not sufficient to meet the total costs of a replacement. However, she is not one to be daunted by a challenge.

This coming Sunday, 30 January, she has organised a special sale at Stanborough Park church. It will open at 12 noon by Watford's MP Richard Harrington. The Mayor of Watford, Dorothy Thornhill will also be supporting the event by her presence.

Pat is hoping that the event will be well-attended and will help to provide sufficient funds to allow what has proved to be a much-needed and appreciated worthwhile project to continue for some time to come.
IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS  [Rosemary Lethbridge/BUC News]

"How can we help you?" is usually what our church says to the community. This question has led The Watering Hole church plant in Southampton to participate in a whole variety of community programmes and events. As a result we have discovered that our community has a more positive view of our church and some are now even exploring our faith. However, the tables were turned on us last week when the Chair of the local Community Association approached plant leader, Rosemary Lethbridge and said, "we would like to help you." Each year the Association chooses a charity to fund raise for. She added, "We have decided and voted that The Watering Hole will receive any money we raise in 2011."

Rosemary states, "Delighted as we are to benefit from extra funding it is the thought behind it that really encourages us. It is the knowledge that our community values the part we play in making a difference in the community and is willing to use of their time and talents to raise both our profile and financially assist the work."

In addition to the regular house church services, Bible studies and small group meetings The Watering Hole plan to continue relationship seminars and the debt and benefit advice centre throughout 2011. With a beaming smile Rosemary adds, "We are also part of the BIG wedding celebrations at the end of April." The Watering Hole is a place for the community. They will once again chair and lead events for National Parenting Week and coordinate local volunteers for National Volunteer Day. "This is just natural for us," Rosemary adds, "Both these events are great ways for any church to be part of their community."

MAYOR PRAISES WATFORD CHURCHES

When you are the Mayor it is fine to be inquisitive. So when Dorothy Thornhill, the Mayor of Watford mentioned to a Seventh-day Adventist church member that she was intrigued by the new headquarters office on Stanborough Park, an invitation was instantaneous. Pastor Don McFarlane, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the British Isles welcomed the Mayor on Tuesday, 25 January and gave her a guided tour of the office which will be officially opened by Adventist World Church President, Ted Wilson on Sunday, 13 March.

Mayor Thornhill was impressed by the openness of the planning stating that the architect should be congratulated on a positive design that makes the building stand out for the public and also gives greater access for areas like the book shop. "I shall be telling my colleagues to come and shop here," she quipped looking at the shelves of books and health food products, adding, "I never knew there was a shop here. This is a great service for the public."

A committed Christian herself, the Mayor stated that when she came to office she heard demoralising stories about the decline of Christianity in the Watford area. She therefore made a conscious choice to try and visit all the churches in Watford. As a result she says, "I have been wonderfully surprised by the size of the active Christian community here." A regular attendee at events like the Stanborough Park church toy service and the ADRA shoe box appeal she was very positive about the work of the Adventist Church both in the Watford community and beyond.
Staff equally enjoyed her personal visit as she interacted with them and discovered more about the church. Thelma Hodges, ADC Office Manager found her to be "very friendly and approachable," adding that "she appeared genuinely interested in what the staff were doing." Bert Smit, CEO of ADRA-UK said that "the brief visit of the Mayor to the new ADRA offices at the BUC was a nice surprise." She has been a friend of ADRA for a number of years, in particular in helping to promote the annual shoe box appeal locally. Bert noted that, "our work needed no introduction and she was very interested to see the map of the various countries where the agency is currently working."

While she unfortunately cannot be at the official opening herself she expressed delight that such a wonderful building has arisen out of the ashes of the fire that devastated the BUC office in November 2008.

During the tour Pastor McFarlane was able to answer many of her questions about church structure and services provided by both the headquarters office and the two Adventist churches in her town. He shared with her that the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK is a vibrant Christian community well beyond her 'patch' in Watford and that the new church headquarters is not merely a place where the staff work but is a gathering place for members of the church and the local community. Understanding this, the Mayor equally complemented Pastor McFarlane on the openness of the visual access from St Albans Road. The high fence has been replaced by a low wall that allows members of the public to see part of the beauty of the park and by so doing come to understand that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is an open and welcoming organisation.

A photo gallery from the visit is available in the BUC Picture gallery.

**IT'S ALL CHANGE AT ADRA-UK [Bert Smit, ADRA-UK CEO]**

Change in leadership and change in collecting boxes is making a difference in the UK branch of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency.

The change that members and the public pushed into collecting boxes during the 2010 Annual Appeal has resulted in an increase of almost £25,000 over the 2009 appeal reaching a total of £621,297. With low overheads and a positive team spirit, the ADRA-UK staff recognise the trust they have been given with these funds during a time when both families and many charities are struggling. Bert Smit, ADRA-UK CEO said "We are quite small but are able to excel in the work we do and bring relief and healing to tens of thousands of people."

'Change' comes in another form with staff changes. The ADRA-UK team has said farewell to Pansi Katenga who served until recently as Programmes Director. Pansi returned to South Africa earlier in 2010 following three years of service with ADRA-UK. She is now working as a consultant assisting aid agencies, including ADRA offices in Africa.

By way of replacement, and keep up with the demands of the job, ADRA Trustees appointed Howa Avan-Nomayo as Programmes Team Leader at a meeting on Monday, 24 January. He has been working with ADRA since 2008 and Trustees noted his rapid growth in the organisation. Howa will now coordinate all the activities of the programmes team in writing new proposals for submission and managing ongoing projects. He is an active member of the Kennington church with a special passion for
youth. The Trustees also appointed Kennedy Habasimbi as Programmes Officer on a short-term contract. He has previously worked with ADRA Zambia as Manager for one of the EC funded projects and brings essential field experience into the programmes team. Kennedy and his wife Chilala attend the Barnet church.

All these changes also mean a change in goal for the 2011 Annual Appeal which starts on 26 March. The aim is to raise at least £700,000 for the humanitarian work of the agency. "The support from our church members is vital in what we do and, plainly speaking, without their help we could not do our work," Bert states. "ADRA is actively doing what we preach: helping the needy and sharing our vision of hope. When we as ADRA and church members work together we can bring opportunities for a better life. There is nothing more rewarding then seeing the difference we can make."

**ADVENTIST CONTRIBUTION TO CAMBRIDGE DICTIONARY OF CHRISTIANITY**

[Richard de Lisser, SEC Communication Director]

Dr Herbert Griffiths, a member and elder of the East Ham Seventh-day Adventist church, is one of 828 scholars from around the world who were chosen to submit their contributions to the latest Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity. Dr Griffiths, a PhD graduate of Leeds University School of Theology and Religious Studies, wrote the entry on African Caribbean Christianity in the United Kingdom. Dr Griffiths is a leading authority on black religiosity in the UK; his PhD dissertation is entitled 'The Impact of African Caribbean Settlers on the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Britain 1952 - 2001'.

Dr Griffiths stated that he was very surprised yet humbled to have been asked to write the entry and he deems it an honour to represent the church in such a scholarly way on the theological world stage.

The Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity is an authoritative reference guide that enables students, their teachers, Christian clergy, and general readers to reflect critically upon all aspects of Christianity from its origins to the present day. Written by a team of 828 scholars from around the world, the volume reflects the plurality of Christianity throughout its history. (Edited by Daniel Patte, Professor of Religious Studies and Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at Vanderbilt University. Published by Cambridge University Press, December 2010).

**RESTRUCTURING NEWBOLD COLLEGE** [Katie Ramharacksingh]

Newbold College is currently in the process of restructuring in order to make its operation simpler, more efficient and cost-effective. At the request of the College Board and under the direction of Interim Principal, Dr Svein Myklebust, the Senior Management team in consultation with the staff have undertaken a detailed inspection of the College's operation. This is being done in the light of the perceived needs of the Church and the wider society, and of enrolment levels for some of the College's courses.

All of Newbold's courses in Theology and Ministry are thriving and will continue to be offered. At the same time, some creative new packages are to be offered to meet the needs of different lay groups, both on campus and elsewhere, and at various times in the calendar.

Newbold's School of English is expected to continue to prosper. Its vitality is rooted in the growing numbers in the summer school over the last few years alongside regular classes and the development
of specialist courses for pastors, business people, ESL teachers and others. School of English teachers periodically offer their services in various parts of the world. Several of them have just returned from Brazil where they have been offering customised courses during the vacation.

The Board has affirmed its commitment to both the teaching of Business Management and the exploration of a professional qualification in Accounting through ACCA. Newbold has always attracted enthusiastic students from the United States and is anticipating membership of ACA (Adventist Colleges Abroad) very soon. The College is confident that it can attract more students from the USA via this programme with an improved recruitment strategy.

The general restructuring together with the closure of the degree course in Media Arts and some under-subscribed shorter certificate courses means that a number of positions have been made redundant, others reconfigured within a reshaping of some departments. Dr Myklebust, aided by his Senior Management colleagues, has spent the last few weeks ensuring that all changes are properly considered, within the law, and carried out in a way which is consistent with a Christian ethical approach. The overriding concern of all involved is that Newbold College should continue to offer quality educational opportunities to all its students, and that level of personal attention which is its trademark. "This is not an easy time for Newbold but I have been impressed by the commitment of the staff and management at all levels and believe that, with the blessings of God which Newbold has always enjoyed, this spirit will continue to take the College where it needs to go," says Dr Myklebust.

Dr Myklebust is expected to stay at Newbold until the appointment of the new principal. This is likely to be during the summer of 2011. Chairman of the Board, Dr Bertil Wiklander says: "We have full confidence in the restructuring process. The Trans-European Division is fully committed to supporting Newbold College, not just for pastoral education but as an Adventist academic community where everyone can grow in their Adventist Christian faith and build their skills for bearing a thoughtful Christian witness."

The students have now returned and so another semester at Newbold begins. For more on Newbold visit <www.newbold.ac.uk>.

FIRST JOINT NEC/SEC CAMP MEETING [Jeff Nicholson, NEC Communication Director]

"Camp Meeting in 2011 will be a joint event hosted with the South England Conference, which will be a first in the history of the British Union," said North England Conference President, Pastor Ian Sweeney. The Department leaders of both Conferences have already met to begin the process of organising this historic event.

It is an ill wind that does not blow somebody some good. For years many have dreamed and tried to convene a joint North England Conference/South England Conference (NEC/SEC) Camp Meeting but it never transpired. Finally necessity is forcing it to happen. With the financial challenges being faced by the Pontin's Holiday group and the perennial concerns expressed by members concerning hygiene and the physical state of the Southport site, and the recent decline in SEC Camp Meeting attendances it is proving mutually beneficial for both Conferences to share a common venue and programme this year.
The NEC and SEC Administrative staff met at the Northampton church on Monday 10 January to progress the discussions concerning the convening of a joint event. Despite Pontin's going into administration in November 2010 their banks have given assurances that irrespective of Pontin's future, no monies will be lost by our members. The South England Conference have also given the assurance that they will underwrite the payments of all of our members who make their booking with Pontin's for Camp Meeting.

The theme for Camp Meeting 2011 is 'Revive!' This theme is in harmony with the General Conference theme for this year. The speakers include Pastor Henry Wright, Sister Patrice Williams-Gordon (Women's Ministries), Curtis Hall (Sabbath School, author of Hit The Mark), Nyse Collins (Health Ministries), Matt Para (Youth speaker) as well as many local preachers and presenters.

Camp Meeting 2011 will afford members a wonderful opportunity to meet with our sisters and brothers from across both Conferences and enjoy an added warmth of fellowship. Please note that the bookings for Camp Meeting are on a first come first served basis, so please submit your booking with a deposit of £50.00 per person at your earliest opportunity. There is an early booking discount which runs out on 28 February so book early to take advantage of it. More booking forms can be downloaded from the NEC or SEC websites.

STREAMING UPDATE

Last week BUC News put out a request for a list of churches that either stream their services or make podcasts available. The response was positive – both from those who provide the service and those who already receive it.

While we are aware that this list is not complete the following churches stream or podcast their services. Some have a substantial number of viewers who have written to us concerning the benefits of the streaming – particularly during bad weather or when suffering from poor health. We have also been told that lapsed Adventists are being attracted back to church from the security of their own home. One enthusiastic BUC News reader even sent a link for Francophiles to the Collonge church website in France.

Balham
http://balham.adventistchurch.org.uk
Croydon
http://www.croydonadventist.org/Streaming-online-programmes.html
Holloway
http://www.myholloway.org
Lewisham
http://www.lewishamadventist.org.uk
Manchester South
http://www.manchestersda.org.uk
Newbold
http://newbold.adventistchurch.org.uk
St Albans
http://stalbans.adventistchurch.org.uk
Stanborough Park
http://stanboroughpark.adventistchurch.org.uk
Willesden
http://willesden-adventist.com
Wimbledon
http://www.mywimbledon.org

Live stream and podcasts are a natural progression for Stanborough Park church that over more than a decade has recorded and distributed sermons by video tape, then by DVD and now via the internet. Even in the early days this was more than a local service for shut-ins as video tapes would be mailed to various parts of the country. With the live stream Paul Clee, senior pastor of the Stanborough Park church states that "We have viewers in Australia, the West Indies, Canada, but mainly (I am pleased to say) in a fairly local setting." One week
he put his email address on the screen. This led to several interesting responses, questions and comments. Naturally all of this involved considerable teamwork. Paul says, "I am so grateful for the dedication and vision of our team, who stream this, as well as producing DVDs for shut-ins and members all over the UK who order these on a regular basis." The next stage for this 600 member congregation is to add a live stream of the full Sabbath School, including a discussion group, so that those watching at a distance can write their questions/comments and the leader can see them on a screen and incorporate them in the discussion.

This above list is not exhaustive. If your church is in the British Isles and streams or podcasts then please let us know.

DEATH OF JULIA SMITH

It is with sadness that we have been informed of the sudden and tragic death of Mrs Julia Smith (aged 54) on Wednesday, 26 January arising from an injury sustained from a fall on the ice in December 2010. Mrs Julia Smith served as a member of the BUC Executive Committee 1991-1996 and as the Women's Ministries director at the South England Conference, initially on a voluntary basis and then as an employee from 2004 – 2006. Julia is survived by her husband Michael, daughters Zoe and Gabrielle and foster son Colin.

Thank you for remembering the Smith family in your prayers at this time. Funeral details will be announced in due course.

NEW LOCATION FOR LOUGHBOROUGH CHURCH [Vivienne Barratt-Peacock]

Belonging to Loughborough church has certainly been an adventure recently! "Do you know which building we're going to be worshipping in this week?" has been the midweek question lately, as we have struggled to find places to meet. Now, after much prayer and negotiation, we have found a suitable building in which to meet every week. From 29 January, our services will be held at: Mountsorrel Methodist Church Centre, Church Hill Road, Mountsorrel, Leicester, LE12 7JB. Services will start at 10:00 am (Sabbath School) and 11:30 am (Divine Service) as usual, and will be followed by a picnic lunch.

This new chapter should bring a little more stability for our growing church. God is certainly leading us and we pray that one day we will be able to realize our dream of owning our own church building.

For more details, please see our website: <http://loughborough.adventistchurch.org.uk>.

THE ENCOUNTER GUIDE TO SURVIVING FAMILY [Natalie Davison]

The latest Encounter magazine is out now – you can pick up a copy at your local church or read it online.

With informative and challenging articles about family life, we've also included some real-life experiences which we think you'll be able to relate to. We've asked a teen and her mum to write about the good and flip side of living together and we also have some practical advice about family worship, coping with broken families and
There is a dedicated Facebook page set up for the Encounter where you can share your views on the subject matters tackled in the magazine and it's also a great place to connect with other readers. Just type in 'encounter magazine' and join in too! We'd love to hear your opinion.

Finally there is more information on pages 6-7 about the forthcoming **BUC Youth Congress**. The Early Bird Registration rate of £35 will only be available until 31 January 2011. After that time it will increase to £45. So log on to <www.adventistyouth.org.uk/congress> and make sure you register your place today! Happy reading!

**HOPE CHANNEL: IMPROVED SIGNAL – NEW SCHEDULE**

An initial change of frequency two weeks ago left a number of viewers in the dark as reports came in of a very poor signal, not just in the British Isles, but as far south as Italy. The signal is now up to full strength thanks to the investigation skills of engineers Marcelo Vallado (Adventist Media Productions, California) and Daryl Gungadoo (Adventist World Radio). The search took them to a transponder that was just under 3 degrees out of alignment – something that can make a considerable difference in signal quality over the several thousand kilometres from earth to satellite. If you are 'still in the dark' then we encourage you to retune now. Visit the [Hope TV website](http://www.adventistyouth.org.uk/congress) for details.

February also sees a change in schedule with the channel moving to exclusively English and Russian programming. This will mean an increase in English for the prime time evening hours and will also give opportunity for a church service on a Sabbath morning. Balancing the needs for peak time viewing in different time zones does mean that current Sabbath afternoon programmes will move into the evening slot. Starting 1 February English will be available from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm and 6:30 pm until 2:00 am. At other times our Russian and Ukrainian viewers will enjoy their programming. The schedule below is tentative. Please consult the Hope TV website for details.

This coming week Victor Hulbert engages Pansi Katenga ‘In Conversation’. Even as a young girl growing up in her native Malawi Pansi understood that she was more privileged than most girls of her age. From her time working for UNICEF, WFP and then ADRA-UK, those early life experiences have been the motivating force behind Pansi’s mission in life, to work for the rights and education of under-privileged girls and women around the world.

**COMING EVENTS**

For a full listing of coming events visit <www.adventistevents.org.uk>. New events are added on a daily basis.
THE BIBLE AND SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. Continuing to Friday 4, February. Oxford Adventist church Youth department are hosting a new Quarterly Bible study series 'The Bible and Spirit of Prophecy' at the Oxford church, 1a Chester Street, Oxford, off Iffley Road from 7:30 - 9:00 pm.

Second study: 2. The Bible and Spirit of Prophecy: Apart or together, 28 January; 3. Spirit of Prophecy in relation to Adventists, 4 February. Guest speaker: Andrew Fuller. Light refreshments provided. For more information contact Valentine Dzingaia by email <dzingaia@aol.com>.

THE HEAVENS DECLARE. Continuing to Thursday, 31 March. Popular talks about the universe with lessons about God's character and dealings with mankind drawn from planets, stars, and galaxies. Every Thursday evening at 7:30 pm at the Coleraine Seventh-day Adventist Church, Rathane Avenue, Mountsandel, Coleraine. Speaker: Pastor Dr Mart de Groot, a former director of the Armagh Observatory. Contact: Mart de Groot <mart.degroot@gmail.com>. Phone: 02838 871252.

NEWTOWN-ASTON CHURCH OPENING. Friday 28 January to Sunday 30 January. Join the Newtown-Aston Adventist church at their new building on Litchfield Road Aston Birmingham B6 5SX for a weekend of celebration and the official opening. Friday - 7:30pm. Sabbath - all day. Sunday - 2 pm. Contact: Richard Jackson <rssjackson@hotmail.com>. Phone: 07740 984 029.

LIVING THE EVANGELISTIC LIFE. Friday, 28 January to Sunday, 30 January. A retreat for all Personal Ministries personnel and anyone else who is interested. Pastor David Klinedinst, evangelist/trainer from the Iowa Conference in the USA will demonstrate how to live an effective evangelistic lifestyle. Contact: Terry Messenger <tmessenger@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

MEN'S DAY IN BEDFORD. Sabbath, 29 January. This is going to be a fantastic day for men of all ages... Lunch provided so please bring a friend. This event is for the men who are serious! – who want to be more effective in their Christian walk with God, family and friends. Venue: Bedford (Central) Adventist church, 73 Bromham Road, Bedford, Beds, MK40 2AQ. Contact: Edward <delle29@yahoo.com>. Phone: 07958 923339.

'ON THE COUCH WITH PASTOR AND SISTER PHILLIP'. Saturday, 29 January. Lewisham's Youth department presents 'On the Couch with Pastor and Mrs Phillip'. An opportunity to get to know our pastoral team on a more personal level and ask them questions in an informal environment. It's guaranteed to be fun, informative, as well as inspiring. Address: Lewisham Adventist Church, 428-434 Lewisham High Street, London, SE13 6LJ. Time: 5:15 – 6:45 pm. Contact: Michelle Samuel <imichelle.samuel84@googlemail.com>. Phone: 07784287863.

LET'S BUILD TOGETHER. Saturday, 29 January. Fundraising Concert hosted by Chiswick Gospel Choir. Featuring Chiswick Junior Gospel Choir, 3IHN, Tessera, Paul Lee, Louanne Sampson and Leon Barclay. Doors open 6:30 pm for a 7:00 pm start. Venue: Chiswick Adventist Church, Stamford Brook Road, London, W6 0XW. Contact: Jose Morgan <choir@chiswicksd.org.uk>. Phone: 07946 200491.

CAN MUSIC ACADEMY SESSIONS. Sunday, 30 January to Sunday, 17 July. CAN (Children Achieving Now) Music Academy specialise in helping children, young people and families develop and unleash their music potential. Our sessions include: vocal training, choir, instrumental training, orchestra, music theory and creative musical games. We perform at concerts, churches, for social events, in care homes and for special occasions. Our teachers are trained and experienced musicians. We are proud to be different, touching the lives of those who are disadvantaged, the talented, and those who just want to enjoy music. We are currently enrolling. Please email <CANMusicAcademy@gmail.com> or <CanMusicAcademy@yahoo.co.uk> to register. Phone: 07578 755080 L.

PAT'S SALE - 25TH ANNIVERSARY SOUP RUN SPECIAL! Sunday, 30 January. The Stanborough Park Soup Run will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and a special Sunday Sale has been organised for Sunday 30 January. All profits will help to provide a new minibus to continue this vitally appreciated service for the homeless living on London's streets. The sale will be
declared open by Richard Harrington, MP for Watford. Many of the usual stalls including crockery, bric-a-brac, clothing, toys and books. Light lunch time meals will also be served. Time: 12 noon – 2:00 pm. Place: Stanborough Centre, 609 St Albans Road, Watford, WD25 9JL. Contact: Pat Walton <pwalton@ted-adventist.org>. Phone: 01923 672500.

CHURCH ORGANISATION - CARDIFF NORTH. Sabbath, 5 February. The Cardiff North Fellowship wishes to invite all friends and well-wishers to the church's organisation ceremony in Cardiff. For details of the day's programme please visit <http://www.cardiffnorth.co.uk/> or <www.swaaf.org.uk>. Come let us worship and praise God for this is the day He has made. RSVP: Pastor George Asiamah 07717475957; Elder Methuselah 07551043417. Contact: Theo Gokah <tgokah@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07939499475.

CHRISTIAN HOME & FAMILY WEEK. Sabbath, 5 February. Brixton church will be holding a special Christian Home & Family week starting Sabbath 5 February with Family Finance, followed by Wednesday 9 February at 7:30 pm - Low Self-esteem, then Friday 11 February at 7:30 pm - Dating Relationships and finally Sabbath 12 February - Single Parenting. This is an open invitation for friends and family to attend. Venue: Brixton Adventist church, Santley Street, Clapham, London, SW4 7QG. Contact: Valerie Moodie <valeriemoodie5@aol.com>. Phone: 07961594255.

LOOKING FORWARD AND UPWARD. Friday, 11 February to Sunday, 13 February. A retreat for all Sabbath School personnel and others who are interested. Faith Crumbly, editor of the LEAD Sabbath School magazine, is leading out on how to boost the Sabbath School experience with innovative teaching ideas. Dr Mike Hamilton from the TED will also be with us. The cost has been heavily subsidized at £100. This event is a must if you want to revitalize the Sabbath School in your church. Contact: Terry Messenger <tmessenger@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

LOVE SAX AND ALL THAT JAZZ (RETURNS). Saturday, 12 February to Sunday, 13 February. Another chance to see the humorous yet uplifting and inspiring theatre production Love Sax and all that Jazz. After 15 months and 12 shows across 8 cities in the UK, Love Sax and all that Jazz is back for another instalment at the Broadway Theatre, Catford, London, SE6 4RU. Tickets: £15 and £17.50 on the door. Box Office 020 8690 0002 or 07989 574 066. Contact: Alan <focusarts@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07989 574 066.

BUC YOUTH CONGRESS – EARLY BIRD CLOSING DATE IMMINENT! The final date to register for the BUC Youth Congress at the early bird rate of £35 is 31 January 2011. After that time, registration fees will increase to £45. Don't miss out – visit <www.adventistyouth.org.uk/congress> for full details and registration forms.

HOUSE FOR RENT, WATFORD. Three bedroom house in Garston available from 25 February. £830.00/month. For full details contact Pastor Theo Rios at <theomario@gmail.com> or 07983 403344.

URGENT: 58 comfortable chairs are looking for a new home. They are upholstered in a gold-coloured fabric with brown steel frames and are mostly in good condition. They have been used in the Dundee Adventist church for the past number of years, but due to refurbishment are surplus to requirements. If you would need them, please contact the local pastor, on 07814 009 063 or email: <marcel@sdascotland.com>.
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