UK ADVENTISTS SAFE IN EGYPT

Adventist members in Scotland were saying special prayers last weekend for their former Mission President, Pastor Llew Edwards, his wife Karin, and AVS volunteers, Alex and Kate Podbrezsky from the Crieff church.

Pastor Edwards left Scotland in July 2009 to serve as President of the Adventist Church in Egypt. He has reported from Egypt that, "The members are courageous and services were conducted in the churches last Sabbath in spite of the turmoil in the country." He adds, "The Nile Union Academy, the boarding high school operated by the church, has been closed temporarily. Most of the students have gone home but some, that have nowhere else to go. They will remain at the academy. Although there has been gunfire nearby, they feel safe and also feel that they have support of the local community."

According to a local source, although there is a risk from random looters, foreign workers are safe and do not need to leave. Travelling to the airport is difficult with checkpoints manned by local militias every 50 metres.

"We have talked with local militias and they told us that they are here to protect the community," says Pastor Edwards. They have told him, "you are part of the community and you have nothing to fear; we will protect you."
Alex Podrezsky was with the students on the Sabbath. He says, "the only topic they were talking about were the events that are happening very close to our campus and in their cities where they originally come from." Staff met with the students and reminded them that there was no need to panic as "our Lord is in control". Alex adds, "I can say one thing for sure: singing the songs of praise has lifted our spirits. We're serving a fantastic God!"

As the unrest in Egypt continues, both Nile Union Academy in Heliopolis and Zeitoun Elementary School in Cairo have suspended classes. The properties have not been affected by the riots, although several apartments nearby were looted, according to a local source.

"We have evacuated AVS volunteers as a precaution," says Audrey Andersson, Executive Secretary of the Trans-European Division. This includes, Alex and Kate from the Crieff church who, along with their son Daniel, are now safe visiting family in Riga, Latvia.

Tibor Szilvasi, Executive Secretary of the church's Middle East Union, with headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, has been in contact with leadership by phone and states that there are no reports of any threats to members or church property. "Our members in Egypt, like the general Egyptian population, are somewhat apprehensive and waiting prayerfully to see what will happen," he said. "So far all are reported to be OK." Audrey Andersson adds, "we need to remember our members, pastors, the people of this beautiful country and its future in our prayers."

There are twelve Adventist churches, 700 members and two schools in Egypt.

**SATNAV OR SERVANT LEADERSHIP?** [Victor Hulbert/Bernie Holford]

It is very disconcerting when the devotional speaker talks disparagingly of your favourite gadgets just before training day participants separate for their workshop. As BUC Communication director I've set up satellite navigation options on the BUC website to help church leaders, visitors and members find their way with ease to the church of their choice – yet here was Family and Children's Ministries director, Heather Howarth telling the audience that for her, satnav was nothing but trouble, leading her up supposed short cuts into dead ends – or telling her to turn left miles before the desired junction.

I suspect there was some exaggeration – but she made a valid point. Leaders of the churches in Scotland were not to lead in the cold and unfeeling way of a voice on a satnav, but rather to follow the lead of Abraham, Moses, Joshua and a multitude of other Biblical examples who used their leadership skills to make things happen. Quoting Isaiah 42:1-4 she noted that servant leaders are imbued by the Spirit, are humble, show care, are faithful in justice, and are vision led.

Following prayer some 45 church leaders from across Scotland then split into 9 training groups focusing on topics as varied as how to make your church welcoming (Communication 1), increasing leadership skills, starting a Pathfinder club, developing a prayer ministry and improving the church outreach programme. It was the Scottish Mission annual training day on Sunday, 30 January 2011.

With the Faifley group rejoicing in their being organised as a company just the day before, participants in the news writing workshop took a vibrant interest in how to turn that special event into a story for the local newspaper, and a report for BUC News
and Messenger. They rapidly learnt how to search for the important in interesting stories in order to catch the reader's attention. The results are already being seen with an attendee reporting the connection between Crieff and the current situation in Egypt!

One attendee reported "The workshop I attended was absolutely amazing and very practical. I can't wait to put that knowledge into practice." "There was a great selection of experienced and inspirational presenters, we should thank God that so many BUC staff came to help us learn so much" said others. "I was impressed by the energy, enthusiasm and practicality of the workshops. I can understand some members' frustration at wanting to be in more than one place at a time," said Pastor Bernie Holford, President of the Scottish Mission. "I was also blessed by the commitment of both trainers and members to help our churches work effectively. There was a real buzz of enthusiasm."

Closing time came all too soon as exhausted but energised leaders took to heart Pastor Des Boldeau's closing thought to 'at least take one thing from the day' and put it into practice. For me, that one thing will be a lasting memory of excited faces discussing how to make a good church function even better. Positive times are ahead for the church in Scotland.

**IRISH FACE FUTURE IN DIFFICULT TIMES** [Irish Mission Communication Department]

With the media full of stories concerning the Irish economy, soaring unemployment rates, and strict government austerity measures, the Irish Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is equally having to face up to the reality of a growing church in a time of limited resources.

With a £65,000 financial deficit the Irish Mission Executive Committee met on Sunday, 23 January to address the problem. Irish Mission President, Pastor David Neal reflected with the Executive Committee that together they, as with many in the business world over the past few years, had thought there was only one way to go and that way was up. Thus their employment of pastors was based on an ever increasing tithe return and the need to provide pastoral care for a growing number of worshippers. "The crash came and like the rest of the world we've had to make adjustments", David stated. "Members in both Ireland and Northern Ireland have lost jobs, faced pay cuts and some have migrated." This has had a real effect on tithe returns but, David states, "Our members are a faithful people who are committed to the work of the church."

With a projected tithe return for 2011 of £522,000 a balanced budget was presented. In addition the Irish Mission expects to benefit further with the implementation of Tax Revenue Return for all monies contributed in the Republic of Ireland. The virtue of a balanced budget however, does not offset the pain in arriving at that point. "A further complexity arises when one tries to balance two economies," states Secretary Treasurer for the Irish Mission, Victor Pilmoor. Adjustment in the North was achieved by currency depreciation while in the South the only possibility for a tied currency was a salary adjustment. Victor adds, "This is a painful step for those involved for whom share our sympathy."

Another hard decision for the committee was the closure of Grianach House School in Galway. For the past 27 years the school has provided an alternative for parents who desired an education for their children different to that offered by the state. Despite a dedicated and committed teaching staff, a curriculum that focuses on the development of the whole child, and small class sizes that lead to greater individual attention and tutoring of students, the school was only viable due to substantial sponsorship by the Emerald Health and Education Foundation, of Loma Linda,
With a declining donor base the expected US$60,000 has not materialised and the school is currently running with a deficit €22,000. Despite five years of activity to find another sponsor and increase enrolment, the hard decision has now had to be taken to close the school at the end of the academic year.

On the more positive side, the Mission is still looking to growth – even within a reduced budget. From mid-February every member in the Irish Mission will receive a copy of Mark Finley's book, "Revive Us Again" as a tool to help raise the spiritual temperature of each member. Between mid-February and Easter, pastors in the Irish Mission will share and study the themes of Finley's book in the pulpit, in prayer meetings and in small groups.

The Mission has also begun its two year leadership training course for Irish Mission elders. Using the Elder's Manual as their textbook each participant on the course is working towards raising his or her leadership skills. "The Leadership Training in the Irish Mission made a good start," states Banbridge elder, Michael Hambin. "Overall I enjoyed the Training Day and with the times we are living in it will be extremely useful during the possible issues ahead." David concludes, "I am convinced that our churches will be able to go forward with skilled, gifted and committed elders".

LOSING YOUR MIND [Emmanuel Yeboah and Rhea Marhall]

It was on Sabbath, 22 January that Emmanuel Yeboah lost his mind! He was one of around a dozen people who went to Warden Hills, North Luton to talk and listen to the individuals on the streets. After listening to Pastor Dusan during the morning service, given a very brief guide on what to say and inspired by the Holy Spirit on how to approach members of the public, these individuals braved the cold and miserable weather to knock on doors and make themselves vulnerable to ridicule and even abuse. However the Lord has said that His Word will not return void. Although they were only out for 45 minutes they were able to hold meaningful conversations with at least three persons and another was interested in further contact.

Emmanuel said, "A rush of nervousness consumed me as I sat listening to Pastor Dusan's instructions for meeting and praying with people in the community. As I contemplated taking up the challenge, I thought 'have I lost my mind?' Why would I openly make myself vulnerable to rejection and ridicule especially on a cold Sabbath afternoon?"

However, he did not back out but rather told God exactly how he felt. The result, he states, is that "God kept His promise!" Going out on the street he says, "I saw with my own eyes how the power of God can work when we 'lose our minds' in serving Him." He had the opportunity to witness to a Muslim passer-by for over 30 minutes and from a distance says Pastor Dusan approach a mother and daughter passer-by. After a few minutes of meeting, they all had their heads bowed in prayer.

The basic message from Pastor Dusan was that modern man has taken an additional step toward exalting himself as the God of his own life. This very deception arose in Eden from the serpent's insinuation of being like God. The world today is full of the 'I's' – "I want – I'm busy – I can't." We need to lose our sinful minds and adopt the mind of Christ through a close connection with Him. 'Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus', Philippians 2:5. Lose your mind. Take on the mind of Christ. Do His will rather than your own.
Members of Luton North Adventist church may have 'lost their minds', but they found something better.

**ONE CHURCH: DOUBLE THE WITNESS** [Faifley Communication Team] Also a [video report](#).

A Church of Scotland building planted in the 1950s to impact the Faifley area of Clydebank, Scotland, has doubled its witness by welcoming Seventh-day Adventists to use their premises each Saturday. Church of Scotland minister, Rev Gregor McIntyre, told Adventist members that when he looked at their purpose in planting a new congregation in the area that it fitted in perfectly with the initial reason for building a church there in the first place.

He was just one of the visitors who joined with Adventist members on Sabbath, 29 January to see what had started as a small house group in 2007 organise into a church company. Rev McIntyre expressed his joy in seeing how the group had made inroads in outreach. He recalled that when he received the request to use his church he told his colleagues, "As soon as we learnt that you were seeking to share the love of Jesus, the decision to allow for our church to be used by you became very easy."

Faifley church plant grew out of a group of immigrant Adventist nurses and their families who started meeting in their homes on Friday for prayers and on Sabbath afternoon for Bible studies. Visitors at the inauguration were astonished to discover that the first appointed leader was just sixteen-years-old. She was assisted by some adults and under the leadership of Glasgow minister Clifford Herman, and his colleague David Hatch from East Kilbride and Irvine. Part of the explanation for this youthful emphasis is the continued quality of singing found in the members of the church's youth choir – who mapped their development in a clever musical sketch.

On the day, Pastor Herman, reminded the Faifley members of how God uses love as His platform to push His agenda and encouraged the members to have love for God and for another as he dedicated the appointed leadership of the church. Intern minister for Faifley, Obi Iheoma compared Glasgow church to a mango tree whose seed had produced another mango tree in Faifley, bearing more sweet mangoes.

Scottish Mission President, Pastor Bernie Holford, used Joshua 1 as the basis for his charge to the founding members to be 'strong and courageous' against the anticipated challenges that come with growth. With heart-warming words from the scriptures the President invited the congregation into covenanting to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

With music from youth and adult choirs, as well as the congregation, prayer, speeches, the signing of a charter, and the laying on of hands – the Faifley group see this not just as a day to remember, but as a stepping stone on their journey to make a real difference in the community.

A [video](#) celebrating the day along with a selection of photos can be seen on the [BUC Picture Gallery](#).
BIRMINGHAM CELEBRATES OPENING OF NEW CHURCH  [Jeff Nicholson]

Members, friends and well-wishers came from near and far on Sabbath, 29 January to celebrate the official opening of the Newtown-Aston Adventist Community church. The congregation included both civic and church dignitaries including Mrs Yvonne Mosquito, Councillor of the local ward, Pastor Don McFarlane, BUC President and Pastor Eric Lowe, Executive Secretary of the BUC. The North England Conference was represented by Pastor Ian Sweeney, President, Pastor Paul Haworth, Executive Secretary and Rejoice Kampengele, Treasurer.

The ribbon was cut by Pastor Sweeney and the commemorative plaque unveiled by Mrs Jenifer Sweeney wife of the NEC President. We were reminded that this service was the culmination of a long journey of faith and sacrifice by the members of the local church community. Councillor Mosquito reminded the church that they are called upon to serve in "one of the most challenging parts of the city of Birmingham, facing issues of gang violence, drugs, single parents...! Go out and fulfil your commission of working with the needy in our community" she said. Mr David Mills, treasurer of the local Methodist circuit, the former owners of the facility, brought greetings on behalf of the Methodist church.

Symon Burger was a founder member of the group that grew out of Handsworth church's evangelistic activities nearly 50 years ago. He recalled their journey from the William Cowper School, to St James' church Aston, then to the Methodist church at Gerrard Street and then on to their first church owned building on Trinity Road in Aston. He now rejoices in "what God has wrought in providing for them a lovely home at Litchfield Road in Aston".

Pastor Sweeney challenged the congregation that "they have been called to be instruments to serve in their community," while Pastor McFarlane in his address reminded the congregation that God is not an absentee landlord but is present in this community among His people. "We are His face, His hands, and His feet... through whom God seeks to meet the real and ever present needs of this community."

"The church exists for non-members" Pastor McFarlane continued; "Put the youth to work for God and they will stay in the church... Let the community see that God is alive among us. It is only as we meaningfully touch the lives of the lost in this community that all the moneys spent on this project will be of any real value" he concluded.

LIVING THE LIFE OF AN EVANGELIST  [Catherine Anthony Boldeau]

A small, but dedicated group of members, from around the South England Conference joined together for the 'Living the Life of an Evangelist' programme, hosted by Terry Messenger, SEC Personal Ministries director at the Kings Thorpe Conference Centre in Northampton, 28 – 30 January. The guest speaker for the event was David Klinedinst, resident evangelist in Iowa Mission Conference. His emphasis was to encourage the learners to see little opportunities "that God gives in your life everyday" for evangelism.

Eight seminars were held throughout the weekend that ranged from 'Visitation' to 'Friendship Evangelism' to 'How to deliver the resources from the Christian Record Services'. David's emphasis during the weekend was to ensure that the members became more mission-minded.

Pastor Messenger added, "We here at the South England Conference are keen for all our members to be involved in evangelism. Over the next two years, as part of the Relay 2012, the initiative to coincide with the Olympic and Paralympic Games, we plan to baptise 2500 new members." He
continued, "For this to be a reality, it will be essential for all our members to become involved in evangelism."

The weekend was very much appreciated by those who attended. Theo Rios, pastor of the Peterborough district of churches said, "As pastors, we should encourage our member and leaders to attend these kinds of meetings that assist them to share their faith more effectively." "Evangelism is a key feature of our work in the South England Conference," said Pastor Sam Davis, SEC President. "Evangelism is our core business and therefore, we need to ensure that our pastors and members are adequately trained to fulfill the Gospel Commission."

For further information on 'Living the Life of an Evangelist', contact Pastor Terry Messenger <tmessenger@secadventist.org.uk>.

£1,300 CLOSER TO CONTINUING FEEDING PROGRAMME [June Coombs]

Pat's Sunday Sale at Stanborough Park church last Sunday raised the amazing sum of £1,300. Organiser Pat Walton was absolutely delighted as this was far more than she normally raises with a sale and, coupled with a donation, has meant that she is well on the way to obtaining sufficient money to replace the dilapidated minibus she has been using for the church's weekly Soup Run for the homeless in Central London. (See last week's BUC News for the full story.)

A crowd had started to form outside The Stanborough Centre more than 15 minutes before the sale was due to start such was the keenness to get there early to grab the best bargains. Close inspection showed that they were soon joined by Watford MP, Richard Harrington and his wife Jessie. Greeted by Audrey Balderstone and declining the offer of coming inside in the warm they chose to remain outside until it was time for him to open the sale formally.

Mr Harrington has been the Member of Parliament for Watford since his election last May and made it clear that this wasn't his first visit to the church in his opening words:

"There's a lot of things that I have to do as a Member of Parliament that I don't look forward to at all. This is not one of them because everything I've had to do with this church and The Stanborough Centre and the local community has been a pleasure..." He added, "Today the cause is absolutely exceptional – to raise money to help with the Soup Run for London and hopefully to raise money in time to buy a new van."

The men's clothing stall was popular as always and stallholder Norma, a non-member who has been helping Pat with the Soup Run for more than 20 years, asserted that all left over clothing was destined for those they find in need on the Soup Run.

Mr Harrington and his wife enjoyed the sale and stayed for lunch, during which time Team Leader Rosemary Duffus, who has been involved with the Soup Run for two decades, explained to them the nature and extent of the church's efforts to help alleviate the distress
of the homeless in Central London.

A delighted Pat Walton now knows that her goal of purchasing a new minibus is now somewhat nearer than she had anticipated!

Pat always welcomes donations of men's clothes, toiletries, blankets, sleeping bags and, of course, money. If anyone feels moved to contribute towards the cost of buying and running the minibus donations should be made payable to 'Stanborough Park church' and sent to Pat Walton at 33 Orchard Avenue, Watford, WD25 7JG.

COULD THIS BE THE UK'S OLDEST PATHFINDER? [Catherine Anthony Boldeau]

Des Boldeau, BUC Youth director, recently had the privilege of meeting Mrs Vera Mitchell, the oldest active Pathfinder in the United Kingdom. Vera is a member of the Newport church in Wales and a keen advocate of the Pathfinder movement. In a testimony given during his weekend visit to Wales, to conduct Pathfinder training on Sabbath 15 and Sunday 16 January, Vera spoke about her experiences as a Pathfinder as a young person growing up in the Seventh-day Adventist Church stating, "I believe that one of the best ways for young people to be encouraged to stay in the church is for them to join their local Pathfinder club."

Pastor Boldeau and his wife presented the Basic Pathfinder Training programme for Pathfinder leaders in Wales, during that weekend.

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH FOR SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE [Sam Neves]

The official launch of a new South England Conference website will be on Monday 7 February at 10:00 am. Six months in preparation it will have a fresh modern look to it, and the functionality will enable all members to publish events and news stories of what God is doing through them.

The front page contains quick links to the main sections that are being featured at the time. However, the overall navigation has been built and tested so that users can get to any page, post or file in three clicks or less. In order to create the best possible look for the Adventist Church in the South of England, we have added a new team member, lifelong Adventist, Keila Agui. She currently teaches design at Coventry University and will soon finish a Masters in the same area. She understands how a website functions and relates to ministry and will dedicate one day a week to the constant enhancement of the site.

We hope that you will find the new website very friendly and useful. We also urge you to register as a contributor so you can send us weekly news of what God is doing around you. This could be at your local church, work, college or community.

DEATH OF MRS ANNIE (NAN) MUSGRAVE

It is with sadness that we have received the news of the death of Mrs Annie (Nan) Musgrave on Friday, 28 January, aged 90. While moving from place to place in support of her husband's various treasury responsibilities with the church she also worked in a number of roles. She began her church work as a nurse at the Stanborough Hydro prior to her marriage and followed this up with nursing
service in the former Tanganyika and Uganda before switching to secretarial work with the Zambesi Union and the Trans-Africa Division. Mrs Musgrave completed her denominational service as a receptionist and clerk at the South England Conference office.

Mrs Musgrave is survived by her husband, Pastor Maurice B Musgrave, their sons Keith and Nigel and daughter Jill and their respective families. The funeral service will take place at 10:00 am Thursday, 10 February at the Stanborough Park church, Watford, Herts.

DEATH OF MR DAVID C PEARCE

It is with sadness that we report that Mr David C Pearce (aged 68) passed away quickly and quietly on Sabbath, 29 January, after losing his battle with cancer. David Pearce gave 50 years of service to the church's publishing work at the Stanborough Press Ltd prior to his retirement in June 2008.

David is survived by his wife Jan Pearce and his two sons, Brian and Russell, his brother Robert and half brothers Julian and Simon.

The funeral service will take place at 10:30 am on Wednesday, 9 February at the Grantham Seventh-day Adventist church, Dudley Road, Grantham, Lincs. The family request donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care in lieu of flowers.

LATEST MESSENGER ONLINE

Asha Wije tells of her life changing experience of 'simple church' in the 4 February 2011 edition of Messenger, the official Journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland. Julian Hibbert raises the level of religious literacy as he refuses to bat on the Sabbath, Borge Schantz focuses on mission and 'The fate of the unwarned', and communication skills are exposed as Messenger makes a visit to the Adventist Media Centre.

THIS WEEK ON THE HOPE CHANNEL

Remember to retune your set-top box for the latest offerings on the new schedule for Hope Channel Europe. Visit the Hope TV website for details.

This coming week on 'In Conversation':
Friday 4 February: 8:00 pm: Pansi Katenga – A life focused on compassion.
Sabbath 5 February: 12:30 am: Pansi Katenga
Monday 7 February: 9:00 pm: Paul Lee – A life focused on music.
Wednesday 9 February: 8:00 am and 8:30 pm: Paul Lee
Friday 11 February: 8:00 pm: Paul Lee
Sabbath 12 February: 12:30 am: Paul Lee

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. Concluding Friday, 4 February. Oxford Adventist church Youth department present 'The Bible and Spirit of Prophecy' at the Oxford church, 1a Chester Street, Oxford, off Iffley Road from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Third study: Spirit of Prophecy in relation to
Adventists. 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, Ratheane 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.

END TIME SIGNS YOUR CAN'T IGNORE. Sabbath, 5 February. Gloucester Adventist Church, Cromwell Street, Gloucester, GL1 1RE An End Time Prophetic Lecture themed: ‘The drying up of the Euphrates and the new world order’ will be presented by Brother Tristan Cuniah, from the Wood Green church. Presentations commence at 11:00 am and at 4:00 pm. Potluck lunch. For more information please contact the Communication department. Contact: Albert Gardiner <gloucestersda@live.co.uk>. Phone: 01452 520557.

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>. RSVP Pastor George Asiama 07717475957; Elder Methuselah 07551043417. Contact: Theo Gokah <tjgokah@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.

MUSIC & WORSHIP CERTIFICATE IN LONDON. Tuesday, 8 February to Tuesday, 17 May. An SEC initiative with Newbold College to provide music and worship education for our worship leaders and musicians within the SEC beginning February 2011. Paul Lee, SEC Music director, is sponsoring anyone who wishes to enhance their musicianship and worship skills in their churches. His intention is that every music and worship minister would be suitably equipped with a knowledge of what is required from scripture to serve God and His people in this ministry. Gifford Rhamie, a lecturer at Newbold, and himself an accomplished musician, will be assisting in running the programme at the Advent Centre, London, on Tuesdays between 8 February to 17 May. With respect to the spaces left Pastor Rhamie states, "There are 10 places left that need to be filled. We are confident that they will go quickly, so if anyone is interested they ought to call me ASAP!" Contact Gifford at <grhamie@newbold.ac.uk>. Contact: Paul Lee <plee@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

LOOKING FORWARD AND UPWARD. Friday, 11 February to Sunday, 13 February. A retreat for all Sabbath School personnel and others who are interested. Faith Crumby, 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. After 15 months and 12 shows across 8 cities in the UK, Love Sax and all that Jazz is back for another installment 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.

MANY ADVENTISMS? Tuesday, 15 February. Diversity Seminar (the first of 2011). Subject: Many Adventisms? Diversity and Unity in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Lecturer: Dr David Trim, newly appointed Director of Archives and Statistics, Seventh-day Adventist World
Headquarters. Place: Salisbury Hall, Newbold College, RG42 4AN. Time: 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome. Refreshments served. Contact: Helen Pearson <helenpr@newbold.ac.uk>. Phone: 07775-612610.

BECOMING A VISIONARY LEADER. Wednesday, 16 February. A BUC training seminar for pastors and elders, “Becoming a Visionary Leader,” will be presented by Danilo Copiz in the BUC Board Room, Stanborough Park, Watford. For pastors: 10:30 am. For local church elders: 7:30 pm. Danilo Copiz, a graduate of Newbold College, is currently CEO of a firm for training managers and leaders with its base in Germany. He was also deeply involved with setting up a new and successful church in Copenhagen for reaching the unchurched. Seating limited to 50. Register early at Ministerial Page on the BUC website. Contact: Faye Weekes <fweekes@adventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 672251.

BUC SONG WRITER’S RETREAT. Friday, 18 February to Sunday, 20 February. "A call to gather together musicians, poets, lyricists, composers, arrangers, and others of like mind, to encourage the development and use of this gift in the edification of the church." For full details email Diana Sinclair or check the website below. Contact: Diana Sinclair <musicadvisor@me.com>. Phone: 07886203696.

RAISE THE ROOF 2 CONCERT. Saturday, 19 February. An evening of Gospel music. Guest artists: Mahali Selepe (female Gospel soloist), Matthew Lombart (male soloist), Inspired Redemption, The Faith Vocal (Brazilian group), Joshua Bengiman (saxophonist) and local groups. A fundraising event to build a Youth Hall for the Micklefield Community. Venue: St Andrews Church, Hatters Lane, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP13 7NJ. Single tickets £5.00, Family (4) £18.00. Refreshments on sale. Free parking. Further details: 07855432750. Contact: Des Thomas <desjthomas@hotmail.co.uk>.

PRAYER & FAITH CONFERENCE III. Monday, 21 February to Friday, 25 February. The much anticipated annual Area 5 Teens Prayer and Faith Conference is here again, a socio-spiritual event designed for teenagers to develop/renew a deeper relationship with God, living a more purposeful life, through prayer, empowerment seminars, personal testimonies, and recreational team activities. The perfect place for every teen to spend their February half-term holiday. Invite your non-church friends (for 13-19-year-olds). Apply now @ www.tvyf.org. Contact: Julian Thompson <tvyfed@gmail.com>. Phone: 07988597804.

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