LEADERSHIP CHANGE SLATED FOR BUC SESSION
A new President and Executive Secretary will take leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland if the recommendations of the Nominating Committee are voted on Sunday, 3 July. The committee which met on Sunday, 27 March has recommended Pastor Ian Sweeney to serve as President. Pastor Sweeney is currently President of the North England Conference and is well known for his preaching skills. If voted, he will replace Pastor Don McFarlane who has served the church in various leadership roles in the North and South Conferences as well as at the Trans-European Division offices. For the last five years he has served as President overseeing the church during a period of economic challenge. During this period he has seen the church membership grow by 21.5% and has consistently called for Christ-centred evangelism. Following the Nominating Committee decision Pastor McFarlane was in immediate contact with Pastor Sweeney to assure him of his full support as he takes on this new responsibility.

The phone call from the Nominating Committee came as a surprise to Pastor Sweeney, a down to earth pastor who has led the North England Conference for the past two years, but who is most happy when preaching or in direct contact with church members. He has a pastor's heart – one that includes sincere recognition for the committed service of his mentor, Pastor McFarlane. A cautious Pastor Sweeney noted that this is only a recommendation of the Nominating Committee and that the delegates now need to be free to express their views. "I can honestly say, that if my nomination was revoked, I would not be upset or hurt, because the interests of the BUC are more important than myself as an individual." However, his emphasis of commitment and growth that has
benefited churches in his care will, if he is voted by the delegates, find emphasis in his vision for the British Isles.

The committee has asked Pastor Paul Lockham to serve as Executive Secretary. He will replace Pastor Eric Lowe who is retiring this summer after 43 years of service including 14 as Executive Secretary at Church Headquarters. Pastor Lockham also has a breadth of experience in this area having served as Executive Secretary in both the North and South Conferences, where he is currently serving. His pastoral ministry also gives him a geographical breadth to his ministry as he has also served in Ireland and Wales as well as his home Conference of the SEC.

Victor Pilmoor will continue as Treasurer. If voted in July this will be his third term in office, having previously served in the South England Conference and as a maths teacher at Stanborough School.

The full committee recommendations are as follows:

1. **Administration**

1.1 **BUC Officers**

President: Pastor Ian Sweeney
Executive Secretary: Pastor Paul Lockham
Treasurer: Mr Victor Pilmoor

1.2 **Mission Officers**

Irish Mission President: Pastor David Neal
Scottish Mission President: Pastor Bernie Holford
Welsh Mission President: Pastor John Surridge
Missions’ Secretary-Treasurer: Referred to the BUC Executive Committee

2. **BUC Departmental Directors**

Communication & Media Director: Pastor Victor Hulbert
Education & Sabbath School Director: Mrs Anne Pilmoor
Evangelism (Personal Ministries, Church Growth, LIFE Development, & Literature Ministry): Pastor Eglan Brooks
Family Ministries & Children’s Ministries: Mrs Heather Haworth
Health Ministries & Women’s Ministries: Mrs Sharon Platt-McDonald
Ministerial Association, Discipleship & Continuing Education Coordinator: Pastor Brighton Kavaloh
Youth, Pathfinders & Chaplaincy Coordinator for Students in Tertiary Education: Pastor Nathan Stickland
3. BUC Executive Committee

**BUC**

- BUC President
- BUC Executive Secretary
- BUC Treasurer
- Newbold College Principal
- Stanborough Press Manager
- Editor of the BUC Messenger
- NEC President
- SEC President
- Irish Mission President
- Scottish Mission President
- Welsh Mission President
- Head of Stanborough Secondary School
- BUC Communication & Media Director
- BUC Evangelism Director
- BUC Health Ministries & Women's Ministries Director

**SEC**

- Mr Kwao Tetteh Abbequaye
- Mr Brian Davison
- Mrs Stella Jeffery
- Mrs Sophia Nicholls
- Ms Asha Wije
- Pastor Richard Holder
- Pastor Patrick Johnson

**NEC**

- Dr Christine Burt
- Mr Philip Emm
- Dr Richmond Muimo
- Pastor Michael Simpson

**The Missions**

- Mr Joseph Donaldson (Irish Mission)
- Pastor Jeremy Tremeer (Welsh Mission)

The above listing reflects Pastor Alan Hodges' desire for retirement following almost 45 years of service. Pastor Des Boldeau who has served 11 years as BUC Youth Director felt it was time to hand the mantle on to a younger man. The Nominating Committee also accepted the recommendation of the current Executive Committee that the function of Publishing be carried by the Stanborough Press in the next quinquennium. Consequently the position filled by Pastor Curtis Murphy will come to an end in July.

Delegates have been informed of the recommendations by letter and have until Tuesday, 3 May to reflect on the recommendations and, if needed, express any concerns within the regular church protocols for Nominating Committee reports. The Nominating Committee will then reconvene on 15 May to consider any observations that have been made thus preparing the delegation for the vote that will take place on Sunday, 3 July at Stanborough Park church.

Change always brings its traumas and changes, but Pastor McFarlane says, "It has been a privilege to serve as a church administrator for twenty-seven years. Being conscious of my own inadequacies, I have often wondered why I have been asked on so many occasions to carry such heavy responsibilities but have accepted that God and the brethren always knew what they were doing. I have never sought church office, other than to be an effective pastor, and I look forward to whatever God has in store for me. Mary and I are excited about the future and about how we can continue to respond to God's leading. The British Union will go from strength to strength and we anticipate the time when the latter rain will be poured out and tens of thousands in these fair isles will respond to the proclamation of God's end time message."

**WAR IN KENNINGTON – OR IN HEAVEN? [Kwabena Adjei-Owusu]**

Christians can be challenged to explain to their friends and neighbours how the war, pain and suffering fit into the concept of a God of love. Jermaine Lee Wong, first elder of Kennington Community Fellowship, London, decided it was time to provide a dramatic explanation. Recognising that what the Bible describes as 'war in heaven' is rarely, if ever, dramatised in theatre, radio or TV, he brought that war to Kennington as he took it upon himself to write and direct "And there was war". Together with the help of eleven other KCF members and friends as actors, he cleverly depicted the fall of Lucifer and the birth of Jesus.
Jermaine explained that the concept for the production "is making digestible the solid truths of the Great Controversy and the sometimes overlooked reality of the Nativity." Why did he write it now? He states that "people of our modern society need to be presented with an answer to why things are the way they are; the hurt, the greed, the disasters… it's all here because of what happened at the beginning."

The play was set both in heaven and on earth and engaged the audience as actors wholeheartedly threw themselves into the roles of angels including Immanuel; Lucifer and Gabriel along with the human characters, Mary, Joseph and Mary's mother. As well as the amazing performances displayed by the actors, many thanks go to the crew who managed everything from lighting and set design, to make-up and costumes.

Both nights of the performance were completely sold out with an overwhelmingly positive reaction from the audience. It was initially planned that the performance would be on two nights only, 25 and 26 March. However, due to the popularity of the play, and the fact that both nights were full to capacity, more performances may now be in the pipeline. For pictures of the performance, the promotional video, and information about any possible future showings, check out [www.kenningtonlife.com] or the Kennington Community Fellowship Facebook page.

**THE 'WHY' OF ASI** [Also a BUC News Video Report]

Guest speaker for the weekend, Pastor Japhet De Oliveira, opened up the 'why?' question in his Friday night presentation. As Director and Chaplain for Missions at the Centre for Youth Evangelism at Andrews University, Michigan, he always wants to get to the root of success in Christian Mission. Quoting from Simon Sinek's book, *Start with Why*, he noted that successful businesses ask 'why?' while failing businesses ask 'what?' After asking those two questions they then work out the 'how'. Japhet pointed this out in Jesus' ministry noting that John 3:16 provides the 'why': For God so loved the world; the 'how': He gave; and the 'what': whosoever believeth.

Sabbath morning saw that amplified in the lives of business professionals as John Crissey, business lecturer at Newbold College, invited attendees to share their journey. Both laughter and tears came as individuals told of how God had made a difference in their lives. The normally subdued Richard Poulton expressed real emotion as he told how seeing the picture of God in all 66 books of the Bible through the eyes of the late Graham Maxwell had transformed him from a dry and legalistic Christian into a man who experienced the love of God and now knew how to share it.

That sharing then continued as BUC Communication director, Victor Hulbert, found himself inspired by asking the 'Why?' question of eight ASI members who all volunteer in the charity sector in various ways. Elvira Pearson told how the plight of street children in Zimbabwe had caused her and her late
husband to purchase a large house and start an orphanage. Years later she is still involved with Reach International. Two university students, Kerhys Sterling and Charlotte Bramble spoke of how working with a soup kitchen and sharing faith on the university campus made a difference in their lives, while Colleen Lewis shared how she was 'bullied' by her daughter to set up a Christian Bookshop in her local market. Their enthusiasm gave a tiny picture of why 'Christ in the Marketplace' is important to them.

The 'Christ in the Marketplace' theme was part of ASI chaplain, Sam Neves', dynamic interpretation of the Sabbath School lesson. It was also part of the theme of Japhet's Sabbath afternoon presentation where he noted that the difference between an apple and an orange is that an orange you peel section by section – but an apple you eat to the core. He emphasised that our Christianity must go to the core, demonstrating it equally by how Jesus 'went to the core' calling Mary by name outside the tomb on resurrection Sunday – a very personal touch talking to her before 'going to my Father'. That same personal touch is what impacted Japhet's life with his own recent experience of serious illness, facing the possibility of death yet wanting life. He was forced to ask the question 'why?' Reading the four gospels and Ellen White's book on the life of Jesus, 'Desire of Ages', he concluded that his life is ‘Jesus – All’. That is now his motto and his mission.

A Saturday night banquet with hilarious yet profound wisdom from Stanborough Park Youth pastor, Dejan Stojkovic, a quiz by Ken Hall, a Sunday morning reflecting around maths, money and the Good Samaritan, all added to the benefit of the weekend and the value of combined fellowship for ASI members. ASI President, Jim Cunningham, could not be more pleased. "We had delightful fellowship and everyone told me how much they benefited throughout the weekend. Even the weather blessed us."

To gain the atmosphere of the weekend and be inspired by what ASI members do, watch the BUC News video report on the Hope TV website, and enjoy the picture gallery. To find out more about ASI (Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries) please send an email to ASI Secretary, Christine Manners-Smith: <manners-smith@ntlworld.com>.

FIFTY YEARS ON... IN OXWICH BAY  [John Wilby]

For some, it was an event of occasionally-met familiar faces. For others, it was a reunion with people and a place not seen for more than fifty years. But for all, when a group of retired pastors and lay workers met this week at a Christian retreat in South Wales, it was a time for warm reflective fellowship.

Oxwich Bay, named recently as the UK's best and most beautiful beach and set in an area of outstanding natural beauty, brought back happy memories of times long gone. For it was there, in the fifties, that the Church held its annual Youth Camp. Not for them the luxury of multi-pod quickly-erected tents and mobile homes. Back then it was ex-War Department tents and DIY straw-filled mattresses. But camp life, led by Pastor Ken and Beryl Gammon, was a delightful annual highlight for many post-war church youth.

For the author, and for sisters Valerie and Carole, née Westwood, it also revived teenage memories of former friends, and a Stanborough Park that buzzed with many different activities – most in buildings
that no longer exist. Of youthful ambitions and life experiences spanning five decades, some with unexpected twists and turns but all, with hindsight, revealing God's grace and leading hand.

Days were filled with walks along the beach, enjoying the tranquillity of the wildlife garden and a visit to the National Botanical Gardens. It was a wonderful opportunity to experience the beauty and blessings of God's creation!

The reunion was organised by Pastor Martin Bell, chaplain to the retirees. His inspiring evening devotionals, based on readings from a "House of Prayer" by Leslie Weatherhead, brought a whole new perspective to prayer. In a process designed to eliminate distractions, we were asked to imagine prayer as a series of rooms. Rooms where we can Find God, Praise Him, Confess, seek Cleansing and Forgiveness, Pray for Our Friends and Those in Need and a room in which to Meditate.

What better way to leave refreshed and renewed in our relationship with the One from whom all blessings flow.

TREASURERS CAN WORSHIP TOO  [Richard de Lisser]

Over the weekend of 11-13 March 218 treasurers from both the North and South England Conferences gathered together for the biannual Treasurers' Retreat held at Staverton Park, Daventry. Under the theme 'Stewards of a Faithful People', the assembled treasurers were welcomed by Earl Ramharacksingh and Rejoice Kampengele, SEC and NEC Treasurers. Praise and Worship was led by Paul Lee, SEC Music director.

The first presentation was delivered by Victor Pilmoor, BUC Treasurer, followed by a thought-provoking sermon by Pastor Ian Sweeny, President of the NEC who challenged the congregation to think about the motives behind why they give to the cause of Christ. Do we give to get or give because it is what God said we should do? As night had fallen those gathered headed for their night's rest in anticipation of what the Sabbath morning would bring.

The morning came early and the sound of singing was heard as a precursor to Pastor Sam Neves' devotional. After a hearty breakfast Steve Okelo, Associate Treasurer for the BUC, facilitated a very lively and passionate lesson study on addictions. The main worship service speaker was Pastor Raafat Kamal Stewardship director for the Trans-European Division (TED) who challenged the audience to faithfulness.

After lunch Victor Pilmoor gave his final presentation followed by vesper by Dr Richard de Lisser, SEC Stewardship director. The rest of the evening was spent on issues related to the Seventh-day Adventist Association, Adventist Risk Management, tithe and offerings and the work of the local treasurer.

Following Sunday morning devotions with Dr Richard de Lisser, practical workshops were held for the treasurers on the rolling out of the electronic tithe and offerings programme. A question and answer session followed and the weekend retreat ended with each attendee refreshed, educated and enlivened for the task of being stewards of a faithful people.
A video of the weekend's proceedings can be seen on YouTube.

CREATING INSPIRING WORSHIP  [Alan Hodges, BUC Ministerial Association Secretary]

The second in a series of training seminars for pastors took place in the Board Room at the British Union Conference office on Tuesday 29 March. The topic, "Creating Inspiring Worship in Your Church" was presented by Dr Stephen Currow, Principal Lecturer in Pastoral Studies at Newbold College. The morning session entitled "Towards an Adventist Theology of Worship and its Application in Different Contexts" was well received by those attending. This part of the seminar can be viewed online. There is also an audio recording available. The afternoon session was more practical in format and included a discussion on the qualities of worship leaders and "How to... A Guide for Creating Inspiring Worship." All those who attended felt it important that pastors and local church leaders put more emphasis on making the worship service more meaningful. The seminar will be presented for local church elders on Tuesday 5 April at 6:30 pm at the same venue.

HILARIOUS £400 FOR COMIC RELIEF BY STANBOROUGH STUDENTS  [Vanessa Pizzuto]

"Do something funny for money" was the motto for this year's Red Nose Day and Stanborough School students took it to heart! On Friday, 18 March, students and staff came to the school wearing fancy dress and red noses, each donating £1 for Comic Relief.

The school's Drama Club organized a very special assembly and delighted all with a play titled "The 3 questions". It was the students' own adaptation of a fable by Leo Tolstoi. The students also took care of all costumes and scenic design, led by Mrs Annick McKie, the club's coordinator.

The spirit of creativity and giving was palpable throughout the day. Two students in Year 8 spoke not even a word the whole day so that their "Sponsored Silence" could give those less privileged a more audible voice. Additionally, "Dance Spectacular", a dance show organized by a group of boys, proved to all that fundraising can be a lot of fun! All moneys raised, £420, were donated to Comic Relief.

[Picture: Dennis Edwards]

LEARNING ON THE DOOR

You may go out to collect – but what you collect may be more than money – as Pastor Peter Jeynes discovered while knocking on doors opposite the Lincoln Seventh-day Adventist church to raise funds for the ADRA Annual Appeal. He discovered:

• People forget our failings. Years ago a man had an argument with a church member. I knew about the argument. The man had forgotten it. If you do fail some people forget and you need not beat yourself up. You are human.

• People remember our failings. A different person this time, the person remembered how the church had failed them – and remembered. Aim not to fail – but you are human so don't beat yourself up if you do fall short.
• I met a man who wanted to know about us. If I hadn't knocked on his door I couldn't have given him the information he wanted.

• The lady told me that the thing she didn't like about Christians was that they don't listen when they are told, 'I'm not interested'. Lesson? Back off, talk about the weather. You can possibly come back another day with this method. Argue, or try a quick remark to ask why – and you harden the stereotype.

• Another lady I met knew a really nice Adventist years ago. She wants to have a reunion. You never know – until you knock at the door – and then you might know.

• I can help the lady find her friend. The best help is not found in a Bible study but in authentic friendship.

Clearly, working directly opposite the church, Pastor Jeynes was wearing his 'church credentials'. However, church members rightly recognise that the primary objective of the ADRA-UK Annual Appeal is to collect funds for our humanitarian work – and any Christian conversation should only arise out of that.

ADRA is a Christian humanitarian agency that engages in community development and disaster relief around the world. ADRA has a global presence in 125 countries. The money that people give will go directly towards supporting people in poverty or crisis around the world. Recognising this collectors should not present evangelistic material at the same time as asking for a contribution to the work of ADRA. This could confuse the work of ADRA with the outreach of the church. However, the fact that you are a Christian following in the footsteps and the example of Jesus is something that the majority of the community will recognise and appreciate.

The Annual Appeal continues until 10 April (17 April in Greater London). To donate or find out more visit the <www.adra.org.uk> website.

CHANCE TO CHANGE  [Crieff Church Communications]

Twenty-one-year-old Yvonne Bauwens is quite a talented young Scottish lass. Blessed with the gift of music, she is never happier than sitting at the piano, playing her violin or mandolin, picking out a melody on her guitar or a reel on her Irish whistles. Yvonne loves to compose music and also to write lyrics, so it was a great thrill for her to be commissioned to write the theme tune for the forthcoming BUC Youth Congress to be held in Telford from 21-25 April.

Yvonne set to and transformed her room into a recording studio. Surrounding herself with various instruments, microphones and her computer, many hours later Chance to Change was born.

The theme of the Youth Congress is 'i-Change, u-Change, wii-Change. Be the change you want to see in the world.' Yvonne wrote her song to complement this theme and to share how God can turn your life around if you ask Him and help you be the change in the world you want to see.

If you would like to listen to the theme song, you can hear it online at the Adventist youth website: <http://youth.adventistchurch.org.uk/buc-youth-congress-i-change>.

Yvonne and Mariann Walker from the Crieff church will be joining the group travelling from Scotland to the Youth Congress. BUC Youth director, Pastor Des Boldeau, invites you to join them stating, "The application deadline should expire 29 March, but, guess what? We still have spaces! Wouldn't you like to come and join us?"
Apply NOW! Cost held at £45 for registration which includes a Sabbath meal. To book hotel accommodation, check the website after registration. Don't delay anymore – book NOW!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ASNA

"It's our 10th Birthday – 10 years Connecting people and Changing lives!" states an excited Sophia Nicholls, President of the Adventist Special Needs Association.

ASNA was launched on 2 December 2001. To mark this 10th Anniversary year, they will be hosting their 10th Family respite and training weekend at the site of its first ever weekend, the Frontier Centre, in Irthlingborough, Northampton, NN9 5UH, 15-18 April – increasing it to a 3-night, 3-day programme.

They expect over 100 guests including over 30 children with and without disabilities, along with 30+ volunteers giving 1:1 support for children and adults with disabilities. More than 40 carers and volunteers will also be there to support people with special needs and disabilities.

The weekend programme will include ACT4, a music therapist to support and work with the children's programme, spiritual inspiration by Pastors Patrick Johnson and Paul Liburd along with children's activities that will include canoeing, climbing, king swing, high ropes and much more.

ANSA will also host their 8th AGM on the Sunday with plans and ideas for the next 5 years. Cost for the weekend £60 (£50 ASNA members), Children under 13 years £20.00. All children with disabilities under 19 years and children under 3 years go free.

For further details call Helen Batten or Sophia Nicholls on 01491 821104 or 07768 298 297 or to book online <www.asna.info>. You can send emails to <info@asna.info>.

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

With the start of the ADRA Annual Appeal, Isle of Man minister took the opportunity to talk about the work of ADRA on Manx Radio, heard across the island as well as in parts of England, Ireland and North Wales. Meanwhile, it does seem to be a radio week as on Friday, 1 April, Pastor Peter Jeynes will be on "102.6fm Boundary Sound" in Newark to talk about the church's first baptism in 50 years – and one with a difference as the baptismal couple will be coming straight from the registry office where they will just have become man and wife! The live interview will be sometime between 9 and 10 am on Friday morning.

LATEST MESSENGER ON LINE

The 1 April edition of MESSENGER is now online with the lead story reflecting on the '3/11' tragedy in Japan. The Editorial looks at 'killed by friendly fire' while Pastor Ian Sweeny, nominated this week as President for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland, looks at the issues of membership retention. Sharon Platt-McDonald takes a look at Natural Medicine and the Holistic Lifestyle strategy and – in the season of giving – ADRA reports on a project giving sight to the blind.
This coming week on 'In Conversation':
Friday 1 April: 8:00 pm: Bernell Bussue – Love and support shape a caring career.
Sabbath 2 April: 12:30 am: Bernell Bussue
Monday 4 April: 12:30 and 10:00 pm: Richard de Lisser – From politics to pastor.
Wednesday 6 April: 8:00 am: Dan Augsburger – Prayer in the real world.
8:30 pm: Matt Vincent – Ancient Sumarian or flying power kites? What gives Matt satisfaction?
12 midnight: Richard de Lisser
Friday 8 April: 8:00 pm: Dan Augsburger
Sabbath 9 April: 9:00 am: Dan Augsburger
8:00 pm and 12 midnight: Matt Vincent

Newly released on the www.hopetv.org.uk website: Lowell Baricanosa talks about how he was inspired by a friend to put his faith in action through undertaking a spiritually rewarding journey from London to Paris, and raise money for ADRA-UK's work with children below the age of 5 in underdeveloped countries around the world.

For more on Hope Channel, to re-tune, or to watch online visit <www.hopetv.org.uk>.

COMING EVENTS

For a full listing of coming events visit <www.adventistevents.org.uk>. New events are added on a daily basis.

ADRA-UK ANNUAL APPEAL 2011. Continuing to Sunday, 17 April. This year's ADRA Annual Appeal continues until 10 April for all areas outside Greater London and 17 April in Greater London. Please make an effort to raise some funds in your own way. You can make a difference, so give opportunities and not excuses. If you want further information please contact the ADRA office. Contact: Godwin Benjamin <godwin@adra.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 681 723.

WEST BROMWICH – "PRECIOUS MEMORIES". Sabbath, 2 April. West Bromwich Adventist church is having a double celebration: our 40th Anniversary in our current building, and our 60th anniversary of an Adventist presence in West Bromwich. If you have a connection with the church please join us in celebrating on this special day. We would also be interested in hearing from you if you have any stories/photos going back over this period. For more information, please contact Rose Kerr. Contact: Rose Kerr <kerrb05@aol.com>. Phone: 0780 1802360.

GOSPEL MUSIC XPLOSION. Saturday, 2 April. St Mary's Church, Luton, LU1 3JF. Featuring, Mahali Selepe, Ullanda Alexander, Inspired Redemption, Paul Lee, Holy Tabernacle, The Way, Higher Ground. Ticket price £8; Children £4. Contact: Daison Zinyemba <zinyemba_d@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07943179903.

SHARING THE GOSPEL ON GOSPEL LANE! MOTHER'S SUNDAY. Sunday, 3 April. Mother's Day – Natural Solutions launch a new health venture: Sharing the Gospel on Gospel Lane, Solihull. We offer fresh Juices, Smoothies, Baked Potatoes and Salad. Each week we operate a Weight and Wellness Club, simple exercises, talks and seminars to encourage the community to come and enjoy
the 'treats' as we learn how to change our lifestyle. Volunteers are most welcome to come and help in different aspects of the venture. Venue: 250 Gospel Lane, Olton, Solihull, West Midlands, B27 7AH. Contact: Malcolm Watson <malcolmwa@gmail.com>. Phone: 07786380769.

SUPER-DETOX. Sunday, 3 - Sunday, 17 April. 3-part workshop – choose from either set of dates: Sunday 3, 10 and 17 April at 09.30-12.30 (or) Friday 3, 10 and 17 June at 09.30-12.30. Detox – 21 days – Come and learn about your body, how it works, guidelines for detoxing properly for more energy, calmness, improved skin and hair and even shifting some of those extra pounds. It is three mornings of talks, practical demonstrations, and group work to help you every step of the way. Location: Woodhall Farm Community Centre, Datchet Close, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 7JX. Course fees: non-Hertfordshire residents: £99 for 3-part training – non-Hertfordshire residents required to register by contacting Angelette at 0844 272 1509 or email info@creating-health.com. Hertfordshire residents (over 18 years): FREE – funded by Worldshapers (requirement for free funding includes attendance to all parts of the course). To register Worldshapers call Matthew on 01442 269 804 or email aspire@worldshapers.org.uk. Contact: Angelette Muller <createnutrition@gmail.com>. Phone: 0844 272 1509.

CREATING INSPIRING WORSHIP IN YOUR CHURCH. Tuesday, 5 April. A BUC training seminar for pastors & elders presented by Stephen Currow in the BUC Board Room, Stanborough Park, Watford, for local church elders: 7:30 pm on Tuesday, 5 April. Stephen Currow is Principal Lecturer in Pastoral Studies at Newbold College, who, after eight years of teaching at Newbold, will be taking up a new appointment later this year as Principal of Fulton College, Fiji in the South Pacific. Seating limited to 50. Register early at Ministerial page on BUC website. Contact: Faye Weekes <fweekes@adventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 672251.

THE HEAVENS DECLARE. Thursday, 7 April to Thursday, 21 April. The Heavens Declare. 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 until 21 April, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ratheane Avenue, Mountsandel, Coleraine. 7 April: "Why is there a universe at all?" 14 April: "Astronomy and Genesis – Do they speak the same language?" 21 April: "The date of Jesus' crucifixion – established from scripture and astronomical chronology" (Easter special). Speaker: Pastor Dr Mart de Groot, a former director of the Armagh Observatory. Contact: Mart de Groot <mart.degroot@gmail.com>. Phone: 02838871252.

MUSIC4CHILDREN. Friday, 15 April to Sunday, 17 April. Children aged 7-15 are invited to come along with their instruments to sing and play at this residential Sacred Music Weekend. Led by a team of experienced musicians and house parents, they will learn music that they can play in church and at local events. 15-17 April will be a fun-filled weekend with a focus on sacred music, where young musicians can improve technique, gain a better understanding of music, as well as interact with their peers in a group setting. Venue: Malvern St James School, Worcestershire, WR14 3BA. Cost: £65. Contact: Diana Sinclair <musicadvisor@me.com>. Phone: 07886203696.

BUC YOUTH CONGRESS: I-CHANGE U-CHANGE WII-CHAN. Thursday, 21 April to Monday, 25 April. Be the change you want to see in the world. 21-25 April 2011. Book now for your place at the first BUC Youth Congress in years! Taking place at The International Centre, Telford over Easter 2011, this is an event you won't want to miss! Well-known international speakers: David Asscherick, James Black, Dick Duerkssen and Tim Gillespie. Morning workshops led by those already running successful and innovative ministries. Afternoons out in the surrounding areas using your new-found evangelistic skills. A fantastic chance to meet like-minded 18+ aged youth from across the BUC and worship, learn, share and socialise! For registration details and more information about booking your accommodation, see the website. Contact: Pastor Des Boldeau <bucyouth@adventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 672251.

CORDS OF LOVE: SEC MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND. Friday, 22 April to Sunday, 24 April. Join Les & Irma Ackie for a weekend of interactive seminars exploring the principles of successful marriage; with plenty of opportunities for reflection and relaxation. Visit the website for more details. Contact: Anna McLarty <fm@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 23 27 28.
SMALL ADS

LIFECOMNECT LAUNCH POSTPONED. Because of very small numbers we have had to postpone the LifeConnect launch event advertised for this weekend. The event has been rescheduled to 16-18 September 2011. Please look out for more information in forthcoming editions of BUC News.

TED MASTER GUIDE CAMPOREE. Calling all Master Guides and Leaders! Master Guide Camp is approaching and so is the deadline for applications (29 April). Please contact your local Conference for more information.

JOB VACANCIES: Year 6 teacher at Stanborough Primary School, Watford. Applications by 18 April. IT SUPPORT. Person required to provide maternity cover for the BUC office and Adventist Discovery Centre. Role will include web maintenance and problem solving. Applications by 8 April. For full details visit our <job vacancies page>.

HARPER BELL ADVENTIST SCHOOL, Birmingham has achieved Voluntary Aided Status. There will be no charge of school fees for admission to Reception through to Year 6 classes. We are now accepting applications for limited places, on a first-come, first-served basis. The Nursery will remain independent and subject to school fees. The school is, however, registered to receive government funding towards the cost of early years (ages 3&4) education. Now it is more than affordable to be a part of the success of HBS. To avoid disappointment contact the school urgently for the new admissions policy and application forms. Telephone: 0121 693 7742 or email: harperbellsdaschool@hotmail.co.uk.

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