RUN, JUMP, SING & WALK FOR ADRA

While waiting for a Middlesbrough mum to jump off the famous Transporter Bridge to climax the ADRA Annual Appeal this coming Sunday, reports are coming in from across the country as to how thousands of volunteers have been making a difference collecting funds for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency.

Pastor Peter Jeynes reported from the North England Conference Fun Run last Sunday, 10 April where he met over 170 walkers, joggers and runners warming up on a Sunday morning in Roundhay Park, Leeds, as they overlooked the lake, ready to complete their allotted ten sponsored laps.

Organisers Orlene Dunkley from the NEC office and Andrew Saddler from Leeds put the event together under the auspices of the NEC Personal Ministries department led by Pastor Mike Simpson. The prayer, hailed from a loud-hailer was followed by a siren and a variety of enthusiastic people left the start line to head up into the park, this is the north after all and there are hills aplenty in Leeds.

One lad in his pushchair came to help his mother get some exercise. Taslyn Taylor, complete with walking sticks set off from the line and completed several laps to collect over £130. Out in the lead from the beginning was Oscar Vicenee, from York. Not that the event was a race, but it was taken very seriously. Bert Smit and Godwin Benjamin from the ADRA-UK head office were there from before the start, giving advice and encouragement. While Smit was delighted that the event would raise funds – he was impressed at the way the whole fun run was organised to help raise the profile of ADRA within the church and to help develop people's knowledge of the church in the north of England.

Pastor Mike Simpson congratulates Taslyn Taylor who raised £130 walking 3 km with walking sticks.
Even on a short-term the event made a difference to people. A couple of bystanders decided to participate and felt the warmth of the sun in Leeds, and the welcoming handshake from Pastor Mike Simpson. He stated the event was "a family day with good exercise and free health checks for participants and spectators," adding that it was part of the church's programme of "wanting to make the world a better place". Many people took the chance of a health check at a Health Expo from trained staff in a marquee on site, children enjoyed face-painting and a bouncy castle, while others simply enjoyed listening to the New World Steel band – talked to Christians, and found them to be friendly.

The happy organisers went home knowing that they had achieved their goals of raising the church profile, seeing funds raised and knowing that many people had enjoyed a good family day out. It is true that several went home with blisters, stiff legs and a decision to get fitter – but they will return for what will now be an annual event – next year.

Several hundred miles further south the Brighton & Hove church also took to the fresh air, making the most of being located near the British seaside! Their Beach Front Sponsored Walk was planned with participants having the opportunity to ask colleagues, classmates, neighbours, friends, family and church members to sponsor them to walk along the five mile beach front. They also gained permission from the local Council to collect funds for ADRA as they walked. Armed with ADRA T-shirts, ADRA key rings, leaflets, collection tins and most importantly, prayer, as well as collecting donations from the public they chatted with locals and tourists on the beach front – including local traders and an ice cream van man! Pastor Leslie Hill says, "We found many people were very generous and interested in ADRA's work. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who committed their time and energy to not only collect funds for ADRA but also witness for Jesus in the local community."

Children too have been active in this year's appeal. Pupils and parents from Stanborough Primary School, Watford, collected a special offering at their Spring Concert, to support the people in Japan, following the earthquake and tsunami which devastated the country on Friday, 11 March. Head teacher, Kathleen Hanson, had entitled the programme 'No Greater Love' and after a moving PowerPoint presentation to the song 'He's My Brother', a collection was made and an astounding £505.26 was raised! ADRA's Bert Smit and Godwin Benjamin expressed thanks to the parents and pupils, when they visited the school and received the funds on behalf of ADRA. Stanborough Primary School continues to be 'a small school with a big heart' – a comment that had been made by the NSPCC earlier in the year, when the school had again surpassed itself by collecting £1,075 for the children's charity.

Annual Appeal coordinator, Godwin Benjamin, says, "a massive thank you to so many volunteers who have given countless hours to make a difference with this year's collection." Despite the current economic climate he is optimistic that with the commitment and time given by so many church members and volunteers that last year's total of £621,298.00 will be passed and even more lives will be helped and saved by the humanitarian work of ADRA.

A video report and photos from the fun run are available on the BUC picture gallery.
SURPRISE YOUR PASTOR

A friend's comment on Facebook hit me. He is a pastor. He is stressed. He wrote, "Just read that while Adventists tend to live longer, Adventist pastors do not! Either it's not our religion, or we are not practising what we preach!"

How does that fit in with "Adventists live 11 years longer" – and similar quotes that we like to make at our health functions? He noted an article where Sandra Roberts, Executive Secretary of the Southeastern California Conference states,

"We have been concerned about pastors and health for a long time. We had a couple of pastors die suddenly... Adventist Health Study findings reported to us that while Adventists in general live longer than the general populace, pastors are an exception to that in the research... Troubling! Pastors have shorter lifespans than church members by four years on average."

While reviewing our church pension provisions a couple of years back it was noted that in reality, Adventist pastors in the UK and Ireland only live an average of two months longer than the national average.

How can this be? My pastor friend's observation soon brought a swathe of responses. "It's because our day of rest is the busiest day for an Adventist pastor!" "Could it be that a pastor is someone who cares A LOT? Can be a bit stressful sometimes."

"I think pastoral work is one of the most stressful jobs, kinda like a politician; they are always in the public eye. Pastors have to wear many hats, they are spiritual warriors, they are counsellors, they are a general handyman, the list goes on."

Last August the New York Times published an article on 'Taking a break from the Lord's work'. In it Paul Vitello noted that "Members of the clergy now suffer from obesity, hypertension and depression at rates higher than most Americans. In the last decade, their use of antidepressants has risen, while their life expectancy has fallen. Many would change jobs if they could."

Of course, you say, that does not apply to Adventist pastors, because Adventists have the Health Message. That is certainly true to an extent – although the Health Message is all too often linked more to diet then it is to a holistic, balanced lifestyle.

The major issue highlighted in Vitello's article is that "These people tend to be driven by a sense of a duty to God to answer every call for help from anybody, and they are virtually called upon all the time, 24/7." In today's world that is even more true, as even when on holiday the mobile phone rings, the email gets checked and members, contacts, and even administration expect instant answers. In my own pastoral experience I can often remember coming home after very intense evening meetings, the trail home being followed by phone calls, then lying wakeful in bed, the mind pondering on all the choices and decision that had been made, or could have been made. In addition, the emotional involvement that comes with a personal, emotional bond to church members who are sick or dying, caring for their families while grieving yourself.

Naturally, these times are balanced by the joy of ministry, the positive house visits, the successful training programmes, the exuberant enthusiasm at a youth weekend, the satisfaction at the end of a Sabbath day, exhausted, but fulfilled. The challenge for the pastor is to achieve balance.
In the Southeastern California Conference the Administration has started an employee health programme with financial incentives for engaging in exercise. In Norway, Adventist pastors have competed together in the 'step programme', encouraging each other to increase the amount of walking and exercise they take. Even in the British Union Conference office, table tennis and a rowing machine have been installed to give staff a break away from the desk or the committee room. Pastors here also have a confidential counselling service available to them.

While it is true that a minority of pastors may be seen as 'lazy', for the majority the reverse is true. So a challenge then for you, as a church member! How can you surprise your pastor? What can you do to show you appreciate the extra mile they go for the love of the church? How gracious can you be when they take one Sabbath off per quarter – or dare to have a holiday? How urgent is your late night phone call? Could it wait until 8 am? What special word to them, quietly spoken, may brighten their day – and as a result, possibly change the day for many more.

Perhaps Paul's words of encouragement to the Galatian Christians could make a difference to all of us. "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ." [Galatians 6:2 NIV]

ADRA-UK SONG COMPETITION

Poverty affects everyone in the world; it ruins individual lives and affects entire communities. To increase awareness of poverty, its causes and effects ADRA-UK plans to release a new music video to promote our work. We are inviting young musicians in the UK to help us achieve this.

This competition is for a new modern song with lyrics that reflect the work that the Adventist Development and Relief Agency does. The competition is open to young artists/bands/groups (18-35 years) that feel affinity with the work of ADRA-UK. The deadline for submission of the music and lyrics is 30 September 2011.

More information about this competition is available online. Alternatively, send an email to <info@adra.org.uk> and we will send you the details. A previous ADRA music video made by Swedish youth is available on the Hope TV UK website.

LIVE LONDON – ADVENTIST SPORTS MINISTRY OLYMPIC OUTREACH  [Colin Stewart, SEC Youth Director/LaVon Jackson, Olympic Outreach Volunteer]

An Olympic Outreach programme has been established under the name of LIVE London – Adventist Sports Ministry (LIVELDN), the SEC Youth outreach response to the coming of the London Games next year. What we see is the opportunity for the church to share the love of Jesus with many, many people as never before. As the Youth department says, "If Jesus opens a door for us, just walk on through..." to which end we believe that a door has opened for us to play a large role in the coming games. "More Than Gold" (MTG) the Christian Sports Outreach Group, have invited the Adventist Church to sit on its executive committee. MTG is a coming together of Christian churches and organizations for the express role of reaching out during major sports tournaments around the world. The Adventist Church and Youth departments in both Sydney and Vancouver have previously had similar involvement and each made their unique contributions.

London is coming, so what will our contributions be?

A special committee has come together to help get the ball rolling and have come up with some main objectives of this Olympic Outreach ministry, of which our purpose will be:
• Helping people understand their value and importance in the sharing of the Gospel
• Making stronger connections between the AY departments of different churches and providing support and growth for evangelism
• Encouraging the production of health and sports ministry resources by youth leaders and scholars of our church, and eventually becoming an outreach library so that the ministry continues long after the Olympic Games
• Empowering the youth to use their abilities in health and sports for outreach, and reaching their friends and communities whilst encouraging self-development through volunteering and service.

In a recent report the MTG UK Operations director, Matt Oliver, presented the MTG vision to pastors at an SEC Ministers' meeting which was very well received. Sports Outreach is a way to connect to the athletic and health conscious populations with Jesus so we need to be there to play our part. This meeting in Watford was followed up when the MTG CEO, David Wilson gave a presentation to SEC elders at the Daventry Elders' Retreat.

Again many received this presentation well and resolved to get involved in outreach during this window of opportunity. Since then, a team of young adults with leadership from the SEC Youth directors have been promoting Olympic Outreach around the Conference in various AY programmes since January and will continue to do this throughout the year.

The main idea of MTG and LIVELDN is that each church in the Conference and the UK can engage in outreach in a new and dynamic way as we lead up to the greatest games on earth. Are we ready for what is coming, is our church geared up for outreach? Right now resources are being prepared for churches that will help them engage their communities in all kinds of outreach. Sports themed Bibles, Biblical principle applications to sports, Sports Bible studies, health literature, health theological studies and other literature are all being made ready now.

Although sport is the biggest aspect of the Olympic Games, it certainly isn't the only type of outreach that can be done. The church can reach out in various ways such as, setting up hospitality groups; a host of volunteer and service programme ideas from handing out water to the public to opening up your church to become a drop-in centre or community cafe, a place of learning and fun; starting a community health club offering medical health checks organized by young people with the aid of professional healthcare members, beginning an exercise club… the list is endless. Everyone can be involved in sharing Jesus with the community.

Where does the LIVELDN programme fit in I hear you ask? Well the Living Intentionally… Outreach programme is the movement that the SEC Youth department has chosen to help lead youth to Jesus, and it is already well-known in police and community circles. So the idea of linking with MTG is very natural. Through the LIVELDN Outreach, LIVE Centres can be established in the local churches and provide the link between MTG, the church and the community activities. LIVE Centres, or in other words, local youth clubs/groups will be a place where lives of youth can be changed up and down the SEC; Outreach Centres with an emphasis on sports and health will be hubs of activity during the week, a place where sports meets our unique health message; and a place to be fed with information concerning the Olympics in a way that allows networking with others. LIVE London seeks to equip and resource everyone willing to take part with all the training and materials needed to meet the needs of their community through sports, health and social well-being. It will be the unified movement through which More Than Gold and the youth of the SEC and their sponsors in the church are able to connect and work together, to impact the lives of the thousands that need our help.

Now it's over to you so make sure you plan to play your part.

As MTG says, "Genuine faith is always expressed through generous and welcoming hospitality." Now is the time for the Adventist Church to come out of the closet and share the powerful and unique message God has given for this time to share...
If you are interested in being a part of the plans or want to volunteer as a "Gold Champion" then go to the LIVELDN part of the SEC Youth website or the MTG website and get involved. It's not too late to jump on board!

Maybe you are a sports person and struggle with your future, or maybe you have an interest in sports and think you can use this to help someone find Jesus? If this is the case contact the Youth department and share your dream...

In the next few weeks, every church will receive an Olympic Outreach Resource Pack providing you with all the information you need to plan your ministry. Alongside this will see the launch of the dedicated Olympic Outreach website 'LIVE London – Adventist Sports Ministry' website where all information concerning the plans can be found, including key dates, timeline of all outreach events across the SEC, recommended resources to purchase, contact information and much more.

The excitement is just beginning!

SERVING THE CHURCH: SERVING THE COMMUNITY

A building on fire graces the front page of the 15 April MESSENGER, a reminder of devastation from two years ago – but the bottom photo shows a new, bright building, one where staff are already serving the church and the community. This edition also looks at the history behind the building, includes an interview with Adventist World Church President, Pastor Ted Wilson, and encourages budding photographers to send in 'Megapixels of Creation'. Editor, Julian Hibbert takes a topical look at the real cost of war, while in the news pages Stanborough School students find themselves in role reversal in India, Swindon members challenge the community to 'know your future', and training, fundraising, fellowship and baptismal events all vie for space. While the MESSENGER provides you with printed coverage of the BUC office opening and the visit of Elder Ted Wilson, readers are also reminded of the video coverage and picture galleries that are also available of the event. The Ted Wilson interview has so far been viewed or downloaded online over 1,660 times.

CHURCH CHANGES

Exeter church will be closed this Sabbath, 16 April due to the Area 1 Day of Fellowship that you are welcome to attend at St Austell church. Birmingham Fellowship has moved premises and now meets at Elmwood Church, Hamstead Hill, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham B20 1BU. A number of new plants and groups have been added to the churches database and also updated on our satnav page. Always stay up-to-date with the latest addresses by visiting the website before you travel. Any corrections or updates on the website are also welcomed.
BUC NEWS DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Due to the BUC Youth Congress and a further youth commitment the following weekend the deadline for submission to BUC News will be 6 pm Tuesday for the next two weeks. The ideal is to write and submit your story while it is fresh in your mind. We look forward to your contributions!

THIS WEEK ON THE HOPE CHANNEL

Several new programmes are featured on the Hope Channel website this week. At the end of the ADRA Annual Appeal three programmes look at the work of ADRA, share an ADRA song and look at how you might be a much needed volunteer in times of crisis. A new discussion programme, Viewpoint looks at contemporary issues affecting culture and church. In addition, a wide variety of programmes are available on the satellite including the following episodes of 'In Conversation':

Friday 15 April: 8:00 pm: Terrence Blackman – Needing God in the city.
Sabbath 16 April: 12:30 am: Laura Osei – Passion, faith and school
  9:00 am: Terrence Blackman, 8:00 pm: Laura Osei
Monday 18 April: 12:30 and 9:30 pm: Bertil Wiklander – A varied and challenging task.
Wednesday 20 April: 8:00 am: Petula Peters – Christianity and social justice.
  8:30 pm: John Arthur – Enthusiasm, joy and commitment.
  12 midnight: Bertil Wiklander
Friday 22 April: 8:00 pm: Petula Peters
Sabbath 23 April: 12:30 am: John Arthur, 9:00 am: Petula Peters, 8:00 pm: John Arthur

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. This year's ADRA Annual Appeal continues until 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.

THE HEAVENS DECLARE. Continuing 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. 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.

ADRA MUSIC CONCERT. Saturday, 16 April. Newbold College Ladies' Choir at Oxford Seventh-day Adventist church to promote the work of ADRA and raise funds for 2011 ADRA-UK Annual Appeal. Contact: Sophia Nicholls <sophia@nichollsweb.com>. Phone: 07768298297.

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. Book now for your place at the first BUC Youth Congress in years! Taking place at The International Centre, Telford over Easter 2011. 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.


PRAISE & THANKSGIVING DAY. Sabbath, 23 April. Stonebridge Community Adventist church annual Praise & Thanksgiving Day in aid of our Church Building Fund. An all day programme with a special musical concert in the afternoon. Speaker: Pastor Ray Patrick. Venue: St Margaret & St George's United Reformed church, 67 Nicholl Road, Harlesden, London, NW10 8SH. Contact: Emmanuel Ampofo <ampofom@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07984 934296.


"HOW TO BE A PLAYER" RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND. Friday, 29 April to Sunday, 1 May. Transforming lives, the "How to be a player" residential weekend for 13- to 17-year-olds, at Wyboston Lakes, Bedford is a fantastic 4* opportunity to challenge and empower teens. Full details and costs at <www.secyouth.co.uk/events/h2bap-residential>. Only 40 places available so apply fast! Contact: Pastor Eddie Hypolite <ehypolite@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 0798 44 33 075.

LIVE: ST AUSTELL AND AREA 1 CAMP 2011. Friday, 29 April to Monday, 2 May. LIVE: St Austell & Area 1 youth (Devon and Cornwall) are happy to announce a camp on the North Coast of Cornwall: 29 April - 2 May in a beautiful spot called Chapel Porth. Prepare for a weekend of fun, games, worship, and special guests in one of the most beautiful locations in the South-West of England. Price: Only £20 per person for the whole weekend ages 13+. For application forms or more info contact: Steven Hulbert (SteveO) on happytobebeans@yahoo.co.uk. Mobile: 07772582133 or
UK ZAMBIAN ADVENTIST FELLOWSHIP DAY. Sabbath, 30 April. Venue: International Gospel Church, 102a Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, North London, HA8 0LN. Time: 08:30hrs to 18:30hrs. The UK Zambian Adventist Fellowship is inviting you to take part in an online 'Doodle poll'. Please click the link below to participate and cast your vote, comments, suggestions etc. http://doodle.com/25bmdi9ty9xmqag. We would like to use this polling system to determine the numbers of people attending, and thereby enabling us to plan effectively. Contact: Elias Chola Kalumba <ukzafcommunications@gmail.com>. Phone: 07967515750.

AREA 7 WOMEN’S DAY OF FELLOWSHIP. Sabbath, 30 April. Area 7 Women’s Day of Fellowship at High Town Methodist Church, Luton, LU2 0BW starting at 9:30 am. All are invited to attend (men as well). Guest speaker Gail Masondo from USA/South Africa [internationally renowned speaker, publisher, chaplain and advocate for women and children]. For further information contact Sandra Golding on 07956 429522 or goldingsn@aol.com.

GOVERNOR GENERAL OF JAMAICA AT HAMPSTEAD CHURCH. Sabbath, 30 April. The Governor General of Jamaica, Sir Patrick Allen, as well as Lady Allen, will be present at Hampstead church, Sabbath 30 April. This will be a grand occasion of music, praise, fellowship and rejoicing. Join us if you can. 66 Haverstock Hill, London, NW3 2BE. (Please be very careful where you park!) Contact: Humphrey Walters <hgwalters7@aol.com>. Phone: 07956 922121.

LET’S SING. Saturday, 30 April. Battersea Praise and Worship Gospel Concert featuring Battersea's finest and friends... Artists include: 3D, Michelle Braithwaite, Testimony, Devon Boyd and Total Praise, Battersea Youth Choir, Michelle Boyd, Keisha Johnson & Co. Time: doors open at 6:30 pm – starts at 7:00 pm. Admission: free entry – please bring a free-will offering. Transportation: Buses: 44, 137, 156, 344, 452. Trains: Battersea Park Station or Queenstown Rd Station. Address: Priory Hall, Prince of Wales Drive, Battersea, London, SW8 4BL. Contact: Devon Boyd <music@battersea-sda.org.uk>. Phone: 07956383222.

SEC WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE. Sunday, 1 May. SEC Women's Empowerment Conference: 'Women of Spirit – Not Easily Broken'. Sunday, 1 May at the Advent Centre, 12 Crawford Place, London, W1H 5HD. Registration: 9:30 am for a 10:00 am start. Speakers: Gail Masondo – USA/South Africa [Internationally renowned speaker, publisher, chaplain and advocate for women and children]; Eric Salisbury – USA [Elder & Bible Counsellor, motivational speaker & founder of O1B, and Sharon Platt-McDonald – UK [Health Ministries director, British Union Conference]. Cost is £20 per person and includes lunch and materials. See your Women's Ministries leader for an application form. For further information contact Sandra Golding on 07956 429522 or goldingsn@aol.com.

EVANGELISM TRAINING. Sunday, 1 May. Do you want to learn how to share your faith more confidently? Then this workshop is for you! This event is open to all South London (Area 6b) Personal Ministries leaders and personnel but all are welcome! Venue: Brixton Church, Santley Street, Clapham, London, SW4 7QG, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Presenter: Terry Messenger. Contact: Terry Messenger <tmessenger@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES DAY. Sunday, 1 May. Come and renew, refresh and revive your life on Sunday, 1 May. Main speaker, Mrs Heather Haworth, BUC Women's Ministries director. To be held at Kilnasoolagh, the Irish Retreat Centre, Newmarket-on-Fergus. Contact: Mrs Betty O'Rourke <bettyor@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 00 353 9096 45937.

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SMALL ADS
FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENT. A 17-year-old young man is looking for a UK exchange family for the summer holidays. For more information contact: vezubuhle@sigidi.co.uk.

SPANISH EXCHANGE. Lourdes Estalayo, Dean of Girls at the Adventist boarding school, Sagunto, Spain, has a 15-year-old daughter who loves England and the English. She would like to exchange with another girl who wants to learn Spanish in the month of July. They would host each other for 15 days each in each other's homes. If you and your daughter are interested please contact Lourdes at lurdestalayo@hotmail.com.

JOB VACANCIES: Administrative Secretary, BUC office, applications by 30 May. Year 6 teacher at Stanborough Primary School, Watford, applications by 18 April. Teacher's Assistant for its Reception class at Hyland House School, application deadline: 12 May. For full details visit our <job vacancies page>.

MINIBUS AVAILABLE FOR CHARITY USE. A fully registered Christian charity have available a very nice white 17-seater 2005 LDV Convoy diesel minibus for sale with only 56,000 miles +tax +MOT. One previous owner. The bus is free of sign writing, there is no VAT and it has a full service history. It also has a Coif/Vosa certificate +towbar and a dismantled roof rack. Cost: £4,950. For more details contact John Piercy, The Habakkuk Trust, 07943836530. The Habakkuk Trust (reg no 1048594) helps sick and destitute holocaust survivors.

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