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SHOEBOXES OF SMILES FOR NIGER CHILDREN [Godwin Benjamin] Also a Video Report

ADRA-UK's Godwin Benjamin visited Niger in early May to help with the distribution of the Shoebox Appeal 2010. Elections in the country were among factors that held up the distribution – but the response from the children was profoundly moving.

Niger is the second poorest and most underdeveloped country in the world. 75% of the population is illiterate, it has the highest birth rate in the world yet 1 in 5 children die before the age of 5. Children go to school and collapse in the classroom from hunger because they have not eaten for days. Against this backdrop, the gifts provided in the shoeboxes are priceless to the kids receiving them.

Godwin visited many schools and an orphanage to share shoeboxes on behalf of the donors in the UK. Godwin recounts: "When the shoebox is first presented to the kids, you can see from their facial expressions, they are asking "is this for me?" Then when they sit with it in front of them they are still unsure. Even when they are told they can open them, some kids are still reluctant. When they are finally opened and they see the contents, the smiles, the cheering and pleasure can't be put into words."

Jason Brooks, Country director for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency in Niger stated, "The value of the gifts was not just that desperately poor children
received some useful and fun items that put a huge smile on their faces; the value was also in showing that people far away cared enough to do something that touched them so personally, right where they are. The shoeboxes were a blessing to the school children, and it was a blessing to me seeing kids that were so overwhelmed with joy at the generosity and kindness of all those who contributed."

Godwin adds, "During my six days in Niger I had seen real poverty first-hand and this was particularly evident in the number of children who are on the street begging (in fact many children go to school in the morning and go begging in the afternoon). This brought home to me how blessed our children are in this country. However, my abiding memory of my visit is the smiles and jubilation on the faces of all the kids on receiving a few goodies in a shoebox. For one day we were able to take them away from their mundane lives and give them a gift which brought them some much needed happiness."

Looking forward to the 2011 appeal he suggests, "Next time you buy some shoes and the shop assistant asks you if you want the box, tell them "yes, because this box can be used to bring happiness to a child in a far away country, if only for a day"."

Watch a YouTube report of Godwin's experience.

KIDS 'NOW!' [Heather Haworth, BUC Family & Children's Ministries Director] Also a BUC News Video Report

If you were walking past the UK and Ireland Headquarters office of the Seventh-day Adventist Church sometime between 19-22 May, you may have been surprised to hear a group of 18 people loudly shouting "Now!"

At the Kids in Discipleship training course everyone becomes familiar with the vision statement: "Every child a disciple of Jesus Christ NOW." When repeating it, they show their commitment to guiding parents how to disciple their children by lifting up their voices to say emphatically "NOW."

This year three churches attended the course, held for the first time in the new BUC training room. The two teams from Holland were accompanied by the new Netherland's Union Children's Ministries director, Madelon Comvalius and her husband, Machlon. Pastor Steve Roberts accompanied the Edmonton, London, church's team. Together they agreed their mission is "To equip parents and churches to empower their children to become disciples who joyfully trust, follow and share Jesus."

On the first evening 12 children and 8 parents from the Reading Central church gave an example of a children's and parents' interactive Bible study. While the children received their goody bags, Pastor Leslie Ackie interviewed the parents to ascertain how this ministry had impacted their children, family life and church. "It deepened my own faith;" "My children feel comfortable at sharing their faith and bringing friends to church;" "We are now closer as a family and do more things together," they said.

Michelle Sancho, their KID leader, shared how three quarters of the children are now baptised with 3 more about to join them. She also said the parents have supported one another in discipling each other's children.
The children wanted to be interviewed too. One of the boys, whose mum is a recent convert, said, "It is about us kids. It is at our level and a part of church we understand." This was echoed by a 14-year-old: "We get a chance to learn things at our level." Another lad mentioned how it was good to have fun at church with their parents.

During the 4 days of training it became evident that the spiritual maturity of the children and their ease in sharing their faith had given a role model to be emulated in the Dutch and London churches. As one of the attendees noted, "The demonstration from the Reading church KID ministry team showed that this is a good ministry and it can work in the church once we give it a try."

Winnie Nsimbi's thoughts may echo how you would feel having attending the training: "Sometimes we do courses and we intend to practice/implement what we learnt. Our busy lives result in failure to do so. I feel well-equipped to overcome these challenges, following KID, by God's grace. The action plan for carrying out this ministry is great, and the foundation is prayer."

The next training event will take place over the dates 5-8 November 2011. For more information contact: hhaworth@adventist.org.uk or dtompkins@adventist.org.uk, tel 01923 672251. Watch the BUC News video report on the Hope TV website.

CAP IN HAND FOR THE HOMELESS  [Harry Wilby]

While Crieff church members have been supporting substantial overseas aid projects, this year, they realised that need is also just around the corner. That involvement now included a food bank and a homeless centre. CAP, acronym for 'Crieff Aid Projects', was started within Crieff Adventist church after the 2005 summit meetings in Gleneagles with the aim of finding an aid project each year which the church could support to 'Help Make Poverty History'.

Enthusiastic CAP committee members found two projects for 2006, the church board agreed to donate from the annual budget twice the amount we had asked for, and the church members more than doubled that amount with extra donations. As a result Crieff church has supported ten separate projects in Lesotho, Romania, Albania, Kenya, Pakistan, Egypt and Philippines with around £70,000. However, that is not enough, a television programme last autumn about the homeless in British cities reminded us that there are needy people closer to home too. So when the committee met to discuss the CAP activities for 2011 it was agreed we should try to find a project to help address these needs.

We soon found an organisation in Perth, just 18 miles away which has been working in various ways to help the needy and homeless to reintegrate into society and the workforce. CATH stands for Churches Action for the Homeless. It works closely with the local council, social services, and other support organisations, and has developed to where it now has a 16-bed hostel, a thriving charity shop and an excellent Day Centre which provides meals, activities and educational programmes.

The cheerful kitchen staff do an excellent job feeding their clients and trying to entice them to develop healthier eating habits. But although the equipment meets catering standards, much of it is aging and in need of replacement.

At the January business meeting the Crieff congregation agreed to CAP's proposals for 2011. This included a £2,000 donation to CATH to help upgrade their kitchen equipment. On 16 May Pastor Bernie Holford, together with the church treasurer and others handed over the cheque to delighted staff in the Day Centre.
In addition, Crieff church also now has a Food Bank where members can leave donated items of food which are delivered to the Centre each week.

HOPE CHANNEL, FACEBOOK, EMAIL AND FAITH

It just got easier to share your faith! A new look to the home page of the UK Hope TV website, and the ability to immediately share any programme you like with friends on Facebook, Twitter, by email, or any other social networking site, means that your large circle of friends can be encouraged to view programmes that take a look at the work of ADRA, share stories of faith, hope and courage, and look into Adventist faith. With the public now spending up to one third of their leisure time online, social networks are becoming an increasingly important place to witness, and sharing an appropriate link with friends can possibly be a step on their faith journey. Experimenting on Facebook one friend (who wishes to protect their witness) states, "I have a large variety of friends on Facebook. Some are secular, even atheist. Others are Christian. I involve them all in my secular and Christian comments and links and am often surprised to find my secular friends commenting on something Christian that I have shared. Sometimes even the atheists are not as atheist as I thought!"

Friends Matthew Rhodes and Trevor Francis have been trying this in a different way. They add an Adventist or Christian URL at the end of every email they send out. Matthew reports, "People click on the link and go take a look – simple!" Is it effective? Matthew believes so, partly, he says, because people have told him directly, "they have found out about my beliefs through clicking on this link." He was delighted when one of his IT friends, Giovanni, called him up to say he had noticed the signature, clicked on the link and paid a visit.

Matthew and Trevor say, "do the maths! Imagine if... even 10,000 people were to take part. They each send 10 emails per week. That is 100,000 emails per week which are getting the links in front of people. If only 1% 'click & look' that is 1,000 people taking a look – globally – each week. That is 52,000 per year!"

The other advantage is that it is extremely low cost – relatively non-invasive – and non-threatening to the recipient. While Matthew and Trevor still believe strongly in the traditional forms of witness, knocking on doors, or stopping folk in the street, they see this as an additional, simple tool that may unexpectedly reach someone you know or love – and touch their lives. They say, "You can reach thousands of people virtually instantly worldwide."

And finally, they have a challenge. "You've read the article, thought maybe it's a good idea! So you can now just move on to the next story – or possibly just spend two minutes to set up a signature with a positive, Adventist URL for people to visit."

Why not link your local church website, places like <www.hopetv.org.uk> or even the national church website, <www.adventist.org.uk>. You may have other suggestions that you would like to share in the next edition of BUC News.
CHIP WORKS IN WALES  [John Surridge]

On Sunday evening, 22 May, twelve graduates of Swansea's latest Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP) were presented with their certificates and badges at a special banquet and awards ceremony. Including friends, family members, guests and CHIP team members, more than fifty people attended the event which featured as its guest speaker Dr Kunle Adesina, a Consultant Nephrologist (specialist in kidneys) based at Morriston Hospital, Swansea.

The evening began with a generous buffet meal featuring dishes which the CHIP participants had become used to during their four-week course. Guests were initially bewildered by the variety of foods on offer but their "what is it?" questions were soon exchanged for expressions of appreciation as they came to realise that healthy food doesn't have to be boring!

Although the CHIP programme focuses on coronary health, Dr Adesina gave a fascinating presentation on the importance of good kidney function and its relation to the health of the heart. Beginning with a general overview of the work of the kidneys, Dr Adesina pointed out that each of our kidneys contains about one million tiny filters. If these stop working, even partially, we can get into trouble very quickly and "kidney failure can lead to heart failure".

Major risk factors affecting the kidneys included high blood pressure and diabetes, two conditions which the CHIP programme is renowned for reducing. What's more, he said, "people on dialysis have a ten times greater risk of dying from heart disease than the average population".

The twelve graduates are an outstanding example of what can be achieved through lifestyle change and Wales CHIP director, Mrs Lil Saunders was delighted with their success. Reading from the blood analysis datasheets that were taken at the beginning and the end of the course, she reported that collectively all of the risk factors were down. These included: weight, blood pressure, cholesterol and triglycerides. The level of success varied slightly between the participants and special awards were given to those who had done particularly well. Chris was especially commended for losing over 5kg in weight and Brent was commended for walking or cycling over 700 miles between the start of the CHIP programme and graduation. Vanessa's cholesterol fell 20% during the course of the programme.

Ken and Marie John were typical of the people who took part. "I enjoyed every minute of it," said Ken, though his wife admitted that she struggled a bit with the food. "It's a complete change from everything that we've ever done," she said, "but we've both lost weight and we're both happy."

The Swansea church is blessed in having a number of doctors and nurses who help to run the CHIP programmes. It is their hard work and dedication that has led to Swansea CHIP becoming one of the most successful CHIP ventures in the UK.

Pictures from the event can be seen on the Welsh Mission website.

NEW NAME, SAME MISSION IN SOUTHPORT  [Mike Simpson/BUC News/NEC Communications]

A trip to the Babylonian section of the British Museum in London was a highlight last Sunday, 22 May, for new members and friends of the recently renamed "New Hope" Southport Seventh-day Adventist church. Based up in the North East of England, near Liverpool, task force workers and local members have put considerable effort into reviving
an almost defunct church into an environment that is attracting new friends, positive support from the local council, and occasional concern from a few residents who don't like seeing the work of God expanding in the town.

The trip to the British Museum, where they met with Newbold lecturer, Dr Aulikki Nahkola, is part of a six phase evangelism cycle spearheaded by Pastor Mike Simpson, Personal Ministries director for the North England Conference. Back in March he led a 'Prophecies of Hope' seminar that attracted 21 guests along with support from students at Laurelwood Academy in Oregon, USA, the four task force workers, and a new recruit, Val Sutcliffe, who was baptised a year and a half ago. Due to demand from participants, the programme extended from two to four weeks, and at the climax nine people requested baptism. This is unprecedented in Southport where the church has struggled for many years. With what Pastor Simpson sees as 'a new day for Adventist witness in the community,' his hope is that the project in Southport can now be seen as a test case for the NEC Church Planting department.

THE CORE OF ADVENTISM [Catherine Anthony Boldeau/BUC News]

With meetings at eight venues across the South of England, members spent 7-14 May reminding themselves of why Adventists exist and the purpose for mission. A full report from across the venues will appear in MESSENGER, but the Chiswick Seventh-day Adventist church chose to start a week earlier on 30 April in a programme that culminated in a baptism of five on Sabbath, 14 May.

Pastor Frances Njau, the senior pastor of the New Life church in Nairobi and author of 'Daniel and Our Destiny' shared his insights into the book of Daniel. In preparation for 'The Core' the members started reading the book early in the month of April with the local pastor, Michael Mbui, along with members in the Acton church. The book was utilised during afternoon programmes and the weekly mid-week prayer meetings.

Gillian Francis Mansu said, "I found the programme to be very good. Pastor Njau had a very informal but informative style but gave in-depth illustrations that even caught the attention of our young people. One of them said that the jovial and friendly approach of the speaker was practical. He used simple language to explain profound truths."

The Chiswick church will continue the study of the book of Daniel in conjunction with Daniel and Our Destiny in their prayer meeting over the coming weeks.

BACKACHE AND SORE KNEES FOR GOD [Rosemary Lethbridge]

Twelve large bags of weeds and approximately 200 plants later, a Community Centre flowerbed in Southampton was transformed! This was another Watering Hole "Ground Force" project from members of a team who follow Christ's example of 'being' a part of a community on Sunday, 22 May. Volunteers were co-opted and people passing by on foot or in their cars were invited to come and help for a few moments. Two people on crutches even came to lend a helping hand. Together we turned a weed filled eyesore into a thing of beauty.
One of our values is "we value acts of loving kindness" and this was another opportunity to practise what we preach. We were able to do this project thanks to the generosity of a newly opened garden centre, "Paultons Plant Centre" at Ower who kindly donated the plants for this project.

GHANA'S MEN ARISE AND SHINE! [Richard Antwi]

Men at the London Ghana (LG) Adventist church have kicked off their first organised ministry in East London. Just like their female counterparts, the newly established Men's Ministry at LG, hopes to work in collaboration with all departments within the church in order to promote harmony, love and unity.

To celebrate the arrival of their very own ministry at the end of April 2011, adult males at London Ghana marked the occasion clad in a red tie, black suit and white shirt. Pastor Kofi Agyei, guest speaker at the event, said that the choice of colours seen in the men's attire were of great significance. "The 'black' suit represents sin, 'red' symbolises the blood of Christ, while the 'white' shirt indicated victory in Christ".

The new leaders, Kwabena Oteng Mensah (Head) and Daniel Obeng Appiah (Assistant Head) beamed with enthusiasm and positivity as they were dedicated by senior pastor, Fergus Owusu Boateng. Mensah said, "Two heads are better than one and we will work closely to ensure that the department has a positive impact not only on men but the entire church. We truly want to arise and shine!"

Church member, Bismark Amoah, added, "The beauty of the day confirmed God's blessings for the Men's Ministry and our hope is that this marks the beginning of greater things to come".

LATEST MESSENGER ONLINE

A full colour spread on the front page of the 27 May MESSENGER highlights the joy and the change that hundreds of youth found at the 'i-Change' BUC Youth Congress during the Easter break. Other key words in this edition of the official journal for Seventh-day Adventists in the UK and Ireland include, 'risk, sharing, tension, Doing God and freedom.' To find out more you will need to download a pdf or pick up a copy in your local church this Sabbath.

DEATH OF MRS G VERA COWLEY

It is with sadness that we have received the news of the death of Mrs G Vera Cowley (née Hardiman) on Friday, 20 May 2011, aged 94. Mrs Cowley was the wife of the late Pastor A H (Bert) Cowley. Prior to her marriage in 1944 she worked for the church for two-and-a-half years in the South England Conference and then supported her husband during 38 years of pastoral ministry in the Irish and Welsh Missions and the North and South England Conferences.
Mrs Cowley is survived by her son, Alvin and two daughters, Sylvia and Glenda.

The funeral has been arranged for Wednesday, 1 June at 2:00 pm in the Great Yarmouth Adventist church, Burnt Lane, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR31 0PG. The family have requested floral tributes. These to be sent care of the Funeral Directors, Brundish & Son, 154 Nelson Road Central, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. Tel: 01493 842768.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MRS JOYCE HILL

Following last week's announcement of the death of Mrs I Joyce Hill (née Hulbert) on 19 May 2011, we can now inform you that the funeral will be held at Stanborough Park church, St Albans Road, Watford on Tuesday, 31 May at 2:00 pm followed by a committal at West Herts Crematorium. Donations in lieu of flowers would be welcomed to support the Watford Peace Hospice where she spent her last days.

NO BUC NEWS FOR 2 WEEKS

BUC News will be taking a two-week annual break and will next be published on Friday, 17 June. Please continue to submit your reports in the normal manner which will be processed on the editor's return.

THIS WEEK ON THE HOPE CHANNEL

A wide variety of programmes are available on the satellite and website including the following episodes of 'In Conversation':

Friday 27 May: 8:00 pm: John Arthur – Shipyard worker to charity OBE
Sabbath 28 May: 12:30 am: Ashwin Somasundram – How can a Mars bar make you a minister?
9:00 am: John Arthur, 8:00 pm: Ashwin Somasundram
Other editions of 'In Conversation' air on Monday at 12:30 pm and 9:30 pm; Wednesday at 8:00 am,
8:30 pm and 12:00 midnight; Friday at 8:00 pm and Sabbath at 12:30 am,
9:00 am and 8:00 pm.

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

COMING EVENTS

SPRING REVIVAL "A CERTAIN HOPE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES". Continuing to Sabbath, 28 May. A week of revival and spiritualrefreshing, recommitment, rebaptism and reconsecration at North Wembley Community Seventh-day Adventist church, each night except Thursday from 19:30. The series will end on 28 May with services at 11:15 am and 4:30 pm (baptism). Guest speaker Pastor Nicardo K Delahaye (USA). Venue: 217 East Lane, North Wembley, Middlesex, HA0 3NG. Nearest train station: North Wembley on the London over ground line. Contact: CG <cg.music@btinternet.com>. Phone: 020 8908 0744.

SCOTTISH MISSION CAMP MEETING. Friday, 27 May to Sunday, 29 May. First Scottish Mission Camp Meeting. Theme: 'For a Time like This'. Venue: Lendrick Muir, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross-shire, Scotland. Speakers: Pastor Jacques Venter, Des Rafferty & others. Open to Scottish & other members. £75.00 pp which includes accommodation and food for the bank holiday weekend,
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6:00 pm Friday – 4:00 pm Sunday. Under 3’s free. 3- 17-yr-old Scottish Youth: £40.00. Worship, teaching, fellowship, Sunday activities include archery, trail bikes etc. Free day tickets on Sabbath (or £5 with lunch) must be booked before 19 May. Call Carol on 01764 653257. Contact: Carole Barratt-Peacock <office@sdascotland.com>. Phone: 01764 653257.

UK THIRD ANNUAL POLISH CONGRESS. Friday, 27 May to Sunday, 29 May. Promising Future?! The 3rd annual Polish Weekend of Fellowship at Newbold Campus, Binfield, Berks, RG42 4AN, arranged by Polish Association of Adventists in the UK. Guest speaker: Polish Signs of the Times Editor, Pastor Andrzej Sicinski. Worship & fellowship, Sabbath afternoon baptism, baby dedications, health expo, book sale. All meetings in Polish, translation available – please encourage Polish Adventists and friends to attend. Contact: Anna Radosh <a.radosh@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07727267561.


THE JOURNEY HOME. Sabbath, 28 May. Preston Seventh-day Adventist church is hosting a Home Coming Day commencing at 9:30 am and concludes with a free praise concert at 6:00 pm. A collection will be taken for our church building fund. Address: Grimshaw Street, Preston, PR1 3DD. Contact: David Coke <jennythewren@hotmail.com>. Phone: 01772 715719.

GOD’S PLAN & THE BIG C. Saturday, 28 May to Sunday, 29 May. Cancer Support Emphasis Weekend. Have you or any of your family been affected by cancer in any of its forms? If so, this weekend is for you. Aston-Newtown Community Seventh-day Adventist church and partnering friends will be looking at what God's plan is in all of this, how you can cope with cancer and introduce you to a network of support and advice. To attend register your interest via our ticketing system at thebigc.eventbrite.com. Contact: Ivy Whitehorne <alverster@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 0121 328 6380.

GRAYS CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER. Sabbath, 28 May. The Grays Adventist church Prayer Ministry team invites you to a powerful night of prayer on Sabbath, 28 May from 8:00 pm to midnight. Testimonies, music, exaltations and more. 'With God all things are possible'. (Mark 10:27) Church address: 26 Chestnut Avenue, Grays, Essex, RM16 2UJ. Contact: Derek Charles <obieseo@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07845968656.

LOVE SAX AND ALL THAT JAZZ (CROYDON). Sunday, 29 May. Love Sax and all that Jazz the gospel stage play by poet Alan Charles is back at the Ashcroft Theatre (Fairfield Halls, Croydon) for 1 night only. Date: Sunday, 29 May. Venue: Ashcroft Theatre (Fairfield Halls), Park Lane, Croydon, Surrey, CR9 1DG. Tickets: £17.50 Adv or £20 at the door. Box Office: 020 8688 9291 or visit: www.fairfield.co.uk. Times: Doors 7:15 pm – Show 7:45 pm. More info: 07989 574 066 or focusarts@yahoo.co.uk. Contact: Alan <focusarts@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07989 574 066.

SINGLES' SEMINAR WITH NANCY VAN PELT. Monday, 30 May to Wednesday, 1 June. Singles' Seminar, with world renowned author, Nancy Van Pelt. Monday 30 May - Wednesday 1 June at 6:45 pm. Themes include: 7 stupid things; singles do to mess up their lives; Straight talk about sex n’ stuff; Yes, you can raise this family alone. Venue: Chiswick Adventist church, Stamford Brook Road, London, W6 0XW. Contact: webmaster <webmaster@chiswicksda.org.uk>.

2ND ANNUAL BELIEVERS' CONVENTION. Wednesday, 1 June to Sunday, 5 June. Blessed Hope Adventist church. Theme: "An Open Door". A rare 5-day worship experience. Speakers include: Costa Vaggas, Anthony Fuller & Ayodeji Adesina. Venue: Darent Suite, Acacia Halls, 61 High Street, Dartford, DA1 1DJ. The event will also feature motivational speeches: "Destined for Greatness & Overcoming Negative Mindset" and "Relationships". See our website (www.bhsdac.org.uk) for
more details and starting time each day. You may also watch our video promo on youtube. Contact: Elder Ayodeji Adesina <bhsdacpastors@aol.com>. Phone: 07984067594.

NANCY VAN PELT SEMINAR. Thursday, 2 June to Sunday, 5 June. Nancy Van Pelt, the bestselling author and gifted communicator presents Families Are Forever in Luton Central Adventist church, 1 North Street, Luton, Beds, LU2 7QD; Thursday 2 - Sunday 5 June. Learn how to build healthy, loving relationships. Singles' and young people's nights: Thursday, 7:00 pm "The Six Stupid Things Singles Do to Mess Up Their Lives" and Friday, "Close Encounters of A Dangerous Kind". Admission free but there will be a collection taken to help alleviate costs. Contact: Jocelyn <jwalemba@yahoo.com>. Phone: 01582 527099.

PRAYER & REFLECTION – "GRACE: ACCEPTING THE GIFT". Sabbath, 4 June. Sometimes life is so busy that it is hard to find the time to slow down, talk with God and dwell on what is important in life. Every month at Stanborough Park church (609 St Albans Road, Garston, WD25 9JL) we set aside a time to do that. Through worship, a short talk, and creative prayer activities we spend time in prayer, either alone or with others. You are very welcome to join us from 3:30 – 4:30 pm and be a part of this special time. This month: "Grace: Accepting the Gift of Jesus". Contact: Stanborough Church Pastor <wishingyoujoy@ntlworld.com>. Phone: 01923 894 664.

FUN DAY & HEALTH EXPO – STREATHAM COMMON. Sunday, 5 June. Featuring free health screenings. Also expert health talks on how to look young and live longer by Dr Chidi Ngwaba (orthopaedic surgeon) and Uchenna Ngwaba (dentist). Bring the kids also to enjoy a Fun Day also with bouncy castles, food, music, games etc. Visit our website for more info. Contact: Nomvi <communications@norburysda.org.uk>. Phone: communications@norburysda.

FOOD AND HYGIENE COURSE. Sunday, 5 June. A call to all food handlers. A nationally recognised course with a certificate to gain once you have completed and passed the final exam. Location: 30 Ravenhurst Street, Birmingham, B12 0EJ. Time: 9:30 – 18:00. Cost: £35. Contact: Judith Asare <j.v.asare@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 07909 851026.

MUSICTUNE WITH RUDY MICELLI. Friday, 10 June. MusicTune promotes Adventist music, bring you Rudy Micelli, Jeharna South, MaiCoN, Diana Sinclair (piano) and Carlence Parnell (flute). Friday, 10 June: 7:00 - 9:30 pm. Venue: Seventh-day Adventist Church, Camp Hill, Birmingham, B12 0AP. More info: there is a small contribution £3.00 – find more online http://www.eventelephant.com/MusicTune or Thando on 07780 331445, Ruthlyn on 07707 158425. *Some of the money will be donated to the 2011 Pavilion of Hope Tent Campaign, Birmingham. However, if you are not able to come and want to support, get the ticket online and support the evangelistic initiatives. More details on www.sidneyalmeida.com. Contact: Sidney Almeida <evsalmeida@gmail.com>. Phone: 07921681562.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. Friday, 10 June to Sunday, 12 June. Wolverhampton Central church (formerly Oxford Street) celebrates its 50th anniversary with a special weekend of programmes 10-12 June. Guest speakers: Pastor D Masih (10 June @ 7:00 pm); Pastor I Sweeney (11 June @ 9:30 am) and Pastor D McFarlane (12 June @ 2:00 pm). All are invited to attend these spirit-filled programmes as we recall and recognise God's leading of His people in Wolverhampton. Lunch and refreshments available. Venue : Wolverhampton Central Church, Warwick Street, Horseley Fields, Wolverhampton, WV1 3SD. Tel: 01902 452778. The church is located in close proximity to tram and train stations. Contact: Sis A Douglas <edouglas@keinancare.co.uk>. Phone: 07920670041.

RUDY MICELLI IN CONCERT. Sabbath, 11 June. Rudy Micelli will singing in London as part of his European tour and will also be launching his new album along with some special guests. Free admission. Advent Centre, 12 Crawford Place (off Edgware Road), Westminster, London, W1H 5HD – 3:00 pm; Wimbledon Adventist Church, 11 Stanley Road, Wimbledon, London, SW19 8RE – 7:45 pm. Contact: Arnaldo Oliveira <thiswayinfo@gmail.com>. Phone: 07725032436.
PAT'S SALE AT STANBOROUGH PARK. Sunday, 12 June. Pat's Sunday Sale, 12 June 12-2 pm. Lots of stalls, plants, car wash, and refreshments on sale. Profits to benefit the Pathfinder/Adventurer Clubs. Venue: Stanborough Centre, 609 St Albans Road, Watford, WD25 9JL. Contact: Pat Walton <walton@groats.co.uk>. Phone: 01923 672500.

CAMP MEETING 2011 BOOT CAMP. Monday, 13 June to Sunday, 19 June. Sign up today and get in the best shape of your life! Camp Meeting 2011 Boot Camp will create a motivating and encouraging atmosphere. We aim to challenge your physical strength, endurance and stamina. You will create bonds with other members and feel a sense of camaraderie while being physically pushed further than you think you can. Our Boot Camp is about effective exercise and hard work, not starvation, discomfort and suffering! We aim to encourage and motivate you to improve your health and fitness, whilst ensuring that you leave us not just motivated to build on your success during the Boot Camp, but also equipped with the knowledge and confidence to continue to progress. Contact: Grace Walsh <gwalsh@necadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 07791230043.

BUC WELLNESS SUMMIT. Tuesday, 21 June to Sunday, 26 June. The BUC Wellness Summit. To Train, Inspire and Equip. You are all invited to attend! Venue: DeVere Venues, Staverton Park Hotel, Daventry Road, Staverton, Northamptonshire, NN11 6JT. Date: Tuesday, 21 – Sunday, 26 June. Book early to avoid disappointment. Full details and registration pack on the website. Contact: BUC Health Ministries dept <fweekes@adventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 672251.

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