STANBOROUGH STUDENTS 'EYE UP' LIFE IN INDIA
[Kish Poddar]

A chance encounter with a former student led to the venue for the 2012 Stanborough School International Baccalaureate Humanitarian trip to India. Dr Jacob Prabhakar, the Medical director of the Ruby Nelson Memorial Hospital in Jalandhar, India, visited England in June 2011. We discussed the possibility of Stanborough School students assisting his staff with the eye camps they conduct in the villages of Punjab.

While the event took place 12 - 27 February, planning began in earnest last September as letters were sent out, applications were filled and the team selected. There was also mammoth fundraising, not to mention booking airline tickets, applying for visas, immunisations, risk assessments, planning meetings and finally packing to leave.

Finally eight students and two teachers met up in London Heathrow Airport Terminal 5 with not only their own luggage but additional cardboard boxes of clothes, toys, shoes and other items to give away to the village people they were going to minister to. Nine hours later they were picked up at Delhi Airport and taken to the North India Union of Seventh-day Adventists guest rooms at Hailey Road.

Then started the adventure proper. The hustle and bustle of travelling on an Indian train to arrive at the hospital complex on a beautiful campus, their delightful home for the next 11 days.

The next day after breakfast they travelled for an hour by minibus into rural Punjab to a Sikh gurdwara where there were about fifty elderly men and women waiting to be screened for a cataract replacement operation. The screening involved the initial examination by the doctor to ascertain the extent of the cataract. If there was a cataract the patient was sent to four different stations to be screened for biometric measurement of the cornea.
blood pressure, urine analysis and finally the optometric measurement of the lens. At each of the stations Stanborough students assisted the technicians with the screening. At first a little apprehensive about their lack of expertise and the exposure to unfamiliar body fluids of strangers, they quickly responded to the crash training course and fitted in with enthusiasm and interest. The successful patients were then transported to the hospital for the cataract operation. Those who were not eligible for the operation would undergo medical treatment to ensure their eligibility and return for rescreening later.

Back at the hospital the efficient medical team carried out the cataract surgery with machine-like precision and efficiency. Dr Prabhakar, leading the team, had the incredible gift of carrying out 35 lens replacements in one hour. The students were divided into groups. One group to be with the patients in the waiting room while their pupils were dilated, another would receive the patients into the anaesthetic room while anaesthetic was injected into the eye socket. The patients were then escorted to the anteroom to be gowned and prepared for the operation by another group. Once in the theatre a fourth group of students were responsible for ushering them to a seat and applying antiseptic over their eyes and surrounding tissue. Then the patient was assisted on to the operating table for the two-minute procedure and then assisted off the table and led to the anteroom to be prepared to leave the theatre. Another team of students would be responsible for escorting them out and once out of the theatre other volunteers escorted the patients to their beds where they would recover and be treated. The recovery and treatment took just over a day after which the patients returned to the gurdwara. The Stanborough students also returned to the gurdwara to experience the post-operative assessment and final discharge.

As the patients were being discharged, their gratitude was indescribable. One could imagine their feelings as they were given clear vision again and so would be able to contribute more fully to village community life.

For the next eye camp the students woke up at 5 am and set off at 6 am without breakfast by minibus to a village close to the Indo-Pak border region. In this gurdwara there were patients who had travelled the night before to be at this clinic. When the team arrived there were already about seventy patients waiting and throughout the day there were streams of people arriving. The students were divided into the same teams for the screening and there seemed to be no end of bodies to be checked. Some patients were totally blind with cataracts, some were affected in one eye only, some came in wheelchairs, many were physically disabled so all the patients needed hands-on assistance. The screening went on for hours through lunch and when the final count was made a figure of over 500 was reported. The students felt tired and hungry but very rewarded.

Of the 500 that were screened four hundred were eligible for the surgery. These were transported by buses to the hospital and beds and mattress were brought in to make them comfortable. Beds were placed in every available space possible and the wards and corridors looked like a refugee camp. The following morning surgery began at 6 am and the same routine was followed. Dr Prabhakar carried on non-stop without a break supported by his team of staff and the Stanborough school volunteers until the last patient was successfully treated at 1:30 pm. All the Stanborough team felt blessed to be part of this wonderful ministry. That evening another batch of a hundred patients arrived to be operated the following morning.

During meal times Stanborough students showed great leadership and willingness because serving out meals to four hundred partially sighted patients was no easy task. The patients had to be fed three meals a day for two days and the students did the school proud every time.

After post-operative assessment and a good night's sleep the patients were bussed back to their gurdwara and then on to their respective villages full
of gratitude to God and to the team at the hospital. And before the Stanborough team returned to England they had the wonderful opportunity of seeing the beautiful sights of India such as the Taj Mahal, the Golden Temple in Amritsar, the Wagah Broder flag lowering ceremony and the capital city of India, New Delhi.

This trip was organised as part of the community service ethos of Stanborough School inspired by the practical ministry of Jesus. Patients and staff at the hospital felt blessed. The students did too, reflected by statements such as "I don't want to go back to England," "I miss Jalandhar hospital," and "I would like to do this as a career." See the story in the Watford Observer.

ON YOUR BIKE [Audrey Balderstone]

'On your bike' is a well-known British saying, but is also one which seems to have been taken up by the German and Polish Chapters of ASI Europe, the organisation for Adventist business people and professionals.

Innovative and inspiring reports were highlights of the weekend for the Presidents and representatives from the thirteen chapters of ASI Europe who gathered at Newbold College, 2 - 4 March. They were joined by Bertil Wiklander and Bruno Vertallier, Presidents of the two European regions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. John Bradshaw and Victor Pires, Director and Treasurer of the "It Is Written" TV programme also came.

Dr John Baildam and Berit Lisle extended a warm welcome to the group on behalf of Newbold College and John Crissy and Marenko Marko along with Newbold students enjoyed hearing, in the open sessions, of the differing ways in which lay-people share their faith in God.

A tour operator in Germany offers a 'Boats and Bikes' experience with Bible studies while they are at sea, whereas the Polish Chapter has furnished 62 young people with bikes for evangelistic work in 2 cities and 3 villages. Fun and fresh air have helped to make studying for baptism exciting for all of these groups.

Chapter after chapter presented thrilling reports of evangelistic, educational, social, medical, and a variety of media projects being funded – in spite of the economic downturn. Miracles are happening in every chapter. For instance, at a meeting in Poland recently a group of just 150, mostly students, managed to raise the staggering sum of over £25,000.00. In that country too, 44% of their Great Controversy run of 50,000 books was sold in just eight days.

A walk in bright sunshine at Virginia Water on Sabbath afternoon gave way to heavy rain on Sunday morning but nothing could dampen the spirits of the ASI Board members as they gathered for their final session. "God has called us to do the impossible in taking the Gospel into all the world," John Bradshaw stated in his morning devotional, but "God will make it happen" he assured his listeners. All we have to do is to "hold on for the ride" as he used the analogy of a father pulling his son on a sleigh.

Opening the session on Friday afternoon Pastor Vertallier called on us to preach the gospel in humility because of what God has done for us. This thought was expanded by Pastor Wiklander in his closing remarks on Sunday. "God is a God of kindness, justice and righteousness," he reminded us. "It is God's DNA and as His children we should reflect His character daily."

Having been inspired and encouraged by all they had heard during the weekend the members of the Board of ASI dispersed, some to 'get on their bikes' or to 'hold on for the ride' but all determined to 'Share Christ' in their own marketplace. To find out more about this supporting ministry of the Adventist Church please visit the ASI-UK website or contact the secretary: Christine Manners-Smith, manners_smith@yahoo.com.
**DELIVERED FROM WITCHCRAFT AND PRESENTED TO CHRIST  [Theophilus Gokah/ BUC News]**

"It was a struggle at first but with the Lord's help I managed it... I give glory to the Lord for freeing me. I am now back in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I know for certain that this is where God has planted me and wants me to be."

Bryan Rowe was a baptised Seventh-day Adventist back in 2002. He lived happily in his faith until 2005. At that time he began experiencing instability in his social life and taking counsel from all manner of people, he ended up in occult practice and attended pagan gatherings. It did not improve his life!

In spite, of his state, God was still looking out for him. He made friends on social networking sites where he shared his views and concerns. In one Facebook interaction, God ministered unto him through the words of a stranger. Bryan says, "I felt Jesus talking to me... I just broke down in tears and got on my knees for Him to help me... for I know on my own I would never be free."

Bryan believes God still loves him no matter what he had done in the past. He felt the power of Jesus' touch and immediately felt released from the bondage of Wicca, magic and tarot, the gods which he dealt with.

Brian is not a passive Adventist. Having come back to faith he uses his social networking skills to nurture and support others. Last autumn he started an active Facebook group. He says, "I do believe God was in it from the beginning … and now it is truly worldwide with Adventists from Australia, Russia, UK, Israel, Philippines and more." For Brian it is a place where people can share their testimony, prayer requests and praise reports and, most importantly, can encourage each other. That is important to Brian, who, although he was rebaptised at Cardiff North Adventist church on Sabbath, 25 February, recognises he is on a journey – but one where he is supported and supporting his local church family, and a larger one worldwide.

You can see Brian's baptism photos on the Cardiff North website or on his Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/aliveforjesus/>.

**FACELIFT ON THE CARDS FOR NEWBOLD STUDENT FACILITIES  [Newbold PR/BUC News]**

Henrik Jorgensen can hardly believe his eyes. The run-down dormitory that he has known for over 35 years is having a major facelift. He is one of many former students who look back with affection to their time at Newbold College, but who also recognise that Keough House, the 50-year-old men's Hall of Residence is both showing its age and no longer offers the kind of accommodation that Newbold Principal, Dr Philip Brown calls, "a positive student experience."

Since commencing as Principal late last year Dr Brown has
initiated a much-needed refurbishment schedule for the halls of residence, cafeteria and gymnasium. "Improving the standard of existing facilities is vital to the student experience on campus and will prove critical to boosting enrolment in 2012-13 and beyond," Dr Brown said this week.

Henrik knows what he means. He experienced student life in Keough House in the 1970s, then returned in the early 90s as Dean of Men. He is currently head of Student Experience. His statement on Facebook this week, "It's really happening," along with photos of work starting on the building brought a warm reaction from many former students. Sean Robinson, currently serving as a pastor in Texas, wrote, "It's great to see the changes! Glad to see Newbold is seeking to educate in the 21st century! This is so important to keep the college on the cutting edge for its students!"

Henrik is clearly excited, "All the inside walls stay, but everything else goes. Upstairs will have the same layout: double rooms with shared toilet and bathroom facilities. Downstairs will mainly be single rooms with en-suite toilet/shower facilities. Four rooms will be double rooms with en-suite. The old toilet/shower rooms will become kitchens for students who want to self-cater. Everything else will get a facelift, painted and new flooring."

The Newbold College Board, with the support of the British Union Conference, is committed to refurbishing and upgrading Keough House by the beginning of the new college year in September 2012.

Later this month Dr Brown will be writing to church boards and members within the British Union Conference asking whether your church could contribute to the refurbishment of just one room (or more if your church feels able) over the immediate period ahead.

As a guide, each of the 40+ rooms requires £2,500 worth of new furniture including beds, bedside tables, cupboards, study desks, chairs, flooring, curtains and related accessories. This means, for example, the refurbishment of one room could be funded if 25 members from your church were each prepared to contribute just £20 per month for the next five months. The good news is that for every £1 donated – up to a total of £100,000 – that sum will be matched by an anonymous donor.

With the work now started, Dr Brown is urging alumni and friends of Newbold College to make this request a matter of prayer and priority.

If you are interested or require further information about any aspect of the project to refurbish Keough House over the coming months, please contact Dr Brown directly on 01344 407 400 or email <pbrown@newbold.ac.uk>.

"We thank church members in anticipation of any contribution that they and their church feels able to make at this time," Dr Brown added.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK AND PRAYER FOR WOMEN  [Eileen Soriton Beecejac]

The women of Newbold church in Bracknell were among many across the country who made the International Women's Day of Prayer on 3 March 2012 a special time.
A women's Potluck and Prayer event following the morning services made for a delicious spread of dishes and desserts. Nearly sixty women filled the hall and were welcomed by Eileen Becejac, who reminded them that the day was about reaching out to each other in the church and to encourage each other in their prayer lives.

One of the women's prayer group members, Anna Radosh, a promising Theology undergraduate at Newbold College, shared her experiences in prayer and how, as part of the group, her journey to get to know God has taken on an even deeper meaning.

According to Anna, getting to know God's will has been difficult. However, such questions and doubts do not hinder us from our Christian path but instead should strengthen us. She went on to say that it has helped for her to look back in the past and to see what God has done for her and to simply trust that He will continue to do so in the future.

Her women's prayer group has been a safe place for her to show her authentic self along with her doubts, fears and joy as well as a place to share her answers to prayer.

Mariola Pedreira challenged the attendees to do the "one thing" that Jesus required which was to sit at Jesus' feet, to worship Him and to get to know Him better. According to Mariola, "When we put that One thing first, then He delights to reveal His will and our part in fulfilling it."

Syska Pacekova commented, "I think this gathering created lots of opportunities to realise that although we all might have different backgrounds, be in different circumstances and have different problems, what brings us together is that we all want to find the right direction in our lives and to win the battle and sometimes we need that 'kick off' or just to see/hear that we are not alone."

The next women's event at Newbold church will be on 19 May 2012. In addition, every second Sabbath of the month, women who are already part of a small group or interested in being part of a small group, meet up to continue to motivate each other and see faith through prayer in action.

**OVER 120,000 SIGN MARRIAGE PETITION**

In just the past two weeks over 120,000 people have signed a 'Coalition for Marriage' petition opposing the UK Government's suggestion to redefine marriage.

Supporting the initiative, Heather Haworth, Family Ministries director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church explains that "at one time many politicians attended church and we could trust them to vote in laws that had a Christian basis. Today this is not the case. It is up to us who profess to be Christians to speak up because no one else will do it on our behalf."

Norman Wells from the Family Education Trust writes in his March 2012 Bulletin newsletter, "The launch of the Coalition for Marriage in Westminster on 20 February sent a strong signal to the government that its plan to redefine marriage will face stiff opposition in the weeks and months ahead."

The debate can be heard across the media with Prime Minister, David Cameron, supporting the idea of extending marital rights to gay couples, while others, such as Lord Carey, called the move a "hostile
strike" on the traditional view of marriage. Heather states, "The Marriage Coalition campaign statement is very clear and one to which we can add our voice: 'I support the legal definition of marriage which is the voluntary union for life of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others. I oppose any attempt to redefine it'."

She adds, "You can encourage those in Parliament to uphold this definition of marriage by signing the petition to be found at <http://c4m.org.uk/>. The Adventist Church will be contributing to a government consultation on the proposal.

MORE THAN A HOLIDAY  [Janice Phillips]

A communion service at the Garden Tomb, sundown worship in the Valley of Elah where David defeated Goliath, walking through water in Hezekiah's Tunnel under the city of Jerusalem, walking around Jericho, walking into Lazarus's tomb (to walk out again!), floating on the Dead Sea, visiting Masada where the Jews took their last stand against the Romans, Mount Carmel where Elijah took his stand against Baal's priests, visiting the plain of Armageddon, the symbol of the last stand between Good and Evil, and sailing on the Lake Galilee where Jesus walked on water were just few of the fifty highlights of a tour of Israel organised by Pastor Chackochen. Starting on Monday, 20 February 2012, forty-nine church members flew from Luton Airport into a world where the Bible came into its own in vivid colours.

One special highlight included Jennifer Grant, Jefferson Melki, Jaine Melki and Philip Chackochen being baptized in the River Jordan. This was all the more poignant as three of them were baptized by their fathers, Pastors Melki and Chackochen. Jennifer was baptized by Pastor Elliott Williams.

With Moshe, our knowledgeable guide, the group particularly appreciated the way historical information was given in its spiritual context with the Bible being read at most of the sites to link scripture to the events associated with each place. This helped to ensure that the trip to Israel was more than a holiday visiting places of interest, but an opportunity to increase understanding of Bible history and, in particular, God's dealing with His people in the past as a foundation for the present and the future.

A Sabbath highlight was a moving communion service at the Garden Tomb where some believe that Jesus was laid to rest in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, but only to rise again. In the afternoon the group visited the Valley of Elah where David slew Goliath. The reading of the scriptural account from 1 Samuel 17 followed by joyous singing, testimonies and prayer marked the end of a very special Sabbath.

The trip was a life-changing experience. This was due to God's inclusion through devotion, prayer and singing each day, and a lovely spirit of harmony and fellowship.

Pastor Chackochen is planning to repeat the trip in February-March 2013. If you are interested please contact him on 07748417460 or <chacko@onam.co.uk>.
LOCKED OUT  [A devotional thought by John Wilby]

Earlier this year I was visiting my daughter and her family in Cape Town, South Africa. As usual, I planned on Sabbath, to attend one of the City's Adventist churches. However, on this occasion the journey was delayed by heavy traffic and difficulty in finding local parking. Arriving two or three minutes after the scheduled starting time for the worship service, I found the church compound jammed packed with cars. But that was not all. This year a newly installed high steel fence confounded my annual visit with access controlled by a large electronic gate. With no visible sign of anyone or an external intercom, I was effectively 'locked out'.

Driving away, I began to ponder. Was my denied access merely a necessary security feature, the sign of a church filled to capacity, or an effective way of ensuring the service is not disrupted by late arrivals? If it was the latter, then I got what I deserved! It was also a practical lesson of what it feels like to be separated from worshipping God and, how much we sometimes treat it lightly, taking the privilege for granted.

But it also got me thinking about my relationship with God. So often we are easily distracted by our work or study, our hobbies or sporting activities. There never seem enough hours in the day! And when we do get home or relax for a while, it's so easy to switch on the TV to watch our favourite programme or serial. As a result, our daily devotions and Sabbath School studies are erratic, or are neglected altogether. Our spiritual development is stunted and we become less sensitive to the influence of the Holy Spirit. And so much so that Sabbath School teachers and preachers may find they are largely talking to themselves!

However, self-preoccupation is not necessarily a characteristic of less spiritually active members. Those more perceptibly 'holy' may be so focussed on church activities and the internally 'politically correct' minutia that they fail to emulate the Master's example in outreach. And as I drove through the most spectacular scenery of God's creation some dominant thoughts began to emerge.

In this year of Revival and Reformation, I asked myself, "Have I taken that first crucial, and most effective, step in evangelism? Do others, truly, see Jesus in me?" And then, "how comfortable and active am I in responding to Christ's prediction in Matthew 24:14 – that 'this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations and then the end will come' (NIV)? Is my inactivity in outreach delaying Christ's return and, more importantly, denying others the opportunity of eternal life?"

And, when "the end will come" … will I be, eternally, 'locked out'?  

PROGRAMMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK

A choice of UK produced Adventist programmes are available for you to watch this coming week.

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692) watch the following two programmes:

Searching for a God to Love, Monday, 12 March, 8:30 pm. Part of a series of presentations by Dr Chris Blake during the Newbold Week of Prayer. This week's title: 'Illusions 't' us'. This series now also airs on Hope Channel Europe each Friday at 8:30 pm and Sabbath at 7:30 pm.
'Adventists In Conversation', Thursday 15 March, 8:30 pm. Born in British Guiana, Des Rafferty came to England when he was just a boy. His ambition in life was to run his own travel agency, but God had other plans for his life that would set him on a very different path to travel.

On Hope TV you can watch a wide variety of programmes on the satellite and website. Next week's schedule includes the following UK produced programmes among its much larger international output:

Friday 9 March: 8:00 pm: Viewpoint: Sabbath – Antidote to the 21st Century, 8:30 pm: Searching for a God to love: Suffering! Why so much? Pt 2
Sabbath 10 March: 12:00 am & 9:00 am: Viewpoint: Sabbath – Antidote to the 21st Century, 7:30 pm: Searching for a God to love: Suffering! Why so much? Pt 2
Monday 12 March: 9:30 pm: Anthony Apoku-Mensah – Changed and changing life
Wednesday 14 March: 8:00 am: Clemency Mitchell – Passionate about health, 12:00 midnight: Petras Bahadur – Bridging religious divides
Friday 16 March: 8:00 pm: Viewpoint: God in a Cruel World, 8:30 pm: Searching for a God to love: Humble Assurance
Sabbath 17 March: 12:00 am & 9:00 am: Viewpoint: God in a Cruel World, 7:30 pm: Searching for a God to love: Humble Assurance

COMING EVENTS

BABYLON RISING (EVANGELIST SERIES). Friday, 9 March to Saturday, 10 March. A relevant 2 night only series featuring John Bradshaw (It is Written TV Broadcast) at Preston Adventist Church, Grimshaw Street, Preston, PR1 3DD. Topics include: Friday 7:30 pm: 'Babylon Rising'; Sabbath 11:30 am: 'The Day of the Dragon', 4:00 pm: 'Mystery & Mayhem', 6:30 pm: 'The Writing on the Wall'. Invitation open to all. For more information contact: Michael Simpson <msimpson@necadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 0115 960 6312.

MANCHESTER SOUTH MUSIC DAY. Sabbath, 10 March. Manchester South Music Day. Theme: 'Highest Praise'. An all-day event, 9:30 am – 7:15 pm, with special guest speakers Michael Baker and Tony Best. The music throughout the day performed by excellent groups from around the country will culminate in an afternoon Gospel Concert. Lunch and evening snacks provided for all visitors. Church address: 13 Wilbraham Road, Fallowfield, Manchester, M14 6JS. For more information visit our website at http://manchestersouth.adventistchurch.org.uk/. Contact: Jackie Mitchell <churchbulletin@hotmail.co.uk>.

MINYOUNG AND FRIENDS. Saturday, 10 March. Classical concert with piano and string quartet featuring music by Robert Schumann, Carl Reinecke and Franz Schubert (Trout Quintet) at Stanborough Park Church, 609 St Albans Road, Garston, Watford, Herts, WD25 9JL. Time: 7:30 pm. Performers: ex-Yehudi Menuhin School students, four now attending Royal College of Music. Raising funds for Stanborough Park Church Young Musicians' Fund. Contact: Jiae Ahn <spcmahn@gmail.com>. Phone: 01923 673268.

MISSION TO THE CITIES 'HEALTH EVANGELISM'. Saturday 10 March to Sunday 25 March. Dr Elvin Adams will be in NEC Area 5 at Newtown Church, Aston from 10-17 March and in Area 3 from 18-25 March at Manchester South Church. Health Evangelism Training will take place Monday to Friday from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm at a cost £30.00 per person or £10 per day. Evening Health Presentations on a variety of topics such as cancer, diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular disease …. Open to church members and the community at no cost. The workshops will give both theory and practice in the running of church–based health programmes. Contact: Grace Walsh <gwalsh@necadventist.org>. Phone: 01159606312.

EMERGENCY FIRST AID TRAINING. Sunday, 11 March. Time: 1000 - 1700. Venue: Advent Centre, 37-39 Brendon Street, London, W1H 5JE. This is a one-day training course also known as appointed person course. Upon completion the participant will receive a certificate which is valid for
three years and recognised by the Health and Safety Executive. Cost: £40. Closing date: Friday, 2 March 2012. Contact: Elsie Staple <estaple@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

TUESDAY TALKS. Tuesday, 13 March. Tuesday Talks presented by Patrick Boyle. The issues matter. The answers make sense. A light supper at 7:00 pm followed by the talks at 8:00 pm: "What Jesus said about life after death". Stanborough Centre, 609 St Albans Road, Watford, WD25 9JL. Contact: Pat Walton <walton@groats.co.uk>. Phone: 01923 672500.

BUC CHURCH PLANTERS X-CHANGE. Friday, 16 March to Sunday, 18 March. One of the greatest challenges our Church faces, is how to reach our immediate communities with God's message of Love. What if each of our 388+ congregations caught a glimpse of the great potential that Church Planting could bring? Could our membership boldly go into un-entered territories, be amazed at seeing members take on the joy of leadership and be nurtured and grow spiritually as we see the Love of God reach our community in a natural life saving way? Theme: "If you plant it...they will come!" Venue: Staverton Park Hotel. Main speaker: Pastor Tom Evans, Associate Director of NADEI, assisted by some dynamic Church Planters "practitioners" Walter Allred, Victor Jaeger, Adelfo Izquierdo; and other presenters who will inspire you to be involved in the powerful, passionate potential that is Church Planting! Contact: Catherine Palmer <cpalmer@adventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 672251.

JEHARNA SOUTH ALBUM LAUNCH. Saturday, 17 March. Come along and meet teenage gospel singer Jeharna South. Listen to live performances of original songs from her debut album. A special evening of inspirational gospel music and interviews! Doors open 18:15. Commences at 19:00. More information to follow. Contact: Ruthlyn South <info@jeharnasouth.com>. Phone: 07707158425.

ALL NIGHT PRAYER AT NEWBOLD CHURCH BRACKNELL. Saturday, 17 March. 8+ hours of power at All Night Prayer at Newbold church, Bracknell on 17 March. Are you willing to sacrifice your sleep or work to share your prayers and praise on family matters, relationships, illness, finance etc? Time: 9 pm – 5 am. Speaker: Dr Richard de Lisser. Contact: Florence <ber1268@btinternet.com>. Phone: 07903234243.

ESSENTIAL FOOD HYGIENE TRAINING. Sunday, 18 March. Time: 1000 - 1700. Venue: Advent Centre, 37 Brendon Street, London, W1H 5JE. The course is nationally recognised and is for anyone involved in preparing, cooking or serving food and complies with the Food Safety Regulations 1995. Cost: £45. Please make cheques payable to "South England Conference". Closing date: 9 March 2012. Contact: Elsie Staple <estaple@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

WOLVERHAMPTON CENTRAL YOUTH DAY. Sabbath, 24 March. An all-day event starting at 9:30 am. Speaker: Chanel Groce. Theme: Final Destination. Afternoon play: 'Hope Beyond'. The Headlines and a Concert in the evening. Lunch provided. Wolverhampton Central Church, Warwick Street, Horsley Fields, Wolverhampton, WV1 3SD. Phone: 01902 452778. Contact: Esther Douglas <edouglas@keinancare.co.uk>. Phone: 07800670041.

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE FOR ALL IT'S WORTH! Sabbath, 24 March. All day Bible Conference featuring: Laurence Turner, Aulikki Nahkola, Cedric Vine and Jean-Claude Verrecchia. Location: Newbold College (Salisbury Hall), St Mark's Road, Binfield, Berkshire, RG42 4AN. Conference Rate (includes: complimentary NRSV Bible, lunch, supper) £98. For more information contact: Debbie McReynolds <dmcreynolds@newbold.ac.uk>. Phone: 01344 407420. Watch the video.

PUPPET MINISTRY WORKSHOP. Sunday, 25 March. Hosted by Willesden Adventist church and presented by the highly gifted and experienced puppeteer Anette Moore (Family Ministries and Children's Ministries Sponsor for the Welsh Mission). Discounted resources for sale. Suitable for adults and children and for anyone already in a puppet team. Cost (until 15 March) £10 per person, or £8 per person for a group of 6 or more people. After 15 March £12 per person. Lunch and refreshments included in the price. Contact: Yvonne Cummins <k4cupuppetmin@rocketmail.com>. Phone: 07904906204.
NEC ADRA SPONSORED FUN RUN & WALK. Sunday, 25 March. The NEC Personal Ministries department invites you to their annual Sponsored ADRA-UK Fun Run & Walk for all ages. Come and do a lap (1km) or more (max 15km) to raise funds for ADRA-UK Annual Appeal. There will be music, face painting, refreshments and more in a wonderful setting – Roundhay Park, Leeds, LS8 2JL. Start time: 11:00 am. For more information and to download sponsorship forms go to the Events page at www.necadventist.org.uk. Contact: Orlene Dunkley <odunkley@necadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 0115 960 6312.

JESUS IN THE FAMILY, KIDS IN DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING. Thursday, 29 March to Sunday, 1 April. Venue: Windmill Christian Centre, Arbroath, DD11 1QG over the long weekend 29 March - 1 April. This is designed for families but focuses on children. Apply through your local pastor in Scotland, or call Carole on the telephone number below for details. Total cost £45 each. Contact: Carole Barratt-Peacock <office@sdascotland.com>. Phone: 01764 653257.

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SMALL ADS

SPRING INTO ACTIVITY AT ABERDARON. Les Simpson is running Activity Led Weekends from the last weekend in April until the end of May 2012. Activities include surfing, hillwalking, bouldering/climbing, coasteering and abseiling. Further details and dates are on the new look website: www.aberdaroncamp.com or at Aberdaron Advent Campsite on Facebook.

BOOK WANTED: Pastor Bertie de Nysschen is searching for the book, 'The Israel of God in Prophecy' by Hans la Rondelle to share with a charismatic friend, caught up in the vision of Israel being once again favoured by God and the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem. Should you have a spare copy please contact Pastor de Nysschen at mieliepap@me.com or phone 01603 742896.

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