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WORSHIP CANCELLED – BAN ON EVANGELISTS

The agenda was long – so long that a small committee met the previous evening to deal with minor issues. Thus when 'devotional' did not appear as an agenda item trustees could be forgiven for thinking that it was an attempt to save time. That would have been a mistake.

The first twenty minutes of the 15 March BUC Executive Committee did nothing else but focus on worship in terms of Evangelism, BUC President, Pastor Ian Sweeney, modelling in practice what he believes must be the first emphasis of every church board and business meeting. Trustees commented on the need for 'mission focused preaching' every Sabbath, an increasing involvement of the laity in evangelism and how lay involvement may differ between rural and urban areas. Various initiatives such as the 'Free Bible' programme running in Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and the 'Share Him' lay evangelism project that will soon be available in the UK and Ireland all created debate and an openness of discussion as trustees asked, 'What is working? What is good practice? How do we encourage those that are dispirited?'

This was worship in a very practical sense as the team noted that every pastor and every congregation must embrace evangelism and mission. "The answer is local," Pastor Sweeney emphasised. "We can provide resources and encouragement but each congregation needs to look at its own needs and strengths. We must ask the questions, 'What are we doing? Can we do it even better?"

This is the major issue for the committee, and one that they took to prayer. As a result they also voted to ban evangelism in 2013! Those were not quite the President's words – but as Executive Secretary, Pastor Paul Lockham, noted, one of the best years for evangelistic growth was 2009 when ministers were encouraged to use home-grown evangelists rather than bringing speakers from overseas. Thus the committee voted a number of proposals that will help evangelism:
1. That every local congregation be challenged to ask how they can improve their community impact and awareness and how they can reach the majority ethnic population with the Adventist message.

2. That the following mission emphasis be adopted for 2012-2014:
   - **2012**: Great Hope evangelistic initiative (in conjunction with Revival & Reformation) and preparation for Mission to the Cities;
   - **2013**: Union wide Evangelistic meetings lead by district pastors across the UK and Ireland;
   - **2014**: Union wide Lay member lead evangelistic meetings.

3. That the President, Administrative Officers and Union Directors continue their work of networking and responding to invitations from government committees and other official bodies so that the voice of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is heard and represented on a national level.

Committee days are not always the most exciting, and statistics are generally among the more boring items. However, membership statistics noting a growth in membership of 1,500 people in 2011, including 1,006 baptisms did bring rejoicing, even if the growth rate was not quite as high as in previous years. Pastor Lockham noted that the total membership figure as of 31 December 2011 was 33,015. However, there are plans for a significant membership audit during this year so there may be some future adjustment – up or down!

More items from the full day agenda, as well as more on evangelism, will be released following further discussions. However, what is clear is that the British Union Conference is working with a committee that wants to see the Adventist Message shared more fully and widely across the whole population.

**STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS** [June Coombs]

She may be young – but she is talented, both as a pianist and as an organiser. On Sabbath, 10 March, Min-Young Bae used those skills to arrange for a group of her music student friends to perform at Stanborough Park church, Watford, and raise £1050 to help young music students who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Min-Young studied the piano in her native South Korea but when her music teacher, family friend Ji-Ae Ahn, moved to England Min-Young missed her and came to spend a holiday with her back in 2002. She decided to stay and spent the next three years at Stanborough Secondary School before gaining a scholarship for the prestigious Yehudi Menuhin School at Stoke d’Abernon, Cobham. Now 21, Min-Young is a scholarship student in her second year as a student at the Royal College of Music in South Kensington.

It is not just her music that has progressed in England. Her faith has also taken a leap and last year she made a decision to be baptised. Now an active member of the church she chose to help support a ‘Young Musicians’ Fund’ designed to help young musicians who find themselves in financial difficulties, temporary or otherwise. This benevolent fund was set up in recognition that music students, often far from home with parents abroad, can find their funding drying up either temporarily or permanently resulting in difficulties meeting their personal and professional expenses. Assistance can vary from paying fees directly to the college or just finding accommodation. Beneficiaries help to raise funds, usually through performing at concerts, to continue the work and help other students.

Min-Young was only too happy to help raise funds for such a good cause and persuaded four equally-talented and sympathetic former friends from the Yehudi Menuhin School (Oscar Perks, Elliott Perks,
Sebastian Kolm and Rodrigo Martin), three of them now fellow students at the Royal College of Music, to perform with her at this concert. They all welcomed this opportunity to gain experience to develop their musical skills and do something they love doing – performing.

The music was performed to a very high standard and was much appreciated by the audience despite the unexpected intermission mid-movement when the bass player developed a spontaneous nose bleed! Pastor Don Lowe, who was in the audience, came to the rescue and filled what was an awkward silence with musical anecdotes including those about his hobby of restoring/making violins. The bass player's return to resume the performance from where they left off was met with appreciative applause.

CHRIST IN THE CAFÉ  [Steven Hulbert]

Usually on a Thursday the Eden Project Café in the St Austell town centre closes at 5:00 pm. But not on Thursday, 15 March. It was a different day to the norm as the café stayed open until the late evening due to a special guest invited by LIVE: St Austell to perform as part of her café tour around the UK.

At 7:00 pm Philippa Hanna along with Roo Walker showed up, set up, and then shared a great evening of Christ-centred music and stories. The café filled with just over 60 people as Roo, an exceptional guitarist, kicked off the evening in his talented, creative, and extremely funny manner. Roo was not only Philippa's support act for the evening but also her support guitarist. Philippa shared her journey to faith and that it was Roo who first introduced her to Christ.

After Roo Walker's act we had a short break where everyone was able to mingle and chat and order the wonderful food and drinks the Eden Café is known for. Then it was on with the programme again and Philippa graced the stage to share her story and the songs that accompany it. Songs such as 'I am Amazing' which celebrates the uniqueness that God creates in each of us and encourages us even if we are not always pleased with what we see in the mirror. Another song 'Raggedy Doll' speaks along the same lines involving a doll who is unhappy with how it is made and how it looks compared to all the other toys.

Philippa also shared with us her passion for Compassion, a charity that finds sponsors for children all over the globe who live in some of the poorest circumstances. Philippa is an advocate for the charity and always brings several children's profiles along to her gigs in the hope that she will find them a sponsor. After sharing her story of a trip she made out to Haiti witnessing the poor conditions that the people there lived in and seeing the great good Compassion was doing in saving lives she shared the song 'Ave to Love'. That night she found four new sponsors. One visitor, James Wherry said that "the event was a good laugh with good songs" and he expressed an interest in sponsoring a child when Philippa next visits, which will happen with the LIVE: St Austell Area 1 Youth Camp at the beginning of May.

Jason Collings enthused, "The concert was awesome, and I like the fact that I could feel comfortable bringing a friend who isn't from church." Jake Jackson loved the mix of the young, the not-so-young and the many families that attended the event adding that "the performance was exciting and blended well with the warm and friendly atmosphere. I'm looking forward to another café session."

The event has opened doors for the team at LIVE: St Austell, allowing them to meet new people and to build relations with a new venue in the heart of the St Austell community. It opened doors to meet others from the many different churches in the area as well as those who have little understanding of Christ in this nice, non-threatening environment. The event equally opened doors for the four children who got sponsored that night and opened the hearts of many to look at the world in a far more compassionate way.
READING IS AMAZING! [Liubov Milis-Hopa, Stanborough School Librarian]

On Thursday, 1 March 2012 Stanborough School joined in a celebration of the World Book Day. All classes from period 4 through to period 6 were suspended and time devoted to reading. Students, many of whom came to school dressed as book characters, chose the books they wished to read from the School Library or brought their favourite books from home.

Naomi, a Year 11 student stated that, "World Book Day was amazing! The time we got to read was good because many students are so busy they never get a chance to really enjoy reading. This day gave us an opportunity to forget about coursework and homework and focus on the little things that matter!"

The students not only had a chance to read but also to participate in a speed reading competition. Each student read aloud for one minute from a text especially selected to suit their year group. In each form a student who read the most words with the least mistakes won the competition. Even the foreign language students, including a group visiting from Collonges, France, took part in the fun!

As a result, 18 student winners were awarded during Friday's assembly with a book by Terry Deary. Yet every student was a winner as they were each given a Book Token which can be exchanged for a free book in any of the bookshops participating in the World Book Day.

[Picture: Dennis Edwards]

OUTSTANDING "TEAROMETER" READINGS [Vanesa Pizzuto]

"The more they cry, the more they've enjoyed it." That is the conclusion I've reached after coordinating Stanborough Secondary School's Cultural Exchange Programmes just under the past five years. It may not be scientific, but on the last day, when students pack their belongings and say their good-byes, if they say with swimming eyes "I do not want to go back", then I know we've done a good job.

I am, to some extent, used to this. But our last visiting group, Stanborough's annual Scholarship Exchange, registered some outstanding "tearometer" readings!

There is a good reason for it; the Scholarship exchange has a feature that makes it particularly exciting: its cultural diversity. At Stanborough we welcome visiting groups from all over the world: Brazil, China, Hungary, France, and many more! But during our annual Scholarship Exchange programme, rather than welcoming a party of students from one country, we host 2 student-delegates from 9 participating countries and over 20 schools. The result is a wonderful glimpse of our awesomely diverse world. Thus from 5 - 14 March 2012 a group of 23 students from 9 countries - Croatia, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Norway, Germany, Sweden, France and Spain - visited Stanborough School for the annual Scholarship Exchange Programme.

For 10 days, these students act as ambassadors, interacting with our own students and sharing traditions and ideas from their home countries. They also have an opportunity to participate in lessons, to gain confidence in the English language and to discover the cities of London and Cambridge. It is delightful to see how they enrich our school and how this experience broadens their horizons in return.
It is not a wonder that, when the time to go back home arrives, neither students nor teachers can keep their eyes dry.

Experiences like this foretell the beauty of Heaven, when all nations will be one. They also remind us that there is much we can do to bring Heaven to Earth creating bonds of peace among God's nations.

Pictures: Dennis Edwards

**ADVENTURERS INSPIRE AT LUTON CENTRAL** [Junior Gittens]

Twelve new children joined the Luton Central Adventurers club following a milestone investiture service on Sabbath, 10 March. Twenty-two Adventurers marched into the church supported by the Pathfinders and the Pathfinder drum corps as their families proudly looked on. The orderly and fast-paced manner in which they conducted themselves during the investiture service proved that they had truly earned their honours.

Luton Central heaves with activity on Sunday mornings as teachers work with Pathfinders and Adventurers to mould their young lives to be fit for the Kingdom, and to be a blessing to their families and communities.

**'FIRED UP' TO PREMIERE ON HOPE CHANNEL THIS EASTER**

As many viewers minds turn towards Jesus sacrifice on the cross, Mervyn Weir's dramatic film, 'Fired Up' will air world-wide over Easter sharing the sacrifice of William Tyndale and others in making the Bible – and thus the story of Christ's sacrifice – available to ordinary people in the English language. First produced as a stage play to coincide with the 400th anniversary celebrations of the King James Bible in 2011, the South England Conference and British Union Conference co-sponsored transforming the stage play into a film, thus making this powerful story available to a much wider audience. 'Fired Up' takes a youthful look at the life of William Tyndale using contemporary performance art, then taking a student back into the England of Henry VIII. By the end of the film, the viewer is challenged as to whether we desperately value the Bible as Tyndale did. A selection of churches across England are currently working with Mervyn Weir to arrange screenings of the film in local cinemas as part of their outreach programme.

Meanwhile the film, preceded by an 'In Conversation' interview with Mervyn Weir, can be seen on Hope Channel Europe at the following times:

Good Friday, 6 April: 7:30 pm: 'In Conversation' with Film Director, Mervyn Weir.
8:00 pm, 'Fired Up'
Sabbath 7 April. 8:00 am: 'In Conversation' Mervyn Weir.
7:00 pm. 'Fired Up'
Easter Sunday, 8 April: 9:30 pm. 'In Conversation' Mervyn Weir.
10:00 pm. 'Fired Up.'

For details on watching Hope Channel Europe, or to watch the film as a 'live stream', visit [www.hopetv.org.uk](http://www.hopetv.org.uk) where you can also currently see a trailer. Check individual schedules for airtimes on other parts of the Hope Channel network. A [BUC News report](http://www.buc.org.uk) following the film premiere at the BAFTA Theatre in London is also available.
BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS: CLOCKS GO FORWARD

Make sure you are up in time for your Sunday appointments this weekend as the clocks spring forward overnight to begin British Summer Time for another year. The official time changes at 1.00 am, moving forward to 2.00 am across the UK.

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, 26 March, 8:30 pm. The final discussion from a series of presentations by Dr Chris Blake during the Newbold Week of Prayer. This week's title: 'Blessed are the Peacemakers'.

'Adventists In Conversation', Thursday 29 March, 8:30 pm. Part two of an engaging conversation with former missionary, Garth Anthony, with stories of God's leading both in work and in family life.

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 23 March: 8:00 pm: Viewpoint: Christians, Business and Ethics, 8:30 pm: Searching for a God to love: Humble Assurance – the discussion.
Sabbath 24 March: 12:00 am & 9:00 am: Viewpoint: Christians, Business and Ethics, 7:30 pm: Searching for a God to love: Humble Assurance – the discussion.
Monday 26 March: 12:30 & 9:30 pm: Andrew Leonce – Led by God since early in his life.
Wednesday 28 March: 8:00 am: David Foster – Ministering to thieves, murderers and rapists, 12:00 midnight: Roy Adams – The life and faith of a Christian gentleman and scholar.
Friday 30 March: 7:30 pm: Searching for a God to love: Illusions are us, 11:00 pm: Viewpoint: Christians and Finance.
Sabbath 31 March: 8:00 am: Viewpoint: Christians and Finance, 7:30 pm: Searching for a God to love: Illusions are us.

COMING EVENTS

MISSION TO THE CITIES 'HEALTH EVANGELISM'. Continuing to Sunday 25 March. Dr Elvin Adams at Manchester South Church 18-25 March. Health Evangelism Training, Monday to Friday, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. £30.00 per person or £10 per day. Evening Health presentations are 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.

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.

'BACK TO EDEN'. Sabbath, 24 March to Sunday, 25 March. Gloucester Seventh-day Adventist Church, Cromwell Street, Gloucester, GL1 1RE on 24 and 25 March. Malcolm and Naomi Watson will share health principles from 11:00 am on Sabbath with a healthy lunch provided for all. The afternoon programme at 5:00 pm will be an opportunity for all to share practical ways of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Sunday starting from 11:00 am we will have 'Raw food' cooking demonstrations. Contact Sasha for further information. Email: <sasha-bennett@doctors.org.uk>. Phone: 07903302505.

SEX, LIES & PORNOGRAPHY – EXPOSED! Sabbath, 24 March. Sex, Lies & Pornography – Exposed! A not-to-be-missed AY! 4:30 pm, Sabbath 24 March at Hanwell Adventist church (58-60 Greenford Avenue, Hanwell, London, W7 3QP). Nearest underground station: Ealing Broadway Station/Northfields Station. Followed by E1/E3 bus (respectively) to Greenford Avenue. Contact: Thelma Soremekun <jithel57@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07947 737 078.

SEC MEDIA ACADEMY. Sunday, 25 March. The third SEC Media Academy will focus on news writing and news gathering as well as a workshop on photography. Pastor Victor Hulbert, BUC Communication & Media director will be teaching news writing. To book your place email: <kramharacksingh@secadventist.org.uk>. Newbold Church Centre, Binfield, RG42 4AN. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. ONLY THOSE REGISTERED will be able to attend. Phone: 01923 232728.

UNDERSTANDING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR. Sunday, 25 March. Reaching out to people in the community in 2012 will involve supporting adults and children with learning disabilities some of whom may have challenging behaviour. This workshop organised by the SEC Disability Ministries department, aims to provide an understanding of behaviours that challenge and strategies used to support people with challenging behaviour. If you would like to attend please contact Natalie Simon for a booking form on nsimon@secadventist.org.uk. Phone: 02077238146.

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.

PAT'S MAD MARCH SALE. Sunday, 25 March. 12 noon – 2 pm. The usual stalls containing bric a brac, books, clothes, china, linens, crafts, toys and cakes will be on display and light lunches and refreshments available for purchase. Admission 20p. All proceeds to ADRA. Stanborough Centre, Stanborough Park Church, 609 St Albans Road, Watford, WD25 9JL. Contact: Pat Walton <walton@groats.co.uk>. Phone: 01923 672500.
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.

KEEPING YOUR HEART HEALTHY. Thursday, 29 March. Stanborough Park church invites you to join them as they continue their Healthy Living Programme on Thursday, 29 March. Cardiac Specialist Nurse Kira Moser will be talking about "taking control of your wellbeing". A light supper will be served at 7:00 pm followed by the talks at 8:00 pm. Come join us at the Stanborough Centre, Stanborough Park Church, 609 St Albans Road, Watford, WD25 9JL. Contact: Pat Walton <walton@groats.co.uk>. Phone: 01923 672500.

2012 UK ZAMBIAN ADVENTIST FELLOWSHIP DAY. Sabbath, 31 March. 09:15 am to 18:30 pm, Northumberland Heath Baptist Church, Belmont Rd, Erith, Kent, DA8 1LB. Free parking. Enjoy enriching worship both in song and study. For more details see the UKZAF Facebook page (UK-Zambian Adventist-Fellowship Infor-Page). It is our desire that a fellowship lunch will be provided as usual but this will depend on everyone able bringing some food to share/contributing a freewill offering which will help cover some of the costs of the day. Contact: Elias Chola Kalumba <ukzaf.communications@gmail.com>. Phone: 07967515750.

GOSPEL JAZZ CAFE. Saturday, 31 March. "TheMixtape" in association with Hope Community (Beckenham) Adventist church present a relaxed evening of quality gospel music in a Jazz cafe-style setting. Enjoy and unwind to an eclectic mix of poetry/spoken word, singing and instrumental music all in one place. Includes open mic section, live house band, and supporting background vocalists. Soft drinks will be sold on the night. Price: £3.50 entry fee (£5.00 after 9:00 pm). Over 18s only. Contact: Kezia Yeboah <keziahyeboah@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07932058852.

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS: DRAMA PRODUCTION + CONCERT. Saturday, 31 March. 'It's easy to say you're a Christian, when it's convenient. Christians don't have signs around their necks that announce their faith.' But think about Christ's words in Mark 8:34, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." What if Christians were required to carry crosses as a mandatory symbol of their faith? 'Take Up Your Cross' is a drama production exploring scenarios that affect how young Christians represent their faith to friends and acquaintances in everyday life.' Followed by a Concert featuring musical artists... Naomi Parchment, Sarah Lopez, New Horizons, Josiah 4, Selina Gooden, Annmarie Spence, Olivia and more. Tickets also available from Seventh-day Adventist Resource Centre, Aston-Newtown Community Church, Lichfield Road, Aston, Birmingham, B6 5SX. Opening times: Wed: 11 am - 4 pm; Thurs: 4 - 8 pm; Fri: 9 am - 1 pm; Sunday: 11 am - 3 pm. Email: <astonnewtowncomms@gmail.com>. Phone: 07707531915.

TEENS PRAYER & FAITH CONFERENCE IV. Monday, 2 April to Friday, 6 April. Thames Valley Youth Federation will visit Alton Castle for the Prayer & Faith Conference [PFC] during Easter half-term. Speakers: Pastors Anthony Fuller and Dejan Stojkovic. Young people aged 13 - 19 will learn how to form a deep and strong relationship with God as well as empower themselves and make friends, by constant Bible study and social interaction. The cost of £95 includes food, accommodation, transport and conference material. IMPORTANT: All parents/guardians are required to sign a legal consent form. Please visit www.tvyf.org/pfc4contract in order for your child to be granted access to the event. For further info please visit www.tvyf.org. Contact: Julian Thompson <julian@tvyf.org>. Phone: 07988597804.

'AND THERE WAS WAR' – THE PLAY. Friday, 6 April to Saturday, 7 April. Easter Weekend 2012 @ 7 pm – Logan Hall, 20 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0AL. 'And There Was War' offers a penetrative look at the Great Controversy in a gritty yet refreshing look at the reasons for the "fall". It follows the intimate challenges of a pregnant Virgin Mary and her betrothed Joseph, Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel and the Crucifixion, all creatively interwoven to tell a truly inspiring story. Appealing for both Christians and non-Christians, it will challenge you, lead you to see the Scriptures in a new light, and ultimately, draw you closer to God. Don't hesitate to get in touch for more info – you can
follow us on Twitter @afinalcall and on Facebook. Contact: Jermaine Wong <finalcallproductions@gmail.com>. Phone: 07944406115.

"PRAYER & REFLECTION". Sabbath, 7 April. 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 Seventh-day Adventist Church, 609 St Albans Road, Garston, WD25 9JL we set aside time to do that. Through worship, a short talk, and creative prayer activities we spend time in prayer, either alone or with others. All are very welcome to join us from 3:30 - 4:30 pm on 7 April. Speaker: Margaret Stewart. Topic: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Contact: Prayer & Reflection Team <shermons@poll.com>. Phone: 01923 894 664.

DA MANS DEM (NEW PLAY BY ALAN CHARLES). Saturday, 7 April. Da Mans Dem is coming to Birmingham (Easter Weekend) 7 - 8 April. Focus Arts Promotions presents Love Sax and all that Jazz 2 (Da Mans Dem). Written by Alan Charles, Da Mans Dem takes an informative and humorous look at men and relationships exploring those age old questions what do men want?, why do men cheat?, and what defines a man? In chapter one the girls were explosive in chapter 2 Da Mans Dem will get their say. Get ready for another explosion of humour in this production that will inform, uplift and educate the whole family. Crescent Theatre, Shepccote Street, Birmingham, B16 8AE. Doors open 7 pm – Show 7:30 pm nightly. Tickets: £15 Adv or £17.50 at the door. Box Office: 0121 643 5858 or www.crescent-theatre.co.uk. More info: 07989 574 066 – focusarts@yahoo.co.uk.

COMMUNITY PRAISE EASTER SERVICE. Sunday, 8 April. Join us at Croydon Adventist church for our service of praise and thanksgiving with the Croydon church choir. We begin at 6:00 pm with a songs of praise style programme as we join with our local community on Easter day. Address: 95 Selhurst Road, South Norwood, London, SE25 6LH. Contact: Pastor R Daly <richarddaly7@gmail.com>. Phone: 07958433744.

THE 'ADVENTIST ADVANTAGE' SPECIAL APRIL OFFER. Sunday, 8 April. Vojvodina Foundation, Adventist Lifestyle, Health Centre, Elek, Hungary. This brand new, purpose built centre has reserved places for five UK resident guests, and their supporters for 8 - 15 April and 22 April - 4 May, 2012. Anyone can get the Adventist Advantage on these medically supervised, spiritually uplifting and physically rejuvenating courses. The courses may be particularly beneficial to sufferers of western lifestyle diseases – cancer, diabetes, obesity, rheumatoid arthritis, stress, heart, vascular and autoimmune diseases. The Medical director, Dr Wyn Horsley has served 18 years as a natural medicine practitioner. For 14 years he practiced at the Uchee Pines Institute, Alabama. Guests' price: £50 per day – medical care (physical examinations, personalized treatments), housing, meals. Supporter price: £35 per day, physical examinations extra. For more information contact: Pastor Malcolm Watson. Tel: 01564 771353; Mob: 07786 380769; Email: <malcolmwa@gmail.com>.

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