BBC TV TO FOCUS ON ADVENTIST MUSIC  [Ken Burton]

Two special editions of the BBC 1 programme, Songs of Praise, will have a specific emphasis on Adventist music. The first, to be broadcast on Sunday, 20 May is on the theme of Spirituals, whose messages have resonance with the Adventist message, as they focus strongly on the themes of leaving earth, and being in heaven. Whilst born out of the American slave trade – spirituals are, in fact, everyone's story, as we all long to 'ride in that chariot', we all want to 'see our Lord', and we can all find comfort in the 'Balm In Gilead' that makes the wounded whole and heals the sin-sick soul.

The second programme, to be broadcast on Sunday, 27 May is on the theme of Pentecost. This edition was recorded with a congregation which was about sixty per cent Adventist, and is based much more on gospel songs and hymns such as 'Revive Us Again', 'Soon and Very Soon', and 'There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit'.

In Songs of Praise tradition, dialogue accompanies the music. BUC Communication director, Pastor Victor Hulbert, submitted some potential stories, and one regarding an Adventist singing bus driver, resonated with the programme researcher. Singers in the choir were also interviewed from a singer's point of view.

The congregation was joined by two Christian singers – Kym Mazelle, originally from Gary, Indiana. She grew up around the corner from the world-famous Jackson family. Formerly a singer of high-energy club music, called 'house' music, she had an encounter with the Lord. Having worked with her on a few occasions in the past, I can truly say her love and enthusiasm for the Lord is strong. She called me the day before the recording simply to let me know she was praying for the Lord's blessing on everyone involved, stating that she didn't feel she would be able to sleep that night she was so full of joy.
The programmes were filmed at St John-at-Hackney church, and the Pentecost programme included five musicians, headed by Adventist musician George Acquah on keyboards along with Andy Kydd, from the Newbold Moor Close worship team, playing guitar.

Across the two programmes, four Adventist artists or groups are featured: Tessera, a male quartet comprising of Bobby Carr, Paul Lee, Paul Boldeau and Ken Burton. The quartet was actually set up for Songs of Praise performances and has had a wonderful relationship with the programme; Jeharna South, from Wolverhampton who sings in both programmes; and Resurrection, a female quartet based around current and former members of the London Adventist Chorale.

The main performing group for both programmes is the Adventist Vocal Ensemble (AVE). The ensemble has performed, either solo or in collaboration, nearly two hundred and fifty different songs spanning a decade of Songs of Praise programmes. It is a regular choir on the annual Songs of Praise Big Sing from the Royal Albert Hall and is called the 'resident choir' of BBC Radio 2's Good Morning Sunday, with Aled Jones.

The ensemble for this show is the largest collection of singers it has ever used – just under fifty. The result is truly special, moving from the heartfelt sustained a cappella spirituals to the uninhibited joyful expression of the gospel repertoire. The BBC crew continually comment that they always look forward to working with the singers.

Ken Burton has been intrinsically involved in the two programmes. He states, "My personal role was to burn the candle at both ends, and in the middle! I had the jobs of overall musical director, arranger for the songs, conductor of band, congregation and choir, pianist, singer in Tessera and recording producer." He adds, "My motto is (respecting my family and health, of course): I'll keep busy on earth; I have an eternity to rest."

The two programmes highlight the value of quality Adventist music within the wider society of the British Isles. Ken states, "These are not programmes on Adventism or Adventist music per se, but most of the voices, items, and some of the interviews, are from our churches. This is a historical moment for the Church. Never before have so many minutes on the national television airwaves been dedicated exclusively to the sound of Adventist voices."

Programmes are on BBC1 television. Please check a TV guide for times, as they do change from week to week. If you miss the programmes, they are available on BBC iPlayer: www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer.

The songs will be available for purchase after the programme, in digital format, from www.adventistvocalensemble.com, and iTunes.

THE HEART OF OUR MESSAGE  [Catherine Anthony Boldeau]

Sixteen people were baptised at the conclusion of the British Union Conference led 'Core of Adventism' programme, 5 - 12 May 2012. Eleven speakers from afar afield as the Philippines, America and Africa, delivered seminars in East and West London, Reading and East Anglia, about the 'Five S's of Adventism' – The Sanctuary, The Sabbath, The Second Coming, The Spirit of Prophecy, and The State of the Dead. Speakers included Pastor Clifford Goldstein, Editor of the Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guides, and Dr Ganoune Diop, Associate Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty and the UN liaison for the Seventh-day Adventist World Church.

The Core of Adventism, now in its eighth year, originated in the Harlow Adventist church in 2004 and was rapidly adopted by the churches in East London. By 2007, the BUC adopted the programme and it was extended to other parts of London, provincial areas and Ireland.
The Core of Adventism is, in essence, a dual training programme that examines some of the contentious doctrines and issues within Adventism from a rock solid Biblical perspective. It combines a Bible Conference for pastors and elders with nightly Evangelistic Meeting for members and non-members. The result is that it provides nurture for new believers and discipleship for established members, as well as helping church leaders to develop a deeper understanding of the difficult fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

BUC Evangelism director, Pastor Eglan Brooks, the initiator of the programme states, "This year has been the most dynamic, so far. Like the Early Church, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is challenged by many dissenting voices that question the faith we hold dear. We trust and pray that the concept of 'The Core' will be embraced by the Church at large and used as a tool to help clergy and laity formulate their true identity as Seventh-day Adventists."

As well as the 15 people baptised in London, others returned to the Church due to the programme. Clive de Silva, pastor of the Reading Central church, reports that several members of his congregation who lapsed in their church attendance, have vowed to renew their commitment to Jesus Christ.

NEW HEIGHTS FOR MEDIA PRODUCERS

Four key media producers worked to raise their skills to new heights in an intensive day of training at the BUC office on Tuesday, 15 May 2012. Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist and Katie Ramharacksingh of SECmedia joined with Kofi and Cynthia Osei-Owusu of the Adventist Media Centre-UK in a day where they faced the TV cameras multiple times, focusing on interview skills and learning to bring the best out of their guests.

Dominic Green, an experienced journalist, producer and trainer who currently works with BBC News 24, commented, "They are a great and impressively committed team."

Through the day he helped the team to focus on the important parts of an interview, develop listening skills, frame questions effectively and engage with the viewer. Dominic Green found the presentation skills really helpful, along with the idea that 'really?', with a raised eyebrow, may be more effective than a long question. Kofi, whose primary role in AMC-UK is media producer, was perhaps the most nervous to be on camera. He likes to work behind the scenes. However, his media presence impressed Dominic. "There was a great calmness to Kofi's voice and delivery and he generally got straight to the point with the key questions he wanted to ask." Katie has already transferred some of the skills from the day into her news writing. "The moment for me was when Dominic explained the importance of the human interest element. Telling a personal story is such an effective way of engaging readers and viewers. With it you can grab their attention before they turn the page or change the channel."

The day was organised and facilitated by BUC Communication and Media director, Pastor Victor Hulbert along with the well experienced AMC-UK manager, Wes Kapon. "This is part of a continuing programme of helping to create excellence in Adventist programming," Pastor Hulbert stated. With
the studio already booked up to record a new series for Revelation TV next week, he is convinced that
the day will have made a difference.

OFSTED INSPECTOR RATED 'OUTSTANDING' [Anne Pilmoor, BUC Education Director]

"Those who influence leave a legacy of themselves. Those who inspire give energy to others to take their cause further." That is now the mission for the fourteen school leaders and school board chairs who attended a two-day Education Conference hosted by the British Union Conference at their Watford offices, 15 - 16 May, 2012.

Presenter, Chris Quigley, an education consultant and Ofsted inspector, led thought-provoking, stimulating and inspiring sessions, peppered with many of his personal experiences in schools and classrooms around the country. Chris helped the group to see the difference between leaders who influence and those who inspire. Without realising it, he modelled his own distinction and definition: "Leaders who influence are about the personality... they leave a legacy of themselves. By contrast, leaders who inspire focus on the 'cause', 'the vision' and give energy to others to take it further and to new heights."

Each attendee was truly energised, inspired and resolved to put their learning to effective use.

BUC Education director and event organiser, Mrs Anne Pilmoor, said: "School leaders not only left the conference armed with a number of simple and effective models, structures and tools to use in their schools, but with greater clarity about how they would make their vision for their schools real."

ADVENTIST VOCAL ENSEMBLE BRING GOSPEL TO POLAND [Ken Burton]

If the Adventist Vocal Ensemble kept responding to the audience's requests for encores, it might still be on stage as you read this! Such was the response of what seemed like the entire population of Bielsko-Biala, a town in the south of Poland.

Every year, a sacred music festival is held in some of their amazing architectural institutions, organised by the Ministry of Culture. Over the fifteen years of the music festival, a gospel choir is featured. Following concerts from Russian, Jewish and Polish ensembles, the final concert of the festival, on Thursday, 19 April, featured the London-based, Adventist Vocal Ensemble. The concert took place in a large, modern, Catholic church, and was attended by the local mayor and other dignitaries. Every seat was filled, as were the corridors and even the steps outside. Some local Adventists were in the audience and were delighted to come and introduce themselves.

The programme, which was praised by the festival organiser as 'the best gospel', and 'perfect', consisted of a cappella hymns, spirituals, and popularly known gospel songs, such as Precious Lord, O Happy Day, and This Little Light Of Mine.

Standing ovations followed one after the other as the choir finished and gave an encore, followed by another encore, followed by another encore….
With such a response, we continually remind ourselves that we are, as the song says "Channels only, blessed Master, but with all Thy wondrous power, flowing through us, Thou canst use us, every day and every hour."

**CAPACITY CROWD EXPECTED FOR SEC ANNIVERSARY CAMP MEETING**

A special anniversary, an outstanding evangelist and a change of venue means that the 2012 South England Conference Camp Meeting is a sell-out. Well almost! While some members have apparently been unsuccessful in completing their bookings, Pastor Sam Davis, SEC President, has reassured members in a statement this week that more chalets have been made available. There is now space for up to 100 more family groups.

"Camp Meeting 2012 is promising to be an outstanding spiritual experience," states Pastor Davis, noting that Pastor Mark Finley, one of the Church's best known evangelists is the main speaker. This is one reason that bookings have been so intense.

This year is the 30th anniversary of Camp Meeting in the South England Conference meaning that there will be a special celebratory atmosphere to the event. To book, download the form from [www.thewinningway.org.uk](http://www.thewinningway.org.uk), and then copy Paul Lee (plee@secadventist.org.uk) at the SEC office with your booking. With only 100 chalets available please ensure to get your booking in fast. Some weekend only bookings are now available.

**TEARFUL ANGELA TEARS AHEAD**

Early morning Sunday, 13 May, three intrepid cyclists mounted their bikes in Greenwich High Road, London. Eighty-one fantastic, gruelling, exciting, exhilarating, challenging, lactic acid forming and scenic miles later they dismounted arriving at Dover Marina, Marine Parade and the finish line.

Pastor David Burnett, Jeff Clarke and Angela Hunter embarked on the London to Dover challenge in a bid to raise money for their charities: Clapton Church Building Fund, ADRA-UK and Macmillan Cancer Support.

"I was terrified, actually tearful," Angela confessed. "When we did the recce in the car to scout out the route, all I saw were hills. I thought 'I can't do it! What have I let myself in for?' But it was too late to pull out. I had hoped my GP would tell me I was too unfit to do it. That would be a legitimate reason to pull out wouldn't it? I tried to convince myself. But instead she said 'Great! Good luck, have a wonderful time'!"

Newly baptised Clapton member Jeff, baptised the day before the ride during the Core of Adventism campaign, was a seasoned cyclist. "I've done the London to Brighton, which is tough, and the London to Paris" he beamed with assuring confidence. The others were simply glad they were in the hands of an expert.

Pastor Burnett was heard praising and singing "Press along saints, press along in God's own way" with the other two joining in. They continued to cycle and sing "Soon and very soon we are going to see the King", and a few more choruses which helped to keep their spirits and stamina up, proving that praising God is so very uplifting.
After the completion of the challenge, Angela remarked excitedly, "I never thought I'd complete it, but miracles DO happen!" Jeff beamed "I feel strong." Meanwhile Pastor Burnett was already planning the next ride – London to Paris!

Among the congratulations, Bert Smit, CEO of ADRA-UK stated "Well done all! And yes, it was the best [weather] for a long time for doing that trek!"

The three intend to rest well before taking on the next big challenge. However, in the meantime they are desperately requesting donations and sponsorship in order to support their charities.

If you would like to donate to their causes, please contact Clapton church directly or telephone Pastor Burnett on 07947 624206, or contact Angela Hunter for sponsorship forms at angie.hunter1@gmail.com, see her at two 'JustGiving' websites: ADRA-UK and Macmillan Cancer Support.

EXAMS ON SABBATH [Vivienne Barratt-Peacock]

This week I came across a few university students at my church who have had exams scheduled for Sabbath. Amazingly, when talking to them a couple of weeks before, I had shared the story of what had happened to me whilst at university, not knowing what life would throw at them in the coming weeks. I thought it might help other students who may be facing exams on Sabbath to read the following and know that they are not alone:

I was horrified to open my exam timetable and find that one of my final exams was planned for a Sabbath! I had heard of this happening in other countries, but not here. There was no question in my mind as to what I was going to do. There was no way I could go to that exam. All sorts of worries began to surface: Would I fail my whole degree? Had I wasted the last 3 years? What would I do now?

Then I remembered that it might be a good idea to pray about it! I told my family and contacted Mick Smart, who was then the pastor of my home church. He did everything he could to reassure me and started to look into what the best action would be.

The university accepted a letter from my pastor explaining the reasons that I could not sit the exam on Sabbath. The university agreed that I should stay at the pastor's house until after Sabbath and then go into university and sit my exam from 10 pm - 1 am. A very kind non-Christian lecturer sat with me that night and even drove me home afterwards! Although she did not share my faith, she had a great respect for my actions and asked me many questions.

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And the result? I scored more highly on that exam than any other and this boosted my final degree classification to a level above what I had imagined I could achieve. The lecturer who had stayed with me even wrote me a personal letter congratulating me on my results. God certainly blessed me for being faithful to Him.

Editor's Note: Please pray for our university students as they sit their exams at this time. Help and guidance for students being asked to take exams on Sabbath is available on the Religious Liberty page of the BUC website.
The typical English Bank Holiday weather was the last thing on 23 couples' minds as they entered the ever so delightful De Vere Hotel, Wokefield Park in Reading for the South England Conference 'Strength to Love' Marriage Retreat, 4 - 6 May. For the majority this was their first marriage retreat and most were slightly apprehensive as to what to expect. The couples came from all walks of life and marriages varied from just 5 months to 47 years!

We really appreciated the setting of ground rules for group interaction which established confidentiality in a non-threatening, relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. Couples were even required to ask for their spouse's permission before sharing personal information.

Having Pastor Les and Irma Ackie to lead the retreat made a huge difference as having been married for a number of years themselves they were not only able to give valuable advice but also were able to understand the ups and downs of married life. Their working together as a team clearly set an example to others.

From the first session, "Spirit of Love", we realized how hard we have to work to protect our marriage, and how important it is to establish our spiritual foundation. From then on the training was very well paced, the topics were thought-provoking and often couples were left to ponder within themselves certain questions – especially at the end of the sessions. There was plenty of time for the couples to spend alone and it simply added to the quality time that sadly most couples these days do not get due to various commitments.

Couples were also given many handouts and during our leisure time we went through some of the questionnaires/tasks. It made us become aware of each other's needs and indeed learn the art of understanding the love language of our spouse! There was joy in the room, happiness on couples' faces, romance in the air, a lot of laughter and songs of praises to the Lord.

This marriage retreat definitely brought us closer together, but also to God in our marriage.

PROGRAMMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK

Here are some programme highlights for the coming week:

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692).

'Adventists In Conversation', Thursday, 24 May, 8:30 pm. A childhood move from rural Sussex to Kenya was difficult for Tom Pignon, but somehow he gained a vision for looking beyond himself to the needs of others – something reflected in his charity career.*

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 18 May: 8:00 pm & Midnight: Colleen Lewis – Christ in the marketplace – literally!, 8:30 pm: Searching for a God to love, (Why I don't abstain I)
Sabbath 19 May: 9:00 am & 7:30 pm: Colleen Lewis
Monday 21 May: 12:30 pm: David Swain – The quiet aid worker, 9:30 pm: Viewpoint: Antidote to the 21st Century
Wednesday 23 May: 8:00 am: Viewpoint: Antidote to the 21st Century, Midnight: Miriam Wood – Music therapist
Thursday 24 May: 00:30 am: Searching for a God to love, (Why I don't abstain II)
Friday 25 May: 8:00 pm & Midnight: Michael Omolewa – Former President of UNESCO
Sabbath 26 May: 9:00 am & 7:30 pm: Michael Omolewa

*Note: Only available on the website after the broadcast date.

On the website only, be challenged by the question, "What does fit and proper mean?" A contemporary thought on current news.

COMING EVENTS

DANIEL AND REVELATION UNLOCKED (PECKHAM). Continuing to Sabbath, 19 May with Paul Graves. 7.15 pm (Sunday to Friday, except Thursday) and 6 pm Sabbaths. Peckham Adventist Church, Ivydale Road, SE15 3DX. Email: peckhamsdachurch@gmail.com. Contact: Balford Henry <balfordhenry@gmail.com>. Phone: 020 8690 4670.

ACTIVITY WEEKEND - CHURCH AT THE ROCK. Friday, 18 May to Sunday, 20 May. Bouldering and climbing weekend over 18 - 20 May 2012. Need loose warm clothing appropriate for weather and a head for heights (within reason - we do not have a Mount Everest in Wales). Further details visit our website www.aberdaroncamp.com or Aberdaron Advent Campsite on Facebook. Contact: Les Simpson <enquiries@aberdaroncamp.com>. Phone: 01758 760281.

CROYDON REVIVAL MEETINGS. Friday, 18 May to Sabbath, 26 May. Join us for 10 days of revival and reformation with guest evangelist Pastor Brent St Jean from Dominica. Meetings are held each night 7:30 pm from Friday 18 - 26 May. Address: 95 Selhurst Road, South Norwood, London, SE25 6LH. Contact: Pastor Daly <richarddaly7@gmail.com>. Phone: 07958 433744.

UK ADVENTIST MEDICAL EVANGELISM CONFERENCE. Sabbath, 19 May. Are you a physician, dentist or healthcare professional who has a passion for medical evangelism? Are you an aspiring doctor, or medical student? Then come along to the first UK Adventist Medical Evangelism Conference at Newbold College, Bracknell, RG42 4AN. Join with health professionals from all over the UK, share your experiences, bring your expertise and be part of a professional network which is committed to sharing physical and spiritual health, healing and abundant living here in Britain. Contact: Dr Christopher Levy <calevy@gmail.com>. Phone: 07947280335.

LIFE'S WORTH LIVING. Sabbath, 19 May to Sabbath, 2 June. Join us for a two week series with Dr Keith Burton (Oakwood University, USA) supported by the internationally acclaimed gospel singer Anthony Whigham (Dallas, USA) and Paulette Marceny. At Brixton Adventist Church, Santley Street, London, SW4 7QG. See website for further details. Come and discover how to recover! Contact: Joanna Eyeson <communications@brixtonsadurchurch.co.uk>. Phone: 0207 2748283.
ONE-DAY NUTRITION CONFERENCE. Sunday, 20 May at the Stanborough Centre, Watford, with Professor Winston Craig, Chair & Professor of Nutrition, Department of Nutrition & Wellness Andrews University. Registration: 09.00-09.30. Training: 09.45-16.45. Cost: £30.00 (includes Conference material, lunch & tasters). Venue: Stanborough Centre, 609 St Albans Road Garston Watford Herts WD25 9JL Contact: Health Ministries Department <fweekes@adventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 672251.

ACTIVITY WEEKEND – WALK THE LLYN. Friday, 25 May to Sunday, 27 May. For those into walking we have two 15 - 16 mile walks over the weekend of 25 - 27 May. Bring all you will need to be walking for 8 hours each day. Further details visit our website www.aberdaroncamp.com or Aberdaron Advent Campsite on Facebook. Contact: Les Simpson <enquiries@aberdaroncamp.com>. Phone: 01758 760281.

LONDON YOUTH FEDERATION "GET CONNECTED" CONFERENCE. Friday, 25 May to Sabbath, 26 May. Venue & time: Friday 25 The Advent Centre, 37-39 Brendon Street, Off Edgware Road, W1H 5HD; 7:15 pm - 9:00 pm (doors open at 6:45 pm). Sabbath 26 Westminster City School, 55 Palace Street, SW1E 5HJ; 9:45 am - 7:30 pm (doors open at 9 am). Guest speaker: Joakim Hjortland, Director of Evangelism at The Matteson Mission School in Norway. Price: £6.00 including lunch. Contact: Lorraine Anderson <gcregistration@flawedbynature.com>. Phone: 07903731835.

MORE PRAYER, MORE POWER – PECKHAM PRAYER MINISTRY. Sabbath, 26 May. We would like to extend a warm invitation for you to attend our Prayer Ministries Day on Sabbath, 26 May. Speaker: Dynamic NEC pastor, Robert Williams. Address: Peckham Adventist church, Ivydale Road, London, SE15 3DX. Contact: W Burnett <peckhamsdachurch@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07904 924 589.

COMMUNITY DAY OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP. Sabbath, 26 May. Come and be blessed at our Community Day of Praise and Worship, held at Pendeford Adventist Church, Ryefield Road, Wolverhampton, WV8 1UD, on Sabbath 26 May 2012. Contact: Janet <pendefordsdachurch@gmail.com>.

GOSPEL EXTRA 2012. Sabbath, 26 May to Sabbath, 9 June. Struggling to put meaning to life? Have a broken family? Struggling with your finances? Confused about what the Bible has to say about sin and salvation? Join us from 26 May - 9 June from 7:15 pm nightly @ Greenwich Adventist Church, Devonshire Drive, London, SE10 8JZ (except Thursdays) for a series of lectures that will answer all your questions and bring relief to all your struggles. Speaker: Pastor and Evangelist Kirk Thomas (Sabbath School & Personal Ministries director, SEC). Inspirational singing from Paul Lee (Music director, SEC) and Nikisha Brown. For more info... please visit www.greenwichadventist.org.uk, email: info@greenwichadventist.org.uk or call 07944351801. A blessing awaits you!

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL CONCERT. Sabbath, 26 May. Children's Musical Concert: Sabbath 26 May, 7:00 pm. Come and listen to the talented young musicians of Stanborough Park church and their friends at 609 St Albans Road, Watford, WD25 9JL. Admission free. (A voluntary collection will be taken to support the music of the church and the ADRA-UK Annual Appeal.) Contact: Patricia Walton <walton@groats.co.uk>. Phone: 01923-672500.

THE SHOWCASE. Sabbath, 26 May. Hosted by TRIO (Clive Palmer & Donald Brown). Send seat reservations to artistadmin@gmail.com ASAP. Tickets will only be available on the night subject to availability. Exquisite cuisine. Doors open 6.30 for Meet & Greet. Food will be available upon your arrival and during the interval. The Showcase: 7.30 pm start. Interval 8.30 pm, food & refreshments – (payment for tickets & food accepted at this time). Second half start 8.50 pm (comedy will be appropriately introduced into the show after Sabbath hours). Tickets £10 also available online: www.eventelephant.com/theshowcase2. Come and enjoy an evening of inspiration, visual arts, vocalists, musicians, hilarious wholesome comedy, great crowd participation. Contact: Donald Brown <artistadmin@gmail.com>. Phone: 07716841813.
SMALL BUSINESS SHOW. Sunday, 27 May. The show is being set up to inspire and motivate those (especially young people) who may be planning on starting their own business. The show will be invaluable in terms of encouraging budding entrepreneurs. There will be other entrepreneurs and motivational speakers on hand to advise and answer questions. The show will be attracting a variety of business owners, which will enable them to: showcase their business; expand their customer base; sell and negotiate orders; network with other business owners. The show will take place at the Balham Adventist community church complex. The venue which is easily accessible by Balham underground, over ground trains and buses, provides limited on-site parking. Exhibitors, book now! Limited availability. Contact: Leslene Peat-Brown <leslene@edenic.co.uk>. Phone: 07949244722.

SG SONGS – SONGWRITING WORKSHOP (16YRS+). Sunday, 27 May. Learn how to write a great song. Do you have music but need help with lyrics? Do you have lyrics but would like to see how you can improve them? Maybe you don't have either and are just interested to give song writing a try! If you've answered yes to any of the above then this workshop is for YOU! 27 May 2012, 3-5 pm, £15 – Birmingham – Venue (TBC) – No experience necessary. Must contact SG Songs to book your place beforehand. Contact: Selina Gooden <sgsongs@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 07427 504 427.

JOHN LOUGHBOROUGH SCHOOL – GCSE ART EXHIBITION. Tuesday, 29 May to Wednesday, 30 May. The John Loughborough SDA School GCSE Art Exhibition. Excellent Work – A* results on Tuesday 29 May, 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Come along and celebrate with us. You will have the opportunity to see the outstanding work produced and talk with students and staff. We look forward to seeing you. Light refreshments will be served. Contact: Verona Hoilett <secretary@johnloughborough.haringey.sch.>. Phone: 0208 808 7837.

LIFESTYLE FOR HEALTHY LIVING. Thursday, 31 May. Lifestyle for Healthy Living: 31 May. Dr Christopher A Levy, BSc, MBBS, MRCS, Director of CMG Medical Ltd, will conduct a presentation on how our lifestyle affects our brain chemistry and how to live, eat and think for optimal functioning. Simple ways to a more healthy life. A light supper will be served at 7:00 pm. The talk will begin at 8:00 pm at the Stanborough Centre, 609 St Albans Road, Garston, Watford, WD25 9JL. Contact: Patricia Walton <walton@groats.co.uk>. Phone: 0121 2417318.

MONTSERRATIANS AND FRIENDS DAY OF FELLOWSHIP. Sabbath, 2 June. The Twelfth Annual Montserratians and Friends Adventist Day of Fellowship – 'Endure the Race'. Time: 9:30 am. Venue: Leicester Central Adventist Church, Corner of London Road/University Road, Leicester, LE2 1EF. Guest Speaker: Pastor Delcina Rodney, Associate Pastor, Holloway Adventist church, London. Contact: William B Riley <williambriley@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 0121 2417318.

JUBILEE GAMES. Sunday, 3 June. Willesden Adventist church (London, NW10 2JD) warmly invites you to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee by enjoying a variety of fun and nostalgic games. A day for all the family. Small entrance fee: 50p. Food and drinks sale. Contact: Yvonne Cummins <k4cupuppetmin@rocketmail.com>. Phone: 07904906204.

DA MANS DEM (NEW PLAY BY ALAN CHARLES) LUTON. Monday, 4 June. Love Sax and all that Jazz Chapter 2 (Da Mans Dem) takes an informative and humorous look at men and relationships exploring those age old questions what do men want? Queen's Jubilee, Mon 4 June 2012, Dunstable Conference Centre, 51 High St, N Dunstable, Beds, LU6 1JF. Doors 7 pm – Show 7:45 pm. Tickets £15.00 Adv or £17.50 at the door. Box Office: 0844 870 000; www.theticketsellers.co.uk. More info: 07989 574 066; focusarts@yahoo.co.uk.

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SMALL ADS

AU PAIR looking for a friendly family. Claudia, a 19-year-old Christian girl from Berlin is looking for a 6 month au pair position with a family in/near London. She is currently finishing her A-levels and looking for a position to start this summer. She loves children and is an experienced baby sitter who speaks English, German and Spanish. For more details email: die_claudii@hotmail.de.

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