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MISSION LEAP IN SCOTTISH MISSION [Victor Hulbert, BUC Communication Director]

Sir William Wallace, Scottish hero and patriot, is a bit of a celebrity in Stirling. He may have died 700 years ago, but a tower, celebrating his victory over the English armies of Edward I, stands tall and proud above the town. Meeting in Wallace High School, just below the tower, Scottish Adventists also found themselves to be patriots – of a higher King and calling than that of national politics. Under the theme, 'God's Way ~ Our Way', almost four hundred members travelled from across Scotland on Sabbath, 9 June 2012, to their Day of Fellowship.

The patriotism was clear in the Sabbath School prayer. Mission President, Pastor Bernie Holford noted that from a Scottish Mission membership of just over five hundred, five missionaries were about to head out on active service to India, Asia and the Middle East. One of those, Alex Podbrezsky, shared a vision of his time at Nile Union Academy in Egypt. He is now preparing to take up a role at Middle East University in the Lebanon.

Nearer home, Pastor Obi Iheoma shared how the Faifley church plant had rapidly become an important part of the Clydebank community. He told how one local councillor who recently came to the official opening of their new building, has since turned up on a Sabbath morning simply stating, "I felt like worshipping today." There are now four Scottish friends who are worshipping regularly with them, including a 79-year-old who is now coming to church for the first time since age seven. Even as he spoke, members of the Faifley Youth Choir were singing their witness as the Olympic torch passed through their community.
These members clearly were putting into practice the practical message of loving witness shared by BUC Executive Secretary, Pastor Paul Lockham, during the lesson study. "Can you command love?" he asked, noting that "loving one another" is a heart response to the way Christ loves us.

Pastor Ian Sweeney, BUC President, took the dangerous step of borrowing someone else's glasses to start his sermon. The result? The whole congregation was out of focus. He noted, "You're the same people but through glasses you look different." In a two-part presentation he then looked at our Church today through the glasses of Revelation 3 and the message to the Laodicean Church. While this can often been seen as a negative message, Sweeney highlighted that despite the failings of Laodicea, God still loved them. "Today our Church is being called to be hot because Christ still loves me."

During his afternoon presentation Sweeney noted that the problem of Laodicea is that it is a 'Christless Church'. Christ is on the outside knocking. What is the major problem of the Church today? Sweeney listed everything from the Jesuits to worship style, doctrinal issues or dress codes. However, he stated, the major problem is not these, it is a problem of the heart. And the heart of Christianity is Christ. "The Saviour is waiting to enter your heart," he stated, quoting the famous Ralf Carmichael song. The appeal was clear: "Why don't you let Him come in?"

Music through the day demonstrated that the message of Christ was in the hearts of a range of talented musicians and singers including a West of Scotland Choir, groups from various churches, and the highlight of the day, a 'scratch' youth orchestra from the Glasgow area who brought a smile to every face with their rendition of 'Soon and very soon'.

As the day closed and chairs and equipment were stacked away, a number took the opportunity to climb the hill to the Wallace Monument. Deep conversations could be heard around the plateau. Many miles of Scottish countryside came into view, and the question on many minds was on how to implement the message of the day, opening our hearts to Christ, and sharing His love with our community.

A selection of photos from the day and links to the sermons are available in the BUC picture gallery.

"TAKE A CHANCE WITH US!" [Victor Hulbert, BUC Communication Director]

"Take a chance with us!" pleaded Edinburgh delegate, Patrick Dillon at the Scottish Mission Triennial Session. In the midst of an honest debate on Church Growth and reaching out beyond our cultural comfort zones he stated, "Can't get through to Scottish people? I'm Scottish. God got through to me." Baptised in 1998 Patrick is regularly to be found witnessing on Princess Street, Edinburgh, along with his new friends from the African community that make up the majority of Edinburgh members. His was, perhaps, the most important statement of the day and provoked more, positive discussion. However, it was but a reflection of the emphasis in every report and every discussion throughout the seven hours of the Session at Crieff church on...
Sunday, 10 June 2012.

Patrick argued that we are "too defensive" as a Church adding that "we have a commission to go forth." Stephen Peacock emphasised that he works daily surrounded by Scottish people and would love more Scottish accents in the church. Donovan Matambo from Edinburgh asked, "What are we doing to equip an army that is ninety percent immigrant to reach out to the Scottish?" One answer came from Cedrene Botha who noted that they have got involved with a local sports club and are building bridges in a community that is almost exclusively Scottish or English.

BUC President Pastor Ian Sweeney's morning devotional, humorously looking at the 'ignoble report' for useless scientific research projects pointed out that in all we do, we must be a relevant people.

With 81 delegates seated at the start of business, BUC Executive Secretary, Pastor Paul Lockham noted that behind every statistic is a story. With an increase from 426 to 523 over the past three years, his particular joy was to note 60 baptisms. Part of the reason for this, as BUC Treasurer, Victor Pilmoor noted, was that the Scottish Mission Executive Committee had made a conscious choice to run with a deficit budget over two years in order to employ an extra minister. However, even with a tithe increase of 12% this would be a challenge to maintain in the long-term.

Amidst positive reports and questions on various departments' activities, the main purpose of the day went on in the background. The Nominating Committee met for most of the day to select an Executive Committee and sponsors. Near the close they reported with a list of sponsors that added emphasis to Youth and Pathfinder ministry, and also added a sponsor for Community Services, an increasingly important part of ministry in the Mission.

The voted leaders for the next three years are:

**Sponsors:**

- Children's Ministries: Mrs Jeniffer Oroko
- Church Growth: Mr Obi Iheoma
- Communication: Pr James Botha
- Community Services: Mr John Wilby
- Family Ministries: Mrs Karen Holford
- Health Ministries: Pr David Hatch
- Pathfinders & Adventurers: Pr Clifford Herman
- Associate Pthf & Adventurers: Mr Filip Bajic
- Prayer Ministries: Ms Beavon Sanderson
- Trust Services & Stewardship: Pr Bob Rodd
- Women's Ministries: Ms Judith Martin
- Youth & Teens: Pr Marcel Ghioalda

**Executive Committee:**

- Pr Bernie Holford
- Pr Paul Lockham
- Victor Pilmoor
- Mr Owen Anderson
The day concluded with voting a Scottish Mission Vision and Outline of Goals highlighting spiritual nurture, mission outreach, community bridge-building and leadership development.

A selection of pictures from the day, and an audio recording of Pastor Sweeney's devotional, and the Report book are available on the BUC website.

ADVENTISTS, MUSIC & THE OLYMPIC TORCH [Obinnaya Iheoma]

Young Adventist vocalists took to the streets of Clydebank to accompany the Olympic torch on Sabbath, 9 June at the invitation of Church of Scotland minister, Reverend Gregor McIntyre. He approached the minister of the local Adventist church, Obinnaya Iheoma, to invite the youth. It was an opportunity they could not refuse.

As the torch arrived to the hearty cheers of the crowd, the youth group from Faifley community Adventist church began to sing and a few comments of 'Shh, I want to listen' could be heard coming from the interested crowd that wanted to hear their melodious harmonies.

After the youth sang the crowds clapped and cheered and a few enquired 'Who are they?' Those who knew explained: 'They're from the new community church. You know - just behind the old Post Office. Haven't you been yet?'

For many, the torch was seen as a signal of unity and hope. This was made ever real through the spiritual and uplifting songs the youth sang to the crowds that sunny Sabbath morning.

For more on Adventists and the Olympics and for a free Olympic Outreach app visit <http://live-uk.org/>.

JUBILEE STREET PARTIES [Katie Ramharacksingh/BUC News]

Across the UK Adventist church communities joined in celebrations honouring Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee. Great Yarmouth Seventh-day Adventist church put on a spectacular street party on Monday 4 June, bringing together strangers and neighbours alike. With an extended weekend of celebration the church took the opportunity to reach out to their community.

"It's not to push the church on people but just to let the people know in the community that we're friendly, to build bridges and break down any barriers. People we've invited to things at the church previously have come out today too!" enthused Pastor Michael Walker.

The church had been granted funding for the street party by their local council and had officially cordoned off the street. A large portion was filled with endless tables of party, picnic and posh foods with different church members managing the stalls.
To make the atmosphere even more special, John Sampson, from Lowestoft church, brought his accordion to perform songs including 'God Save Our Gracious Queen' as he walked up and down the street. After explaining that he had been playing for 52 years, it became clear how he had been able to navigate around the people and tables without so much as a wrong note.

James Leggatt, a neighbour living on Burnt Oak, brought his daughters to the street party. They enjoyed the bouncy castle, face-painting and a variety of crafts throughout the day. James commented, "It's been an absolutely fantastic day. I'm very proud to be part of it and am looking forward to doing something similar soon."

Bertie de Nysschen, pastor of Great Yarmouth church spent the day on the barbeque. "I think it's gone great. We really did not expect so many people to come out. I think it's been fantastic and it's really done something for the church in this area."

In London, the children of Hyland House Adventist School, Waltham Forest, had their very own street party, on Friday 1 June. Having been invited to the beginning of the Queen's Jubilee Tour around the country, the whole school was excited to further celebrate the special occasion in their own style.

The children had put every effort into coordinating their outfits with the Union flag, some even came as the flag itself! There were all types of festivities throughout the day as the children, in teams named after royal residences across the country, participated in a challenging spelling bee and held a competitive 'Hyland House's Got Talent'.

"Since the Queen came to Walthamstow, we had planned to have a Jubilee party," explained Headteacher Gina Abbequaye. "We thought we'd do things from the past, like spelling bees, and add an element of the present, like the talent show."

For the ultimate British lunch, the children and staff ended the day enjoying a special school dinner of fish and chips!

Stoke Newington, Crawley, Edmonton, Banbridge and Cambridge were among dozens of other churches that celebrated with parties, special concerts, community games, health checks and soup kitchens.

View some joyful pictures of the street parties on the BUC picture gallery.

**RAINY JOY FOR NEC ADVENTURERS [Peter Jeynes]**

It was cold. It was raining. It had to be a Bank Holiday. The tents were being set up by willing helpers from clubs while children were making their way with parents and leaders to the campsite in North Nottinghamshire. The programme was all planned and prayers were being said for good weather and a wonderful time.

The event was the North England Conference Adventurer
Camporee held in early June. One Scout group were unhappy that, due to the weather, all their planned events had to be cancelled. Not so for the young Adventurers and Eager Beavers. Tough young things improvised, they held the Olympic Games in a tent. Valentina, from Coventry, said she liked the rain. That was the spirit of the Camporee.

Sabbath morning dawned with Morning Watch, uniform inspection – and a surprise march to the next field. Cars with flashing lights, barriers and a large H shape marked out in the field greeted the children, then the roar from the air as the helicopter made a low pass over the children prior to landing. Camp Chaplain, Pastor Steve Palmer and BUC Youth director, Pastor Nathan Stickland, stepped out to meet an honour guard. Two children, Gift and Myles, were rewarded for excellent work during the year while young Chinua from Great Brickkiln Street Church in Wolverhampton was rewarded for his excellent work around the campsite helping the leaders set up. The flight was filmed by members of the NEC media team.

Worship was interactive, afternoon activities were full of interest – so Sabbath passed rapidly in a tent crowded with children and admiring parents, relatives and friends who came to see and hear young worshippers happily serving their God.

Sunday – off to the farm or the Olympics – or road safety at a local children's theme park. Travis enjoyed handling snakes while Kyla and Kirsty mastered the assault course in the rain. Sadie and Mercedes said they liked the games in the marquee. Guga, from Coventry said that she really understood what Pastor Palmer was talking about. Ketii marked the Camporee with 100%. Isaiah from Camp Hill was impressed with the Bear Hunt.

As the sun shone down and dried a very wet tent on the final day awards went to Sheffield Carter Knowle in third place, Windsor Street came second while Wolverhampton GBK take the cup home for this year.

Pastor Alan Hush Youth and Pathfinder director, gave great credit to excellent staff and Camp Masters – Levon, Kathleen and Faye and to the children at the biggest North England Conference Camporee so far.

WAITING FOR THE SECOND COMING – AT BRECON [John Surridge]

This year's Welsh Mission Family Camp at Brecon ran a week later than usual to coincide with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Our speaker, Pastor Stephen Eastwood, flew in from California especially for the event. He currently pastors two churches in California. In his opening remarks Stephen complimented the campers on their fortitude. "If we had seen a weather forecast like this in California," he said, "no one would have showed up!" Stephen himself however is made of tougher stuff. Born in Australia to missionary parents Len and Pat Eastwood, he spent time in New Zealand and Sierra Leone, but mostly grew up in England and later studied for the ministry at Newbold College. Although he has now lived in the
United States for 17 years he still retains a sense of his 'Britishness'. This came across in his humour, his knowledge of English football, and particularly in his enthusiasm for the Jubilee celebrations.

However what came across most strongly was Stephen's passion for God's work. In his series of talks on the second coming of Christ he focused on the parables of Matthew 25 and the way that God's people should 'wait' for Christ's return. "God is moving," he said. "If we don't go along with Him then He's going to move with other people." Expanding on just what this means he pointed out that it's no good us just standing around and waiting for the second coming, "eternal life starts the moment we accept Jesus." The delay in Jesus' return is a question that has always concerned Christians, even in New Testament times. "Jesus also experiences the pain of waiting for His return," Stephen said. "I can picture Him going to the Father in heaven and asking, 'Is it today? Can I go now?"

In his look at the parable of the Ten Girls Stephen suggested that we need to move beyond some of the more traditional interpretations that circulate in the church. For example, carrying extra oil is not about confessing our sins it's about being prepared. We have to accept that we are all fallen, but the good news is that "Jesus loves us more because of our fallen nature. Like any parent with a difficult child Jesus longs to hold us in His arms and He can't wait to take us home with Him."

Moving on to the parables of the Talents and the Sheep and the Goats, Stephen pointed out a few home truths. While some Adventists may be tempted to put their faith in their theology, that's not actually the issue in Matthew 25. "Other denominations and theologians are now accepting the biblical teachings on the Sabbath and the Second Coming," Stephen said, "but the issues that Jesus talks about are more to do with feeding the hungry, being hospitable to strangers, and visiting the sick and the prisoners." In a side reference to those Adventists who may want to retreat to the hills Stephen added, "Sometimes the narrow way is to go where the world is, and carry Jesus with you."

To some extent he was speaking to the converted. The Sabbath morning offering raised £193 for the Cardiff Night Shelter project and the Brecon Camp is renowned for its open and welcoming atmosphere.

But something else emerged over this particular weekend: patriotism! Despite steady rain on Sunday the marquee was decked out in flags, balloons and bunting, and the campers sang 'God Save the Queen' before sharing a magnificent big Jubilee lunch. The subsequent Jubilee quiz, put together by Ross Maidment, revealed a remarkable knowledge of British history among the campers.

For pictures from the weekend visit the Welsh Mission website. Pastor Stephen Eastwood also has his own blog.

JOINT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT AT THE NEC [Sidney Almeida]

A Joint Leadership Summit, 18 - 20 May in Daventry, brought together North England Conference church leaders and pastors so they could share the same vision in resourcing and training the membership. If pastors and elders are not on the same page it will be tougher to bring any other programmes forward. The Summit
was organised by the Personal Ministries, Ministerial Association, Community Services, Health and Disability Ministries departments – under the leadership of Pastors Michael Simpson and Richard Jackson, and Sister Grace Walsh. The Summit demonstrated that leadership works for the benefit of the church – collectively and separately.

Pastor Alex Royes from Westminster Good Samaritan church, California, was the main speaker. His presentations were enriched by the messages of BUC President Pastor Ian Sweeney, Dr Brighton Kavaloh, BUC Ministerial Association Secretary, and Professor Winston Craig. Pastor Royes states that "Leaders have to have a bold vision given by God. Secondly, they have to have a crystal clear marching order or the church will not have the ability to get behind a shared direction. They also should say: 'Hey! We got ourselves on the same page!' – elders, pastors, departmental leaders will be pushing their energy to a common goal." The next thing is about getting followers. "If there is nobody following you, you are not leading – a big part of influencing people is spending time with people and getting to know them from the pastoral level. And lastly, it is the realization that we are called to do a very spiritual duty. Reliance and dependence on God is crucial as you employ the methods you have been taught, so that it would bring about the changes in church."

Dr Kavaloh adds that "As pastor I should not be afraid to empower the local elder that has shown the seriousness and spirituality of leadership." He emphasised that pastors "would be associates in the local church with the elders."

As Chair of Nutrition at Andrews University, Professor Craig talked about the ten habits you have to have in order to improve your lifestyle and be an effective royal model in the community. He said that, "it is all right to tell others to drink water but if you don't lead them to the living water – which is Jesus – then everything is in vain. The same applies to the other principles of health."

Pastor Sweeney reminded us that the 'Everlasting Gospel' is to be given to every nation, kindred, tongue and people and that we impact our various communities with a saving knowledge of Jesus. He noted that Adventists are a very small community of faith in the UK and so we need to use various witnessing methods to create an impact in our society.

Pastor McIntosh, one of the attendees reflected, "Leaders not only set the stage and tone for growth but develop systems to help people mature spiritually." He adds, "Above all, leaders should influence their congregations to serve God and people passionately, making our churches user-friendly and mission-driven."

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR PASTOR JOHN ARTHUR OBE**

It was like a family gathering! During a break at the Scottish Mission Day of Fellowship on Sabbath, 9 June, Stephen Cooper, ADRA director for the Trans-European Division was invited to the front of the hall where he shared a positive testimony regarding the work of his uncle, Pastor John Arthur.

In front of the assembled congregation he highlighted the vision that Pastor Arthur had had for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency over many years, climaxing in his work in Albania. He then presented him with a Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of ADRA International. Hearty applause from the congregation demonstrated their thorough approval. Pastor Arthur, who previously
had been awarded an OBE at Buckingham Palace recognising his service to humanity, stated that he felt humbled for this continued recognition for what had been inspiring service in his life.

ASTRONOMY LECTURES ATTRACT BROAD COMMUNITY INTEREST [Mart de Groot/Sydney Kankuzi]

If David, the Psalmist, was still alive he would likely have chosen to spend some Thursday evenings of 2012 at the Coleraine Adventist church, Northern Ireland.

The Coleraine church has just concluded a ten-part lecture series focusing on Bible truths supported by astronomy. The series, dubbed The Heavens Declare, was presented by Pastor Mart de Groot, both the local pastor and a retired Astronomer and former Director of the Armagh Observatory in Northern Ireland.

Each lecture began with exploring a selected aspect of the universe which in turn set a platform for exploring God's endless love to redeem a humanity which had rebelled against Him.

Messages were beautifully packaged in topics that appeal to curious minds often bombarded with diverse and conflicting views about God and His relationship to mankind. Small Bang, Big God interrogated the Big Bang theory through a rich discussion that demonstrated the reliability of the Genesis creation record and the determination of a Big God to bring tiny man back to his original perfect status.

Recycling the Stars unlocked the challenging subject of death and resurrection, while The Restless Universe challenged the audience to appreciate God's remedy for human restlessness.

Audience interest in the Bible-based sections of the lectures increased as people became more familiar with the format of the lectures. Eventually, that interest was as great as that for the stars and galaxies, and the truths learnt were an eye-opener to new friends. They fully participated in the question time each night, this leading to some good conversations which were continued over a cup of tea in the church hall.

The series offered the Coleraine church a grand opportunity to witness for Christ and reaffirm its presence in the Coleraine community. Open to the community, Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, Pentecostals, and others both benefited by the series and went home with a copy of this year's little give-away book "The Great Hope".

This was the second round of The Heavens Declare lecture series and plans are currently underway for a Daniel Seminar this autumn and a Revelation Seminar next year.

CONVERTED IN FIJI – PASTORS IN ENGLAND [Ian Sleeman]

Pastor Ian Sleeman went back to his Christian roots on Sabbath, 2 June 2012 when he met with the Fijian Seventh-day Adventist group at Bicester in North Oxfordshire. While a West Country boy himself, he shared with them the whole story about how as a young man he used to live and work in the South Pacific. He stated, "It was actually in a hospital in Suva, Fiji back in 1971 that I decided to become an Adventist." He warmed to the group, many of whom are part of the British armed forces. The Fijians gather about once each quarter from all over Britain to worship, study, pray and sing in their own language. Pastor Sleeman's story is also partly told in an archive edition of "In Conversation" on
To find out more about the UK Fijian fellowship email <ukfijiansda@googlemail.com>.

BUC CAMPOREE FINAL TICKET DEADLINE APPROACHING! [Natalie Davison]

The deadline for final ticket purchases for the BUC Pathfinder Camporee is 30 June 2012. If you are a club leader and have not registered on the BUC Youth website, please do so today. Registrations will take a few days to be approved and only those who have been registered will have access to the payments area.

DO NOT leave it until 30 June to make your purchases as any problems or queries you may have will not be attended to over that final weekend and you will miss out. Ticket purchases are available online through PayPal or credit/debit card. Club leaders should click on the club leader's registration page link.

The BUC Pathfinder Camporee will take place straight after the Olympics, 13-19 August 2012 at Blackwell Adventure Campsite, Bromsgrove, West Midlands. It will be an activity-filled week of spiritual growth and shared fun with Pathfinders from across the UK and Ireland. The theme is 'Running for Home' and the speaker is Pastor Israel Williams. What an opportunity to make some very special friends and memories!

LATEST MESSENGER ONLINE

The 8 June MESSENGER, 'Shoeboxes replace pillows' is now online. Learn to enjoy life – it has an expiration date. Find out why religious people are often insufferable, and enjoy the latest selection of 'megapixels' photos. Pick up a copy in your local church or read it online.

PROGRAMMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK

Here are some programme highlights for the coming week:

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692).

Viewpoint, on Monday, 18 June, 8:30 pm. Is Technology Good or Bad? A professional critic recently reviewed this programme stating that this "is a great episode; it is informative and thought provoking enough to interpolate viewers of various faith backgrounds and intellectual persuasions who live in a highly technological world."

'Adventists In Conversation', Thursday, 21 June, 8:30 pm. Richard Poulton shares a journey to faith, to legalism – to a true understanding of the Gospel. Enjoy this story of a transformed heart.*

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 15 June: 8:00 pm & Midnight: Lutz Rental – Suicide to soup to Saviour,
8:30 pm: Searching for a God to love, (Why Don't I Abstain I)
Sabbath 16 June: 9:00 am & 7:30 pm: Lutz Rental
Monday 18 June: 12:30 pm: Don Lowe – Working class lad to astonished president,
9:30 pm: Viewpoint: Is violence ever acceptable?
Wednesday 20 June: 8:00 am: Viewpoint: Is violence ever acceptable?,
Midnight: Dejan Stojkovic – Astonishing adventures of a young pastor
Thursday 21 June: 00:30 am: Searching for a God to love, (Humble Assurance II)
Friday 22 June: 8:00 pm & Midnight: Robert Hinds – A farmer sees God's creative hand,
8:30 pm: Searching for a God to love, (Why Don't I Abstain II)
Sabbath 23 June: 9:00 am & 7:30 pm: Robert Hinds

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

COMING EVENTS

SEC CAMP MEETING. Continuing to Saturday, 16 June. Camp Meeting is full but enjoy the live-stream of inspiring adult and youth speakers, including Pastor Mark Finley, at http://www.secmedia.org/. Also photos and reports.

STAFFORD CHURCH VISITORS' DAY. Sabbath, 16 June. Theme: "Pressing on". Sabbath School: 10:00 am, Divine Service: 11:30 am. Enjoy a fellowship lunch, followed by a celebratory praise and thanksgiving concert. Venue: (Methodist church) The Church at Rowley Street, Rowley Street, Stafford, ST16 2RH. Contact: Jenny Bucknor <jennybeesda@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07879 441280.

CAMP HILL MEN'S MINISTRIES DAY. Sabbath, 16 June. All are welcome to attend Men's Ministries Day @ Camp Hill Adventist church, Stratford Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, B12 0JP, on Sabbath 16 June. Guest speaker: Dr Patrick Lowe. Lunch provided. Contact: <bulletin@camphilladventist.org.uk>.

PAT'S GIANT SUMMER SALE. Sunday, 17 June. 12 noon - 2:00 pm at the Stanborough Centre, 609 St Albans Road, Garston, Watford, WD25 9JL. Bric-a-brac, china, linens, toys, books, clothes, crafts, plant stall. Refreshments and light lunches available. Profits from the sale will go towards the Adventurer & Pathfinder Club of the Stanborough Park Seventh-day Adventist church. Contact: Patricia Walton <walton@groats.co.uk>. Phone: 01923-672500.

SMETHWICK CHURCH FATHER'S DAY MEAL. Sunday, 17 June. Father's Day Meal at Smethwick Adventist church, for fathers, sons, mothers and daughters. 3 course meal, take away also available. Food served from 2:00 pm onwards. Vegetarian and Vegan food most definitely available... for full menu, use contact number. West Smethwick Methodist Church, Corner St Paul's Rd/Holly Lane, Smethwick, West Midlands, B67 7JG. Contact: Yanique Parson <yanique.parson@gmail.com>. Phone: 07939213777.

SYDENHAM CHILDREN'S DAY. Sabbath, 23 June. We invite you to join us for a very special children's church at Sydenham from 10:00 am, where the children will take an active role in the service. Guest speaker: Benjamin Owusu from the London Ghana church and special guest singers and our own Sydenham children's choir. Lunch will be provided. Venue: Sydenham Adventist Church, Sydenham Hill Community Hall, Sydenham Hill, London, SE26 6TT. Bus: 363, 356, 202 (5 min walk). Contact: Conneal <conneal@hotmail.com>.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION DAY WITH DAVID LAMMY MP. Sabbath, 23 June. Today is a special day at the Tottenham (West Green Road) church, recognising the achievements of some of our members (as well as others from the local community). Guests of honour: MP for Tottenham, David Lammy and Pastor Perry as the speaker. Music from the Tottenham Gospel Choir and others, and a delicious lunch provided. Contact: Sis Hannah <hannahobengbadu@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07957494821.

LEADERSHIP BOOT CAMP: "THE MOUNTAIN WITHIN". Sabbath, 23 June - second session. Central London church is hosting "Leadership Boot Camp: The Mountain Within". Part 2: Inspirational and practical sessions that will help you in your team building skills in everyday life and family relationships. Sabbath 23 June, 15 September, 17 November 2012 at 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm with Herta von Stiegel. Three remaining session/workshops perfect to invite friends and family. Please
contact us for further details or questions. Contact: Svetla <office@centrallondonchurch.org>. Phone: 07956196643.

NORBURY HEALTH EXPO & FUN DAY. Sunday, 24 June. Norbury Adventist church are holding a Health Expo and Fun Day at Streatham Common Park which will cover all aspects of health i.e. blood pressure check, biological age test, anti-stress massaging sessions, gospel music and fun sports and games. Food and drinks stalls and also juicing demonstrations. Contact: Nomvi <admin@norburynda.org.uk>. Phone: 07706389679.

GARDEN PARTY / CLASSICAL MUSIC ON STANBOROUGH PARK. Sunday, 24 June. 3:00 - 6:00 pm. Come and join us to inaugurate the new concert piano at the Secondary School Assembly Hall and for cream tea and classical music on Stanborough Park afterwards! Tickets available in advance from Stanborough Secondary School: 01923 673 268. Price: £7.50 including concert & cream tea. Contact: Helia Mateus <helia.mateus@gmail.com>. Phone: 07702408994.

SMETHWICK CHURCH YOUTH DAY. Sabbath, 30 June. "Everything I Need". Sabbath School: 10:00 am. Divine Service: 11:45 am. Lunch provided! 2:00 pm onwards. AYS 5:00 pm. Fellowship social and ice skating/bowling afterwards. Venue: West Smethwick Methodist Church, Corner St Paul's Rd/Holly Lane, Smethwick, West Midlands, B67 7JG. Come and have a wonderful day filled with worship, praise, fellowship and food! Contact: Yanique Parson <yanique.parson@gmail.com>. Phone: 07939213777.

BRIXTON MUSIC DAY. Sabbath, 30 June. From Every Corner ... Sing! Join us at Brixton Adventist Church, Santley Street, Clapham, London, SW4 7QG for Music Day. Morning service starts at 11:00 am. Afternoon programme starts at 5:00 pm with the London Adventist Chorale. Contact: Joanna Eyeson <communications@brixtonsdachurch.co.uk>. Phone: 07958049097.

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SMALL ADS

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