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OLYMPIC TORCH WITNESS SPREADS  [Also a BUC News Video Report]

A photo of the Olympic Torch Relay passing a closed and empty Adventist church landed on my desk this week. The missed opportunity troubled the sender. Thankfully that is proving to be the exception rather than the rule. As the flame continues its journey towards London, Seventh-day Adventists, along with other Christians, are using the opportunity to share their faith with enthusiastic crowds who seem particularly open to receiving literature as they wait for the torch to pass by.

At 4:25 pm on Sabbath, 7 July the Olympic torch passed the front of the Bury St Edmunds Seventh-day Adventist church. In preparation, head deacon, Brian Pierce had ordered a box of Olympic chaplain, Richard Daly's book, 'The Christian Race'. These were then marked up with the church's contact details. Richard Shone states, "As we waited for the torch to pass, Viviene Raymond, Bonnie Steinbrunner and Jacob Shone distributed these books to the spectators that were waiting along the road. We pray that God will plant a seed of interest in the hearts of those who may read this fine book."

The BUC and SEC media team were at Windsor Castle three days later to record footage for both a BUC News video report and a forthcoming SECmedia documentary on the Olympics. SEC Communication director, Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist noted the really open receptiveness of the public to the 'Going for Gold' Christian tracts that were being distributed along the length of the Royal Mile.
A week earlier the torch had passed alongside the Leicester Central church's Grade II listed building on London Road. Philip Herbert reports that the six o'clock crowds waited remarkably quietly for the approach of the Olympic Torch. Just as well, since strategically positioned outside the doors of the Adventist church, the Leicester Women's Gospel Choir, burst forth with their Olympic theme song, 'This little light of mine', much to the delight of the crowd. Meanwhile, church members and Pathfinders handed out flyers advertising the church's forthcoming outreach programme, 'Life after rock 'n' roll'. Philip stated, "These were well received. As one of the coaches accompanying the torchbearers drove past the church, a compère commended the gospel choir for their contribution to the proceedings on London Road."

The choir is run by Greg Smith and Maxine Chambers of Kaine Management Group (www.kainemanagement.org.uk) as a community outreach project, in Leicester.

Leicester Pathfinders took the Olympic theme to heart as on Sabbath, 7 July, 51 of its members were invested. Club members and Junior Counsellors aged 4 - 18 marched into the church to the rousing rhythms set by the drum corps, where supporting family, friends and the congregation at large were seated. Under the theme 'The Race for Life', Club director, Pauline Matturi captured a vital element of the club's purpose when she stated that it was about "turning tiny beings into wonderful people." The Olympic theme was central to an excellent dramatic performance of a play by the Pathfinders, entitled, 'The Christian Life Race', which emphasised that there is no room for complacency, compromise, our own busy agendas, or a desire to be cool and fit whilst running the Christian life race. Instead perseverance despite being sidetracked is needed to finish it.

With the torch shortly heading towards London, Hounslow Borough Council has asked Hounslow Cornerstone church to welcome the Olympic Torch Relay as it enters into the borough on 24 July. The location will be on the Brentford side of Kew Bridge, and enthusiastic church members also plan to engage North Wembley's Drum Corps plus Pathfinders and Adventurers from across the Area who will salute the torch as it passes by. It is planned that the welcome will be followed by an advance drill and a picnic at Watermans Park for both members and the community.

BUC Youth director, Nathan Stickland has been following closely the travels of the Olympic Flame and is producing a daily devotional blog based on its journey around the country and his own life experience.

For more on Olympic outreach visit the Olympic Outreach website. Gain a bigger picture by watching a BUC News video report, and if your church is involved in Olympic outreach, be sure to let us know.

ADVENTISTS MEET NEW PRESIDENT OF EGYPT

Pastor Llew Edwards, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Egypt and Sudan met with Egypt's new President, Dr Mohammed Morsi, on Wednesday, 27 June 2012.

Pastor Edwards, who up until his call to Egypt had served as President of the Church in Scotland, was invited to the magnificent Korba President's Palace along with Pastor Anwar Eskander and some 14 Church leaders from the Catholic,
Anglican and Evangelical Churches. The day before, the leaders of the Orthodox Church had met with the President and this time the other churches, including the leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church were invited.

President Morsi gave a warm welcome and individually sought to assure the Church leaders of his desire for all Egyptians to live together and be a united nation. He spoke about the duty of Muslims and Christians to live together practicing love to one another.

Pastors Eskander and Edwards delivered a letter to Dr Morsi on behalf of the Adventist Church, expressing appreciation for his words of intention to represent and unify all Egyptians and his statements of support for women and Christians. They also assured him that they would pray for him that God would give him health and wisdom in his new leadership role.

They left the palace impressed by the warmth and graciousness of this new freely elected leader of Egypt.

GRADUATES 'ASPIRING TO GREATNESS' [SEC Communications]

The 2012 graduating class of John Loughborough Adventist Secondary School celebrated their milestone through a reverent and appreciative Thanksgiving service, entitled 'Aspiring to Greatness', at the beautifully renovated Balham Seventh-day Adventist church, on Sabbath, 7 July.

A procession of Year 11 students, dressed in white, gold and pink, joined families, teachers, church members and visitors for a full day programme. Headteacher, Dr Edwena McFarquhar, is extremely proud of the class. "There's a wonderful group of students this year. They are not only quite academically focused, but spiritually in tune with God and I think the staff members have done a fantastic job with them. I feel that the whole school community, and the governors, supported the school really well and we're growing from strength to strength."

Students Christiana McCormark, Khiro Hamilton and Kwarteng Sarfo told the children's story during the main service, reminding the younger children that 'caring is sharing’. This was followed by a song of meditation from Shaniel McKenzie, Sarah Owusu, Riann Brooks and Rochelle Parks-Cope, all from the Year 11 class.

Dwight Johns told the congregation, "I think it's an honour to be Head boy at our own Seventh-day Adventist school. Today I feel ecstatic. Everyone is dressed up nicely, looks vibrant and are in good spirits. You can see that God's truly blessed us, it's a great day today."

Sam Gungaloo, a student of Adventist tertiary institution, Newbold College, was asked to address the students on this special day. He spoke of aspiring to greatness and running not just physical races, but mental and spiritual ones too.

At the end of the day, Latiqua Barthley, Head girl, commented, "I'm extremely happy, I've been waiting for this day for a long time. I'm just so excited and so grateful that we made it and we've finished school and are just waiting for results day." The Year 11 class will find out their GCSE results later this summer, but were reminded, during this day of thanks, that they are to run The Race - not just the temporary race, but the one for eternity.
MUSIC, CREAM TEAS & LAUGHTER  [James Shepley]

The sun broke through the clouds to provide a perfect end to an afternoon of classical music, cream teas and laughter in the beautiful grounds of Stanborough School on Sunday, 24 June.

Performers at the Garden Party included three talented alumni, violinist Song-Ah Choi, now studying at the Guildhall School Music, who shared Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 4, and Pablo de Sarasate's Gypsy Airs; harpist Isabella-Marina Asbjornsen, who has performed for Prince Charles and Prince William among other luminaries; and pianist Min-Young Bae, currently a scholar at the Royal College of Music.

Isabella mesmerized an audience of 200 people with her performance of E A Walter-Kune's 'Fantaisie sur un theme de l'Opera 'Eugene Onegin' by Tchaikovsky, Tournier's Opus 31 and Grandjany's 'Rhapsodie Pour la Harpe'. Min-Young Bae, performed Ravel's 'Une Barque sur l'Ocean' and Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2.

"I felt so privileged to listen to such high quality performers in such a select audience," said one of the guests. After the concert in the Assembly Hall, beautifully presented home-made cream teas were served to guests, to the background of chamber music performed by current Secondary School pupils.

Beyond the joy of the occasion, over £600 was raised towards the Stanborough Secondary School Scholarships and Bursaries Fund.

STREET CRED FOR CLAPTON COMMUNITY CHURCH FAIR  [SEC Communications]

A feisty Zumba class and knife-juggling performance were just two of the many activities held outside, on Chelmer Road, for Clapton Community Seventh-day Adventist church's Street Fair on Sunday, 8 July. Local resident, Vern Griffiths, stated, "I heard the music start up and we came over. The kids have had a great time with the face-painting and the bouncy castle. It's been really fun getting to hang out with people from my local area."

The church's Pathfinder drum corps opened the festivities by marching around the local area, bringing traffic to a halt and intriguing onlookers enough to ask what was happening and where they were going.

"It was amazing just to see all these young people out on the streets," enthused Pastor Kevin Johns, Pathfinder director at the South England Conference. "Traffic was just stopping, wanting to know what it was all about. It was a beautiful example of evangelism and reaching out to the community. With the folks that are arriving on the street now, we'll be able to share even more - fantastic!"

From a 'Sunshine Boutique', filled with perfumes and clothes, to an Art and Crafts area, to a 'Healthy Juicing' stall serving freshly squeezed juice combinations; those visiting had lots of choice, even before the food aromas started drifting down the street!

One local catering company, 'The Cooking Pot', were on hand selling delicious, vegetarian Indian cuisine. Jurmeet Kaur, one of the caterers explained that the profits were not for them: "The money is going to an
orphanage in India that we want to build. We've got a piece of land and friends of ours are helping us to develop it. We should start building it next year!"

A pleased David Burnett, pastor of the Clapton Community church, reflected, "This is what we all need to do!.. As a church, we can't be just indoors, there are times we need to be outside so that we're one with the community and allow people to feel free to approach us. And the good news is that this is only the first of 5 events to come!"

Sebastian, a professional juggler who performs in the West End, was an amusing entertainer for the day. Armed with a sense of humour and knife-juggling skills, he entertained the crowd for almost an hour, ending with a remarkable finale where he simultaneously balanced on a cylinder and juggled metal knives!

By the end of the day, Communication leader and one of the event organisers, Kandi Cox, enthused, "The reason we had this fair was really to bond with our community, letting them know we're here. At the moment we have a big church which has been empty for many years, and a lot of people still thought it was empty, so this was really to open our doors and let them know that we are here and it's been a great day!"

**PATHFINDERS 'RUNNING TO WIN' IN WREXHAM** [Clyde Moore]

Sabbath, 30 June was Wrexham Rally Day in the Welsh Mission. With the Olympics due to start in less than four weeks, the theme 'Running to Win!' drew over 150 Adventurers and Pathfinders from Coventry, Manchester, Liverpool, Newport, Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Walsall to the Bellevue Parc Community Centre, home to the Wrexham Adventist church. Under the directorship of Yvonne Watson-David the newly formed Wrexham Pathfinder Club hosted its first Rally Day.

The text for the day was "let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith." [Hebrews 12:1-2] This introduced five youthful sermonettes from Delorice Moyo, Joshua Watson-David and Cebo Kohlisa from Wrexham; and Whitney Maison and Elphine Ndebele from Newport.

Local pastor and Master Guide, Clyde Moore, reminded the Pathfinders of the fun they can have, but stressed that what was really important was their relationship with Jesus Christ. In his address Pastor Kevin Johns, SEC Pathfinder and Prison Ministries director, emphasised that we are not alone as we run this race. We have a 'Big Brother' at our side.

Pathfinders is about the outdoors, so after lunch they assembled behind the West Midlands and North West drum corps to march around Wrexham town centre. A break in the weather ensued as they set off to the beat of the gospel. Plenty of literature and books were given away to passers-by and pedestrians. As the marchers returned to the community centre the heavens opened but they kept their dignity and marched to the beat although they got a good soaking. The Wrexham members were pleasantly surprised and overwhelmed by the public response and turnout while the police said to Wrexham Pathfinder director, "Yvonne, your group can come again next year!"

A gospel concert then climaxed the day as young people used their singing talents to praise God and to thank Him for His mercies. It is hoped that this rally day has planted a seed or two and that the Wrexham Seventh-day Adventists have made their presence felt.
VEGGIE SMILES AT HACKBRIDGE CARNIVAL  [Hackbridge Communications]

It is carnival time July 2012, and free tasters are the order of the day as the Seventh-day Adventist group, '2Eden Vegetarian' an affiliated group to the Vegetarian Society, serve free vegetarian curry, samosas, spring rolls and rice, and introduce many people to bulgar wheat. Health checks are given and the public enjoy a healthy foods display. People sign up for cooking classes for the whole family and children amaze leaders with their knowledge of local and ethnic foods.

All of this is on Sabbath, but 7 July 2012 was a real chance for the community that so often pass the outside of the church doors to actually come in and find something special. And it was more than food. Time was spent promoting the Hackbridge Adventist Chaplaincy service and many friendships were made.

The carnival was planned by a local church and ecological group and Adventists joined in by holding the health day giving free vegetarian food samples, and promoting the Hackbridge Chaplaincy service to a happy and receptive general public. "We did not have to organise very much as it was in our regular Sabbath time and in our regular hall," states Hackbridge Personal Ministries director, Paul McDonald. He adds, "The carnival brought in more people then we could in a month of Sundays – or should I say a month of Sabbaths?" He is a great believer in networking and links with the Vegetarian Society, the Hackbridge Network and Surrey Vegetarians and Vegans have helped Hackbridge to become a vibrant and helpful part of the local community.

'2Eden' hold a vegetarian lunch in Hackbridge Adventist church every third Sabbath in the month at 2:00 pm. Ring Paul on 0208 405 1800 for more details.

NBTA LAUNCH AFFIRMS ADVENTIST CONTRIBUTION  [Sharon Platt-McDonald, BUC Health, Disability Awareness & Women's Ministries Director]

Caring for the well-being of others and saving lives are key principles of the Christian faith. So when BUC Health director, Sharon Platt-McDonald, was invited to be a member of a new national board supported by the Department of Health, she agreed. NBTA stands for National BAME Transplant Alliance – the coordinating voice for Black Asian, and Minority Ethnic transplant donations. Sharon was invited to become a member in view of the work she has done in this area involving the Adventist Church and to represent the Christian perspective on the board.

The National BAME Transplant Alliance, brings together people and organisations with in-depth knowledge of their communities to address the problem of low donor and transplant rates. These issues will include bringing awareness about people from these communities being three times more likely to need an organ transplant than the rest of the population while less than two per cent have recorded their wish to donate on the NHS Organ Donor Register. Equally while around 90 per cent of white patients in need of a bone marrow transplant may find a match, for the BAME population the matching rates can be as low as 40 per cent.

Members of the group will work to raise awareness of current inequalities and promote the importance of donation. They will also support other charities and give them advice on how to get the message across. The ultimate goal is to save more lives.
The NBTA official launch on Wednesday, 4 July 2012, was held in Pall Mall, London at the Institute of Contemporary Arts. Anne Milton, MP and Minister for Public Health, gave the keynote address. In attendance were celebrity supporters standing as ambassador and champions of NBTA. These included Alesha Dixon – singer and TV personality, ambassador for NBTA; Colin Salmon – actor, who is an NBTA champion and Gladys Knight – singer who is also a champion.

In his launch address NBTA co-chair Kirit Modi signalled out the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a 'leading example of what can be done to raise awareness about the need for organ donation within the BAME community representing the cultural and faith aspects of community outreach'.

Actor David Harewood states: "As a stem cell donor, I know how important it is for people from black and other ethnic minority backgrounds to come forward and sign up to donate their blood, organs and stem cells. By becoming a donor, you have the potential not only to save someone's life, but to change the lives of their friends and family too."

Alesha Dixon adds: "I am honoured that I have been asked to be a donor ambassador. Black and Asian people are dying because there are not enough people from our communities coming forward as stem cell or organ donors. We can change this."

For more information visit the NHS Blood and Transplant website.

FROM MASSACHUSETTS TO BONNY DUNDEE [Neil Robertson]

Dundee Seventh-day Adventist church opened its doors and its heart to the Youth Ensemble of New England on Monday evening, 2 July. The community and members thrilled to the music of Albinoni, Bach, Beethoven, Vivaldi, Mozart and others, performed by these talented and enthusiastic young people.

The 45 youngsters in the orchestra range in age from 10 to 18 but had the audience spellbound by their virtuosity demonstrated under the skilful direction of Dr Connie Rittenhouse Drexler. Young soloists featured the trumpet, oboe, violin, voice and most appropriately, a moving cello performance of a Scottish lullaby composed by Connie Rittenhouse Drexler for her son when he was baby, and performed by him now as a teenager. Every Scottish heart in the audience was moved. Dundee was indeed very fortunate to experience this concert in their new church.

The church was filled with visitors who stated, "These young people brought life to the evening." "The professionalism of these youngsters made the evening worth experiencing." "I would like to thank all those who organised this tour in Britain; parents, chaperones, director and conductor – a huge undertaking."

This concert was the final performance by the orchestra of their tour of England and Scotland which included performances in Bath, Windsor Castle, Birmingham Camp Hill, Edinburgh Castle and Glasgow. We bade them farewell and Godspeed as they left Scotland in the murk of a typical Scottish 'dreich' morning on their journey to Iceland.
As part of the continued momentum of the 'Year of the Bible Correspondence School' I would like to encourage those who are currently on the Discover Bible School scheme to keep up the excellent work in sharing God's word with members of your church and your local community. The latest figures indicate there are one hundred and forty-four churches using the DBS scheme and from these schools several graduation services have been planned for the latter part of the year.

When I observe the enthusiasm and excitement generated through the study of the Word of God, in some DBS study groups I have visited recently, my amazement reaches new heights as I observe the power of the word of God at work in human lives.

However there is still capacity for many other churches to join us in making this year a significant one for Bible study. This is emphasised in our engaging promotional video, Pass it on.

You can also download the DBS registration form from our website. The form needs to be signed by the local pastor and returned to the ADC. We will then confirm your registration in writing.

With less than six months to go to the end of the year why not make a difference through the Discover Bible School (DBS) scheme where hope comes to life and life takes on new meaning.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY HONOURS FORMER NEWBOLD/STANBOROUGH STUDENT

Christine Arthur, who attended both Stanborough School and Newbold College in her younger years, has been selected as Birmingham University's Alumna of the Year, 2012. After receiving her award from the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Eastwood, Christine presented the keynote address to 1,000 graduates, friends and professorial staff assembled for a graduation ceremony in the university's Great Hall on Wednesday, 4 July 2012.

At a time when public confidence in bankers, politicians and other leading figures has eroded drastically, she emphasised the need for trust and transparency in all walks of life. She said she was both humbled and honoured to accept the award but remained totally mystified as to why she had been chosen – especially when she learnt that there are no less than 170,000 former students of Birmingham University currently living all over the world.

As Managing Director of the Birmingham office of McCann PR (part of McCann Erickson, the world's largest advertising and communications network), Christine has worked closely with the university's School of Business Studies in providing work experience and employment for students. Her mother, Ruth, flew down from Scotland for the event, but father, Pastor John Arthur, was forced to view proceedings on Livestream because of his inability to travel on health grounds.

Christine is married to auctioneer, Nick Davies, who frequently appears on the BBC 'Flog It!' programme. They have two boys – Owen (14) and Rhys (12). When questioned about her pre-university education, Christine expressed thanks to teachers at both Stanborough School and Newbold College for establishing a good launch pad for her career.
PROGRAMMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK

Here are some programme highlights for the coming week:

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692): Part two of, 'FaithTalks' aired on Thursday, 12 July at 8:30 pm. Repeated Sunday lunchtime, 15 July, 1:00 pm. In the programme, Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist asks, "Why is Christianity so divisive?" Next week, Thursday 19 July and Sunday 22 July, "Is religion good for children?"

Web Exclusives: Richelle Anim discovers Freedom of Choice is a two-edged sword while Ray Patrick explores a theme of love, all in our "The Word" series.

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 13 July: 8:00 pm & Midnight: Colleen Lewis – God in the marketplace,
  8:30 Searching for a God to love, (Humble Assurance I)
Sabbath 14 July: 9:00 am & 7:30 pm: Colleen Lewis
Monday 16 July: 12:30 pm: Jim Huzzey – Discovers the Great Watchmaker,
  9:30 pm: Viewpoint: The King James Bible
Wednesday 18 July: 8:00 am: Viewpoint: Michael Omolewa – Former President of UNESCO,
  Midnight: Bertie de Nysschen – Engineering into ministry
Thursday 19 July: 00:30 am: Searching for a God to love, (Humble Assurance II)
Friday 20 July: 8:00 pm & Midnight: Michael Omolewa,
  8:30 Searching for a God to love, (Humble Assurance II)
Sabbath 21 July: 9:00 am & 7:30 pm: Michael Omolewa

COMING EVENTS

REVIVAL AND REFORMATION. Continuing to Sabbath, 14 July. Featured speaker: Christopher Kramp. Join Wallasey Adventist church, 1 Clarendon Road, Wallasey, Wirral, Merseyside, CH44 8EH. Contact: Gift <gift99999999@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 07872113672.

ILFORD CAMPAIGN – RACE FOR MORE THAN GOLD. Continuing to Sabbath, 21 July with speakers Ray Patrick and Lester Parkinson. Time: 7:15 – 8:30 pm daily until 21 July 2012. Church address: 380-384 Ilford Lane, Ilford, Essex, IG1 2ND. Contact: Eugene Martin <eugenem45@aol.com>. Phone: 07886293190.

SIGN OF THE TIMES CAMPAIGN. Continuing to Sabbath, 21 July with motivational speaker Elder Donald Yearwood. Venue: Palms Green Adventist Church, c/o Winchmore Hill Methodist Church, 611-613 Green Lanes, N13 4EP. Service times: Sabbath 14 July, 10:30 am & 4:30 pm; Monday 16 July, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm; Wednesday 18 July, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm; Sabbath 21 July, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. For further information contact 07950 387764 or email: psmholness@yahoo.com. Nearest station: Palms Green Station, Buses: 121, 329 & W6.

CAFE 7 – SHOW ME YOUR ID. Friday, 13 July. Cafe 7 – Show Me Your ID is an evening of music, poetry, talk, mingling, nibbles and praise. A fresh and vibrant experience for all youth. All are welcome to attend; hosted by Area 7 Youth Federation. Pastor Jonathan Burnett will be speaking during the evening. Time: 7:00 pm. Venue: St Albans Adventist Church, 121 St Peters Street, St
Albans, Herts, AL1 3EL. For further information please contact Shannelle Hall (shannellehall@yahoo.com) 07985 656349 or Tim Runji 07936 887749.

SHROPSHIRE DAY OF FELLOWSHIP. Sabbath, 14 July. Telford Seventh-day Adventist Church, Station Road, Ketley Brook, Telford, TF1 5AQ. Starting at 9:30 am Bible Study followed by a Family Service with Welsh Mission President Pastor John Surridge. Fellowship lunch then an afternoon concert of praise & thanksgiving. Contact: Pastor Clyde Moore <pastorclydmoore@gmail.com>. Phone: 01939234785/07789554876.

BALHAM YOUTH DAY. Sabbath, 14 July. Who do you say that I AM? Speaker: Christina Thomas. Time: 10.00 am. Address: Balham Seventh-day Adventist Church, 83 Elmfield Road, London, SW17 8AD. Nearest station: Balham. Buses: 155, 249, 355. Lunch provided! Contact: Christina Thomas <balhamyouthdepartment@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 07530096797.

CROYDON EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN. Sabbath, 14 July to Sabbath, 28 July. "Proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel" with guest evangelist Pastor Michael Kelly, USA and singing evangelist. Two weeks each night 7:30 pm except Thursday. Venue: 95 Selhurst Road, South Norwood, London, SE25 6LH. Contact: Pastor Daly <richarddaly7@gmail.com>. Phone: 07958 433744.

TAKE ME HIGHER GOSPEL CONCERT. Sabbath, 14 July, 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm. Fundraising concert in aid of the church building for children, youth and community projects. Featuring Jeharna South - nationally acclaimed recording artist as seen on the BBC’s Songs of Praise, also Mark Bunney - international recording artist and gospel jazz performer. From the north, The Tuckley Twins. Also local artists including Nicole Baptiste, Amana and Andy Kydd & family. Venue: Wycombe Community Adventist Church, Victoria Street, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP11 2LU. Cost £10:00 per ticket. Contact: David DaSilva <takemehigher@mcfwcsda.org>. Phone: 07850329613.

NEWBOLD COLLEGE AWARDS CEREMONY. Sunday, 15 July. Newbold College 2012 Awards Ceremony, Sunday 15 July at 11:00 am, Newbold Church Centre. For tickets please contact Debbie McReynolds, PA to SMT by email: dmcreynolds@newbold.ac.uk or Tel: 01344 407420.

BALHAM CHURCH ANNUAL COMMUNITY FAIR. Sunday, 15 July. This free event has many features for a fantastic day out for the whole family including health talks and checks, know your body mass index, natural health products, Vegan cooking and bread baking demonstrations, outdoor and indoor games, arts and craft activities, face painting, bouncy castles, hair and fashion show and entertainment. Venue: 83 Elmfield Road, Balham, SW17 8AD from 1 - 6 pm. Contact: Joan Robinson <balfamins2010@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07702799309.

BUC RESIDENTIAL EVANGELISM TRAINING WEEK. Sunday, 15 July to Sunday, 22 July. The BUC in conjunction with the Conferences and Missions is pleased to offer you the third residential evangelism training week at Leicester De Montfort University. Track A: Evangelism Training Field School with Pastor Louis and Sis Carol Torres. The Leicester church will host two weeks of evangelistic outreach. Pastor Torres will conclude the second week and use it to also demonstrate some evangelism principles taught in the field school. Track B: Literature Evangelism Training. This continues the resurgence of the Literature Evangelism Work. This "forgotten pastoral type of worker" sees a special value in the distribution and sale of literature for the salvation of people. Pastor Abraham Obaya, Elisabeth Sanguesa, Paul Thompson, Pastor Peter Sayers and Roger Blake make up a dynamic training team for those serious about LE work. To apply please visit http://bucevangelism.eventbrite.co.uk. Contact: Catherine Palmer <cpalmer@adventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 672251.

THOU SHALT NOT (WATFORD – PUMPHOUSE THEATRE). Sabbath, 21 July. Thou Shalt Not is an examination of the complexities of human behaviour; the addiction of transgression, and the ultimate joy in finding the pathway to Redemption. Reviews: "Intense. An engaging piece, a well written, well acted drama." – New Christian Herald. "Theatre's great secret is out. Mark Grey (playwright) is one of London's best kept secrets." "A strong cast with an intensity brought about by the quality of the acting." "You are actually in the room with them gaining an insight into their
'GOD IS REAL' – WILLESDEN VISITORS' DAY. Sabbath, 28 July. Willesden Adventist church invites you to their Visitors’ Day entitled 'God is Real'. Guest speaker: Pastor Ian Sweeney, British Union Conference President. 9:30 am: Church at Study. 11:00 am: Family Worship. 1:30 pm: Lunch provided. 4:30 pm: 'A Time of Praise'. Willesden Seventh-day Adventist Church, Glebe Road/Pound Lane, London, NW10 2JD. Contact: Cheryl Allen <cheryl_allen7@hotmail.com>. Phone: 02084519884.

CROYDON OLYMPIC OUTREACH. Sabbath, 28 July. Join us as we worship during the Olympic Games with our special outreach Sabbath with evangelist Pastor Michael Kelly from the USA. Church address: 95 Selhurst Road, South Norwood, London, SE25 6LH. Contact: Pastor R Daly <richarddaly7@gmail.com>. Phone: 07958 433744.

SOUTHAMPTON CONCERT. Sabbath, 28 July. Come and join us as we enjoy an afternoon of worship and praise at Southampton Church, Shirley High Street, Southampton, SO15 3EH. Starting at 4:00 pm. Refreshments served afterwards. Contact: Bridget <bhm.gerber@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07577631769.

BASILDON MUSIC CONCERT. Sabbath, 28 July. Basildon Adventist church will be holding a musical concert to raise funds for the church building being purchased in a few months. Do come and support us. Tickets cost £10.00 and can be booked via Owen Skerritt on 07956876153 or Robert Beswick on 07899742833. 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm at Basildon Lower Academy, Timberlog Lane, Essex, SS14 1UX. Contact: Vivian <vivjere@hotmail.com>. Phone: 07887503133.

THOU SHALT NOT (BRISTOL – THE TOBACCO FACTORY). Sabbath, 28 July. Thou Shalt Not is an examination of the complexities of human behaviour; the addiction of transgression, and the ultimate joy in finding the pathway to Redemption. Price £12 & £10 (concessions). Contact: Carmel Greystone <mark@carmel-greystone.com>. Phone: 0800 112 3152.

JAMAICAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE. Wednesday, 1 August. Edmonton Adventist church invites you to its Jamaican 50th Anniversary Thanksgiving, Prayer & Praise Service with special guest speaker, evangelist Pastor Glenn Samuels of the Jamaican Union Conference. Wednesday 1 August, 11 Cuckoo Hall Lane, Edmonton, London, N9 8SD beginning at 7:00 pm. Contact: Richard de Lisser <richarddelisser@hotmail.com>. Phone: 07956-955-111.

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SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP TO ESTONIA. ADRA-TED, the TED Youth department and the Adventist Volunteer Service (AVS) are working together to start an annual mission trip for young adults aged 18-35. This year we will be going to Jõhvi, Estonia to help complete building work on the Seventh-day Adventist church. When: 20 - 30 September. Application deadline: 31 August. For more information contact Karen Plaatjes at kplaatjes@ted-adventist.org.

BED & BREAKFAST. Visiting London for the Olympics or any other times? Lovely family home situated in a very exclusive and quiet area offering B&B facilities. For further info email: josephwise.co@gmail.com or phone 07572171757.

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pt maternity cover, British Union Conference, Watford. For full details of these and other vacancies visit: <http://www.adventistnews.org.uk/vacancies.php>.

HERE I AM, LORD sung by the ministers' wives for the ordination service and recorded at the South England Conference Camp Meeting is now available on iTunes. 'Here I am' was composed by Cathy Boldeau and arranged by her and Tina Brooks who also produced the track.

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