BEYOND GOLD IMPACTS AUDIENCES AND ATHLETES

Spiritual applications from sports are hard to miss, says playwright Mervyn Weir.

That's why the Seventh-day Adventist Church member incorporated stories of Olympic greats into his latest production, from the "Flying Scotsman" Eric Liddell, to the father of runner Derek Redman who helped his injured son across the finish line at the 1992 Olympics.

"It is an honour to have my story told as part of the show and I feel humbled," Redmond stated. "The spirit of the Games' has been symbolised in many ways, but the Beyond Gold show looks set to be invigorating and inspirational."

Weir said he wrote the play in the hope that audiences would think of their own spiritual development in light of the festivities surrounding them during the next two weeks. "Whatever opportunity [the Apostle Paul] saw, he used it to divert people towards Christ, and I think that's what the arts can do," Weir said on Sunday night, 29 July, following the last of four performances of the show in locations in London, Reading and finally St Albans.

The intermix of various Olympic testimonies and stories of athletes brought out Biblical themes of: forgiveness, grace, keeping the Sabbath, a Father's love, and sharing God's word. Garrett Caldwell, Associate Communication director at Seventh-day Adventist World Church headquarters stated, "I was blessed by the mix of music and drama in the production."
The production was commissioned by the South England Conference who see the Olympic period as a prime time for evangelism. Pastor Sam Davis, SEC President underlined that "It really met the objectives of being evangelistic, we as a Conference are blessed by talents that can use the arts for evangelism."

"This is for the community to experience the gospel in a way that is accessible for those who have no background in church" explained Weir. "It is meant as an opportunity for our church members to invite friends along."

Janine, a frequent churchgoer, invited several colleagues to the performance, and reflected that "they simply loved it! In particular they enjoyed the unusual way the performance was put together." But that wasn't all. Janine continues: "One of them said that she really liked the Christianity side of things too. She said she has been meaning to get back into church, and that she will now go to one of the churches near her that she has been thinking about attending for some time."

If there was a criticism it would be that the programme could have been tighter. It overran by almost an hour, but nevertheless, audience feedback was positive. Malika Bediako, SEC Children's and Women's Ministries director said "I was at the edge of my seat. It was excellent – I simply loved it." Andre Brink, Associate Communication director of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church was impressed by the intentional use of professional actors alongside amateurs, "great performance by them all" Brink said, "this could be shown in other places too."

"You find many reference to sports and the Christian life, in Paul's writing," states Weir. He concludes that as "the Apostle Paul was able to use where people were, and what people knew, to draw them to the gospel of Christ, should we not do the same?"

A selection of photos from 'Going for Gold' are available in the BUC picture gallery.

ADVENTIST WITNESS AT JAMAICAN TRAINING CAMP [Herline Simon]

Ten youngsters from the Kingstanding Adventist church and nearby community, along with their Sabbath School teacher, Cheryl Grant, attended the Jamaican Olympic Training Camp at Birmingham University on Tuesday, 24 July. The children were thrilled to meet a number of athletes who had received medals at the Beijing Olympics along with others who all hope to succeed in London 2012.

Dressed in Jamaican T-shirts and bearing national Jamaican symbols, the Kingstanding children naturally attracted the interest of the press and were interviewed by different media representatives. Cheryl Grant seized the opportunity to distribute copies of Richard Daly's booklet 'The Christian Race'.

Playwright & director Mervyn Weir (rights) shares his passion for mission in the arts with World Church Communication Associates Garrett Caldwell (left) and Andre Brink (Centre).
The children knew that there was no guarantee that Usain Bolt would be appearing and, although disappointed at his absence, enjoyed the event tremendously; they even took part in a 50m race announced by Don Quarrie, winner of the 200m race in the 1976 Olympics.

**OLYMPIC MEALS AT BEDFORD CENTRAL** [Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist]

"We want you to become more involved in the community," stated MP Richard Fuller in his challenge to Bedford Central Adventist church on Sabbath, 28 July. "Community is important" responded local pastor, Sam Davies. "Although we're already involved in various community activities, we should really be involved in more." Davies added, "I'm so glad MP Fuller challenged the church today, and that he recognises that the community needs our involvement!"

An important start to this community outreach came in the form of an outdoor breakfast served to the community around the church. It proved a popular start to the Olympic-themed Open Day at Bedford Central church. Passers-by stopped for some tasty food and got into enthusiastic conversations with members.

From breakfast, it was only a short step to the worship service. Visitors and members packed the hall to experience church with the Olympic theme of "Faster, Higher and Stronger" in a spiritual context.

Elsie Staple, Health and Community Ministries director for the South England Conference, shared a message that was brief but to the point, challenging the audience to be active both physically and spiritually. Lunch was also served to the community out on the streets, and again church members and community talked together, laughed together and discussed the reasons behind the generous provision of free meals and free health checks.

The front of the church was decorated with a variety of flags, something Councillor Atkins, who was representing the Mayor at the event, also noted. She commented on how she had seen the building change over the years, but what she found most interesting was the increased number of different nationalities that now met together. She repeatedly commented on how the members had made her feel welcome, not only through their greetings, but also by their friendly and open attitude.

Visiting for the day, Andre Brink, Associate Communication director at Adventist World Church headquarters, commented on how "Bedford church is not only very friendly and inclusive, but so involved in its community," going even further to suggest that "this day is an excellent example to other churches on how to reach out into the community."

**FOR ADVENTIST CHAPLAIN AT LONDON OLYMPICS, PINS ARE TOOLS OF THE TRADE** [Ansel Oliver / ANN]

Six days a week during the Olympics, Richard Daly takes the Underground to the Olympic Park in East London, where more than 100,000 spectators swarm nine Games' venues.

Trading pins is a common hobby here at the Summer Olympics
in London. Daly, a Seventh-day Adventist minister, is one of up to 160 chaplains volunteering at the Games' site. For the first week of competition he's assigned to serve the media, along with 11 other chaplains who take turns staffing a media prayer room throughout the day.

He sometimes gets stopped while walking around the Olympic Park, and it is not always because he resembles a competing athlete. It is usually for his extensive collection of pins on the lanyard around his neck holding his credentials.

"Wow, so many pins," says a volunteer ahead of him in the lunch line. "That's an impressive collection," says another. Later outside, a woman shouts from the middle of a crowd walking to an arena, "You don't have any Addidas pins to trade, do you?"

Here at the Olympics, trading commemorative pins is a serious hobby and well documented in local and international media. An NBC cameraman said he was doing a story on the custom as he captured footage of Daly negotiating with a trader wearing a vest festooned with pins from these Games and Olympics past.

One pin he regularly shows to visitors is his Olympics 'Faith' pin, a great conversation starter, he says.

"See this one, have you seen this one yet? Are you a person of faith?" he asked a security guard before inviting her to consider some day visiting the prayer room.

Daly, 45, pastors the Croydon Seventh-day Adventist church in south London, and is taking his annual leave to volunteer at the Games. He said working at the Olympics is an opportunity to offer a ministerial presence at one of the world's highest profile events. "We want to provide a service and have a presence here," he said on Tuesday morning while walking among crowds of smiling people lucky enough to gain tickets to the Games.

For more on this story visit the [ANN website](http://www.ann.org.uk).

**OLYMPIC FLAME TORCHBEARERS: IN CHURCH AND VISITING**  
[Errol Anderson / Norma Elaine Whyte]

On Tuesday an enthusiastic Olympic torchbearer in Brent – four days later, experiencing worship at Willesden Adventist church Visitors' Day. That was the experience for Brent Olympic torch relay runner, Andre Edwards on Sabbath, 28 July 2012. He had met with Adventists witnessing on the street during the torch relay and then visited the church along with his mother, stating he was "happy to be in attendance."

It was a day of high praise and worship, with a packed church of both members and visitors, for Willesden's 'God is Real' Visitors' Day. The Adventurers and Pathfinders, in full regalia, had welcomed and ushered both members and visitors into church and the convivial ambience was evident.

One highlight was the message of Pastor Ian Sweeney, President of the Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland. He was in full effervescent 'swing' including a thought for those aiming for gold these next two weeks: "no-one stays at the top forever." Instead he emphasised God's sovereignty and supremacy and the importance of a positive relationship with God and man.
Andre was not the only torchbearer to be in church last Sabbath. Racquel Robinson was the last of three Adventist members nominated to carry the torch. Racquel is 16 years old and a member of Balham church although she normally attends at Brixton.

Despite early setbacks in her life, she strives to excel in what she does. Her school PE teacher nominated her for this event stating she has, "shown outstanding leadership skills." Racquel has volunteered for many charity events as an organiser including a disability gala and a sponsored skip event for a heart charity. Her teacher says that Racquel, "always works to her full potential and is supportive of other classmates."

At church Racquel has been an active youth choir member and been involved in a recent drama production of 'Kids Praise'. She has not made her past leave her bitter but always wears a welcoming smile. When she considered the stories of some of the other torchbearers she is surprised that someone chose her. "I always try my best and you won't fail because you are doing it for other people as well as yourself."

How did it feel to carry the torch? "So many things have happened in my life; maybe God has given me this opportunity," she responded, adding, "I am representing God when I am running." Maybe Racquel isn't as famous as some of the other torchbearers and maybe her story may not be deemed as extraordinary as some of the others but when you consider all she has been through at her age, she is an amazing young lady and she is undoubtedly a torchbearing champion.

MISSION SOUTHPORT  [Michael Simpson]

Southport is a small coastal town located on the north-west shores of England just north of Liverpool. But what makes this typical coastal town of 90,000 inhabitants, bustling in the summer with tourists from around the UK and beyond special?

This summer it was the appearance of Adventist TV presenter Tony Moore, who shared his latest production – a series entitled "Tracing the Footsteps of Jesus" during a five-week series.

On the opening day, Monday morning, 25 June, just nine non-members were present at the first presentation, "Amazing Discoveries in the Land of the Nile". This increased to twenty-nine for the repeat evening presentation.

Following the three presentations on Egypt, we launched into a second series, "Tracing the Footsteps of Jesus" – a 28-episode documentary series that focus on the teachings and places where Jesus went. This was more popular with numbers increasing both morning and night.

Each of the twenty-eight presentations follow the same mode, first a well-documented video filmed on location narrated by Tony Moore himself. After the video presentation we turn to a well laid out colour workbook where attendees fill in the blanks as both questions and answers are projected on the screen. This section can be as interactive as time allows and serves as a wonderful teaching aid; which allows participants the opportunity to revise the content of the video documentary which in turn helps to reinforce learning the key points of the presentation. Then, a short section where three to four application questions are asked which aids attendees in applying learning to their lives personally. The entire process takes about one hour.

Tony Moore is well known for his programming on Hope Channel and 3ABN

Adventist runner, Racquel Robinson
"I must confess that I get a natural thrill when God's truths are presented and I am able to watch and see minds slowly open as the Holy Spirit unfold truths to minds that are open," states North England Conference Church Growth coordinator, Pastor Mike Simpson. "It's just beautiful to see. There is nothing like it."

The programme was very intense. It ran for nine days without a break with eighteen presentations, mornings and evenings. After the first two weeks of this wonderful but intense programme, both morning and evening attendance began to fluctuate. This is nothing strange in a series of meetings of this nature. What was encouraging however, is that all attendees were from the majority population, a group that Adventists often find difficult to attract to public meetings.

"This has not been the case in my experience," states Pastor Simpson. "What has proven difficult however in my many years of experience in projects like these is that hardly anyone can conceive that we can have success in reaching the majority population and even more alarming the very idea that a black person can successfully reach the majority white population in England is so far removed from the mind of the vast majority of Seventh-day Adventists (black and white) that only lip service is paid to reaching this vast group of the population."

Simpson argues that an immediate sustainable strategy must be implemented to sustain the work in the few areas that we have gained a foothold in reaching the majority population. Evangelism is keeping the interest of those who attended these meetings after two or three months but once the series comes to its conclusion that interest must be sustained. This is a major challenge on a local church level. It's not that they so much desire lively and meaningful praise and worship but rather simply to be fed a good Biblical diet presented at a certain standard. Many of our pastors and local leaders and members have the ability to articulate such delivery of Biblical truths but many lack the wisdom in the mode of delivery to a truly non-Seventh-day Adventist people group.

One attendee stated, "These sessions takes the Bible from black and white and projects its teachings in full and living colour." Another added, "I cannot understand why more people are not here from the churches, it's wonderful." Seeing the advert in a local newspaper the senior vicar from the Church of England called me to inquire "what is the intent of the programme?" After outlining our fundamental beliefs he kindly says "we appreciate the Seventh-day Adventists. Like ourselves you are sound orthodox, where we differ of course is that we have a different day for Sabbath," I smiled. As we concluded our brief but meaningful conversation and made a promise to meet up at some stage, I wondered what exactly prompted that vicar to call me.

The following Sunday in his main service he held up the newspaper with our advertisement on the front page and said "these people are putting their money where their mouth is, look what they have done, are we prepared to do the same?" and with that he apparently exclaimed, "the only difference between them and us is that they keep Saturday as Sabbath and we keep Sunday." So he invited his congregation to attend. A similar announcement was apparently made at the local Baptist church.

The meetings concluded on Sabbath, 28 July. Five weeks of intensive meetings and a contact database of over fifty people. On the closing Sabbath 22 guests from the community joined visitors from Liverpool churches. The seminar finished on a very high note with tears and laughter, sadness and friendship. We also have received a request for baptism which we are looking to do in early September.

A follow-up series, "Unfolding Daniel's Mysteries" is starting this weekend with 15 of those who attended the Jesus series already registered.
PORTUGUESE INVADE LONDONDERRY [Weiers Coetser]

In a small place like the Irish Mission it is difficult for an Adventist minister to attend church functions incognito. I managed it on Tuesday, 24 July! I had heard of an interesting Impact project that was taking place in Londonderry. Twenty-one young people from Portugal were in the city to help with local efforts to share the Gospel. This was something that had to be witnessed, so I drove there and meandered through the historical city walls looking for the Richmond shopping centre, where I knew the group was stationed for the day.

As I entered the centre, I knew I was at the right place. Young people, dressed in plain black clothes, white gloves, and faces painted white had spotted me. They were beckoning to me and there was no mistake that they were pointing me to a table where I had to enrol for something. It felt as though somebody had tipped them off that I was coming, but then I realised they were doing this with everybody who were entering the centre. It seemed they were quite effective as I looked at the line that had already formed at the first station of the health expo.

I resisted the attempt to move me to the health expo table. This was quite difficult to do as I could see that they felt I really needed to be there. I took out my camera instead and began to take pictures. A lady was sitting on a chair in the entrance of the shopping centre. She was keeping her baby amused. She greeted me, and told me a bit about the project. Her husband was one of those who greeted me in the beginning. We were well into the conversation when I discovered that she was Rute Silva Mesquita, the Portuguese pastor, in charge of the group.

During the day I met a number of interesting young people. Uri is the son of a pastor who emigrated from Brazil to Portugal. He is an engineering student at the University of Coimbra. Uri was dressed up as a clown for the day and it felt surreal talking to an orange haired, red nosed engineer. His face was all smiles and it was clear that he had a special ability to entertain children while the parents were busy with their health assessments. This mission trip gave him an opportunity to explore a country that he has not visited before as well as meet new young people from Portugal and Ireland.

Ines is a third year theology student at Collonge, France. She lives in the centre of Portugal and this mission trip has given her the opportunity to practise her skills at meeting people. She really enjoys the practical part of ministry. Before she began her studies, she worked as an intern in one of the churches in Portugal. Every year the Portuguese Union organises a big evangelistic camp for young people where up to 150 young people learn how to do creative street ministries. Ines has attended a few of these programmes before and was part of a team who performed mimes in the shopping centre in Londonderry. Each mime reflects on the lost and confused spiritual state of people in this world and how they can be restored through Christ.

While the one team was busy drawing the crowds, another team was busy working behind some screens conducting blood pressure tests and taking blood sugar levels. One member of this team was a
school teacher. In extremely fluent English he told me how busy his church keeps him in Portugal where he serves as an elder and an itinerant preacher. This mission trip gave him an opportunity to practise his English.

The week-long project concluded on Sabbath, 28 July with a special highlight for the Londonderry church as young people travelled from Dublin and elsewhere in the Mission to join them including a late sunset experience at the Giant's Causeway. Every day the health expo drew between 50 and 75 people. Many more children enjoyed balloon art and mimes.

In the evenings the team relaxed in the church hall in the company of Pastor Claudiu Popescu. He revelled in the presence of such a large group of young people adding to the youth in his church. They have been a positive joy, bringing a vibrant programme into a beautifully effervescent city in the north western most part of the British Isles.

MASS DEDICATION AT SHEFFIELD MANOR [Peter Jeynes]

If there is one church in the British Isles focused on the needs of children in its surrounding community it is Sheffield Manor. In the centre of one of the most deprived estates in the city, the local church leadership has worked hard over a number of years to bring light and hope into the estate. You might hope this would result in a big baptism. That might happen one day, but a big event has clearly demonstrated that Manor is fulfilling its mission.

That 'big event' was a mass child dedication on Sabbath, 28 July 2012. The recent Sabbatical offered to regular minister, Pastor Andrew Rashford-Hewitt, led to the North England Conference asking Pastor Jeynes from Lincoln and Newark to give temporary cover. Local elders Carlton Lee and Andrew Yesudian took advantage of their new pastor's presence to invite him along on their regular Tuesday evening visitation in the community. The visitation led to the planning of the blessing of 10 children and one adult, ranging from six-week-old Logan to the parents of one of the children.

Facing the difficulty of trying to hold individual children the decision was taken to picture the hired Anglican church building as a market square in Galilee with the visit of Jesus who would bless all of the children together. Using a method suggested in Desire of Ages, babies were dedicated before their older siblings with parents blessed later to care for their charges.

Regular worshippers expressed their happiness at seeing more growth, visitors described how they would take ideas from what they had seen 'back home'.

Begun many years ago the group have set out to reach non-Christians in their local community with sensitive pastoral care by visiting elders, loving fellowship created by friendly members offering food, child-friendly outreach by dedicated Pathfinder and Sabbath School leaders and seeker sensitive Christian worship accessible by the community and yet still of interest to established members.

As most of the blessed children come from the local community the parents are the potential leaders and active worshippers in the Manor. The coming months and years will see the current membership
working for and praying with the four families as they grow up together as part of the family of God in this part of Sheffield.

**A CUP OF DAISIES FOR RWANDA [ADRA-UK]**

Fashion designer Oana Balan is now supporting the work of ADRA-UK in Rwanda through her new online shop 'Cup of Daisies'.

Her purpose is to support and raise funds for charities through a line of ladies' clothing and accessories, raising awareness in society to help communities in need.

Oana studied fashion design in Spain and the UK. She supports various charities, including the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), through her products, helping them to achieve and sustain the work they do to help and empower others.

Miss Balan's beautiful handmade silk scarfs will soon be available to buy online, giving the public an opportunity to own something unique and bespoke. But not only that, these scarfs can be worn with pride, as each purchase contributes to helping others.

Oana designed a 100% twill silk scarf to celebrate the work of ADRA-UK. 10% from the sale price of this product goes to an ADRA women's education project in Rwanda. The design, which is inspired by native African flowers and motifs, has been specially created for the project in Rwanda. This scarf is the perfect accessory for every season of the year.

**LATEST MESSENGER ONLINE**

The 3 August MESSENGER, the official journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland, highlights Press Open Day on 2 September, asks if you are catching enough J-rays, offers 'The delight-filled church' and encourages 'Power to the people'. Pick up a copy at a church near you or download your online edition.

**PROGRAMMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK**

Here are some programme highlights for the coming week:

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692): FaithTalks 'Is God a moral monster?' aired on Thursday, 2 August at 8:30 pm. Repeated Sunday lunchtime, 5 August, 1:00 pm. Next week, Thursday 9 August and Sunday 12 August, Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist asks, 'Why can't I believe anything I want?'

Web Exclusive: What makes an Adventist a good Olympic photographer? Love of God and nature leads to a love of photography for Daryl Gungadoo.

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 3 August: 8:00 pm & Midnight: Elvira Pearson – Hidden Bibles and deep commitments,
8:30 pm: Searching for a God to Love (Illusions are us II)
Sabbath 4 August: 9:00 am & 7:30 pm: Elvira Pearson
Monday 6 August: 12:30 pm: Michael Mbui – Wild life to God's life, 9:30 pm: Viewpoint: End of life choices
Wednesday 8 August: 8:00 am: Viewpoint: End of life choices, Midnight: Tina Brooks – Ethno-musicologist
Thursday 9 August: 00:30 am: Searching for a God to love, (Living on the edge II)
Friday 10 August: 8:00 pm & Midnight: Lutz Rental – running from God.
8:30 pm: Searching for a God to love (Centre of His business I)
Sabbath 11 August: 9:00 am & 7:30 pm: Lutz Rental

COMING EVENTS

JAMAICA'S DAY OF FELLOWSHIP 'OUT OF MANY...'. Sabbath, 4 August. Give thanks and praise for what God has done for the Island of Jamaica and its people over the last 50 years since independence. Venue: St John's of Hackney, Lower Clapton Road, London E5, beginning at 9:30 am sharp. Guest speaker: Pastor Glen Samuels from the Jamaica Conference. Jamaican Gospel Explosion Concert: 6:30 pm until late. Tickets for the concert are £10-£15.00. Contact: Patsy Reid <infojaworks@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07947158537.

SEC OLYMPIC DAY OF FELLOWSHIP: IGNITE THE FLAME. Sabbath, 4 August. Venue: Troxy, 490 Commercial Road, London, E1 0HX. Speaker: Dr James Doggette, senior pastor, Madison Mission and Associate Professor of Practical Theology, Oakwood College. Free evening concert 7:00 pm: Celebration of Adventist Music. For more information visit the Events section of the SEC website at www.secnews.org.uk. Contact: Paul Lee <music@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 019232 32728 or 07731 793731.

LONDON AREA 6A CHILDREN'S DAY OF FELLOWSHIP. Sabbath, 4 August. A day of praise, worship, fun and fellowship for the children of North London, aged 12 and under and their friends and families. Highlands Secondary School, 148 World's End Lane, Enfield, N21 1OQ, 10:00 am – 18:00 pm. Theme: "Get, Set...Go! Be a Winner for Jesus". Literary competition submissions on the theme to be forwarded to Doreen Fray <dfray@tiscali.co.uk> BEFORE Friday, 20 July. For more information contact Lorraine Imbrah – Tel: 07812 850405 or <limbrah@yahoo.co.uk>.

SABBATH CELEBRATION- OLYMPIC OUTREACH. Sabbath, 4 August. Join Croydon Adventist church as we engage our local community during the Olympic season. Speaker: BUC President Pastor Ian Sweeney. Venue: 95 Selhurst Road, South Norwood, London, SE25 6HL. Contact: Pastor Richard Daly <richarddaly7@gmail.com>. Phone: 07958 433744.

JAMAICA GOSPEL EXPLOSION CONCERT. Sabbath, 4 August. Celebrating 50 years since independence. Venue: St John's of Hackney, Lower Clapton Road, London, E5 0PD beginning at 7:00 pm. Part of the proceeds from the concert will go towards the Golden age home in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Please look at our Facebook page facebook.com/jamaicaworks for more info. Contact: Pastor Richard de Lisser <infojaworks@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07956955111.

NEW BEGINNING @ WATFORD TOWN. Sabbath, 4 August to Sabbath, 11 August. Watford Town church is moving location! Visit 1-5 Brixton Road, Watford, WD24 4AB for a very special series, New Beginning– With God And For God with local pastors, Jonathan and Mary Barrett. Meeting Times: Sabbath 4 August at 11:15 am, Sunday 5 August at 7:30 pm, Wednesday 8 August at 7:30 pm, Friday 10 August at 7:30pm, Sabbath 11 August at 11:15 am Please note, if the downstairs is not ready then these meetings will take place upstairs. Contact: Jonathan Barrett <barrettjonathan@ntlworld.com>. Phone: 0843 289 5030.

JAMAICA 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. Sunday, 5 August. Olympic Fun Day 'Jamaican Style' at Stanborough Centre, 609 St Albans Road, Garston, WD25 9JL. From 2:00 pm 'til late, lots of entertainment; live big screening of 100m final, games, quizzes, Ital Food and live comedy from 'Mr Cee'. Contact: Colin Stewart <colinhstewart@mac.com>. Phone: 07956931469.
SEC OLYMPICS DAY OF FELLOWSHIP, TORCH BEARERS. Sabbath, 11 August. Venue: Troxy 490 Commercial Road, London, E1 0HX. Speaker: Pastor Denzil Fourie, Transvaal Conference, South Africa. Day of Fellowship and Concert. Contact details: 07731 793731. Time: 10:00 am; International evening concert 7:00 pm: featuring Heritage Singers and Larnelle Harris. Ticket prices: evening concert £30, £25, £20, £15. For more information please visit the Events section of the SEC website at www.secnews.org.uk. Contact: Paul Lee <music@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

CHIP LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP. Sunday, 12 August. CHIP Leadership Training Workshop, 10:00 am to 5:30 pm at Aston-Newton Community Adventist church, Litchfield Road, Aston, Birmingham, B6 5SX. £20 per person, includes lunch and workshop materials. Who is this training for? Teams planning their first CHIP programme and anyone else interested in CHIP ministry. To book your place please contact ACA for a registration form at info@chipuk.org.uk or 07931 338449. You may also register at the venue at 9:15 am (cheques payable to ACA UK & Ireland). Organized by: Adventist CHIP Association UK & Ireland. Sponsored by: North England Conference. Contact: Ismael Gomez <ismael.gomez@chipuk.org.uk>. Phone: 07534 913864.

AREA 7 YOUTH FEDERATION SPORTS & FUN DAY. Sunday, 12 August. The Olympic and Paralympic buzz is an awesome opportunity for us to involve family, friends, non-churched friends and missing members in our programmes. All are welcome to participate in this Sports and Fun Day at 1:00 pm, Stockwood Park Athletic Centre, Luton, LU1 4BH. Events will include dominoes, athletics, football, face-paints, a traditional egg and spoon race, a sponsored walk for non-runners and more. If you would like further information please contact Nigel Donga, President of Area 7 Youth Federation (nigel@stayouth.com) or telephone 07737 682087.

BUC PATHFINDER CAMPOREE. Monday, 13 August to Sunday, 19 August. Blackwell Adventure, Bromsgrove, West Midlands. All details: www.pathfindercamporee.org.uk. Contact: BUC Youth dept <bucyouth@adventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 672251.

HOLLOWAY PHOTO SHOOT. Saturday, 25 August to Sunday, 26 August. The Audio Visual department will be holding a photo shoot on 25 August from 8:00 pm, and on 26 August from 2:00 pm, in the upper hall, 381 Holloway Road, Holloway, London, N7 0RN. Get a family portrait for just £15, solo portrait for £10 or child portrait for £10 and with the options of having the photos printed in various sizes. So come along and enjoy getting your photos taken. Contact: Jeorge -Jina Anderson <communications@myholloway.org>. Phone: 07809697725.

COMMUNITY FUN DAY. Sunday, 26 August. A community Fun Day with Peckham Seventh-day Adventist church, at the Haberdasher’s Aske’s Park at the back of the church. Address: St Asaph's Road, Brockley, London, SE4. A fun filled day of excitement. Church address: 149-159 Ivydale Road, London, SE15 3DX. Contact: Johnny Wallace <mammybay98@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07570333770.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY INTRODUCTORY TRAINING. Sunday, 26 August - Sunday, 2 September. Vojvodina Foundation, Adventist Lifestyle, Health Centre, Elek, Hungary. Training all in English. Topics: What is a Medical Missionary?; Christ as a Medical Missionary; God's Plan for Health; The 8 Laws of Health; Disease- Causes & Treatment; Charcoal Use; Smoking Cessation; Hydrotherapy - Theory & Laboratory; Learn how to enable others to have the Adventist Advantage. Attendees will learn how to assist sufferers of western lifestyle diseases - depression, diabetes, obesity, rheumatoid arthritis, stress, heart, vascular and autoimmune diseases. Lead Presenter - Medical director Dr Wyn Horsley (natural medicine practitioner for 18 years). Attendees will gain a basic knowledge in the ethical and effective use of natural treatments. Cost: £400, including accommodation, meals and all materials. To book contact: Pastor Malcolm Watson 07786 380769; malcolm.watson@startanew.me / Malcolmwa@gmail.com.

SEC TEENS’ EXTREME CAMP 2012. Monday, 27 August to Sunday, 2 September. We only have 90 places available so please book as soon as possible to secure your place. The price for the camp is
£110. Hope to see you in Cornwall this summer. Contact: Dejan Stojkovic <dejan@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 07919172176.

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SMALL ADS

JOB VACANCY: **Key Stage 1 Practitioner** required for Harper Bell School, Birmingham. **Clerk to the Governors, ICT teacher (p/t) and PE teacher (p/t), Stanborough Secondary School, Watford. Clerk to the Governors, Stanborough Primary School.** For full details visit <http://www.adventistnews.org.uk/vacancies.php>.

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