'ALL IN FAVOUR' OF THE DAYS OF FELLOWSHIP

In a two-part sensation on 4 and 11 August 2012, the South England Conference (SEC) assembled great speakers, artists and contributors for a double-Olympic Day of Fellowship. Held at the 'Troxy' in London, the two Sabbaths climaxed with an engaging evening concert with the Heritage Singers and Larnelle Harris.

"I think we've reached our goal and I believe the two days have gone really well," enthused Pastor Sam Davis, SEC President. "As we approached the Olympic games, we wondered how we were going to ensure the Conference stayed relevant, but there was no need to worry with days like these and the way our churches have been dedicated to their communities."

The audience grew from around 1,000 on 4 August, to 2,500 for the evening concert on 11 August. The auditorium was packed with people waiting to hear the Heritage Singers and Larnelle Harris perform. Their patience was rewarded as the two acts performed several hits, such as the Heritage Singers' 'Song of Glory' and Larnelle's 'All in Favour'.

Paul Lee, organiser and SEC Music Director, commented, "We were treated to a number of familiar songs that took many of us back to a time when concerts were aplenty. Larnelle Harris followed [the Heritage Singers] with a very 'ministry-focused' performance." Paul was delighted, "It's been a very long time since a concert of this calibre has been featured
Enoch Adu, who stepped in on the first day for speaker James Doggette, talked about materialism and how we hold onto things that belong to the world. At the end of his sermon, young people crowded the front of the stage as he called for those who wanted to recommit their lives to God. "The young people rose to the occasion and have done well, speaking, writing songs and presenting them. Although we missed Doggette, Enoch Adu stepped in and did what God has guided him to do." said Steve Thomas, organiser and SEC Youth Director.

South African pastor, Denzil Fourie, speaker for day two, kept to the already prominent Olympic theme of 'Torch Bearers' by focusing on how we can aspire daily towards spiritual progress and work on achieving spiritual goals. "I tuned into the Olympics one day and, as I watched, it occurred to me that they were more than just the event, more than bringing glory for a country, but about everyone competing against the standard and I thought of applying that to our spiritual lives," explained Denzil.

Abdalla Makalla, an Adventist visitor from Tanzania is a physiotherapist for the Tanzanian Olympic team. He came to the second Day of Fellowship expressing how excited he was about worshipping with those that had gathered. "I was looking for a church to worship and I met someone trading pins who told me about today's worship; all is God's plan to meet other Adventists wherever you go!"

Adding final touches to the days were young original artists like Carii Stewart, a skilful performance by the Pathfinder Drum Corps and a private screening of film 'Fired Up', by Mervyn Weir. As the evening came to a close, Sam Davis commented, "I think one of the things we have been able to do is empower the Arts…. I really want to see greater artistic expression as well as continue engaging with our communities. I'd love to see that continue over the next 4 years until the next Olympic period!"

**OLYMPIC LEGACY?** [See also a video interview with Olympic Volunteer Chaplain, Richard Daly.]

Sixteen days of high energy sports completed. A brief pause before the Paralympics starts. Records broken, volunteers enthused but exhausted, but for a church that has been focused on outreach during the Olympic period, what now?

For Colin Stewart, Adventist representative in the Christian Consortium, 'Going for Gold', part of the legacy is the spirit of volunteerism. He says, "Many newspapers and athletes have reported nothing but great things from all the volunteers who are welcoming, shadowing and caring for them as they spend their time here in the UK; and amongst them are many of our very own Seventh-day Adventists."
Why do they do it? Colin states, "These volunteers demonstrate the true nature of service, shining God's light in all opportunities in the hope that many of our International guests will leave the UK having met Jesus."

They worked tirelessly in a variety of roles and venues across Great Britain representing London hospitality and also brightly flying the flag of faith as they carried out their shifts. Colin suggests that the games "allowed us to shine in a way that shows something special about the love of Jesus".

Conservative estimates suggest that up to 100 Adventist Volunteers got involved in service and many, many, more, were involved with their local churches in serving in their communities across the British Isles.

Lavon Jackson, Games Maker from the Filipino Adventist Fellowship stated that he "wanted to be a part of something that makes a positive difference," adding, "I have learned that service is so important in changing lives and that my time and effort is a free gift I can offer to share my faith."

Sherrille Hyatt, from Edmonton Church adds, "The Games was in my back yard and I know God can use me. I got tremendous satisfaction knowing I was part of something special."

Colin himself volunteered as a Media Transport Member. "Serving is always a great honour and that was my motivating factor for volunteering for the greatest show on earth!" Zoe Ramos, part of the Games Maker Welcome Team at Wembley and Heathrow stated that, "it is and has been my duty and honour to be there to greet the world, and meet fabulous people as they feel welcomed and are welcomed in to GB, and share my smile with each and every one of them I come across. I thank God for chances, opportunities and encounters."

Richard Daly, who volunteered as an Olympic Chaplain, stated in a BUC News Video Interview that he saw himself as more than pastor of just a church. He will not be confined by the walls of a church. He is there to share good news with the world. This is his fourth Olympic experience but the first where he has served full-time as a chaplain.

For Somi Idowu who served during Victory Ceremonies and Medal Presentation and who will continue during the Paralympics, Jason Poddar who volunteered in Medal Ceremonies, Mgcini Mkwananzi who served at Wimbledon, Jay Gittens, Celene Gervais and many more, they believe the Olympic legacy is to prove that volunteerism, an important part of the Adventist lifestyle, is not dead but will spur church members into volunteering even more within their own communities.

GYC EUROPE [NEC Youth department]

With over one thousand two hundred delegates ranging from forty seven countries and almost the same number of different languages, GYC Europe was the place to be, 19–25 July in Linz, Austria. It was an exciting four days of fellowship, nurture, inspiration and training and provided great opportunities for networking and fellowship.

Standing for 'Generation of Youth for Christ', the convention started on Friday evening with a message by Pastor Mark Finley. He reminded us of the prophetic importance of the Adventist Message and the times in which we live. Adventist World Church President, Pastor Ted Wilson joined in on a live Skype call that
was beamed onto the screens in the auditorium which was a great encouragement to the youth in attendance.

André Nicholson was one of them. He stated that, it was one of the best Adventist events I've ever been to… the spiritual food was of the highest standard and Europe will never be the same again." He added, "The opportunity to meet and make new friends was highly enjoyable and though at times we might not have been able to fully understand one another music was one of the best forms of communion."

The morning devotionals were given by European speakers - Jan Harry Carbuncle, Craig Gooden, Indirah Job and Jonathan Walter while the evening devotionals were given by David Assherick. All the messages were timely and spoke to the hearts of those who were there.

Ten different workshops on a wide range of evangelistic training subjects fitted with the theme of the conference, 'The Hour Has Come'. This resonated with many who have a personal desire for the work here in Europe to move forward and to be involved in a personal way in spreading the good news of Jesus to those who have yet to hear. A united prayer room gave opportunity for individuals to encounter God through prayer. Each delegate was also enlisted into a small group which met each evening for Bible study and prayer.

GYC was a first experience for Charlene Brown who says it "has opened my eyes to the wider church. It was an opportunity to see the devotion of other young people, for God and His children that do not yet know Him." It was motivational for her: "GYC has helped me see that we all have a work to do. A specific work to a specific individual and when we come together we can accomplish great things in and through Jesus Christ."

The British were the second largest national contingent, the first being Germany. Many youth chose to fly out; however, the North England Conference Youth department travelled by minibus joining with more youth from the South. This led to a convoy of seventy-three youth spread between four minibuses and a minivan.

Youth from the UK were actively involved in both the planning and the programming at the event. Tiphanie Molina, with a committed group of volunteers, was in charge of the complicated task of organising the translation into all the different languages. Leah Sweeney was one of the MC's throughout the event while Pastor Alan Hush and Craig Gooden both contributed in the workshops and morning worships respectively.

Richelle Anim simply enthused, "I thank God for the way He touched my life during this conference. I thank Him for the way that He spoke to me through the various sermons and the workshops that He guided me to. I have been inspired to go forward in faith and boldly do more in terms of personal evangelism."

Other reactions? Ryan Davis stated that "the sermons and presentations taught me that I have to have a closer relationship with God and that with prayer all things are possible." For Farida Gooden, her main experience at GYC Europe was "that of sharing personal experiences in small groups" while of Leah Sweeney it was "to meet other like-minded young people, in an environment where we could be encouraged, equipped and inspired."

"GYC was inspirational, I am reminded of the reformers and why God raised up the church," stated Tashana Samuels while Sheldene Hughes summed up the whole experience by stating that it "was just the thing I needed. All the presentations caused me to reflect on my standing with God, and to desire a much richer and fruitful relationship."

For more on GYC visit <http://gycweb.org>. 
LUTON GOSPEL COMMUNITY CHOIR CELEBRATES 10 YEARS  [Gail Windrass]

'Happy 10th birthday' was the jubilant theme as the Luton Gospel Community Choir at the Luton Central Adventist Church celebrated its 10th Anniversary! An awesome week of celebration including Summer Gospel Singing Workshops, performing arts workshops for children and young people, and a special open-air performance in a packed-out St Georges Square in the heart of Luton Town kept the choir and organisers busy.

People from across Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, and Buckinghamshire were invited and came along to sing in the choir and share in a free Open-air Celebration Gospel Concert. Tina Brooks worked with them throughout the week as their vocal coach.

Leading up to the anniversary celebrations, Choir members were invited to choose the songs which they enjoyed the most and that they would want to share again with their friends, families and community audience. Their song choices included: "The Reason Why We Sing" (made popular by Kirk Franklin), "Oh Lord how Excellent" and "The Prayer of Jabez".

Looking back over ten years of involvement, Gail Windrass states, "We are so blessed to be part of such an amazing project. Gospel music is such a great way to bring people together to create friendships, foster community and share the Christian message of hope and love!"

To find out more about LGCC or setting up a Community Choir in your area, you can contact Gail at gail@lutongospel.com or follow what the choir are up to on their Facebook and Twitter pages.

GET SET…GO! BE A WINNER FOR JESUS  [Katie Ramharacksingh]

Sabbath, 4 August, was truly a day for children to 'be a Winner for Jesus' as churches from around North London gathered together for a unique Children's Day at Highlands Secondary School, Enfield.

Pastors and organisers had a vision for a Children's Day during the Olympic period. Supported by Malika Bediako, Children's Ministries Director at the South England Conference, they decided to make it a day that focused on displaying the children's talents whilst providing them with an outlet to give honour and praise to God. The inspirational theme was 'Get Set…Go! Be a Winner for Jesus'.

Sherelle Gosling was the first of three speakers, all under 12 years old, to address the audience during the main service. She reflected on how the theme was personal to her. "The theme of the day was important to me because I go to lots of sports days and it made me understand that when you do sports competitions it can relate to your Christian life."

Ezekiel Harvie and Savannah Blake were the two other young speakers. Having recently attended one of the Olympic events, Savannah compared the excitement of that experience to the excitement of going home to Jesus.
The day was packed full of activities for the various age groups. From Arts and Crafts in Sabbath School, where everyone was able to decorate their own Olympic trainer, to a writing focus where any child could enter a sample of their writing, to an activity sheet with Bible word searches, each individual was able to participate in something.

Doreen Fray, one of the organisers from Tottenham West Green Church, was enthusiastic about the result. "Alongside other organisers like Lorraine Imbrah, Delcina Rodney and Carol Horne, we've been able to put on a day for the children where they really realise their importance in the Church!"

EDMONTON SPA DAY [Cerise Johnson]

A spa in church? That was the attraction for some ninety lovely ladies on Sunday, 12 August 2012. The free spa day was lovingly put on by the young people of Edmonton Adventist church.

By 2pm that afternoon, the atmosphere was filled with the scent of rose petals and vanilla. Drapes were hung along the cream walls of No. 8 Houndsfield Road, and soft instrumental music filled the various rooms that were being used for treatments.

Services on offer that afternoon included facials, foot spas, manicures and massages. As ladies entered, they were greeted with a choice of exotic fruits from a fruit platter. Later on in the afternoon, a special talk on the healing properties of water was given by the resident and qualified herbalist, Melvina Kirwan. Scrumptious fruit and vegetable vegan smoothies were freshly made on site for the duration of the afternoon.

Many ladies and young girls attended from the surrounding community, more than many other outreach ventures put on by the Edmonton church! These ladies were positive and many wished for a return event, but on a larger scale. The friendliness of staff was also a credit to the day; some ladies even thought it was put on by the council! This was a testament to the level of professionalism attained by the organisers.

One local visitor stated, "I was inspired by the amount of what was on offer, from the décor to the staff- all the small details were put in place- would recommend more friends- well done everyone!" The Lord truly blessed this venture and from this experience, we can have the courage to develop new, unique ways of reaching out to those in our local community.

ALTERNATE OLYMPIC VIEWS

Feedback following last week's question on the Olympics and Adventist involvement, 'Where do I stand', generated both a substantial post-bag and a lot of verbal discussion. Dismissing the pagan connections highlighted by several letters received by the BUC, Jill from the West Country states, "Jesus "mingled" with all kinds of people, pagan and religious - should we not do the same? The Olympics is an unparalleled opportunity to share the good news and foster dialogue with unbelievers! I, for one, am glad our church has got involved and caught
the spirit of the Olympics. Its effect will be felt for many years to come!"

Devon, from Aberdeen, counteracts, "We are called to transform and not to conform [Romans 12:1-2] to be special in the world, teaching people the true meaning of our existence here." His letter calls the church to 'get back to basics' in terms of our witness.

Shamira from London would agree. She states, "To partake in a pagan ceremony is not of necessity and it compromises our faith. To witness to people at this time should be to witness as we would any other time; by keeping the Commandments of God and not becoming as [the] world would dictate. In other words 'being in the world but not being of the world.'" She adds, "I believe we should love the people of the world and witness to them, without acting like them and enjoying the world itself."

While last week's article focused on questions from church members relating to the pagan influences in the games, Helen, from Wokingham, pointed out that there are other areas where the Christian might want to be cautious. She notes an article by the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity, admittedly written before the games, that question whether any legacy, financial, cultural or sporting, comes from an event like the Olympics.

Paul Bickley, who wrote the article notes that "The theologian Karl Barth placed sport - along with fashion and transport - amongst those powers of human creativity which threaten to overcome and enslave as much as liberate. Care must be taken that we do not become subject to their law, and their power, which we have released."

He then adds, "Rightly the Olympics will provide many opportunities for connection and celebration. But we will do well to value sport for its intrinsic worth and reclaim it for the common good rather than reduce it to a tool of politics or economics." He concludes, "Enjoy the games, but don't believe the hype."

JOIN THE EUROPEAN PASTORS COUNCIL ONLINE [Miroslav Pujic, tedNEWS/BUC News]

If you find your minister hard to get hold of next week it is probably because he or she is in attendance at the European Pastors Council (EPC) in Rogaska Slatina, Slovenia, 21-25 August 2012. However, you can both check that your pastor is in attendance and benefit from the meetings yourself as the Trans-European Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (TED), sponsors of the event, will be live-streaming all the plenary sessions and providing news bulletins, video news and picture galleries. You can also follow proceedings on Twitter or Facebook.

This five yearly gathering of all the Division's pastors and their spouses is for spiritual growth, further education, and fellowship. Under the theme, 'Making God Known in Europe', the emphasis will be on church leaders understanding and planning how they can improve their methods of making God known in the postmodern culture of Europe.

Check the programme on the TED website to see when you can listen to excellent speakers such as Wintley Phipps, Mark Finley, Lowell Cooper, Dennis Meier, Derek Morris, Chris Oberg, Sigve Tonstad and many others.

FREE CHURCH PEWS? NEVER!

Judy Hamilton-Johansson writes, "After reading about an offer of free pews to any church... I was shocked that someone would give away something so valuable! Three years ago while Middlesbrough church was still in rented accommodation our
Pastor told me to take all our chairs from the church we'd sold and put them in the skip!

It is not in my nature to throw things out as I am a believer in the old saying 'One man's muck is another man's gold'. I then went instead on the Internet and found a company who were selling church chairs. After a quick exchange of photos of the chairs we settled on a price for them to buy ours. Arrangements were made and I was given £500 cash for 50 chairs that nobody wanted! A welcome boost for the church building fund.

The name of the company should anyone else be interested in turning their rubbish into cash is UK Architectural Antiques based in Staffordshire but they collect nationwide. Contact details are 01543 222923 or <info@ukarchitecturalantiques.com>.

PARALYMPIC SPECIAL NEXT WEEKEND.

With the Paralympic Games about to hit London, Hope TV brings you two special programmes focused around one pastoral family and the way they have dealt with disability. In 'FaithTalks', Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist talks with Pastor Patrick Johnson of Newbold church, and his son Espen. Then, immediately following that, the world TV Premiere of 'A Beautiful Life', follows Espen throughout a ten year period. This very moving documentary made for Norwegian television will give a real insight into the joys and struggles for Espen, his parents and his siblings. This is a 'must see' film. On Hope TV: Friday 24 August: 8:00 pm: Faith & Disability followed by A Beautiful Life. Repeated Sabbath, 25 August, 7:30 pm. Faith and Disability can also be seen on Revelation TV, at 8:30 pm on Thursday, 23 August, repeated 1:00 pm, Sunday, 26 August.

CAMPOREE PATHFINDERS LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

The BUC Pathfinder Camporee is in full swing at Blackwell Adventure, concluding on Sunday, 19 August. We will bring you a full report and video next week but gain a taste of the event with a selection of pictures on the BUC picture gallery.

LATEST MESSENGER ONLINE

The 17 August edition of Messenger focuses on the Newbold 2012 Awards Ceremony, learn a lesson from 'Blade Runner, find out when a man gets depressed, and enjoy a roundup of news. Pick up a copy in church or read it online.

DEATH OF PAULINE BURNETT

It is with profound regret and sadness that we announce the passing of Pauline Burnett on Monday 14 August 2012, aged 58. The wife of Pastor David Burnett and mother of Pastor Jonathan Burnett, Pricilla, Matthew, and Christelle, she will be missed both by family and many friends.

Please lift up Pastor Burnett and family in your prayers at this time. Details of funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.
DEATH OF STANLEY MILBORROW

We are sad to announce the death of Stanley Milborrow, aged 86, on Sabbath, 11 August 2012. Stanley worked as a Colporteur in the Ashford area before emigrating to Australia and working briefly for Sanatorium Health foods. Upon his return to England he worked for Granose from 1979 until his retirement in 1990.

We extend our condolences to his children, Reinette, Veneta and Joe along with the extended family.

Funeral dates to be confirmed.

DEATH OF MAY STEWART

We are sad to announce the death of Mrs May Stewart, formerly wife of the late Pastor Victor Benefield who served effectively in the North and South England Conferences and the Welsh Mission between 1936 and 1983 before emigrating to Australia. She passed away on Monday 6 August 2012, aged 92, in Australia.

PROGRAMMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK

Here are some programme highlights for the coming week:

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692): FaithTalks 'Does Faith make a Difference in a Marriage?' aired on Thursday, 16 August at 8:30 pm. Repeated Sunday lunchtime, 19 August, 1:00 pm. Next week, Thursday 23 August and Sunday 26 August, Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist talks about 'Faith and Disability'

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 17 August: 8:00 pm & Midnight: Robert Hinds – A farmer with faith.
8:30 pm: Searching for a God to love (Centre of Existence II)
Sabbath 18 August: 9:00 am & 7:30 pm: Robert Hinds
Monday 20 August: 12:30 pm: Tina Brooks – Just what is an ethno-musicologist?
9:30 pm: Viewpoint: God in a Cruel World
Wednesday 22 August: 8:00 am: Viewpoint: God in a Cruel World
Midnight: Andrew Rashford-Hewitt – Job description: 'involved'.
Thursday 23 August: 00:30 am: Searching for a God to love, (Why Don't I abstain II)
Friday 24 August: 8:00 pm: Faith & Disability with Espen & Patrick Johnson.
..8:30 pm: A Beautiful Life – A 10 year journey of living with disability.
Midnight: Richard Poulton
8:30 pm: Searching for a God to love (Why Don't I abstain II)
Sabbath 25 August: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm: Richard Poulton
7:30 pm. Faith and Disability
8:00 pm A Beautiful Life

COMING EVENTS

NEWBOLD REUNION 1970-85. Friday, 17 - Sunday, 19 August. Studied or taught at Newbold between 1970 and 1985? Meet up with friends, catch up with news and reminisce at this special alumni weekend including, among others, former Principal and GC President, Dr Jan Paulsen. Live
stream of 11:15 am Sabbath Service with Dr Pauslen and evening banquet speeches (Banquet starts 6:30 pm. Speeches from about 8:00 pm): <http://newboldmedia.org>. Contact: Henrik Jorgensen <guestc@newbold.ac.uk>. Phone: 01344 407407.

SOLOFEST 2012: ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. Sabbath, 18 August. Annual Day of Fellowship for unattached Christians returns to Balham Seventh-day Adventist church. Join speakers Clarence Jackson, Susanne Kirlew, Paul Thompson and Pastor Leslie Ackie, under the theme ‘All Things Are Possible’. Unattached Christians of all ages and stages, from across the South England Conference and beyond, are welcome from 9:30 am - 6:30 pm. Lunch provided. This will be followed by a special performance of show highlights from the comedy stage play 'Da Mans Dem: Chapter 2’ at 7:00 pm. Contact: Annell Smith <fm@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 07921 992 296.

JAMAICAN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO 50TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY. Sabbath, 18 August. Come and celebrate the 50th Independence Anniversary of the beautiful islands of Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago. Starting at 9:30 am. Also come and enjoy "Caribbean Praise in the Courtyard" at 4:30 pm. Chiswick Adventist church, Stamford Brook Road, London, W6 0XW. Contact: Chris <webmaster@chiswicksda.org.uk>. Phone: 07958 561233.

CROYDON OLYMPIC OUTREACH. Sabbath, 18 August. Experience the second of our Sabbath celebrations during the Olympic season with a musical festival featuring Ken Burton and the Croydon Gospel Choir during our morning service. Venue: Croydon Seventh-day Adventist church, 95 Selhurst Road, South Norwood, London, SE25 6LH. Contact: Pastor Richard Daly <richarddaly7@gmail.com>. Phone: 07958 433744.

FILIPINO DAY OF FELLOWSHIP - LOUGHBOROUGH. Sabbath 18 August. Pastor Noel Apugan will be the speaker and services start at 10am. Bring and Share lunch followed by a time for testimonies. Venue: Mountsorrel Methodist Church, Church Hill Road, Mountsorrel, Leics., LE12 7JB. Contact: Limuel Nilos <loughboroughsdachurch@gmail.com>. Phone: 07503151894.

THOU SHALT NOT - FAIRFIELD HALLS, CROYDON. Sunday, 19 August. A deep character study into the lives of five individuals who seemingly have it all. 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. Contact: Mark Grey <mark@carmel-greystone.com>. Phone: 0800 112 3152.

ESSENCE - A FREE MUSICAL PRODUCTION. Sunday 19 August. Reading's Parkside Community Fellowship presents a musical drama - Essence. Written and directed by Derek Lindo, it tells the story of four lives and their struggles with peer pressure and expectations of others. Only one dream and one song draws them together. It will make you laugh but also think about some of the struggles our young people are facing today. Visit our Facebook page and see the trailer. If you have friends who are thinking about the Christian faith, then this is for them. Contact: Lydia Lindo <lyjolie@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: Telephone.

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.

HEALTH EXPO & FUN DAY. Sunday 26 August. Health Expo & Funday at Pollards Hill,Donnelly Green, next to Pollards Hill Library, South Lodge Avenue, Mitcham, CR4 1LT. A fun filled day with health screening and bouncy castles. Contact: Nomvi <nomvindiweni@hotmail.com>. Phone: 07706389679.

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
MEDICAL MISSIONARY INTRODUCTORY TRAINING. Sunday, 26 August - Sunday, 2 September. Registration – 26 August. 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.

JOY DOES COME RETREAT. Friday, 31 August to Sunday, 2 September. Weeping may Endure But Joy Does Come Retreat. Stories of pain, healing and restoration. Three beautiful women's stories, one a product of rape, one a pastor's wife in a broken relationship, the other… your story. The truth about them, the truth about you. Heal The Pain Retreat presents Mable Dunbar PhD and Shirley Haangala. Luxurious Wyboston Lakes. 31 August - 2 September. Affordable. Book now as places are running out fast! Contact: 0741 227 0613/ 0775 863 0434/ 0741 351 2554. Email: Chanda <sengemu@gmail.com>.

CROYDON PARALYMPIC DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY. Sabbath 8 September. ASNA comes to Croydon to highlight the needs of those with disabilities as the world focuses on the Paralympic Games. Croydon Adventist church, 95 Selhurst Road South Norwood London SE25 6LH. Contact: Pastor Daly <richarddaly7@gmail.com>. Phone: 07958 433744.

CONFLICT - THE FIGHT FOR YOUR LIFE. Sabbath 8 September. An intriguing and real life dramatic Christian stage play depicts the lives of two families and various conflicts they face. It reveals deep, authentic, emotional yet entertaining insight into everyday life situations many of us can relate to. A scintillating production for the entire family. TICKETS: £15(standard); (£17.50 at the door); £12.50 (GROUPS); £10(STUDENTS). Fairfield Hall, Croydon. Doors open 7:30. Show Time 8:00pm. Tickets from the Box Office: 0208 688 9291 Contact: Jackie Wright <damariproductions@yahoo.com>. Phone: 07852002545.

HEAVENLY OLYMPICS: GOING FOR GOLD. Sabbath 8 September. Wednesfield Adventist Church Youth day. The Olympics united 204 nations and gripped the attention of hundreds of millions of viewers worldwide. We hope to unite youth from both the community and churches to learn and gain knowledge about an incorruptible heavenly prize on offer which will last for eternity. The preachers (renamed coaches) for the day are two well abled members of our youth department. Assistant Youth Leader Jonathan McCool and Febbie Sulumba will deliver short, practical messages. Contact: Leon Ferguson <leonferguson@live.co.uk>. Phone: 01902865471.

DO YOU WANT TO LOSE WEIGHT? Want to Improve Your Health? Interested in the latest research on Weight and Well Being? Join the 8-Week Weight & Wellness Project. 4 Free Sunday Sessions. Presentations: 9 & 23 September. Weight Checks: 4 November, 2 December. Presenter: Heather McKee, University of Birmingham, School of Sport & Exercise Sciences. Venue: Aston-Newtown Adventist Church, Lichfield Road Aston Birmingham B6 5SX. Participant Conditions: participants must have a BMI of 25+; this is a very common figure; no major health conditions that may be affected by a diet & exercise regime; not currently attending a weight loss club session. Register by emailing Heather on hcm908@bham.ac.uk by the close of 20 August. Queries to 07780 605379. Sponsors: NEC Health Ministry Department, University of Birmingham School of School of Sport and Exercise Sciences & Start A New Lifestyle Counselling Services.

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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 &lt;http://www.adventistnews.org.uk/vacancies.php&gt;.

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