MAKING GOD KNOWN IN EUROPE

Adventist Pastors from across the UK and Ireland are taking a break from their normal hectic schedules this week to join with 1,200 of their colleagues from across the Tran-European region of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Meeting in the Spa Hotel complex at Rogaška Slatina, Slovenia, the ministers were grateful for the air-conditioning in the large marquee set up in the grounds. Even so, it has been shorts and t-shirts for many in the 35°C heat of a Slovenian summer.

This has not deterred ministers from packing the marquee to be stirred by the likes of Laurence Turner, Professor of Old Testament at Newbold College; renowned Adventist evangelist, Mark Finley or Hope Channel speaker and editor of Ministry Magazine, Derek Morris. Wintley Phipps will be joining the ministers for their Sabbath celebration. For those who could not make it, and for church members and leaders at home, all plenary sessions are also being live-streamed via the TED website, <www.ted-adventist.org>.

While it is a time of much needed refreshing, many British pastors have also been involved in the organisation and running of the event, including music ministry, health checks, workshops, technical support, media and reporting.

The main emphasis of the programme is on challenging ministers with concepts of 'How to make God known in Europe'. Full reports of various aspects of the Conference are available on the news pages of the TED website. These pages are updated daily until the conclusion of the conference this weekend. You can also follow the conference on Twitter and on Facebook.

A selection of photos reflecting the BUC contingent at the event are available in the BUC picture gallery.
QUESTIONS AND REMINISCENCES  [Helen Pearson/BUC News]

'Do you remember?' was the oft asked question for 115 Newbold College Alumni who travelled from as far as Australia, Alaska and California to visit with friends and reacquaint themselves with the institution that had made such an impact on their lives.

It all began quietly with Vespers in Moor Close Chapel on Friday, 17 August. Before, during and after Vespers and Sabbath morning services there were sidelong glances at faces and furtive looks at name badges as Newbold College alumni and staff from 1970 – 85 struggled to recognise faces. The atmosphere mounted throughout Sabbath to a banquet with a riot of reminiscences on Saturday night. The weekend came gently down towards earth on Sunday morning as alumni shared brunch and left for the four corners of the globe from which they had come just for this weekend.

The Friday night Vespers speakers, Drs Harry Leonard and Mike Pearson used teachers' stories – gospel teaching stories and their own - to focus on the importance of our asking good questions and to think about why we are asking them. "Be prepared," they said, "to examine your motives for questioning and then to be disturbed, shocked even by the answers." Once the questions are answered – and many cannot be – "Go and live the answer," they said. "An unlived answer is no answer at all."

The honoured guests for the weekend were Kari and Jan Paulsen whose time at Newbold, when Dr Paulsen was a Lecturer in Theology and later principal, coincided with the student years of many alumni present. Dr Paulsen subsequently went on through various offices to become Seventh-day Adventist world church president until 2010. But it was as Pastor Paulsen that he preached twice on Sabbath morning. He, too, talked about the rights of people, young and old, to ask questions. "You don't have to park your intelligence outside before you enter the church," he said. He recognised that people's freedom to respond to the invitation of Christ and ask questions means that many Newbold graduates, "park Jesus somewhere along their life's journey." But that is not the end. "God's most important gift to us and ours to each other is 'the gift of a second chance'," he concluded. The full sermon is available online via the Newbold Church website.

On Sabbath afternoon, alumni gathered for a cream tea in sunlit Moor Close gardens leading up to the evening banquet in Salisbury Hall. The live-streamed programme ably MC'd by BUC Communication and Media director, Victor Hulbert, included testimonies to Newbold's power to change lives, email and Skyped messages from absent contemporaries, pictures and reminiscences, all interspersed with updates on Newbold today. Friends called in from the USA and Australia to hoots of recognition from those in the Hall and a variety of allegations and counter allegations about responsibility for various student pranks in the 70s and 80s. Erik Somme described the manoeuvrings of the 'ox' in Moor Close and Bryan Webster knew the details of how the bucket of water meant for a fellow student fell instead on Dr Leonard.
"It was so good to see all these former Newboldians after so many years," enthused Lois Mark Hofer typifying the response of many. "Thank you everybody for the good fellowship, the talks, the similes ... it was an unforgettable weekend."

This long-awaited Newbold Reunion was voluntarily organised by Director of Student Life, Pastor Henrik Jorgensen, a 1982 graduate. He and his army of student and alumni helpers were left in no doubt as to the gratitude of the participants for what the reunion and their time at Newbold had done for them. Taste more of the flavour of Newbold and the weekend on the Newbold College Facebook page as well as the special Alumni page.

Reunions always end with calls for more. Anyone who wants to be involved in organising an alumni weekend should contact: alumni@newbold.ac.uk


Nine hundred Pathfinders were doing anything but 'Running For Home' at the BUC Pathfinder Camporee, 13 – 19 August, 2012. However, 'Running for Home' was the active theme and an additional 200 day visitors joined the campers on Sabbath to be inspired by the messages by Pastor Israel Williams.

With all five BUC regions represented by 50 clubs the marquee was full of song at worship times, especially with the theme song written by the host of the worships, Sean Mitchell. (Available soon at www.adventistyouth.org.uk.)

But for the fact of the large banners and the BUC staff wearing their 'Running for Home' branded hoodies, you might have thought the theme was about parrots. These birds featured regularly in the speaker's stories.

On Monday, 13 August, the Civic Head, Counsellor Janice Boswell, joined us for the opening ceremony. She and her husband loved the music and enthusiasm displayed by the Pathfinders, commenting that they are church-goers and that it is nice to see so many Christian young people coming together.

Activities started in earnest from Tuesday to Friday, including a day trip, the onsite activities (high ropes courses, raft building, grass sledging, pedal carts, archery, really long zip lines, an outdoor swimming pool, climbing wall, basketball, abseiling etc), craft tent activities (knot tying, basket weaving, decoupage, seeds, nutrition, origami, mosaics etc), the ADRA "dome" for an ADRA honour, and other activities like the electricity honour. The site was a hive of activity, especially if it was an honour achieving activity.

Sabbath saw an increase in numbers at the Blackwell Adventure site in the West Midlands. Some booked tickets, some just turned up. But all enjoyed the morning service, afternoon concert and displays, and the closing ceremony in the evening.
Thank you to all the old and new BUC staff who helped. Thanks also to the club staff for your devotion in using Pathfndering as a means of youth ministry for your youth. Thanks to you parents and guardians who send your young people to clubs weekly, culminating in these camporees. And thank you to my two secretaries Natalie and Naomi, permanent and temporary, for their invaluable work.

The next Camporees to look forward to are TED Holland 2014, CYE Oshkosh 2014, BUC Wales 2016, TED UK 2018, and regional camps in between. For more information and updates see www.adventistyouth.org.uk. A selection of photos and a video report can be found in the BUC Picture Gallery.

FINGERS NEEDED, HANDS WANTED! [Sandra Golding] Also a BUC News Video Report.

Over the past three weeks there was a special Olympic excitement in Luton but of a different kind.

With all the buzz of the Olympics Games being celebrated in the UK and the South England Conference of the Adventist Church encouraging churches to look at ways in which we can evangelise in our communities, Area 7 churches sponsored a community mural in Luton which celebrated the Olympic Games in the UK.

Under the project management of Sandra Golding and with the support of Pastor Jonathan Barrett, the mural took months of planning to come to fruition.

The mural was designed and directed by Adventist artist, muralist and creative director, Eric Salisbury from Seattle, USA and took three weeks to complete. He was particularly excited by the willingness of the different ages that came to be involved in the project. The youngest person was a three year old girl while the eldest was an 81 year old gentleman. Why did Eric get involved? "Positive art does wonders for the community."

The mural is located on Dunstable Road, in the busy Bury Park, Biscot ward in Luton and brought a cross section of people from different backgrounds, cultures and religious persuasions together to work as one. No experience was necessary as people were painting with their fingers and their hands.

On one of the days, 20 Muslim young women put their mark on the mural and we were able to share with them about what we believe as Seventh-day Adventists. Even Pastors in suits came along and put their mark on the mural!

The whole project was encouraged and endorsed by the Luton in Harmony campaign and the Community Development team from Luton Borough Council. They were instrumental in working with the church to carry out the project. This has now opened doors for the church to work more closely with the Borough Council.

The mural was officially unveiled by SEC President, Pastor Sam Davis, on Monday, 20 August 2012. In attendance and speaking for the local council were Councillor Naseem Ayub and Bhagwant Sagoo
from the Community Development Team. Sam Davis stated that “the mural was certainly evangelism outside of the box.”

When the mural was unveiled, it stopped traffic as it spans 20 feet by 8 feet. It attracted local media from the newspapers, radio and television.

The mural will be a part of the community for many years to come and a reminder that as Seventh-day Adventists, we too can make a mark on the communities in which we live.

A short BUC News video report with leaders from both this project and the Luton Community Gospel Choir is available on the Hope TV UK website.

'THE RESILIENT CHRISTIAN' AT CROYDON'S OLYMPIC OUTREACH  [Katie Ramharacksingh]

On Sabbath, 18 August, Croydon Gospel Choir put on a musical Olympic Outreach programme that ingeniously reflected parts of the London Olympics while looking at the Christian race. Organised by choir conductor, Ken Burton, Croydon church pastor, Richard Daly, and music leader, Doriel Benjamin, the day was focused on encouragement.

"The impact I wanted was to encourage people in their Christian walk, especially so that they could go away with a renewed confidence." explained Ken Burton. "By ending the programme with a 'closing ceremony' we were hoping people would be encouraged and ready to encourage others to go on."

Croydon church, in South London, was full of members and visitors as the main service began with a 'Parade of Nations' that resembled the 2012 Olympic opening ceremony. The Croydon Gospel Choir walked in carrying flags from various countries around the world, representing many in the congregation, and in the wider, multicultural South England Conference.

After a 'prayer relay', using an Olympic torch created by one of the choir, Ken Burton used an interview-style song that called on various choir members to tell their chosen characters' stories through song, all the while focusing on the Christian race. Continuing with the Olympic theme, an Advent Anthem was chosen for the day in the form of Wayne Hooper's hymn, written 50 years earlier, "We Have This Hope".

"I felt inspired, I think it was a brilliantly executed idea. An extremely innovative idea. It's thinking outside the box," enthused Croydon Communication Leader, Mischa Daniel. "The choir is usually quite creative, but I think this is the first time they've taken a programme as if scene by scene. Even using the torch for a prayer relay was creative. It was engaging and uplifting."

As the service drew to a close, Richard Daly spoke on 'The Resilient Christian”, talking especially about bouncing back after failure. He used the illustration of athlete Derek Redmond, who, despite being injured during the 400m semi-final in the 1992 Olympics, continued around the track supported by his loving father. Pastor Daly explained that, in the same way, God is involved in every step of our Christian race.
Having volunteered during the London Olympics as an Olympic Chaplain, Pastor Daly was enthusiastic about this type of outreach from Croydon church. "I think the programme really showcased the Biblical concept of the Christian race using the Olympics as a backdrop," he stated. "Everyone has watched the Olympics and so this was a prime way of presenting themes that were already on people's minds. It was a way of illustrating the Greater Race and the Greater Reward."

The engaging programme ended with a song specially composed by Ken Burton entitled 'Run the Race'. Following this, the torch that also represented Jesus, Light of the world, was passed onto the youth of the church, ready to change the lives of future generations.

**FUNERAL OF STANLEY MILBORROW**

Following our announcement last week of the death of Stanley Milborrow, aged 86, on Sabbath, 11 August 2012 we can now inform you that the funeral will be at 12:40pm on Tuesday, 28 August, 2012 at Barham Crematorium, near Canterbury, Kent followed by a service at Seasalter Christian Centre at 2:00 pm. All welcome to both Crematorium and then the Christian Centre.

**PROGRAMMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK**

Here are some programme highlights for the coming week:

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692): In the Paralympic run-up, FaithTalks discussed 'Faith and Disability' on Thursday, 23 August at 8:30 pm. Repeated Sunday lunchtime, 26 August, 1:00 pm. Next week, Thursday 30 August and Sunday 2 September, Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist talks about Global warming and asks, "Is it an issue for Christians?"

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 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 – Faith, legalism and the true Gospel.

Sabbath 25 August: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm: Richard Poulton

7:30 pm: Faith and Disability

8:00 pm A Beautiful Life

Monday 27 August: 12:30 pm: David Foster – minister to murderers.

9:30 pm: Viewpoint: Business Ethics.

Wednesday 29 August: 8:00 am: Viewpoint: Business Ethics.

Midnight: Naomi Watson shares her miracle story.

Thursday 30 August: 00:30 am: Searching for a God to love, (Why Don't I abstain II)

Friday 31 August: 8:00 pm: Wayne Erasmus – Culture and ministry.

..8:30 pm: Faith Talks: Why is Christianity so divisive?

Midnight: Wayne Erasmus

Sabbath 1 September: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm: Wayne Erasmus

7:30 pm. Faith Talks: Why is Christianity so divisive?

**COMING EVENTS**
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.

HANWELL CHURCH FUND-RAISING CONCERT. Sabbath 25 August. Don't miss the Superb musical concert at Hanwell church at 5pm on Sabbath 25th August 2012. Address: 58 -60 Greenford Avenue, Hanwell, London W7 3QP. An offering will be collected to support the building fund. Contact: Thelma Soremekun <jlthel57@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07947737078.

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 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. 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>.

'THE BETTER OPTION' SERIES. Sabbath 1 – 15 September. An Evangelistic Campaign at Willesden Seventh-day Adventist church, 1 Glebe Road, London, NW10 2JD between. Nightly (except Thursdays), 7:00pm and Saturday's 11:00 am and 7:00 pm on 1st, 8th and 15th. Speaker: Joseph Smith (Northern Caribbean University). Buses: 260,266,302,460,52,98,226,297,460,6. Stop: Willesden Bus Garage/Pound Lane. Tube:Dollis Hill (Jubilee Line). Contact: Serene Allen <sgallen89@gmail.com>.
STANBOROUGH PRESS OPEN DAY. Sunday 2 September. Stanborough Press Open Day 2012 Contact: Mr Paul Poddar <ppoddar@stanboroughpress.org.uk>. Phone: 01476591700.

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 bcm908@bham.ac.uk by the close of 1 September. 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.

FRIENDSHIP HOME CARERS - LUTON. Thursday 13 September. Notice of Annual General Meeting for Luton Friendship Home Carers. 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Luton Central Seventh-day Adventist church, 1 North Street, Luton, LU2 7QD. Contact: Jean McLeary <none@none.org.uk>. Phone: 01582 736157.

LEADERSHIP BOOT CAMP: "THE MOUNTAIN WITHIN". Continues Sabbaths 15 September and 17 November at 3.30pm-5pm with Herta von Stiegel,. Central London Church is hosting "Leadership Boot Camp: The Mountain Within" Part 2: Inspirational and practical sessions that will help you in your team building skills in everyday life and family relationships. Four session/workshops perfect to invite friends and family. Please contact us for further details or questions. office@centrallondonchurch.org Contact: Svetla <office@centrallondonchurch.org>. Phone: 07956196643.

AREA 6D PATHFINDER RALLY DAY. Sabbath 15 September. Inviting all Area 6D Pathfinders and Youth to come and enjoy a day of fellowship and meeting your fellow club members in your area.
at the Little Eden Independent School, Eastcote Lane North, Northolt, Middx, UB5 4HW. Featuring:
Drum Display, Puppet school and much more... Afternoon programme includes the Area Bible Bowl
Experience competition. This is a free ticket event. Contact us for more information. Contact:
Kennedy Kundan <kkk_kennedy@hotmail.com>. Phone: 07534978222.

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SMALL ADS

WANTED: A small but 'growing' church group in Inverness is in need of the following items; Seventh
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If your church is having a clean out or replacing old for new, we are happy to take the old.
Please contact Michelle on 0785 985 8899 or email mmsully07@gmail.com.

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