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CONQUERING 'THE BIG C'

A report of the 2013 BUC Cancer Symposium

Seldom a day goes by that cancer isn't mentioned somewhere in the news. The recent death of Bernie Nolan of the Nolan Sisters, the third of the sisters to have contracted cancer, or actress Angelina Jolie, whose recent double mastectomy made...
international news are just two examples.

Cancer Research UK estimates that more than one in three people in the UK will develop cancer at some point in their lifetime. Such startling statistics cause some people to panic and others to be completely desensitised. From time to time, there is a 'breakthrough' just like the T-cell therapy reported on the front page of *The Independent on Sunday* on 14 July 2013, the same day as the Health Ministries department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the British Isles held its Cancer Symposium at the Holiday Inn, Borehamwood, Herts.

In a formal, but tastefully decorated conference room, eighty people listened to lectures, participated in group discussions, sampled unusual food, and reflected on the real life stories of cancer survivors.

The emphasis of the Symposium was to address the causes of cancer and to explore 'preventative lifestyle practices' in the words of Dr Chidi Ngwaba, who uniquely has four degrees in science and medicine. In his short presentation, Cancer Causes – An Overview, Dr Ngwaba, a trained surgeon, GP and now lifestyle doctor, promoted a plant based diet. Citing as part of his thesis, the China Study dubbed by some as the 'most comprehensive study of nutrition ever', he stated that "most cancer is linked to the things that we put in our mouths." A understated, but extremely knowledgeable professional, he provided numerous facts and figures about the increasing death rates due to the cancer in developed countries due mainly to eating habits, but also to lack of exercise and increase in stress. The Western diet, he noted, is high in fat and low in fibre, while the dietary habits of developing countries is low in fat and higher in fibre.

Utilising a contemporary (and rather shocking) television clip and amusing PowerPoint slides, he revealed why drinking cow's milk could be seen as absolutely ludicrous. He also noted that casein, a family of phosphoproteins found in mammalian products are reputedly linked to cancer. He stressed that for optimal health, each meal should be a 'rainbow of colour', with lots of fresh fruit and vegetables.

Professor Paul Gyles, the Associate Vice President for Academic Administration at Northern Caribbean University, Jamaica, was the keynote speaker. Dr Gyles has conducted extensive research into cancer. He delivered three in-depth presentations to the group. Starting with, 'Wonderfully made, the wonders of DNA linked to cancer', he stated that DNA united all life. It tells each cell what to produce and every cell in every living thing contains DNA. But this DNA can be affected by environmental factors, nutrition, genetics and sunlight. He stated that cancer is caused by a change in the DNA sequence, and damage to DNA among other things.

Group participation dominated Dr Gyles' second delivery, 'Current trends in cancer research and epidemiology'. Splitting the attendees into four groups, they deliberated about the social, economic and environmental factors related to the case studies presented.

In his final presentation, he highlighted some of his groundbreaking research into the effect of Hibiscus sabdariffa (Jamaican Sorrel) on cancer cells, utilizing sorrel seed and calyx. From his current research, he, along with other microbiologists, has identified that sorrel has anticancer properties on Hep-2 (laryngeal) and A549 cells (lung) and that it overrides the resistance capacity of the Bcl-2 gene which contributes to cancer proliferation.
"I remember feeling as if I was going down this escalator. You couldn't see the top from the bottom. I felt that everything was getting really dark", said Claudette Richards, lecturer, event manager and cancer survivor. Relating her journey pre and post cancer, she passionately described her feelings from the initial diagnosis to remission. Concluding with tears in her voice, she said, "the cancer is gone, but cancer can travel and return, but I thank God for each day I live."

The pièce de résistance of the event was the cookery demonstration by nutrition therapist, Angelette Muller. She demonstrated how to make a selection of simple vegan foods and drinks. "It's not that bad", said an understated Paul Liburd after sampling 'green lemonade', a concoction of kale, celery, lemon juice and ginger, among other plant based products. For those with more delicate palates, the freshly made almond milk and exotic fruit smoothies were much appreciated.

Ruth Perry from Watford, reflected, "I found today extremely beneficial. The lectures were informative, the testimony was very moving and I'm going home to try some of those delicious juices."

"Cancer is a disease that is literally killing thousands of people in the UK", states event organiser, BUC Health Ministries director, Sharon Platt-McDonald. "Our members are not immune so the purpose of the Symposium was to make our members aware of what they can do to assist in the prevention of the disease. 'I wish above all that you may prosper and be in health'. This scripture should be the mantra of every Seventh-day Adventist who is interested in a healthy lifestyle."

A selection of pictures from the day are available on the Adventist Church website.

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SEC CAMP MEETING ORDINATION SEES PASTORS "IN THIS FOR ETERNITY"

Pastors Sam Davies and Gerald Smith were ordained at the South England Conference Camp Meeting, in Wales, on Saturday (Sabbath), 29 June. Hundreds of people witnessed the service where the two ordinands officially transitioned from licensed to ordained ministers.

"Sometimes these things can come across as a basic formality, but for me it was a spiritual blessing", enthused Pastor Jerry Smith. "I'm still reflecting upon it and its implications in my churches. As I have young children, I would probably use simple terms to explain it to them, maybe saying that the people of the church are happy with what daddy is doing and they want him to continue working hard for Jesus!"
"You are in this for eternity", charged Pastor Emmanuel Osei, Ministerial Association director at the SEC. His address during the ordination, a service that officially affirms that the Adventist Church has called a pastor to the ministry, skilfully balanced humour with the serious elements of being a pastor.

Pastors who have witnessed their growth in ministry presented the ordinands. Pastor Aris Vontzalidis, SEC Church Growth director, introduced Jerry Smith as, "an excellent preacher and teacher... whatever you see you get." He shared how Jerry felt a call to ministry shortly after being baptised in his early 20s; a call that scared him to death. He now holds a MDiv from Andrews University, Michigan, and has pastored in the SEC for five and a half years. He currently pastors the Chatham and Riverway churches with his wife, Olivia, beside him.

"Jerry loves to dig deep into the word of God and give the word of God to the people", continued Pastor Vontzalidis. "Possessing a mission-heart for the community, he evangelises by planting churches. Jerry is continually training his members to reach into the community."

Pastor Cecil Perry, previous President of both the British Union Conference and the South England Conference, described Sam Davies as a good Christian and a serious young man. Pastor Davies felt the call to ministry from the age of 12. He gained a BA in Theology at Newbold College, an MA in Journalism from the University of Westminster and is currently nearing completion of an MA in Theology at Newbold College. He is married to the supportive Marcia and is pastor of the Bedford Central and Milton Keynes International churches.

"He is very skilled in communication and, as ministry is about positive communication, Sam Davies is a good pastor", said Pastor Perry. "It was good to have a younger man with more energy to work with and he was a good person in visiting; the church saw the results of his hard work in the growth of the church plant in Stonebridge."

"I think in a way the seriousness of the occasion made it dawn on me that I have a commitment to the vision I have had since I was young", admitted Pastor Davies. "In many ways, it is with a sense of trepidation that I take on this serious charge and on the other side I also feel like thanking God for the confirmation of a road I've taken from the age of 12. A good number of my friends and family watched online in Spain, Iceland, Ghana and in the UK! As well as their support, I have my wife, who is just as excited about this step in our lives and is looking forward to picking up this challenge together."
Pastor Osei’s wife, Laura, focused on the families supporting the ordinands. She spoke to Marcia and Olivia with a similar mix of humour and serious advice.

"Comfort your husband, but you are also the one to give him a wake-up call", said Laura Osei. "You are together, like the song 'Stand By Your Man', but don't only stand by your man, kneel down in prayer for him."

"I really appreciated what Laura said to us", commented Olivia Smith. "She's just such a funny person and was able to get her point across and make us laugh at the same time. I wasn't nervous about any of it and as the ordination was happening I just felt happier and happier! I didn't feel like I was in the spotlight, there was a kindness in the air and in everyone’s gaze."

The service concluded with ministerial colleagues laying hands on the newly ordained pastors while Pastor Ian Sweeney, British Union Conference President, prayed for them, their families and their walk with God.

[SEC Communications]

**CALL FOR SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR TOGO**

Sabbath, 27 July 2013 is designated as a special day of prayer for Pastor Antonio Monteiro who has been falsely accused and in prison for the past 500 days in his homeland of Togo. He has still not received a trial and despite attempts by 5 lawyers, the Seventh-day Adventist World Church, and various diplomats, he is still in prison. The Church is now calling for a special worldwide day of prayer to put pressure on the government of Togo and secure his release.

Full details and press releases are available on the news website of the Adventist World Church and on a dedicated website, http://pray4togo.com. For the socially media aware, follow the story with #pray4togo500.

Please set aside special time for prayer as part of your worship on Sabbath, 27 July. The BUC Communication department will be contacting your pastor with more details and prayer suggestions over the next few days.

[Victor Hulbert]
JOHN LOUGHBOROUGH SCHOOL TO CLOSE 31 AUGUST 2013

Following an announcement by the Schools Adjudicator on Thursday, 11 July 2013, the John Loughborough School in North London will close as of 31 August 2013. David Lennard Jones was requested by the South England Conference to review the decision of the local authority and met with parents, governors and Church leaders. After careful consideration of all factors he upheld the decision of the local authority to close the school.

"It is a sad day and a great disappointment for both the staff and for the South England Conference", stated Pastor Sam Davis, SEC President. Along with the school governors, staff and the SEC administration, he has fought long and hard to improve academic standards at the school.

Following a decision by the South England Conference Executive Committee not to pursue a judicial review, the school leadership is now working with the local authority to manage the transition to closure.

Haringey are looking at staff redundancies and redeployment within the borough and also the facilitation of pupil transfer to other schools. Berton Samuel, Chair of Governors for John Loughborough School states that "the school will cooperate with this process while recognising that this sudden closure may not be in the best interests of all our pupils, especially Year 10s." He adds, "We have done our best for these students and, despite grave reservations, pray that the provision offered by Haringey will give the students what they need."

The site continues to be the property of the South England Conference. The leadership of the Conference will now take time to decide how the site can best be used in the future.

Pastor Davis states, "At a constituency meeting in April many suggestions were put forward by members in London. We will explore these ideas to ensure that the vision of the site being used for education is continued."

Sincere thanks go to all the staff, parents, governors, church members and pupils who have supported the school during this difficult period. Many former students look back to their time at the school as one that launched their lives and careers. They are grateful for what the school and the Church has done. While the school may close, the legacy of its graduates will live on.

[SEC Communications]

LEWISHAM PEOPLE'S DAY

Good health was the order of the day at a recent Lewisham People's Day event. On Sabbath, 13 July, Lewisham Seventh-day Adventist church members met
the community to help them with their health. The health promotion turned out to be a big hit with many of the attendees at the annual event held in Lewisham's Mounstfield Park.

Lewisham People's Day is a free event put on by Lewisham council each summer. It features live music, entertainment and stalls from various community groups and organisations.

At the Lewisham church stall many people were given free health checks, advice by doctors, and a drink of water – which was well received on the hottest day of the year so far, a slice of watermelon, or even a place to rest! The rest area with several easy chairs went down well with weary attendees, happy for a chance to sit.

Hundreds of people passed through the stall and in addition to the nearly 250 health checks, attendees took advantage of free advice on health and nutrition as well as free books and other reading materials.

People were very interested in finding out about the state of their health and doing something to help improve it and so they lined up for their chance to learn more including positive action they could take.

Sonia Swaby, Lewisham church's Health leader said the health stall was very well received by those who attended, and that she has plans for follow-up programmes at the church to offer interested persons more to help them improve their health.

[Justin Victor]

**TIPIS AND TAMBOURINES**

The annual 'Special Needs Camp' at Aberdaron, 7-14 July 2013 was blessed with brilliant North Wales sunshine all week. The management team chose to hire tipis instead of regular tents. It gave the field a completely different look, although those observing the first one being erected, taking a whole day, wondered if the accommodation, complete with fitted carpets, would be ready in time. Thanks to late night working by the manager, Les Simpson, and his team, everything was ready when the coach arrived on Sunday afternoon.

The 2013 theme was 'Jesus Saves Me' – not the
easiest concept for our campers to understand. We were fortunate to have Pastors Curtis Murphy and David Rancić, who started the story in the Garden of Eden and, over successive days, took it through to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Worships were enhanced by the drama group acting out various Bible rescues. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous friend who sent a parcel of instruments to the site ready for our camp, campers were able to play tambourines and other instruments as they participated in worship.

Campers who took part in arts and crafts returned home with a small box they had made and a decorated photo frame containing their photo, taken by keen photographer, Duska Rancić.

A tournament took place over the week to find the winners in several activities and the campers produced their best, improving day by day. Two new outdoor games had been purchased with some of the money raised by Nigel Clarke running a marathon, and these proved very popular. We were also privileged to be able to use some new big balls, provided by our mystery benefactor. Several creative works of art were built in the sand of Aberdaron beach during Thursday afternoon and the sports day on Friday exceeded all expectations. Small minibus trips through the week took campers to a little train and a slightly bigger group to the ever popular bowling lanes. The whole group, including the site team spent a happy day in Llanberis, home of the Electric Mountain (hydro-electric power station).

Many things go to make Special Needs Camp the special time it is for both campers and staff. It is fascinating to observe staff of all ages caring and supporting campers to achieve so much more than expected. All the teams; medical, kitchen, worship, carers and on-site maintenance work together to ensure the success of camp and the happiness and safety of the campers.

A new team member, persuaded to attend by his Adventist wife, left us stating, "I expected to endure a week, instead I had a wonderful week of fun with the very best of company."

To find out more about Special Needs Camp, or to volunteer, please visit: www.specialneedscamp.co.uk. A picture gallery is also available on the Adventist Church website.

[Joy Bussey]

**BRAZILIAN TEACHERS IMPROVE LANGUAGE SKILLS AT NEWBOLD**

Newbold College of Higher Education is hosting over eighty students from seventeen countries who are improving their English during a three week summer programme.
The diverse group includes nineteen head teachers from Adventist schools all over Brazil, and the Coordinator for Education from the Central Brazil Union, Fulvia Franks.

Students have a praise assembly in the mornings, followed by a full day of classes in Newbold’s School of English. In the evenings and on weekends they have been exploring English cultural sights and experiences, including Warwick Castle, The Lion King in London, a Scottish dancing class, and a Pride and Prejudice afternoon tea in Newbold’s listed gardens.

"The Summer School in English programme and my experience here has been wonderful, if too short! The treatment I have received has been superb and far beyond my expectations. The accommodation, food, teachers and the environment at Newbold has been very good, and I feel spiritually uplifted and closer to God as a result!" said Bruna Queiroz, Head Teacher, Colégio Adventista de Gopoúva (Central Brazilian Union).

To learn more about studying English at Newbold, go to www.newbold.ac.uk/english. To see photos of the group and their activities, visit www.facebook.com/NewboldCollege.

[B Tim Watkins]

BALANCED BUT PASSIONATE ADVENTISM

Off-balance and lack of passion is nothing new to the Christian church. Ever since the time of the risen Christ, the story has been challenged, distorted, manipulated and misunderstood. It took the collective focus of NT writers to set the record straight and keep the church 'on-message', a challenge that remains with us to this day including our own faith community. Like Christians through the centuries we have vigorous discussion about doctrine and its application. Not that such conversations need be negative, for they often signal a healthy and thinking climate, particularly for a faith community in search of truth. In such conversations when Christians see things differently, Augustine comes up with a simple formula to help keep the church together. "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity."

However, it's one matter to search together for a greater understanding of truth, it's another to become fossilised in traditions grounded on fears and threats. It's a problem Bill Knott (Adventist Review Editor) recognises in some on the 'misguided fringes of this movement', who have a tendency to encourage habits resembling the behaviour of a cult. Specifically they…

- Subtly distort the truth and beauty of scripture making it a complete and utter burden for others.
- Create a restrictive thinking climate, and serve on heresy watch 24/7.
- Gossip conspiracy theories, creating a climate of fear and mistrust, inside and outside the church.
- Lead others on false 'guilt trips', over particular 'health trips'.

All of the above are nothing short of anathema to the Gospel of Christ. Such behaviours have been around
for a long time, but in recent times seem to be on the increase again. Some even peddle such habits in the name of 'Revival and Reformation'. What can we do but pray – 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways. Reclothe us in our rightful mind'. I feel it's a very necessary prayer at this time, particularly as we're trying to connect with people through the Cities of Hope project. How can we ever expect to reach majority population people in Ireland / Northern Ireland / UK for Christ, if there are behaviours and practices that Christ knows not? What is it about our faith community DNA that at times hides the beauty of the Gospel we preach? Surely this is not how things should be. We can and must do better.

- It is no message of hope burdening down people with false guilt.
- It is no message of hope, creating unnecessary fear and mistrust towards others in their lives.
- It is no message of hope, restricting how people should think and act.
- It is no message of hope to offer a wishy-washy pick and mix Adventism.

The burden on my heart is that what we share will be a confident, joyful Christ-centred hope with absolute confidence and integrity, thereby turning the 'grey' of people's lives into 'gold'. Is it possible that we may experience greater success in reaching people if we share more of the 'who' we know about Jesus, rather than the 'what' we know? Wouldn't it be a truly Pentecost again experience, if we were able to contagiously attract people to the message of Jesus because of us?

That's the change I long to see in me and us all. I long for my Church to mature and grow. I long to see a balance and passion for Christ that is second to none. We're not there yet, as we have some challenges, the same you'll easily find among Adventists in Auckland, San Paulo, Johannesburg or Oslo. You may suggest that I should ignore these problems, just focus on the positive and everything will be OK. I'm not so sure it's as simple as that, particularly when you listen to the stories of those 'inside' our Church who often express how 'oppressive' the Church climate can be at times. Like the author of each article suggests, on these four matters I share below, we've got some relearning to do.

1. Non-Adventist authors – should they really be out, out, out?

"The tortured shape of this editorial is a grim illustration of the fact that a tiny minority of Adventists is now wielding unwarranted influence on the Church's educational, pastoral, and publishing ministries by stoutly insisting that no reputable thought leader should read, own, or cite from a book by a non-Adventist author. They have invaded pastors' offices, disrupted worship services, and left a trail of litter across a smattering of websites..." (Bill Knott, Adventist Review – 14 March 2013)

2. Adventists and conspiracy theories

"I have never yet seen an Adventist conspiracy theory presentation that didn't dramatically move the focus away from Jesus Christ and onto the wildest speculation. Jesus becomes a minor supporting act. Front and centre are always the phantom conspirators and of course the heroic conspiracy theorist himself. Conspiracy theory parasitically lives off its improper attachment to Christianity. And, inevitably, the parasite always ends up killing its host..." (Anthony MacPherson, South Pacific Record – 14 June 2013)

3. The Health Message – a disabled right arm?

"Jesus never intended for healthful living to be a false guilt trip or for His people to be troubled over every little nuance of information. Instead, He wants our journey of healthful living to be happy and satisfying. His desire is for us to glow with healthy attitudes and bodies. A difference exists between the conviction of the Holy Spirit and cajoling or inappropriate social pressure... So enjoy life by following the principles of healthful living. Feel guilty only if you have not surrendered to the vital principle of taking care of your health. But do not feel guilty if your application doesn't land perfectly every time. Happily try again. Soon you will develop effective health habits that will bless your life... Let us avoid
It wasn't difficult to include the 'health story' in raising the balance flag. But what really stirred me to include it in our four challenges was a feature article in the June edition of Christianity Today. The article by Leslie Leyland Fields 'The Fitness-Driven Church', gives a panoramic view of how US Evangelical churches past and present take health and fitness seriously. Not least, is the flagging up of Rick Warren's high profile 'The Daniel Diet', due to be launched in 2014 as a major book and multimedia health programme. Looking forward to a paragraph, a sentence, a passing mention even, that Seventh-day Adventists practise faith-based wellness, it was not to be. Disappointed that the author suffers from amnesia about the 'holistic message' Adventists have consistently taught and lived, I clicked on the comments section ready to help the author and others recover from this regrettable memory loss. Instead, I seized up – reading the very first comment in the Christianity Today chat room…

"Having grown up in the SDA tradition I can tell you that doing certain things or abstaining from certain foods in the name of God quickly turns into legalism and judgementalism. There is absolutely nothing wrong with being healthy and fit but to attach in any way that it is a requirement of God or church is wrong and possibly idolatrous. Yes, God wants us to be fit, for our sakes, not the gospel's. And the sad fact that much of the obesity and illness we see is disease related will possibly drive these people away from God if we send the message that to be in God's good will you must be fit and healthy. After all Jesus said He came to call the sick not the well!" (Bernie Kopfer)

I don't know who Bernie Kopfer is, but I felt almost haunted by his statement. "No, no, no," I wanted to shout, "you're from a different tradition, that's not us!" But right now I could draw your attention to at least ten articles in the mainstream Adventist media, written within the last twelve months, highlighting the reality that the right arm of the health message requires more than a flavouring of grace. Don't miss Jay Gallimore's article and the points he makes. This is not about whether we hold a liberal or conservative world view, but rather about how we understand the grace and compassion of Christ. I know the uphill challenge every Adventist health lecturer faces to be taken seriously within the Church. For those 'grown up in the SDA tradition', because of historic and legalistic judgementalism, we've closed our eyes and ears to the health story. Forgive the pun, but this is not a healthy position to be in.

4. Balance without passion – nonsense!

Without doubt we need 'Revival and Reformation' inward from the heart, based on a new and fresh understanding of the Gospel, grounded in scripture. Andy Nash reminds us of a fourth challenge we face – that we are on a road to nowhere if we have balance without passion…

"But if the dry winds of legalism have now mostly blown through, what has replaced them? A healthy life of faith that combines true joy in Christ with careful choices about what we allow into our minds and homes? Or something else? In my view our Church's biggest threat is no longer legalism (though it still exists). It's secularism, materialism, the world. This is the thief that now comes to 'steal and kill and destroy' the abundant life in Christ... We should be careful not to replace a culture that majored in minors with one that minors in majors: the transforming grace of Christ, our distinctive Adventist message, the abundant life. Our standards should be higher than those of any legalists because we understand that our behaviour doesn't determine our salvation anyway." (Andy Nash, ANN – 19 February 2013)

The Apostle Paul says that we should… "Run away from infantile indulgence. Run after mature righteousness—faith, love, peace—joining those who are in honest and serious prayer before God. Refuse to get involved in inane discussions; they always end up in fights. God's servant must not be argumentative, but a gentle listener and a teacher who keeps cool, working firmly but patiently with those who refuse to obey. You never know how or when God might sober them up with a change of heart and a
turning to the truth, enabling them to escape the Devil's trap, where they are caught and held captive, forced to run his errands." (2 Timothy2:22-26, The Message)

We have much work to do.

[A thought piece by Irish Mission President, David Neal]

**REACTION TO NY13**

Former London Adventist, Sylva Keshishian, wrote to us following our 28 June article, 'Igniting a fire in New York – a UK perspective'. Sylva now works for the Bible Society in New York and formerly served as office secretary for Adventist World Radio in Bracknell.

She writes, "I have been attending the amazing series of evangelistic meetings here in New York hosted by my church, Manhattan SDA, and the speaker is non-other than Pastor Wilson himself. The seminars have become sweeter as the days rolled by, and I think I can safely say that everyone in the room felt God's presence with us."

She has not just been a 'punter in a seat' but has taken on board the call for personal involvement. Sylva has been among the volunteer Bible Workers encouraging people to come to the meetings, and also conducted a 12-week study on the Book of Daniel based on Mark Finley's Unsealing Daniel's Mysteries.

Dwight, another American reader of *BUC News* supported the idea of Mission to the Cities but wondered if there were better ways then citywide public evangelism – particularly noting the changing demographics of the western world. He wrote, "In the States the fastest growing church is the Mormons. I remind people that no one has ever been invited to a public evangelistic meeting by them. Person to person interaction is their method and in my experience works best for us too."

However, that may also be a part of the New York experience as Sylva concludes, "We also have the One Year in Mission young people – one rep from each World Division spending the summer in NY taking part in urban outreach activities with the view that they will return to their home Divisions energized and full of ideas how to reach their local urban populations."

As Mission to the Cities develops in London, Dublin and other locations, the teams in the UK and Ireland have learnt lessons from New York and continue their enthusiastic vision.

[Victor Hulbert]

**LATEST MESSENGERS ONLINE**
Two new editions of *Messenger*, the official journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland are now online. The 5 July edition focuses on the 'Newbold College Awards Ceremony 2013', asks 'How many drops fill a drip tray?', looks at 'Mission possible?', and sees a change of heart for smartphone use in church.

North England Conference Camp Meeting takes centre stage for the 19 July edition which also asks whether happiness is a right, highlights community church and gives you a hard copy version of 'Balanced but passionate Adventism'.


[Julian Hibbert]

**HOPE & REVELATION TV SELECTIONS THIS WEEK**

Programme highlights for the coming week include:

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692): In the new series of FaithTalks, Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist talks with Marinko Markek and Debra Harris about Christians in business, Thursday 18 July, 8:30 pm, repeated Sunday 21 July at 1:00 pm. Next week, on Thursday 25 July, repeated Sunday 28 July, the same team discuss 'Faith in an economic crisis'.

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:

**Spam**

**Not spam**

**Forget previous vote**

Friday 19 July: 8:00 pm: In Conversation: Lynette Allcock – Youth is no disincentive to mission,
8:30 pm: FaithTalks: Christianity and Business,
Midnight: The Journey: The Empty Camera
Sabbath 20 July: 9:00 am: In Conversation: Jim Cunningham – A passion for reaching out,
7:00 pm: In Conversation: Lynette Allcock,
7:30 pm: FaithTalks: Christianity and Business,
8:00 pm: The Journey: Sabbath Rest
Monday 22 July: 12:30 pm: In Conversation: Don McFarlane – Archive edition from SEC days,
9:30 pm: The Journey: What kind of God?,
Wednesday 24 July: 8:00 am: The Journey: What kind of God?,
11:00 pm: In Conversation: Richard Poulton – Legalism to Gospel truth
Friday 26 July: 8:00 pm: In Conversation: Jacques Venter – Dealing with lifestyle conflicts,
8:30 pm: FaithTalks: Faith in an economic crisis,
Midnight: The Journey: Hiroshima
Sabbath 27 July: 9:00 am: In Conversation: Lynette Allcock,
7:00 pm: In Conversation: Jacques Venter,
7:30 pm: FaithTalks: Faith in an economic crisis,
8:00 pm: The Journey: What kind of God?

For internet radio listeners: Fridays at 8:00 pm, 'My Song' with Mike Johnson, online at www.lightfm.net. Two hours of your favourite songs from across the decades. Send your requests/dedications to radio@lightfm.net.

[Victor Hulbert]

COMING EVENTS

For a full listing of Coming Events please visit http://adventist.org.uk/events

This weekend: Friday, 19 July: Chance or design? – join the debate; Sabbath 20 July: Malawi Adventists Day of Fellowship, Support the Adventist stand at the Lambeth County Show (Sabbath & Sunday); Sunday 21 July: Stonebridge fundraising dinner, the start of BUC residential evangelism training week.
Starting Monday 22 July: SEC Camp for university students.


For more details and a larger selection of events both this weekend and in the future please visit the Coming Events website where events are continuously updated online. Select your region for events nearest to you. You can also share events important to you on your Facebook or social media profile. You can also submit your event at the same location.

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SMALL ADS
TRANSPORT TO STANBOROUGH SCHOOL. Considering sending your child to Stanborough School but worried about transport? There is now a solution being provided by a third-party service. Find out more on the Stanborough School website.

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