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ARSON ATTACK DAMAGES SOUTHBEND CHURCH
Pastor Trevor Thomas is grateful for the goodwill and hospitality of fellow Christians in the Westcliff area of Southend following a major fire in the early hours of Monday, 10 March. Police are treating the fire at the Seventh-day Adventist church on North View Drive as an arson attack. They were called to the church just after 4:10 am with reports of an alarm going off in the building, quickly followed by more reports of smoke billowing from the building. The fire service arrived to find around 25 percent of the building alight.

Insurance assessors have already surveyed the damage and it is estimated that the church will be out of commission for at least six months. The kitchen is burnt out, only ashes remain of the Youth Hall, and the Sanctuary is heavily smoke damaged. Thankfully, due to the early-morning hour, the building, which hosts an active community programme, was empty at the time though nearby residents had to be evacuated.

Within hours Pastor Thomas was receiving calls of support from the local community including local churches offering their premises for worship, a local councillor offering support as well as the local Westcliff Community Association.

Pastor Thomas says, "I would like to thank Love Southend Christian Community for lifting us up in prayer. It is at times like this that we realise the value of kindness and care." He has invited those representatives of the Christian and local community groups to worship with the Adventist members on Sabbath morning "so that I can introduce you to our church family." He has also indicated that the church leadership would like to meet with this same group "to look at the needs of the community and how best we can reshape our building to meet those needs."

He adds that despite this crisis the church members are in good spirits though some of the children have been somewhat tearful at the loss of the church.

He says, "Part of our planning for this Sabbath is to be positive and to help the children get through this emotionally by asking them to draw a picture of how they would like our new church to look."

Members are also thankful for prayers and support that have come in from around the country. They will be meeting for worship this coming Sabbath at the Chalkwell Park Methodist Church,
Kingsway, Southend, SS0 9XF. This will also be the venue for Youth Week of Prayer meetings all next week.

ALSO: Read a report of the fire in the local paper, the Southend Standard.

[BUC news]

UKRAINE-RUSSIAN UNITY IN UK RUSSIAN SPEAKING CHURCHES

Adventist Russian and Ukrainian members in London have made a joint clear expression that they do not want to get involved in tensions surrounding the current crisis in the Ukraine. According to Russian speaking pastor, Andrei Balan, this reflects the Adventist position in Russia and the Ukraine.

The London Russian speaking Adventist church is a community formed from multinational members. On Sabbath, 1 March 2014, the church shared a day of fasting and prayer, specifically offering prayer regarding the on-going difficulties in the Ukraine. "Although we cannot do much to change the political circumstances, we are supporting each other as Christians", Pastor Balan reports.

Some of the members such as Evgenii and Svetlana and the Baidiuk family have their children in the Ukraine. This adds some impetus to praying for peace. However, the members are doing more than prayer. On Sunday, 2 March, they joined the Russian Spring Carnival, 'Maslenitsa!' in Piccadilly. They distributed DVD's and appropriate books.

Pastor Balan reports that although on Sunday the political unrest in Ukraine seemed to be out of control, and Russia was preparing for military actions, "here in London we continued to pray and focus on supporting each other in prayer, hoping that God will keep His children safe."

During this week members have been in touch with fellow-members from the Ukraine and continue to pray for unity and for ways to support each other. "That's the spirit we promote. We see no difference between any of us, regardless of our nationality or background", Balan emphasises.

Pastor Vasil Vartsaba, pastor of the English speaking Hutton churches in East Anglia, has just returned from visiting family in the Ukraine. He reports that members are in good spirits despite the tensions. "The Church there," he reports, "as in neighbouring countries, is taking a non-political stance but is providing care and compassion for those in need." This included Adventist medics providing care for those who had been injured in the rioting of previous weeks. His simple plea is to continue praying.
Vasili Makarchuk, an elder of the Russian speaking congregation at Newbold College, says, "Thank you for thinking about the situation in the Ukraine! May we request that our Church in the UK and Ireland will continue to pray together with us for peace in Ukraine, and around the world."

Click here for a joint statement from Russian, Ukrainian and other Adventist leaders on peacekeeping and prayer for the region.

[Victor Hulbert]

24/7 TV COVERAGE FOR GLOBAL YOUTH DAY

Twenty-four hours of live television will encompass the globe on Global Youth Day this Sabbath, 15 March 2014. Under the theme, 'Be the Sermon' the aim is that 8 million youth will take to the streets, performing acts of kindness, witnessing, and sharing what it is to be a Christian. Youth in Dublin are planning to donate blood as an act of Christian generosity, while in Hertfordshire some youth will be on the Grand Union Canal helping narrow boats through locks while giving the boat owners simple tracts.

Newbold church will be the host for the 5 - 6 pm hour with Anna Costescu and Michael Agyei (aka Lyrical Soldier) sharing stories from around the UK and other parts of the Trans-European Division. If your church is doing something it may not be too late to get a short segment, or at least a message, on the programme. However, time is very short and you need to contact Vili Costescu if you want short video footage, photos or a message of your church activity to be included. His email is: vcostescu@gmail.com.

How do you watch the programme? If you have a Roku box then watch the live Hope Channel feed. Those with smartphones or tablets can download a free Hope Channel app from the Apple Store or Google Play. Or you can watch the stream live on your computer at www.hopetv.org.uk.

Sign up for the event (and watch live) at www.globalyouthday.org or visit the Global Youth Day Facebook page.

[BUC news]

GAiN EUROPE 2014

Brining together IT and media missionaries and enthusiasts from every part of the British Isles, Dublin, Demark, Holland, Norway and beyond, the South England Conference Communication department hosted the first ever regional GAiN conference (Global Adventist internet Network) in Europe. The conference took place at Newbold College, 27 February - 2 March 2014.
Introducing GAiN to delegates from across Europe, Pastor Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist, SEC Communication director, described our incredibly fast move into an online culture. "We have evolved into 'digital nomads' – everyone is mobile and everyone has nearly unlimited knowledge at their fingertips. If we don't have a presence online," explained Øster-Lundqvist, "we basically do not exist." Consequently, GAiN was largely focused on understanding the principles behind the exponential growth of technology, and learning how we can use that technology to enrich the mission of the Church.

Guest speakers at the conference included Rajmund Dabrowski (retired GC Communication director), Delwin Finch (Web Pastor at Forest Lake church, Florida), Pastor Costin Jordache (Vice President for Communication, Central California Conference), and Dr Tom de Bruin (Executive Secretary of the Netherlands Union Conference). These international presenters joined UK-based experts in focusing on the theme 'In Media Res: Communicating God to a Digital World'. Presentations included topics as diverse as Live Video Streaming, Big Data and Postmodernism.

So how are we to share the gospel in fresh ways that are meaningful to the growing numbers of digital nomads? Ray Dabrowski, former Communication director for the Trans-European Division and the General Conference, asked delegates to carefully consider those to whom we are actually communicating. While we are supposed to be a missionary community, we often spend most of our time talking to ourselves about how good we are. He suggested that the "Good News needs to be proclaimed from the rooftops, and not from our badly lit churches." Dabrowski proposed four principles for success in communications: imagination, boldness, risk, and creativity. He echoed Ellen White's observation that "The Bible does not condemn genius or art; for these come of the wisdom which God gives. We cannot make the heart purer or holier by clothing the body in sackcloth, or depriving the home of all that ministers to comfort, taste, or convenience." (Review and Herald, 16 May 1882.)

Among the many presentations, highlights included:

**Dr Karsten Øster-Lundqvist**, Lecturer at Reading University, challenging the 'industrial approach' to education, arguing that e-learning can and should be embraced in Church teachings.

**Dr Tom de Bruin**, Dutch Union Executive Secretary, arguing that we are not living in a postmodern society, but rather a society dealing with the consequences of postmodernism. He gave a useful glimpse into the complexity of today's society where no one label embraces all people groups. "My father [who is 72] is postmodern," said Dr de Bruin, "I'm not."
Pastor Delwin Finch tackled the topic of live streaming in churches. "Streaming allows for a safe way for people to attend – try before you buy", he argued. Pastor Finch listed several reasons to stream but also why some churches shouldn't stream stating that "Not all church services are ready or suitable for streaming, and streaming brings a lot of responsibility with it."

Welsh Mission President Pastor John Surridge presented the FreeBible project, and through data statistics compared the cost of various methods of leaflet dropping and digital advertising. There was little doubt that a digital approach provided better value for money.

Pastor Costin Jordache introduced attendees to the world of Big Data, which crunches massive amounts of information into useful overviews. This is an invaluable resource for churches targeting specific groups with evangelisation or outreach. His biggest selling proposition: "I have a compelling story of someone who just happens to be an Adventist!" He emphasised, "If you have a great product, you can compete in the marketplace."

Attendees were impressed by the overall quality of the presentations and the professionalism of the presenters. Some expressed their surprise that the presenters were also pastors. Blogging about his experience, Daniel Blyden from Birmingham wrote: "This is the first time I have been among such a community within my Church, and so I was very excited and proud to talk ideas and strategies with like-minded people. It turns out that we have some brilliant minds in our global community, and I was able to feed-pick some useful things. Knowledge and information not only for use in my church life, but also in my professional working life too. I left the conference thinking to myself – who knew there were so many pastors with up-to-date marketing and communications expertise in my Church?"

Media student Espen Johnson was excited to see and hear people talking about media from a Church perspective. "This is something I don't get a lot of", he said. "All the presentations were excellent, but Dr Tom de Bruin's presentation on 'Understanding Today's Society' was something I didn't know a lot about, however I found myself relating to basically everything", Espen continued. The youngest attendee was 12-year-old Kwadjo, who runs his church's ProPresenter software. He was looking forward to attending Pastor Douglas McCormac's specialist workshop on the subject.
Tweeting during the presentations was encouraged, adding another layer of technology, and screens at the front showed the tweets as they went up. This also enabled people watching the live stream of the presentations online to join the conversation. Global GAiN board member Daryl Gungadoo and Ray Dabrowski, who initiated the GAiN conference, both tweeted that this was the best GAiN conference they had attended.

"It was an excellent programme", expressed SEC President Pastor Sam Davis. "Having talked to several of the attendees, they are impressed with the quality and feel they have received training relevant to both their church and professional life. Many of our pastors would have done well to attend."

While GAiN focused on many of the technical challenges of spreading the gospel in a digital age, Ray Dabrowski perhaps best summarised the starting point for all of us as we move forwards: "communication starts when we begin first by listening to Jesus."

SECmedia both streamed and recorded the presentations, most of which can now be found online. You can also enjoy photo memories of the event on the Adventist Church picture gallery.

[LONDON GHANA LEADS GIFT AID RETURNS]

The London Ghana church has now set the lead for three consecutive years in Gift Aid returns in both the South England Conference and across the British Isles.

Gift Aid increases the value of donations to charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs by allowing them to reclaim basic rate tax on your gift. This can significantly increase the value of tithes and offerings returned using the Gift Aid programme.

In appreciation and recognition of this, the SEC presents an annual award shield to the church that best demonstrates its enormous spirit of giving. This past year London Ghana became the first church in the history of the SEC to pass the £110,000 mark for Gift Aid return in one year. On Sabbath, 8 March they were thus awarded their third plaque.

The giving spirit of members of the London Ghana church has been an inspiration to many a church and a number of other churches have enquired and have started learning from their
By the time you turn 100 years old you might image you have few friend left. However, that is clearly not the case for Torquay member, Mrs Doreen Clement. On Sunday 9 March, friends, relatives and well-wishers gathered excitedly at the Livermead Hotel, Torquay, to celebrate and give thanks for a life well lived.

Entering the reception room at the hotel, a table to your left highlighted a striking letter sent and signed by the Queen congratulating Doreen on her milestone. Looking across the crowd of people in attendance, you also had to question how this quiet but warm lady of few words, but with a ready and beautiful smile could bring so many people together.

Friends from her immediate Adventist church family in Torquay were added to by a whole club of ladies from the local Methodist group. Mrs Lrumana Shulz from Germany came saying that she was "determined not to miss this occasion even though it was a long and tiring journey." A nephew, David from Minnesota, USA travelled to tell a story from his boyhood memory of Mrs Clement's well trained dog who was selected for a TV show.

South England Conference Treasurer Earl Ramharacksingh and his secretary, Pauline Peck, drove down from Watford to honour Doreen. Earl delivered a short goodwill speech and a signed card from all the Presidents of the Seventh-day Adventist Church within the British Isles: Bertil Wiklander (Trans-European Division), Ian Sweeney (British Union Conference), Sam Davis (South England Conference), Lorance Johnson (North England Conference) and John Surridge, David Neal and Bernie Holford from Wales, Ireland and the Scottish Mission.

Asked what characterizes her life over the years, she responded with ease: she does not worry. She certainly had no worries as she celebrated surrounded by friends, enjoying afternoon tea, and reliving memories of a remarkable life.

District pastor, Ian Lorek concluded the day with a wonderful prayer wishing Doreen God's watch care for the years to come.
Miss Lorna Hewitt celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday, 9 March 2014. Manchester South church elders and Pastor Fred Mapp threw her a surprise birthday party but disguised it as a church social. Not even church members knew until they arrived. Lorna is the last living member of her generation from the original founder members of Manchester South Seventh-day Adventist church.

She may have lived through some of the most dramatic years of world history, but at ninety she is still very sharp and full of energy, walking and an active member within the church. Born on 2 March 1924, during the WWII she worked on the site that is now Wythenshawe Hospital which used to be called Baguley Emergency A&E.

A church bulletin dated 9 March 1963 shows her at that time working as the missionary secretary (now called personal ministries secretary). Today her name is still in the bulletin as church clerk.

Lorna is not a lady who likes fuss and attention, but she felt moved by the appreciation of her hard work from everyone over the years. Dr John Ferguson sent an email to wish Lorna a happy birthday stating, "It is with great pleasure that I write on behalf of the North England Conference to express sincere appreciation, admiration, and genuine respect for a lady who has served the Seventh-day Adventist Church for so many years with grace, dignity, and true commitment."

Pastor Ian Sweeney added, "On behalf of the British Union Conference, I would like to both congratulate you on your 90th birthday as well as give thanks for the many hours of unselfish voluntary service you have given to the church in the service of our soon coming Saviour."

This was followed by a final letter of thanks from Pastor Paul Lockham (BUC Executive Secretary), "You have been a faithful, efficient and dedicated servant of the church as church clerk. You have performed the work of a clerk with timeliness and accuracy always in mind. Thank you."
The speeches were followed by authentic Caribbean inspired cuisine, and dessert. Young and old celebrated the occasion, including many special items from some of the best vocal artists in the church, even the children of the church involved themselves in performing a special item for Miss Hewitt.

Cutting the three tier cake, Lorna thanked everyone stating, "This is the best birthday I have ever had." Affectionately known as 'the boss', she has not only impressed members and done so much for the church evangelistically, but her God given health and looks for a lady of 90 is a good representation of the health message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

[Sara Francis]

**NEC ELDERS AND DEACONS EMPOWERMENT DAY**

Over 300 elders, deacons and deaconesses attended seminars in Manchester and Birmingham on 1 and 2 March led by Janet and Pastor Jerry Page, Prayer Co-ordinator and Ministerial Association Secretary of the General Conference. This Spirit-filled couple led the delegates into a true understanding of what it means to be leaders in God's Church.

The Pages taught the importance of having a daily relationship with God in order for Him to fit us for service. We were shown through prayer, scripture and personal testimonies what God can do for us and through us. Marie and Tony Smith commented that it was, "a truly uplifting experience that is desperately needed for our time." They added, "We learnt of the importance of small group ministry to meet the needs of our church and community, and we could hear one individual after another saying how they felt 'EMPOWERED!'"

The training is part of the strategic direction of the North England Conference. Pastor Richard Jackson, NEC Ministerial Association Secretary and his team are striving to empower the laity and to impress on them the importance of letting God take full control of their hearts, which will
lead to greater service. The training was also organised to show the delegates that what matters is ordering their lives under God. He also emphasised that coming to this training was not about roles and functions in the church but about their commitment to God.

Many commented that they would come again not for 4 hours but for a week! They felt that this is what they needed to help them to be the leaders God wants them to be.

[Marie and Tony Smith]

PLYMOUTH ADVENTIST CHURCH TREATED WITH M&M'S

We don't recommend handing out M&M's in church, those colourfully coated, button-shaped, chocolate sweets with their varied, tasty centres, yet that was the case at Plymouth Adventist church on Sabbath, 8 March 2014. Church members and friends were 'treated' to two delicious M's.

The first 'M' came in the form of music. Out of the mouths of Christian young people came the sweet praises to God that brought a tear to a few eyes in the congregation. Directed by Sandra Rigby-Barrett, the Newbold College choir lifted the spirits and added to the beautiful spring Sabbath morning that followed after all the heavy rains. In addition to the songs performed by the choir, the soloists, duets and an a capella ensemble echoing the beautiful Wesleyan hymn, 'And can it be', received the definite approval of heavenly music. Even the beautiful rendition of 'Jerusalem' played on a saw brought the message of the kingdom in musical style.

While the college choir came to visit St Austell and Plymouth because their trip to Hungary fell through, no one in the two churches complained. Hungary's loss was clearly Devon and Cornwall's gain! For sixty minutes that Sabbath morning heaven came closer to us as the human angels were joined in chorus by the heavenly ones. No one missed the spoken sermon that day, because God 'sang' to us with beautiful words of life over and over again.
The other 'M' in the equation was the launch of 'Messy Church'. That same afternoon around 22 non-Adventist children from the community and the local school trickled in to begin their adventure of crafts, singing stories and glorious food. By 3:00 pm around 40 people crowded the small hall and the fun began.

The team decided to focus on Creation. In this first programme the first day of creation was launched. With Mother's Day coming up, children also made crafts to remind them that their mothers were the 'lights' in their lives always to be celebrated.

This was a new experience for Plymouth members. They had never heard about Messy Church until two months earlier and did not have the experience to run this outreach idea. However, the pastor's wife caught the vision, inspired eleven other volunteers and agreed to go for it. Calling on the help of those who are experienced and have done it before, a member of Stanborough Park church agreed to come for the weekend and help us kick-start this wonderful ministry. She gave the Plymouth volunteers a 'thumbs up' because, she said, "you grasped the concept so fast and successfully."

For two and a half hours both children and parents were glued to the premises. No one wanted to be anywhere but in church. Three of the children left a birthday party early in order to make it in time for the 'Messy' programme.

Messy Church will run every month. If the promises to come again were anything to go by, we are in for a successful outreach venture.

So! Who needs the chocolate coated M&M's to make us hyperactive and give us a sugar rush? The two M's last Sabbath gave Plymouth a spiritual rush of good things, and a hyperactive hunger to do more things for God.

[Clifford Herman]

80 LEARN BASICS OF BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE AT HOLLOWAY TRAINING
Eighty members of Holloway Adventist church were attracted to a three hour Deaf Awareness training session by trainer Penny Beschezza from 'Signs of God' on Sabbath afternoon, 8 March. Each member became utterly fascinated and engrossed in the training as they learnt to say their names in British Sign Language (BSL), and understood how to communicate with people who are deaf.

Many members can now use BSL to give and receive greetings, ask some personal questions, use some church-based words and sing. A members was heard to say, "I can not only finger spell my name, I have learnt how to sign to three songs: 'Jesus loves me this I know', 'Smile a while', and the Shepherd's Psalm 'The Lord's my Shepherd'.

The church was inspired to have further deaf awareness training in the church to ensure the gospel is accessible for all. Members of the Disability Ministries team have worked hard to bring an awareness of this ministry in Holloway church. All departments of the church were involved in the programme.

[J K Ugbonmah]

**IRISH LAY-PREACHERS GAIN SKILLS**

Ever sat through a boring, uninspiring sermon? That is now less likely to happen in Ireland. As part of its preparation for 'Mission to the Cities', Irish Mission President, Pastor David Neal, invited Pastors Paul Clee and Llew Edwards to lead a 'How to prepare a sermon' weekend of training for a group of lay preachers.

During 7-9 March, lay folks came to the Kilnasoolah Mission Retreat centre near Shannon from all over the Irish Mission. Hosted by Pastor Tony O'Rouke, the weekend was not only informative but a spiritual blessing to all as we shared knowledge and practised our sermons. Paul and Llew were encouraged by the growing expertise of these committed lay people and their desire to share the Word of God.

[Llew Edwards]

**BOOKS COME TO LIFE AT NEWBOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL**
When do you find the three little pigs sitting next to you in assembly, find your class teacher is the big, bad wolf and your head teacher is Florence Nightingale? On World Book Day, at Newbold School of course! Friday assembly on 7 March showcased a variety of princesses, several super heroes, a couple of Toy Story Woodys and even a panda – all children dressed up as their favourite book characters and loving every minute.

However, behind Newbold children's fantasy costumes towered a more serious-minded purpose. Each child paid £1 for the privilege of dressing up to raise money for their school building fund. These determined children are willing to make their dreams of a bright new school building come true through hard work and self-sacrifice. Perhaps this explains why Anoushka Gungadoo (age 7) recently donated a large portion of her birthday money to buy some of the first bricks for her new school. Now that is a story worth telling.

[Jaki Crissey]

**WHEELCHAIR FAITH: ADVENTIST TV THIS WEEK**

Enjoy these special selections on Revelation TV and Hope Channel:

**Thursday 13 March, 8:30 pm** – Revelation TV (repeated Sunday 16 March, 1:00 pm). **Richard Shaw** was born with muscular atrophy, a congenital, degenerative impairment causing wasting of the 'voluntary' muscles. Despite having never effectively walked and been a wheelchair user most of his life, he shares how a thoughtful Christian carer helped him come to faith, and how living with a disability is no barrier to living a fulfilling life.

Find out more in 'Adventists In Conversation', **Revelation TV** (Sky 581, Freesat 692 and Roku).

**Sabbath, 15 March:** **Global Youth Day.** Live programming from across the world all day on the Hope Channel.
Thursday 20 March, 8:30 pm – Revelation TV (repeated Sunday 23 March, 1:00 pm).

**Joel Duntin** has worked in Mental Health services but is currently studying for the ministry at Newbold College. His is not just a theoretical ministry. Together with his wife, Sallee, they Templeway church, a contemporary outreach seeking to touch lives outside of the normal church walls.

**HOPE CHANNEL.** A Hope Channel upgrade on Roku gives an immediate, greater selection of UK based 'on demand' programming. A schedule, and a selection of ways to watch Hope Channel is also available by visiting [www.hopetv.org.uk](http://www.hopetv.org.uk).

[Victor Hulbert]

### COMING EVENTS

**Friday 14 March:**
**The Dialogue Café.** It's FREE and doors open from 7:00 pm. Central London Church, The Advent Centre, Crawford Place, (off Edgware Road), London W1H 5HD.

**Friday 14 - Sunday 16 March:**
**Making God Known – Coleraine with David McKibben.** Full details at [http://www.makinggodknown.org](http://www.makinggodknown.org). **Venue:** Coleraine Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2 Ratheanne Avenue, Coleraine, BT52 1JH. For more information contact: Pastor Weiers Coetser.


**Saturday 15 - Saturday 22 March:**
"Revived to Serve the Lord!" Plaistow Seventh-day Adventist church presents their 2014 Youth Revival Meetings. Venue: 97 St Antony's Road, Forest Gate, E7 9QB. Speaker: Elder Xoli Belgrave. Times: 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm (doors open at 7:00 pm). Contact: Elder Emmanuel Adjei: 07985 249298.

**Saturday 15 - Saturday 29 March:**
**Flying Without Wings – Battersea Revival Campaign.** With evangelist Pastor Robert Williams. Battersea Seventh-day Adventist Church, Priory Hall, Prince of Wales Drive, Battersea, London SW8 4BL.

**Saturday 15 March:**
**London Adventist Credit Union Thanksgiving Concert,** hosted by the London Male Voice Choir. Venue: Holloway Seventh-day Adventist church. Time: 19:30 - 21:00. Check link for ticket costs etc.

**Tuesday 18 March:**
**Newbold Diversity Lectures: David Trim.** Title: Seventh-day Europeans? American and European approaches to mission in Europe, c.1880-1940. Venue: Smith Centre, Newbold College, St Mark's Road, Binfield RG42 4AN. Time: 19:30 - 21:00.

**Friday 21 - Sunday 23 March:**
**Making God Known – Larne with David McKibben.** Full details at [http://www.makinggodknown.org](http://www.makinggodknown.org). **Venue:** Larne Seventh-day Adventist Church, 55 The Roddens, Larne BT40 1QL. For more information contact: Pastor Curtis Samuel.

**NEC Mums and Daughters' Retreat** – North England Conference Women's Ministries weekend. Where: DeVerre Venues, Wychwood Park, Weston, Cheshire East CW2 5GP. Cost: £87.50 (mother & daughter) + £80 (each additional daughter). To find out more or to book click here.

**Sunday 23 March:**
**MOHAP Day Retreat: Advent Centre.** 9:30 - 16:30. Book online at [www.mohap7.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.mohap7.eventbrite.co.uk)
download the form to book. For more information see www.mohap.org. No payment required. Freewill offering collected on the day. For queries email: info@mohap.org or phone 07407 692 256.

Hospitality Training. In all cultures, friendships are developed through hospitality, and true hospitality is a spiritual ministry. This training will cover a host of ways through which to unlock this specialist ministry. Hospitality Training Application Form. Contact the SEC Health & Community Ministries department for further info: nsimon@secadventist.org.uk. Time: 10:00 - 17:00 at the Advent Centre.

Friday 28 - Sunday 30 March:
Venue: Banbridge Seventh-day Adventist Church, 9 Newry Road, Banbridge BT32 9HF. For more information contact: Pastor Curtis Samuel.


Sabbath 29 March:
UK Zambian Day of Fellowship. Venue: The Bishop Latimer United Church, Latimer Hall, Handsworth New Road, Winson Green, Birmingham B18 4PT. Time: 09:00 - 18:00.

Sabbath 29 March - Sunday 13 April (extends to 20 April in Greater London)
ADRA Annual Appeal. For more information on this year's Appeal please visit the ADRA-UK website – www.adra.org.uk. Thank you for continuing to help us to help!

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

WANTED: QUALIFIED FITNESS INSTRUCTORS to help out at the Aberdaron Health Reboot Camp, 13-22 June 2014. Aberdaron is the ideal setting to regain fitness and improve physical and mental well-being. We plan to offer guided walks, fitness classes, outdoor projects, worships, nutrition and lifestyle seminars, and 10 days of healthy, tasty food. If you would like to be part of this please contact Beryl Emm on 01625 528 919 or beryljemm@yahoo.co.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!

WOMEN OF VIRTUE. The launch of this programme is being held over 2 days on Saturday 26 April and Sunday 27 April. Saturday 26 April (SEC) – venue: Hightown Methodist Church, 47 Hightown Road, Luton, LU2 0BW. Sunday 27 April (NEC) – venue: Woodland Grange Conference Centre, Old Milverton Lane, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 6RN. Guest speaker: Dr Deborah Harris (USA). For more details please contact Dawn Tompkins at the BUC office, 01923 672251 or email dtompkins@adventist.org.uk.

NEWBOLD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT: 2 -4 May but register now if you have a team that would like to take part. See more on the Facebook page.
PEN PAL. Julie, a 58-year-old widow, resident in Wales, would like to have an Adventist pen friend. She is not an Adventist herself. She has a love for animals. If interested then in the first instance contact Pastor John Surridge: jsurridge@adventistwales.org.

JOB VACANCIES: Would you enjoy a career at Newbold College of Higher Education? Under their development initiative they are offering the following posts: ICT Manager, applications close 21 March 2014. Recruitment Officer (English for Speakers of Other Languages Programmes), applications close 4 April 2014. Recruitment Officer (Business, Theology, and Study Abroad Programmes), applications close 4 April 2014. Chief Financial Officer, applications close 11 April 2014. Director, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Programmes, applications close 11 April 2014. Lecturer (Accounting/Finance emphasis), applications close 11 April 2014. Marketing, Recruitment and Communications Coordinator (maternity leave cover) from late May 2014 to December 2014, applications close 25 April 2014. Receptionist (maternity leave cover) from late May 2014 to late May 2015, applications close 25 April 2014. Full details of all vacancies on the Job Vacancies page of the Adventist Church website.

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