There is no food to take care of our needs and water is scarce," says Fatima, with tears streaming down her face. She is one of the thousands of displaced people flocking to camps for food, water, and hope. More than 5 million children are now close to starvation in the Horn of Africa. The worst drought in sixty years is drying up water points and destroying crops. Food prices are soaring, making it impossible for parents to buy even what little food is available for their children. There are already 10 million people in crisis in Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, and Djibouti. The number is increasing on a daily basis, with no hope of respite until 2012. ADRA is already supplying food, water, shelter, and livestock feed. Fatima is a 39-year-old widow and mother of eleven children. She lives in eastern Kenya, on the border of Somalia. In 2005 Fatima’s family was very wealthy by Somali standards. Her husband, Alkadir, had camels, sheep, cattle, goats and donkeys, but a severe drought struck and he lost three quarters of his flock. "My husband and his friend decided that they wouldn’t wait until their entire flock was gone, so they crossed the Ethiopian border in search of pastures and water – only to meet a worse situation there. The remaining live-stock died, and they came back with just their walking sticks.

With tears streaming down her sun-scorched cheeks she continued, "When my husband came back, he fell into a severe depression that later developed into a stroke, and after five years of struggle he died. After his death, his friends and relatives gave five camels, ten cattle, thirty goats, twenty sheep and five donkeys to my children and I. We struggled with life on our own... and we managed to recover almost a quarter of the flock we used to have. However, as fate would have it, the same "Satan" has mercilessly struck again. . . ."

Fatima then breaks into an anguished cry of hopelessness, and through heavy sobs says, "We have lost half of our flock, we have no means to take care of them, there is no food to take care of our needs, and water is scarce."

Fatima is single-handedly taking care of her children. Currently they are blessed if they have one meal a day, and they often go without food for days at a time. She sent her dwindling livestock to Ethiopia in search of pasture and water. Now she doesn’t even have a goat to sell for food. ADRA is providing food, water, and emergency non-food items to families like Fatima’s. "You can help now by giving a gift that will save lives in countries like Kenya, Somalia and Uganda. For more information visit: www.adra.org.uk."

ADRA accepts donations to the ADRA-UK Horn of Africa Appeal:
By SMS: text ‘ADRA04 £10’ to 70070 to donate to ADRA-UK online;
One hundred percent of your donations made by SMS or via BT MyDonate will be used for the relief effort. Make a difference today!

Famine facts
(Taken from various Reliefweb reports.)
- The Dadaab camp (Kenya) currently holds more than 400,000 famine refugees – a population similar to that of the Metropolitan borough of Liverpool (434,900)*
- During July the camp received 40,400 new arrivals – 1,333 per day – the highest monthly intake in its twenty-year history.
- An estimated 100,000 "displaced people" moved into Mogadishu during June and July because of the drought and famine.
- Relief organisations are only reaching about 20% of the 2.8 million people in urgent need of food aid in southern Somalia.


Please consider helping now! "With over twelve million people in need of immediate humanitarian assistance in the Horn of Africa, we have a Christian and moral obligation to help. We cannot ignore the plight of the people in this part of Africa. Your financial help will save lives!"
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Knowing your body – part 6b

by Sharon Platt-McDonald

Your body’s systems have several ways to alert you to danger and the need for treatment or lifestyle change. For example, a skin rash may indicate an allergic reaction to something, and vomiting may indicate the presence of infection, poison or an underlying disease. Here are two areas that warrant our attention.

**Pain**

Whenever we experience pain, it’s helpful to ask ourselves: ‘What is my pain saying to me?’ Pain is the body’s way of telling us there is something wrong, so acute pain usually indicates a new injury (for example, we fall and hurt ourselves) or the onset of an illness (for example, gastroenteritis). Our nervous system sends a pain message to the brain alerting us and prompting us to respond. Acute pain will then subside once the cause of the pain has been treated.

Chronic pain is pain that lingers long after the injury or initial diagnosis. It could be associated with an old injury, the deterioration of an existing condition, or wear and tear associated with ageing.

**Medication reaction**

All medication may cause side effects. While some side effects are common and present little risk, others can be serious. The following is worth remembering:

- When given a new prescription, always read the leaflet thoroughly, taking careful note of the side effects and interactions.
- Note the side effects which require immediate attention, and take prompt action if they occur.
- Notice any changes to your body – for example, skin changes, altered sleeping patterns, or changes in your levels of concentration or mood.
- If you have been on long-term medication, read the leaflet to see whether you have developed any of the side effects associated with such use.
- Always report any changes to a health practitioner.

Interaction between multiple medications can also occur. Therefore, if you are taking more than one medication, you need to keep track of the potential side effects of each, as well as be alert to the possibility that the drugs could interact with each other to create another level of problem.

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle, which includes the right balance of the eight natural doctors (multitask, exercise, water, sunlight, temperature, air, rest and trust in God), will definitely help to enhance your body’s resilience.

Good health!

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**Praise indeed, which can only go to the photographers in question. The standards have certainly been high, which made my choices for the spread all the more difficult. By now, you will have seen the ‘Spring collection 2’ in *Messenger* 18 (August). Equally as good. But this is not the end of Megapixels. Please get busy with your cameras and send me your-**

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I was about to preach in one of our churches, but wanted to make sure that I would have control of my sermon slides. Nothing is more frustrating to me (in the pulpit, that is) than to have a well-prepared sermon which loses its impact because the accompanying slides are not synchronised properly.

Some churches don’t have remote control devices to control the slides, and this was one of them.

- **So who will advance the slides?** I asked of the man at the AV desk.
- **Don’t worry,** he said, **I usually ask one of the younger teenagers to help.** My heart sank! How would a young teenager know when to change the slides for a complex expository sermon? I said nothing further, and quietly prepared myself for the worst.

I never came! That young man’s control of the slides was so close to impeccable. He listened carefully to my unfolding message and anticipated those slide changes like a pro.

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**Scene two:**

I faced a somewhat reserved group of camp meeting youth – they were looking at me with those insipid faces that they traditionally use to great unfamiliar guest speakers. Faces that say: ‘Preacher, we could be chilling somewhere else, so this better be good – and keep it short!’

My anecdotes caught their attention and they soon warmed up to discussion point – particularly one guy wearing a Brazilian football shirt, who looked and sounded like a non-conformist. He had questions, objections and opinions.

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**Editorial**

The non-conformist was back for more! He could have been chatting up one of the many pretty faces at the camp, or using his shirt for its intended purpose, football. But he chose to worship and listen to the Word.

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- Don’t just ask them once and forget them – they will think they failed.
- Encourage them to contribute to the services in music, song, drama, personal testimony and preaching.
- Plan after-church activities with them, full of things they can identify with and enjoy.
- Hold a youth celebration Sabbath for the older members to affirm them and the role they play.
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- Sponsor them to attend training activities and camps. Remember: camps change lives!
- Work with them to find and fund some exciting and practical community or mission project in which they can work for the less advantaged.
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*This is not to mean restrict their parents in their normal parenting hopes and abilities.
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The camp existed to provide a safe, caring, fun-loving holiday in a Christian environment for people with special needs, while giving respite to their carers.

This year's theme was friendship – with Jesus Christ, the best she'd experienced! A long-time SNC carer, Caroline Pace, says, 'I commended reading literature in front of me, or when I pass them later on to notice them reading the material. God's Word never returns void! If we cover our activities in prayer and ask Jesus to go before us, we can be sure that he will. I have also had some lovely cues provided by God, which have created the opportunity for me to speak. For example, I was sitting at a bus stop with a Yugoslavian man of approximately 80 sitting alongside me. I had no literature on me at that moment, but suddenly, out of the blue, he asked a question: 'The shops are closed on Sundays in Wycombe, aren't they?' I could not believe my ears, and immediately indicated to me that she has been troubled about the Mary question for a while, even though it is part of her faith. In the last few months, many people have actually thanked me for the literature, whereas before they would simply take it and move on. Recently, some people have actually put their hands out to receive what I am offering, whereas it used to be that I had to approach everyone myself. A couple of people have also asked to take some items for their families and friends. To me this is a sign that people are beginning to wake up to the fact that something is not right on Earth! There is another way we can serve, and that is to buy literature for distribution by those who cannot afford to buy their own, so that they can also participate in this mighty work. The items that I find popular are Final Events DVDs, Steps to Christ, individual gospels (KV) and tracts such as Man's Need of Christ, 25 Prophecies Fulfilled in the Life of Jesus and Jesus Facts about the Sabbath and the First Day of the Week. I also include a take Jesus invitation from Discover Bible School with everything that I hand out, which makes it possible for the people to send away for Bible studies when they are ready.

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The most significant event was the baptism of one of the younger autistic campers, Ieuan Scott, into the Adventist Church on Sabbath. He has been one of Les and Miriam Wood's three foster children for sixteen years, lovingly brought up in the Church from a very young age. Now all three of their foster children are baptised, and Ieuan has been welcomed into the Maidenhead church. David Rancic led Ieuan into the Aberdaron waves where the camp padre, Pastor Murphy, baptised him. Will Sharp, elder at Maidenhead, spoke of the influence SNC has been on Ieuan's spiritual journey. Pastor Murphy shares, 'I believe that SNC camp – the thirty-second – was one of the best I've experienced. I've always loved working with the kids and have had the joy of being involved in literature distribution for a number of years now, occasionally with others, and in so doing I have experienced an immense blessing – which is something I would not change for all the world. Last year I carried out my work of distributing items on buses, on trains and in high streets, where I meet the most beautiful people of all cultures and classes. I have had the pleasure of seeing people actually commence reading literature in front of me, or when I pass them later on to notice them reading the material. God's Word never returns void! If we cover our activities in prayer and ask Jesus to go before us, we can be sure that he will. I have also had some lovely cues provided by God, which have created the opportunity for me to speak. For example, I was sitting at a bus stop with a Yugoslavian man of approximately 80 sitting alongside me. I had no literature on me at that moment, but suddenly, out of the blue, he asked a question: 'The shops are closed on Sundays in Wycombe, aren't they?' I could not believe my ears, and immediately indicated to me that she has been troubled about the Mary question for a while, even though it is part of her faith. In the last few months, many people have actually thanked me for the literature, whereas before they would simply take it and move on. Recently, some people have actually put their hands out to receive what I am offering, whereas it used to be that I had to approach everyone myself. A couple of people have also asked to take some items for their families and friends. To me this is a sign that people are beginning to wake up to the fact that something is not right on Earth! There is another way we can serve, and that is to buy literature for distribution by those who cannot afford to buy their own, so that they can also participate in this mighty work. The items that I find popular are Final Events DVDs, Steps to Christ, individual gospels (KV) and tracts such as Man’s Need of Christ, 25 Prophecies Fulfilled in the Life of Jesus and Jesus Facts about the Sabbath and the First Day of the Week. I also include a take Jesus invitation from Discover Bible School with everything that I hand out, which makes it possible for the people to send away for Bible studies when they are ready.

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Hello Christian Stars!
The Bible word 'good' has a huge range of meanings, from 'pleasant' to 'righteous'. The English dictionary gives similar meanings. As a fruit of the Spirit, goodness comes from God, who is both 'good' and the Giver of 'good' things to his people. Those who are good are Christ-like in two ways: 1) they are upright – doing what is right, fair and just; 2) they also do good to others – treating them with loving kindness, mercy and generosity.

It is fun to put a clean sheet of paper over a coin and rub a pencil over it. You will see it puts the pattern of the coin onto the paper.

Goodness is like the pattern on the paper. It can only be seen when you do something to show God you love him. Jesus pointed his disciples to one example of goodness – a certain poor widow wanted to give all she had to God (read this story for yourself in Luke 21:1-4)! You will be amazed at the fun things you can do when you pray for the gift of goodness.

Josiah is king:
Josiah was 8 years old when his father Amon died. Josiah became the new king. He wanted to do what was right and he wanted his people to worship God. He was still a very young man when he asked his helpers to tear down the idols that the evil kings had brought into God's Temple. He made sure the Temple was repaired and clean. While the men were repairing the Temple they found the book of God's law. Josiah cried when it was found; he was sorry that he and the people had not been following all the laws. After reading God's law, Josiah promised God that he would keep all the commandments. He encouraged the people to do so, too. Josiah has left us a good example of what it means to be 'good'.

Follow the numbers to find what Josiah wore to mark him out as a king. You can decorate it with jewels and precious stones and colour it beautifully.

Re-order the letters in each of the crowns so that they make sense. Now choose the correct word from each of the crowns to complete the verse found in Micah 6:8. This verse helps us understand the type of goodness God expects of us. Why not make this text the motto for your life?

Starting with goodness: How many words can you make from the letters in 'goodness'? Start with two-letter words, then three and so on. Write them on the notepad if you like! Are you able to make a new word using all the letters?

God’s Word shows us what is ‘good’: to love others and treat them kindly; to obey our parents and teachers; and to refuse to lie, cheat or steal – even when the people around us act differently.

Feedback from children who visit Christian Stars children’s pages – or from their parents – is welcome. The address is children@adventist.org.uk.

Anne Pilmoor & Heather Haworth

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feature . . .

Wellington boots and suits at ‘best ever’ Irish Mission camp meeting

by Pastor Weiers Coetser

When Lord Wellington designed his famous knee-high boot in the early nineteenth century, it quickly became a popular and fashionable item of clothing among European aristocracy. This vintage fashion item was once again worn with pride at the larger-than-ever third Irish Mission camp meeting at Kilnasoolagh, Newmarket-on-Fergus, 29 July-3 August.

Very few of those boots remained motionless as upwards of two hundred and fifty voices belted out the words of the theme song, ‘Rejoice, me, Restore me, Give me a new heart’, at the direction of the NEC Music co-ordinator, Dr Diana Sinclair. Policies have been written, sermons preached, and books published on the theme of revival and reformation, but none inspire more than a good song – and we sang.

But the vintage nature of this camp meeting extended beyond the boots and the enthusiastic singing. The meetings were held in tents on an open stretch of farmland, and run like those camp meetings that were a hallmark of early Adventism.

Pastor David Neal, Irish Mission president, summed it up: ‘My experience of camp meeting was wonderful hymn singing, testimonies, Bible studies, health gems and great fellowship.’

The keynote speakers focused their messages on relevant Christian issues. Our members, still in the grip of a recession, thoroughly enjoyed Dr Richard de Lissie, SEC Stewardship and Communication director, who highlighted core Christian stewardship principles and urged us to avoid reliance on economic structures built on the brink of collapse. He closed the Sabbath sermon with a vintage altar call to which a large number responded – some for baptism.

Pastor Julian Hibbert, Editor of the Missioner, focused his informative presentations on the hows and whys of wholesome Christian worship. ‘What struck me most during his second presentation was the practical way in which he illustrated how

Family camp a resounding success

This year’s NEC family camp at Aberdeen gathered many families together from across the UK to fellowship and enjoy the beautiful Llyn peninsula coastline. Pastor Cyril Sweeney, NEC president, was the camp master, and he and Tim Clee ran the camp admirably.

Young campers enjoyed arts and crafts, a bouncy castle, a sand-building competition, a treasure hunt, a water bomb fight and much more, and the Friday night programme included a Communion Service.

Gerardene Farmer, NEC Family Ministries director, said: ‘We anticipate a scramble for the limited number of 2012 family camp tickets which will be available at the end of the summer holidays. Details will be on the NEC website from 7 September.’ The dates for next year’s NEC family camp are 20-29 July 2012.

A healthier community

On Sunday 17 July, Smithwick Church members provided a free health check for their community, using the NEWSTART principles of Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunshine, Temperance, Air, Rest and Trust.

On the Friday, Grace Walsh (NEC) had met with Smithwick members to present health facts.

On Sunday morning members and other health advisors from Sister Walsh’s team also gave presentations on healthy eating and exercise, and on Sunday morning members set up the hall of the nearby St Albans community centre.

More than 100 visitors came from 10am to 4pm. Each individual was lovingly welcomed and given an information health sheet, before visiting each of the stations.

Many took part in the step tests, massages and health checks, and received advice.

Visitors also learnt about our denomination. Feedback was good, and many asked for similar events in the near future. Smithwick members will work together to reach out and meet the needs of their community.

Ambassadors minister in Aberdeen

The Aberdeen church was delighted to host the Ambassadors – the recently awarded ‘Choir of the World’ – during three recent evening concerts, which were extremely well-attended by church members and people from the community. One local resident had expressed her ‘very high expectations’ and afterwards said she was ‘blown away’.

The Ambassadors went out into the community on Thursday to minister to members of a residential home in Aberdeen. After forty minutes of singing, they prayed and talked with residents. The Ambassadors described it as ‘a very emotional time’.

End of an era for Harper Bell

One of the first churches to form in the south of Ireland passed away on 21 July 2011. In 1951 the Smithwick church building was dedicated and named after Harry Bell in recognition of his unwavering, selfless service to the church.

Harry Bell was one of the first generation of young people to leave the Ulster region and go to the very different environment of NSW. He was a planner and a practical man, who was never too busy to help people at a time of need.

Harry Bell was a man for all seasons. He was a generous man who would always open his home to anyone who needed it. He was a man who loved to laugh and who always had a smile for everyone.

Harry Bell was a man of faith who was a source of strength to many. He was a man of great humility who always put others before himself.

Harry Bell was a man of great love who was loved by many. He was a man who was always ready to help others.

Harry Bell was a man of great integrity who was respected by all.

Harry Bell was a man of great passion who was always ready to serve the church.

Harry Bell was a man of great wisdom who was always ready to share his knowledge.

Harry Bell was a man of great courage who was never afraid to stand up for what was right.

Harry Bell was a man of great generosity who was always ready to give of himself.

Harry Bell was a man of great beauty who was always ready to be himself.

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Harry Bell was a man of great joy who was always ready to be joyful.

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Saving lives as well as souls

On Sunday 25 June fifteen young people aged between 12 and 16 completed a three-hour first-aid course in the Portsmouth church as part of their Pathfinder activity programme. When asked why they wanted to do the training, one young participant replied – ‘so we can help to save lives’.

The course was the third recent first-aid course in Area 3 to enable local church members to become first-aiders, whether at home, work or church, or out in the community. Two previous adult courses run at Southampton Church resulted in twenty-two members from the Bournemouth, Winchester, Portsmouth and Basingstoke churches obtaining a nationally recognised Emergency First Aid qualification. These programmes included three non-Adventists, and three people training to become late-night street pastors in Basingstoke.

All the programmes were organised and run by David Wright from Winchester Church, and a nationally recognised NUCC first-aid trainer. Any church interested in having a first-aid programme run for a group of between ten and twelve members, or using one as an outreach opportunity for their local community, would be welcome to contact David at: dafy60@hotmail.co.uk (or 01449 784648 in evenings).

DAVID WRIGHT

Lincoln baptism

Idiko Bokor was baptised at Lincoln on 9 July – she had travelled from Lincoln to Hungary to study, but met a young man – and went to church in Lincoln. The members there found it easier to call her their new friend Idi, and a relationship developed. Idi’s baptism was assisted by the young man who had introduced her to Christ, Bhekisi Musuku – who is now her fiancé!

Idi said, ‘In 2005 I believed there was some sort of spirit. I turned away from religion . . . but God didn’t turn away from me; he was still at work in my life. He protected me during my teen years from drugs, alcohol and smoking. I visited the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the first time in 2008; slowly I found out what they believe and what they offer. The first thing I noticed: Seventh-day Adventists value the study of the Bible – so here I was, introduced to the Scriptures and to Christ. We can’t save ourselves, but he can save us. You’re never too unworthy to become a Christian.’

PETER LAKE

Ten years of community-building in Doncaster

During Doncaster Church’s tenth-anniversary thanksgiving service, Pastor Don McFarlane presented a sermon titled ‘The Church and the Community’, and Pastor Ian Sweeney gave the afternoon message, challenging the church to become relevant to the community’s needs and have an impact on the lives of others.

Music was provided by the youth choir, Golden Echoes, Doncaster SDA Church Choir, Heavenly Melodies, Holy Tabernacle and a young girls’ trio (Naledi, Delali and Panashe). Councillor Tony Sockett gave an address that accepted the role of the church as a partner to the Government’s efforts in the community.

The Pathfinders led the worship services for the day, focusing on ‘Taking a Stand for Jesus’. Spencer Williams, Akiel and Vernon Dublin and Peter Tabornal provided music. Keynote sermons were presented by Daniel Kurni and Violet Muchenjumugo. Taliti Nyathi recited a poem.

At the end of the service led by the drum corps with the colour guard, the Pathfinder company processed down Newark as a witness to the community of Leicester.

PETER LAKE

Ten years of Holloway Drum Corps!

The Holloway Pathfinder Drum Corps celebrated its tenth anniversary on 16 July. Councillors Alex Silcott and Anita Daley told the church how they had added the drum corps to the club upon their arrival from Montserrat. Trevor Harewood and Kennedy Kundan presented awards to Pathfinders, and an award was also presented to Councillors Silcott and Daley. Since the drum corps was formed, many other Pathfinder clubs have followed suit. Drum corps are an excellent way of witnessing, and make a huge difference to street marches as they easily attract attention! The public are always impressed, and so are interested in learning about our cause.

The service also included special items, a presentation on Seventh-day Adventist pioneers, and three sermonettes by Joshua Roberts (18), Gamaliel Uhuka (12) and Leandra Lee Daley (10). We pray that God continues to bless the Holloway Pathfinders’ ministry.

PHILIP HERBERT

Christ’s ambassadors

On Sabbath 9 July, Matthew and Manuel surrendered their lives to Jesus through baptism by immersion. Matthew had always purposed to become a vicar, but, through Bible study with Adventist friends, Matthew became convinced of new-found Bible truths. His wife, Sweetline, was also received into membership through the right hand of fellowship on the same day. Both Matthew and Sweetline are ardent evangelists, and they are currently engaged in weekly online and TV evangelism to the Indian sub-continent – reaching a potential target of ten million people with the Advent message!

Manuel, a native of Angola, cites a chance meeting with Pastor Malwa as the ignition of his interest in Bible studies. Manuel’s poor command of the English language was overcome as he spent more time in individualised Bible studies.

Pastor Victor D. Marshall, recently ordained at the joint camp meeting, was the officiating minister. Doncaster Church is thankful for the work of the Holy Spirit as more souls respond to the Gospel.

DONCASTER COMMUNICATIONS

Investiture day at Leicester Central

On 9 July sixty-seven young Pathfinders, Adventurers and Eager Beavers, led by Director Pauline Mattin and her team, were invested by Area Co-ordinator Daniel Ashington and Master Guide Joan Fuller.

The young people received a range of awards, and were invested as Eager Beavers, Busy Bees, Sunbeams, Builders, Helping Hands, Friends, Companions, Explorers, Rangers, Voyagers and Guides.

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North Wembley investiture

At the North Wembley Pathfinder club’s investiture service on Sabbath 9 July, the children were presented with their certificates and honour badges by the mayor of Brent, Councillor Asiam Choudry, SED Pathfinder director Nathan Stickland, who also preached, SED Area Co-ordinators Kennedy Kundan and Noel Vernon, and the resident minister, Pastor Wilfred Blake.

Sasha Jones won the Adventurer of the Year award, Elisha Burton won the Pathfinder of the Year award and Courtney Greswe won the Highest Achiever award. The club has children from Little Lamb all the way up to Master Guide in Training; every age group is represented.

After lunch on a parade through the streets, the North Wembley Drum Corps were joined by the Holloway Drum Corps.

The parade ended with drumming displays for the community.

NORTH WEMBLEY COMMUNICATION

Corrigendum – ‘The Ghana camp meeting’ in the ABC book sales schedule on p. 15 of Missionics 22 July should have ma ‘Euro-Ghana camp meeting’.

MISSIONICS staff strive for the highest levels of accuracy and will remember this for the future.
The churches of Area 1 displayed a health stand at the Royal Cornwall Show this year, with help from the ‘Know Your Numbers’ health check team, led by Elise Staple. They were grateful for support from the SEC team of eight operaties with supporting cooks, mostly drawn from churches in the London area, who stayed at the Chapel Porch campsite so they could chow down and give welcome indicators and give over welcome. Among the three days of the show nearly 300 enquirers were dealt with, and a number of good contacts for the churches in Cornwall were made.
Sheffield CHIP 2011

Thursday 9 June was the date for the second Sheffield CHIP graduation ceremony at the Burngreave church. Eight graduates collected their certificates, and a special award was presented in loving memory of Keisha Andrea Ferrigon. Keisha, who embraced CHIP and became the team’s fitness trainer, put participants through their paces until September 2010, before being diagnosed with cancer and passing away in November 2010, aged 32.

The ‘Inspirational Keisha Ferrigon’ award will be presented yearly for outstanding achievement on the CHIP programme, and this year it was presented by Dr Sam Farmer and Pastor Andrew Rashford-Hewitt to 20-year-old Israel Allen (who resides in London, but spent four weeks in Sheffield to complete the programme). Clinton Waite, the oldest participant, wore a suit he hadn’t been able to wear for years! Shirley Kirkland said that the programme should be shared with everyone – consultants, GPs, nurses, shop-keepers, lecturers, colleagues, families and friends – just as the group had done.

Phil Herbert

Kids in discipleship

The ‘Footprints for Kids in Discipleship – for Parents or Mentors’ programme started at the Leicester Central church on 5 March. Twenty-nine parents and mentors started this series of seminars, attending a graduation ceremony on 18 June.

The aim of the series was to mentor kids to be empowered disciples of Jesus. The leaders were Joslyn James and Lindewe Nlingso, who guided parents and mentors to develop a closer relationship with Christ, allowing the Holy Spirit to enable them to disciple their children.

The next step following on from this programme is to hold a series of twenty-four weekly Bible study lessons with both children and parents, in September 2011.

Phil Herbert

Young preachers at Tottenham


Special musical renditions gave praise and the two young preachers, Hellen Oppong-Mensah and Kristopher Reid (both 14), delivered the sermons. Both young preachers concluded that these commands of love are still relevant, vital and valid in our fast-living twenty-first century.

Val Grossett

Dreaming of Wimbledon

Roger Murphy, headteacher of Stanborough School, enjoys the school’s new tennis court, opened by John Shepley on Monday 20 June – the same day as the opening of the Wimbledon tournament!