



First Adventurer Camporee Held in British Isles was Exciting Event



Rich Aguilera engaging with the youngsters at the British Adventurer Camporee

Over 2,000 excited *Adventurers* ranging in age from 4 to 9 years old assembled on the grounds of the South England Showground at Ardingly, West Sussex, to be part of the first *Adventurer Camporee* ever held in the British Isles. Over 200 staff members were also excited because they had spent the last 12 months planning and preparing for all the logistics involved in such a large event, which took place at the beginning of the school summer holidays. During their four-day camporee, the young campers experienced the full blast of Britain's variations in weather with its high temperatures, thunderstorms and strong overnight winds that put their camping skills to the test. The Camporee involved practicing essential camping skills, neat uniform inspections, and awards along with all the packed activities planned for the event.

The first day needed to be well coordinated as it combined formal registration, food distribution, setting up tents and assembling all the various clubs together from the various churches throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. *Adventurers* are only one section of the much broader *Pathfinder Club* that is composed of other sections designed for different age-groups, ranging from youngsters to teenagers into young adulthoods. *Pathfinders* is an organization run within the world-wide Seventh-day Adventist Church. During the event, they had the opportunity to participate in various sporting activities and games. Their leaders had been working with the children on achieving their awards.

The guest speaker for the Camporee was Rich Aguilera from the North American section of the Adventist Church organization. He has a passion for Youth and Children's Ministries and regularly features on *Hope Channel* and *3ABN* television channels (these are Adventist channels operated worldwide). Using his 'Indiana Jones' style hat and latched, he gave creative and informative messages that caught the attention of the children and adults alike.

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A Word in Season . . .

My wife and I love to spend time in the countryside where we can enjoy the scenery and relax amidst the peace of God's creation. As members of the *Caravan & Motorhome Club*, we spent a few days of our tour in the New Forest at a place called Moreton. The site was different from the conventional club sites in that it had several dells and grassy areas amidst the undulating forest landscape. While there, we experienced a rather unusual phenomenon.

We have sometimes encountered wild deer. These are elusive and timid creatures. However, on this occasion, we had just eaten lunch when we spied some deer feeding in the lower field. I quickly grabbed my camera, and as we watched, they started making towards our patch. By this time, several of our neighbours stepped out to photograph the tranquil scene of deer feeding right amongst us. The deer had obviously become used to campers! Then one of the deer walked right up to my wife and me. We reached out and stroked it. Then my wife carefully entered our motorhome and brought out some small lettuce leaves and the darling deer ate from her hand. We were so amazed! It was such an exhilarating experience to be in close contact and interact with these wild deer. Two of them were suddenly frightened off by a small dog that suddenly charged at them - much to its owners' annoyance - but this other deer just remained beside us and didn't run off. Finally, she decided to trot off looking for her companions.



You know, it reminded us about what the Bible says concerning the earth made new after it is recreated following Christ's

Second Coming. It will be a different world then - no longer tainted by sin. He says that only righteousness will be at home. That means there will be nothing bad there. It also follows that there will be no more dying either; after all, death is the result of sin. Just think of it: there will be no more fear, no more pain, no more suffering. God says: "They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain" - Isa.65:25. "The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox" - Isa.11:6,7.

There will be no need to fear anymore because there will be nothing to be frightened about. To think, as we stroked and handfed that deer, we shall have the joy of doing the same with the lion and the leopard. That will be a wonderful and exhilarating experience beyond what we can even imagine! - *Michael I Walker*.

Food for Thought . . .

"The world is not lacking in wonders, but in a sense of wonder"

- *G.K. Chesterton*.

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Editorial

Have you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday? We sincerely hope so. During the summer, my wife and I did a bit of touring in the new forest. While there we experienced a rather unusual phenomenon. You may read all about it on the back page in our feature *A Word in Season*. Since our last edition of *The Link*, some interesting events have taken place: our cover story features one of those very important and successful events, so much so, that we have allotted extra space for a fuller account of what took place. Enjoy! - Editor

British Adventurer Camporee Event Continued . . .



Bert Smidt, Director of ADRA-UK, the Adventist Development Relief Agency, captivated the children by creating a virtual ADRA village, on the grounds of the campsite that contained live animals including goats and chickens. There was also a makeshift water pump where villagers would draw water. Bert Smidt explained how ADRA wanted to re-enact what it would be like living in a remote village, where people had to pump from a well, barter to buy bread and livestock to survive. This feature went down well with the *Adventurers* who got to experience first-hand a sample of what it is like to make a living and survive by trading with the resources available and creating means to barter in order to obtain other provisions.



ADRA-UK Director, Bert Smidt, demonstrates the water pump in the mock-up ADRA village



At the close of the Camporee there was the flag lowering and handover ceremonies, when the *Adventurers* along with their team leaders began to dismantle their tents and equipment. It was a positive first camporee with lots to remember and many new skills learnt by the *Adventurers*.



Pastor Dejan Stojkovic, Adventist Youth Ministries Director for the British Isles, said: "I'm extremely grateful for the 200 plus volunteers and staff members who have been planning months in advance for this event; it shows we can put on a major event to bring *Adventurers* together across the British Isles." Speaking of the youngsters, he stated that "they have gone beyond all expectations and have proved themselves proud in the eyes of their parents and club leaders".

Chelsea Flower Show Medal for Second Time

Audrey Balderstone is a well-loved member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Stanborough Park in Watford. She organizes a *Flower Festival* at the church every year. Two years ago, she won a gold medal at the prestigious Chelsea Flower Show. This year she was awarded a silver gilt medal. On this occasion, she was exhibiting on behalf of the *Watford Floral Society*.

Audrey was partnered this year by her friend Yolanda Campbell and they are both experienced flower arrangers/exhibitors/demonstrators. While having exhibited at the Chelsea Flower Show before, this is the first time they have collaborated on an entry there.

There were four classes in the Floral Design Studio and the standard was very high. They were given dimensions of the space in which to stage the exhibit and the design must not exceed those dimensions by a millimeter. The exhibit is judged on a points system and only two points separates a gold from a



silver gilt, two from a silver, and two from a bronze. Having submitted their exhibit, they were delighted when they returned at 3pm to see the results and were overjoyed to be awarded silver gilt.



They had been selected to exhibit for the last three days of the show under the theme of 'Spirit of the Season'. They realized that Whitsun, celebrating the Feast of Pentecost, occurred just days before the event. With Audrey's Adventist background and Yolanda being a devout Catholic they chose the text: "They were all filled with the Holy

Spirit" (Act.2:4), and set about interpreting the text into the floral display. They chose Gloriosa Lilies to represent the tongues of fire. Using a red/orange/yellow base, they chose flowers to complement the lilies - heliconia, gerberas, orchids, crispedia, sandersonia, bupleurum, flexigrass, and asparagus fern. The number of flowers required were around 600. That was a mammoth task before them!

In addition to this task, they had to produce an exhibit at Westminster Abbey for an Order of the Bath ceremony on 24 May; so that morning saw them arriving at the Abbey for 9:00am, completing the exhibit, then collecting flowers for Chelsea at 6:30pm and arriving there at 10:00pm. They worked all night putting the arrangement together and carefully filling the 150 phials with water, and placing three flowers to each phial. They worked solidly until 6:30am. The stand had to be cleared of rubbish and everything left in pristine condition. They left feeling exhausted, not even having had time to eat! Their award was well-earned and well-achieved!

September Vegetarian Cooking Demonstration

Sunday 9 September saw another vegetarian cooking demonstration in the Adventist Church upstairs function room in Burnt Lane. The dishes prepared this time were:



Hungarian loaf by

Pearl (shown on left) followed by *Vegetarian Lasagne* by Christine (shown on right). Then Justin demonstrated the professional way of making *vegetarian pasty* and Elma gave the fourth recipe on *Somerset Stew with Cheddar & Parsley Mash*. Afterwards everyone who attended sat to enjoy a delicious and satisfying meal. To crown the event, we finished off with a *fresh fruit salad & cream* that had been kindly provided by Dorothy, one of our long-standing guests.



Next cooking Demo - Sunday 11 November, 2018 at 12.30pm