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RESPONDING TO HATE: A REFLECTION ON THE MURDER OF DRUMMER LEE RIGBY
Bad news sells newspapers. As a result we live in a world where, as one commentator put it, "the evening news is a summery of what the devil has been up to for the last 24 hours."

He certainly appeared to be at work last week when an apparent car crash is Woolwich rapidly turned into a gruesome murder scene. Drummer Lee Rigby is the latest casualty in a world where proponents of terror appear to have lost any vestige of moral values. Unfortunately the violence and hate is not one sided. The response to this latest 'act of terror' may have been restrained from some quarters but has pushed others to new levels of hate.

How do I respond? In a six minute video reflection, Pastor Ian Sweeney, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland, ponders on the words of Jesus, "Love your enemies" [Matthew 5:44]. It is not an easy option, but for the Christian love may still be the very best response in a world of hate. Watch this thoughtful and moving personal reflection as you make your choice: Love or hate? Which one will change my world?

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[Ian Sweeney]

**FROSTY START FOR BRECON CAMPERS**

This year's spring Brecon Camp, which ran from Friday 24 to Monday 27 May, was characterised by extremes of temperature. During the first two nights the temperature dropped to freezing and those who got up soon after sunrise were greeted with the beautiful sight of frosted grass, iced cars and diamond encrusted tents. Daytime temperatures soared to 20 degrees centigrade however and despite the chilly nights everyone commented on the overall warmth of the camp.

This warmth was not just about the weather. Our speaker, Pastor Douglas McCormac, also had a lot to do with it. With his soft Belfast accent, Pastor Doug, as he quickly became known, soon won the hearts of the 80 or so campers. During the course of the Bank Holiday weekend he gave six talks, all on the theme of love, particularly as per the instruction in John 13:34, "A new command I give you: love one another."
For Christians, carrying out this command is not an easy matter, and Pastor Doug spent the weekend giving guidance, backed up by his own personal experiences, on how we can put true Christian love into practice. He illustrated some of the failings of Christian love from his memory of growing up in the keenly religious but deeply divided community of Northern Ireland, and highlighted some of the pitfalls to avoid if we are truly to reflect the love of Christ. Careful listening is a key factor, as is forgiveness. We must also be wary of complacency, as illustrated by the story of the sleeping Eutychus in Acts 20. By the last worship on Monday morning, Pastor Doug led us to realise that from the experience of repentance comes the experience of joy. [Nehemiah 8:10]. The Christian life is one where joy will be evident.

Rob Pearce, from the Leamington Spa church, led the worship band and helped to reinforce the spiritual messages of the talks. With up to nine musicians playing together, the sound from the marquee could be heard a considerable distance away – to the extent that some campers from the adjacent field came to see what was happening!

Pastor David Foster was well appreciated in his new role as Camp Master, while the highly experienced Pastor Jeremy Tremeer made sure that all practical aspects of the camp ran smoothly.

Brecon Camp is a self-catering camp and therefore attracts a certain kind of camper. The field is filled with tents, caravans and motorhomes, and due to the fact that outdoor living takes considerable effort, there is lots of free time. In the meetings, on walks – some of them of extended length, and around the bonfire, there is a great deal of social interaction. New friendships are formed every year, many of which will last for a lifetime. Indeed, during the final worship, time was taken to remember long-time friends of Brecon Camp such as Siegfried Edwards, Anna Vine and Dave Pearce who now await the beauty of the resurrection. They all loved this camp and attended for many years. They may well be replaced by Pastor Doug and his family. This was the first experience of Brecon but with the friendships that they made we are hoping that it won't be their last.

To experience more of the flavour of this genuine Christian spirited family camp visit our picture gallery. The spirit of one of the walks is also captured in this 90 second smartphone video.

If you would like to experience Brecon for yourself please contact John Surridge on: 029 2084 4106. Our next camp is from Friday 6 to Sunday 8 September 2013.

[John Surridge]

SMALL BUT MIGHTY: NEC ADVENTURER CAMPOREE
Large groups of young children and bad weather don't go well together so the pouring rain and high winds that preceded the Spring Bank Holiday weekend led many to start praying for calm. Winds started to diminish on the Friday evening, 24 May. The sun then rose brightly Sabbath morning as happy children entered the marquee for worship.

No camp is complete without a theme, the choice of 'Small but Mighty' for Adventurers became appropriate as Pastor Andrew Rashford-Hewitt told the story of Gideon. The children enjoyed taking part in worship through role play and well thought out age-related exposition.

Sunday brought further sunshine as children took part in a wide selection of activities. While some took part in crafts, others developed nature skills. Yet more took part in physical activities both on and off site.

The theme of 'Small but Mighty' was well expressed by two of the younger Adventurers who took on a cycling challenge. A five mile bike ride for an adult on a machine with large wheels and a multitude of gears is a relatively easy task. Five miles for a youngster on a small bike with small wheels and only the one gear is a larger task. That Sunday morning a number of children set off around the site for the Camporee, Shugborough Hall, on a five lap circuit with excellent leaders shepherding them around the loop. Once, twice, then five laps later the children completed their task. That evening two children were asked to come to the stage and be introduced as 'small but mighty heroes'.

Other children explored nature, some swam, a few took part in water sports while others engaged in origami. [See separate article.] The evening brought a continuation of the fine weather, an inspiring worship service and, for a few interested children, glimpses of the planet Jupiter as it sank slowly into the west.

Monday morning was a Bank Holiday for Great Britain. For the children it was results day. The three new clubs, Corby, Hull and Leeds Beeston, were congratulated for a fine performance, with Leeds Beeston being awarded a trophy as the highest achieving new club.

The duty of being Master of Ceremonies was taken on enthusiastically by Mgcini Mkwananzi from Manchester South and Elisha Muringani from Doncaster. Using their customary wit, charm and dry sense of humour they announced the following as the award winning clubs for 2013:

- Best uniform for staff and Adventurers with a score of 100% – Windsor Street South.
- Best campsite – Manchester South.
- Best behaviour – Derby, who were always on time.
- Best tent inspection – 3rd West Bromwich, 2nd Handsworth and 1st Liverpool Central.
The result that all awaited was for the best club. The awards were given as follows, 5th Liverpool Central, joint 3rd Aston Newtown and Walsall, 2nd Erdington and 1st place Wolverhampton Great Brickkiln. Congratulations were offered to all of the participants at the Camporee.

Just before closing the Camporee Pastor, Alan Hush, Conference Adventurer and Pathfinder director issued a challenge to all the attending clubs, "aim to outdo the performance of this year's top club." A challenge whose outcome we eagerly await the results of.

Enjoy a selection of photos from the Camporee in the [Adventist picture gallery](https://www.adventistpicturegallery.com).

[Peter Jeynes]

**MONTSERRATIANS DAY OF FELLOWSHIP GOES GLOBAL**

It may be thirteen years since the annual Montserratians and Friends Day of Fellowship started in England, but the celebration and worship on Sabbath, 25 May not only drew crowds from every part of the UK but also went viral with an interactive live stream to Montserrat.

Meeting at High Town Methodist Church, Luton, Laura Thomas and her Sabbath School team directed the minds of the congregation to the day's theme, 'Led by God's Hand', emphasized through songs, scripture and testimonies.

The praise and worship team directed us in lifting our voices in songs of praise, which included the day's theme song 'Show Me Your Ways'. The team was enriched with the gifted vocals of the renowned Paul Lee, SEC Music Ministries director.

Setting the tone for the reception of the message, was a beautiful medley of the songs 'In Shady Green Pastures' and 'Precious Lord, Take My Hand', rendered by Stefancia Weekes. The sermon, 'The Best Hands', delivered by Pastor Kirk Thomas, SEC Personal Ministries and Sabbath School director, nourished our souls, complete with reminders of God's blessings in the past, present and the future. Through Psalm 24, we journeyed through our origins, our present purpose and our eternal destiny. The closing hymn, 'Thy Hand, O God Has Guided', helped to consolidate our commitment to God's leading.

The afternoon's programme shared historical perspectives behind some of the hymns we sing, such as: 'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah' rendered by the London Adventist Male Voice Choir and 'He Leadeth Me', sung by Charlotte and Alana Bramble. They added flavour and colour to the musical genre of the day.
For the fifth consecutive year the service was streamed live over the Internet. However, this year witnessed a significant advancement in technology with the equipment used for the live streaming. The service was first streamed live in 2009 with the simple use of a webcam on a laptop. However, this year we were blessed with the services of Medianet Gospel, enabling us to achieve a live Internet broadcast directly from its website. The team's equipment included five video cameras and a video mixer. There was also a live link up with Montserrat which was also included in the mix broadcasted via the Internet. Online viewers had the opportunity to see their brothers and sisters both in Montserrat and the UK.

In the words of principal coordinator, William B Riley, "We are thankful that God is allowing us to take this ministry to others on a global level, reaching worshippers in regions of North America, the Caribbean and Africa."

In our earthly sojourn, technology unites us together for worship across this great cosmos, but with clearer, brighter and perfect vision, we will be enlightened when reunited with our Heavenly Father in the New Jerusalem. In the meantime, we continue to depend on the leading hand of God.

[Marcelle Riley]

**ONE PERSON EVERY TWO MINUTES IN SCOTTISH HEALTH EXPO**

One person every two minutes was the frenetic interest level at two Health Expos over two weekends in the South West of Scotland.

Glasgow Adventist church was invited to be part of the biggest community organised festival in Scotland the weekend of 18-19 May 2013. Back in 2012 the Glasgow Southside Festival attracted more than 10,000 people over their annual weekend in May. This year, 2013, the fame of the successful Health Expos introduced in Paisley last year spread and the church was invited to host this opportunity to reach out at this successful council supported event.

On Sabbath 18 May, armed with banners, equipment, bottles of water, and around 25 volunteers the team ventured into the cloudy weather to set up. An hour before the start people started queuing to check their health age. We were not ready and therefore had to send them away. Half an hour later they were back, eager and ready to have their blood pressure, height, lung capacity and body fat percentages measured.

We decided to give in and commenced with the first candidates, thinking that we would soon have a break. We never did. With rain pouring down and volunteers munching
lunch on the go, we continued from noon until 5 pm providing a service to 300 people. That's one person every 2 minutes.

Candidates included children, mothers with babies, 2 police officers, 4 ambulance staff, and even some nurses. People wanted to talk about health, what they could do to improve their health and what changes they could make to their lifestyles.

Sunday morning was no different. In fact the strong trend continued and we once again hit the 300 assessment mark. The weekend saw over 80 contacts signed up for the ADC Health course, including some for the 'Take Charge of your Life' course. We even had invitations to host Expos at other events as well as many signing up for our local Cholesterol Management Nutrition course. It will run in July this year.

The following weekend, Sunday 26 May, belonged to Paisley's annual West End Fair. Here, another group of volunteers set up the same Health Expo, with similar results. The weather was better and around 150 people showed interest with many contacts made.

Glasgow members supported those from the Paisley church at their second appearance. Once again, the Health Expo proved extremely popular. As others queued for their session, Renfrewshire Provost, Cllr Anne Hall received her assessment from computer operators Muzu Dube and Cokine Kayya. This was not the only Adventist contribution to the Fair. Edinburgh church group, Testify, wowed the crowd from the sound stage with their gospel repertoire.

By the following week the invitation for both events were confirmed for 2014. This will coincide with the Commonwealth Games being hosted in Glasgow. We will be there!

John Wilby, Fair Organiser and Scottish Mission Community Services Sponsor said, "The community's response proved just how effective the church's Music and Health outreach can be."

Find a selection of photos from the Expos on the Adventist Picture Gallery.

[Clifford Herman]

CARING WITNESS AT MANCHESTER GORTON

Discussion in the media this week is highlighting the important yet underpaid role of carers. Yet the spiritual pay went sky-high for the carers of Carol Millbanks on Sabbath, 18 May. That was the day she was welcomed into the fellowship of Manchester Gorton Adventist church by Pastor Fred Mapp before a congregation of
eighty jubilant members and friends, including her 89-year-old mother Mildred.

Having only been formally organised as a church on Sabbath, 2 February 2013, this was the first baptism for this new church. It was also a first in two other respects: Carol is the first English lady in the North England Conference to complete the free online Bible course offered by the Adventist Discovery Centre, and then to move on to in-home Bible studies culminating in baptism.

She is also the first newly baptised Adventist to visit every home in her street and give her neighbours a slice of her baptism celebration cake!

Carol is an author and speaker at college and university level on a range of issues including disability. Her first contact with the Seventh-day Adventist Church was through her grandparents who were Adventists in Manchester back in the 1950s. Carol recalls being taught Sabbath observance as a very young child and thoroughly enjoying weekends spent with her grandparents. When they passed away Carol had no further contact with the Church until an Adventist carer introduced her to the online free Bible course in October 2012, and the rest, to coin a paraphrase, is 'herstory'.

[Rose Gomez]

ORIGAMI REDEFINED AT NEC ADVENTURER
CAMPOREE

Origami is a Japanese art for folding paper into various patterns, shapes and models. It was introduced for the first time at the North England Conference Adventurer Camporee as an activity on Sunday 26 May, purely because there are no awards at present for this craft.
What would appear to some as a complicated set of folds and creases were eagerly received by young budding minds of those between the ages of 6-9. As the instructor, Anolin Stevens, demonstrated various basic models consisting of a pale faced dog, two toned house, rustic pig, sailing boat and jumping frog. The Adventurers soon began to create their own glossary of terms substituting technical terms by using images associated with the camp. For instance, mountain folds became hills and valleys, book folds became toilet doors, preliminary folds became a wet pit, and balloon bomb base became a marquee tent. These new words gave the art a whole new meaning 'camp style!'

Counsellors witnessed Adventurers experience a variety of educational benefits whist creating their models. These included behavioural skills as Adventurers watched closely and listened carefully to specific instructions whilst making neat models. In this multi-age setting cooperative learning was also important as older children taught younger ones, helping them to master the steps. There were fun links to maths as they transformed a flat piece of paper into two or three dimensional shapes and used symmetry for the many folds (whatever is done on one side is duplicated on the other) and motor skills in the form of thought and mental awareness.

The instructor observed the development of hand-eye coordination, non-verbal communication, and positive learning experiences. Completed activities promoted a sense of achievement and well-being as the room filled with joyous sounds of farm animals and praiseful 'oohs' and 'aahs' as their pieces of paper were transformed into recognisable results within minutes.

For the camp leaders, this was one of many activities designed to challenge and motivate. To the instructor this was a group of children, gaining the appreciation of a different culture. It was education at its finest in a natural setting.

[Anolin Stevens]

**TWO BAPTISMS AND A WEDDING**

If you enjoy *BUC News* you will be pleased to discover plenty more articles [online](http://www.buc.org.uk/news). This week includes the double blessing of a [baptism and wedding in Aberdeen](http://www.buc.org.uk/news), and a three church baptism of ten candidates in [Walsall](http://www.buc.org.uk/news), selections from the Scottish Mission newsletter, and a column on 'listening' from committee man, Victor Pilmoor. All previous news articles are also online.

[BUCnews]
DEEPENED EMPHASIS ON TRAINING FOR NEC PATHFINDERS AND ADVENTURERS

In an interview with Lenard Stewart, one of the Pathfinder leaders and an APLA trainee in the North England Conference, Pastor Alan Hush, the current NEC Pathfinder director, outlined his aim for the Pathfinder leadership team. "Whatever we do must have an impact at the grass roots of Pathfindering, namely our clubs, their staff and most importantly our young people."

At the heart of that impact is the provision of excellent training at the leadership level which will cascade down to the local Pathfinder and Adventurer Clubs. One element of this training was delivered as campers were packing up after the 2013 Adventurer Camporee held at Shugborough from North Yorkshire, had been a series of simple nature activities the campsite's wilderness area.

Andrew Middleton, a bushcraft expert from North Yorkshire, had been engaging the younger children with a former headmaster with a deep understanding of the outdoors, created a definition of bushcraft with his 9 students. They developed this "living comfortably in an outdoor setting using simple tools." understanding. "living simple tools."

Andrew, described by Pastor Hush as "the Ray Mears of the North", had earlier outlined why Pathfinder and Adventurer leaders need a knowledge of bushcraft and a familiarity with the outdoor environment. These skills enable leaders to help children feel safe outdoors, help them develop self-confidence, and enable them to not only respect the earth God created but to equip them to work with confidence in many other areas of life.

The leaders discovered new knots and new skills, but the real lesson came as the leaders learned a vital lesson in teaching skills and developed their already well-honed teamwork.

The results from the Adventurer Camporee highlighted the steady growth in the abilities of clubs. Even the new clubs; Hull, Leeds Beeston and Corby showed good skills while established clubs showed their usual mastery of many talents.
The deepened emphasis on training for leaders bodes well for the future of the children we care for.

[Peter Jeynes]

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR LOCAL CHURCH WEBMASTERS

The continuing upgrade of the Adventist Church website across the British Isles means that the RSS feed for *BUC News* is changing. The old feed will be discontinued from 1 June 2013. If your website has *BUC News* embedded as part of the service you provide to members and the community, the embedded java code will need to change.

The BUC web team has been busy updating all the 200+ netAdventist local church sites over the past week and they should all now be displaying the new feed from:


If you are hosting your own website you will need to make the change independently. Using the html editor function within the news page, simply replace the old java script code with this:

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So see a sample of how the new code works visit the Adventist Web Ministries website.

[Thando Mlalazi]
Programme highlights for the coming week include:

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692): The Journey: Thursday 30 May, 8:30 pm, repeated Sunday 2 June at 1:00 pm: Is losing your glasses the worst thing that can happen to you? Next week, on Thursday 6 June, repeated Sunday 9 June: Iona and Worship. What can a small Hebridean island tell us about worship in the real world?

On Hope TV you can watch a wide variety of programmes on the satellite and website. Next week's schedule includes the following UK produced programmes among its much larger international output:

Friday 31 May: 8:00 pm: The Journey: The Sanctuary, 8:30 pm: FaithTalks: Is religion good for children?, Midnight: The Journey: The Sanctuary
Sabbath 1 June: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm: The Journey: The Sanctuary, 7:30 pm: FaithTalks: Is religion good for children?, 8:00 pm: Viewpoint: Organ donation
Monday 3 June: 12:30 pm: In Conversation: Bert Smit – Passionate for ADRA, 9:30 pm: Viewpoint: Is violence ever acceptable?
Wednesday 5 June: 8:00 am: Viewpoint: Is violence ever acceptable?, 11:00 pm: In Conversation: Paul Lockham – The God who never gives up
Friday 7 June: 8:00 pm: The Journey: Masada, 8:30 pm: FaithTalks: Teens and Faith, Midnight: The Journey: Masada
Sabbath 8 June: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm: The Journey: Masada, 7:30 pm: FaithTalks: Teens and Faith, 8:00 pm: Viewpoint: The King James Bible

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: 1 June: Join the Sydenham Seventh-day Adventist church for their 'Sanctuary Seminar', Learn about 'Intelligent Design' with the experts, share a weekend of prayer for children at risk, or enjoy

On Sunday, 2 June Newbold College of Higher Education celebrates student achievements with an awards ceremony. Members in Scotland invite you to support ADRA in the Scottish Challenge, or allow Stress Therapists to reduce your stress levels.

Next weekend: 7 & 8 June, Micah Campbell offers to Revitalise and Energise at Colchester church. Master Guides join an International Camp. Sheffield Carter Knowle church offers a 'Balm in Gilead emotional health conference'. There is a SEC Community Ministries retreat; On the 8th, Dinner with a Doctor in Bournemouth, a Youth Day in Gloucester, and on the 9th, the Triennial Session of the Welsh Mission in Cardiff and Lilyrose, a Cancer Awareness Concert at Watford Town church.

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

Priscilla Elliott, a member of Lewisham Seventh-day Adventist church has a room available to rent in Downham Way Bromley. The ideal applicant would be an Adventist working either part time or full time and will be renting with my daughter and two other tenant's. The room is available to move into straight away at £395 inclusive of all bills. The property is conveniently located close to Grove Park Station, local shops and bus routes into central London. Suitable candidates they can call me on 07790 754901 or during the day at work on 020 8691 8731.

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