

## Adventurer & Pathfinder Fundraising Mania

Stanborough Park Adventurer & Pathfinder club is in an intense period of fundraising activity. The club has ambitions to take 22 youngsters on a wonderful adventure (very similar to a Scouting Jamboree) to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA. Four years ago at the last International Camporee 35,000 Pathfinders from all over the world descended on North America for a fabulous event and our youngsters want to experience this for themselves.

There is excitement and anticipation about the trip; registrations and flight reservations are secured, but a massive effort is still needed to secure our objective of £7,500 to reduce the costs for attendees. Fundraising activities and pledges of funds from the church give a total so far of £3,622.86. Several more events are planned to raise the remainder of our total. These include a sponsored bungee jump, concert and summer sale. Several young people are engaged in self initiated sponsorship activities; one 12 year old is well on the way to £150.00.

The club operates an open policy which does not discriminate between children. In 1998 the club restarted, after a short period of inactivity with 24 Adventurers (age 6-9) and no Pathfinders (age 10 upwards). Since then the club has grown year on year and now has 101 registered members, including 38 Pathfinders. Local community or neighbouring church children comprise half the total club membership.

New member registrations to the club will be early next year when the camping highlight for 2010 is a Camporee in Finland.



For more information about the club or to make a donation contact the club director on 0797 970 8086 or email [bernell.bussue@rcn.org.uk](mailto:bernell.bussue@rcn.org.uk)

*A very big 'THANK YOU' to all who contributed to the ADRA Annual Appeal*

With your help we raised over £13,000 through door to door collections and other fund-raising efforts. What could be done with such a sum?

Well, it could dig and build 3-4 wells, which would provide clean water for the villages. This would save girls having to walk for miles carrying water before going to school. Many girls miss out on their education because of this family requirement. Or, it could feed, clothe and educate 65 orphan children for one year. Or, it could even allow the shipping and transportation of 2 containers of food for Zimbabwe – enough to feed 10,000 people for one month.

Just think, there will be people who can look forward to a future, because of your contribution today – so 'THANK YOU!'

Donations can still be made on-line at [www.adrauk.org](http://www.adrauk.org)



*For information about all these events and more, please visit [www.stanboroughchurch.org](http://www.stanboroughchurch.org)*



Stanborough Park Church and the Stanborough Centre  
609 St Albans Road, Garston



Stanborough News

## Healthy, Wealthy and Wise

**28 May** – Cookery demonstration and talk at 7.45pm after a light supper at 7.00pm.

## Senior Club

Monday afternoons will never be the same again! Join friends at the Seniors' Club for afternoon tea and talks. **1 June** you can learn about 'Basket Weaving', with further meetings on **15, 29**. Meetings resume after the summer break on **7 September**. The group meets every other Monday 2-4pm.

## Kids' Time Out

Kids' Time Out is a fun and energetic place to be every 3rd Saturday of the month from 4-6.30pm. Join other families who are crafting, singing, playing games and eating tea together. All families with young children (0-10 years old) are welcome to try it out. And there's a credit busting zero charge!

## Choir in Concert

Saturday evening **May 30th** – Stanborough Park Church Choir in concert at 7.00pm. Come and enjoy a mix of traditional and classical choral favourites.

## Award Winning Pat's Summer Sale!

Sunday **June 14th** from 12 noon to 2 pm. Funds raised will go towards the Pathfinder club – see inside flap for more details.

Mrs Patricia Walton received the **Chairman's Award for Volunteer of the Year** on 27 March 2009 at a ceremony that took place in the Watford Coliseum. In the Chairman's speech Jan Brown made mention of Pat's sales which have been running for 25 years, the soup run that she organises every Friday evening to feed the homeless community in London and the welfare centre that she maintains. Also mentioned was the annual Toy Service held at the church at which toys are donated for disadvantaged children in the Borough. "Pat devotes her life to doing good and raising funds for those that need help.

I am sure these examples are just the tip of the iceberg, and provide a snapshot of what a wonderfully caring person Pat Walton is. She is unquestionably the right candidate for winning the Chairman's award," she concluded. *We agree!*



## Flower Festival – June 26-28

A fantastic Flower Festival, 'Windows On To God', is planned for June 26-28. Come and see beautiful flowers artistically arranged to tell a story. All proceeds will be for Helen and Douglas House. Helen House was the first Hospice in the world for children. Douglas House was the first Hospice in the world for teenagers and young adults. Both were founded by Sister Frances Dominica, an Anglican Nun based in Oxford.



The Festival will feature a 'River of Roses'. Visitors to the Festival will be invited to buy a rose and write a dedication to say 'Thank you' to someone, or to remember a loved one. It is anticipated that by the end of the Festival there will be around 1,000 roses in the river.



Can you just imagine the beauty and the scent? We'd love you to come and view it for yourself! And while you are visiting consider adding your own rose dedication to the river.

### PROGRAMME OF FESTIVAL EVENTS:

**Thursday 25** – Preview Evening & official opening of the Festival by Sister Frances. Ticket only event.

**Friday 26** – Church open for viewing 10am - 6pm.

**Saturday 27** – Fund-raising concert featuring talented musicians at 7.30pm.

**Sunday 28** – Church open for viewing from 10am. The festival will close with a special 'Songs and Hymns of Praise' commencing at 6pm. The flowers will be sold after the programme and all profits will go to the charity fund.



## Regular Events ...

### Monday

Senior Club meets every other Monday afternoon from 2pm.  
June dates: 1, 15, 29  
Resumes September 7.

### Monday & Wednesday

Badminton club  
5.30pm - 7.30pm  
From beginner to pro – all welcome at the Stanborough Secondary School gym.

### Thursday

Toddler Club  
9.30am - 11.30am

### Friday

YU 7.30 - 9.00pm  
Contemporary programme for teens and young adults.

### Sunday

Adventurer & Pathfinder Club for children aged 6+.  
Meetings run every other Sunday 10am – 12 noon from June 7 - July 19.  
No meetings in August; club resumes September 13.

### Wednesday

Toddler Club  
9.30am - 11.30am  
Afternoons: 1pm - 3pm  
For summer term dates, please contact club leader.

Prayer Meeting  
7.30pm - 8.30pm  
'The Purpose Driven Life'.  
Come along and discover more.

### Saturday Morning Programmes

**Bible Study** and discussion groups and **Children's Sabbath School** activity and study time 9.45am - 11am  
All ages are catered for from 0-100+ years!

### Family Service 11am - 12.15pm

Traditional worship for all the family in Stanborough Church.

### Contemporary Worship Service 11am – 12.15pm

Informal worship for all ages in the Stanborough Centre. Great singing with the house band, imaginative sketches and inspiring speakers. Looking for somewhere new to worship? Give it a try! Dates: **May 30; June 13, 20; July 18, 25; August 8, 15, 22, 29.**