

AWAY DAY and AGM 2014

SAVE THE DATE and remember the New VENUE!!! Saturday October 18th 2014, 10.30–3.30 at **Wesley Chapel**, 49 City Road, London EC1Y 1AU.

TRIP TO SICILY

The URC Waldensian Fellowship is organising a Trip to Sicily from April 21st to May 2nd. Details from <myjones@ntlworld.com>.

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THE WALDENSIAN REVIEW



From the Editor

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As promised, we are back to the slimmed-down money-saving Christmas newsletter!

Since we are talking, as usual, about money I would like to emphasize how much producing the *Waldensian Review* and sending it, especially abroad, costs. If you look at the accounts published in the Summer issue you'll have an idea.

We would not mind spending all this money, though, if we were sure it was worth it. When I write this kind of message or I ask you to receive the magazine by email or to read it online on our website <waldensian.org.uk>. I usually receive an answer from the people I personally know, who are many, but only a fraction of all the names still registered in the mailing list. If on the one hand I am very happy to send the paper issue to real people, on the other hand I am worried about wasting effort and money on non-existing ones. Those who have expressed interest in receiving the magazine via email are fewer than 30 but the mailing list, despite many having been cancelled in the last few years, still has hundreds of names! You can see, my friends, what little difference your gratefully received feedback makes!

I am therefore going to be very direct and ask those readers who have received our publications free for many years, but have never been in touch, let alone contributed, even just by buying a calendar, **TO BE SO KIND AS TO SEND ME A LETTER (OR AN EMAIL) CONFIRMING THEIR INTEREST IN BEING KEPT ON THE MAILING LIST.** Also a phone call will do, but there is always the risk that messages on the answering machine are not very clear.

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Enough moaning for now: news about the 2013 Synod and the AGM 2013 will appear in our next issue. Meanwhile let's be grateful for being able to support our lovely Italian Methodist ordinand Noemi in her 'year abroad' at Wesley House, Cambridge. And don't let's forget what a difference your donation can make! PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

Have a Great Christmas,
ESN, Editor

Noemi Falla in Cambridge

Knowing she was going to spend an academic year in Cambridge, Noemi decided to find a place to stay and do voluntary work during the Summer. Through a student organisation (Gruppi Biblici Universitari) she managed to be with dozens of young Christians from all over the world involved in organising a warm welcome for students coming to Cambridge to learn the English language. This meant serving in the two cafés of Friends International, distributing leaflets in airports and language schools and setting up activities in Parkers Piece from cricket to croquet and volley-ball, from drama

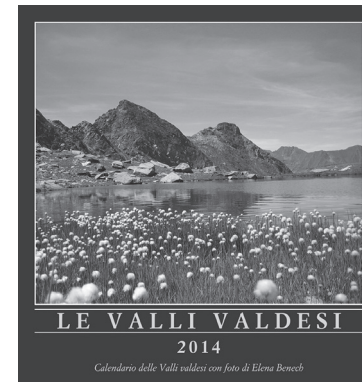


to conversation with local young people. Each evening was different but always with a biblical theme and a chance for everyone interested to take part in Scripture reading and a short act of worship. In those six weeks she managed to familiarise herself with the place, the language and the British way of life, helped in this by being hosted by local families belonging to different churches, including the Nimmo-Smiths, who helped her in the final week when she took the examinations required for her year of study within the Cambridge Theological Federation.

She then went back to Italy and since 19 September she is happily settled in Wesley House where she is enjoying the sense of community and Christian fellowship and the new way of studying and learning which she is discovering with great interest. She is also delighted to be mixing with a very lively international group of fellow students from all Christian denominations who, like her, are part of the Cambridge Theological Federation. You'll read in the next issue about her work for her MA in Pastoral Theology and the year spent in a totally different environment from the academic, religious, and human relationship point of view.

WALDENSIAN CALENDARS 2014

Back to the traditional look: stunning views of the Waldensian valleys and mountains with historical news in the reverse cover and Bible verses in various languages every month.



P&P included £10.50. PLEASE: send your cheques (payable to Waldensian Church Mission) to: Milvia Walker, 19 Forest Approach, Woodford Green, IG8 9BW. Remember to include your own address!



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For the first time, the English Committee in aid of the Waldensian Church Missions now has its own website. On the site you are able to download the latest copy of the Waldensian Review, but also access the archive of the magazine, going all the way back to 2005.



There are also useful links to other Waldensian websites and reading matter, in both English and Italian. These include some of the Waldensian guest houses which you can stay at while visiting Italy.

Perhaps most excitingly for the prospects of the committee, we now have the ability to take online donations to our funds. As well as details about how to set up a standing order, and gift aid your donations, you can easily click through to the donation pages and make an instant credit or debit card payment. These are supported free of



charge for charities by BT, so you can be sure that it is reliable and secure. Furthermore, the site can automatically reclaim gift aid on our behalf. What could be easier?

To round things off, the website has all the important contact details for the key committee members and a link to our online Charity Commission records.

We hope that this first foray into the internet will only be the beginning and the website will offer us many more possibilities in the future, including online sales of publications and plenty more reading matter.

So if you have any suggestions about what could feature on the site, or ways to improve it, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact the website editor Alastair Morris with your ideas:
website@waldensian.org.uk

And finally, please spread the word about the website, sharing the new web address online, linking to it from other sites and raising its profile. We hope that it will become one of the leading English language sites on the Waldensian Church.

