

# ICAN@UK Newsletter

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## Welcome to the first edition of the new ICAN UK E-Newsletter

The COVID pandemic has changed the world and the way we conduct our business affairs forever. The District is no different. We have not had a face-to-face meeting since March 2020 and as such there has been no monthly newsletter. The Media Committee in this Executive tenure has now re-introduced the e-newsletter to keep all members informed and up to date with matters of the district.

We hope you enjoy reading and we welcome any suggestions for improvements.

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## ICAN UK & District 2021 PICNIC



## Picnic Report

The District's Annual Family Picnic was held on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 at Burgess Park, London.

The picnic was well attended with family and friends. There were lots of activities and plenty to eat and drink.

### *How time flies.....*

The last face to face social held by the district was in year 2019 with no indicator that this perennial event would have a compulsory break due to Covid-19 global lockdown. Although the District adapted to virtual events in 2020 there was nothing like seeing each other in person and being able to share the banter and discussions that we are accustomed to as an ICAN family. Thankfully with the easing of restrictions we were able to plan to have the picnic in person.

There was a lot of preparation that went into organising this year's picnic not least because of the COVID pandemic restrictions and concerns. Preparations started from as early as 5.30am on the day from collecting the food, drinks, games, music and chairs to securing a good spot at the park. The weather threatened to let us down as it rained in the morning and was cloudy early afternoon. However, by the time the picnic was to start the sun came out to welcome us back together again.

At about 2pm, the programme started with an opening prayer. Then the Chairman of the District, Mr Segun Omorayewa, in his opening speech, welcomed and thanked everyone present. He encouraged everyone to intermingle and enjoy themselves.

There were plenty of activities including AYO (similar to Chess), Egg and Spoon Race, Musical Chairs, quizzes, and dancing. There was plenty to eat and drink, although some of the food items were late to be served because the Management of the venue put some constraints which limited our ability to prepare the BBQ on site. Thanks to the initiative and co-operation of some quick acting District members who negotiated an alternative for the BBQ preparation.

It was an amazing turn out of approx. 96 participants one of the highest in the district's record. There was lots of fun, interaction, networking after more than one year that the members, family and friends had physically engaged. The programme came to an end with a closing prayer. We gave thanks to our Creator that we are all still here and none have not fallen victim to COVID 19.

We are grateful to all the members who attended and waited happily for the food, to everyone that contributed financially, time and other resources to make the picnic a success. Amongst the attendees were past Chairmen of the District, Pastor Gbenga Samuel, Mr Ladi Hammond, Mr Doyin Adebayo and Mr Bola Samuel.

Thanks so much.

**FROM THE ICAN UK & DISTRICT MEDIA DESK.**

## ICAN UK & District 2021 PICNIC



## Some feedback on the picnic.....

*'Dear Professional Colleagues, on behalf of EXCO, I want to express our gratitude to you all for your supports and contributions that has helped to make the summer picnic a great success. You showed understanding and cooperation despite logistic challenges, many waited till the end. A big shout out to our members from Glasgow, Cardiff and Manchester. Your return to base would be safe and sound. Thanks also to all the 'FCAs' (Friends of Chartered Accountants) who were in attendance too. All of us in EXCO are proud you all. Again, I say thank you and God bless you all' - Segun Omorayewa (District Chairman)*

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*'What can I say! It was a great day yesterday at the family picnic. We had good weather and great attendance. There was lots to eat and drink, music and dance, as well as different games. Everybody participated in one activity or the other.*

*I want to say a big thank you to all our sponsors, the Exco, everybody that was in attendance and those people who paid and was not able to attend. Thank you everybody. God bless you al'. - Tayo A (Social Secretary)*

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*'Well done Chair and all the organisers of the picnic. It was great seeing everyone that attended after several months of not seeing face to face. It was fun'. - Ufuoma (Harriet)*

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*'Well done to all the organisers and Exco'. - Yetunde O*

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*'Fantastic dance steps' - Tayo A*

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*'Superb Picnic. Great stuff' - Ily M*

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*'To the organisers, the exco thanks thanks for making it a wonderful picnic. We had a lovely time.' -Dolly*

*'Photo, they say, no dey lie. Great to see pictures and videos of yesterday's picnic. It was obviously a great and enjoyable day for the "ICAN FAMILY" who attended. It was good timing after a long period of lockdown. Huge congratulations to the EXCO and supporters/sponsors. Great job. Well done!' - Olufemi Awojobi*

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## ICAN UK & District 2021 PICNIC



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JUNE MEETING

During the meeting last month, the chairman emphasised the two (2) categories on which the current Executive tenure strategic targets are based:

1. Sustain standing activities and events, and
2. New events

### Sustain Standing Activities and Events

This covers the Summer Picnic, Skills Workshop, Pre-independence seminar, Abuja Conference, Annual Dinner Dance, UK International Conference, and monthly general meetings.

### New Events

i. **Members' Only Weekend Away (MOWA)**- the idea is to travel to a location over a weekend and spend time together networking and bonding as a team

ii. **Appreciation Event**- this event will be held to appreciate members who have contributed in various capacities to the District.

### Here are the key focal points emphasized by Chairman for this exco tenure:

- The need to represent the Institute in the UK on all fronts
- Pursuing programmes and initiatives that are in line with members' interest
- Sustaining and improving collaboration with members in the regions
- Enhancing the contents of the District's website/creating strong presence in different social media platforms
- Collaborating with Benevolent Fund in the bid to support members' needs and well-being.
- Maintaining and rigorously pursuing the reinstatement of the Special Candidate course, and sustain the momentum in the pursuit of the acquisition of a Resource Centre
- Continuing to collaborate with existing sponsors and partners, while taking steps to attract new ones
- Others include collaborating with the Institute in its drive to achieve the Presidential year's objectives, along with other District Societies for mutual benefits. Also, to maximise the use of virtual platforms

The implementation strategy for all the above were well highlighted in the minutes, please refer to the minutes of the June meeting for further details and information.

The budget for this financial year was also presented at the June meeting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!

### District Upcoming Events:

- Skills Workshop: Aug 14 2021
- Members Only Weekend Away (MOWA): TBC
- Pre-Independent Seminar: 24 Sept. 2021
- Annual Dinner Dance: 11th Dec. 2021
- 9th UK International Conference: 9th -13th March 2022

### Institute News

The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Accountant's Conference will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> to December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021 at the ICC & Sheraton Abuja Hotel. The theme of the conference is "Trust in Governance" and it will be a Hybrid Conference.

### International Conferences:

- 51st AAC, Abuja: Nov. 29 – Dec. 03, 2021
- USA International Accountants' Conference: Aug. 31 – Sept. 5, 2021
- Canada International Accountants' Conference: Oct. 14 -15, 2021

## Birthday Celebrants:

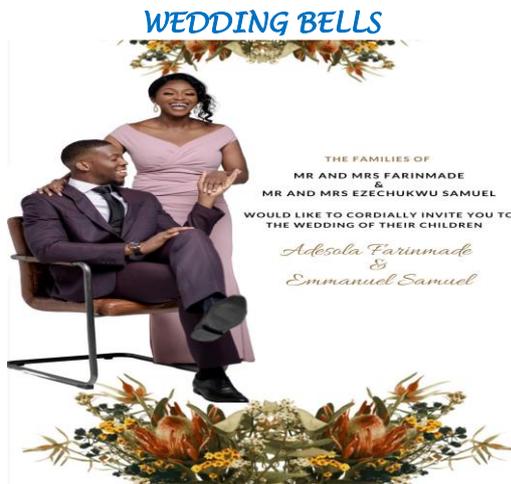
Happy Birthday to **JULY** Celebrants!

Yetunde Subair  
Ladi Hammond  
Ayo Benson  
Obi Ifezue  
Ufuoma Okagbare  
Iphie Ugonabu  
Margaret Lowo  
Adegboyega Adesigbin

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Passcode: 316316

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9636809537>

**PLEASE NOTE:** \*There will be a reception and thanksgiving for our close friends, family and colleagues on Sunday 1st August at:

10 Richmond Drive Gravesend Kent DA12 4 DJ  
From 16:00 onwards

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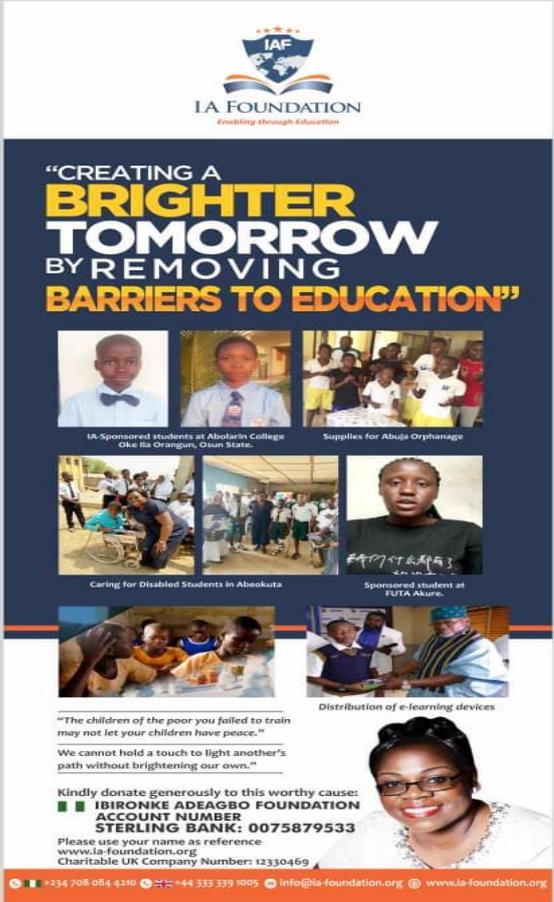
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