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**Newslink**  
**October**  
**2014**

I begin by apologising for the slightly late appearance of this Newslink and Prayer Calendar but its lateness enables me to focus on Remembrance as we gear up for our Annual Services of Remembrance across the UK. The memory of the World Wars recedes into the distance but the reality, and threat, of more local wars remain with us. We must remember those who died in warfare but equally we must make sure that the full horror of war is known. But we must not stop there. We must pray and work for peace until war is banished from the earth and we are truly at peace.



. Ian Ring, Community Co-Ordinator

### CfR Romania Concern

This December sees the 25th anniversary of the Romanian Revolution. Many of us remember the scenes unfolding across Eastern Europe and watch with excitement and wonder as the Iron Curtain fell. In Romania it culminated with the end of Ceausescu's regime. Ian has been invited to attend the Reformed Church's commemorations and will be able to visit projects in Oradea and Arad whilst he is there.

### CfR's Own Programme of Events

The Youth House Party and Kids for Peace were great, despite the low numbers on the latter. Thanks to Naomi, Jon, Tash, Philippa, Janet, Jim & Maureen for their input.

Time Away attracted the usual suspects who much enjoyed their stay. Thanks once again to Maureen, Jim and Janet for their help.

The Healing Rertreat was a wonderful experience and we expecting the same of the Silent Retreat .

The Reflection Days continue to be of benefit and have a regular nucleus of folk along with other, more occasional, participants. There are also some local clergy to take the opportunity of regular personal day retreats at Barnes Close.

### News From Barnes Close

Thank you to those who donated to cover the rest of the money required for the new dining room chairs..



Robert has been out of action for some weeks and no help has been forthcoming for Ian on mowing so work on the grounds has been much less than we hoped for.

The security lights have been re-instated at the front of the house making it safer for visitors on dark evenings.

At .the beginning of September Jim, Maureen and Janet, undertook the mammoth task of emptying the loft and disposing of the rubbish. Thank you very much for a much needed job done well.

### CfR Footprints

We hosted a visit by a group of participants on the Touch of Hope programme in September.. They spent time at Barnes Close, Coventry, Rugby and Lutterworth. It was a very worthwhile visit and an evening with some of our Trustees proved to be very informative.

Cliive has recently visited Macedonia and it is good to see the project developing and expanding its sphere of work.



### CfR Review

It is now 30 years since CfR was formed, 28 years since John & Joan moved to Barnes Close and 26 years since we took over the lease of Barnes Close. CfR has grown and developed over the years and the world is now a very different place so we have decided it is time to review all our work and we are very fortunate that Michael Taylor has agreed to lead us through it,

**Need a break?  
Why not try our Private Retreats**

£55 per 24 hours  
Includes room and meals  
£22 per day includes lunch  
Available mid-week most of year  
at Barnes Close



**What's On at Barnes Close**

**Remembrance Day—Tue 11th November**

6.30pm to 9.30pm  
Private Peaceful - Film, Discussion, Light Refreshments

**Reflection Days**

Thursday 13th Nov, 11th Dec  
Cost: £15 per day (includes lunch)

**NEW Thursday Evening at BC NEW**

Thursday 30th Oct, 27th Nov  
6.30pm to 9.30pm  
Conversation, Prayer, Light supper

**Silent Retreat**

Tuesday 25th to 27th November  
An opportunity to encounter God  
Cost: £140 waged (£120 unwaged)

**Open Christmas**

Thursday 18th December 7.30pm  
Our traditional Christmas Evening

**Reflection Days**

Thursday 8th Jan, 12th Feb, 12th March  
Cost: £15 per day (includes lunch)

**Please contact Ian for booking forms**

**Donations & Grants**

We are very grateful to all who have made donations in 2014 to enable our work to continue.

	<u>Received</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>spent</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>blnce</u> <u>30/09</u>
CfR Un-Afr-Aid	357	4560	118
CfR Village India Aid	328	50	1744
* VIA & UnAfrAid money is being drawn from Peace & Justice reserve			
CfR Romania Concern	267	3041	1329
CfR Footprints	16270	12129	8425
* Footprints group raises its own funds.			
CfR Afghanistan	88	2000	1445
CfR Barnes Close Bursary	394	500	1159
CfR Barnes Close	6929	6889	40
<i>For improvements &amp; Upgrades</i>			

*Please consider CfR when making your will, much of our work has been funded through past legacies*

**CfR Afghanistan Day New Date  
Saturday 28th March 2015**

Come and hear Roddy and Anabel from Afghan Mother and Child Rescue talk about their work in providing schools for boys and girls in the Panshir Valley. Roddy & Anabel are regular visitors to the country and can give us a firsthand update.

**Peace & Reconciliation Issues**

*Highlights from other organisations and places*

There is a lot of talk about the Christmas Truce of 1914 at the moment. Football Remembers week at the start of December will involve all FA Cup and Premiership Football games. There are excellent resources on the Truce for schools and churches produced by the Martin Luther King Peace Committee. See their website.

**Pause for Reflection**

We pray for peace,  
but not the easy peace  
Built on complacency  
and not the truth of God  
We pray for real peace  
The peace God's love alone can seal  
*Alan Gaunt*

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