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**Newslink**  
**February**  
**2013**

Welcome to the Lent edition of our Newslink. It is published on our website, sent out to our email circulation list and posted out to those who prefer a paper copy. We hope that this will give you up to date highlights of what is going on at CfR. If you want more details on anything please let me know. We enjoyed the Christmas season and a much needed new year break. January and February were disrupted by the snow but it was very beautiful here. We continue to pray for Syria, Nigeria, Mali, Palestine and all places where violence and oppression reign.

*Ian Ring, Community Co-Ordinator*



### International Work

Our four main projects continue to be the focus of our attention away from Barnes Close. As I write Clive Fowle is Croatia, Bosnia & Serbia for **Footprints** project work and establishing new contacts.

In **Un-Afr-Aid** we continue to support Maji Mazuri and PHARP and we saddened to hear of the terrible loss of lives, savings and livelihood in the Burundi Central Market Fire on 28th January.



Through **Village India Aid** we are continuing to support YUVA (Youth for Voluntary Action) and their work in rural India.

**Romania Concern** is less active but Ian hopes to visit contacts in Arad and Oradea soon.

Palestine/Israel, Syria and Afghanistan are still a cause for concern as is the continuing violence against Christians in Nigeria

### Thank You

Since the last Newslink we have received two very kind and generous anonymous donations, one of £20,000 has been split between the work of Barnes Close, Un-Afr-Aid, Footprints and Village India Aid. The other of £25,000 will help to secure the future of CfR and our base at Barnes Close. Thank you, you know who you are.

### Friday at Barnes Close Conversation, Lunch, Pray

29th March (Good Friday with the Easter House Party),  
26th April, 31st May  
12noon to 2pm



*There is no need to book but an email to [cfrenquiry@aol.com](mailto:cfrenquiry@aol.com) will assist with lunch preparation*

### Decorating Barnes Close

We have been truly blessed. John came down with Josh and Abigail in January and at the beginning of February a team from Gwynedd, Teesside, Devon & Cornwall spent the weekend at Barnes Close. With their help and that of the International Volunteers here we have repainted the six bedrooms, toilets and corridor in the wing, the coffee bar and six of the seven first floor bedrooms. This leaves one bedroom, the Upper Room, Committee Room, entrance, first floor corridor, main toilets and the outside of the house.



### Membership & Friends of CfR

We are re-launching CfR Membership in order to ensure that our records are up to date and that we can take CfR forward. Whether or not you have been a member of CfR in the past we ask you to prayerfully consider your support for our aims by becoming a member now. It is more fully explained in the letter and form that accompanies this mailing. Of course you may wish to remain a friend or remain on the mailing list for events at Barnes Close and that is fine as well. Whatever you decide we hope to hear from you soon.

**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**

**Reflection Days - Thursdays  
Listening to God**

14th March, 18th April, 16th May,  
13th June

Cost: £15 per day (Includes lunch)

**Healing Retreat**

Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th March  
An opportunity to share experiences and to  
allow God to heal.

Cost: £140 (waged), £120 (unwaged)

**Easter at Barnes Close**

Thursday 28th March to Tuesday 2nd April  
Cost: £240 (waged) £170 (unwaged)

**Easter Walk**

Monday 1st April 10am to 4pm

**Open Easter**

Monday 1st April 7.30pm

**Please contact Ian for booking forms for  
any of the above**

**Peace & Reconciliation Issues**

*Highlights from other organisations and places*

Movement for the Abolition of War  
Public Meeting 'Disarmament and Development'

Monday 15 April  
Global Day of Action on Military Spending.  
5pm to 6:30pm,  
House of Commons Committee Room.  
Speakers: Caroline Lucas MP, John Hilary of  
War on Want and Kate Hudson of CND.  
All welcome

**Donations & Grants**

We are very grateful to all who made donations to  
our work in 2012, it has enabled our work.

	<b>Received 2012</b>	<b>spent 2012</b>	<b>balance 31/12/12</b>
UnAfrAid	£4043	£4240	£4648
Village India	£4966	£4.740	£4171
CfR Footprints	£8558	£5794	£11673
Romania	£563	£610	£7149
Bursary Fund	£991	£1000	£1174
Webb Scholar	£576	£725	£1417
Webb Training	£576	£2165	£5793
Barnes Close	£21636	£27852	n/a

*(funds improvements & subsidise CfR Events)*

We have been able to sustain this level of work  
due to past legacies. It will help our future work if  
you would consider CfR when making your will.

If we are to continue our level of work we need  
your help to increase our income now

**Members & Friends @ Barnes Close**

We are inviting members and friends of CfR to  
join us at Barnes Close between Monday 17th &  
Friday 21st June. You may come for all or part of  
the time. You can walk in the hills or sit and enjoy  
the beautiful surroundings. You might like to help  
us in the garden or house. Whatever you choose  
you will meet friends, enjoy good home cooking,  
good company and have a great time.

**Pause for Reflection**

What does Easter mean to you? Is it a cause for  
a holiday or break from the usual routine? Do the  
extra church services become a chore? Is your  
observance of this festival routine? It is because  
of Easter that we have the guarantee of eternal  
life for at that first Easter Jesus Christ conquered  
death for ever. We must celebrate Easter!

**Contacting the Community for Reconciliation:**

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