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Newslink

**July
2013**

Welcome to the Summer edition of our Newslink, and it really has been Summer here for the last few weeks. We had a great Members & Friends Week and hope to repeat it next Summer. Now we are gearing up for Youth Peace Camp, Kids for Peace and Upward Challenge. It is great to have three weeks when the house is home to children and young people. As I write there seems to be a glimmer of hope around talks between Israelis and Palestinians but sadly the crisis in Syria is no nearer resolution. We also watch Egypt with concern.

Ian Ring, Community Co-Ordinator



Afghanistan Project



An anonymous donation of £5,000, for which we are very grateful, has meant that we can make our first gift to this project. It will be going out with representatives of the organisation when they visit the area in September.

Sadly one of key workers on the ground was assassinated recently but it has only served to strengthen the resolve of the other workers to push ahead with the project to bring education to boys and girls in the Panjshir Valley. They deserve our prayers and our financial support.

Friday at Barnes Close Conversation, Lunch, Pray

26th July,
30th August
27th September
25th October
12noon to 2pm



There is no need to book but an email to cfrenquiry@aol.com will assist with lunch preparation

Focus on East Africa Saturday 5 October, 10.00am

Led by Rebecca Scott this promises to be a great opportunity to hear more about the current situation in Rwanda and Kenya as well as the work of PHARP and Maji Mazuri.

News From Barnes Close

We are extremely grateful for a very kind and generous anonymous donation of £20,000 for the work of Barnes Close. This will enable us to continue the refurbishment of Barnes Close and make improvements to the guest facilities and kitchen equipment.

We are also grateful for the gift of a summer house that has enhanced the facilities in the grounds and for work done by the Upward Challenge to turn the bog garden into an area for reflection and prayer at the Place of the Cross

Ian still needs help on the grass cutting



CfR AGM - Saturday 21st September at 11am

All members and friends are invited to the AGM which will be held at Barnes Close and will include the presentation of the CfR Annual Review and an opportunity to make suggestions for the future direction of CfR. Coffee and tea will be available from 10.30am and lunch will be served after the AGM

If you would like to spend Friday night at Barnes Close we can offer Evening Meal, Bed and Breakfast at £40, Of course you could come earlier in the week and have a break at Barnes Close. I am sorry but we can not offer Saturday night accommodation.

**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
Youth Peace Camp**

Monday 29th July to Thursday 1st August
A camp for 11 to 16 year olds
Cost: £50 (waged)

Kids For Peace

Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th August
A camp for 7 to 11 year olds
Cost: £40

Time Away

Wednesday 4th to Monday 9th September
A leisurely holiday time at Barnes Close.
Cost: £240 (waged), £200 (unwaged)

Reflection Days—The Presence of God

12th September, 10th October,
14th November
Cost: £15 per day (Includes lunch)

East Africa Focus

Saturday 5th October 10am to 4pm
With Rebecca Scott

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

Peace & Reconciliation Issues

Highlights from other organisations and places

Ian represented CfR and Church & Peace at a meeting in London called by Network for Peace to share information about how the different peace groups were planning to commemorate the centenary of World War 1. It was noted that the vast majority (80%) of the government funding for the commemorations has been allocated to the Imperial War Museum.

Donations & Grants

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

	<u>Received</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>spent</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>balance</u> <u>30/06/13</u>
UnAfrAid	£230	£4500	£282
Village India	£165	£3000	£1317
CfR Footprints	£3278	£7633	£7302
Romania	£240	£0	£7350
Bursary Fund	£226	£250	£1150
Webb Scholar	£0	£0	£1417
Webb Training	£0	£0	£5793
Barnes Close	£2016	£2000	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 Opportunities

Why not enjoy a short break or mini-retreat at Barnes Close. We can do this mid-week at any time of the year. Please contact Ian for more details or to make a booking.

Ian is seeking bookings to speak about the work of CfR or reconciliation issues at church services or meetings as well as to preach.

Pause for Reflection

Look around you at the beauty of creation bathed in glorious sunlight. Look at the rich variety of shades of each colour in the garden. Look at the immense variety of animals, birds, insects, fish and reptiles. Look at the intricacy of the human body. Then give grateful thanks that you know the Creator of it all and that He loves you.

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