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Newslink
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Welcome to the Pentecost 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. Easter was good and it is great to get the snow behind us and see the beautiful spring flowers in the garden and the blossom on the trees. We continue to pray for all suffering from violence and oppression, particularly in Syria, Palestine and Afghanistan.

Ian Ring, Community Co-Ordinator



New Project in Afghanistan



Afghan Mother and Child Rescue is based in the beautiful Panjshir Valley and is a small hands-on charity which has as its

entire focus the welfare of women and children in one of the poorest countries in the world. It has no other agenda, political or religious. Since the formation of a democratic government in Afghanistan, the charity has worked closely with the Ministry of Public Health. In Astana AMCR have converted a bakery into a school for boys and girls. We are trying to raise £3500 to fund the teachers for four years in order to ensure the future of the school. Gifts should be sent to CfR at Barnes Close, cheques made out to 'CfR' with a note saying they are for AMCR. Together we can make a real difference to these children's lives.



Footprints

We are delighted that, due to the success of grant applications and a generous personal donation, the funding of Clive Fowle's half-time post is now guaranteed until its end in July 2015. Plans are being formulated to extend the work into Bosnia and Serbia in partnership with the Nansen Dialogue Centre.

Friday at Barnes Close Conversation, Lunch, Pray

31st May,
28th June,
26th July,
30th August
12noon to 2pm



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

News from Barnes Close

The redecorating continues apace with all the bedrooms and corridors completed along with the entrance. A start has been made on the exterior woodwork and fences and the garden furniture has been repainted. Lisa has made new curtains for the Coffee Bar.

Much tidying up of the gardens has taken place but with the mowing season in full swing we desperately need help as it takes about six hours a week to cut the grass using our lovely new tractor mower. At the moment Ian does it, could you help him?



Membership & Friends of CfR

Thank you to all who have returned a completed Members and Friends form and are continuing their support of CfR. This Newslink is the last one going to everyone on the old mailing list, except those who have asked to have their names removed. If you have given us an email address you will continue to receiving Newslink but if you wish to have a copy by post you need to return the form now.

We welcome Hagley Free Church and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Church, Rubery as Corporate Members, maybe your church would like to join if so please ask Ian for a form.

**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**

13th June
Cost: £15 per day (Includes lunch)

Members & Friends Week

Monday 17th to Friday 21st June
An opportunity to meet other members and friends and enjoy a break at Barnes Close.
Cost: £200 (waged), £170 (unwaged)

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

East Africa Focus

Saturday 5th October 10am to 4pm
With Rebecca Scott & Rachel Lindley
Cost £15. Overnight B&B £25

Please contact Ian for booking forms for any of the above

Peace & Reconciliation Issues

Highlights from other organisations and places

For some months now protesters have been working hard to prevent the building of a Military College on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, a place of peace for many major world religions. To find out more contact the Fellowship of Reconciliation, www.for.org.uk

Donations & Grants

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

	Received 2013	spent 2013	balance 30/04/13
UnAfrAid	£160	£0	£4712
Village India	£95	£3000	£1247
CfR Footprints	£1698	£3327	£10228
Romania	£170	£0	£7280
Bursary Fund	£151	£250	£1075
Webb Scholar	£0	£0	£1417
Webb Training	£0	£0	£5793
Barnes Close	£1886	£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 @ 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

How long does it take to boil a kettle if you do not plug it in? Silly question I know but that is a good analogy of what many Christians do. We try to live as Christ wants us to but we ignore the power of the Holy Spirit. This season of Pentecost would be a good time to ask God for a fresh filling with his Holy Spirit.

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