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Newslink
September
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Welcome to the second edition of our new style 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. It has been a good summer with plenty to keep us busy at Barnes Close. The youth & Children's weeks, Upward Challenge and Time Away were particular enjoyable. I also enjoyed a very welcome holiday in the Czech Republic.

Ian Ring, Community Co-Ordinator



Update on our International Work



CfR Footprints

The book of stories is nearly ready to be launched. It is a series of firsthand accounts from course participants on their experiences. The book costs £5 plus £1.50 p&p and is available from the office or from Clive Fowle

UnAfrAid

Rebecca Scott enjoyed an exciting trip to Kenya and Rwanda. She visited various projects of Maji Mazuri and met with PHARP. She has some good ideas about our support of particular projects which will make a real difference to them.



Patrons

At the AGM on Saturday 15th September we confirmed the appointment as Patrons of CfR

- Most Rev Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham,
- Rt Rev John Inge, Bishop of Worcester,
- Rt Rev David Urquhart, Bishop Of Birmingham,
- Rev Roy Lowes
Moderator, United Reformed Church West Midlands Synod
- Rev Bill Anderson,
Chair of Birmingham Methodist District
- Rev Keith Judson, Baptist Area Minister
- Major Samuel Edgar
Salvation Army West Midlands Divisional Commander

Trustees—Council of Management

At the AGM we appointed Andy Vail as a Trustee. Jan Scott was re-appointed as a Trustee and Chair, Jo Plant as a Trustee and Treasurer, Nicholas Latham & Jeremy Knapp as Trustees. Jo Knight continues as Company Secretary and Raewyn Petherick is Minute Secretary but not a Trustee. At the subsequent Council Meeting we set up Marketing, Membership & Programme and Fund Raising groups.

Friday at Barnes Close

Conversation, Lunch, Pray
28th September, 14th October,
30th November, 21st December
12noon to 2pm

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

The Bog Garden - Oasis of Peace



This year was the third summer that we have hosted Upward Challenge. As part of the programme they undertake a service project, which this year was tidying up the Bog Garden, made a cross and installed it there. This has made a great improvement and we thank them.

The Bog Garden was severely damaged in the July storms and still needs a lot of work on the watercourse to repair it. Can you help?

Barnes Close Needs You

Volunteer painters, decorators, gardeners, tree cutters and hedge trimmers are required to help keep Barnes Close looking good. No charge, food & accommodation provided if needed. If you can help please contact Ian

**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

Silent Retreat

Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th October
An opportunity to listen to God, allow him to minister to us, bless us and deepen our relationship with Him.

Cost: £140 (waged), £120 (unwaged)
Contact Ian for booking forms

Reflection Days

Thursday 15th September
Thursday 11th October
Thursday 15th November
Theme: Be Reconciled

Cost: £15 per day (Includes lunch)
Contact Ian for booking forms

Donations & Grants

We are extremely grateful to all who have made donations to our work this year, it has helped us to fund our work.

	Received <u>2012</u>	grants made <u>2012</u>
UnAfrAid	£401	£4,500
Village India	£713	£4,500
CfR Footprints	£2,302	£4,351
Romania	£271	£500
Bursary Fund	£717	£1,000
Barnes Close	£7,099	£1,340 (towels, Bath mats, carpet)

(used to fund 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

Peace & Reconciliation Issues

Highlights from other organisations and places

Church and Peace, the ecumenical peace church network in Europe, has appointed Davorka Lovreković from Hamburg to be its new General Secretary from January 2013. Davorka Lovreković is 50 years old, and comes from a religious Croatian family who moved to Germany in 1966. She studied Catholic theology for two years, later she joined the Quakers and has collected many years of experience in ecumenical and interreligious dialogue. Davorka works as a mediator and organisational developer. Since the mid-1980s, she has been involved with the German branch of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and now serves on the International Committee of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation, IFOR, as Vice-President

Christmas Events @ Barnes Close

From 3rd to 19th December we welcome groups of 12 to 35 people for Christmas Dinner at lunchtime or in the evening.

OPEN CHRISTMAS

Thursday 20th December 7pm

Carols, stories, music round the Christmas Tree
Followed by seasonal refreshments

Pause for Reflection

Jesus tells us that if we are going to offer a gift to God and we remember that someone has something against us we should first go and sort that then and then make our offering. Is there any disagreement or upset that we need to sort out before making our offering?

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