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- Village India Aid

Newslink
October
2013

Autumn is here and Christmas is on the horizon yet it seems only a moment ago I was enjoying the wonderful summer sun in Poland. Visiting a country that has regularly been invaded and had its borders changed makes me realise how lucky I am to be English. Living in a country not successfully invaded since 1066 and with borders intact for centuries means I cannot fully appreciate what my European brothers and sisters have experienced. However it does inspire me to work for a world in which all people have safety, security, stability and freedom that I have.

Ian Ring, Community Co-Ordinator



CfR AGM 2013

At our AGM on 21st September Derek Timms and Owain Bell were appointed to serve as Trustees for three years. The membership of groups and sub-committees was agreed and the Annual Review received. I am sure you will agree that Jo Knight has produced a wonderful Annual Review Booklet.

CfR Footprints Update

Now halfway through his half-time appointment Clive is seeing expansion in the work. Initially based in Croatia recent trips have taken Clive to Serbia and in November he visits Tuzla in Bosnia.



In a wonderful development some participants from previous courses are now helping as facilitators on the workshops. However it is a disappointment that current workshops are exclusively female and do not include any war veterans.

Although Clive's stipend is assured we still need funds to cover workshop costs in 2014

News From Barnes Close

We continue with the improvements and guests now have use of a Data Projector. The conservatory off the coffee bar has been re-carpetted, new carpet tiles have been purchased for the office and ordered for the Webb Room.



Outside we have benefitted greatly from the help of a volunteer gardener - thank you Robert!. Ian, with some help from John have built a grassed ramp into the summer house and wood has been chopped ready for the Autumn and Winter log fires in the common room.

Decorating has been on hold over the summer but we are now in a position to resume with your help

Advent & Christmas at Barnes Close

Bookings are coming in for our December Christmas Dinners from groups. We would love CfR members and friends join us for a Christmas Dinner. The cost is £16 per person. You do not have to be in a group but you are welcome to bring friends and your own wine with you. Please see the separate leaflet with this mailing.

OPEN CHRISTMAS is Thursday 19th December from 7.30pm to 9.30pm with the usual mix of carols. Entertainment and food.

STOP PRESS

Jonas Kunnberg, a former volunteer at Barnes Close has been appointed the Head Chef at Tallinn University in Estonia

Friday at Barnes Close - 12noon to 2pm

Conversation, Lunch, Pray

29th November, 20th December, 31st January

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



**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 - The Presence of God

Thursday 14th November
Cost: £15 per day (Includes lunch)

Remembrance Day

Monday 11th November 7pm to 9pm
Reflection, Worship, Supper

Christmas Dinners

Monday to Friday 1st to 18th December
Lunch time or Evening
£16 per person

Open Christmas

Thursday 19th December 7.30pm
Carols, Entertainment, Food

Youth House Party

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th January
Cost: £50

Holocaust Memorial Day

Sunday 26th January 6.30pm
Reflection, Worship, Supper

Reflection Days

Thursday 9th January, 13th February
Cost: £15 per day (includes lunch)

Please contact Ian for booking forms

Peace & Reconciliation Issues

Highlights from other organisations and places

Wear a white poppy and help fund peace work across the world. Began as a message from women and sold by the Peace Pledge Union since 1934 wearing a white poppy is a sign of a commitment to work for a world where conflicts will be resolved without violence
www.ppu.org.uk OR 020 7424 9444

Donations & Grants

We are very grateful to all who made donations to our work in 2013, it has enabled our work.

	Received 2013	spent 2013	balance 30/09/13
CfR Afghanistan	£5250	£2000	£3250
<i>*We hope to send £2000pa in 2013, 2014 & 2015</i>			
CfR Footprints	£11783	£18758	£4698
Romania	£353	£3500	£4003
UnAfrAid	£177	£4500	£325
Village India	£249	£3020	£1401
Bursary Fund	£429	£500	£1203
Webb Scholar	£534	£0	£1951
Webb Training	£534	£0	£6327
Barnes Close	£5032	£5000	n/a

(funds improvements & subsidises CfR Events)

We have a reserve Peace & Justice Fund which, at the rate we are currently using it for VIA & Un-AfrAid, will be exhausted by 2018.

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

World War 1 Centenary 2014

Wed 30th April 7.30pm Charity Performance of 'The Accrington Pals' at the Beacon, Rubery
Sunday 3rd August 6pm Reconciliation Service at St Chad's Rubery

Pause for Reflection

The changing colours of Autumn remind us that we change throughout our life. Without change we would die. Without change CfR would be dead. We are a living organism not a museum. We were born to change and ultimately die so that we might experience eternity with God.

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