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**Newslink
Easter 2014**

I am writing this in Holy Week with the sun streaming through the winter. Winter has been kind to us and Barnes Close is beautiful with the magnolia in full bloom and colourful flowers in the garden. It really makes me feel good. However the daily news is a constant reminder that all is not well with the world. Ukraine, CAR, Nigeria, Israel/Palestine, Syria all need our prayers and support. It is difficult to know what we can do to help but if Easter means anything to us we must listen to the one who died on the cross to bring reconciliation between God and man.

Ian Ring, Community Co-Ordinator



The Accrington Pals

This year sees the centenary of WWI and Ian is directing Rubery Drama Group in Peter Whelan's wonderful play that faces the reality of war and the situation of those left behind. Performances are from Wednesday 30th April to Saturday 3rd May and tickets are available from Ian priced £6 or £5.50 for concessions

News From Barnes Close

The Webb Room has been transformed by the new carpet tiles laid by Mike. It is now bright, warm and welcoming. The entrance hall will be fitted with new carpet tiles after Easter, a long overdue task.



Robert has fitted new handrails on steps on the garden, built a safety balustrade on the patio and arranged for and fitted new signage throughout the grounds as well as pruning trees and hedges and assisting Ian with grasscutting.

Volunteer experience saw Jim, Maureen, Janet & Tash work wonders in the garden and clear out the workshop necessitating several trips to the tip and a glorious bonfire. Thank You. Next on the hit list is the attic loft.

Come and visit you will see and feel a difference

CfR Un-Afr-Aid Update

Rebecca Scott hosted a wonderful day at Barnes Close with Anastase Rugirangiga of PHARP, Rwanda. We heard about the current situation, both politically and economically and shared about the current needs and how we can help. Rwanda remains a very poor country and PHARP continues to rely on financial support from outside the country to do its work.



We also continue to support PHARP and Maji Mazuri in Kenya and ICPR in Burundi all of whom work with extremely poor and disadvantaged people.

Members & Friends Week

Barnes Close in June with friends and other CfR members and friends, what better place to be. You can enjoy good home cooking, convivial company, meet Trustees and committee members, wander in the country park, sit in the grounds, visit places of interest, pray, enjoy a barbecue and indulge yourself with a cream tea. Do come and join us from 16th to 20th June.



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Revised dates
Healing Retreat
21-23 Sept 2014
Silent Retreat
Nov 2014

Members & Friends Renewals

Thank you to all who have returned their forms with cheques, money or continued their standing orders to CfR. It really is a joy to receive these, not just because of the money but, because it is a reminder to us that you care about the work and value what CfR is doing. Thank you for your continued support.

**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

Thursday 8th May, 12th June, 10th July
Cost: £15 per day (includes lunch)

Members & Friends Week

Monday 16th to Friday 20th June
Stay at Barnes Close with friends old & new,
holiday in beautiful Worcestershire
Cost: £200 (waged) £170 (unwaged)

Youth Peace Camp

Monday 28th to Thursday 31st July
Fun, activities, challenge & learning for
young people aged 11 to 16.
Cost: £70 (2nd child in family £55)

Kids for Peace

Monday 4th to Wednesday 6th August
Fun, craft activities, and learning for children
aged 7 to 11
Cost: £50 (2nd child in family £45)

Time Away

Wednesday 3rd to Monday 8th September
Our leisurely holiday week at Barnes Close
Cost: £240 waged £200 unwaged

Please contact Ian for booking forms

Peace & Reconciliation Issues

Highlights from other organisations and places

The United Reformed Church in partnership with other denominations has just launched a way of commemorating the outbreak of World War One by planting red poppies for remembrance and white poppies for future peace. If sown now they will flower by August 4th. Please encourage your church to participate.

Donations & Grants

We are very grateful to all who made donations to our work in 2013 to enable our work to continue.

	Received	spent	blnce
	In 2014	in 2014	28/02
CfR Un-Afr-Aid	123	2020 *	-1577
CfR Village India Aid	88	0 *	1555
CfR Romania Concern	65	0 *	4168
CfR Footprints	4092	0 *	8377
CfR Afghanistan	0	0 *	3537
CfR Barnes Close Bursary	63	150	1178
CfR Barnes Close	1970	400	1570

For improvements & Upgrades

- Further payments made in March/April or agreed but not yet accounted for.
- VIA & UnAfrAid money is being drawn from Peace & Justice reserve

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

CfR Afghanistan

We continue to support the education of girls and boys in villages in the Panjshir Valley through Afghan Mother & Child Rescue. The work is vital and is making a difference.

To hear more about this exciting work come to Barnes Close on Saturday 4th October to meet our partners who travel regularly to Afghanistan.

Pause for Reflection

Martin Layzell sings a wonderful song, You Chose The Cross. It is a reminder that Jesus was in control and determined to go through with the plan. He died on the cross in order to save all humanity from the folly of their sinful self destructive lifestyle. In doing so he achieved reconciliation with God. Easter is our remembrance of this and because of Easter we have eternal life.

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