



- Barnes Close Conference Centre
- Personal Retreats
- Romania Concern
- Footprints (in former Yugoslavia)
- Un-Afr-Aid (United Africa Aid)
- Village India Aid
- Afghanistan

**Newslink**  
**August**  
**2015**

As I write this migrants are front page headlines with daily incursions into the secure area of the Channel Tunnel terminal at Coquelles trying to gain entry to Britain. Alongside this is the situation in the Mediterranean as migrants cross to Italian and Greek islands as well as the situation in the southern Pacific. Something needs to be done but improving security and rescuing migrants is only part of the answer. We need to push for a just sharing of the earth's resources and for reconciliation between people, both being principle aims of CfR. Whilst poverty and war remain we cannot sit back in silence. *Ian Ring, Community Co-Ordinator*



### Romania Concern

We were unable to find anyone to help with this year's youth camp but we are hopeful that we can find two or three young people for 2016.

We are hoping that a Pastor from the Reformed Church in Romania will spend time with a Churches of Christ pastor in West Bromwich this Autumn.



### Footprints

Clive Fowle has retired from Methodist circuit ministry but continues as Director of Footprints. We have applied for further funding from the Methodist Church Fund for World Mission.

### CfR Review of International Work

Owain Bell, Howard Lowry and Ian Ring have been tasked with carrying out a review of our international work. It is proving fascinating as we discover more about the origins of our five projects, Romania Concern, Footprints, Un-Afr-Aid, Village India Aid and Afghanistan as well as the individual projects within them that have been supported. An interim report will be available for the AGM which will then be refined following comments and presented first to External Relations in October and then to Council in November. As well as reviewing the past the report will make recommendations about ongoing support.



### News From Barnes Close

The Coffee Bar & Seminar Room has been transformed by the gift of a five section board room table and sixteen matching chairs.



We are extremely grateful to Nick who has pressure cleaned the Tennis Court which is now available for a variety of games. If you can help us by donating surplus netball, badminton, volleyball, short cricket and five a-side football equipment it would be much appreciated



### Community Evening

On the second Monday of each month we have a meal at Barnes Close at 6.30pm followed by one of our committee or group meetings or the Trustees meeting. People are welcome to come earlier and help in the grounds or house or sit and enjoy the peace and tranquillity. Anybody is welcome to stay and join in the committee or group meetings that follow the meal but the Trustees meeting is a closed session.

- 14th September Meal & AGM—see below
- 12th October Meal & External Relations Meeting
- 9th November Meal & Trustees
- 14th December Meal & Membership, Marketing

### CfR AGM—Monday 14th September

Once again our AGM takes place during Time Away, it is an open meeting and anyone present can speak. A meal will be served at 6.30pm followed by the meeting at 7.30pm concluding by 9pm with Evening Prayers. However if you free come earlier and enjoy the hospitality of Barnes Close and the company of friends. Lunch will be served at 1pm. Please book meals by 10/9.

**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 10th Sept, 8th Oct, 12th Nov  
Cost: £15 per day (includes lunch)

**Time Away—Holiday Week**

Thurs 10th to Wed 16th September  
Cost: £240 (waged) £220 (unwaged)

**Community Evening at Barnes Close-**

Monday 14th Sept, 12th Oct, 9th Nov

6.00pm for 6.30pm Meal  
See over for more details

**The Stones Cry Out**

Mon 21st September 7pm  
Voices of Palestinian Christians

**Healing & Wholeness Retreat**

Tue 22nd to Thur 24th September  
Cost: £140 waged (£120 unwaged)

**Silent Retreat**

Tue 24th to Thu 26th November  
Cost £140 waged (£120 unwaged)

**Donations & Grants**

We are very grateful to all who have made donations in 2015 to enable our work to continue.

	<u>Received</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>spent</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>blnce</u> <u>31/03</u>
CfR Un-Afr-Aid	85	4560	-452
CfR Village India Aid	311	0	1860
<i>* VIA &amp; UnAfrAid money is being drawn from Peace &amp; Justice reserve</i>			
CfR Romania Concern	252	1536	2026
CfR Footprints	9803	5144	12802
<i>* Footprints group raises its own funds.</i>			
CfR Afghanistan	52	0	1385
CfR Barnes Close Bursary	221	250	3936
CfR Barnes Close	4300	4381	-81

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

**Cream Teas at Barnes Close**

We are expanding our popular Sunday afternoon Cream Teas at Barnes Close this year. Come along and enjoy the peace and tranquillity as you tuck into homemade scones and tea or coffee

**Sundays 2nd & 16th August and  
13th September 2015, 3pm to 5pm**

**What Will Your Legacy Be?**

Between 1991 and 2014 CfR gave over £416,000 in donations and gifts to good causes, largely but not exclusively, in Romania, South East Europe and East Africa. This was made possible by individual giving, grant making trusts and legacies. In the same period a similar amount has been invested in Barnes Close & CfR activities. The need is still there and with your help we can continue this level of activity. Please consider the legacy letter and respond as you are able. Thank you.

**Pause for Thought**

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