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**August  
2016**

This Summer we celebrate 30 years of CfR at Barnes Close and you will find details of the special event below. It seems remarkable to me not just that CfR has been here 30 years but that I have now been here for 181 months following on from John & Joan who were here 178 months. In that time we have welcomed over 150,000 visitors and over 200 volunteers to Barnes Close. We have developed a programme of activities for all ages, been involved in the Network of Christian Peace Organisations and Church & Peace as well supporting work in Afghanistan, Burundi, Croatia, India, Kenya, Romania, Rwanda and Serbia. We have a lot to give thanks for.. *Ian Ring, Community Co-Ordinator*



**CfR 30 Years at Barnes Close  
Sunday 11th September 2016  
3pm to 5pm**



In August 1986 John, Joan, Heidi, Mark and Jake Johansen-Berg moved into Barnes Close and began the process of transferring ownership to CfR and drawing up plans to adapt Barnes

Close into a place suitable for CfR's work.

We have decided to celebrate this momentous occasion with a traditional English Afternoon Tea at Barnes Close concluding with a short time of Thanksgiving Worship.

We would love you to join us on this very special occasion and you should receive a personal invite with this newlink. Please let us know if you are coming so we know how many to cater for..

If you know of anyone who should receive a personal invitation to this event please give their contact details to Ian.

We look forward to seeing you on 11th.

**CfR Footprints - Touch of Hope  
20 Years Celebration  
Wednesday 5th October 2016  
7pm to 9pm**

Over the next year we are celebrating 20 years of Footprints with events, both in the UK and in Croatia & Serbia.



When Clive Fowle first visited Osijek and met both Dhusanka and the Centre of Peace he had no idea what would develop. Now, 20 years later, we are longest serving peace organisation in the area and our impressive track record is well known and much valued in Eastern Slavonia.

The celebrations begin during a visit of a Touch of Hope group to the UK this Autumn. The Wednesday evening will be celebration buffet with a few short speeches and an opportunity to meet people on the current course.. We shall also reflect on past projects, such as The Bench We Share and share reminiscences. If you would like to join us on this wonderful accession please let Ian know.

**CfR Welcomes the Bishop of Oradea  
13th to 17th October 2016**



CfR will be hosting Bishop Istvan Csury of the Reformed Church in Romania this Autumn. He is Bishop of the Királyhágómellék (Partium) Diocese around Oradea and during his visit he will be accompanied by our good friend Janos Antal. On the Saturday he will address the URC West Midlands Synod, on Sunday share in worship at Beacon Church Centre, Rubery and, hopefully, the local Methodist Circuit.. On Monday evening there will be the chance to meet and chat with the Bishop at Barnes Close.

**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 September, 13th October,  
10th November, 8th December  
Cost: £15 per day (includes lunch)

**Time Away**

Thursday 8th to Wednesday 14th September  
a leisurely holiday week  
Cost £250 waged £210 (unwaged)

**CfR 30 Years at Barnes Close  
Celebration Afternoon Tea**

Sunday 11th September  
3pm to 5pm

**Community Evening at Barnes Close**

6.00pm for 6.30pm Meal  
Monday 12th September with AGM  
Monday 10th October with External Relations  
Mon 14th November with Trustees  
Monday 12th December with Membership

**Healing & Wholeness Retreat**

Tuesday 20th to Thursday 22nd September  
Fun activities for 7 to 11 year olds  
Cost £150 (waged), £125 (unwaged)

**Footprints 20th Celebration**

Wednesday 5th October 7pm

**Meet Bishop Csury of Oradea, Romania**

Monday 17th October 7pm

**From Conflict to Reconciliation**

Tuesday 18th to Thursday 20th October  
Cost £150 waged (£125 unwaged)

**Silent Retreat**

Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th November  
Cost £150 waged (£125 unwaged)

**Please contact Ian for booking forms**

**Donations - THANK YOU!**

Every month we receive, on average, £390 of donations by standing order or bank transfer. This is an excellent way of making your regular donation to CfR and we encourage more of our supporters to do likewise.

We also receive around £130 per month by cash or cheque for our work as well as an average of £80 of small cash donations that can be registered under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme.

All this is on top of Annual Membership that brings in around £1800 per annum. For all this we are extremely grateful but we do need to increase our income from donations.

Footprints have received a generous £3000 Legacy for their work.

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

**Cream Teas at Barnes Close  
Sundays 3pm to 5pm  
7th & 14th August  
4th & 18th September**



Sit on the terrace and experience the view over Worcestershire as you enjoy one of our cream teas and chat to friends old and new. A perfect way to introduce family and friends to CfR.

**Pause for Thought**

Listening to politicians from across the world there seems to be a marked increase in 'our country first', a form of nationalism bordering on xenophobia that it is totally opposite to the Christian perspective of 'Love your neighbour'.

**Contacting the Community for Reconciliation:**

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