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From The Community Coordinator:

It is the week after Pentecost, the day when we remember God's Holy Spirit being poured out onto the disciples. The Spirit has the power to revive and refresh the tired and anxious soul. That is what we are looking for at CfR, that as we remodel and refocus without Barnes Close then we will be refreshed and revived by the Holy Spirit who equips us for the work ahead,



News from Barnes Close

The Trustees have agreed a preferred bidder and are negotiating exclusively with them. We will let you know more when we can. Meanwhile life goes on as normal in that we welcome guests and run our programme at Barnes Close. However we have chosen to:

**Celebrate CfR at Barnes Close
Saturday 8th September 2018
1pm Lunch
2.30pm Main Event
4pm Afternoon Tea**

*Please join us for Lunch or Afternoon Tea or both, book yourself in with Ian
Accommodation is available on Friday and/or Saturday night*

CfR Programme (at Barnes Close)

Reflection Days Thursday 7th June, 12th July.
Learning from Women in the Bible. Cost: £15 per day
(includes lunch)

Community Evening at Barnes Close

Monday 11th June with Trustees
6.00pm Prayer 6.30pm Meal 7.15pm Meeting

Members & Friends Week Monday 18th to Friday 22nd June

A time of relaxation and rest with God and with friends at Barnes Close. Enjoy our convivial hospitality, good company and conversations.
Cost £200 waged, £170 unwaged

CfR Members & Friends Cheese & Wine Evening Wednesday 20th June 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Enjoy an evening at Barnes Close with other members & friends, trustees & committee members.
Cost: free but donations welcome

CfR Time Away – Holiday Week Thursday 6th to Wednesday 12th September

A leisurely holiday week, with evening entertainment.
Cost £250 (waged), £210 (unwaged) Family rates available

Tuesday 18th to Thursday 20th September Healing & Wholeness Retreat

An opportunity to explore the nature of the healing ministry in the local church.
Cost £160 (waged) £130 (unwaged)



Please contact Ian for booking forms and further information

CfR Footprints Touch of Hope Update from Clive Fowle

Work in Bosnia has gone ahead as planned with the first workshop on Forgiveness being held at Hotel Zepter Kozarica Dubica 30 km from Prijedor April 20th to 22nd. Kozarica is right on the border with Croatia and the hotel is adjacent to the border controls and the river Una. This workshop went well and we felt we made a good connection with the group. Forgiveness is the most difficult subject to talk about given the depth of atrocities that took place in the Prijedor area. The group worked well together drawing on material from Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Forgiveness Project particularly the story of the former IRA terrorist Pat Magee and Jo Berry whose father was killed in the IRA bomb planted by Pat. The group was very challenged by their story and also the story of Gordon Wilson whose daughter Marie was killed in the IRA attack at Enniskillen. We had 12 women teachers mixed Christian/Muslim.

2nd workshop on Reconciliation was held again in Dubica May 11th to 13th. Desa from Borovo Vukovar, who has gone through the Facilitator training, joined us to assist with leading the group. She made an outstanding contribution to the workshop and very quickly became part of the group, not an easy task given that the group is firmly established and this workshop was the last in the series. She has grown in confidence and ability and she shared how Touch of Hope has helped her. Well done Desa! Incidentally she is Serbian and was born near Tuzla in Bosnia. Again the group worked very well together and participants felt that they now have a greater understanding of Reconciliation after looking at Lederach's 'model' of Reconciliation, Truth, Mercy, Justice and Peace. At the end of the workshop the group presented each other with a certificate of attendance of the whole series of workshops. The certificate had the CFR Footprints logo and Nansen Dialogue Centre and stated that the workshops had been supported financially by CFR Footprints.

Very significantly 2 members of the group are leaving the country for Berlin, and Linz. In fact, sadly it is reckoned that one family per week is leaving the region for Germany or Austria because of poor salaries and lack of jobs. On Sunday afternoon we watched cars with Slovenian, Austrian and German registrations jamming the small border, waiting for over 2 hours, full of people who have moved from Bosnia and have been visiting home or are working in those countries.

Judith, Nena and I were invited to a junior school in Sanski Most where three participants work as teachers. The school was hosting runners who are involved in an International Peace run from Bulgaria to Portugal! The runners met with the children and teachers, teaching them songs and talking about the nature of peace. Everyone was then invited into the school to hear songs and watch drama from the children on the theme of peace. Our main contact person from Prijedor Nansen, Tanja, spoke briefly as Nansen has been involved with the school for several years. Judith and I were officially welcomed as representatives of Touch of Hope and we were presented with a lovely framed picture painted by a pupil. We also met an Imam, Mevludin, who is now working full time in peace work and whom we had met in Kosovo at a Peace conference. This was a truly productive few days and I feel we are in a good relationship with the group.

News from Other Organisations

The F Word: Stories of Forgiveness exhibition is a thought provoking collection of arresting images and personal narratives exploring forgiveness in the face of atrocity.

- Drawing together voices from South Africa, America, Israel, Palestine, Northern Ireland and England, the exhibition examines forgiveness as a healing process, a path out of victimhood and, ultimately, a journey of hope.
- The exhibition is available in various formats for hire and is on permanent display in several countries around the world. See below for details about where to see the exhibition or to download our hiring information pack.
- For all general queries email info@theforgivenessproject.com.

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