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BACC Fill

When the new look BACC Pages were first shown there was a general murmur of approval (at least I think that's what it was!) even when it was revealed that the cover price will have to be increased substantially from 20p to 35p to cover printing costs. Our printer has been very helpful—even printing 2 years supply of our high quality front covers and only charging as we use them to help keep the costs down to a minimum.

I hope you find the magazine interesting and informative - I'm sure you don't need me to remind you that BACC Pages can only be an interesting read if you provide me with interesting articles to include in future issues. I especially welcome any personal witness stories - like the one published in this issue which made me wish I had been on that weekend to hear, first hand, such a moving and provocative talk.

Thank you to all this issue's contributors. The next issue of BACC Pages will be published at Ultreya GB in Chichester on September 24th. Any items you may wish to be included in the next issue should reach the Editor by August 31st 2005 (see page 1 for contact details).

Until then, ULTREYA.

Phil Wright

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Welcome to this issue of BACC Pages which is published on the day of the Annual General Meeting. I hope you find something to interest you in this issue. I'm afraid I will be abroad on business so will miss the AGM so won't be able to hear what you think on the day—but please do contact me with any comments or ideas for future issues.



Jenny's Jottings



Do you ever find yourself being thankful that your conversations are not overheard?

I certainly did this morning. We have a lovely tabby cat – Pip - with a 'butter wouldn't melt' face, who is sweetness and light during the day, but at night she turns into 'Nimrod' – a mighty hunter – and we are often presented with the benefit of her predatory skill! This morning as I was vacuuming, a very frightened mouse popped out from under the hi-fi and scampered around the lounge. Now I am not particularly a lover of mice, but can't bear the fact that Pip might want it to play with to death (literally), so I set about trying to rescue it.

Well, despite my best efforts, this little thing didn't want to be rescued. I found myself saying – as it stood on its hind legs in the style of a Beatrix Potter character – 'come on little mouse, I'm your only chance. I'm not here to hurt you, and if Pip sees you, you're a goner!' Having upended the settee, chairs and tables and scabbled through the miles of cabling behind the TV, all the while cajoling gently, I eventually managed to guide her through the front door and into the garden. My parting words were – 'you're free; it's up to you now!' (I still have some explaining to do to our neighbours, who were unpacking their shopping at the time, and must have seen the drama unfolding.....)

With a great sense of achievement, I closed the front door.....and thought of God saying to me: 'Hey, I'm doing that for you all the time'. Psalm 91 talks about The Lord saving us from the fowler's snare, and I have lost count of the times that God has done this for me, with gentle words of assurance that He knows what's best for me, if I only would trust Him. How often I have scampered away, hiding in my own ignorance, cowering in my lack of trust and in His almighty power. How often must He have said to me: 'you're free; it's up to you now!' Still, scripture assures me we are being changed 'from one degree of glory to another' so I pray that one day I will catch on! (Remember the old adage: 'if at first you don't succeed – don't try skydiving!')

I have been in this post for a year now, and have had the joy and privilege of spending time with many of you in your various Diocesan events; I have heard amazing stories of how God has been using his 'cracked pots' – us ordinary people – to achieve extraordinary things, with the under-girding of prayer, and encouragement of our Group

BACC Website
www.ukcursillo.org

Enormous thanks go to Geoff Riley and Sally Mullock for re-launching our website, and making it look bright, interesting and definitely worth a visit. Their remit was to make it attractive to people who were enquiring about Cursillo, as well as relevant to those of us in the Movement who need the diary of events and the contacts for all the Dioceses.

May I please ask you to make sure your Diocese sends all information about Cursillo activities to Geoff Riley on a regular basis; it is so important that now we have a good 'shop window' we keep it up to date and relevant. Geoff has agreed to do this for us.....so any change of personnel should be notified to him (as well as the Secretary) straight away; likewise, any event in your Cursillo Diocesan calendar, especially the dates and venues of your upcoming weekends, should get to Geoff as soon as possible.

If you are one of the many people who now have access to the internet please visit www.ukcursillo.org. You might also want to add this address to your "favourites" so that you can quickly go to the site to find out the very latest news from Cursillo around Britain.



BACC Copies



In the last issue of BACC Pages we asked you to "pass it on" - either to a friend or perhaps to leave it at the back of your church for others to browse through. Who knows, that might be the spur for them to ask "What is Cursillo?" and give you the opportunity to undertake some apostolic action.

However, you have now given up your copy of the magazine which means you can't re-read that interesting article from an earlier issue. Help is at hand—at least if you can access the internet—copies of BACC Pages from the Autumn 2004 issue onwards are now available to download from the Cursillo website.

So now there is no excuse for not sharing your copy—and if you don't want to give up your own printed version you can always point your friends towards the BACC website—especially if they live abroad, saving postage costs.

How to stay young

1. Throw out non-essential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop," And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is God. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.



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### AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

And by the way, there is no truth in the rumour that this item was influenced by the fact that our President has just become a Grandmother! In future, when you hear Jenny incessantly talking about Joshua she is not referring to the old testament leader!

Reunions and Ultreyas. Thank you for your warmth and your hospitality, and special thanks to those of you who have undertaken to pray for me.

As with all past Presidents, part of my remit is to raise the profile of Cursillo, and with the launch of the 3-fold leaflet (14,000 distributed in the past year, and a further 5,000 just been reprinted – that's a lot of information being given out around the UK), the revamped BACC Pages and the new-look website, I believe we're on the way to achieving that.

I am proud to serve you as your President, and look forward to meeting more of you in the next year.

ULTREYA!

## Dominic's Deliberations

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:42)*



Dear Friends,

Why do we do it?

When did you last stop and ask yourselves that question?

Why **do** we do it? Why do we do so many rather odd things? Why do we persuade people to go away from their home parish on a strange weekend? Why do we usually tell them less than absolutely everything about this strange weekend? Why do we invoke Spanish - and not just Spanish, but **medieval** Spanish - to speak about some of our strange antics? Why do we send **countless** postcards, notelets, badges and other gimmicks around the country after each other? Why do we get out of bed at a crazy hour on Sunday morning once or twice a year? And why, O why, have I allowed myself to be elected Vice President of something called British Anglican Cursillo?

If I am honest, sometimes I wonder about all of this. Never mind Cursillo - I wonder about Church. And I write this as someone who has it relatively easy - unlike most people reading this article I have the strange luxury of being paid to go to church! After all, Jesus preached



passionately about the Kingdom of God - he did not do so about the Church, and he certainly did not preach in archaic Spanish about possible movements within the Church. And so, I have to keep asking myself why we do any of what we do in the name of the Church, let alone why we do any of what we do that comes with the name Cursillo.

Alongside my involvement in Cursillo and running a parish in Northamptonshire, I am also privileged to be what the diocese of Peterborough calls a *Bishop's Assessor*, which means that I am occasionally called on to interview people who are considering offering themselves for ordination. In that context, I recently spent a morning discussing with other colleagues in the vocations process the current criteria used for selection for ordained ministry in the Church of England. It was a stimulating discussion, and I want to share the essence of these criteria with you. The key things for which the church looks in its ordained ministers are:

- Being able to articulate a sense of vocation - of being called by God
- Having a commitment to a ministry of 'Gospel proclamation'
- Having a commitment to spiritual discipline
- Having maturity and self-awareness, and integrity in personal life and relationships
- Being able to offer leadership in the Church and wider community
- Having an understanding of the Christian faith and a desire to deepen it
- Having 'a wide and inclusive understanding of God's mission to the world that permeates prayer, thinking and action'
- Having a desire and willingness to embark upon lifelong ministerial and theological formation.

While I hope you will agree that these eight points make a fine summary of the traits you would want to see in your current and future clergy, I hope the penny will drop that they should speak to a much wider audience than potential ordinands. They are, I would suggest, one answer to the question, "Why Cursillo?" - for I think that Cursillo is about helping and supporting Christians to do all of the things mentioned above. Indeed, we must acknowledge that the Archbishops' Council, the General Synod, and the other necessary but bureaucratic institutions of our church will always produce rather wordy documents (and remember that my eight bullet points above are a summary of a summary!), but, had they turned to Cursillo to help them fashion out this document, we

## Durham Servant Community

Following the presentations on the Servant Community hosted by Jean Whitton at a BACC meeting in 2004, Durham Diocese decided to take the plunge and establish their own Servant Community.

A meeting of the Durham Secretariat was held on February 26th, with guest speaker Phil Wright from Wakefield Cursillo, to work out the structure and workings of a new servant community to serve the needs of Cursillo in Durham. All this goes to prove that the workshops held at BACC meetings do bear fruit!

## Clergy Taster Days

In her book 'The Good Wine', Josephine Bax writes: 'My experience of a Cursillo weekend was that it was even more liberating for the clergy taking part than for the lay people.' The same comment has been made by some of our Spiritual Directors around the country – another good reason why we should be encouraging our clergy to have a look at Cursillo.

Michael Bolley and Jenny Lowery, in partnership with the leaders of Worcester Cursillo, helped to lead a Clergy Taster Day in March. The Bishop of Dudley, David Walker, offered to have letters of invitation to the clergy sent out from him, and for the day to be held at his home. A small number of clergy attended – exactly the right number, in fact, to fill the sitting room we had been given! – and listened attentively to what Michael and Jenny had to say. The discussions were interesting, and the day was well received.

Durham are holding a similar day in May, and London are doing so in June. Jenny knows from her travels that other Dioceses want to do look at this. If you are finding it difficult to connect with the clergy in your Diocese, please do consider something along these lines. Experience shows that mid-week works best, from about 10am until about 4pm, including a Eucharist wherever possible. BACC have some good ideas, pooled from wide experience, and will be happy to share them with you.

Incidentally, the Bishop of Dudley is booked on Derby #10 Cursillo in the Autumn – a good result!

operation, which led to a great willingness to learn from what was being offered and from each other. This resulted in a good deal of animated discussion and very creative art work. By the time we got to the after party entertainment everyone, team and guests, were ready to have a go. It was hilarious!

There were the quieter times too, worship, meditations and group prayer, *'the being rather than the doing,'* that were highly significant for both the team and our guests. I must add the receiving of Palanca. As our guests opened their 'gifts of prayer', they seemed bewildered that so many people had been praying for them by name, were still praying and would continue to do so. It was the love of God through the prayers of others that I think will be a lasting memory for them.

It was a great privilege to have worked so closely with those from the Diocese of Coventry - we have a lot to live up to. It was also a privilege to work with our guests, from whom I learnt so much. They are the people God has chosen to send out to their Fourth Day to spread the good news of the Gospel and Cursillo. Team and guests alike have made Cursillo history. Alleluia! Ultreya!

## [Sheffield prepares for take-off](#)

Preparations for Sheffield #1 are now well advanced with a team from gifting diocese, Wakefield, making their final preparations for the weekend which takes place on September 29th at Whirlow Grange, Sheffield. John Speller, Lay Director of Wakefield, will lead the team as Lay Rector.

Sheffield Lay Director Liz Chester and SD Ian Smith have received much encouragement from Bishop Jack, who has agreed to celebrate at the Clausura which is on October 2nd at 3pm .

Matthew Caminer reports that 30 separate diocese were represented at the Oxford #1 Clausura. In view of the very central location of Sheffield, let's see if we can top that for Sheffield #1. Please note, that due to the size of the chapel at Whirlow, only the first 150 visitors are assured a seat at the closing service—so make sure you get there early!

In the mean time, please continue to pray for John and his team and especially for all the pilgrims who will be attending Sheffield #1.

could have done it for them in three very well known words: Piety, Study, Action.

And this, surely, is the answer to my question - this is why we do all the bizarre things I mentioned above - because they are not, in any sense, an end in themselves - we do them to help us and all Christians who come to Cursillo to grow in piety, study and action. Cursillo is there, as a movement of the Church, to help people be more faithful disciples, and, like any other movement of the Church, we must never let our enthusiasm for Cursillo block our vision of the bigger picture to which God calls us all.

The very first disciples converted by Peter and the other apostles after the resurrection and the day of Pentecost showed themselves to be faithful - to be faithful to that wonderful Biblical model of piety, study and action - being faithful **to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers** (and if you think you are having a problem working out where action comes, remember the name of the book in which this verse is written!). I am privileged and delighted to play my part in British Anglican Cursillo as your Vice President for the next three years, and I hope that between us, we will show our fidelity to serve God as cursillistas, as members of our church, and as Christians, for the glory of God, and the benefit of the world for which his Son died.

Ultreya!

Dominic Barrington



## ***Rule of Life***

How often do you review yours? As the circumstances of our life change, we may need to re-examine our Rule of Life from time to time, preferably with our Spiritual Director or soul friend. Make sure yours is relevant to where you are today.

If you have mislaid your Rule of Life card please ask a member of your local Cursillo Secretariat if they can supply you with another- they are only available from BACC Resources in quantities of 50 or 100.

## Weekend dates in BACC Pages

A number of people have asked why the dates of forthcoming Cursillo weekends are no longer published in BACC pages. It's not because the editor forgot or there was a lack of space - my feeling is that information about weekends needs to be absolutely up-to-date and completely correct and that the best place to achieve this is on the excellent BACC website.

I recognise that not everyone has access to the internet—but I do believe that everybody has access to someone who has! I'm sure that in every parish and in every reunion group there is someone who could pass on details of forthcoming weekends in good time for prayer and palanca .

However, if you disagree feel free to tell me. If enough people tell me that this is a mistake and folk would really appreciate all the dates being published then I'll look at meeting the need. So, get writing if you want to see the dates in the next issue.

### Cursillo Leaders Workshops 2005/6

Do you want to widen your understanding  
of the Cursillo Method?

Lay people and clergy welcome.

**Rydal Hall, Ambleside, Cumbria**  
**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>—Sun 17<sup>th</sup> July 2005**

**Abbey House, Glastonbury, Somerset**  
**Fri 10<sup>th</sup>—Sun 12<sup>th</sup> March 2006**

**Wydale Hall, Scarborough, North Yorkshire**  
**Fri 5<sup>th</sup>—Sun 7<sup>th</sup> May 2006**

**Offa House, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire**  
**Fri 4<sup>th</sup>—Sun 6<sup>th</sup> August 2006**

Application forms and further details from:

Jean Whitton

## BACC Round

### Oxford Cursillo takes Wings and Flies

Oxford Cursillo is finally off the ground. Working with Coventry, our gifting diocese was a dream. They were tireless in their efforts, displayed huge attention to detail, and displayed sensitive appreciation of the essential balance between their considerable experience of Cursillo on one hand, and the different spiritual centre of Oxford Diocese and the special requirements of the venue on the other. We were and remain immensely grateful to them all.

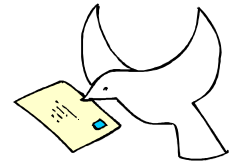
The presence of the Bishop of Oxford at the Clausura for Oxford #1, and the involvement of the Bishop of Reading at Wake-Up were tangible expressions of the support we had received from the Diocese. We were well aware, too, of the prayer support from all over Britain and beyond and were delighted to welcome representatives from twenty dioceses, as well as members of Roman Catholic Cursillo. Listening to the presentations from the tables and chatting with some of the Guests over tea afterwards, I saw the signs of the Holy Spirit at work through Cursillo yet again, and now in a new location. To quote from the order of service, "For what has been, THANKS. For what is yet to come, YES!"

*Matthew Caminer, Lay Director, Oxford Anglican Cursillo*

*Revd Liz Dowding, who served on the team for Oxford #1, picks up the story:*

Bishop Richard's greeting at the closing Eucharist '*Alleluia, Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia.*' echoed my feelings about this first Oxford Cursillo weekend. For many years it has been a dream, then in God's timing he put in place the people he needed to move things forward. There followed three years of very hard work by those dedicated people, which culminated at the Clausura on Sunday 24 April, and as the huge congregation spilled out into the sunshine I felt able to say '*Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!*' We are indeed an Easter people.

Each Cursillo is special. For me it began way back on the first training day as the team began to mould together until we were able to work seamlessly. I don't think I have been on a weekend where team and guests bonded so well. There was so much openness, sharing and co-



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*who feels called to be a Lay Director, and until such a person comes on to the scene, it will not be possible to think in terms of running another Cursillo here. In the meantime, if there is anyone any of us feel would benefit for making a Cursillo, and that the Cursillo movement would benefit from that person's future involvement, then we could explore the possibility of that person making their Cursillo in the UK. I do hope that for your part, you and Michael felt that your visit was worthwhile, and that although the Cursillo movement is only just about surviving, Christian life within the Church in Paphos and the Island is definitely strong and growing!*

**Ralph Taylor**

*Those of us there, were privileged to share their knowledge and wisdom, but even more than that, their faith and their love. The experience of this shared day was very uplifting for me personally and I am sure all of us felt refreshed and inspired to be absolutely determined that the sense of mission of Cursillo will not be lost here in Cyprus. Sometimes quality is as good and powerful as quantity. With few but active seed groups and regular reunions Cursillo will remain a small but strong nucleus on the Island. With God's strength and guidance and in God's own time let us hope and pray and KNOW that it will grow. - ULTREYA !*

**Pat Kingston**

Thank you to everyone who undertook to pray for us during the 4 days of our trip, and special thanks to Cursillo in Scotland, who generously donated sufficient funds to cover our air fares. Please keep Cursillo in Cyprus and the Gulf in your long term prayers.

Jenny & Michael



To Michael Fay  
Catholic Cursillo

Dear Michael

May I, on behalf of all of us in British Anglican Cursillo, extend our sympathies to all our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters in Cursillos in Christianity on the recent death of the Holy Father.

Having watched his funeral on TV, there came a realization of what an impact this man had around the world. Seeing national leaders standing shoulder-to-shoulder when they once would have been in enmity was fitting tribute to Pope John Paul as a human being, and as a figure of unity.

I have been reading The Tablet and Church Times tributes to him, and was most struck by Margaret Hebblethwaite's piece, in which she reminded us that his motto was: 'Totus tous' – 'I am wholly yours'. His whole public life, and particularly his last months, were a confirmation of that statement.

He will be very hard to replace, and I believe I speak for many non-Catholics when I say his passing has been a significant moment in our lives.

Surely, when he is welcomed into heaven, there will be no-one who more deserves the greeting: 'well done, good and faithful servant'.

Our prayers are with you.

Yours in Christ  
Jenny Lowery  
For and on behalf of British Anglican Cursillo Council



## David Lawson – A Remembrance

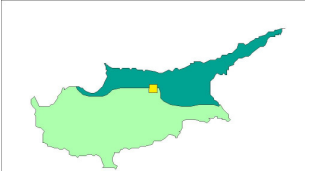


My first meeting with David was on my Cursillo weekend in Southwell in 1988 when he was Lay Rector – and I was completely in awe of him. Of course, as the weekend unfolded I saw many facets of him, both serious and funny, but by Sunday afternoon I knew him as my firm friend.

## Cyprus Cursillo – an Update

Michael Bolley and Jenny Lowery spent a very busy weekend with the Cursillistas at the beginning of April. After two weekends, they found themselves with only a small number of people who wanted to remain involved, and no leadership. We sent invitations to every Cursillista to join us in Limassol, to spend a day listening, teaching and praying together, and looking for a way forward.

Seven people came to our meeting, all of whom were very keen and determined to keep Cursillo going in Cyprus. We helped them establish proper Group Reunions and periodic Ultreyas – not an easy task given the geography of the Diocese, - and are helping them raise the profile of Cursillo in their churches. Sadly, no-one felt able to take on the leadership, so the situation is still a little precarious, but those with whom we were able to spend time were very grateful for the support which BACC is giving them.



These were some of the reactions:

*For the last eighteen months it has been a struggle to maintain Cursillo in Cyprus & The Gulf for various reasons. Knowing this, Jenny and Michael came to meet with us, to talk about where we were now and where we were going. We have been encouraged and revitalised with many positive decisions being made. We are few, but we aim to grow strong through our Reunion groups and Ultreyas, so that when we are ready for Cyprus and The Gulf No. 3 there will be Fourth day with a firm foundation in place to bring people into.*

*Thank you, Jenny and Michael, for the time you gave us, for the Cursillistas of Cyprus and the Gulf it was time very well spent.*

**Barbara Taylor**

*I am sure all of us were extremely thankful that you and Michael took the time and trouble to visit us, to encourage us and help us to map out a way forward. The fellowship, the worship and the discussions we shared certainly encouraged us and we agreed some positive steps aimed at maintaining and hopefully growing support for Cursillo. At present we do not appear to have anyone*



background prayer support . Kairos Outside “Angels” are Volunteers who wish to help, but are able to give only a day or a few hours during a KO Weekend: their help with specific tasks behind the scenes is valuable. The Lord has provided through the generosity of individuals, churches and Trusts, for eight Weekends. The next KOUK Weekend, #9, will be 9-11 September 2005 at The Marist Centre, Nympsfield, Gloucestershire.

The Kairos Outside UK ‘Community’ started in 1998 and is composed of Volunteers and Guests. In 2004 four new UK National Trainers were trained (two of whom are Kairos Outside graduates, i.e. they were once Guests on a KO Weekend). Since then, three “Kairos Outside Back 2 Basics Weekends” have been held, in Dorset, Suffolk and Gloucestershire, for members of the Fourth Day who want to know more about the Ministry, and maybe support it with prayer, time, talent or finance.

**More information** To receive “KO Prayer Points”, or if you would like a “Kairos Outside Back 2 Basics” Weekend in your diocese, or would like to find out about becoming involved, and/or want someone to come and talk to your church/group about Kairos Outside, please contact

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or by post to:

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PO Box 6022,  
Wimborne,  
Dorset,  
BH21 9AE**



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## Southwell Happening

September 2nd - 4th 2005, Happening #14, The Peak Centre, Edale

This forthcoming Happening weekend is being run by Jenny Marchment, from Leicester Diocese. We would encourage you to tell your young people (15ish – 21) about this weekend and also support it yourselves by coming to Wake Up or the Closing Service (Edale is a fabulous place to visit if you want to make a day of it!)

For more information about either of these events, or to request Happening leaflets, please contact Matt Orme, our new president, on [little\\_orme@hotmail.com](mailto:little_orme@hotmail.com)

(Through all the years I knew him, he continued to say he would never forget my telling him at the Clausura that we must have Cursillo in Wakefield – he even tried to imitate my northern accent!)

I did indeed start the ball rolling in Wakefield, and always with enthusiastic support and backing from David. When he was made Lay Director of Southwell, and I started going to BACC Meetings as the ‘new girl’ he was my big brother and protector, as well as my encourager.

David was the Lay Rector when Southwell gifted Cursillo to the Wakefield Diocese, and had seen us through the whole gifting process.

Then he became President of BACC and the previous President of BACC, Mike Hobday, reminded me that it was David who introduced the concept of a BACC Standing Committee and David who hosted the first meeting of the Fourth Day Groups, which gives us valuable contact with other Cursillo-type Movements, and these meetings are still being carried on.

When Hazel’s cancer was diagnosed, I was one of many, many people who were privileged to pray for them both – because they ‘came as a pair’. Their joint ministry was more than the sum of one and one.

Like all of you reading this, I was stunned to hear of his sudden death. Although as a Christian, we would never begrudge one of our brothers or sisters being with Jesus forever, the thought of not having David on the other end of a phone, or a witty email, is one that is too difficult to wrestle with just at the moment.....and I will so miss those hugs!

At his Thanksgiving service, there were 10 Readers and 3 Canons present, showing how his ministry was valued in his Diocese.

Wakefield #26, held on 14-17<sup>th</sup> April, (as well as a weekend held in California at the same time) was dedicated to David’s memory, and we were delighted to have Hazel with us at the Clausura.

David was a big man in every way – he had a big heart, a big faith and a big voice. My enduring memory of David is seeing him in the lounge at Launde Abbey at Wake-Up, leading the singing for Here I am Lord. Well, here he is indeed, Lord, in person – we know he is safe in your keeping.

Jenny Lowery

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| Day of Deeper Understanding                         | BACC | 2004     |
| Fourth Day First                                    | NEC  | 1987     |
| Gifting Cursillo - BACC Guidelines                  | BACC | 2000 Feb |
| Group Reunion                                       | BACC | 2004 Jul |
| Health and Well-being of the Movement               | BACC | 2004     |
| Pastoral Plan                                       | NEC  | 1989     |
| Role of the Clergy in the Cursillo Movement         | NEC  | 1989     |
| Secretariat                                         | NEC  | 1989     |
| Self-Study Checklist for Secretariats               | BACC | 2001 Mar |
| Servant Community                                   | NEC  | 1992     |
| Spiritual Direction                                 | NEC  | 1989     |
| Sponsorship                                         | BACC | 2000 Sep |
| Strategy for Restarting/Renewing Cursillo Movements | BACC | 2003     |
| Table Leaders Guide                                 | BACC | 2003     |
| Ultreya                                             | BACC | 2001 Mar |
| What is Cursillo?                                   | NEC  | 1989     |
| BACC - What is it?                                  | BACC | 2002 Dec |

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| Cursillo Badges                               | £1                       |
| Cursillo Crucifix (Christ is counting on you) | £3                       |
| Rule of Life cards                            | £3.50 per 100, £2 per 50 |
| Floating Reunion cards                        | 10p each                 |
| Threefold colour leaflet (reprinted)          | £5 per 100               |
| A5 colour poster                              | £1 per 5                 |

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## Kairos Outside

The purpose of Kairos Outside is to demonstrate God's grace and love through Christian support for women who have relatives/friends who are or who have been in prison.

**Kairos Outside** is an International Ecumenical Ministry outside Prison, which reaches out to these women, organises "Kairos Outside Weekends" (developed from Cursillo), Reunions, and on-going contact with Weekend Guests where appropriate.

**Founded on Prayer.** As with all Fourth Day movements, Kairos Outside is founded on prayer and Kairos Outside UK (KOUK) is grateful for those who support the Ministry in this way. "Kairos Outside Prayer Points" are sent to a growing number of people.

**Kairos Outside** is about EMPOWERING especially WOMEN who have been disempowered by circumstances and choices forced upon them, causing them to "serve a sentence" they do not deserve. It is about creating a network of support for them within the Fourth Day, so that they can look the world squarely in the face and be a support to their children and family members, also to those relatives/friends who are or have been in prison.

**Kairos Outside** is a Pastoral ministry. Women are respected and accepted unconditionally, regardless of who they are and what they believe. Christian volunteers have the opportunity to minister God's love and grace to them, creating a safe place on a Weekend, where they can be open and honest about their anger, frustrations, fears and struggles. They find courage, hope and joy to face their challenges, supported by others in similar situations. They discover that they are not alone, and this is a tremendous relief to them.

**Kairos Outside** is about restoring respect and dignity. In Prison Visiting Rooms, women are 'herded' and treated without much respect. They have to cope with children who struggle tremendously, and many times 'in silence'. They have to 'foot the bills', while whoever brought their 'sentence' upon them, is 'looked after' in prison: that is how many experience it.

**Kairos Outside Weekend Teams** are volunteers who have made their own Fourth Day Weekend, (Cursillo, Kairos Outside, Tres Dias, Walk to Emmaus etc). Men can only be on a Weekend Team if their wives are 'on team' as well, and the men serve in practical ways and by giving

Do I go back into the midst of all this and say “Halleluiah, Christ is Risen!”?

Somehow, I don't think the message would be understood.

Instead, I will pray. I will pray for change and for healing outside but also for change and healing inside; for my own understanding and wisdom and for opportunity and my reaction to it.

I will allow time in my life for God to achieve his plan through me, not just time for my plan. Time to stop and listen. Time to “drop in” on people. Totally empty time, with nothing in it, nothing planned, ready for God to fill with unexpected events and small kindnesses.

I will smile and hug and not be afraid to open my heart.

I will try new things, go where God leads and stand up and say what should be said.

I will walk with my eyes open, alert. I will be found waiting.

And most of all, because for all this I will need God's help, I will ask for help and it will be given.

These are my environments; this is my evangelism; this is my plan.

And God has given you yours; unique and only executable by you.”

## Caption Competition

In the last issue you were invited to submit an amusing (or otherwise) caption to this photograph taken at the 2004 National Ultreya held in Bradford. Alas, cursillistas must be a very uncompetitive bunch because I had no entries. Since I thought up a caption I'll have to award myself a pat on the back in lieu of a prize. The caption?

*“That's funny, I'm positive there were two fishes in here when I set off this morning!”*

Not very good, I know, but you lot didn't do any better!



# National Ultreya 2005 Chichester, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

## Morning Session

Central Primary School, Orchard Street, Chichester

- 9:30 am Registration and refreshments
- 10:15 Welcome and Introductions
- 10:30 Floating Group Reunion
- 11:15 Witness Talk and Response
- 11:45 Jenny Lowery, BACC President
- 12:05 Lunch—Bring your own—refreshments available

## Afternoon Session

Chichester Cathedral

- 1:00 pm Banner bearers assemble
- 1:25 Walk of Witness
- 2:15 All seated in the Cathedral
- 2:30 Eucharist
- 4:15 Back at Central Primary School for tea

Please note this is a draft timetable.

For information on travel directions, accommodation arrangements or any other question you may have please visit the Chichester Cursillo website [www.chichestercursillo.co.uk](http://www.chichestercursillo.co.uk).

We look forward to seeing you there! Ultreya!



## Discovering Servant Leaders

Cursillo Leaders Workshop, or in Cursillo shorthand CLW. What is it for? and to whom is it aimed?

It is organised by the British Anglican Cursillo Council (BACC) to bring into the light an understanding of the proper purpose, method and content of Cursillo for those thinking of becoming leaders in the movement, i.e. considering working within servant communities / secretariats or prospective lay rector. Through prayer, study and action, the workshop seeks:

1. To deepen commitment to Christ amongst Cursillo leadership.
2. To clarify the purpose and method of Cursillo - a tool of the Church.
3. To give leaders a clear understanding of their role and the methods at their disposal.
4. To help and advise the leadership of Diocesan Cursillos in the UK, assisting them overcome local problems and to be truly effective in bringing Christ to all.

What it most certainly is not is a re-living of the 3-day weekend.

It is a sharing of love through learning the method and place of Cursillo within Christ's church, exploring the founders' thinking and vision, sharing our stories and ideas with each other - experiencing servant leadership.

Does your Diocese regularly advertise and send cursillistas to CLW? if not, why not catch the vision of Cursillo to enable you to do Christ's mission in this world.

John Holland

You can find details of forthcoming CLWs on page 6. If you think that you would benefit from attending one of these workshops please discuss with your Lay Director before applying for a place. Many Cursillo Secretariats are able to offer modest financial support to people attending a CLW especially if they are to be future Lay Rectors. There are only a few places left on the 2005 CLWs so please book early to make sure you secure your place.

## Witness Talk

This talk was given by Catherine Pocock at a recent Ely Cursillo Weekend on the subject of Environments (Talk number 11).

“To prepare for this rollo I was given a set of notes. I think that because Cursillo came to the UK from the United States it has a slightly “American” flavour. This talk is called “The Study and Evangelisation of Environments”, which sounds like a good title for a long, boring talk!

I'm supposed to tell you to go back and look at your environments to see how you can Christianise them, you are supposed to study the local world you live in, and then make a plan to evangelise to the angry and hurt bloke in the next village being divorced by his wife? She waited until he had a breakdown and was admitted to a psychiatric ward and then told him he couldn't come home. She is getting the house and their two teenage boys.

Or the farmer living in and working the land around our village, who has been living with cancer for well over a year now, with no real hope of recovery, but working on regardless. Although we all know that one day soon he just isn't going to get up.

Or the alcoholic who comes to church; each Sunday his hands shake just a little more, his eyes and nose just a little redder, and the communion wine keeps going down at a rate that just isn't quite right for eight communicants.

And what about the elderly woman, living a few doors down, recently widowed, now having trouble with the basics of shopping, gardening and generally getting around; but whose eyes don't tell of these cares, just of how dreadfully, terribly much she is missing her husband.

And how do I evangelise my two friends, wondering over the miracle of life in their new baby, but put off church by culture, age, race and the almost impenetrable fog of strange words and traditions?

Or at work the women in the office next to mine who drops in regularly to tell me about her family and her horses and once we get chatting also wants to talk about her son, who died from cot death over ten years ago? Or to my colleague in the desk opposite getting through life by chasing the next promotion. Or my granny, a humanist?; or my mother with bipolar depression?