



Lincoln Cursillo  
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Lay Director's Report

It would seem wrong, whilst writing this report, not to acknowledge the sudden death of Rev Richard Thornton, which I heard about yesterday. Richard was a very significant person within the Lincoln Diocesan Cursillo movement, and will be missed dreadfully. Our love and prayers go out to Julie. Richard and Julie attended Lincoln #20 in 1995. (The first time I staffed!) They have remained very involved, hosting a Reunion Group and other Cursillo committee meetings for many years. I know Piers especially appreciated Richard's help with the organisation of the National Ultreya when it was held in Lincoln in 2011.

It is farewell, too, to those in the West Norfolk Reunion Group. Not through bereavement, but because it has been decided that it would be more sensible for them to "belong" to the Norwich Cursillo, now that it has come into being! The idea came from the Group members, so it is not a case of being manipulated by the powers that be! I have been in touch with the Norwich Lay Director, Jean Rockett, and we are in agreement that it would be easier for them to attend Ultreyas and events there than in the Lincoln diocese. They will be well looked after! We won't lose touch, though - Bridget assures me she will pop up from time to time! One of the beauties of Cursillo is the unconditional love that underlines the feeling of family wherever we meet. There has already been a cross-fertilisation of Team members on weekends in both dioceses, and friendships built up will surely flourish.

Plans for Lincoln #31 are progressing well. Just 7 Pilgrims at present. Please pray for Pilgrims and Team alike.

The Secretariat has booked Bishop Grosseteste for #32 in June 2016! Do keep in prayer those who will attend and those who will staff - yet to be decided!

My younger dog, Zoe, wrote an article for our parish magazine this afternoon. We have just returned from a fabulous two-week holiday in the Yorkshire Dales, and she was ruminating about the lovely long walks we enjoyed. I helped her draw parallels with the experiences of people on their spiritual journey. (Maybe I will ask our editor if there is room in this Imp-sheet to include it!) I am increasingly thankful for those who walk alongside me on my own journey, especially my Cursillo family. If you read my report about the Santiago Pilgrimage you may remember how I became increasingly aware of God as Companion as I consciously stilled my mind. A recent silent retreat at Launde Abbey was a joy and blessing too. Silence is not for everyone, but I would encourage you to give it a go! The trouble was that I felt a reluctance to take up the reins again when I came home! But the almost tangible presence of God remains, and I look forward to sharing fellowship with you all at the various Cursillo events coming up! Find out about them in this Imp Sheet, and put them in your diaries! And don't forget to look for the BACC pages too, available on the National website - they make inspirational reading!

Ultreya! Liz x

## Spiritual Directors Report

### **It's all excitement!**

Yes, it's all excitement, especially for the team who will staff the weekend of Lincoln Cursillo #31 at the beginning of October. As I write it is August, and soon we are to have the first of the two training days, when the staff will gather to discuss the weekend.

That team has been selected under its team leader, the Lay Rector, John Scott. Each member will be allocated their duties and their responsibilities. As they work together in preparation, the team grow closer, and become determined to make the coming weekend the best one yet.

I am sure that you will remember making your own Cursillo, at least some of it!

Certain times, some events will be clear in your minds. Do you remember all the fifteen Rollos, those talks?

I don't expect that you remember a lot of those.

What about the meditations? Not much, I suppose.

Well, what do you remember?

I know what you remember, it's the singing, the artwork, the laughter, the surprises, but most of all the love. Most Pilgrims are a little taken aback by the outpouring of God's love as the weekend progresses.

Prayer, study and action are the pillars of the Cursillo Way. Each of those foundations informs the others. So I ask you to play your part in the coming weekend. Each person who has made their Cursillo is a Cursillista. And as a Cursillista you are a disciple, so I ask you to pray for the team and for the Pilgrims, in the coming weeks.

Pray for the success of the weekend.

Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit of both Pilgrims and staff.

Remember your own weekend, and pray that the new pilgrims will experience the love of God in new ways.

Pray that they will come to realisation of their part in the life of the universal church, to fulfil God's plan for his creation.

In Cursillo #31 the staff will need anticipation and stamina. My mother taught me about them.

About stamina she said, 'You'll sit there until all those sprouts are gone.'

About anticipation she said, 'You just wait till your father gets home!'

Whatever is happening in your life right now, whatever are your circumstances, I know that God will be with you, and I pray for God's blessing on you.

As Dickens' "Tiny Tim" says "God bless us, each and every one."

Jeff

### BACC Pages

The Spring 2015 edition is available from:

[http://www.anglicancursillo.co.uk/BACC%20Pages/bacc\\_pages-spring\\_2015.pdf](http://www.anglicancursillo.co.uk/BACC%20Pages/bacc_pages-spring_2015.pdf)

Bradford, Ripon & Leeds and Wakefield Cursillos have merged into West Yorkshire and the Dales Cursillo or WYAD for short. See page 23 of the Spring BACC Pages for details.

## CLW at Shepherds Dene, Riding Mill, Northumberland

"Have just returned from a wonderful weekend up in Northumberland with fellow Cursillistas and what a joy the whole weekend was.

Gillian Padley had a bit of a white knuckle ride there and back, I don't think living in the fast lane with my driving was what she expected!! However she's survived to tell the tale. Shepherd Dene is a wonderful building and the staff were super, giving us delicious meals etc. Nothing was too much trouble. The surrounding countryside was beautiful and every morning we pulled the curtains and had a splendid view.

We both felt it was a valuable weekend in so many ways, particularly as Gillian is to be a Lay Rector soon. We learned so much about the Cursillo Weekend and what is involved in an authentic weekend. We also discovered just how important sponsorship is and its responsibilities. Choosing the right pilgrim, at the right time, for the right reasons is so important. Imparting the importance of the 4th day and the follow up to the pilgrim before they go on the weekend was felt to be of the utmost importance, after all the 4th day is what Cursillo is really all about.

The leaders were excellent, Jan Watts, Paul Thacker and Hugh Burgess and the worship so full of the Holy Spirit. I think they must have heard us all across the North-East when we sang!! We met and made lots of other friends and I know we shall keep in touch and meet up hopefully at Blackburn in September.

I truly believe it would be worth advertising at the Ultreya in Sept at Woodhall Spa as I know anyone who decided to go would benefit in so many ways."

All the best to you, Libby

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# Lincoln #31

Sunday 4th to Wednesday 7th of October 2015

The Old Palace  
Lincoln

Please pray for John Scott, the staff  
and the pilgrims

## Clausura

All Saints Nettleham  
3:00 for 3:30

## Wake up Breakfast

DECKS  
Lincoln Tesco Extra  
Wragby Road, LN2 4QQ



## Palanca.

The following Weekends have been sent a Palanca Poster from Lincoln Cursillo.  
Please support them with Palanca prayer.

Date	Cursillo
10-13 September	<u>West Yorkshire and the Dales #3</u> (formally Bradford, Rippon & Wakefield)
24-27 September	<u>North East Ladies Walk #11<sup>M</sup></u>
1-4 October	<u>North West Mens #27<sup>M</sup></u>
8-11 October	<u>Ely #30, Shrewsbury<sup>C</sup></u>
15-18 October	<u>Peterborough #9</u>
22-25 October	<u>York #23, Chester #51, Canterbury #54,</u> <u>Coventry #46, Oxford #17</u>
29 October - 1 November	<u>Chelmsford #31, London #29, Blackburn #62,</u>
12-15 November	<u>Leicester #41, Liverpool<sup>C</sup></u>

<sup>C</sup> Catholic Church - Cursillos in Christianity

<sup>M</sup> Methodist Church - Walk to Emmaus

## Celebrating Cursillo in Neighbouring Dioceses

### Southwell & Nottingham

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June I went to Southwell Minster, as a guest of Southwell & Nottingham Anglican Cursillo, to take part in their **30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration!** Fortunately I found it easy to find, and, almost more importantly, there was a pay-and-display car park immediately opposite!

The morning session was in their equivalent of our "Old Palace," which has been restored and now known as "The State Chamber." Although on my own I immediately felt as if with Family, as I was greeted with a hug from one of their Spiritual Directors and shown where to display our banner. I soon found people I know - Jenny who came on the Santiago Pilgrimage with us, Angela & David Simcox who have recently moved to live in that diocese, Jacqui Johnson, our East Midlands rep on BACC, and several other people from Leicester and other dioceses who had come to our own 20<sup>th</sup> celebration in January of this year. One such was Elaine King, the Lay Director of Southwell & Nottingham. Unfortunately Elaine has been very ill and was not long out of hospital. She was not looking her best, and had indeed been advised not to attend, but she so wanted to head up the Celebration, and did so with such heart and soul. We began with several worship songs, with true Cursillo enthusiasm!

The invited speakers were our National Spiritual Director, Hugh Burgess, and our National President, Sally Hanniker-Major. Largely it was a repeat of their talks with us in January, but very valuable revision. They challenged us to think of the value of Cursillo, concluding that it is not just one way of being a disciple, but that its purpose is to support the Church in its mission of growing disciples. We considered what form Cursillo might take to fulfil this purpose in the coming years. Hugh's vision is to see "The Cursillo Method" of Prayer, Study & Action made available in every church in England, Scotland and Wales by the year 2020! We were encouraged to invite people to our Reunion Groups, even if they have not attended a "Weekend." Or, to invite a few folk from our own congregations to share something similar over a coffee. The method is a gift to the Church, even if people do not recognise it as Cursillo!

A wonderful (free) buffet lunch was enjoyed together, with much chattering and sharing. Then we moved into the Minster for a Eucharist led by Bishop Tony. He asked, "What is Ministry?" and his answer was, "To prepare God's people for Service." He encouraged us to live a life that is worthy; to "Walk the Walk" and not just "Talk the Talk."

There followed the sharing of a massive cake, beautifully iced and decorated, and yummy to eat!!

A lovely day to share in; a day to remember!

### Leicester

On the next Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015, I went to Leicester Cathedral to take part in their **21<sup>st</sup> Birthday celebration!** Unfortunately their vision to share fellowship over a picnic lunch in the cathedral grounds beforehand was thwarted by inclement weather. Nevertheless, fellowship abounded during the afternoon! Only one other person from Lincoln Cursillo was there, but I still recognised the familiar feeling of unconditional love within the Cursillo family! Banners

were processed from seven dioceses - Leicester, Lincoln, Durham, Sheffield, London, Norwich and Chester. I was amazed how far people are prepared to travel to represent their dioceses - perhaps I shouldn't have been. The Eucharist was celebrated by their Bishop Christopher, who had himself done a Cursillo weekend - in Malawi! All the servers seemed to be wearing Cursillo pendants too.

Our National Spiritual Director had been invited to preach. He reflected on people coming together for birthdays, and especially for a 21<sup>st</sup>, when someone is on the brink of adulthood. He mentioned Paul, in his reply to the Corinthians, reminding them not to build ministry on experiences alone, but to rely on God's strength when we return to the plain from the mountain top. I'm sure I needn't spell out the parallel he drew to Cursillo! He again shared his 20:20 vision, for the Cursillo method to be used in all parishes by the year 2020. At the end of the service Sally, our National President, gave a greeting. She reminded us to keep on meeting in our Reunion Groups, where we can be encouraged and empowered. There we can thrive and grow, ready to bloom where we are planted - in our parishes.

I should like to leave you with a thought from the Intercessions; that we might be **Vigilant in Prayer, Diligent in Study, and Discerning in Action.**

Ultreya! Liz

*(The birthday cake was yummy again! Good job I have no other invitations to significant Cursillo celebrations at present!)*

**Norwich**  
**ULTREYA**

**Sat 12th September**

**St Edmund's church**

**TAVERHAM**

**Norwich**

**NR8 6SY**

**10-00 for 11-00**

**Bring & Share lunch**

**Lincoln**

**ULTREYA**

**Sat 19th September**

**St Peter's**

**Woodhall Spa**

**12:00 Noon**

**Eucharist**

**Bring-and-share lunch**

**Ultreya**

## NORWICH ULTREYA IN THE CATHEDRAL. June 13th

On a very,very, wet Saturday morning in June I took the bus to Norwich to attend Norwich Cursillo's 1<sup>st</sup> Ultreya in the cathedral.

I sat down in the cathedral next to a lady called Pauline who knew nothing at all about cursillo, but was in Norwich to visit a very sick and dear friend in hospital and had then come into the cathedral and was pleased to find our service about to begin. She shared in our floating reunion group, joined in our worship and listened with us to the interesting witness talk. After the service Pauline said she had enjoyed and taken comfort from the fellowship she had shared with us. I would like to think that the Holy Spirit had led Pauline to join us on that day. Maybe she will even be a future cursillesta!

Having recently staffed on Norwich# 7 it was good to renew friendships and to meet up with Bill and Pat Rout (Lincoln# 8),who now live in Norfolk and are active in Norwich cursillo.

Our time together was concluded with a bring and share lunch. It was lovely to see that the rain had gone and be met with sunshine as I came out of the cathedral.

Bridget Everitt



### **Winter Event**

**16 January 2016**

### **Labyrinth**

**Led by Mike Burson Thomas**

**9.30 for 10.00 - 3.30**

**[Bailgate Methodist Church](#)**

**bring-and-share lunch**

**Cost £5.00**

**Bookings: Angela Simcox**

**Phone 0115 874 8249**

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## Puppy Tales

## Following the Way



We have just come home from two weeks holiday in the Yorkshire Dales. We have had some fantastic walks! Sometimes they were longer than expected, because of Dad's (lack of) map-reading skills. (He would say it was because of insufficient signposts!) Our very first walk was supposed to be two hours, but it took three and a half! Mum got the giggles when she fell over with exhaustion for the second time! We all got very wet walking through the moorland heather trying to rediscover the footpath. But we found it eventually, and all was well.

Sometimes, even if we were going the right way things were not easy. There were millions of stiles, of all shapes and sizes. I could wriggle through most of the V-shaped ones, but Annie is a little wider than me, and had to be lifted over them. We got good at managing the step ones - with a little help scrambling down the other side. The trickiest were the ladder stiles over walls. We couldn't do those at all. Annie is good about being lifted - she trusts them and lets it happen. I'm afraid to say I panic a bit and make it even harder for Mum and Dad to help me. I'm afraid I got a bit distracted sometimes too - there were so many sheep that I would have liked to talk to, and RABBITS - just asking to be chased! Dad had to keep a very tight hold on me to stop me running off in the wrong direction. We also got stung by nettles from time to time. All very exciting though, and very hungry-making! (Mum took us Bonios for a treat at lunchtimes when they were eating their picnic.)

Mum says similar diversions and problems can hold people up too, on their spiritual journey. Sometimes they stray from the path, either because they turn the wrong way by accident, or because they become distracted by something that tempts them to leave the right path for a while. And sometimes they face things that get in the way even if they are on the right path. Their "stiles" and "nettles" might be problems at work, challenging relationships, debt, redundancy or failing exams, stress, physical accidents or illness, or bereavement. But their "Dad" - God - is there to help them, if they will allow him to. She says some people are better than others at accepting help from others on the same journey. Maybe they should just let it happen!

Overall, the journey is well worth it! Keep going! Zoe

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## **The Myers-Briggs Workshops**

The final session, Conflict is on the 7th November 2015 in the Blenkin Memorial Hall, Boston.

The Hall is in the pedestrian section at the end of Wormgate and is opposite the North Door of St Botolph's Church in Old Vicarage Close. The Hall has no parking, but parking will be available at the back of the Hall in Dexter & Sharpe's Accountants with access from the Close. To get there you have to drive over the Town Bridge and turn half left into the Market. It's market day and the road goes between the market stalls with the Old Vicarage Close on the left at the end. Sat Nav is PE21 6NA. To get to the Town Bridge go either down West St at the mini roundabout just over the level crossing on the A52 or down High St which is first left going east on the A16 from the big roundabout at the junction of the A52 and A16.

For a map of Boston showing Blenkin Hall go to: <http://lincolnkursillo.btck.co.uk/Myers-Briggs>.

## Cursillo Leaders Workshops

23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at Oblate Centre, Wistaston Hall, Crewe

15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at Oblate Centre, Wistaston Hall, Crewe

30<sup>th</sup> September - 2<sup>nd</sup> October at Shallowford House, Stone

There are plenty of places available on October's CLW. If you are interested in attending this or any other please contact the BACC Rep Mary Dixie (see below) and she will make the necessary arrangements. Please don't contact the venue directly.

### Website

The Lincoln Cursillo website: <http://lincolncursillo.btck.co.uk/> includes all the articles in this Imp Sheet which can be found in the [News & Articles](#) page.

Items from previous editions can be found in [News & Articles Resource](#) page.

There is also a [Downloads](#) page that includes the publicity posters and pamphlets, secretariat job descriptions, weekend application forms and past editions of the Imp Sheet.

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The West Norfolk reunion group in Kings Lynn have decided it would be sensible to transfer to Norwich Cursillo. We wish them well as they join the Cursillo family in Norfolk

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## Lincoln Cursillo Dates

<b>2015</b>			
22 August	9.30 for 10.00 - 4.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Training Day #31	<a href="#">Bailgate Methodist</a>
5 September	NATIONAL ULTREYA		<a href="#">Blackburn</a>
19 September	9.30 for 10.00 - 12.00	2nd Training Day #31	<a href="#">St Peter's Hall</a> <a href="#">St Peter's Church</a> <a href="#">Woodhall Spa</a>
	12.00 - 4.00	Eucharist bring-and-share lunch ULTREYA	
4 - 7 October	<a href="#">Lincoln Cursillo #31</a>		<a href="#">The Old Palace</a>
7 October	Wake up Breakfast		<a href="#">Decks - Tesco</a>
13 October	Secretariat away day		<a href="#">Stixwould</a>
17 October	9.30 for 10.00 - 1.30	What next #31	<a href="#">Bailgate Methodist</a>
23 - 25 October	<a href="#">CLW weekend</a>		<a href="#">Wistaston Hall, Crewe</a>
7 November	9.00 for 9.30 - 4.30	<a href="#">MBTI Event</a> <a href="#">4 - Conflict</a>	Boston
28 November	9.30 for 10.00 - 12.30	Secretariat	<a href="#">Bailgate Methodist</a>
<b>2016</b>			
9 January	9.30 for 10.00 - 12.30	Secretariat	<a href="#">Bailgate Methodist</a>
16 January	9.30 for 10.00 - 3.30	WINTER EVENT	<a href="#">Bailgate Methodist</a>
5 March	9.30 for 10.00 - 12.30	Secretariat	<a href="#">Bailgate Methodist</a>
12 March	AGM + ULTREYA		TBA
15 - 17 April	<a href="#">CLW weekend</a>		<a href="#">Wistaston Hall, Crewe</a>
21 May	BACC C+V conference and AGM		<a href="#">Swanwick</a>
17 - 20 June	Lincoln #32		<a href="#">Bishop Grosseteste</a>
16 July	9.30 for 10.00 - 12.30	Secretariat	<a href="#">Bailgate Methodist</a>
3 September	NATIONAL ULYREYA		<a href="#">York</a>
30 September - 2 October	<a href="#">CLW weekend</a>		<a href="#">Shallowford House</a> <a href="#">Stone</a>
15 October	9.30 for 10.00 - 12.30	Secretariat	<a href="#">Bailgate Methodist</a>