



Lincoln Cursillo  
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Lay Director's Report

It is a grey day as I sit here in my newly decorated study seeking inspiration! I have moved my desk, and so I have a new perspective - I can now see out of two windows instead of just looking at a wall! More risk of distraction of course, but also the potential for inspiration!

Sometimes it is good to look at situations from a new perspective. And so it was that the Secretariat met at "Time Away" at Stixwould a couple of months ago, to spend time with each other and with God, as we sought to re-jiggle the Weekend programme, in order to find more "space" within a very full three days. We each came with our own ideas, and these we metaphorically lay down as we sought God's perspective on it. There could have been tension, but I am happy to say that it all went really well! We began by writing in the "compulsory" items as set by BACC guidelines onto large programme sheets made from wallpaper - the 5 meditations, 15 Rollos, and daily worship. We then reassessed the purpose of each "optional" item, trying to keep a broad experience of Anglican spirituality. Amazingly, by the end of the afternoon, by moving things around and by combining some of the items with the acts of worship, we had managed to find two free hours during the afternoons of days 1 & 2, without actually omitting any individual item! Praise God for His guidance over the day. Praise God, too, for the generosity of spirit from everyone who attended!

We will need to view things from a different perspective, too, when we hold #32 at Bishop Grosseteste next June. A new location will mean the Team will not be able to rely on old patterns. An advance party has been there to spy out the land, so to speak! We may need to adjust things to allow for a larger site, but we are pleased with the facilities and the willingness of the staff there to listen to our odd requests! (You know what I mean!) We haven't formed the Team yet, so please be in prayer for the right people to be willing and available!

Last month I attended the fourth, and last, session in our Myers Briggs series of workshops. This one was about Conflict, and helping each other to understand how different personality types interpret conflict as well as how they deal with it. Revd Aly Buxton led us with wisdom and positively. We were privileged to spend the day with her at Boston Stump - an inspirational place that, after troubles of its own, is building up a thriving relationship with the town.

So - back to big decisions as to where to replace everything in the study! Moving the furniture means new locations for all the pictures! A fruitful distraction as long as I don't chip the plaster putting in new nails!

Hoping to see you at our Winter Event!

Ultreya!

Liz x

## Spiritual Directors Report

### Through Remembrance and on to Christmas

Now we are in the season of Remembrance. Already there have been All Souls Services in many churches, where those who are grieving can come to light candles of remembrance. These services are very moving and can help mourners to let go some of the hurt.

As I write I have just finished preparing to lead a Remembrance Day Service. It seems that Britain has been involved in wars and armed conflicts for the whole of my life. Almost inevitably, there are casualties and deaths. It is fitting that we take time to remember and pray for those who have been badly injured or died.

George Santayana wrote in his book "Life of Reason, Reason in Common Sense"

'Those who cannot remember the past are doomed to repeat it.'

Sadly, mankind never seems to learn from its mistakes, yet we long for peace.

Someone called David Roberts wrote about peace;

#### **'There Will Be Peace'**

There will be peace:

when attitudes change;

when self-interest is seen as part of common interest;

when old wrongs, old scores, old mistakes, are deleted from the account;

when the aim becomes co-operation & mutual benefit,

rather than revenge, or seizing maximum personal or group gain;

when justice & equality before the law, become the basis of government;

when basic freedoms exist;

when leaders - political, religious, educational (& the police, & the media)

wholeheartedly embrace the concepts of justice, equality, freedom, tolerance, &

reconciliation, as a basis for renewal;

when parents teach their children new ways to think about people.

There will be peace: when enemies become fellow human beings.

Where is God in all this? Does he watch from a distance? Is he impartial or uncaring?

Absolutely not. Jesus told us that whoever had seen him had seen the Father. Jesus himself cared deeply for all people during his earthly life. He cared enough that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples at that first Pentecost, and still remains with us.

Since I seem to be name dropping, here's another. Bishop David Jenkins was asked to write a creed, a statement of faith in just one line. He said,

"I believe God is as he is in Jesus, therefore there is hope."

That hope is for all mankind, and we, as members of the Cursillo movement, show that hope in our method - prayer, study, action. The more members of Lincoln Cursillo I meet, the more I am in awe of the way in which you show God's love with everyone. Your enthusiasm is a delight and an inspiration.

After the Clausura service for Lincoln #31 in October, the incumbent, the Revd. Richard Crossland, said how wonderful it would be to get congregations with this kind of enthusiasm in churches on Sundays.

Soon it will be another kind of remembrance. Of course, that will be the celebration of Christmas. People the world over celebrate Christmas, even if they are not Christians. For so many, it is just a holiday, or a time for parties, or a chance to receive presents. If only they knew the joy with which Christians experience Christmas. If only they knew the joy that Cursillistas get at Christmas, and we can party too!

So as you remember the birth of the Christ child, I wish you a holy, joyful, and exuberant Christmas.

And as Tiny Tim said "God bless us, each and every one."

Jeff.



Lincoln Cursillo Facebook is a closed Group for members of Lincoln Cursillo.

If you wish to join the group please contact your Reunion Group Leader or a member of the Secretariat and they will pass on the request.



## 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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## Lincoln #31



Whenever the Lord calls you to follow Him in order to undertake a task your body always seems to be dragged kicking and screaming, 'I've got something else to do.' Perhaps it's the sense of things to come that are beyond our understanding, taking power away from us, requiring us to obey without question.

So it was when I gathered with the staff of #31 at Edward King to welcome the twelve pilgrims who were probably in a more nervous situation than I, knowing little of what the few days retreat would bring.

Our first task was to welcome each of them as they were brought by their sponsors to be cared for, to be loved and to be gently guided to come into the presence of God. As the few days unfolded, listening to the Rollos, sharing with everyone as we all felt the layers being gently peeled away so the Lord could work His wonderful life changing way with each of us, staff as well as pilgrims.

Each morning we dragged ourselves from the warm cocoon of our beds to begin the day in the presence of the Lord through the Eucharist. Having fed the body at His table we took ourselves to another table and had breakfast.

Next came the feeding of our minds through listening, talking and learning. All these sessions led us to walk more closely with God. We 'let go and let God' so our spirits could be refreshed.

Finally, after an amazing retreat the pilgrims fell tired, but laughing, into the arms of their sponsors again as they took them back into the world, not that it was going to be easy to touch the ground with their feet again.

All of us are changed people, never to be the childlike persons we were, now we have grown up a bit more, having been touched by the Holy Spirit to 'go out into the whole world and make disciples of all people.' Staff or pilgrim, we thank God for this experience, never to be forgotten.

Angela Simcox

## Lincoln #31 A Personnel Reflection

Firstly, I had never heard of Cursillo and initially saw the course advertised in Crosslinks. Having recently retired from a career in the Police Service I thought that I would give it a try. My hope was that having retired the course would help me to move forward with my faith and give me some direction now that I had more time to concentrate. Initially I sent an email to Liz Lilley and was quickly contacted by John and Judith Scott (Caythorpe & Claypole Group) who came to visit me at my home address and then agreed to be my sponsor. By this time I had brushed up a bit on the background and history of Cursillo and felt very positive about attending the course, but kept an open mind and did not come up with any preconceived ideas. My one predominate feeling was one of expectation and excitement particularly as in November my wife and I had planned an extended retirement holiday to New Zealand to see our son and his family. The course therefore was to fit in perfectly. Little did I fully realize just how perfect the timing was, because just after the course I was diagnosed with having Prostate Cancer and as a result our holiday had to be cancelled.

Well, the course was everything I prayed it would be - and more!! Firstly I thought the venue was fantastic right by the cathedral and the accommodation excellent, particularly as I was very fortunate to get my own room which facilitated some quiet time to reflect following the busy daily schedule. Altogether there were twelve pilgrims on the course and we were split into three groups. My group was called St Paulinus. I have attended many courses throughout my career, but it was absolutely clear right from the start that this course 'just clicked'. Not just the pilgrims but the course leaders. A lot of the time was spent in our individual groups, but during meals and down time all pilgrims mixed together and I am confident in saying that the Pilgrims on Cursillo #31 feel that they have made special friends during the course - a feeling that we have happily travelled together on this our Cursillo journey.

It was wonderful to meet everybody again at the 4th Day Debrief following the course and to go over once again our experiences. I think that we all agreed that the three most impressive experiences during the course were the evening candle lit meditation, the last days 'Quiet Morning Meditation'!! and of course the final Clausura at Nettleham. There I was dancing around in the aisle with a cross and brightly coloured lanyard around my neck and two butterflies on my chest shoulder to shoulder with my new friends praising and thanking The Lord. There was a brief moment when I thought 'What on earth would my old police colleagues think of me now'!! It was also the first time that I had expressed myself in this way. To actually raise my hand and arm in praise was in itself a miracle!

It was wonderful to experience such 'a high', but of course it would be impossible to remain at sure a high pitch and a few days later I came down with a bit of a bump, especially when I was informed about the cancer and then the wait to see whether it had spread. Without any doubt whatsoever Cursillo has given me the extra strength to put the matter into God's hands. My cancer has not spread and I have elected the surgery option to remove my prostate. My operation is imminent.

Following Cursillo it was a very special experience to return once again to my own church at St Wilfred's, Metherringham. I felt uplifted, sort of different in a new and exciting way and it was such a pleasure to place my Cursillo Poster on the church notice board with friends asking me what it was all about. My hope is that I will be in a position to sponsor one or more of these friends on the next course.



I feel sure that the timing of my Cursillo was much more than just a coincidence, like many other things in my life which could be assessed by some to be exactly that - a complete coincidence. For me Cursillo has given my faith the boost I needed and I am grateful that I have managed to squeeze in a Reunion Group Meeting before my operation. Again I have met some wonderful new friends.

ULYREYA!!

Nigel

### **PARTY BOX**

It was noted that the contents of the party box are somewhat depleted. While we do not need a lot if anyone does see any suitable items (especially rainbows and butterfly's) they would be gratefully received. All costs are reclaimable. Please pass any items to the Secretariat or bring them to the next event.

Palanca Imp for #31 Susanne

### **Ultreya/AGMS/Summer & Winter Events**

We are a family and therefore it should be good for us to meet up occasionally.

We are trying to find out why more people do not attend the above events. There is no right or wrong answer. It is just to help us see if we need to change things in any way. Any comments you have will be treated confidentially and do not need to contain your name but your group/area would be helpful.

If you do not attend these events would you like to tell us why not?

What kind of activities would you like at these events?

Does the distance/venue stop you attending?

Please send your comments to Susanne Wills, 40 High Street, Caythorpe, Grantham, Lincs NG32 3DN or [Susanne.wills85@gmail.com](mailto:Susanne.wills85@gmail.com)



**WANTED  
PILGRIMES  
FOR  
LINCOLN #32**



**Know a friend - Ask a friend - Sponsor a friend**

### **Cursillo Leaders Workshops**

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

If you are interested in attending a weekend please contact the Lay Director Liz Lilley (see below) and she will make the necessary arrangements. Please don't contact the venue directly.

## **British Anglican Cursillo Council**

The British Anglican Cursillo Council or BACC for short is the overriding council for Cursillo in the Anglican Church in the UK.

News and information can be found in their website [www.anglicancursillo.co.uk](http://www.anglicancursillo.co.uk).

They also produce a regular news periodical BACC Pages to inspire, uplift and to keep you up-to-date with what is going on in Cursillo in the UK. This and past additions can be downloaded from the Website. The Autumn 2015 edition is also available from:

[http://www.anglicancursillo.co.uk/BACC%20Pages/bacc\\_pages\\_autumn-2015.pdf](http://www.anglicancursillo.co.uk/BACC%20Pages/bacc_pages_autumn-2015.pdf)

If you have Cursillistas near you who does not have access to the internet they why not print them a copy. You may find it best to download a copy as a PDF document and then open it up using an Adobe Reader. Select Print and choose Booklet and print either Back Side Only or Front Side Only before turning the pages over and returning them to the printer feed tray and printing the other side.

### **ULTREYA GB 2016 YORK**

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016

Bookings are now open.

Please use the booking form available on our website:

[www.yorkcursillo.org](http://www.yorkcursillo.org)

Please book early, as places are limited to 500

The cut-off date for applications is 1st August 2016

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### **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 the [News & Articles Resource](#) page.

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## Palanca.

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

Date	Cursillo
16-19 February	<a href="#">Norwich #8</a>
31 March-3 April	<a href="#">Carlisle #36</a>
7-10 April	<a href="#">Durham #24</a> , <a href="#">Derby #18</a> , <a href="#">Oxford #17</a>
14-17 April	<a href="#">Chichester #27</a> , <a href="#">North West Ladies Walk #28<sup>M</sup></a>
29 April-2 May	<a href="#">Liverpool<sup>C</sup></a> , <a href="#">East Midlands Ladies Walk #17<sup>M</sup></a>

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

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

## Lincoln Cursillo Dates

2016			
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	Lincoln #32 1 <sup>st</sup> Training day		<a href="#">St Peter's Hall</a> <a href="#">St Peter's Church</a> <a href="#">Woodhall Spa</a>
	AGM + ULTREYA		
15 - 17 April	<a href="#">CLW weekend</a>		<a href="#">Wistaston Hall, Crewe</a>
14 May	Lincoln #32 2 <sup>nd</sup> Training day		<a href="#">Bishop Grosseteste</a>
20-22 May	BACC CtV conference and AGM		<a href="#">Swanwick</a>
17 - 20 June	<a href="#">Lincoln #32</a>		<a href="#">Bishop Grosseteste</a>
2 July	What Next		<a href="#">Bailgate Methodist</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>

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