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## Report on Annual Officers' Meeting at Swanwick

**The Officers' Annual Meeting, held at the Hayes Christian Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire was this year attended by 80 CWL Officers who, rather unusually going on the form of recent years, enjoyed beautiful spring weather. National President Margaret Richards opened the meeting with a welcome for all Branch officers, particularly those at the OAM for the first time. National President Elect Elizabeth Upsher was introduced, also Kate Doyle and Christine Pugh, both candidates in the recent presidential election. All three briefly addressed the meeting.**

**The Way Forward.** It was then down to business. Officers knew that the whole weekend was to be completely devoted to 'The Way Forward', the results of a self-evaluation survey which had come in from 122 Sections from all 20 Branches, including Direct Members, responding to questions devised by the National Executive. Some of the main points emerging from the survey highlighted the importance of friendship and care for one another being at the core of the League; an acknowledgement that attracting younger women is crucial to survival but achieving this remains the biggest challenge; the need for officers to step down when their term of office expires to encourage new ideas and ways for the Sections to develop; that the League's

structure, meeting format, and administrative overload is probably off-putting in attracting new members and perhaps most importantly, the League has no clearly identifiable strategy beyond the very valuable works of charity carried out by all members nationwide.

**Financial Matters.** It was with a great sense of regret that National President Margaret Richards informed the meeting that the League's national project to support St. Teresa's College, Kihihi, Uganda would end with immediate effect. Although the project leader had strategies to ensure every financial and administrative aspect of the

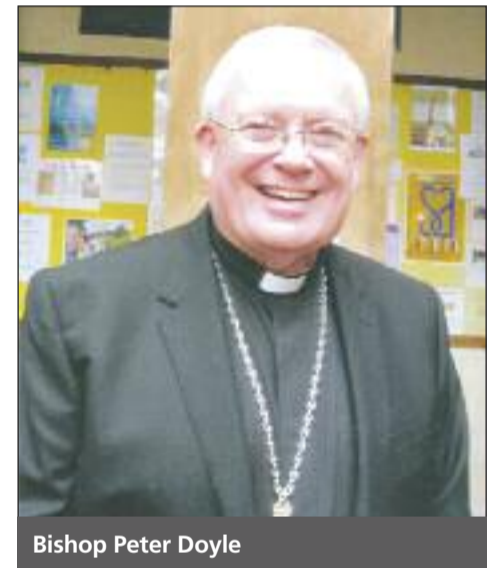


National President Elect Elizabeth Upsher

project would be water tight, and all UK funded projects have been completed, discovery of financial malpractice in Kihihi makes cooperation with the school unwise. The community at Kihihi will continue to be in our prayers.

The first major financial session was presented by new National Treasurer Jeanette Collins who, in response to concerns raised by Branch Officers proposed options which would mean that the financial commitment and workload on all Branches would be reduced; this would have a very positive impact on the smaller Branches. She proposed an increase in the annual subscription for members to £20 but the expenses for three Branch Officers to attend the Officers' Annual Meeting would be met out of headquarters funds thus leaving Branches with more disposable income. Lengthy discussion followed and eventually a vote was taken which was carried. The increase in the annual subscription to £20 will be ratified at the League AGM in Scarborough in October. The National Treasurer also presented draft Year End forms for discussion which she felt would help encourage members to take on the office of Treasurer at Section and Branch level as filling this post continues to be a problem; the forms were well received.

**Meetings.** The frequency and nature of Section, Branch and Regional Meetings



Bishop Peter Doyle

came under scrutiny and officers were encouraged to be more creative, for example, Regional Meetings, when Branch Officers met up with their Regional Officer, could be incorporated with the Officers' Annual Meeting and the National AGM to avoid any additional travelling. It was also proposed that every Section should hold at least one fundraising event for Branch funds. Skype and email also offered alternative methods of holding meetings without

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National President, Margaret Richards

### Message from National President Margaret Richards

**Part of the Way Forward is this new style of newspaper! I would welcome your views, and do remember it is up to you the members to send in photographs and articles for it. Let us be able to show how much we do in our Sections, especially for the local community. Our editors are working very hard to make this a 21st century paper!**

The Branch Officers had a very busy and productive weekend in February at the Annual Meeting in Swanwick. Meeting in small groups they discussed the points that you had all sent in as a result of the letter you received in your Sections, trying to find

a Way Forward for the League. There will be a report sent to Branches, and they will make sure all Sections have copies to read and talk about. Thank you all for your wonderful response. Your concern for the League gave us great Hope for the future. As you will have heard, my Charity for this year has had to be abandoned. The college in Uganda has suffered fraud and corruption as regards finances, as sadly happens these days, so, Jean Johnson, our contact there has been advised to cease supporting it. It is very sad so please keep them in your prayers. Any monies sent to the National

Treasurer for this will be returned and you may use it for another charity. Let us all go forward together! This is my final year as your President, and I am loving every moment of it! I am delighted that you have chosen Mrs. Elizabeth Upsher to follow me, and she will be installed at the Annual General Meeting in Scarborough in October. Keep us both in your prayers please. Lord, shine light on our path, put hope in our hearts, and bring fruit to our work for the Way Forward. Amen.  
Margaret.

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# Fresh start

#### Dear Members,

First of all I must apologise for the suddenness of the end of the association of CWL News with Gabriel Publications, meaning that the Autumn 2012 issue stopped without warning. We have now found a new publisher, CathCom Ltd. and this will be our first issue with them. At our last Promotions Team meeting Promotions Officer Margaret von Speyr suggested we should publish a feature on Marian Shrines so Eileen Carkett sent out an appeal and the results have been gratifying. Ten shrines described, not all of them Marian ones, but all of them interesting places of pilgrimage. Following the encouraging result of this request, I had a thought that for our next issue, Copydate 8th November, we could invite members to send us information, pictures and commemorative windows etc on the English martyrs. For example, Margaret Clitherow shares a feast day

with Mary Ward and Anne Line; does anyone have any information on Mary Ward or Anne Line? And what of the other forty English martyrs? Do we even know their names? Please do some researching and send us a write-up – in any legible form. Eileen and I will be retiring from CWL News at the end of 2013, having completed 5 years work. Really the job is best shared between two people as, in a nutshell, I look after the words and Eileen deals with the pictures, often managing to make something very unpromising look respectable on the page! If you are interested and wish to discuss it further, please telephone me on 01386 792039. I always enjoy hearing from our members.

Best wishes from Gaby Allison, Address; 6, Dingle End, Inkberrow, Worcestershire WR7 4EY

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### WUCWO European Conference

Hinsley Hall Diocesan Centre, Leeds.  
September 5th - 8th 2013  
Contact Barbara Stitt, barbara.stitt@btinternet.com

### Lindisfarne Gospels on display

July 1st – September 30th 2013  
Durham Cathedral

### Catholic Women's League Pilgrimage to Aylesford

Wednesday 5th June 2013  
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Mrs Chris Bennet,  
Brentwood Branch Treasurer  
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Please bring a packed lunch.

## Vacancies

Volunteers needed for the following posts:

**Website Manager  
Promotions Team**

**Co-ordinator and  
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**CWL News Editor**

**Parliament and Media Issues  
Officer**

Details available from the  
**National Secretary**

## A warm welcome to these new members

#### Arundel & Brighton Branch

**Bexhill Section:** Lynn Nixon, Hazel Gifford, Beryl Connor, Audrey Draude, Minerva Spiteri, Norah Jenner.

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YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

Symbol of the Year of Faith

**Faith. Which comes first, Faith or understanding? St. Anselm answered this many centuries ago when he wrote.... 'Faith seeks understanding. I do not seek to understand that I may believe, but I believe in order to understand'. Belief, or faith is fuelled by prayer. This 'Year of Faith' upon which all Catholics throughout the world have embarked, offers us the chance to renew our inward life through prayer. Even our smallest efforts unite us with the three persons of the Blessed Trinity. God longs for us to enjoy a deeper relationship with him and has given us the gift of prayer to achieve this.**

Sister Maureen from Stetchford,

# The Year of Faith

Birmingham, a reed-slim woman with a soft Scottish accent, talked to Birmingham Catholic Women's League members telling us how much she loved words and their derivation. She commented on our name, 'Catholic Women's League' which she said she immediately warmed to as held no hint of clericalism and put her in mind of women in league with each other and in league with God. First we passed around a dried up 'Rose of Jericho' which, having been handled by everyone was then placed in a dish of water on the front table. We were invited to pray the sign of the cross, at the same time thinking of wrapping ourselves in a shawl of prayer. She explained that a 'retreat' meant 'stepping back', in our case stepping back to make space for God. We were then invited to 'ground ourselves' by placing two feet firmly on the ground, closing our eyes and keeping two open hands on our laps, the open hands symbolising open hearts. We said the prayer to Blessed Dominic Barberi and were reminded of our vocation to pray as we faced challenging times for the Catholic Church. We were reminded that the 'Year of Faith' was Pope Benedict's legacy as at the time of

announcing it he did not know he would be stepping down from the papacy; God was calling him to the mountains to dedicate his life to prayer, not to abandon the Church. In many religions 'mountains' are seen as symbolic of the place where heaven meets earth. Our ministry is to pray for the next Pope and for God to intercede for the Church. Sr. Maureen had been in Scotland at the time when the news of Cardinal Keith O'Brien broke and she was greatly saddened by it, but she urged us not to pass judgement as we were all 'zigzagging our way to God'. The following week's Gospel was to be on the 'woman taken in adultery'. Jesus wrote in the sand to give the elders a chance to think, did they really want the woman stoned? When he invited the one without sin to cast the first stone the eldest moved away until there were no accusers left. Jesus then raised up the woman, treating her with dignity and respect, and told her to sin no more showing that his love was not conditional on good behaviour. St. John's Gospel says 'God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son to be the Saviour of mankind; but this process continues still in 2013 as in God's eyes we are a 'work in progress'. God is present in the world where 'good' is. When Jesus reached adulthood he presented himself to

his cousin John the Baptist for Baptism in the Jordan to identify with us poor sinners. In the forthcoming Easter services we are invited to renew our Baptismal promises and we should remind ourselves that we are here to be a channel of goodness in the world. By Baptism we allow the Holy Spirit, the breath of life, to breathe through us to other people; we are all gifted to bring God into other people's lives. Our new Pope will need our prayers and we must have faith that God is still active in our world. A problem with our modern western world is that the concepts of faith and churchgoing are ridiculed. In this 'Year of Faith' we should look for silence so we can train ourselves to be 'in league' with God and if we sit with open hands and ask God, "I'd like to enter into silent prayer", this will give God a chance. Although faith is being tested at present we should go forward humbly and hopefully knowing that God has great respect for women.

The Angelus. At noon we all prayed the Angelus. There was a short time for questions and then a chance to look again at the 'Rose of Jericho' which, after an hour in water had opened up and blossomed as a symbol of how our prayers could change the world.

G. Allison



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Your devoted servant

Jean Clarke (Mrs)  
National Secretary  
Catholic Women's League of England and Wales



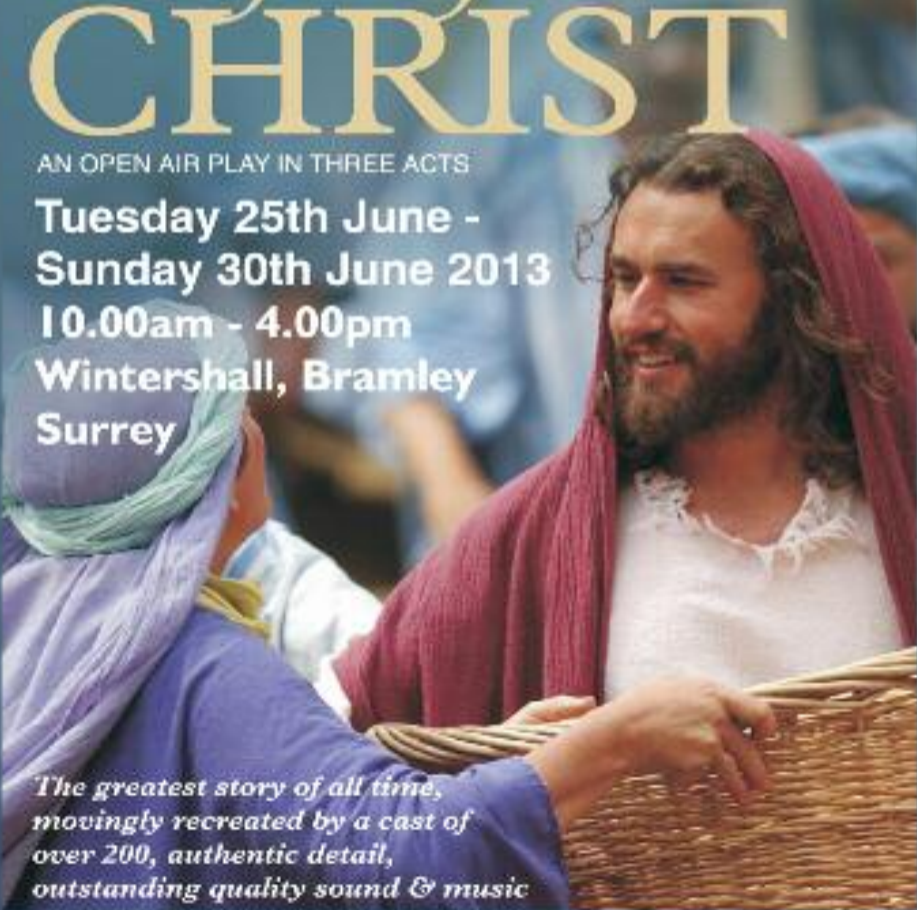

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# WOMEN'S WORLD

# DAY OF PRAYER



The Women's World Day of Prayer service is held each year on the first Friday in March. The movement started in America and has spread throughout the English speaking world and beyond. Each year a different country compiles the service of prayers and hymns, based on a theme appropriate to their own country; this year the service was compiled by the Christian women of France.

The organisation operates on a national basis and the National Committee for England and Wales has as its 'Roman Catholic Church Representative' our own Joan Cheetham from Huddersfield Section. Every Christian centre where the service is held has its own organising committee which makes sure that every Christian denomination in the locality is involved thus ensuring the service remains ecumenical. A booklet is produced by the National Committee giving explanatory notes on the country organising the service and why the particular scriptural theme is appropriate. This year the Gospel theme is St.



Matthew chapter 25, 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me'. The booklet includes a brief history of the organising country which helps to explain the relevance of the Gospel text, in the case of France; 'Children born on French soil with at least one French parent are offered French nationality as a right of birth. French nationality is granted to another 100,000 each year regardless of their origin or religion. They must learn the French language and accept the constitution.' (2013 booklet). In practice 'strangers' are not always made to feel welcome and this forms the foundation of the 2013 service where a group of women wearing different coloured scarves represent

French nationals and immigrants from Europe and former French colonies, each telling her particular life experience; the 'woman in grey' is made to feel unwelcome. The service generally has a speaker to

preach on the theme. The following talk was given by a CWL member in her home parish.

"I shall begin with two quotations, one from Hamlet; the Queen reacting to Hamlet's tirade against her, "Oh Hamlet, speak no more, thou turnest mine eyes into my very soul"; and the other from the prophet Joel, "I do not want you to rend your clothes but your hearts". In other words we must look deeply into our own souls and consciences as to how we regard the stranger, the poor, the outcast and the immigrant. In John Steinbeck's novel, 'The Grapes of Wrath' the dispossessed from Oklahoma become homeless and go to California to try to find work. There because they were poor they were treated as criminals and often shot at.

But tonight I want to look at Jesus Our Lord and Master, whom we say we follow, who was from his birth until his death an Outsider. He was born in an outhouse; at two years of age a refugee; and from a very poor family. After the Presentation in the Temple at age twelve, what did he do for the next eighteen years? I suggest he studied until at thirty, he was ready to do his work. He was known as a Rabbi, a teacher, and to be that a man had to know the Old Testament, the Law of Moses and the Psalms. At the beginning he did not seem to be an Outsider; he went to parties and spoke in the synagogues. But then one day he deliberately made himself an outsider, a stranger to the established Jewish order. That was when he spoke in the synagogue in Nazareth (Luke 8). He was given the passage from Isaiah, and then he

said, "Today this has been done among you. A prophet is never accepted in his own country." The congregation knew he was referring to them and they tried to throw him off the cliff but he escaped, "His time had not yet come!"

From then on he was a wanderer followed by the poor, the oppressed, the conquered, the outsiders. All the time he taught by example and word. Two examples of how he wants us not to exclude anyone are in the 'Good Samaritan' and the Samaritan woman at the well. To the Jews the Samaritans were beyond the pale. Other outsiders, for example women, then and in most places in the world today, were and are outcasts, outsiders and marginalised. Jesus went out of his way to show love for women; for example in the 'woman taken in adultery'.

Let us come now to his lonely outsider's death. Here I

mention the fourteen Stations of the Cross, drawing attention to three in particular; number five, the stranger Simon from Cyrene; number six, the woman Veronica; and number twelve, the death of Our Lord as a criminal. Everything he did and said during his life was for us to follow.

Sometimes it is very

hard for us to 'Love our neighbour...' but we must always keep in mind Jesus the Outsider, then we will see him in others.

What can we do? The things we can do are support the 'Food Bank', give to charity, visit the lonely and the sick, and write to MPs. I will end by a comment on 'Charity begins at home', which implies we should not be giving to the poor abroad. This is a very short-sighted attitude. If Third world countries could be got out of their poverty (if some Western firms paid their taxes, that would do a great deal towards that end) there would be no need for the thousands to emigrate and flood into Britain and Europe. It is in our own self-interest to help poor countries become self-sufficient.

Finally I end with St. Francis' prayer, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." "

*'I was a stranger  
and you welcomed  
me' Mt.25v.35*

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# REPORTS ON WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES FROM AROUND THE BRANCHES

## Cornwall Branch, Liskeard Section

This year our host was the Salvation Army. Some of our members had attended the preparatory autumn conference to learn more about France. When they reported back to us it was a surprise to learn that such a large proportion of the French population had a country of origin outside France. During the service the six women in coloured scarves were all from the Catholic Church with CWL Chairman Nola Venton as the 'woman in grey'. Major Pam of the Salvation Army described her experience of being a stranger in another country when she was in Russia, and was berated just for being there and told to 'go back to her own country'. Following the service, in true French tradition our refreshments included brioche and French cheeses.

## Birmingham Branch, Studley Section

Our service began in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church with a group of ladies wearing brightly coloured scarves walking down the aisle saying a cheery "Bonjour" to the assembled congregation now numbering about 50 people, both men and women. Our parish priest Fr. Benedict gave a short speech of welcome saying how hospitality to strangers is an important part of the Benedictine Rule. The first hymn was a song of welcome with one verse sung in French. Various women said their parts introducing their characters, followed by a song of

praise, then prayers with the response, 'Laudate Dominum'. The New Testament reading from Matthew 25 told us the importance of welcoming strangers and the hymn, 'Were you there?' was sung. After more experiences of French women, our speaker told her story; Julie from Redditch Nightstop told us how she became involved in helping those who were sleeping rough on the streets of Redditch. It was a heart warming story of what Christians could achieve when working together to help those in need. The service proceeded according to the booklet with hymns and prayers of intercession, and a final blessing to complete the service. At the end of the closing hymn all went into the parish conservatory for a spread of tea and cakes. Those who had been to previous WWDP services voted it the 'best yet!' with first-timers equally loud in their praise so, "Bravo!" to the French ladies who prepared it.

## Devon Branch, sent by a visitor from Brentwood Branch

Whilst on holiday, walking down the High Street in Beer, Devon, I came across a poster advertising the Women's World Day of Prayer at the Congregational Church, duly noting the time and place. I sat in the empty church at 2.00pm thinking how structurally different it was to our parish church before realising I must be in the wrong place. On venturing down the alley at the side of the church I entered the hall to the warmest of

welcomes from the ladies, young, middle-aged and elderly. They were sat in a small circle and after the 'scarf wearing ladies' did their readings, we were invited to read in turn around the circle. "I am not a reader" was my first thought, then my second was, "I am among friendly natives, why should I not read?" so I read and realised that in doing so I was part of the theme....I was a stranger and THEY welcomed me. What a huge difference a smile, a kind word makes, and it is sometimes overlooked in this busy world of ours.

## Portsmouth Branch, Lymington Section

This year it was the turn of the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mercy and St. Joseph, Lymington to host the Women's World Day of Prayer Service. We were pleased to welcome members from the Church of England, the Baptists, the Methodists, the United Reform Church, the Quakers and the Salvation Army, all participating. Our speaker was the Reverend Kate Wilson, a chaplain from the local Oakhaven Hospice who gave us food for

thought. All our members participated in the service and the provision of refreshments, making it a wonderful afternoon of spiritual friendship and fellowship.

## Westminster Branch, St. Bartholomew's Section

The town of St. Albans had three services with St. Bartholomew's hosting the Area CWL service in the evening, with a small congregation gathered from the local Catholic, Church of England and United Reform Churches. Members from each denomination took part in the readings with St. Barts taking the parts of the Leader and the women with scarves. The speaker was Maria Albrecht, one of last year's Catholic Women of the Year winners. She spoke about the work of the Catholic Workers Farm in Hertfordshire, showing slides and telling us the stories of some of the asylum-seeking ladies who have stayed with them over the years, her talk well matching the theme of the service. Afterwards our members provided tea and cake in the church hall.

## WHO IS WUCWO?

Whether you know it or not YOU are WUCWO. Since 1910 when Margaret Fletcher was the representative for England, the Catholic Women's League, in paying an annual member's subscription, enrol each and every one of you in the CWL, as a paid up member of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations. You may or may not know something about the work; you may or may not have been involved in WUCWO day, May 13th, which is a global celebration equal to the Women's World Day of Prayer; but CWL has made a commitment to support WUCWO for the past 103 years. There have been many significant participants in the past, as Branch WUCWO Liaison officers, International representative to WUCWO, and as a Board member, representing the three (now four) Catholic Women's organisation of England and Wales.

However this is the first time that a member of the CWL has been the Vice President for the Europe region, which encompasses 34 member associations the length and breadth of Europe. At the last General Assembly in Jerusalem in 2010, members from 60 different nations came together, not only to celebrate the WUCWO centenary but to decide on the resolutions and themes for the following four years. The theme for 2012/ 2013 is Youth in Action and as V-P I have organised a Conference in England which is for young people and about young people, the problems that face them today. We all can learn and work to eliminate the threats in today's secular society to their persons, their self-respect and their faith.

If you are interested in this, there are still places available; all you need to do is contact me at [barbara.stitt@btinternet.com](mailto:barbara.stitt@btinternet.com) and I will send you further details. I look forward to welcoming you to Leeds Diocesan Centre, Hinsley Hall, [www.hinsley-hall.org.uk](http://www.hinsley-hall.org.uk) September 5th to 8th 2013.

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# MARIAN SHRINES AND OTHER PLACES OF PILGRIMAGE

Members were invited to send in reports of Marian shrines and other places of pilgrimage within their Dioceses and the response was very pleasing. Here follows some descriptions of shrines, in alphabetical order according to diocese.

## ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON

### The shrine of Our Lady of Consolation

The Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in West Grinstead, West Sussex, the only Catholic establishment in England under the patronage of Our Lady of that title, was established in thanksgiving for Our Lady's prayers for the restoration of the True Faith to



Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead, West Sussex

England. Mgr. Jean-Marie Denis established the shrine church of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead in 1876. His efforts at begging for the necessary funds here and on the continent, where the shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Turin was well established, enabled the building of the fine late nineteenth century Gothic church that is here. The Presbytery, now known as the Priest's House, was used as a safe house for priests and seminarians as they travelled by river between London to the continent from the Sussex coast. The Carylls, a truly devout Catholic Sussex family, together with a long line of devout priests, played their part in keeping the Catholic faith alive in recusant times. There are three priests' hides (Priest Holes) and, in what used to be the hay-loft, there is a hidden secret chapel still in use for the daily celebration of Holy Mass. The Priest's House is reputedly the oldest continuously occupied Catholic presbytery in England.

**Brenda Hilliam, Arundel & Brighton Branch Secretary.**

## BIRMINGHAM

### The Shrine of Our Lady of Evesham, Worcestershire



Branch Chaplain Fr. Brendan Carrick with Birmingham Branch Officer Helen Gannon showing the statue of Our Lady of Evesham outside the church

At the beginning of the eighth century a Benedictine Abbey dedicated to Our Lady was founded in Evesham by Bishop Egwin of Worcester. Legend has it that Our Lady appeared in a tree full of blossom to a simple swineherd named Eoves (from whom the town takes its name). The swineherd told Bishop Egwin who, arriving to investigate was himself favoured with a vision of Our Lady who indicated her wish for a church to be built. All that remains of a once great monastery is the bell-tower. Birmingham Branch Catholic Women's League holds a pilgrimage annually on the first Tuesday in May at the church of St. Mary and St. Egwin at 2.30pm. The pilgrimage is led by Branch Chaplain Fr. Brendan Carrick starting with The Rosary, then procession round the outside of the church, followed by Holy Mass. A get-together for afternoon tea then follows in the Church Hall.

**Bernie Townsend, Branch Liaison Officer**

## CARDIFF

### The shrine of Our Lady of the Taper in Cardigan



Above: Our Lady of the Taper  
Below: Our Lady of Penrhys



The shrine of Our Lady of the Taper in Cardigan is the national shrine of Our Lady in Wales. Many will remember the statue being blessed by Pope Benedict XVI in Westminster Cathedral during his visit to Britain in 2010. For more information visit the website [www.ourladyofthetaper.org.uk](http://www.ourladyofthetaper.org.uk). The shrine of Our Lady of Penrhys in the Rhondda dates back to the twelfth century. After the Reformation the wooden statue of Our Lady was taken to London and burnt, but devotion to Our Lady persisted. Eventually a new statue was erected in 1953

and pilgrimages to the shrine flourished. I remember when I was young coach loads of pilgrims of the Legion of Mary, and Children of Mary used to go to Penrhys every May. We would recited the Rosary on the journey and then begin our procession from the Church of Our Lady of Penrhys, Ferndale (now sadly closed) and then we would climb to the top of the mountain where we had Benediction near the shrine. There are still some groups who visit regularly each year. For more information on the shrines please enter 'Our Lady of Penrhys' in one of the search engines.

**Christine John, Cardiff Branch President.**

## CLIFTON

### Statue of Our Lady, Glastonbury

Glastonbury, formerly Ynis Witrin or Glassy Isle in old English, looked as though it was an island surrounded by marshland with the Tor rising up like a beacon for pilgrims. Legend has it that Joseph of Arimathea came here and planted his staff in the ground which grew into a thorn tree. A flowering sprig of this tree is given to the British monarch every Christmas. Some also say that St. Joseph of Arimathea brought the child Jesus with him. St. Joseph built a wattle church in the grounds of what is now Glastonbury Abbey and dedicated it to the Virgin Mary. In a charter of 725AD the wattle church is referred to as Ecclesia Vetusta Beatissimae, the old church of the Blessed Virgin Mary. By the Middle Ages, Glastonbury was a thriving Benedictine Abbey attracting many pilgrims including Edward I, also Edward III with his wife Philippa of Hainault. Queen Philippa presented the statue with a silver rosary with gold Pater Noster beads. In 1539 the Abbey was dissolved by Henry VIII and it fell into ruin and the statue of Our Lady was lost. For over 400 years Glastonbury ceased to be a place of pilgrimage but in 1939, across the road from the site of the Abbey the foundation stone for St. Mary's church was laid and in June 1955 a new statue of Our Lady was restored and blessed. Today Glastonbury is a heady mix of holistic therapy shops, new age travellers, tourists and pilgrims. The place has an atmosphere of ancient practices mixed up with modern thought. Tourists come to walk up to the Tor and visit the Chalice Well in the gardens and it continues to be a place of pilgrimage for Anglicans and Catholics. In July Catholics from across Clifton Diocese gather to take Our Lady's statue in procession around the streets and into the Abbey grounds. The Bishop of Clifton says Mass within the ruins of the Abbey.

I personally find the whole experience moving and of another world. Sat within these ancient grounds with my back resting against a ruined wall I can shut my eyes and transport myself back to when this place was a thriving centre of pilgrimage for people from all over the world.

**Jean Coombs, Clifton Branch President.**

## EAST ANGLIA

### Our Lady of Grace in Ipswich

East Anglia Branch is proud to have Walsingham in its diocese and members regularly visit this shrine, both with the Diocese and as individuals. We also have



Shrine of Our Lady of Grace, Ipswich

another shrine to Our Lady which is close to our hearts; Our Lady of Grace in Ipswich has been a place of pilgrimage since 1152. Queen Catherine of Aragon was known to have visited, as well as the local boy who became Cardinal Wolsey. During the Reformation the shrine was closed down and the statue taken to London to be burnt. However some English sailors are said to have arrived in Nettuno in Italy with a statue which they said had been rescued from a London fire. The church in Nettuno displays this statue as 'The English Lady' or 'Our Lady of the Graces'. Is it one and the same?

In 1977 the Guild of Our Lady of Ipswich was founded to pray for Christian Unity and to achieve the re-establishment of the shrine in Ipswich. They have now achieved this at the beautiful Anglican church of St. Mary at the Elms where Our Lady is represented by a replica of the statue in Nettuno. CWL members have been involved from the start in the Guild, now known as Merrymana. Each September the Guild organises an ecumenical pilgrimage to the site of the original shrine in Ipswich. They also visit Nettuno. All are welcome and contact details will be posted on the CWL website and on Facebook.

**Alison Love, East Anglia Branch President.**

## HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE

### Lindisfarne Gospels

St. Cuthbert was an Anglo-Saxon monk, hermit and Bishop who lived a life of intense poverty and physical hardship, travelling to wild areas and preaching hope to the community. He was trained in the Celtic tradition but supported Roman Christianity and was a tactful politician. He spent several years living an austere life on Farne, an island off the coast of Northumberland in north east England, before returning to an active role in the church. In 685 he was made Bishop of Lindisfarne. He died in 687 and following his death he was buried on Lindisfarne where his tomb quickly became celebrated for remarkable miracles and it became a site of pilgrimage. Fearing the threat of Danish invasion in 875 the monks of Lindisfarne fled, taking with them Cuthbert's body and the Lindisfarne Gospels, the book that was written in his honour. The monks travelled all over the north east of England and into Cumbria and Yorkshire before settling at Dun Holm, the





St. Cuthbert and the Lindisfarne Gospels

high wooded hill that is now the site of Britain's best loved building, Durham Cathedral.

The Lindisfarne Gospels are coming home, if only for a short while, and will be on display in Durham Cathedral from 1st July until 30th September 2013. We are proud to have the Gospels back in the North East and many of our members in Hexham and Newcastle Branch of the CWL will be thrilled at the opportunity of seeing the Gospels at first hand.

**Margaret Valentine, Hexham and Newcastle Branch President**

**LANCASTER**

**Shrine of Our Lady of Fernyhalgh and the Martyrs**

The shrine of Our Lady of Fernyhalgh and the Martyrs in Fulwood. Preston. Lancashire

dates from the 11th century. The first documented reference is found in the annals of the Diocese of York where in the registers of Archbishop Zouch it is noted that a licence was granted to Gilbert Singleton, a local squire. Over the years the devotion to Our Lady has grown with many pilgrims coming to pray and use the water from the well for blessing and bathing. There have been many cures attributed to its power. Many groups and individuals come to visit the shrine to pray to Our Lady of Fernyhalgh. The shrine is situated at Ladywell House which has a chapel, a piety shop and a reliquary containing the Burgess altar and many relics of English martyrs. For further information about this shrine or to make a booking telephone the parish priest and shrine director Fr. Thomas Hoole on 01772 700181 or visit the website [www.ladywellshrine.co.uk](http://www.ladywellshrine.co.uk)

**Sue Gornall**

**MIDDLESBROUGH**

**Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherly**

The name 'Osmotherly' appears on a list of recommended places of pilgrimage in this Year of Faith. This North Yorkshire village played an important part in the history of Catholicism in Britain. It is also the starting point of the steep walk to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace and it is to this we are being especially directed so as to grow in holiness. It has been my own experience that any visit to this wonderful shrine is rewarding, even coming across it by accident as I did more than thirty years ago. At the time accommodation and home made food were offered by two ladies living in the cottage attached to the Lady Chapel. It was late and the hill seemed long and steep (I was an expectant mother at the time) but the

welcome was warm and when directed to the chapel I found myself so uplifted that my tiredness ebbed away. I have been to Mount Grace several times since I came back to live in Yorkshire and love to follow the Stations of the Cross, marked by wooden crosses, given by some primary school children some years ago. This year on January 1st Solemnity of the Mother of God, a friend who had not been before agreed to come with me up the rain-sodden hill brightened by the first sunshine for many days. The magnificent view to the west was dotted with flooded fields that caught the light, and our track too, which was very wet in places. But as always the peace grew as we drew nearer to the shrine, as if Our Lady had spread her mantle over it and claimed it for Heaven. We said our prayers in the chapel, lit a candle which would last for seven days, and got back to the village before the winter sun set.

The Lady Chapel is listed in the Middlesbrough Diocesan Year Book as being in the Parish of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherly, which is in the care of the Benedictines of Ampleforth Abbey. At [www.ladychapel.org.uk](http://www.ladychapel.org.uk) you will find a full and fascinating history, including service times and beautiful pictures; all you need to know to bring you to this holy place, either as a group or as individuals.

**Margaret Stevens, CWL Driffield Section.**

**NOTTINGHAM**

**Shrine of Our Lady of Egmonton, Tuxford**

In the small village of Egmonton near Tuxford in Nottinghamshire is an ancient parish church, parts of which date back to Anglo-Saxon times. It is dedicated to Our Lady, St. Mary the Virgin and before the twelfth century it was a centre of special devotion to Our Lady, venerated under the

local title of 'Our Lady of Egmonton'. Pilgrim crosses scratched by medieval pilgrims can be seen on the south door of the church and in the north aisle. The origin of the shrine is unknown and was destroyed at the time of the Reformation. In 1897 at the wishes of Henry Duke of Newcastle who lived at nearby Clumber Park, a major restoration of the church was undertaken by Sir Ninian Comper. The restoration included installing the present image of Our Lady, crowned and with the Holy Child. By 1912 the Guild of Our Lady of Egmonton, a parish society, had been formed, and individual pilgrims started coming to Egmonton. On Easter Monday 1929 the first organised pilgrimage in modern times took place. The Annual Summer Pilgrimage on the first Saturday in July is one of the great events in the life of the parish as is the Assumption Pilgrimage. A Rosary devotion is held on the first Saturday in October. For more information go to [www.sole-egmanton.com](http://www.sole-egmanton.com)

**NORTHAMPTON**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Great Billing, Northamptonshire**

The Marian shrine is situated above the Tabernacle in the parish church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in the Doomsday village of Great Billing, Northamptonshire. On 8th September 2006, the universal feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, coinciding also with the anniversary of the founding of the church in 1878, Bishop Peter Doyle declare the golden icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour the Northampton Diocesan Shrine and centre of prayer. The icon is one of a thousand authenticated handmade copies of the original icon of Our

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# AROUND THE BRANCHES

**BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.** The Branch held a very inspiring Study Morning on the 'Year of Faith'. See page 3 for a full report.

**BRENTWOOD BRANCH.** Members, friends and family attended their annual retreat at Nazareth House, Westcliff, Southend-on-Sea. The day was well planned with Mass, talks, Stations of the Cross, Confession, Rosary, a further talk and Benediction, as well as a nourishing soup lunch. But there was also time for quiet reflection. Father Hugh Allan, Norbertine Father from Our Lady Immaculate parish, Chelmsford, shared his thoughts on the Silence of Prayer, encouraging members to listen to God in silence – Psalm 46:10 'Be still, and know that I am God', and reminding us of how God spoke to all his prophets in still, calm settings - in the gentle breeze. Thought for the day: Make time to talk to, and listen to God!

Esther Edmund-Allen

**CLIFTON BRANCH.** Sacred Hearts Section in Cheltenham held a Day of Reflection at a home for the elderly in Cheltenham, Nazareth House. The day was led by Deacon John Scanlan, Clifton Branch Chaplain who started by talking about the Sacraments. This led to discussion on some Old Testament figures including Abraham and Moses, ending with a consideration of the conversion of St. Paul. Deacon John asked us questions such as who we were, where we were journeying to, what we were taking with us, and was anyone leading the

way? We then had a spell of quiet meditation. Over lunch when we should have been considering these same questions the conversation turned to speculation as to who would be the new Pope. After lunch Deacon John spoke about 'Lumen Gentium' and how we, the laity are the living, breathing Church. One of the phrases used which struck a chord with us was, "Christians must be to the world what the soul is to the body." We finished the day with half an hour of silent prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. It was only a week after this Day of Reflection that talk of 'a journey' was emphasised when our new Pope Francis I came on to his balcony after his election and spoke of our journey and how the world should embark on a path of love and fraternity.

Jean Coombs, Clifton Branch President

**DEVON BRANCH** The Branch held its annual three day retreat in February at St. Rita's, Honiton, with some members coming for just one day. The speaker was Zilla Martin, a prison chaplain. The retreat was a mixture of talks, prayer, quiet time and Mass said in the chapel at St. Rita's by Father Gerald who gave us a warm welcome and entertained us with his jokes. We extend our thanks to organiser Jackie Crean and look forward to next year.

Exeter Section. Joan Wallace, a CWL member since 1967 recently celebrated her 98th birthday with a tea and chocolate party. Our Lady of Lourdes Section, Plympton, Two members have recently celebrated marriage



Joan Wallace's birthday party with her seated centre with other Section members plus religious sisters.

milestones; Margaret and Allan Wilby celebrated a fortieth wedding anniversary whilst Barbara and Wilf Roberts celebrated 70 years of marriage. Barbara Roberts also celebrated her 90th birthday in January. Our Section wishes them many congratulations. Mary Derry, Devon Branch Liaison Officer

**DORSET BRANCH** Branksome and Parkstone Section organised a Christmas party with presents for the homeless. The seasonal food and party games were much enjoyed by members but the pile of socks and towels at the foot of the crib were for people on the streets of Bournemouth and Poole. The evening ended with carols around the crib and prayers for peace in the world and for our members too sick to be with us.



Branksome and Parkstone Section Christmas party

**EAST ANGLIA BRANCH.** Peterborough Section gathered on Founders Day to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Margaret Fletcher's birth with a birthday party. We had Mass celebrated by our Branch Chaplain Father Tony and then party games including a quiz and 'pass the parcel'. The winner was awarded a bag of chocolate coins with the instruction to 'go forth and multiply their membership'. After Mass we had lunch provided by Peterborough Section.

Alison Love



Pass the parcel in Peterborough



Barbara Cornish RIP

Barbara Cornish RIP helped to set up the Norwich International Youth Project to support young refugees in the city in 2002 and it is still thriving. She was also CWL National Refugee Officer for many years.

## HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE BRANCH

Morpeth Section. The Diocesan Evangelisation Team are organising a series of mini-pilgrimages for the 'Year of Faith', following in the footsteps of the northern saints. Morpeth's turn to host an event fell in January. Their saint, Saint Robert founded Newminster Abbey on the outskirts of the town. About 200 pilgrims came to Morpeth on that cold and snowy day for Holy Mass, and a walk along the river to the Abbey ruins for a time of prayer and reflection. They then



St. Robert of Newminster

returned to the church hall for a bowl of homemade soup after which they were given a choice of four prayer workshops before meeting back at the church for a final blessing including also newly blessed icons of Saint Robert.

Elizabeth Dixon

**MIDDLESBROUGH BRANCH.** Members were very sad to hear that Father Brian Nicholson had resigned from being their Spiritual Director after 20 years of providing wonderful service to the League; in all that time he had only missed one meeting. They are pleased to welcome Fr. David White as their new spiritual adviser. He is parish priest

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Dr. Alan McClelland and Fr. David White at a quiet day at Bridlington Convent

at Driffield where he is very supportive of CWL.

Lilian Finch

**NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.** Aylesbury Section of the CWL has worked under the auspices of the Stoke Mandeville Hospital League of Friends in helping with the trolley service and hospital canteen. The Section minutes of July 1955 says that the trolley service was now in operation and was "much appreciated by patients." The trolley, laden with sandwiches, newspapers, drinks, writing paper, stamps and washing powder was taken round the wards every week by a rota of CWL members. In addition members manned the hospital canteen once a month on a Sunday. This involved preparing food

and washing up afterwards. Patients could be taken from the wards to the canteen by their families which provided a break for them. The canteen and trolley ceased in the mid 1980s but a small shop was opened in the new wing. The trolley was taken round the wards of the new wing, also the Florence Nightingale Hospice and the maternity unit, the service continuing until 1992 when it was taken over by the NHS.

Pat Chesterton

**PORTSMOUTH BRANCH.** Fleet Section. Members of Fleet Section are seen modelling some of the woolly hats knitted in aid of the Apostleship of the Sea, the Portsmouth Branch charity for the year. A big thank you is due to all parishioners and friends who knitted so many hats, and thank



Hats and clothes for the AOS in 2012

you too to all parishioners who gave clothes and toiletries so generously.

Eugenie Williamson



Section secretary Pauline Brice on 'bacon butty' duty

St. Patrick's, Hayling Island. The parish of St. Patrick's, Hayling Island has been without a parish priest for almost a year. The parish is supported by priests of the deanery but it has meant far more involvement by the laity to keep the parish going. CWL members are involved as Eucharistic ministers, sacristans and other ministries. One popular innovation is the serving of

'bacon butties' after the new early morning Sunday Mass; a welcome replacement to the usual coffee.

Sheila Butler

**SALFORD BRANCH.** At the first Branch meeting of the year held in February two new members were welcomed. Section reports told of seasonal celebrations held including dinners, nativities and work undertaken for children's parties and parish events. Branch chaplain Fr. Gerard Byrne and Regional Representative Sue Gornall were also present. We were also pleased to see our past Regional Representative, Teresa Burns. Future plans were discussed including a Blackpool weekend, a sail on Lake Windermere and a retreat at Ilkley. The Branch also considered 'twinning' and would like to hear from any other Branches interested in the idea.

Anne Fox

**WESTMINSTER BRANCH.** Adeyfield Section. During this particularly cold Lent the Section is providing hot soup lunches which are becoming popular social events. Each week there are choices of different soups available. One particularly popular soup was 'Curried carrot' (recipe available from Adeyfield Section secretary). By midway through Lent the Section had raised £130 for CAFOD.

## NATIONAL OFFICERS AND NEW FACES



Margaret von Speyr

### Margaret von Speyr National Promotions and Recruitment Officer Personal Story

My involvement with the CWL goes back nearly 50 years when I was roped in by my mother, a founder member of Chester Section, to help at coffee evenings and similar events. From my mid-twenties I became an active member in Letchworth Section, Westminster Branch, becoming Chairman from 1984 to 1986 when we moved to Bexhill on Sea where I was immediately asked to be secretary.. The Section was about to close and I became a Direct Member of Arundel and Brighton Branch. Having retired from business life and with more time to devote to the CWL I started a new Section in Bexhill in 2011 and we now have 30 paid-up members ranging in age from mid-twenties to 90. I am passionate about the League and would like to see many new Sections opening up and the expansion of existing ones. I would like each Branch and Section to appoint a Promotions Officer who would be in direct

contact with me, ideally someone other than an existing officer as they already have plenty of work to do. In the meantime I would welcome your positive ideas as well as your concerns in order to continue the work of our organisation of Catholic Women. On a more personal note, I am married with three grown-up children and three grandchildren. I have run my own business and have been president of the local Chamber of Commerce. I have also worked in the banking sector and in social housing. For the eight years leading up to my retirement I managed a local charity whose aim was to ensure that people could remain in their own homes for as long as possible. I was responsible for the running of all aspects of the charity, including publicity, public relations, recruitment of volunteers and fundraising. I now work as a volunteer for our local food bank and I am very involved with parish life. I would very much like to hear from you all and my e-mail is [margaret-vs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:margaret-vs@hotmail.co.uk) or [publicity@cwlhq.org.uk](mailto:publicity@cwlhq.org.uk)

### Recruitment

What is recruitment? Something we all know we need but seem to shy away from, but it is vital for the continuance for this great Catholic Organisation for Women. My predecessor Promotions Officer Elizabeth Upsher did a very good job of putting together a 'Recruitment Pack'. How many times have you used it in your Section, Branch or Region. Where it has been followed closely we have seen results. The personal approach is vital. Do not assume that a person you know is not interested; this is the most common excuse for not asking someone. Do not assume that people will not go out in the evenings. Do not assume that younger women are too busy. In my own Section which started 18 months ago we have members aged from 25 to 90. The 90 year old is always first in the queue for evenings out and the younger ones are glad of a little relaxation on an evening once a month, leaving the children with Daddy. In order to attract new members it is we, the existing members, who have to change. It is

no use having a meeting during the day, and 7.30pm would seem to be a convenient time, or, if you cannot move your meetings to evening time, start a new Section alongside the one already running. As your daytime members fall away, those left will at least have somewhere to continue their membership as part of a group. Contact all the women in your parish who are involved with RCIA, the mothers of First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates, parents on the PTA and all the groups in your parish. Make members feel useful. Give everyone a job however small. Have a rota for making tea. Another member can be responsible for washing the tea towels; however small we may think the job is, that person is made to feel a part of the group. Involve the whole family at weekend events; the children love to be busy. 'We can't get officers', you all cry, again a personal approach six months before your AGM is necessary. Sow the seed and keep asking that person. Get others to cajole her as well, make her feel she is the ideal person. Invite her to your officers meetings so she can see how CWL works behind the scenes. Many years ago Mary Bryant ran a training session for all existing officers and potential officers on how to run meetings, speak in public and generally enthuse those present. Let's do this again. Eventually I would like to see each Branch hold half-day training sessions, but we need to put together a good programme. If anyone has any expertise in this field, please let me know so we can work something out.

### Advertising

It has been decided by the Promotions Group that we will put together a blanket Mission Statement for inclusion in the handbooks of every Diocese for 2014. Please check your directory and let me have details of the one for your Diocese; we need to promote the League in an attractive way. When was the notice for CWL last changed in your church porch? Do you even have one? The notice should be changed at least three times a year. Don't let it go stale as people will stop looking at it. Make sure

there are plenty of leaflets in the porch, with contact details on each one. In future each member will be given two copies of CWL News. Distributors do not pile the extras in the church porch; they are intended to be handed out to possible new members. Surplus copies could be taken to a neighbouring parish without CWL, with the permission of the parish priest. You might also try asking him if you can put a poster in his church porch. I am looking at ways we can advertise ourselves better. Ask your parish priest if you can have your banner on permanent display in the church so it is further evidence of the presence of CWL in the parish.

So what is the best and easiest way to advertise the League? WEAR YOUR BADGE. If a member had not been doing this, Crewe Section would never have started.

### Promotion

Where do we go from here? Each Branch and Section needs a Public Relations (PR) officer who will liaise with me to get this programme rolling. Several Branches already have Liaison Officers who I will contact directly and hope to recruit them for this role. For Branches without a Liaison Officer please encourage a member other than present officers to take on this role. The qualifications needed are positivity, energy, and hopefully a computer! Send up-beat articles to the CWL News so that prospective members can see we are a lively bunch. Welcome new members with a pack to include a prayer card, a badge, latest CWL News and leaflets on 'Relief & Refugee', Services Committee, Our Lady's Catechists etc. etc. as well as information on the charities we support. I am also looking at car window stickers. Encourage every member, including Direct Members to bring along at least one other person. This would double our membership overnight. Encourage your members to be more pro-active by taking them along to Branch meetings. Go to coffee after Mass and talk to people. Put up your information board. Carry a few leaflets around with you. Have a Facebook page for CWL events, display the National Website details, and ALWAYS WEAR YOUR BADGE.



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Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour



Parish Priest Fr. Damian Walne

Lady of Perpetual Succour in St. Alphonsus Church, Via Merulana in Rome. Pope Pius IX had asked the Redemptorist Order to make the icon known throughout the world. The copy we have in Northampton was crowned and blessed by Pope Leo XIII. The Elwes family whose ancestors were the previous owners of Billing Hall and surrounding village paid for the conversion of a school room to a parish church in 1878. Their private chapel became too small for the growing number of Catholics in the area, many of whom were estate workers converted by the Elwes family. The icon was originally owned by one of the Elwes family and kept in their private chapel until it was donated to the new church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. During the Northampton Branch Pilgrimage to the shrine in 2011 the parish priest, Father Damian Walne told us that the Honourable Lady Winefride Elwes had been National President of the Catholic Women's League from 1939 to 1942 so CWL members feel a close association with the church. Lady Elwes was involved with the CWL Services Committee as she had two brothers who were both in the army. She was also involved in the work of the Relief and Refugee Committee which was founded during her term of office. Lady Elwes was married to Gervase, a famous English tenor whose friend Edward Elgar gave a recital on the church organ. Gervase's brother, Dudley was Bishop of Northampton Diocese from 1921 to 1932 and Lady Winefride and Gervase's son who became Monsignor Valentine was the parish priest of the church during the 1960s. A novena prayer to Our Lady is said at the end of every Mass.

'Mother of Perpetual Succour, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy icon to be inspired by the example of your life. We think of you at that moment, when, full of faith and trust you accepted

God's call to be the mother of his Son. Help us, your children, to accept with joy our own calling in life. When you learned that your cousin Elizabeth was in need you immediately went to serve her and offer your help. Help us, like you, to be concerned for others. We think of you mother at the foot of the Cross. Your heart must have bled to see your son in agony. But your joy was great when he rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil. Mother of sorrows, help us through the trials and disappointments of life. Help us not to lose heart. May we share with you and your son the joy of having faced up to the challenges of life. Amen'

**Jane Dawson, Northampton Branch President.**

**SHREWSBURY**

**Shrine to St. Werburgh, Chester**

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**Hilary Wright; Shrewsbury Branch President**

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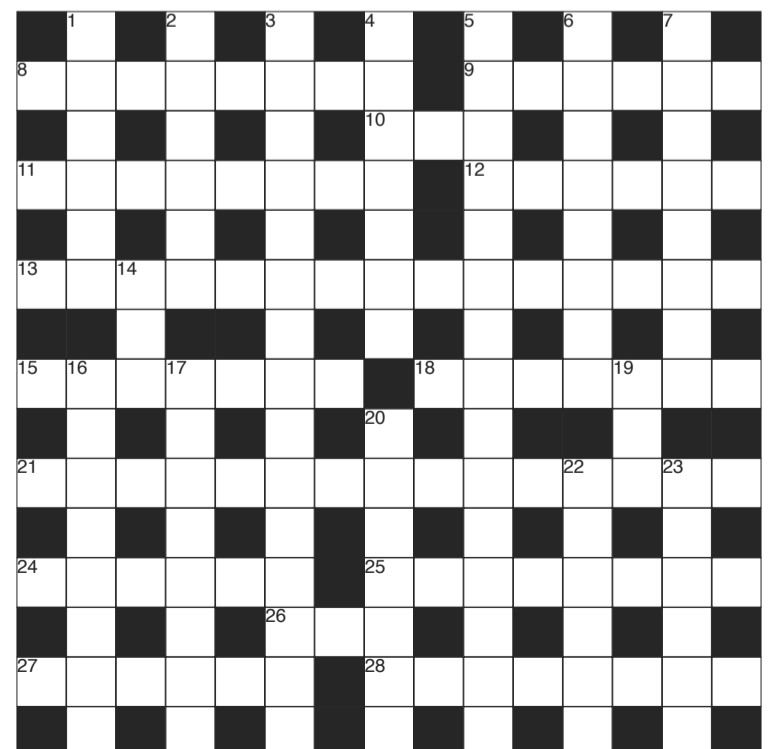
- 8. Skill of a part if iced. (8)
- 9. Fuel us as helpful. (6)
- 10. Find plenty in Genesis 12 & 13. (3)
- 11. Chinese feat at darts. (8)
- 12. A hit for Bobby Darin. (6)
- 13. Where Greeks worshipped in Ephesus. (6, 2, 7)
- 15. Measures for hot drinks. (7)
- 18. Beginner in beaten, beaten. (7)
- 21. Skill of Daley and Waterfield. (15)
- 24. Strait turned to layers. (6)
- 25. It was "over" for the Seekers. (8)
- 26. Capital orchestra. (1, 1, 1)
- 27. Two fuels make one. (6)
- 28. Renew fire or modern book. (8)

**DOWN CLUES:**

- 1. Radar chief reveals boy. (6)
- 2. Take sleep for young animal. (6)
- 3. Ex MP and railway buff. (7, 8)
- 4. X-ets and credos. (7)
- 5. Goat, insect and lead rower do this. (9, 6)
- 6. Not blue or black - B1 deficiency. (8)
- 7. Boggled down in this. (8)
- 14. Extinct N.Z. bird. (3)
- 16. The bangles walked like this. (8)
- 17. Cook coat to get parrot. (8)
- 19. A garland of Romanian coins. (3)
- 20. Tunic or not for a fabulous creature. (7)
- 22. Three in one? (6)
- 23. Consult one at Delphi. (6)

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# RELIEF AND REFUGEE NEWS



Jane Dawson, Relief and Refugee Team Chairman

**As I read of the life of St. Josephine Bakhita (Feast day 8th February) I thought of the (mainly) women and children who are seized today and sold into slavery. Josephine was seized aged 7 in 1876. A man who befriended her sold her a few times.** One owner took her to Italy where she worked for a family who treated her well. Josephine's story is familiar to the Relief and Refugee team. We often receive applications for aid from agencies which are helping asylum seekers who were abused by the families who brought them to England.

They are often suddenly forced out of their master's home, or escape without documents, money or clothing and they seek help from the refugee agencies, who advise them to register with the UK Border Agency. A parish priest in Oxfordshire told me he keeps a case of clothing in the Presbytery to offer to people who have been forced onto the streets with nothing. He gives them food, advice, and sometimes money for a train fare.

Members of the R&R team recently attended the AGM of the Southwark Day Care Centre for Asylum Seekers. We were warmly welcomed by the staff and introduced to a client who received a grant from us, and we watched a DVD made by the centre which included

experiences of some asylum seekers. Asylum seekers often live in a state of limbo for many years; one woman waited 12 years to be granted refugee status. We were struck by their sense of disempowerment, being not permitted to work, or settle down, or belong in the community. During this long period of waiting many asylum seekers experience mental health problems and so they need care from Mental Health Services. One asylum centre has acquired an allotment site where with the support of committed volunteers a garden was created with flowers, summer vegetables, and a tree planted. Local stores donated seeds and plants and the asylum-seekers enjoyed summer vegetables. This project has transformed lives. Sadly one client was found drowned in the Thames which affected everybody.

The Red Cross, the largest and oldest humanitarian organisation in the world, recently hosted a day symposium which challenges stereotypes and inaccurate reporting about refugees in the media. The day involved speakers from the media as well as representatives from asylum and refugee groups. The Red Cross has a functioning and effective international tracing and messaging service which has helped many refugees to locate their families. It also has a large centre based in Hackney caring for a number of asylum seekers, many of whom have benefitted from CWL R&R grants. The team thanks you all very much for continued support of vulnerable and disempowered people.

**Summary of a report from Jane Dawson, Relief and Refugee Team Chairman**

## WUCWO

(World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations)



Veronica Cross

**Report from representative Veronica Cross.** Veronica attended a meeting to hear the Secretary of State for International Development, Justine Greening give a report on, 'Putting Girls and

Women at the Heart of Development'. She intends to target DFID (Department for International Development) in its efforts to improve the lives of women and girls around the world. She said investing in girls and women was the right thing to do, for example an extra year in primary school can increase the wage-earning capacity of girls by 20%, with even better results for girls with secondary education. More time in education means girls face a lower risk of sexual violence, they marry later, have fewer children and their children enjoy better health. Also when women generate their own income they reinvest 90% of it in their own families and communities. In Pakistan women entering Parliament on a gender quota were able to work successfully across party lines on legislation relating to 'honour killing' and 'acid crime'. Women perform two-thirds of the world's work, produce half of the world's food, but earn only 10% of the world's income. In many countries the evidence given by a woman in court carries less weight than that given by a man and although women make up half the world's population they represent only 20% of the world's political leaders. The worldwide statistics on beatings and rape of women are shocking. In the next three years the UK will be funding the 'Leadership for Change' programme to support 50,000 girls and women to make a difference in their local communities. Within three days of launching this programme thousands of applications for funding had been received from around the world.

**Veronica Cross, CWL International and WUCWO Liaison**

## SERVICES COMMITTEE



Elizabeth Townsend, Chairman of the Services Committee

**Meet the new Chairman of the Services Committee, Elizabeth (Bernie) Townsend. Bernie is a member of Kingswinford Section, Birmingham Branch where she has been serving as a very hardworking and conscientious 'Branch Liaison Officer' for the past four years. As she is from a Services background she volunteered for the Services Committee and has now accepted the post of Chairman.**

The committee works closely with the Bishop of the Armed Forces and the principal chaplains. They meet requests for assistance from serving and retired Service men and women, and their families for specific items and needs. They have also made donations to Headley Court and provide assistance to enable injured personnel to join the international Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Recently the committee brought out a new leaflet with a picture of an attractive young servicewoman in uniform and wearing a CWL badge. Bernie did some researching and has discovered that the woman in uniform is Mary O'Kelly, taken in 1944. A news item from the publication, 'The Catholic Women's League from the Beaches of Normandy to Berlin August 1944 to July 1946' by Mary Critchley-Salmonson OBE says....., 'in November 1944 we heard of the death in action of Mary O'Kelly's only brother. He was in the Irish Guards and only just 20, and she adored him.....She was only 22 herself and felt her brother's death very deeply. Fr. Blake, an RAF Chaplain said a Requiem Mass for him at the Finistere Church where there is a miraculous statue of Our Lady'.

## May they rest in peace

**We are asked to remember in our prayers the following members who have died**

May they rest in Peace:

**BIRMINGHAM BRANCH Alcester Section.** Pat Stephens d. November 2012 aged 78. Long term  
**CARDIFF BRANCH. Briton Ferry Section.** Pat Davis d. September 2012 aged 76. Founder member and Eucharistic minister.  
**DEVON BRANCH Okehampton Section.** Betty Wildish d. 2012. Former Section chairman.  
**EAST ANGLIA BRANCH. Norwich Section** Barbara Cornish d. 2013. National Officer for refugees.  
**MIDDLESBROUGH BRANCH. Cottingham Section.** Kathleen (Cassie) Griffith d. 2012. Rita Johnson d. December 2012 aged 97.  
**Driffild Section.** Sheila Chambers d.

February 2013. Founder member, secretary and chairman, also Women's World Day of Prayer representative.  
**PORTSMOUTH BRANCH. Fleet Section.** Theresa Devlin d. March 2012. Section Officer and Branch President also Eucharistic Minister and leader of parish RCIA.  
**SHREWSBURY BRANCH. Shrewsbury Section.** Gwyneth Kern d. August 2012 aged 84. Active in the Catholic Clothing Guild. Her funeral was conducted by her son Nick.  
**SOUTHWARK BRANCH. Tenterden Section.** Anne Williams d. August 2012. Former Section Chairman.  
**WESTMINSTER BRANCH. St. Bartholomew's Section.** Mary Eileen Webb d. October 2012 aged 98.

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## A Call To Action promoting dialogue in the church

### A Call To Action Mission Statement

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**More information about a forum for discussion at [www.acalltoaction.org.uk/](http://www.acalltoaction.org.uk/)**



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incurring extra costs. It became clear that embracing the technology available to us is crucial to survival and readers are referred to CWL's Facebook page and that of Brentwood Branch and Westminster Branch.

**Evening Prayer.** Southwark Branch brought the Friday evening session to a close by leading Evening Prayer.

**Saturday Morning.** Margaret Richards led the morning session with Morning Prayer. This was followed by each Branch in turn reporting on how they saw 'The Way Forward', including challenges. The varying levels of support from Parish Priests made for interesting listening with a consensus that their support is vital for the growth of CWL and the contributions its members can make to parish life.

Publicity Officer Margaret von Speyr and Promotions Team co-ordinator Doreen Pooley explained how recruitment needed to be at the top of everyone's agenda, in parishes and via schools and universities for instance. Each officer was given a copy of Reach (a CathCom publication) to give to local schools as another way of making contact with potential members. The voice of the League needs to be heard and its message spread. They explained the work behind the scenes in securing a new publisher for CWL News which they hoped would result in a new image for the League. The meeting then split into small groups for discussion on how the League works and how we can make it more attractive to new members. Summing up from all these groups was presented on the Sunday morning.

**Vigil Mass.** Saturday evening Mass was celebrated by Ecclesiastical Adviser to the League Bishop Peter Doyle. The Mass was prepared by Cardiff Branch. The evening was a time for relaxation when everyone joined in a quiz prepared, once again, by Jill Sims. Shouts of delight when an answer was right, and groans when wrong, could be heard throughout; we were not good at keeping quiet!

Sunday Morning. Morning prayers were prepared by Arundel and Brighton Branch. Prayers were followed by more discussions as members clarified their thoughts to take back home to Sections. After Open Forum the meeting closed at 12 noon.

Jean Clarke  
Margaret von Speyr



# About Anchor House

Anchor House is a residential and life skills centre for the homeless with 118 rooms, based in Canning Town. We work in the most deprived ward of England's third most deprived borough and use that fact as an inspiration. It gives us even more motivation to support our residents to rebuild their lives and get back to independent living and a meaningful place in society.

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We aim to create a spirit of openness, trust and opportunity. Our residents have faced social exclusion and often have a history of low self-esteem and are lacking in confidence. We believe in every resident and help them believe in themselves.

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- Provided a home and personal support to 220 people
- Helped 68 residents move on to independent living
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