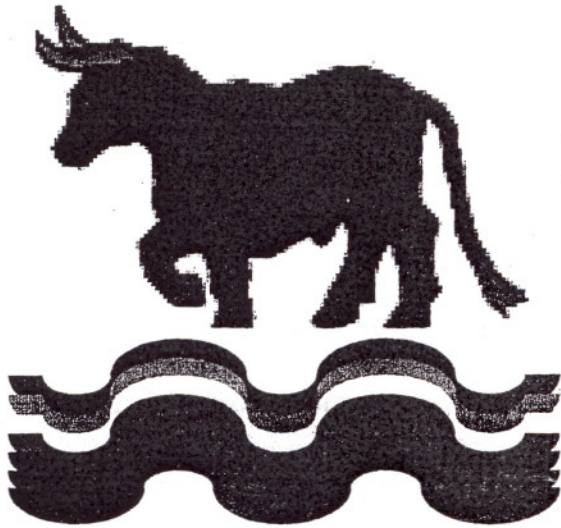


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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

My first edition of Oxon Fourth! On behalf of all Oxford Cursillistas I wish to say thank you to Matthew Caminer for all the editions that he produced and that we have enjoyed. However, it is not **my** magazine – it belongs to all of us. I would welcome any suggestions, ideas, articles, drawings etc. that you think would be of interest to others. My email address is mary@willets0.fsnet.co.uk. The next edition will be in Advent.

Eventful things have happened since the last edition at the beginning of the year. As some of you know, Matthew has relinquished the role of Lay Director slightly earlier than he planned. Please read his enclosed letter to you all. On behalf of everyone I ~~wish to~~ thank him sincerely for all the hard work he has done to get us to our present position. The commitment and hours spent whilst doing a full time paid job never ceases to amaze me. Thank you Matthew and we look forward to seeing you again at future events.

Secondly we enjoyed a successful Oxford 2 at the end of April. We had 12 guests, all of whom live in the Oxford Diocese and we welcome them all to their Fourth Day! I will leave others to describe what happened but I know that there is a wonderful picture of us all on our web site. Now we go forward to Oxford 3 in November when Kevin Beer will be Lay Rector.

Cursillo is about sharing and helping each other with our Christian journeys. I know that I would find it difficult to continue alone. There is a role for us all, especially if all you can give is prayer time which is essential if we are to continue the work Matthew began and to grow both in numbers and in faith.

Have you seen any butterflies or rainbows yet this year? Keep looking!

Some words from our Spiritual Advisor.

Some things are really worth waiting for and Oxford 2 was definitely one of them. Beset by difficulties and at times overwhelming odds it finally came to fruition in April.

It's very interesting to note that this was certainly not passive waiting for the extended time involved a good deal of effort, both physical and spiritual. This included patience, understanding, travelling, stress, endless prayer and those two great assets which are inseparable from one another; doubt and faith. Maybe not all are readily associated with Fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5) but the Holy Spirit needs and uses our 'ploughed up' lives in which to grow and further the works of God. Everyone involved with the weekend was rewarded for the 'wait' by the knowledge, sight and experience of the power of the Holy spirit at work in so many lives - Alleluia!

Perhaps, most of all, the problems with and the subsequent joy of Oxford 2 emphasised the importance of the Fourth Day group reunions and Ultreyas. The biblical exhortations to continue to meet with one another and to build one another up are vital parts of Cursillo and the Christian faith. So as we look forward to our third weekend let's take every opportunity to meet, communicate with and encourage one another with love, joy, vitality and palanca allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through us to the greater glory of God.

With every blessing, Angela Linton.



OXFORD 2

As experienced by Steve Warrilow who wrote the words and
Margaret Gilson who drew the pictures.

“How would you like to go on a Cursillo weekend?” This was the first time that I heard the word Cursillo, pronounced Cur-see-o. My curiosity was awakened. After a search of the internet I found www.oxfordcursillo.co.uk.

As a result of my enquiries I was booked onto the Oxford 2 Weekend, Thursday 27 April-Sunday 30 April. As the weekend approached, I had mixed feelings of anticipation and excitement. An explorer going into the unknown! As for the weekend itself? That brought out a complete range of emotions. I arrived on the first afternoon as a stranger but was greeted as a friend.



Art Work ?

There were daily Eucharists, quiet meditations, group prayer, talks and discussions; some of which were more like Blue Peter with sticky backed plastic, cardboard and tinsel! One of my personal highs was when we were given a total surprise – Palanca! I am still finding butterflies! Other feelings ranged from euphoria to physical tiredness as the days started at 7 am and ended at 10 pm (ish).



Postmen always learning about
new contract alternatives

Another highlight was the final Eucharist which was presided over by Bishop Steven. For me it brought the weekend to a close, but opened up the rest of my life as I started my fourth day. I put the success of the weekend down to the willing band of volunteers who were on hand to help us and to guide us, and also to those of us who were growing and learning new ways to share our faith and the love of God.

So as a Cursillista I say to you "ULTREYA!"

LAY DIRECTOR

Oxford Cursillo will have to appoint a new Lay director at the AGM on 25th November. The Secretariat invites you all to pray for the discernment of the person who should be the next Lay Director. Should a name come to mind please inform Revd. Angela Linton before our Secretariat Meeting on 17th August. She can be contacted on 01491 874236 or at angelalinton@fsmail.net. Don't worry if no name emerges - just pray.



Cursillo Leaders Workshops

Oxford Cursillo is affiliated to The British Anglican Cursillo Council (BACC). The council organises two workshops a year to comply with their resolution passed on 17 November 2001, which reads;

'As good practice Diocesan Secretariats should adopt a policy of actively encouraging leading members of the Servant Community, Secretariat and prospective Lay Rectors to attend a Cursillo Leaders Workshop before taking office.'

As Oxford is still in its infancy three of us have not attended a CWL . **YET!**

However, this is about to be remedied. Angela Linton, Jill Iredale and Mary Willets are booked onto the next CLW at Offa House during the first weekend in August. We have no idea what we are letting ourselves in for - only that it is not a repeat of a three day weekend. There will be a report in the next edition of OxonFourth. So please pray for us and -

Watch this space!

THE OXFORD 2 SONG

Sister Barbara June delighted us up by sharing her little song with her table group (portrayed below) who taught us at party time. Then of course it was included in the Clausura. It is meant to be sung as a three part round to a very well known tune.

**Good bits and bad bits
Who loves my good bits?
Who loves my bad bits?**

**Good bits and bad bits
God loves my good bits.
God loves my bad bits.**



GOOD BITS AND BAD BITS

Diary Dates 2006

- 2 September - GB Ultreya at Durham
- 16 September – First training day for Oxford 3
- 14 October - Second training day for Oxford 3
- 2 – 5 November – Oxford 3
- 25 November - Ultreya and AGM in Checkenden
Village Hall, 10.30am for 11.00am

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- 26 – 29 April – Oxford 4
- 11-14 October – Oxford 5

Please pray for

- the well being and growth of Oxford Cursillo
- Kevin Beer in his role of Lay Rector, as he finds and prepares his team for Oxford 3.
- those who will be guests at Oxford 3.
- Matthew and Miriam Caminer
- Andrew Garrett, his wife and daughter, as they move to their new home in Germany in August.

Cursillo is a movement of the church providing a method by which empowers Christians to grow through prayer, study and action, and enabled to share God's love with everyone.

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