



Happy New Year!

New Year/New Name

At the AGM in October, a change in name was agreed – from “Fraternity” to “Community” because of its inclusiveness and the association of the former with right-wing groups in France. Germany uses ‘community’ rather than ‘fraternity’. Being one ‘community’ also reflects the fact that the different Foucauld families present at the meeting in October intend to work closely together, ‘as one’ in Britain.

New Year/New Responsibles

As was mentioned in the last Newsletter, Pam & Keith Ware have completed their term as Responsibles after four years of service. They are still contributing to the “Working Group” – Pam is setting-up the website; Keith is IT consultant and both are general support in this transition. We all thank you, Pam & Keith, for the work that you have done over the years and it is a tribute to you that it is taking ten people to replace you! At the AGM, Pam & Keith suggested and it was agreed that several people need to be involved in sharing the duties and giving service. And at that meeting, many volunteered to get involved. The first meeting of the Working Group was held on December 1st and there will be another one on 12th January. We will be discussing events this year (weekend in Walsingham 7th-9th March and a visit by the Flemish during the first week in August) and other issues. If you have any suggestions or would like to help in any way, please contact me or others on the Working Group.

Events – 2008

Two events mentioned above are planned for the coming year. Enclosed is a booking form for Walsingham. Please complete and return asap so that all places and meals can be confirmed. It is always a special time so it is hoped that many will take advantage of having some time away during Lent.

The Flemish are visiting us the first week of August. Plans will be discussed for activities. So please give any suggestions and hopefully you will be able to attend a gathering sometime during that week.

Simon’s Algerian Journey

Enclosed is an account of Simon Scott-Plumber’s trip to sites where Brother Charles lived. It is enjoyable reading. Thank you, Simon, for sharing your story.

Contribution to European/International Fund

The cheque which was reported missing in the last Newsletter had been safely received. The missing confirmation was due only to transferring of accounts.

Newsletter

The goal of each newsletter will be to share some of the lives of members of the Community. Please send contributions to me so that all can benefit from reflection from around the country. Also if you want prayers for someone who is unwell or needing support in any way, please feel free to send information to be included.

New Year Wishes to you and all your loved ones!

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