

SEPTEMBER 2023

Message from the National President

For all those who have had a summer break, welcome back! I was away in Northern Ireland for three weeks and it was just what I needed to recharge the batteries in readiness for an exciting few months ahead! So, to get you up to speed on what lies ahead, I'm in the process of emailing every parish in England and Wales that doesn't already have a UCM Foundation or CWL Section. No mean feat, but it's achievable and when I sent out an email to every parish in Westminster Diocese, we had several expressions of interest and a new Section starting in Greenford. We have a tendency to think that no one wants to join organisations like CWL any more, but, if we currently have Sections in nearly 80 parishes enjoying what the League has to offer, then we can have Sections in the hundreds of other parishes we don't cover. We have to adapt to the times too and offer a varied programme of activities.

On that note, we have table top banners and pull up banners that can be displayed at events or the back of church and bookmarks that can be handed out in a recruitment drive. Please contact Jean if you would like some. I've attached a photo of the table top banner so you can see what it looks like and we're anticipating that it will prove popular as it's only A4 size, light to carry and easy to assemble. It doesn't take up too much space either. I'm hoping to meet as many of you as possible at the AGM from Monday 30th October to Wednesday 1st November at High Leigh. Those of you who have attended a national event know what joy it is to gather together *en masse*. We always have fun and learn a little along the way.

Please feel free to contact me any time to give feedback, make suggestions or even have a moan if there is something you don't like or would like to suggest something we could take on board! We need to do this in order to ensure that the League lives on well after our years of involvement.

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Message from the National Treasurer

Dear Treasurers - When the reconciliation sheet was first introduced it was specifically to record your bank transactions and match up with your bank statements. Banks have closed on the high street, making travel to a bank more difficult. HSBC now charge for every transaction, so, circumstances have changed and over the last year it has become apparent that more transactions are being made in cash rather than cheques. But the cash must be recorded correctly just the same as your bank statements. So, ladies, you will shortly be receiving a revised reconciliation sheet which I hope will help you with recording your cash transactions. I will go through it at the AGM in October when you will all have had a chance to 'practise' with it before then.

Thank you, *Christine*

As we near October, the month of the Rosary, why not consider Cafod's Joyful mysteries for the care of creation? Sections could use these mysteries, on your own or in your parish or community, to reflect, pray and nourish CWL's commitment to care for the earth.



Table-top roll-up banners available for purchase at £35

AGM and Autumn Conference

Monday 30th October to Wednesday 1st November 2023 – High Leigh, Hoddesdon EN11 8SG



Please ensure that all application forms are sent to Jean by 30th September at the latest.