

Lay Directors Report 2023

The major event of our year was hosting Lac #50 in February 2023 led by Richard Rock which took the form of a concise weekend held from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. The Clausura was held in the Launde chapel in the presence of Cursillistas from Leicester Cursillo #1 to #50 and it was also good to welcome the Archdeacon of Leicester Richard Worsfold and Cursillo's national president Beth Roberts to join us as we reached this 50th milestone. Ultreyas have taken place in Barrow on Soar, Shepshed, Blaby, and Groby which also included a Study Day or Day of Deeper Understanding as well as a Refugio held on line by zoom in place of an Ultreya back in November. It has been a joy to continue to welcome new Cusillistas to our 4th Day Community.

The National Ultreya, took place on Saturday 3rd September 2022 at St Pauls Cathedral in London with a walk of witness to Southwark Cathedral across the Thames. I was delighted to attend and to carry the Leicester Banner in the procession. I have also attended a further Cursillo Leaders workshop at Wycroft Retreat Centre in Surrey as a member of the Staff team, and at the recent British Anglican Cursillo Council held in Macclesfield I was appointed as the new Cursillo Leaders Workshop Convenor, so, whilst I might be coming to the end of a 4 year term as Lay Director of Leicester Cursillo, I continue my 4th Day in Cursillo by taking up a position on the National Cursillo Council.

Our secretariat, continue to have conversations around making Cursillo more widely accessible, and the agreed trial of a shorter form of the weekend in February 2023 was successful and saw participants attend who would not otherwise have been able to do so due to work commitments on a Friday. The required content of 15 talks and 5 meditations remained, but the weekend commenced on a Friday evening rather than a Thursday evening. The secretariat view the concise form of weekend as a success, but it is only one of the options open to us, and we believe the longer weekend still has its place notwithstanding the fact that the cost has increased considerably.

Lac #51 in November 2023 will be held from Thursday 23rd to Sunday 26th November.

Shortly after the AGM we will embark on 6 weeks of Caminos across all corners of the diocese. These are intended to be an opportunity to celebrate the milestone which Leicester Cursillo has achieved over an almost 30 year period from Leicester # 1 in 1994 to Leicester #50 in 2023. The dates have been widely published so do come along to help us celebrate and bring your friends.

I will continue to pray for Cursillo, and I ask you to join with me in prayer as we remember and give thanks with gratitude for those in the fourth day community who have died this year, and we pray that as a servant community all those of us who remain members of the 4th Day community may step out with confidence in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Ultreya!

Adrian Trotter