



Nuneaton author's book helps bring people together

October sees the launch of local author Clive Fowle's new book *In spite of our differences – healing the hurts of war*.

Our news feeds are full of conflict and anger and it can be difficult to find ways to work with people with whom we disagree. Clive and his companions at Touch of Hope have been helping bring together people who were at war in the former Yugoslavia and he is now using the same principles with those in conflict here in the UK.

In spite of our differences is Clive's story of how he came to be a mediator and now helps others do the same. It is also the story of those who survived hostilities and are learning to live with their former enemies in Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The book challenges you to put these ideas into action in your own life, in your local community or further afield.

Come and meet Clive and some of his fellow peace workers from Croatia and Serbia at the launch of his book at 2.30pm on Saturday 4 October at Rugby Methodist Church Centre, Rüsselsheim Way, Rugby CV22 7TB.

Clive says: "I wanted to share the story of how ordinary people are empowered to work for reconciliation, to work across the boundaries. I shall never forget when I first went to Osijek and met the people in the Centre for Peace Non-Violence and Human Rights. They were so committed to working to end the violence and that made such an impact on me.

"These people have gone through so much, but are actually talking about living together 'in spite of our differences' and I wanted to tell people about that.

"But I wanted also to talk about my journey in terms of the difficulties I had and my own feelings about being involved in the work. But, mainly, to put on record how people can change and move forward in the direst of circumstances."

Katarina Kruhonja – Co-founder of the Centre for Peace, Non-Violence and Human Rights, Osijek – says: "This book captures the heart of authentic peacemaking – as a lifelong calling, a journey of healing, and growth in humility and courage. Having lived through the time and places Clive describes – and having worked alongside him – this book touched me deeply and, also, enriched my understanding. It will be a valuable companion for anyone seeking to live reconciliation with God, with oneself, and with others – and for those committed to supporting others and communities on that same path of healing."

In spite of our differences is released on 4 October 2025. It is available online from springview.uk or through your normal book seller.

Notes for editors

1. Clive Fowle is a retired Methodist Minister living in Nuneaton, Warwickshire with his wife Ann. He is a practising conflict resolution practitioner and trainer with Mediation and Community Support and Workplace Chaplain to National Express buses in Coventry, among other things. In his spare time, he is an ardent enthusiast of buses, trolley buses and trams. He loves walking his dog and family get-togethers with his three sons and their families, including three grandchildren.
2. For more information on *In spite of our differences* ISBN 978-1-7398659-6-2, images or a review copy of the book, please contact Candy Evans at Spring View Publications, candy@springview.uk or by phone at 01926 863563.