

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SHOWS...

ADVENT SERVICES

- Wednesday 2nd December, 2pm, at All Saint's Church, Sherbourne, Warwickshire
- Monday 7th December, 7pm, at All Saint's Church, Intwood, Norfolk
- **FARMHOUSE BREAKFAST EVENTS**
- Wednesday 20th January at Ashcombe Village Hall, Devon
- Thursday 21st January at M A Grigg, Lower Sticker, Cornwall
- Tuesday 26th January at The Carpenters Arms, Felixkirk, Yorkshire
- Wednesday 27th January in Warwickshire (location tbc)

OTHER EVENTS AND SHOWS IN 2016

- Thursday 25th February, Cornwall Farm Business Awards 2016 in Wadebridge
- Sunday 24th April, Church service at St Edmundsbury, Suffolk
- Wednesday 4th May, Rogationtide service at St Paul's Cathedral
- Wednesday 18th May, Devon Farm Business Awards at Westpoint, followed by the Devon County Show, 19th-21st May
- Thursday 9th-Saturday 11th June, Royal Cornwall Show

Details will be updated on the Events section of our website.

Hammering home the message!

Guests were treated to an exclusive auction preview of antiques, paintings and books going under the hammer at Cotswold auction house Moore Allen & Innocent in Cirencester on Wednesday 4th November.

Moore Allen & Innocent is a supporter of the Addington

Fund, and the two organisations shared a platform at this year's Cotswold Show, of which the company was a lead sponsor. The auction preview also gave guests the chance to learn more about Addington's work.



Pictured above: Addington Fund Chief Executive Ian Bell with Jane Franklin

Pictured above: Addington Fund Trustee Chris Peachy with Mrs Cathy Taylor

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How you can help us

- **DONATIONS** - can be made directly to us by sending your gift to our office in Barford. If you are a tax payer then including a gift aid declaration increases your gift by 25%.
- **TO DONATE BY TEXT** - please text AFTD01 followed by the £ symbol and the amount you would like to donate to 70070. For example: AFTD01 £5 ...thank you!
- **VIRGIN MONEY GIVING** - www.virginmoneygiving.com - search for Addington. This is a safe and secure method of donating on line.
- **RECYCLING INK JET CARTRIDGES** - www.recycle4charity.co.uk - ink jet cartridges with a donation coming to us. However, due to restrictions now in place by Royal Mail, it is no longer possible to send mobile phones in Recycle 4 Charity freepost envelopes, sorry.
- **CHRISTMAS CARDS** - The owners of Society Cards have made the very difficult decision to close the business due to falling sales. Thanks to the loyalty of its customers, in 30 years they raised more than £500,000 for charities that support rural communities. We have purchased part of their stock which we are selling to support our work in the farming community. Purchases can be made online www.addingtonfund.org.uk/support-us/shop/ or by calling 01926 620135 select option 3.
- **INTERNET SEARCH ENGINES** - www.everyclick.com is an Internet search engine which raises money for charity. Please look us up and add Addington Fund as your chosen charity.
- **SHOPPING ONLINE** - Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from the perfect gift and novelty socks to your turkey and pantomime tickets - you could be raising a free donation for Addington Fund? There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline, and Sainsbury's - it doesn't cost you a penny extra! It's really simple, all you have to do is head to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/addingtonfund> and sign up for free.
- **LEGACIES** - please contact us if you would like to consider leaving a legacy to the Fund.
- **STAMPS** - We can receive donations from stamps collected by our supporters. All stamps are welcome and ideally they should be on single paper (i.e. just the front of the envelope). They need to be trimmed to within about 1/4" of the perforations. Please no gold labels, meter marks, etc. - just stamps! There is no minimum or maximum amounts so anything you can save and send will support our work. Foreign coins/old GB coins and banknotes are also accepted. All you have to do is send your stamps to: Stamps for Charity (066 AF), 10 Bellamy Avenue, Hartcliffe, Bristol BS13 0HW and quote the name Addington Fund 066AF. How simple is that?



THE Addington Fund NEWS

a farming charity that means business

Autumn/Winter 2015

Looking forward

Producing a cash flow is not the favourite past time of many farmers; experiencing so much price volatility and estimating yields doesn't make it easy. Yet every business needs to plan and farming is no exception nor is a farming charity.

During the summer a very robust report was compiled looking at the response to the flooding on the Somerset Levels. This will help us in the future; by archiving the procedures developed during the summer of 2013 we will be able to respond quicker in the future. An early response is often the most cost effective and we are looking to build a reserve fund to be able to act quickly if a need arises.

On the housing front; it sounded so simple when we started in 2002. However, more houses, more families, particularly aging families, require more resources which come at a cost. We were bequeathed a property in Wales last year and we know of other Wills being written to benefit Addington. Other opportunities are presenting themselves; barns for conversion in Cumbria and Dorset, new builds in Cornwall, Gloucestershire and Somerset. We need to look at how best we use our financial resources to meet the needs of individual farming families.

We also have ambitions. By providing a home that gives a retiring family the dignity they have worked for and deserve, we want to create opportunities for the younger

generation. Our work/live units in Cornwall are providing a base for two young families to create a business and in other dwellings we are providing youngsters with a secure base from which to develop their careers.

Thank you for your support. Your continued generosity allows us to consider

the future and how we can help more farming families. Since we started our housing work in November 2002 we have always strived to cover all our running costs from our earned income. Your donations all add to the future of Addington and the farming families we help.



Ian Bell OBE
Chief Executive
Addington Fund

Cornwall & Devon Farm Business Awards 2016



Nomination forms are now available for the 2016 Cornwall and Devon Farm Business Awards, which turn the spotlight on farming businesses in the South West and celebrates the various ways they survive and prosper, even in the harshest economic climate.

If you are a farmer, you can nominate yourself or ask others, such as your bank manager; solicitor; vet or a supplier to nominate you. The forms, along with more information on the categories and timescales can be found <http://www.addingtonfund.org.uk/events/> or please contact Georgi Curtis.

< Pictured: Sponsors and supporters join DFBA 2015 winners John and Clare Clapp with 2014 winners Di and Peter Westanage (front row) at the launch of Devon Farm Business Awards 2016

HOUSING WORK

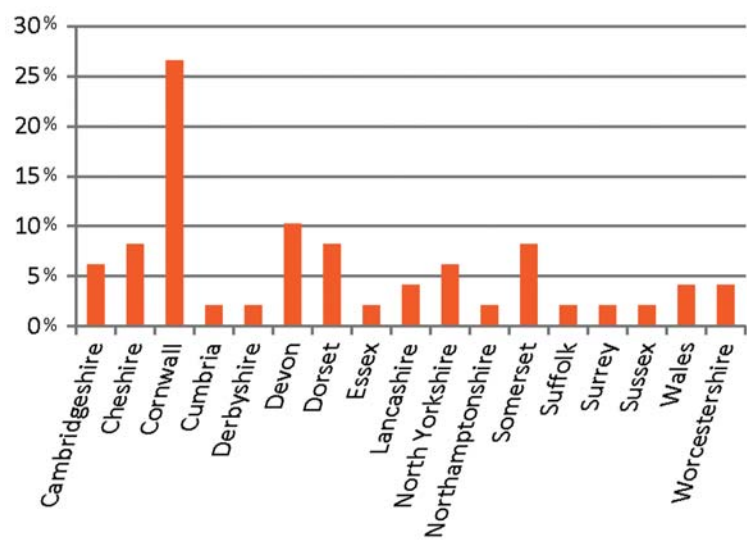
Since September 2002 our main focus has been providing suitable housing for tenant farmers who have to leave their farm and by doing so will lose their home. We were recently asked why a charity should help tenant farmers retiring from a tenancy, when they have had many years to save for the time when they would have to leave the farm. In 2002 we purchased our first house for our first applicant and this property has increased in value by 61% in 13 years. How many incomes (let alone farm ones) have risen to match this?

Obviously house prices are an issue for most people, but if you are a 70 year old tenant farmer, there are no "first time buyer schemes" available to buy a retirement home. 58% of our current Strategic Rural Housing Scheme tenants have shared equity in their home. They have managed to save during their working farming life, but can't keep up with property prices, and at their age cannot get a mortgage. Their only other options are expensive private rentals where pets are frequently not accepted, and there is no assurance of the length of the tenancy, or local authority housing (if available) in urban areas, alien to everyone in the sector we work in.

With your continued support, we can help to ensure a secure roof over their heads (with their faithful collie dog) for the rest of their lives.

Last year we were bequeathed a legacy of a three bedroom detached property in West Wales. The benefactor's request was that it was made available to "local farmers". We have been doing essential maintenance work to bring the property into good condition and we now have a farming couple, with young children living in it who, otherwise, would not have been able to live so close to the land where they keep their sheep.

House prices continue to be a challenge for us too, so your support will enable us to continue our work finding suitable homes for those from farming backgrounds. A monthly donation is a great way to support us, and over the years this method of giving can amount to a very significant gift to the Addington Fund.



< This chart shows the counties of our current properties, with Cornwall being the obvious most popular county.

Emergency Grant Payments

Applications for financial support have been much quieter than this time last year, and since March we have made grants totalling £12,000 in emergency payments. When a working farmer finds him or herself in an emergency situation and hardship prevails, our Trustees' Discretionary Fund is there to help. The strong pound and an embargo on Russian imports are just two things that have affected the livestock sector but this is not an area where a charity can intervene. However, when a farming family with limited means find themselves facing financial difficulty due to exceptional circumstances such as an accident, illness or

bereavement, we can assist financially by way of a grant to pay certain business costs. We mainly help with animal feed costs and we work with other farming charities who can assist with other domestic financial needs.

An example this summer was an elderly hill farmer who was hospitalised and needed help to pay someone to look after his sheep while he was in hospital. We supported him by contributing towards his farm worker's labour costs. The majority of farmers who come to us for help are livestock farmers and of the grants made, 50% have gone to help those farming in Wales.

Fundraising Activities...

● FRIENDS OF FERGUSON HERITAGE VINTAGE TRACTOR ROAD RUN

Addington supporter Les Arnold, from Daventry, Northants took part in the Friends of Ferguson Heritage Vintage Tractor Road Run this summer.

Les' Ferguson T E L 20 was built in 1955 at the world famous Banner Lane factory in Coventry. It ran faultlessly during his 45 mile section of the Friends of Ferguson John O' Groats to Land's End tractor relay.



Pictured above: Les, somewhere on the A49 in Shropshire

Les received support from many people and companies resulting in a fantastic £450 donation to the Addington Fund. The extra effort of the Brimfield Vintage Club members deserve special mention as they not only gave the largest donation, but also gave up some of their time to come and meet Les on the Ludlow Bypass.



The Very Reverend James Atwell, Dean of Salisbury Cathedral, is this year's Show President at the New Forest and Hampshire Show and he kindly selected Addington to be his Show Charity. Previous to his appointment at Winchester, James was Dean of St Edmundsbury Cathedral and appointed Rev Richard Addington, a Canon of St Edmundsbury. We met several members of the Show Society at the pre-show dinner; and we really appreciate the

Farm Joke Did you hear about the farmer's scarecrow?

● THE TWO MOORS FESTIVAL

The Addington Fund, in partnership with The Two Moors Festival, highlighted the economic and cultural diversity of Dartmoor and Exmoor, through a series of concerts and talks in October. Our collaboration comes at a very challenging time for the farming community, especially the dairy sector, and provided an awareness of support available.

On Friday 23 October, a fundraising orchestral concert was held at Exeter Cathedral



in aid of the Addington Fund and the Two Moors Festival. Serving champagne and canapés, the drinks reception held at Foot Anstey's Exeter office provided a perfect start to the evening before the recital of The Orchestra of the Swan under the baton of David Curtis.

Photo below: Ian Bell (Addington Fund), Jill Lammonby (Foot Anstey), Georgi Curtis (Addington Fund), Simon Gregory (Foot Anstey), photographer: Theo Moye

Bountiful Harvest

We continue to receive huge support from churches across England and Harvest Festivals are a popular time for congregations to support our work with their giving. As this newsletter goes to print we have received donations totalling close to £4,000 from Harvest events and we would like to convey our thanks to the churches who have felt able to support us in this way, especially as we know that so many rural parishes are struggling financially. Thank you.

Chosen charity for New Forest Show March 2015 – March 2016

support they gave our show raffle, won by Mr Stembridge. Throughout the show 'The Sheep Show' very kindly collected for us again. In the Poultry Marquee, the Section Chairman and his team ably assisted by members of the Southampton Poultry Club, worked very hard over the three days of the show, running duck races and other events for us, raising an amazing £1,015, and a 'Poultry Cake' was made for the raffle.

He won an award for being outstanding in his field!

Guernsey Gals!

Over the last six years we have been donated three Guernsey heifers; Claudia, Annabelle and Libbie, all suitable celebrity names! During that time we have made some great friendships within the English Guernsey Cattle Society and on the island of Guernsey; thank you for all your support.

We hope in return we have been able to play a small role in promoting the Society.

Special thanks must go to John Berry, especially during his Presidential year, Brian and Sheila Adams for all their hard work without which we would never have reached the show ring and to our main corporate supporters Farmplus Construction,

PROPERTY NEWS

VACANCY: LIVE/WORK ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE IN CORNWALL

We currently have a vacancy for a two bedroom, end terrace, barn conversion which can be let with or without a single storey workshop of 47m² in Cornwall (pictured below).

Occupancy restrictions apply but please look at our website for further details: www.addingtonfund.org.uk/news/more/vacancy-at-live-work-development-ruthvoes-cornwall



Pictured above: Prize winner Libbie

NatWest and Mole Valley Farmers. Raffle tickets are still available for Libbie who is due to calve in December, all being well.

Pam Coryn who won Annabelle has continued to compete in the show ring after having her second calf; a good bull calf, which Pam and her mum Dawn have reared and recently sold for £750 which they have generously donated to Addington.