

SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME to the summer 2018 edition of the Addington Fund News. In this edition we are delighted to introduce Bill Young, our new chief executive and share the celebrations with the richly deserving winners of our recent Cornwall and Devon Farm Business Awards.

In January we said farewell to Ian Bell, who had been with us since the beginning of 2001. Ian devoted 17 years, taking the charity from the dark days of foot and mouth, to the thriving housing charity it is today. We are looking forward to building on from these foundations as we head towards the challenging times that lie ahead with Brexit looming.

With best wishes for the summer, *Addington Fund team*

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE CEO, BILL YOUNG

1. As the new CEO of Addington Fund what is your plan?

To continue the good work of Addington Fund. I have literally “Big Boots” to fill but I want to put my own template in place. Addington is a great charity with hard working and dedicated staff, who are helping to fight rural poverty and hardship whilst addressing the need to keep the countryside sustainable and vibrant. At present we own 57 properties which are rented out primarily to tenant farmers who signalled they wanted to retire but had nowhere suitable or affordable to move into. We want to grow our property portfolio to meet anticipated future needs, but to do this we will have to be very proactive in our fundraising and also retain our lean structure to maximise the grants we are able to provide, as well as increasing our capacity to invest in the right housing for the right tenants.

We must always have contingency funds available when needed. In truth, and sadly, we are never far away in agriculture from the next disaster, whether it be weather or disease driven, and we must make sure we have the mechanisms in place to deliver to those in need if we have to, as we have in the past.

My other passion is for youth and I have seldom been disappointed when I have given young people responsibility. We must do all we can to keep bright young,

hardworking entrepreneurs living and working rurally and if Addington can help we must. It is great to see younger people we have helped in the past building up successful businesses and then becoming Addington donors themselves.

2. What challenges do you think farmers are facing looking forwards (and how can Addington help?)

We are going to see more change than ever over the next few years and nobody realises what is round the corner. I am certain that producers of quality products who spread their risks and control costs will always survive. The problem is that there are many mixed messages coming out. For instance I was at a Nuffield Business Group meeting last month where all three producers, despite the relatively good price of lambs, were considering their future post Brexit as they can see their market drying up. Shortly after, I went to a meeting where an independent speaker happily announced that due to an expansion of the Asian market he could see lamb moving up the agricultural meat export league, from fourth to second. So who do you believe?

Almost certainly we are going to have to learn to farm with less support and if this is the case, the upland tenant farmers are going to need help. I can see Addington being very busy in these



regions and I shudder to think of the result of unmanaged de-populated upland areas.

3. How can your supporters continue to support the Addington Fund?

Our support will always depend on our ability to pay out and buy properties. It is a sad fact that when there is a natural disaster, money flows in, but we need to level out our income and spend accordingly. Since Addington shifted its focus to housing in 2002, we have successfully rehoused over 80 farming families and people working in the rural sector, and since 2001 helped nearly 25,000 people with hardship grants. We absolutely welcome legacies, gifts of houses, building plots and general donations so we can continue to meet our objectives. My job is to let people know what we do and thus encourage donations.

PROPERTY MATTERS

Recent housing activity has included the purchase of a property in Derbyshire and one in Herefordshire with our approved applicants house hunting in North Wales and West Devon.

Our affordable work/live units in Ruthvoes has seen a turnover in tenants this past year, with a change of circumstances for some of our original occupiers resulting in new opportunities for two new families. It is great that this natural turnover creates chances for others.



RURAL HOUSING SCHEME

There are many reasons why people contact us about housing and no two situations are ever the same.

We try, wherever possible, to work confidentially when helping our beneficiaries with the move from the farm to their Addington house. In most cases, even the neighbour doesn't know of our involvement. To give you an idea of situations we help, you may be interested to hear about a gentleman we have recently helped with housing. He is in his 80's and rents a small beef and sheep farm. His landlady passed away last year and the farm was left to a couple of well-known national charities. They immediately sent valuers round and are selling the farm and have given our farmer notice to quit. At his

age, finding a new home must be a daunting task.

We have been working with local rural charities such as the Agricultural Chaplains Association, as well the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution and we are delighted that as I write this article, he is in the process of moving into his new home, a smart little bungalow, not far from his farm, where he can continue to have a quality and country lifestyle.

It is very humbling for us to be able to offer a safe and secure home to people who have devoted so much of their lives to work in farming but it is only because of your support that we can continue do this.



HIGH CARTMELL FOLD, CROSTHWAITE, NEAR KENDAL

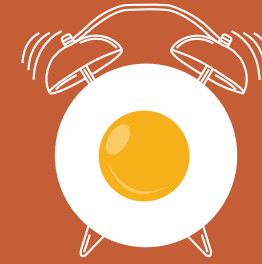
The conversion of a donated stone barn at Crosthwaite, near Kendal, into 2 affordable homes is coming along well. The end result will provide a 1 bed and a 3 bed dwelling, for local

people working in the rural community but who have been priced out of the housing market. Please spread the word as the 3 bedroom property is still available.



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Farmhouse Breakfast Events

Thank you to all our supporters who have attended our Farmhouse Breakfast events this year. We have been privileged to be joint recipients at some of the breakfasts, along with RABI, Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Ashcombe Club.

Breakfasts in Devon, Cornwall, Yorkshire, Warwickshire and Herefordshire have raised over £12,000 for Addington and the other charities.

We are forever grateful to all our sponsors and particularly Barclays for their continued support of our breakfast events.



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EVENTS DIARY

We look forward to meeting you at any of the various shows and events we are attending this summer.

Come & meet us at:

10th-12th July
GREAT YORKSHIRE
SHOW Stand 189

18th July
NSA SHEEP EVENT
Malvern

12th September
UK DAIRY DAY

13th September
WESTMORLAND
COUNTY SHOW
Breakfast

29th September
GRIGGS OPEN DAY

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CORNWALL

Farm Business Award Winners



BEST COMMERCIAL FARMER
Sponsored by Carter Jonas and AMC plc
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BEST WOMAN IN FARMING
Sponsored by the Duchy of Cornwall
Gayle Bersey, Triffle Farm



BEST LIVESTOCK FARMER
Sponsored by PKF Francis Clark LLP
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BEST FARM PROCESSOR
Sponsored by Savills
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BEST DAIRY FARMER
Sponsored by Rodda's
John Heller & Tom Nicholls, Acland Farm



BEST YOUNG FARMER
Sponsored by NatWest
Tom Jones, Trelay Farm



FARMING CHAMPION
Sponsored by NFU
Peter Clarke, Farming Community Network



CORNWALL'S FARMER OF THE YEAR Sponsored by Cornish Mutual
David & Suzanne Simmons, Riviera Produce

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Farm Business Award Winners



BEST WOMAN IN FARMING
Sponsored by NatWest
Jacqui Lanning



BEST COMMERCIAL FARMER
Sponsored by PKF Francis Clark
James, Dawn, David and Edward Verney



BEST DAIRY FARMER
Sponsored by Crediton Dairy
Martin and Margaret Williams



THE CAAV JOHN NEASON DIVERSIFICATION AWARD
Sponsored by CAAV
Lester and Helen Bowker



BEST YOUNG FARMER
Sponsored by Savills
Molly Westwood



FARMING CHAMPION
Sponsored by NFU
Robin Milton



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Sponsored by Cornish Mutual
Ollie Allen



DEVON'S FARMER OF THE YEAR
Sponsored by Mole Valley Farmers
Jacqui Lanning

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JACK'S STORY

Hi, I'm Jack, the Addington Fund tractor and I have been asked to tell you my story. I was made in Coventry in 1954 and am a little grey Fergie. I spent the first 14 years of my life happily with Mr Mowbray at Gosberton, Lincs, and there is even a photograph of his son sitting on me with his two sisters standing either side. I'm not too sure what really went on after that as at some time I was taken completely to pieces and put to one side. I do remember a very bumpy ride on a trailer to near Bury St Edmunds in November 2006. Apparently, John, my new owner, had answered an advert which read something like this, 'also project tractor, just wants putting together, everything boxed, everything there, £???''. I was named Jack as most of me was in a box!

We fast forward to April 2007 when I had been fully overhauled, assembled and painted in the charity CLIC-Sargent colours and was on display at Newmarket at The Ferguson Club's AGM.

I remained in those colours until the beginning of 2018 when I changed colour from pink to orange and brown. I have just been to Woolpit Steam, my first outing in my new colours, and I was very well received.



JACK, BEFORE RESTORATION

IF YOU SEE ME AT A SHOW, COME AND SAY HELLO AND PUT SOME MONEY IN MY COLLECTING BOX.

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ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW CHARITY AUCTION

We are indebted to Edward Buckland Ltd, Chartered Surveyors from Truro, following their charity auction and supper held at this year's Royal Cornwall Show. With partners Cornish Mutual, PKF Francis Clark, BARCLAYS Agricultural Banking & Coodes Solicitors the evening made an amazing £11,500 for Addington, Farming

Community Network and Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

Edd has been supporting Addington for many years and has raised over £10,000 since 2014. Thank you to everyone who supported the evening in any way.



Image courtesy of the Sheep Show

THE SHEEP SHOW

If you visit many of the fabulous agricultural shows you may have come across Richard Savory's Sheep Show. The Sheep Show is a humorous educational and entertaining live stage show about sheep and wool.

They appear at over 100 shows a year and in front of an estimated audience of

2.5 million people, this unique show has captured the hearts of many.

If the opportunity arises, the Sheep Show take donations for Addington at some of the shows, and to date have raised nearly £7000 for us. If you get the chance to see them, we would encourage you to make a point of finding them and enjoying their display.



FAREWELL TO SIR PAUL CLARKE

We say a sad farewell to one of our trustees, Sir Paul Clarke, who has stepped down from his role of Addington Fund Trustee following 5 years on the Board.

Sheila Cole, chairman of trustees said "Paul brought to the Board of Trustees his vast experience in management. As Trustees we valued his calm and measured approach to various situations. We shall very much miss his input and thank him for his commitment and loyalty to the Addington Fund"

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

You have probably heard of the new GDPR regulations that came into effect on 25 May this year. In a nutshell, the aim of the new regulations is to prevent you receiving unwanted communications from organisations.

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