

Uncertainty Yes but Opportunity Around the Corner?

Mercifully it has been a relatively quiet year weather wise apart from the two recent blips in Wainfleet and North Yorkshire. In the last six months The Addington Fund has helped farmers in Wales through a Welsh Government scheme, who were short of feed and forage as a result of the 2018 drought as well as others on an individual need basis through our Trustees Discretionary Fund.

On the housing front we have never been busier. The scenario is a simple one in that with all the uncertainty in farming, tenant farmers in particular, are grabbing opportunities to retire with the help of the Addington Fund. This has put a good deal of pressure on us as a Fund generally, as we convert cash reserves into retirement homes.

The frightening bit is still yet to come in my opinion, in that Michael Gove when he was at DEFRA was committed to offering farmers an retirement exit strategy which in all likelihood would enable farmers in 2022 to draw down several years BPS payments in one tranche as part of a planned exit strategy. For many farmers put quite simply the support payment is the profit and I believe that many farmers will look to take advantage if this materialises as expected. Many farmers will be able to draw down maybe 3 or 4 years payments, have a farm sale and then could be well on the way

to buying a local retirement home. It is my belief that Addington will be requested in such incidents to make up the difference.

With this in mind, we are going to have to fund raise like we never have before in order to keep up with demand and we will be appealing to all our sponsors, donors and supporters to help us through this period of unprecedented change. Annie Winn, our Marketing and Events manager has just prepared a new brochure which highlights what Addington does and how you can help. If you would like more information, please contact her on events@addingtonfund.org.uk or through the office on 01926 620135.

The upside to this is that there will be for the first time in recent years opportunities for youngsters to farm on the vacated land. The average age of farmers which has been 57 for many years has just risen to 59 but I can see it coming down. The Addington Fund is totally committed to helping youngsters onto the Farming Ladder and we are lucky enough to be beneficiaries of a few legacy farms in the future. In such incidents we will use these with the help of some sponsorship from key players in the agriculture supply chain to get first generation, would be farmers up and running. I do hope the Government will also offer start up grants too, as in effect they could be farming without subsidies against

neighbours who still have them. To my surprise this never seems to phase young farmers when I mention it.

All this has meant that our portfolio affordable houses which we use to keep younger families working in agriculture or agricultural related industries in their chosen rural environment has not grown as much as I would like, as strategic retirement homes are taking priority. We are lucky enough to be involved in a few exciting rural developments which could in time through the generosity of landowners help us increase our numbers of affordable houses with the resultant benefit to the local economy. It may mean for the first time as a charity we need to borrow to meet demand and take advantage of opportunities that come our way.

So challenging times yes but exciting ones too and as always, we could not function without your support, fundraising and generosity.

Bill Young

Addington Fund CEO

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Devon Farm Business Awards:

Wednesday 15th May

The Devon Farm Business Awards yet again didn't fail to entertain. With just over 200 people enjoying the evening filled with fantastic food, wine and well-deserved category winner celebrations! Those who attended dug deep with generous bids on our fantastic prizes and the Awards Ceremony raised £3400 through the raffle & auction lots alone!

We cannot thank those enough who donated prizes, entered our categories, nominated their family, friends and colleagues and supported our awards evening until the very end!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors for their efforts and for believing in something so crucial; Supporting our charity and supporting our British farmers.

The winners are as below:

A huge congratulations to Luke & Emily Knight, Knights Farm for winning The CAAV John Neason Diversification Award 2019.

Congratulations to Rob & Matt Cotton, R & P Farming for winning the Best Commercial Farmer and Devon's Farmer of the year 2019, sponsored by PKF Francis Clark & Mole Valley.

A huge well done to Jo Jones, Dairyfield, for winning Best Woman in Agriculture 2019, sponsored by NatWest.

A fantastic win for James & Ben Harvey, Langage Farm, winning the title of the Best Farm Processor 2019, sponsored by Cornish Mutual.

A moo-ving win for The Knapman Family at Shilstone Farm, winning Best Dairy Farmer 2019, sponsored by Crediton Dairy.

A truly inspiring win and representing all our young farmers, Becky Dennis, Best Young Farmer 2019 sponsored by Savills.

Well done to David Horton for winning Farming Champion,

sponsored by NFU. David wasn't aware that he had been nominated so being announced on stage was a bit of a surprise!

Last but not least, we cannot forget to mention the quick-witted James Morrish from Kivells, for doing such a fantastic job at compering our evening.

Talks and plans for the Devon Farm Business Awards 2020 are already in place so make sure you keep an eye out for them on the horizon!



Rob & Matt Cotton – Devon's Farmer of the Year 2019 with Graeme Cock, Mole Valley.



Minette Batters, Speaking at the Devon Farm Business Awards 2019. Minette is doing a sterling job for British agriculture and we are so grateful for her support at our events.

The Three Counties Farming Awards:

13th June



It's been a busy year this year for our Farm Business Awards. Not only have we hosted our awards in Cornwall and Devon this year, we also have the Three Counties to thank for choosing the Addington Fund as their chosen charity partnership throughout their Farming Awards this year too! The evening consisted of a beautiful lamb roast, followed by 10 truly inspiring category announcements and winners. Clive Roads of

McCartneys, our auctioneer, yet again did another fantastic job at selling off our auction prizes and with the generous donations of all who attended, we managed to raise £2,210! Again, with the support of Barclays Bank the raffle was match funded an extra £900 which brought us to over £3000 made on the night. The evening was most enjoyable and how fantastic it is to see agriculture being celebrated in such a positive light.

Farm Stay

The Addington Fund are always in need of raffle and auction prizes to sell at all the events we organise and attend and this year, Farm Stay have really stepped up to the mark thanks to our Trustee, Christine Ryder. Farm Stay is an organisation that provides accommodation on working farms. It's set up with a combination of either Bed and Breakfast (B&B) in traditional farmhouses, self-catering accommodation ranging from

farm holiday cottages to beautifully converted barns and farm buildings alongside glamping and camping experiences in Yurts, Eco pods, Shepherd's Huts, Wigwams, Caravans. Many of the Farmhouses offer tours and animal feeding experiences too, which really is a great to learn and experience farm life!

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated raffle and/or auction prizes throughout the years, especially the members of Farm Stay this year who have donated several nights stay at different B&B's, Glamping experiences and Shepherd's Huts which have raised in excess of £1400 for the charity and we cannot thank them enough for all their donations and support for the Addington Fund. If you would like to donate a raffle or an auction prize to the Addington Fund, please call Annie on 01926 620135 (opt 3) with the reference "Autumn Newsletter".



Lundy Island: Sunday 21st July 2019

Our trip to Lundy Island on the 21st July was a memorable one to say the least. We saw puffins and seals up close and the sun shined upon the beautiful scenery all day long. Around 120 people were on board and were let loose for the day to explore the fantastic views and monuments upon the 1050acre farmland. We had a fantastic raffle on board and with the continuous support of those who attended buying plenty of tickets, we managed to raise £340! Thank you to all that came along on our Addington adventure this year and we hope to

see you all again next year too! A big thank you to Trevor Glasper for doing a fantastic job and managing our trip to Lundy Island. Make sure you don't miss out and keep an eye on our "What's Coming Up" section in our newsletters to find out more about up and coming events.



Longford Estate 3rd July

Thank you to Lord Radnor, our trustee David Canty, Laura from the R.A.B.I & all the staff of Longford Estate for hosting our Farm Walk on

Wednesday 1st July. It was a beautiful summer's evening, with the sun shining and no clouds in the sky until the very end of the day. Everyone then tucked into a tasty hog roast upon return on the farm. Overall, it was a stunning evening, a stunning location and a stunningly successful evening raising £1300 to share between the two

Farming Help charities.



Goodbye Sheila, Welcome Peter Jinman 17th July

Sheila Cole

On July 17th our long-time Chairman Sheila Cole stepped down from the Addington Fund not only as Chairman but also as Trustee. Sheila has been a stalwart of the Addington Fund virtually from day 1 when in 2001 she came in as a volunteer to answer the phone as the devastating effect of Foot and Mouth became apparent. Since then she has worked tirelessly for the Fund putting so much of her own time and money into the Fund itself.

Sheila was elected Chairman of the Trustees in 2010 and has overseen the steady growth of the charity and the move into affordable housing to alongside our disaster relief fund. She has been a real hands-on Chairman always attending our fundraising activities and travelling the length and breadth of the country to boost the Addington Funds presence. Sheila will be sorely missed not only for her commitment but also for her wicked sense of humour and cheery nature. Our new Chairman Peter Jinman is acutely aware of the hard act he has to follow.

At her leaving do fellow hosted by Farming Help Chairman Lord Don Curry of Kirkharle Sheila was presented with a Porcelain Hereford cow and calf by fellow Trustee Roger Wyatt as Sheila used to breed pedigree Herefords. We wish her well in her deserved retirement although she is still actively involved in a number of other good local causes.



Trustee, Roger Wyatt & the Chairman of the Trustee Sheila Cole

Peter Jinman

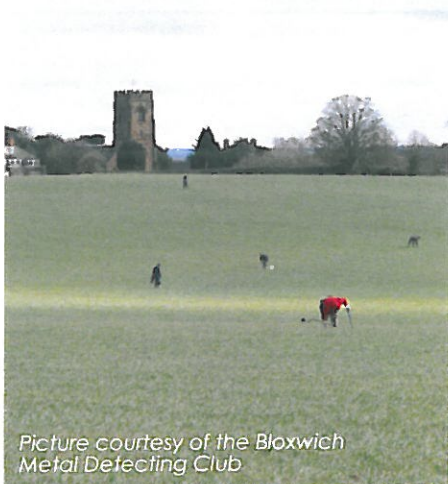
The Addington Fund has a new chairman. Peter Jinman, a veterinary surgeon from Herefordshire, took over as the chairman at the recent board meeting following on from Sheila Cole who has stood down after 18 years in the role.

Peter has previously served as both President of the British Veterinary Association and President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and presently is the independent chairman of the government's Farm Animal Welfare Committee. He is also a Councillor on Herefordshire Council representing the Golden Valley South ward. Peter lives with his wife, Gill, on a smallholding and their eldest daughter is married to a local farmer whilst the second daughter runs the family owned local pub and restaurant, the Temple Bar Inn, the site of very successful annual fundraising Addington Fund breakfasts.



Peter Jinman, New Chairman

Bloxwich Metal Detecting Club: 25th June



Picture courtesy of the Bloxwich Metal Detecting Club

We are indebted to Bloxwich Metal Detecting Club who asked our CEO to speak to their members about the Addington Fund in June. They presented the Addington Fund with a cheque for £500 raised by their own membership. It is very clear that they provide a very caring and responsible service to landowners offering a full insured search and free recovery service for lost items of value. If you are interested in the metal detecting services provided please contact Les Barratt the club secretary les.barratt@outlook.com mobile 07495 083229

Floods in North Yorkshire

We were called into action in early August when a number of farms were badly affected by a sudden cloud burst. With the help of the Princes Countryside Fund and alongside fellow charity Forage Aid we were there to help the small amount of affected farms clear dead stock and contaminated pastures and forage ground. The other longer term problem faced is the restoration of stonewalls washed away by the severe run off water and repairing fencing. This is a situation that will not be sorted out overnight and will go on for several months so all offers of help will be gratefully received.

ASHCOMBE ESTATE TOUR
On Behalf Of Addington Fund

4PM DEVON CREAM TEA
5PM FARM & ESTATE TOUR
6.30PM BBQ & DRINKS

15TH SEPTEMBER 2019

At Ashcombe Village Club, Ashcombe, EX7 0QD
Follow Signs to Ashcombe Horse & Dog Show

£7 Cream Tea Only	RSVP Annie Winn
£15 BBQ inc Estate Tour	anniewinn@addingtonfund.org.uk
£22 Tea, Tour & BBQ	01926 620135

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The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy:

This year, the Addington Fund is holding a very special Harvest Service at **The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy** in London by kind permission of The Duchy of Lancaster and The new Chaplain of **The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy** The Reverend Canon Thomas Woodhouse facilitated by Thomas Leyland steward at the Chapel. The service will take place on **Sunday 13th October at 11.00am** with a full sung Eucharist. The sermon will be given by a big supporter of the Addington Fund and champion of rural life the Bishop of Gloucester The Right Reverend Rachel Treweek.

To mark the occasion and to make it even more special, we are offering a combined package which includes drinks in the Chapel after the service followed by a reception and a leisurely Three Course Sunday lunch at the nearby famous Farmers Club. Price for the package is £99 per person and for those of you who want to make a weekend of it we have a few rooms available in the Farmers Club on the Saturday night before at preferential guest rates.

The Chapel is located in Savoy Hill just off The Strand in central London and is well worth a visit to see its spectacular architecture, ornate interior and to appreciate its fantastic history and tradition. The Chapel was built as part of a charitable foundation under the terms of the will of King Henry VII in the early sixteenth century.

To book your place and take advantage of this unique opportunity and appreciate this very special service and superb lunch please contact the Addington Fund Direct on 01926 620135 Option 3 or email: events@addingtonfund.org.uk

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Thank you for supporting the Addington Fund.



What's Coming Up?

Thursday 12th September 2019 (Cumbria, Lancaster)
Westmoreland Show

Sunday 15th September 2019 (Ashcombe Village Hall, Dawlish)

Cream Tea, BBQ and Farm & Estate Tour.

Cream Tea only (£7) - BBQ only (£15) - Cream Tea & BBQ including Farm & Estate Tour (£22) - Cream Tea 4pm - Farm & Estate Tour 5pm BBQ 6:30 - 8pm
To book your tickets, please call Annie on 01926 620135. Payments will be taken at the time of booking.

Saturday 28th September (St Austell, Cornwall)
Grigg's Open Day

Sunday 13th October (Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, London)
Harvest Service (Tickets £99)

Warwickshire Advent Service, December date TBC

To book your tickets, visit our website at www.addingtonfund.org.uk/event-type/church-services or call Annie on 01926 620135 (option 3)