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NOTES FROM THE CEO'S DESK



To say it has been an uncertain year politically is somewhat of an understatement. This has made it economically tough for us all in nearly every sector unless, of course you are a political journalist or Parliamentary sketch writer. I am pleased to report that the Addington Fund while having a difficult twelve months itself, but under the watchful eyes of our attentive trustees has come through it well.

On the housing front we are now helping more deserving people than we have ever helped before. We now own or have shares in over 60 houses, whilst still retaining our reserves to be used in the event of national disaster. We are committed to carrying on this work not only to enable farmers who wish to, to retire but also to create more affordable houses to keep younger families and would be young entrepreneurs engaged rurally.

In 2018 we were able to convert and rent out two such properties to local families in Cumbria, both barn conversions donated by a generous local landowner. We recruited three new trustees who all bring different sets of skills including finance, risk evaluation and country property management. Staffing wise the recruitment of Annie Winn as our Marketing and Events Manager has bought our team up to strength at our Barford office. Annie has gone straight into the front line focusing initially on both the Cornwall and Devon Farm Business Awards.

We are also planning similar events at the Royal Three Counties Show and in 2020 in Cumbria. Annie is also responsible for our social media presence, promotional literature and will be present at other fundraising events and shows throughout the year. Annie brings her own inimitable style to the Addington Fund and I am sure many readers will have met her by the end of the year. Annie is based in the office with myself and our Operations Manager Sue English who administers our properties, budgets and oversees our housing application process and performs an invaluable function for the Fund. Sue remains our principal contact for our tenants and donors. Our Projects Manager Mike Williams is home based in Hereford and oversees all property matters including maintenance, planning and all building projects. Mike's attention to detail is pre-requisite for this role and as

he covers our tenancies from Penzance to Kendal. Our team remains lean and mean so that we can maximise our effectiveness financially and raise the necessary revenues to function as a well-run charity.

We continue to be an active charity under The Farming Help umbrella with the two other national charities Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (with their Sottish equivalent R.S.A.B.I) and the Farming Community Network all with clearly defined roles, so that we do not compete against each other in spheres of activity overseen by Chairman Lord Curry.

While the political uncertainty will undoubtedly continue in the coming months it is comforting to know that the Farming Help charities will be there to deliver in our rural communities and I will be working closely with my colleagues Alicia Chivers newly appointed at R.A.B.I, Nina Clancy at R.S.A.B.I in Edinburgh and of course, Charles Smith at The Farming Community Network based not far from us near Northampton. Farming Help has become an effective lobby in its own right and it is now clear that the Government are giving serious thought post Brexit, to enable farmers who wish to retire that opportunity to do so, probably by giving them the opportunity to draw down aid payments early to facilitate a retirement fund. Of course, this will have the double-edged sword of giving youth a chance on the land vacated. It could mean new entrants grants to facilitate this in a support free environment. Either way it could mean that the Addington Fund could be very busy in the coming years as we prepare for a free market. Indeed the Addington Fund could be an effective independent mechanism for delivering Government policy. However our growth in recent years has only been possible through the donations and hard work of our supporters who are enabling us to help more rural folk than ever before.

Thank you for your continued support we are truly grateful.

Bill Young

Cartmell Fold - Looking south at the Cartmell Fold Barns with Frances Mary Barn on the left hand side and Cruck Barn on the lower right hand side.



NEWLY CONVERTED AFFORDABLE HOMES ARE OPENED



(From left to right) Bill Young, chief executive of the Addington Fund, The Duke of Westminster, Sir Paul Clarke, trustee of the Addington Fund and Mike Williams, project manager for the Addington Fund.

Lying some five miles west of Kendal, and close to the banks of Lake Windermere in the Lake District National Park is High Cartmell Fold, in the parish of Crosthwaite. This top specification barn conversion is our latest development.

The conversion of a donated stone barn into two affordable homes has resulted in a one bedroom and a three-bedroom house for local people working in the rural economy who have been priced out of the housing market.

The barns were officially opened by The Duke of Westminster, during an event attended by over forty representatives of the local community and farming industry.

Bill Young, chief executive of the Addington Fund, said: "The development of High Cartmell Fold is a great opportunity to help keep people living and working in the rural community."

Sheila Cole, chairman of the Addington Fund Trustees, commented that 'High Cartmell Fold is another example of the charity's work, nationally to help address specific ongoing rural housing needs'.

WELCOME TO ANNIE!

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Annie Winn as the new events manager for the Addington Fund based at our Barford office. Annie started working for the Fund on 10th December and takes responsibility for:-

- The Farm Business Awards Ceremonies
- Addington Fund newsletters and promotional literature
- Shows and displays
- Website, press, social media and video promotion
- Fundraising events
- Engaging with sponsors and supporters of the Addington Fund.

The Addington Fund will continue to be supported by Farm-Smart Events who have assisted Annie in the lead up to both Cornwall and Devon Farm Business Awards in 2019 and other comparable events we hope to organise next year.



SOUTH WEST FARM BUSINESS AWARDS

The Cornwall Farm Business Awards held at the Royal Cornwall Showground Pavilion Centre in Wadebridge, were a real success! The Pavilion Centre was once again a sell out and filled full of well-deserved category short listers, award winners and Addington supporters allowing the whole evening to be filled full of joy!

From kind donations of vegetables, cheeses & clotted cream to generous money donations, everyone got together to take part in the sensational evening of celebrating agriculture and our British Farmers.

With the help of a good friend and a loyal supporter of the Addington Fund, our auctioneer for the night James Morrish raised just under £4000 from the raffle and auction lots alone, with yet more donations to count.



Sheila Cole - Chairman of the Addington Fund

WE INTERVIEWED ANNIE FOR THE NEWSLETTER AND HERE'S A QUICK SUMMARY:

1. As the event manager for the Addington Fund what's your plan?

My main plan is to raise more awareness and get the Addington Fund's ball rolling. I know that our dedicated trustees and those who donate already are very loyal to the Addington Fund and I'd like to say a big thank you to those who have already got us so far and as successful as we already are but I want to branch out even further.

I will be organising even more events, attending as many shows as possible with fun and interactive ideas to raise money for the charity at each event we go to. For now though, we need to concentrate on raising our profile and building on our 'Addington Family' supporters. If we can target a wider market via social media also, this will really enhance our audience. There are so many opportunities and options in this day and age to reach out to people and really get an even more supportive network around us, it's so exciting. The list is endless! I'd like to add that I'm more than happy to hear people's ideas and thoughts if anyone would like to contact me about what we can do at the Addington Fund or what you feel needs doing to enhance our amazing charity.

2. Why did you want to join the Addington Fund team?

I know some may roll their eyes when they read what they see next (some may not) but I got in to the world of agriculture via farm assurance and realised how vast and exciting this world is. Naturally, with any company that delivers standards, there are rules and most of those rules stopped me from really getting to where I wanted to be within the industry. I wanted to go out and help the farmers that needed help and I wasn't allowed to without over-stepping the regulation lines, which always reeled me back in and left me feeling guilty that I couldn't do more. I'm no rebel or rule breaker but I am a very enthusiastic person. I believe in helping people as much as I can and I believe in education is key. So, what better way to help people and raise awareness than the Marketing and Events world? When I saw the job advertised for the Addington Fund, I jumped at the opportunity. I'm so glad to be a part of the team and get on the ground running! (Once I've found my feet first, of course!).

3. What excites you about working with the Addington Fund?

I cannot wait to see the progress within our charity over the next few years. I'm so excited to get to know everyone who is already involved with the Addington Fund and I can't wait to gain as many new supporters as possible. The youth, the elders, the families, the friends of the families, everyone! I'll be waiting for the day that I go to a show and people point at the marquee and say "Ah! The Addington Fund is here!". I can't wait for the Addington Fund supporters to become the Addington Fund Family. I'm excited to see this happen.

4. Tell us a little bit about your background.

Well, I'm a country bumpkin through and through. I've always lived in rural areas, hence the huge passion for the countryside and agriculture. I moved to France when I was 13 with my parents and I went to a French school at Rouget De Lisle, Le Jura, so I'm fluent in French. I came back to the UK when I was 16, leaving my parents behind in France so they could continue their life there, whilst I could do what I wanted back in the UK. As a result, I now have a Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Applied Animal Studies, which really helped me get in to the Agri world. I had to grow up quite quickly moving away from friends and family to a foreign country at a young age, so I think that has always helped me along the way getting to where I want to be. I'm a real people's person so social events and shows suit me down to the ground!

5. What have you started working on?

"We have had a rather busy start to the year with our first breakfast meeting in St Austell, raising over £1000! We have attended a couple of shows with stands, had our Plough Sunday Service and had our first Young Farmers talk in Wadebridge to which all have been successful and a nice introduction to how the Addington Fund works. Recently we did a shared Breakfast with R.A.B.I in Warwickshire which raised a phenomenal £2,184. The Herefordshire breakfast meeting at the end of April raised in excess of £2000. The Devon Farm Business Awards went off with a bang on the 15th May, followed by the amazing Devon County Show the next day. The three Counties Farming Awards are on the 13th June, where the Addington Fund has been chosen to be the supported charity this year, which is excellent news! We'll be at the Yorkshire show from the 9th - 11th July followed by our trip to Lundy Island is on Sunday the 21st July. Those are our main events for now, amongst smaller things swirling behind the scenes! It's a very busy year this year, with always more opportunities to take on when we can."

7. Just for fun, tell us something we don't know about you.

Well, I've worked abroad several times for 6 months at a time, which has helped me learn basic Spanish too so, some would say I'm trilingual but I wouldn't go that far! I'm fun loving but quite grounded. A love for hot chocolate and slippers in the winter, chilled homemade ciders and bbqs in the summer! I could go on but I don't want to keep you reading for the next 6 months! Thank you all for your time and thank you for welcoming me in to the Addington Fund.

Daphne Skinnard and Jeremy Moody were brilliant hosts and set the night off just right. With the very charming & witty Daphne compering the evening and our very intellectual Jeremy giving an insightful talk about the affects Brexit may cause in the farming world, he highlighted perfectly the importance of continuously supporting the Addington Fund so we can always be there for those who need a helping hand.

In light of all this, the award winners were traditionally humble whilst accepting their awards, but the well-deserved praise couldn't have gone to anyone more deserving than them.

A big well done to the winner of the **Best Commercial Farmer, Peter Cowling from Trebelsue Farm, Newquay (WPL Cowling & Son) sponsored by Carter Jonas & AMC.**

An egg-cellent win for **Helen Davey from Penquite Park, Trerulefoot, Saltash (Cracking Good Eggs) for Best Woman in Agriculture, sponsored by Handlesbanken.**

A huge round of applause to **Matt & Pip Smith from St Clether, Launceston (Trefrank Farm) for winning Best Mixed Farmer, sponsored by PKF Francis Clark.**

Fantastic win for the **Best Farm Processor, James Kittow from Kilhallon Farm, Par (James Kittow Butcher & Grazier) sponsored by Savills.**

A huge congratulations to **Keith, Michael & Malcolm Barrett from Tredinnick Farm, Liskeard (KD Barrett & Sons) for winning the Best Dairy Farmer, sponsored by Dairy Crest.**

A true inspiration to all the young farmers out there with **John Frayne from North Hellescott Farm, North Petherwin, Launceston, winning Best Young Farmer sponsored by Natwest.**

A fabulous win for **John Moss from Pillaton Farm, Pillaton, Saltash (Howton Contractors) as Farming Champion sponsored by the NFU.**

And a huge congratulations to the overall winner, **James Kittow for winning Cornwall's Farmer of the Year 2019 sponsored by Cornish Mutual!**

Once all the awards were announced, the evening finished with a huge round of applause to everyone who was involved in the fund raising evening, with many of the guests buzzing around and chatting to one another until almost 11pm.

We are pleased the Cornwall Farm Business Awards went down a storm again this year, we are already planning another awards ceremony for 2020.

For any more information on the Farm Business Awards, please contact Annie on 01926 620135 opt 3 or email at events@addingtonfund.org.uk



Winners & Sponsors of the Cornwall Farm Business Awards 2019

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES:

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...

FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2019 Our Trustee Christine Ryder with Farm Stay UK has organised an all-day fund raising event at St Georges Court Grantley Ripon with:

Breakfast: 10am - 12noon, tickets £15

Afternoon Tea: 2 - 4pm, tickets £15

BBQ (with live music in the evening): tickets £15, match funded by Barclays Bank.

What's coming up?

TRIP TO LUNDY ISLAND



FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2019

BREAKFAST

at the Farm EcoCentre, near Newark

SUNDAY 21ST JULY 2019 (weather permitting)

TRIP TO LUNDY ISLAND

Departing at 8.30 from The Quay, Bideford, North Devon EX39 2EY.

(Please see the page opposite for more details)

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2019

THE ADDINGTON FUND HARVEST FESTIVAL

11.00am

The Queens Savoy Chapel London, Savoy Hill, London WC2R 0DA

Tickets to include post service drinks in the Chapel followed by reception and Lunch in The Farmers Club are £99.00

Contact Annie Winn 01926 620135

SUNDAY 21ST JULY

(weather permitting)

Ticket Prices:

£40 for adults,
£30 for children

Embark: 8:30 am

Sail: 9:00 am

Disembark: 8:30 pm

For more information please visit www.landmarktrust.org.uk/lundyisland/

For tickets and enquiries please email Trevor Glasper on glaspers.btinternet.com or call on 01297680218

Lundy Island is the largest island in the Bristol Channel. It lies 12 miles off the coast of Devon and is a real British treasure. With an abundance of wildlife with unspoilt scenery, it really is a beautiful island to visit.

Sailing from Bideford, embarking at 8:30am and returning at 8:30pm, you will have a full day's experience sailing on the Oldenburg, stopping off at Lundy Island itself and having plenty of time to explore the natural surroundings on the 1000 acre upland farm.

There is a pub on the island for you to have lunch and/or refreshments to purchase on board to keep you going throughout the day.

Just in case the weather is a little less forgiving, we shall tour the lower reaches of the Taw and Torridge and then make our way to Clovelly for the day.

Come along and join us for a great day out to Lundy Island, all in aid of the Addington Fund.

Please contact Annie to find out more, or to book a place at any of our events.

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SHOWS WE ARE ATTENDING:

Weds 12th June: **Cereals**

Thurs 13th June: **Three Counties Farm Business Awards**

Fri 14th (to the 16th) June: **Three Counties Show**

18th June: **NSA South West**

Thurs 20th - Sun 23rd June: **Highland Show**

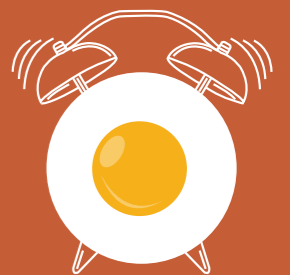
Tues 9th - Thurs 11th July: **Great Yorkshire Show**

CEREALS: The Cereals Event has always been an excellent social event and Strutt Parker are kindly hosting the Addington Fund and Nuffield Farming Scholars on their stand No 302.on Wednesday 12th June and will be holding a drinks reception between 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. which is open to all Addington Fund supporters and Nuffield Scholars attending this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW: We will be at the Great Yorkshire Show this year too! Keep an eye out for more news.

Herefordshire Farmhouse Breakfast

Thank you to the people of Herefordshire for raising a fantastic £2176.25p at our Herefordshire Farmhouse Breakfast on the 26th April. A big Thank You to the Temple Bar Inn for kindly hosting the morning, to RJ & RB Mailes Family Butchers for providing us with the most delicious bacon, sausages & eggs and thank you to the Hopes of Longtown for donating the finishing touches of beans and bread! We are overwhelmed with the generosity of those who attended and are forever grateful for your support. **Thank you.**



NEW TRUSTEES WELCOMED

In the last twelve months the Addington Fund has welcomed three new trustees to support the work:

SIMON MOUNTJOY

Hello, my name is Simon Mountjoy and I am pleased and honoured to join the trustees of Addington Fund and to engage in the work of the Fund.

I am 58, married to Sally and we live in Lincolnshire. My background is in Farm and Business Management Consultancy. In 1993 I was a founding partner of Brown and Co Property and Business Consultants where I enjoyed a 21 year apprenticeship before retiring to start life and establish Mountjoy Rural, Farm Business Consultants, working with a variety of clients' to support and manage change. I now have time to engage with Addington and other businesses as well as family and home with leisure time spent walking in the Alps, skiing in the Dolomites or sailing in the Mediterranean.

Agriculture is a unique industry and business model both in the number of people engaged within it, their range of ages and types of farming, and its social cohesion. Whilst challenge and change are both inevitable and desirable, it is often the larger business that can adopt technology, adapt and innovate. Today's challenges will not suit everyone and with a lack of finance or succession, many may leave the industry, particularly smaller livestock and tenant farmers.

The industry should look to itself to assist those who have known little else other than farming and, for a variety of reasons, require assistance to leave the industry and to continue to live in their community. Hopefully this can be achieved with the help of Addington Fund.



CLAIR MILLS is Head of Data and Change Management at the Bank of England, and is married to Exmoor tenant farmer Stewart Stevens who is Honorary Show Director at the Devon County Show. Clair has a wealth of experience in risk management and has already joined the Addington Fund Governance subcommittee.



DAVID CANTY is Resident Agent on the Longford Estate in Wiltshire having previously been a Farming Consultant for Strutt & Parker for 14 years. David's passion for agriculture and rural life started from a young age. David now oversees a diverse mixed Estate incorporating arable, beef, dairy, pig, trout, and forestry enterprises as well as residential and commercial properties.

MEET THE TEAM



BILL YOUNG joined Addington on 1st May 2018 as our chief executive and is responsible for the day to day management of Addington.

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SUE ENGLISH is the operations manager and administrator for the Strategic Rural Housing Scheme and Trustees' Discretionary Fund and is responsible for office and financial related matters.

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