

Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Dor Kemmyn newsletter. There has been lots happening over the last few months with our educational work, the cob brick building, our walk .... and much more

## Celebratory Thank you Event

Rosey Sanders writes .....There was a warm and amicable atmosphere as one entered the library at Epiphany House on the evening of 12<sup>th</sup> March when the Cornwall Faith Forum held a 'Thank you event ' for our amazing volunteers and friends. The occasion was also to celebrate the educational work which had recently taken place at Camborne & St Austell Colleges, and the Little Harbour Hospice. A shared meal was had together with the culinary expertise of Dor Kemmyn's very own chef Sanjay Kumar who gave a cookery demonstration of Semolina Pilchards which was savoured by all. Questionnaires were distributed which asked opinions from existing volunteers about their roles, and also from potential new volunteers inviting them to join in a volunteer role ranging from faith speakers, helping with social media and fundraising. The evening culminated with a presentation of thank you cards and personalized prayer candles for our dedicated volunteers. Thank you again to them all.



*Chef Sanjay Kumar*

## Education workshops

Rita Stephen writes: It is a very exciting spring and summer for the educational work of Cornwall Faith Forum. In January, we were invited to come into the Little Harbour Children's Hospice and offer workshops on spiritual care from a Christian, Muslim, Jewish and Pagan perspective. The workshops were very well received. One of the members of staff wrote afterwards: "*Thoroughly enjoyed today- feel we need so much more of this kind of training, for me personally and professionally*" We are now offering workshops for other care workers in Cornwall together with Cornwall Council. The next one is at the end of June.



*Little Harbour Students*

We also did workshops with Cornwall College with the Health and Social students in March this year. The students were offered workshops from six different faith perspectives which emphasised the importance of spiritual care. The pilot went well and we were very lucky to have an observer who acts as a critical friend to the project: Linda Rudge, who was supported by St. Luke's College Foundation. One of the college student said after the workshops: "*Look at all people the same, as before I would look at their religion and make a small judgement*"

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of July, we are running an Inter-Faith Day for Richard Lander School in Truro for the whole of year 10 (220 students). The theme for the day is: How do we live together and respect each other? Looking forward to it.

## Dor Kemmyn Walk—Golitha Falls, Bodmin Moor

Philomena Clifford, from the Baha'i Faith Community writes ..... In the pouring rain on Saturday May 26th, a hardy little band of 7 'Inter-faithers' took to the road for a walk of a spiritual nature where the wonders of nature and readings from the various faiths were shared. A truly uplifting experience.

This time the venue was the mystical Golitha falls with plenty of trees to climb for our youngest walker, Ollie ! The Falls were magnificent and provided the perfect backdrop for readings from the Baha'i, Christian and Pagan Traditions.

Due to the rain we all took to the road by car after walking the length of Golitha Falls to the next venue on this journey, the 5000 year old ancient monument of Trethevy Quoit. The intention was to follow in convoy but we somehow managed to lose each other en route so it took a bit of circling around until we all arrived. Still, Bodmin Moor in the rain as viewed from a car window has a beauty all of its own ! Nonetheless, The Quoit provided a mini shelter from the rain and there we had our final reading from sacred scripture.



*Dor Kemmyn walkers braving the weather*

The journey ended with much needed tea and biscuits in which was kindly provided by St Cleer Church and we were invited and taken on a tour of their very special Pilgrimage Garden. It is a hidden treasure within the Church grounds with works of sacred Art as well as Tranquility zones providing an uplifting atmosphere all of us at the end of our journey.

## Cob Brick Building

We are still on target for starting the cob brick building for this Summer and are currently finalising the legal work for the lease of the site at Penmount. Once this is done, we aim to make 3,000 bricks as part of the construction of the Dor Kemmyn building. We have funding in place to erect a polytunnel and groups of 8 people will be invited to spend afternoon discovering the joy of cob building—which apparently is very much like making bread! The project will run on Sunday and Monday afternoons. Those taking part will be under expert supervision and by taking part you will discover why the building is to be called Common Ground.

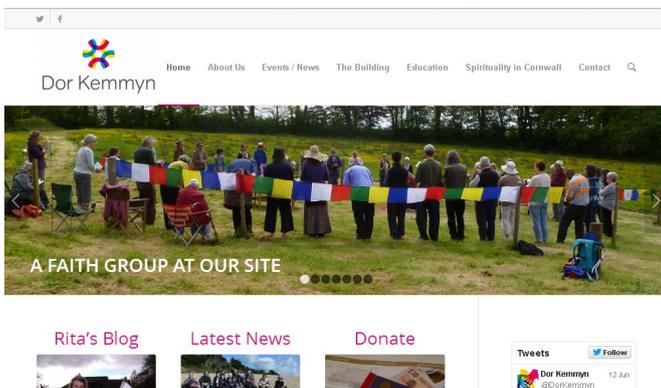
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*The results of a recent warm up brick making session with Matt Robinson (Dor Kemmyn's Architect) and a delegation of Brittany builders/academics.*

## Dor Kemmyn's new website

Check out Dor Kemmyn's new website which is live on 18th June - [www.dorkemmyn.org.uk](http://www.dorkemmyn.org.uk). We are pleased with it's bright, professional look which is much more interactive and includes social media. Thanks to Toby Best from ComputerEZE for designing it and spending so much time working with Dor Kemmyn. We would welcome dates and information of events from the different faith communities which we would be happy to advertise on our events section.



*Dor Kemmyn's new website*

## Common Ground – Sacred Ground – CD Recording Project

A few years ago, the proposal was made to record voices and music from our different faith traditions. The idea is that a Dor Kemmyn CD could help raise awareness of interfaith in Cornwall and also contribute in some part toward raising funds for the prayer space at Penmount. Sophie Muir from the Buddhist Faith Community has been instrumental in organizing these recordings.

We have been very fortunate to have been awarded a grant to begin this project by the Police West Cornwall Diversity Action Group and are extremely grateful to WCDAG for their support. We also have had the opportunity of working with an experienced sound recordist and having the expertise of singing teacher Danu Fox who has lead three workshops for us to explore chant and toning together. The last workshop was held on 31st May in Paul Church, Penzance. All the recordings from the different faiths are now complete and we are now at the point of compiling the CD. This will take a while as there was lot music recorded but we are hopeful that the CD will be available for Christmas 2014.

## Celebration of Public and Voluntary Services - 12th June at the Dor Kemmyn Field at Penmount

In contrast to the weather for the Dor Kemmyn walk, it was a glorious sunny afternoon on the 12th June when we held our 'Thank you' event for all the support received by the public and voluntary services to the people of Cornwall during this winter's floods, as well as at other times of need when help is required. The opening of the celebration was by Lady Mary Holborow, who is a Patron of the Cornwall Faith Forum. Susan Cannan, Bereavement Services Manager at Penmount, followed this, and then there were representatives from the Police, Fire, Coastguard, Salvation Army, Ambulance Service and other services who gave a short resume of their experiences during the floods. Prayers from the individual faith communities were interspersed between these. Finally Matt Robinson, Architect, explained how the brick making would take place and a brick previously made was dedicated as part of the ceremony. We concluded with the International Peace Prayer, and took to the shade of the gazebo for refreshments and an opportunity to catch up with old friends, and to meet individually the representatives of the Services. Our thanks to Sarah Jeffery, Devon & Cornwall Police, who played a large part in organising this event. More details and images are on our website.

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