



Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Cornwall Faith Forum Newsletter. It has been a while since our last Newsletter so there is lots to report on, but let's start with the news of our fund raiser for the Dor Kemmyn building - Welcome to Debbie-Marie Henshaw!

Dor Kemmyn's Fund Raiser

Debbie informs us: I am Cornish born and married for 28 years to Peter, together we have two sons Simon and Nathan, who are both in their final years of university. I have had an interesting and varied career, more recently I specialised in the developing and implementing strategic campaigns currently focused on legacy marketing. I have worked with a number of amazing charities and have helped people do some incredible things in the name of charity.



No two days are ever the same so it's always exciting to see what the day and events will bring, and to everyday count my blessings. For 7 years, I was privileged to work for one of the main political parties. I enjoyed 4 years working for local newspapers sharing the incredible good news our County has to offer. For 9 years, I worked in a caring and compassionate role for Cornwall County Council.

In my spare time I enjoy painting in Acrylics and have exhibited with Padstow Art Group in Padstow Church and the Memorial Hall. I run a couple of Facebook pages for local organisations and I am a trustee for the Oasis Centre in St. Columb. I love exploring the area and enjoy caravanning, gardening and a good book!

I enjoy being busy and cramming magic moments into my days – I look forward to working with everyone strategically to make Dor Kemmyn a reality. So keep an eye on our website for our fund raising strategy which Debbie working on. If anyone has any fund raising ideas, do let us know info@dorkemmyn.org.uk

Cob brick building

With the agreement of the lease for the land at Penmount in place, we have now been able to start seriously with the cob brick building. For those of you who are not aware, we are hand making cob bricks which will be laid in a herringbone pattern inside the interior wall of the Dor Kemmyn building. On Sunday 17th May jointly the Cornwall's different faiths and beliefs - *Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Humanist, Jewish, Muslim and Pagan* gathered together and made and dedicated the cob bricks. All joined in the process whether it was sifting the soil, trampling on the earth and straw, kneading handfuls of the mixture culminating with throwing the mixture into the mould and making the finished bricks. It was a hub of activity, creativity and laughter. Truro new Mayor also joined in too! We took time to walk down to the 'Woodhenge' elliptical shape where the Dor Kemmyn building will stand and decided eight of the bricks, one for each faith and belief, with prayers. It was indeed a very special and moving time for all. To find out more visit the Dor Kemmyn website where there are several videos on the brickmaking; one of them is recorded by BBC Spotlight when they visited <http://dorkemmyn.org.uk/see-how-the-cob-bricks-are-made/>



We need your help!

Over the next two years we need to make 4,000 cob bricks. Cob brick making is held on Sunday and Monday afternoons from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. The average size of a group is 8 people. You can either come along as an individual or as a group; schools and corporations are also welcome. Recently Year 1's of Kehelland Primary School spent a morning brick making. They had a great time! You will need to wear old clothes and wellington boots and be prepared to get stuck in! (well not literally). Why not organise a group from your faith to take part? All names of participants are going to be recorded in a visitor's book so when the building is built you will actually be able to say that you helped in the process. Bookings can be taken by Rita 07775 937485 or Philomena 07811 853639 or email: info@dorkemmyn.org.uk. Available brick making slots are shown the Brickmaking session page on our website. There will be a charge to take part (which all helps towards making the building a reality).



Diary Dates - Sunday, 2nd August - Summer Time Brick Making Party - 2.00 pm Come and join us in for a special brick-making tea time and an opportunity to catch up with friends old and new. Come prepared for brick making, bring some tea-time food to share and something to sit on! Hot drinks will be provided.

Thursday, 10th September - Sacred Sound, Common Ground—the Launch of the Interfaith CD at the Chapter House, Truro Cathedral, Thursday, 10th September, 2015 7.30 - 9.30pm. Please join us for this very special occasion of prayer, song, chant and music from diverse faith traditions within Cornwall, sharing our voice, vision and hearts in harmony.

Cornwall Faith Forum Education Work

Rita Stephen writes We have had a busy spring and early summer with our education work. During the first week in March, our wonderful faith speakers went to Cornwall College in Camborne and St.Austell to work with the Health and Social Care students. Many thanks to Cornwall College for their support and for making the workshops run smoothly and creating a welcoming atmosphere. One of the Cornwall College tutors found the workshops: "very informative and interactive – good fun as well as being educational. We certainly learned a lot". In May and June, many visits were made to primary schools leading up to faith workshops for the whole of year 6 at Trewirgie School in Redruth on the 4th of June. The theme for the workshops was "Celebrating Festivals". We would like to welcome our new faith speaker: Sister Iqbal who facilitated the Muslim workshops.

One of the teachers at Trewirgie School commented that *"the workshop were absolutely fantastic. The activities were very informative-cleared up myths some children had"*.

We also run workshops for carers: Believing in Care and are very happy with our partnership with Cornwall Council. We had a full day of workshops on the 11th of June at St.Erme Community Centre. Very many thanks to Nour, Eve, Carrie and Ron who facilitated four wonderful and memorable workshops. We would like to welcome Carrie Langford, who ran a Humanist workshop. One of the participants proposed that the carer workshops should be compulsory: *"I strongly believe this should be mandatory training and should be integrated as part of a series of Equality and Diversity Training"*.

Thought for the week

Have you been keeping up to date with the Cornwall Faith Forum's 'Thought for the Week'? Every week a representative from the faith communities shares a 'thought'. It may be about a festival or event, or anything about which they want to share. Visit www.dorkemmyn.org.uk each Sunday to start your week. David Hampshire, member of the Cornwall Faith Forum, visited Srebrenica earlier in the year has written a thought for each day of Srebrenica Remembrance Week 5th – 12th July. [Here's the thought for Sunday 5th](#) - When I visited the cemetery and memorial of those who were slaughtered at Potocari, near Srebrenica, I saw a pillar and on it was inscribed the words of this prayer:

We pray to almighty God,
May grief become hope
May revenge become justice
May mothers' tears become prayer
That Srebrenica
Never happens again
To anyone anywhere (my translation)



And yet in the Middle East and other parts of the world genocide continues. The story of Cain and Abel here is deeply instructive. Within each of us there is a Cain and an Abel and we have it within our power to murder our own Abel, that impulse to good. Our Abel, though, is never in a position to kill off our Cain. When God says to Cain that he needs to beware because 'sin is crouching at your door' (Genesis 4:7) it is a message to all of us. What made the destruction of life so tragic at Potocari was not that monsters did this but that it was done by ordinary people who allowed the monstrous to possess their souls.

Sunny April Spring Walk

Read all about our Spring walk "Our aim of our ramble was to walk from Kenwyn, Truro to the Dor Kemmyn building site at Penmount. Once everyone arrived we made our way in the church yard at Kenwyn Church to the grave of Joseph Emidy. Andrew Yates told us the story of Joseph's life and the connection with Cornwall. Read all about it yourself at <http://www.emidy.com/> We spent time by the grave and reflected and felt it was fitting for our walk as Joseph was embraced into our County all those years ago, just as we hope our Dor Kemmyn building will be inclusive to all faiths and beliefs, and those without belief.

We then headed down the '40 steps' down into the Idless Valley. The hedgerows were full of spring flowers such as celandines, primroses and violets and the trees were just showing the signs of green leaves budding. We stopped a few times in the valley to hear the readings of several different faiths. We had chosen the theme of music following on from the story of Joseph Emidy. Our walk then continued up a narrow road which led out to the wide panoramic view over the Idless Valley and woods which was spectacular on the spring day. Another reading was held in a field of beautiful daffodils with a view reaching far into the distance.



From there we were close to Penmount and made our way to the Dor Kemmyn field. Our final readings were held around the 'woodhenge' and it was time for a bite of lunch. There was time to look in the brick making poly-tunnel and we viewed the stack of bricks that had been made over the past few weeks. They were quite impressive and drying out nicely. Back to the walk, some of our fellow walkers who could undertake the return journey left, and the remaining group then headed on the return walk. It was felt to be a very pleasurable walk by all and everyone enjoyed the time spent together and listening to the readings from the different faiths. If you missed the walk, don't worry, we usually hold another one later in the year. Keep an eye on our 'Events' web page for future dates.