



Report to the Town Council

January 2022

The lead up to Christmas was a busy time for all of us at CEPL12! During November and December our Community Kitchen hosted a book signing and detective activities, a second community play was also enjoyed by new visitors and we held our first ever Art Exhibition!. Hopefully these events will be repeated in the New Year.

The highlight of the last month, however, was Santa's visit to No 8, supported by his band of elves he met local children and found out their hopes for Christmas day. We were also fortunate to have a visit from some Disney Princesses who also enjoyed having their photographs taken with local children. Once again, we joined in the festivities of the traditional switch on of the lights and lantern procession. Our shop saw a steady flow of customers stocking up with a range of gifts from our traders, we also supported the town by providing the power supply for the loud speaker system.

Our organisation is totally based on the goodwill of a growing number of volunteers. We are indebted to them for their commitment, energy and enthusiasm. In order to express our thanks we hosted a thank you evening, over 40 volunteers and all the Directors enjoyed meeting up for mulled cider, nibbles and a chat. It was a fabulous evening. Our thanks go to the many local traders who willingly donated gifts that were passed on to our volunteers during the evening, they were very much appreciated.

Our kitchen and shop was closed over the Christmas period, however we opened No 8 from 28 - 30th December to provide a welcoming warm space and a place to meet and chat. The take up was limited, but those who did drop in were grateful for the welcome.

To the future, the range of activities we are able to provide at Number 8 is growing, we are looking forward to offering the space for a yoga group and drop in sessions for the local police to meet with Saltash residents. We are also firming up plans to offer cookery lessons using food from scratch. 2023 is looking to be an exciting time for us, please check out our website to find out more about our activities: www.cepl12.co.uk

On behalf of all the Directors, I would like to wish you a healthy, peaceful New Year, we look forward to continuing to work together with you in 2023.

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