



REPORT TO BOARD MEETING

Report to the Town Council

The weeks seem to fly by and all of a sudden it's July, the schools have broken up and so Saltash takes on a holiday feeling with more families and youngsters enjoying all that our town has to offer. Hopefully the sun will shine and they will be able to take advantage of our community enterprises.

Life at CEPL12 continues to move forward at a pace, every enterprise is working hard to embed their practices and looking for opportunities to expand our activities. We couldn't do this without the tremendous hard work, enthusiasm and dedication of our board and team of volunteers.

Our Community Kitchen is continuing to benefit from a wide range of surplus foods donated by local businesses, thankfully supplies are not dwindling as much as we feared and we are able to keep both the fridge and kitchen well supplied. We are fortunate to also receive donations from the local foodbank, to date they have passed on over 1,000kg of food which, again, benefits our community. Chris and his team are incredibly inventive in turning surplus food into tasty meals, this is especially noticeable with our Wednesday team of cake makers, recently Rachel and Pat have dished up nectarine and lemon drizzle cake, blueberry and chary cake and blackberry flapjacks. The cakes are used to support our Eco Crafters and DV groups as well as visitors to No 8.

At the end of the month we are hosting our first joint event with the Tamar Bridge Visitors Centre, following a tour of the bridges the visitors will enjoy a talk and cream tea in our Community Kitchen, they will then have time to visit the station and, hopefully, spend time in Fore Street.

Our shop team have continued to work together to formulate a plan to try to attract more customers to no 4, these include a makeover of the shop to try to enhance the image. We have recently taken on new local traders and have been able to increase the range of goods on sale, mindful of the economic climate, we have tried to include many lower priced items. Although early days, it seems like their efforts are beginning to pay dividends and trade is showing signs of improving, hopefully this will continue!

'Derek the Dolphin', the aqua tap, is installed outside No 8, this seems to be well used and we are often kept entertained by various adornments that decorate him, especially after the weekend. New signage has been approved and a metal sign is ready to be drilled in the post above the tap.

Thanks to funding from the Co-op, our DV group enjoyed a day out to Tre, Pol & Pen earlier this month, their day ended with a delicious meal at Louis Tea Rooms. As always they were supported by our volunteer drivers who gave up their time to transport the group. Rose Edwards and Carol Emmet were the founder members of our DV group, for many years they were also directors but, due to the work load, made the decision to step down two years ago. However, they still work tirelessly to ensure that our different groups continue to flourish. Rose, especially, still takes much of the organisational burden on her shoulders, due to her time and dedication all our activities are well managed and compliant. This is no easy task, but her fierce passion to enhance the lives of people impacted by dementia is inspirational. We are now hoping to extend our activities further by developing a drop-in café for people living with dementia and cognitive impairment, although early days we are hoping that this will become an established event in No 8.

September sees our annual AGM; in line with our Mems and Arts a number of Directors will be asked to stand down and, if they wish, be re-elected, hopefully this will be a straight forward process as our team is just beginning to come together. We have spent a great deal of time over the past few months looking at roles, responsibilities, accountability and processes, the results of this hard work is a much more dynamic and efficient Board so hopefully the same team can continue to evolve over the next twelve months.

We were delighted to welcome Chris Bailey and Nicola Sulley to our last meeting, they have both expressed an interest in joining the Board, which is fantastic news. Currently they are both spending time getting to know our organisation in order to decide where their talents and expertise will best fit in. This means that, for the first time in many years, we will have a full complement of Directors – yet another positive result.

In the past, we haven't had a Board Meeting in August, but our work has evolved so much over the past twelve months that it seems unthinkable that we should not get together for two months as so much happens in any given month! We are thrilled that all our activities are now embedded, supported by our amazing team of volunteers we hope they will continue to run smoothly.

For more information about any of our activities please check out our facebook and Instagram pages, our website or pop into No 4 or 8 to find out more.

'Together we can, together we do.'
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