



# theoldbankcamelford

A local charity breathing new life into the disused NatWest Bank building in Camelford.

## September 2020 Newsletter

We closed in March but open this month for those willing to return, though numbers are limited. Trustees have revised our Health & Safety Policy and Hire Agreement form to put in writing our guidance on Covid19 in line with your suggestions and recommendations from other bodies: social distancing, regular hand-washing and wearing face coverings indoors; and cleaning of all surfaces touched during a session; do request a copy of this if you would like it e-mailed. There are hand sanitisers and paper towels in the entrance porch, and on the front desk; you must book and pay in advance for any event or activity; and no-one else is allowed in the building.

**Lip Reading** had hoped to be the first to return, on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday afternoons, with students wearing visors for safety; this is delayed until **October** in the hope more people will feel ready to return from Zooming. There has been little interest in starting up **Film Club**, so we're holding fire on that. However, **Life Class** starts on **Tuesday 8 September**, with a limited number of artists, separated by screens from each other, and socially distanced from the model.

**Camelford Walkers** meet each **Thursday** in person at the Enfield Park entrance/bandstand in small groups leaving at 14.00 for local walks. Each returns to the bandstand for our own drink and cake, if the weather is good; please book by the night before. Social distancing will be observed at all times, and please bring face coverings and hand sanitiser.

On **Friday 11 September Book Club** will meet at 19.00 for a zoom video conference to discuss the **Graphic Novel** - any of your own choice, from Asterix and Tintin (are these novels?) to Posy Simmonds' Cassandra Darke, Marjane Satrapi's Persepolis, or Luke Healy's Americana. In October, we discuss Maya Julanoff's biography, *The Dawn Watch: Josef Conrad in a Global World*.

We have contacted a number of organisations that offer **one-to-one counselling**, suggesting that the Old Bank might provide an ideal town-centre venue for their work, as this will work well within the building. We're also delighted to be able to help the **Community Larder** with secure storage. Both fit our charitable objects well.

We continue to discuss the **future of the OB** as its lease runs out in June 2021; its landlord has agreed to be flexible to the last minute given all the unknowns at the moment. We are open to any suggestions for future use that might fit with our charitable objectives, but will need volunteer Trustees to replace many of the existing ones.

Finally ...

If you're isolating or just want a chat, need medicine or essential shopping, e-contact Volunteer Cornwall: <https://www.volunteercornwall.org.uk> The Old Bank has DVDs and books available. We hope you're all well, and safe, and that you can enjoy the good weather when it's here.

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