‘Around Cornwall in 38 Churns’ an exclusive artist fundraiser

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A remarkable and very unusual art project has been launched in Cornwall to raise funds for a Cornish healthcare charity. ‘Around Cornwall in 38 Churns’ has been devised by Sue Dennett of Newquay who also wanted to showcase the county’s talented artists and stunning locations. The project is being supported by Rodda’s Creamery, Visit Cornwall and David Lay Auctions and will culminate in a grand auction finale of the churns at Truro Cathedral in September.

Artists from across Cornwall have been given a churn, kindly donated by Rodda’s Creamery, and have offered their talent and time to decorate each one in their own particular style. They include famous names such as Kurt Jackson, Michael Praed and Dick Twinney. Each is being featured at venues around Cornwall through the summer and people are being encouraged to follow a trail via an interactive map to visit the churns. Nick Rodda is the Managing Director of Rodda’s Creamery; “Churns are not only iconic but a beautiful shape and I think they lend themselves to this charity project. This is a brilliant idea and showcases our heritage while also giving a nod to the current day talents of our local artists. Rodda’s is part of the tapestry of Cornwall and we’ve always worked with local charities. If we can play a small part in assisting them, we will.”

“Ultimately each churn will be auctioned to raise money for Cornwall Hospice Care, a local charity I feel passionately about,” says organiser Sue Dennett. The Chair of the charity’s Newquay Fundraising Group, she’s supported Mount Edgcumbe Hospice in St Austell and St Julia’s Hospice in Hayle for the last 38 years. “The churns look amazing and will I’m sure, prove a big attraction at the many venues where they’re being displayed through the summer months. The auction is live now and we’ll complete it on Wednesday 21st September at Truro Cathedral and given the comments we’ve already received; I think the bidding is going to be feverish.”

Full details of all the artists and their Churns and the link to place bids, are available on a specially created website generously donated by GSL Media of Plymouth - www.38churns.co.uk

You can also visit the project Facebook page, created by another generous sponsor Dianne Viljoen. You can see it here (20+) Around Cornwall in 38 Churns | Facebook

Notes to editors:

The attached pictures are of three of the charity churns, painted by Kurt Jackson, Dick Twinney and Anthony Frost. More pictures are available on request.

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