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TAHC REPORT May 2023

Dear Members and Volunteers,

This month volunteers have spent 148 hours in the Hub including opening on two Sundays.

On Sunday May 21st Torpoint Town Council held a reception for the Benodet and Torpoint Twinning Association. The Archives are the custodians of 15 photograph albums compiled by the Association since it was started in 1987. On Sunday May 28th, Street Market Day, 27 visitors were greeted by Bill, John and Rosemary. Altogether 118 visitors were greeted during the month, including the granddaughter of a WW2 fireman. Reg Lampert was drafted from Somerset into the National Fire Service set up in August 1941. He was deployed to Plymouth. On one occasion while crossing the river on the Torpoint Ferry there was a German aerial attack. The ferry was not directly hit but stopped running. I don't know if Reg was on duty at this terrifying time or on his way to visit a Torpoint firewoman, Ruth Lamble who he had first met on the ferry a few weeks before. Reg and Ruth married after the war and moved to Somerset. Ruth told her granddaughter that she had left her parent's house in Kempton Terrace, Torpoint that had electricity and running water, to begin married life without either!

It is remarkable how much time the volunteers spend on work for the Archives at home. This includes Maddie cataloguing photographs, Paul and Tracey administrating Facebook, Ken developing the Tyhee search engine, general administration and the ongoing research programme for the proposed book on Terraces. This takes approx. 200 hours of volunteers' time each month!



Mike Pearn, Chairman

Copy to The Hub Manager (for info).

Torpoint Town Council

AGM

6pm Thursday June 1st 2023 (in the Library)

NB

The AGM is INSTEAD of the Get Together this month