Torpoint Archives & Heritage Centre,

The Hub, Fore Street, Torpoint, Cornwall. PL11 2AG. Telephone: 07530976981

> Email: admin@torpointarchives.org.uk **President; Sir Richard Carew Pole OBE Torpoint Organisation of the Year 2013-2014** Registered Charity No. 1043650 **Founder members Pat & Freda Manning**

TAHC REPORT March 2023

Dear Members and Volunteers,

On March 2nd fourteen volunteers met at the monthly Get Together. This monthly meeting is a very important time to share ideas for ongoing and future projects.

During March two presentations were given. The Women's Institute enjoyed viewing the Archives collection of hats, helmets, caps etc and hearing the stories of the people who had worn them. The sun shone on March 26th for the Street Market. Six volunteers manned the Archives for the duration. Over forty visitors were greeted on that day.

The weather had deteriorated when three volunteers took a collection of WW2 memorabilia to Antony school on March28th. The children took turns in reading the memoirs of Horatio Joseph Lobb (known as Joe) to the whole class. H.J.Lobb had attended Antony School during WW2. On screen, pictures enhanced the story and trying on helmets and gasmasks was done with enthusiasm. The stirrup pumps were used "dry" as the weather was unsuitable for using them more realistically in the playground. The staff took a wonderful selection of photographs of the visit for the School and Archives collections. March has certainly gone out like a lion! Not deterred, twelve volunteers met on the last day of the month to share progress reports and plan further necessary research for the proposed book on Lost Terraces.

Paul Roper has prepared and installed on the Library screen a superb collection of national and Torpoint pictures relating to Royalty.

Maddie has completed cataloguing another tray containing Carbeile School photographs. Bear in mind that each class photograph will have over 30 names to record! These photographs can be searched at the Archives on "Tyhee"

Altogether this month, the Volunteer team has worked at least 300 hours and greeted over 100 visitors including Kate Johnson, nee Woodfield who was visiting from Australia. Kate has donated to the Archives her precious collection of clay pipes, bottles and other memorabilia collected on Chapeldown beach during her childhood.

Mike Pearn, Chairman

Copy to The Hub Manager (for info).

Torpoint Town Council

Next Get Together of Volunteers

Easter closure

11am Thursday April 6th 2023

Good Friday April 7th until Friday April 14th inclusive

Reopening Monday April 17th