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## TAHC REPORT November 2023

Dear Members and Volunteers,

It has been a busy month. On Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> we opened following the Remembrance Ceremony in Sparrow Park. We are proud of our WW1 and WW2 Memorial Books. They each contain a Commonwealth War Grave Certificate, biographical details and in many cases a photograph of the 200 Torpoint casualties who lost their lives in these conflicts. The Memorial Books were also taken to the Council Chambers on November 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Sea Cadets to peruse. On November 14<sup>th</sup> Fiona and Tom Harvey represented us at the South East Cornwall Museum Forum meeting held at Looe. There was a Table Top Sale in the Council Chambers on November 18<sup>th</sup> run by the Friends of Thanckes Park. Samm Bickle kindly allowed us a table space and several books were sold. Once again there is a Special Christmas Offer "Buy any book for £10 and get a copy of Torpoint In Pictures (1997) for half price". Volunteers have worked for 209 hours in the Hub but many more hours are worked at home. 131 visitors have been welcomed including Sheryll Murray MP.

Over 20 visitors were seen on Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>, the day of the last Street Market of the Year.

We are grateful to have been given a rare artefact, a WW2 baby's cradle gas mask. Tom has restored this. There has also been an opportunity to copy the deeds of a house at the top of Antony Road. This has pinpointed several interesting historical facts. At the time of purchase the land had belonged to Thanckes Estate and the first buyer in 1904 was Richard Nodder. Richard obtained a £200 Mortgage from the

Oddfellows to purchase the house for one of his sons. The Archives has a photograph of the Torpoint Branch of the Oddfellows with Richard Nodder as "The Most Noble Grand" The group met in the building that has just been demolished known to us as the St John Ambulance Hall, Marine Drive.

Paul has created a beautiful photographic display for the large screen "Christmas in Torpoint"

The display in our cabinets professionally dressed by Fiona and Tom is "Before we used Plastic"

Durables were still lost or thrown away but many that have been reclaimed remind us of yesteryear.

We are very sad that Pete Sanders has died. Pete was a valued volunteer with an extensive knowledge of all things military. He also had great patience and put a lot of effort to restore a shine to many of our jaded artefacts. We extend our sympathy to Mary, Clare, David and Megan,



Mike Pearn, Chairman

Copy to The Hub Manager (for info).

Torpoint Town Council

Last Get Together of the Year

11 am Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> in the Library

**Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.**