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TAHC REPORT August 2024

Dear Members and Volunteers,

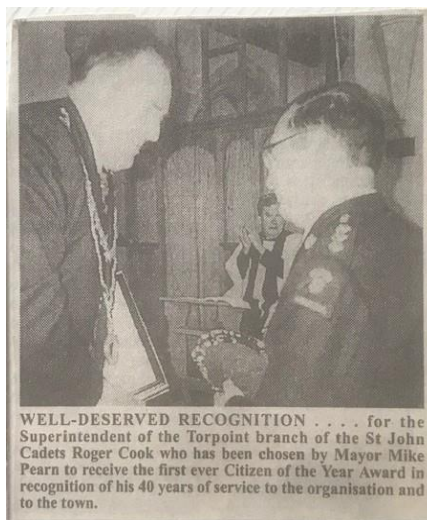
The death of Roger Cook was a shock and we share the sadness of the Town and extend our condolences to Roger's family. He was such a modest man who dedicated his life to helping others. A young Roger is standing at the back right of this photo and his dedication to the St John Ambulance has been appreciated by so many cadets often including more than one generation of a family.



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The photo on the left (courtesy of Jacki Downing) was taken at a presentation to young cadet, Antony McSherry and includes his father Kevin McSherry, a paramedic and another prodigy of Roger.



Roger was Torpoint's first "Citizen of the Year" as recorded in the paper cutting on the left from The Cornish Times 10.7.1998

Torpoint Town Council again expressed their regard for Roger by presenting him a "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the Civic Service on July 14th 2024. The congregation on that day gave Roger a standing ovation, little aware that it would be his last public appearance. Photo courtesy of Andy Campfield.



On August 12th Paul was at the Centre when he was given 20 minutes notice that a group of adults and children would be visiting! The group was lead by Abimbola Adeosun, a recent graduate from Plymouth University who had previously studied in Nigeria. All members of the group had connections to Nigeria and during school holidays their leaders took the children on cultural and recreational visits. The party was very interested in the history of Torpoint Ferry and the displays. Abimbola and Paul have made a link to use prior to future visits.



All 140 visitors were greeted warmly but particulary noted was a visit from the new Member of Parliament for South East Cornwall, Anna Gelderd and two old friends from Perth, Australia. Maurice and Sue Woodford (nee Osborne) ran the card shop and amusement arcade for many years.(now Karkadia)

As always the dedicated Archives team have given at least 257 hours of their time.....These are just the hours recorded in our book and do not include the many hours working at home which they often forget to record.

Maddie is spending a minimum of 3 hours a day cataloguing photos.

The volunteer tasks are so varied and include.....

cataloguing books and newspaper cuttings(Elaine), continual development of Tyhee, our search engine, (Ken & George), oral interviews (Dyan, Paula & Julie), preparing MP3 displays for the large screen (Paul), photographing all developments in the town (Julie & Tom), scanning documents (Chris, Wendy, Shirley & Olivia), adding new documents to boxes(Margery), Obituaries (Jenny), dressing the cabinets and cataloguing additional contents for 66 crates held in Room 5 (Fiona & Tom), representing TAHC at South East Cornwall Museums Forum meetings (Ann, Tom & Fiona),keeping updates for Torpoint Time Scale in digital form (Brian), Family History research (Ann, Karen, Geoff, Margery & Rosemary), updating 2D displays (Bill) mending artefacts (Tom & Bill)meeting and greeting(Eve, Rose, Mary, John & Malcolm), Facebook administrators (Paul &Tracey), sorting digital photos (Janet), Memory Group & the Cornish Language (Bill), and Coordinating (Rosemary)

What a Team!

Mike Pearn, Chairman

Copy to The Hub Manager (for info).
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