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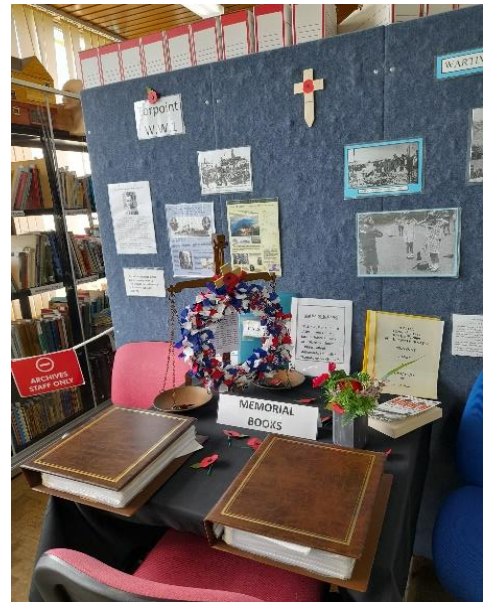
Founder members Pat & Freda Manning

TAHC REPORT October 2024

Dear Members and Volunteers,

The busiest day of the month was Sunday October 27th. The sun shone for the Street Market and at least 25 visitors filtered down to the Archives. John, Bill, Julie and Rosemary lost count as they were talking to several people at a time who were interested in the ferry memorabilia in the cabinets, school photographs on one wall and our WW1 and WW2 Memorial Books being set out for Remembrance Sunday.

In October volunteers spent over 200 hours working and greeting visitors in our centre but this is exceeded by the hours worked on projects at home. Maddie works on the photo catalogue daily. Julie and Dyan have recorded two other Torpoint residents in their homes and have prepared transcriptions of these recordings. Ken has made some amendments to Torpoint's Lost Terraces book which will soon be reprinted. Ken and George are updating our search engine, Tyhee. Tracey saves the local photographs that members post on our Facebook site. Face Book also consumes much of Paul's time as he keeps the site interesting and updated. It was brought to our attention that Cornwall Council and Cornwall Museums were inviting small museums to apply for a grant. Paul is using his past experience to make the application for the Archives. If the application is successful the Archives will be able to purchase aids for volunteers and visitors with hearing and vision impairments and upgrade the equipment to record Torpoint's residents' memories.



Conserving and restoring artefacts takes time and skill. Last year the Archives accepted a rickety table because a 1949 John Batholomew & Son vintage map of Cornwall was super imposed on it. When the table completely collapsed, Bill took it home and spent many hours re assembling and painting it. Unfortunately the map does not extend beyond Looe, so once again Torpoint is in Cornwall's forgotten corner!

Tom is very skilled at conserving and restoring all artefacts, specialising in clocks, musical boxes, gramophones, old books and documents. This month he has spent many hours on a more mundane but very valuable task for the Archives. This collection of cups were rescued for the Archives when the Rowing Club closed a few years ago. These and more battered and tarnished trophies have languished in boxes in our Room 5 store. Tom has now restored and polished them to their former glory and some of them will soon be displayed in our cabinets.



Mike Pearn, Chairman

Copy to The Hub Manager (for info).
Torpoint Town Council

Dates for November 2024

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| Thursday Nov 7th | Get Together in the Library at 11 am |
| Saturday Nov 9th | TAHC open 10 -12 |
| Sunday Nov 24th | TAHC open 10 til 2 |