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Torpoint Organisation of the Year 2013-2014

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TAHC REPORT October 2025

Dear Members and Volunteers,

The team of volunteers have spent over 200 hours working within the Library premises and at home. The digitising of photographs and documents is never ending. Volunteers beaver away without any specific acknowledgment or thanks for the valuable contribution they are making. George is expanding the website. All of the team is dedicated and say they get a lot of job satisfaction from their time in the Archives.

The benefits of all the work, present and past, often amazes visitors who need specific information. One visitor, whose family ran the hardware shop in Torpoint for many years, requested information about her ancestors, who would have been buried at Antony. There was no burial site in Torpoint before Cornwall Council had Horson cemetery consecrated for burials in the 1920s.

Over 30 years ago, (pre extensive internet usage) the Archives volunteers had copied all Antony Church Registers and Margery spent many Saturdays, crawling around the churchyard, plotting the locations and recording the inscriptions on the headstones. The files containing these records are so valuable. Not all church information can be found on the internet, and as time has passed, the churchyard is now very overgrown and many inscriptions are illegible. The visitor found the information she needed at the Archives, but said she will need to return to Antony Churchyard again at a later date.....with a machete!



Margaret, from Canada enjoyed talking to Paul and Bill. This was Margaret's third visit to Rosemary in Torpoint. They had met at College when they were both eighteen. Margaret said there is a Community spirit in Dawson Creek, Margaret's home in Canada, but nothing to compare on a daily basis with Torpoint Library and Community Hub.

Young people are always very welcome. They usually visit with their parents on the first Saturday and last Sunday of the month.

Many youngsters return because they enjoyed their WW2 experience, when they visited with Year 6 from Carbeile School, or when some of the Archives volunteers took artefacts to Antony School.



Sam is a regular visitor to the Archives and he and his mother have given permission for this photograph to be used in the report. Sam is a keen volunteer at Thanckes Park. For his work there, he was given the award “Young Achiever of the Year” at the Civic Service in July. Behind Sam, “Henry” is wearing the uniform of the Town Crier, the late Clive O’Shaughnessy. Clive wished for his daughters to donate all their parent’s ceremonial costumes to the Archives.



The framed photograph of Clive and Julie, his wife wearing the costumes, and a scrapbook of the events they attended, is also on display,

Another young Torpoint volunteer to be proud of, is Leading Cadet Chris Wooller, a member of TS Ramehead.

He was selected to assist Sir Edward Bolitho KVO, the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall.



Chris shares the duty with
RAF Cadet Sgt Tatum Curtis and
Army Cadet Sgt Chloe Mc Carthy

Our Facebook page now has 5.200 members. Paul reports there have been many more “hits” recently. This may well be because Cornwall Family History Society (CFHS) have become a member. They are in touch with “Cousin Jacks” all over the world.

It is a credit to Torpoint Archives, that CFHS has re connected to us.

Prior to the Society starting on line services, Torpoint Archives was chosen to be the first outpost of their database in 2002.

Visitors to Cornwall could get family history details from us in Torpoint , instead of travelling to Truro. We were chosen because CFHS appreciated all the transcription work that was being done for them at the time, by the late Cliff Cooper. Cliff was also a hard working volunteer at TAHC.

We are looking forward to the visit of Cornwall Councillor Preece on Wednesday November 19th
CC Preece will be the guest of Torpoint's Mayor, Councillor Julie Martin.

Torpoint is one, of only 339 locations nationwide, to be considered for part of the Government's "Pride in Place" project.



Mike Pearn, Chairman

Copy to The Hub Manager (for info).

Torpoint Town Council

Dates

Get Together, second Thursday in the month,

Nov 13th 11am in the CHAT building, Macey Street

Get Together first Friday in the month,

December 5th at the Carbeile Inn 12.30 for 1pm lunch

(menus will be available by the Day book, for you to make your lunch choices before Nov 27th)