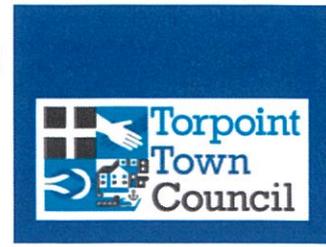


Torpoint Library and Community Hub



We welcomed 5,300 people through the door!

Working with our local schools.

Kings, Queens and Castles! Working with Torpoint Nursery and Infant School, linking with their curriculum, we welcomed around 60 children to the library for a Kings, Queens and Castles event! Stories were read by Gwen and Laura organised a Castle puzzle and activities. Fun was had by everyone, including our customers and volunteers! Our Kate had made delicious Queen of Heart, jam tarts for all the children, staff and teachers!



Pirates Day! Working again with Torpoint Nursery and Infant School, we linked up with the curriculum with some pirate themed maths questions that the children needed to solve to be able to earn clues for locations on their treasure maps. Around 60 children attended in pirate fancy dress, where they took part in a treasure hunt and were read a story by Pirate John from the Archives.



St Pirans Day Celebrations.

As usual we had an amazing day, offering, Cornwall on a plate to customers, which included a cream tea, slice of saffron cake and a pasty! The Archives, Bill and Angela dressed up as St Piran and a Bal Maiden and talked to customers about the history of mining and St Piran. On the Friday after St Pirans day, 30 junior school pupils attended and St Piran and the Bal Maiden, had a session talking about what it was like to be a child in the 5th Century, and who was St Piran!



Kathy from Kernow Maternity, visited the library during rhyme time to take part and talk to parents around their maternity. Kernow Maternity and Neonatal Voices Partnership's (KMNVP) aim is to ensure that people using maternity and neonatal services in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly have a meaningful say in how those services are designed, delivered, and improved. Gathering feedback in a variety of ways, including through partnerships, community events, local groups, and via their "Have Your Say" form and online surveys, which are always open on their website and social media platforms.



Visit from Author Sam Horton –

Sam has completed a tour of Cornwall Libraries and visited Torpoint in March! Sam is the author of two literary fantasy books, inspired by the Cornish landscape, Sam lives above the Moor in North Cornwall. Sam gave a talk on how his books came about and what the books are about. Feedback from those who attended the session, said it was brilliant!



We said a Sad Farewell to Chris and Rosie from Awenek!

Awenek CIC is closing down the end of March. Rosie and Chris have facilitated art sessions at the library and community hub for many years. We would like to thank Rosie and Chris for all the support they have given to people who have attended the group, helping to improve and maintain good health and wellbeing. Members of the group presented Chris with a card and voucher, and the library provided a buffet for their last session. We will miss you!

The good news is Sandy, the Library and Community Hubs resident artist, will be continuing to run the library art group, same time, same place.

Torpoint Library and Community Hub update – March 2026 report for the Development and Localism Committee.

St Pirans Day

It was a great day at the library and community hub! Customers enjoyed, Cornwall on a plate, which included a pasty, slice of saffron cake and a cream tea. Along with Bill and Angela from the Archives who were dressed as St Piran and a Bal Maiden, talking to customers about life in the 5th Century. Antony Gardens delivered a lovely box of beautiful bright yellow daffodils, which were put around the library and handed out to customers.

Carbeile Junior School, visited on the Friday, and were given a super session from Angela and Bill, again dressed as St Piran and a Bal Maiden. Talking to pupils about what it was like to be a child in the 5th century, what they were expected to do, eat and wear. Of course, no internet!

Easter End of Term Activities

Activities have been planned, along with what is already delivered weekly, Lego club and Rhyme Time. There will be arts and crafts, gardening sessions, for everyone that would like to get involved, this is very popular with families. Easter Pudding Cups will be created and eaten, along with making a sheep! On Friday the 10th of March, staff will be attending and supporting an event at Thanckes Park.

Garden Project and Outside Library Space.

An action plan has been created for the library growing project, from the Ground to the Plate, which will involve creating more gardening space to help with people's health and wellbeing, as well as teaching people how to grow their own vegetables and fruit.

The Community Payback team has agreed to help build the growing area borders with sleepers; power wash the children's mural so volunteers can paint it. The Operations Manager will order everything that needs purchasing ready for the team. Planting sessions must start the latest, beginning of May.

Last week Community Payback and the team weeded all around the library and power washed the paving slabs at the front of the library, it looks lovely!

The Mighty Bean

Florencia a regular customer at the library and community hub, also runs a business that focuses on Sustainable Food, held a Mighty Bean event. People were encouraged to find out more about beans and pulses, how to prepare and cook them, as well as tasting a Spanish bean salad.

Cornwall Hospice

As part of our commitment to our Hub Grant, we are working closely with Hospices. St. Lukes Hospice have visited the library on several occasions and now we are going to be working with Cornwall Hospice Care. The aim will be to have them attend community events and run some Pop-up events, raising

awareness around good end of life care. As well as raising awareness that hospices are not just for end of life, but for managing pain and medication, respite and much more.

Working in collaboration with Torpoint Nursery and Infant School

March was a very exciting month working with the local schools. Around 120 children from Torpoint Nursery and Infant school came in for: Kings, Queens and Castles event and Pirates Day.

Pirates Day, linked up with the school's curriculum. Children arrived dressed as pirates, where they were met by staff who were dressed as pirates. Everyone took part in a Treasure Hunt and meeting Pirate Pete from the Archives who told an exciting pirate story.

Kings, Queens and Castles, also linked to the school curriculum. Children were met by the Queen of Hearts, who read stories to the children, and they were also tasked with a completing a castle puzzle. To finish off the visit, everyone was treated to a homemade jam tart! This session was finished with a homemade jam tart.

It was a real pleasure for all the team to welcome the schools into the library!

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge has now been taken in house by Cornwall Library Service. This will mean that information about this year's reading challenge will come out much earlier and it's anticipated that planning can start by the end of May.

The British Book Awards

Great News – Library of the Year, Regional and County Winner Southwest England is, Cornwall Libraries. Management at Cornwall Council Library Service, have told Torpoint Town Council, that the work undertaken at Torpoint Library around Community Cohesion with families from Afghanistan, helped gain the award.