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TAHC monthly Newsletter July 2026

Dear Friends,

After discussions with the committee and team of volunteers, it was decided that everyone who works for, or who supports TAHC is definitely considered as a friend. In future supporters/members, will be known as "Friends of Torpoint Archives". Tom will adjust the terminology on the constitution. He does not think this breaches Charity Commission rules.

All friends will receive the update on our activities, including some snippets of historical interest, as in previous monthly reports. However, in future it will be called the "Monthly newsletter"

The extreme heat during July, curtailed some sessions within the Community Hub.

Many volunteers chose to work from home on their projects.

Julie and Paula have now recorded 46 interviews.

Ann continues collecting stories of unusual or ghostly happenings around the town

On Sunday July 5th, another Tales of the Tide event was arranged attended by Nev Meek, Lyn May and Laura Muicci, President, Events Officer and Archaeologist respectively for the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies.

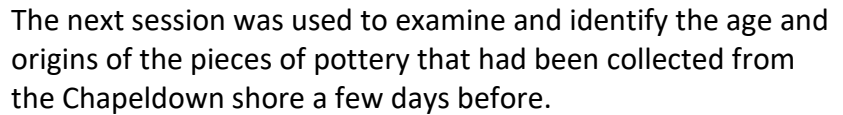


Rosemary and Brian who are TAHC volunteers and also OCS members, joined Rosie, David, Jake and some others by the foreshore at Chapeldown. The mission was to collect pieces of pottery or other treasures from the shore

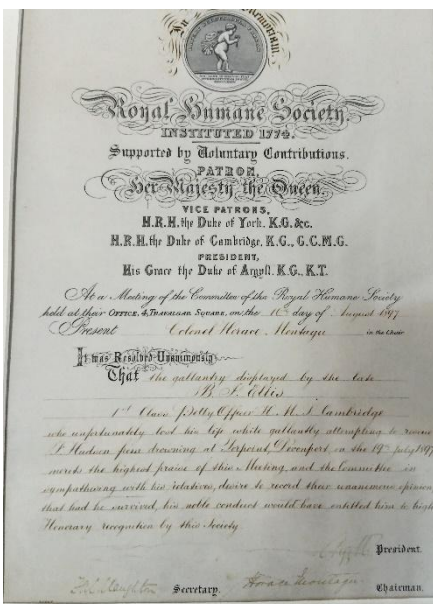
Six year old Charlie was very proud to show his collection to Marion, his grandmother.



Laura was particularly interested in copies of some of our old maps that clearly show how Torpoint has grown over the last 200 years. The children were given an A4 copy of a Torpoint Town plan drawn up about 100 years ago.



In gratitude for B J Ellis heroic rescue, the people of Torpoint raised the funds to have the memorial erected at the top end of Fore Street in 1898. Because it is a small area, apparently a reporter named it Sparrow Park.





Angela and Bill have arranged an Ellis display.
More BJ Ellis research can be viewed at the Archives

On July 23rd, Angela and Tom escorted a second group of visitors along the shore from the 200 Club to the ferry slip.



The meeting point was by the memorial for Robert B W Vinter, son of Dr Sydney Vinter who lived in Udal Garth, the house he had built in 1897.
Robert died 90 years ago at the Battle of the Somme.
All his history and that of the other 100 Torpointers who lost their lives in WW1, has been researched and stored in Memorial Books at the Archives.



It was a very hot day. Angela and Tom are on the extreme right of the group
Leadville and Jacki Downing, Chairman and Secretary of Torpoint and District Old Cornwall Society are on the left and Nev Meek, President of the Federation Of Old Cornwall Societies is behind the Tales of the Tide banner.



The group was grateful for some shade under the trees and a sit down rest by the Mosquito Sailing Club.

The itinerary and historical notes made for this walk, will be saved for future use.

The month ended on a joyous celebration of Bunty's 96th birthday.

Fiona, Rosemary and Tom were delighted to attend and enjoyed a birthday cake made by Kim. Bunty's daughter.



Bunty joined the Archives team of volunteers in 2003. She set up the original Excel database for the Archives. Since 2015, Ken has incorporated all the data recorded from 2003, into the TAHC search engine Tyhee. Ken chose the name as it was an old nickname for Torpoint.

Mike Pearn

Mike Pearn MBE
Freeman of the Town
Chairman

DATES

Thursday Aug 13th Get Together at 11 am in the CHAT building ,Macey Street