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Good morning,
It has been noticed that David Greet's letter has been posted in the November 2026 Cornerstone Newsletter.
David has also visited Torpoint Archives and Heritage Centre (TAHC)
The TAHC volunteers are formulating plans to celebrate the bicentenary of Dr John's birth in November 2028.
Celebrations will involve the churches, schools, Torpoint Town Council, the Down Syndrome Society and family descendants.
The photograph was taken in Torpoint Library and Community Hub in 2024 when Dominic and Julia Langdon Down made a second visit to Torpoint.
The Hub premises are on the site of Dr John's birthplace.
Unfortunately the original building was bombed in 1941.
Consequently the TAHC request for a Blue Plaque was rejected, as the place of birth had been demolished.
There are 2 plaques commemorating Dr John in the Hub, one from TTC and one from the Langdon Down Family.

TAHC records note that Dr John was baptised at the Bethel Independent Chapel on Jan 18th 1829.
This chapel had relocated from Macey Street to Rowe Street in 1811. It later became the United Reformed, then the Congregational before its closure and relocation as Cornerstone in Fore Street.

TAHC holds many books, photographs and family details relating to Dr John.
If anyone has additional information and would like to participate in the celebrations in 2028 , please e mail
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Best wishes,
Rosemary Pellew
TAHC Coordinator

