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Dear Members and Volunteers,

Five years ago today the Archives moved from Buller Road to the Library and Community Hub. It was a very positive move, mutually beneficial to us, the Library and Torpoint Town Council.

The volunteer numbers have doubled in that time....some have come and gone and sadly some have died but the core of the team is strong.

This month volunteers have worked over 200 hours on the premises and more than half that time at home. 110 visitors have called in including a lady from Canada with Wavish ancestors.

The lady was hoping to locate the Wavish family home, Abercrombie Cottage. It was on the junction of Harvey and Hooper Street. The flats built in the 1960s adopted the name of Abercrombie. In the 19th century Miss Wavish kept a herd of cows (we think in fields that are now part of Cambridge field) During an outbreak of cholera in the town she donated quantities

of milk for children. James Wavish was an inventor advertising in the London Standard in 1867.



The cabinets and wall displays are prepared to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D Day. Bill Visick has added further pictures to the 2D display. Betty Begbie has donated a WRNS uniform from the Ferryboaters collection for Henrietta, our female mannequin. Two cabinets are dressed with WW2 artefacts from our collections stored in Room 5 at the Council Chambers. Fiona and Tom Harvey have shared some of their family memorabilia relating to Flight Sergeant Bird (Fiona's father) Leading Aircraft Woman Dorothy Harvey and Padre Stephen Harvey (Tom's parents) and Dorothy's cousin, Squadron Leader Hone. Tom is holding photograph of his father and standing beside mannequin Henry who is wearing his father's uniform. Young Padre Harvey landed in France on June 10th 1944 with the grim task of burying the fallen and holding mass funeral services. We are very proud of these displays as a poignant tribute to those who gave their lives and those who survived D Day.



Mike Pearn, Chairman

Copy to The Hub Manager (for info).

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