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TAHC REPORT September 2024

Dear Members and Volunteers,

Over 300 hours has been spent this month working in the Library and at home. Each volunteer uses his or her skills and initiative to add data or organise areas within our premises. The books are all catalogued thanks to Elaine and Ken and George have enabled Tyhee to search the reference library. The display of Sports Teams on the large screen in the Library has led to several requests to Paul for copies of photos. Julie has interviewed a Torpointer aged 99 and Dyan has interviewed John and is planning to "capture" another volunteer soon! Many of the volunteers were born and grew up in Torpoints so their memories will be a great resource. Margery has been a volunteer for over 30 years and makes the long trek from Egguckland every Friday. TAHC records include her work for the Cornwall Family History Society covering Antony Churchyard. Margery also researched Carbeile and Wacker Mills, the History of the Royal Mail in Torpoint plus very thorough research and editing for the Fore Street and The Forgotten Terraces publications. Maddie, Paula and Janet deal with endless numbers of photographs while Jenny's Obituary Files sadly are filling too quickly with memorials. All the other tasks being carried out weekly by volunteers continue to make us an outstanding Community Archives, where all visitors appreciate the warm, well informed welcome that they receive.

The month ended with several volunteers attending a memorial service for Roger Cook held in St James Church on Saturday 28th.



Belle Vue Square is bordered by Arthur Terrace as shown in the photo on the right taken about 1900 (courtesy of

Judith Sexton) and left, 1, 2 and 3 Belle Vue



These are both nineteenth century dwellings. TAHC has copies of deeds from Arthur Terrace dated 1868 and in a Directory of 1862 Lieutenant Parry was living in Belle Vue Villa.

This was a natural arena for many gatherings. We have no photographic evidence but we have heard this was where the visiting menageries were enjoyed by the townfolk. No doubt Julia the Elephant paraded here before her later adventure on the ferry!

In May 1945 it was the setting for a V.E. Thanksgiving Service and a street party .



A few years later the Towns Women’s Guild posed as Carnival participants for “Pedro the Fisherman”



On Saturday 28th Sept 2024 it was very appropriate that the St John Ambulance Parade in memory of Roger Cook was set up here, outside Roger’s home. The parade was lead by Torpoint Sea Cadets Corps of Drums (photo right, courtesy of Leadville Parsons)



Mike Pearn, Chairman

Copy to The Hub Manager (for info).

Torpoint Town Council