



## **News from the History Group Research Team .....**

Well, it is finally here – the long long awaited 1921 Census from Find my Past!

Back in June I explained why this document is so important to the Family Historian, but it is more than just a resource for researching your family. We will be able to get more information from this census about how people lived, and it is the last document that we can use to trace our ancestors until the 1939 Register. The 1931 Census was destroyed in WW2, and the 1941 Census wasn't taken because of world war two. It will give us details of occupations, employers names, what industry people worked in, whether a person was in any type of full or part time education such as evening classes, and for the first time a "D" for divorced.

For us in St. Tudy, we will be able to see our village as it was in 1921. It will give us an idea of what trades were in the village, population, and who lived in your house if it dates back to then. Also, a much better view of what life was like 100 years ago, bearing in mind this census was taken only a few years after WW1. It struck me how things haven't changed when I saw photographs of women working collating the Census with masks on, as the UK was in the grips of the Spanish Flu epidemic.

Another way you could step back in time, is by using the wonderful resource of The British Newspapers online. I have spent many hours looking for information in newspapers from hundreds of years ago, and even if it is the adverts or notices of livestock sales, auctions or positions vacant, they transport you back into a time our parents and grandparents knew through every day, and some weird and wonderful events which were reported. The latter being mainly from the Assizes Courts where articles were very graphic.

In one article from 1921 I spotted a sale of pedigree pigs, and as it was a gripping subject, I carried on reading and found that Mr. Onslow from Hengar was attending. It was reported that "the greatest competition resulted for the fine sow – Tinten Ladylike – a Bath and West Show champion". She sold for 160 guineas which would be equivalent to £8, 534.00 today!

Our forebears were also obsessed, as we are today, about Royalty. The Prince of Wales's visit to the Indian sub-continent and Japan was the main topic of the day.

Both of these resources give us insights into attitudes and the lives that people in St. Tudy would have led 100 years ago, just as the 2021 Census and newspaper archives will give our future residents of St. Tudy information about us and how we lived, in 100 years time!

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