

## CALH visit

On the morning of the 6th of June, the village noticed some unusual activity around the Clink as a gazebo went up and people in high-viz jackets were milling around bringing out chairs and setting up tables. By 10am cars began to flood into the village and the visitors from CALH descended on the Clink for coffee, kindly provided by Linda Tucker, Alison Oxendale, and Julie Brazier.

We had spent the last two years preparing for this day, searching for facts and collating information about the various properties and people that lived in the village in past years, uncovering some brilliant stories.

So when the day came, we were ready for this very knowledgeable group of people. The day began with Angela Aylward giving a talk with slides in the Upper Room of the Clink beginning with discoveries of Iron Age settlement 43AD to date. Pam Free introduced the "tour guides" for the day who would be taking the group around the village - Joy Armstrong, Angela Aylward, Julie Brazier, Rita Westlake and herself.

After an explanation of the Clink building and the War Memorial and Chestnut Tree, the group began their walk around some of the oldest properties within Churchtown.

The St. Tudy Bells began ringing, to herald the lunch break, where pasties were served by Maggie Lobb, and more teas and coffees by the team of course. One of the group, a Bellringer himself, joined in with our ringers.

After which the group an opportunity to discover the Church where Eileen Partington answered any questions about the Church, and the group had time to look at the displays of Historical Notes, Old Maps, Notable People, The Bligh Family, The School, Slate Walls Project, and the Graveyard Project that Phil Tizzard is currently doing, and notable graves were marked out in the graveyard.

It was a perfect day for the visit, slightly overcast in the morning, but the full glory of the sun was evident before long and by lunch time the visitors were very glad to have their pasties and seek the cool sanctuary of the St. Tudy Church, as they took in more historical details of the Parish.

The group then repaired to Hengar Manor for a short history of the house before departing for their homes all over Cornwall.

The CALH group were impressed at many levels by their day in St. Tudy. They were fascinated by the vertical slates used in buildings and boundary walls, they admired the gardens, and all marvelled at how well preserved this amazing village was, the Delabole rag slate roof lines presenting an interesting and splendid skyline from the War Memorial aspect and many stopped to admire and comment on their authenticity and pleasing lines.

This group of well informed and interested historians were very knowledgeable of Cornish history. None failed to pass positive comment on the excellent historical presentation, noting that the research was diligent and thorough. They were equally impressed by the exceptional organisation of all aspects of the day, from road signs, seating and planned walkabout. Comments ranged from "An exceedingly good day", "The most well-informed presentations", "A visit that will always stand out as a most memorable day" to "The best day, absolutely A1".

And so, the guests departed home, and the team retired to their own

homes knowing that their past two years of research and planning had presented St. Tudy in a most excellent light.

Well done, and thank you everyone for your hard work!



