

Centenary Garden Party

A CENTENARY GARDEN PARTY

Held at FRADDS MEADOW

Saturday 25th August 2018

The St. Tudy Historical Society needed to raise funds toward the cost of adding the name of Surgeon Lieutenant CHF Atkinson OBE, MRCS, LRCP, RNVR to the Village War Memorial. He was the village GP prior to WW1 and served with distinction during the War.

He returned to the village as GP but, sadly, died in January 1920 just a few days before the St. Tudy War Memorial was dedicated on the 25th January. Any member of the Commonwealth Military Forces that died between 4th August 1914 and 31st August 1921 is deemed to be a casualty of war.

With this in mind, a committee of volunteers from the group got together to plan a garden party, with a difference. The party was to be themed on the era of the Great War and appropriate music, cake recipes and cocktails were sourced for the day.

After weeks of back to back sunshine, the heavens opened, and it rained for days prior to the 25th, but that morning a red, almost cloudless, sky gave way to a day of brilliant sunshine as the volunteers met up at Fradde Meadow. As they began setting up for the day, scones, cakes and sandwiches, including Gluten Free options of everything, arrived by the minute. "The Dugout" was set up, serving the French 75, a Jeeves Elderflower Fizz and Bucks Fizz cocktails. By 3pm all was ready as the first guests arrived.

More and more villagers and their guests arrived and the event, being blessed with such fine weather, soon became a splendid affair. The chatter and laughter of guests drowned out the hit parade of 1919 being played quietly in the background.

We had a wonderful cross-section of guests on the day, everyone was most generous in purchasing tea, cocktail and raffle tickets and in making donations. So much so that our profit from the event raised enough to cover the cost of adding Surgeon Lieutenant Atkinson's name to the War Memorial.

The Historical Society would like to thank all those that attended and all those who kindly offered a donation as they were unable to attend due to family or other commitments.









