

JANUARY 2024 RESEARCH REPORT

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Although interrupted by Christmas, we have been busy researching and delving into the past of St. Tudy as usual – here are some of the things we are currently doing:

Redvale Road Cemetery

The cemetery project is still being documented and will be completed in the new year.

St Tudy Churchyard

The Memorials in the Churchyard were surveyed by Pam and Angela over the period 2019 - 2021. The comprehensive document compiled by Angela includes a list of names, plans, photos and transcriptions of the Memorials and may now be viewed on our website at <https://www.studyhistorygroup.co.uk/index.asp?pageid=546157>

People contacting the History Group

Pam is researching the Cottell family:

The husband of Joan Beazley (nee Cottell) from New Zealand has contacted the Parish Council and in turn Pam, as he wanted to know more about the Cottell family in St. Tudy, sadly his wife is no longer alive. Pam has contacted him with the offer to trace his Wife's family line, and also his family history too. Pam is awaiting a reply.

Pam also had a contact from our website, from Peter Thomas, also from New Zealand, regarding the Pears/Hocken family of St. Tudy, and she is currently awaiting a reply to go forward with the enquiry.

Chandler family:

Pam has previously researched the Chandler family for a brother and sister who visited from Canada to see where their father lived and grew up in St. Tudy. Joy found information on the family in her school information. His father, Charles Chandler, is on our Montage, and we were able to finally identify him after much comparing of photos etc., so we now have another soldier identified. Charles Chandler was a gardener at Lamellen, and Pam found that he was related to Harold Kent, also pictured on our Montage. Pam was lucky enough to find current day family living in Devon for them who they met, and they were all able to visit their joint grandparent's graves together in Devon. Just before Christmas, Pam had contact from the Devon family saying their son lives in Detroit and would like to have contact with Ann Chandler and her brother, so we have managed to bring another part of the family together.

Blighs in Australia:

David Jellie, who visited St Tudy with his wife last year, is descended from a branch of the Blighs of Tinten. He has kindly sent us a transcript of the births, marriages, deaths etc., the earliest date being 1757, written inside the cover of the Bligh family bible of which he is custodian. Angela is using the data to update and add to the Bligh family tree she compiled some years ago.

Additional Research

Angela & Pam have been preparing material for an exhibition to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the St Tudy Historical Society. This will be set up for viewing before the AGM on Monday 29th January – doors open at 6.30pm on this occasion. Angela has continued with her research at Tregawn Farmhouse, Michaelstow, and has been able to discover information about the grandfather clock in the kitchen. It was made by John Ball of Launceston sometime in the early 1800s and has most likely stood in the corner for over 200 years!