

Callington Heritage Centre and Local History Group NEWSLETTER

Home, but still sorting!

Further to the dramatic fire of the 4th March and our rapid relocation to an industrial unit, I am pleased to say that due to the endeavours of dozens of volunteers who became expert at cleaning smoke stained documents and artefacts, we eventually moved

back into the chapel in mid October. Everyone is very impressed with the considerable improvement in the accommodation. Not only is everything freshly decorated and carpeted [all to conservation specification] but we have new cupboards, an automatic humidity and ventilation system, smoke detectors and a refined burglar and fire alarm system. The lighting is greatly improved and is all low energy. The heating now seems far more effective due to the improved insulation. We no longer have a few wisps of straw in the roof, we have thick insulation complying with all the latest regulations. The offending meter box has been moved to the porch area and the building is now compartmentalised instead of having a roof void running the length of the chapel. The slight change to the design has allowed us considerably increased space in the mezzanine store. The Heritage Centre express their appreciation to the Town Council for all their negotiations with the insurance company.

The photograph to the

right shows our new chairs, the beautifully restored Victorian cabinets and a few boxes of artefacts that still need checking off against the catalogue. The new map drawer is just out of site in the corner.



The mezzanine store [above] is also looking very organised with everything in conservation quality boxes.

There is still a lot of work to do. None of the photographs have been checked off yet and we want to take the opportunity to completely reorganise these. Work is still needed on the photograph albums. However with help from volunteers we are on track to have a grand re-opening at Easter.



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Editorial

Welcome to the 'proper' Callington Heritage Centre and Local History Group combined newsletter. 'Proper' in that it is the type of newsletter you will receive in the future that does not just focus on the fire and its after effects.

Up until now the Fire Updates have been freely available to everyone, volunteer workers, donors, anyone on the web site. This is the last newsletter that will be available in this way. The March issue and all subsequent issues will only be available to Friends of the Heritage Centre. It will still be available on the internet via a page with a password.

We are very, very grateful to everyone who has given their time

or money to assist us, but there is one last favour. For us to get on a sound financial footing for the future we need a regular income we can rely on, and this comes from our 'Friends. Our subscription is only £5.50 a person but it does help us considerably with our regular expenses such as electricity, telephone/internet, insurance, archive storage materials, stationary & postage, etc.

We are looking at ways in which we can give members an even better return for their money, but I am sure you will agree that even just this newsletter is worth the subscription.

So please, if you are not a Friend, join us now. A form is on the back page or you can subscribe via the internet.

Financial position

Due to many, many generous donations our financial situation is not too bad. We have managed to pay for all our relocation costs, restoration of the Victorian cabinets, purchase of all the new archive quality storage, new display boards, new computer equipment, etc.

The two final hurdles are the restoration of the Victorian books and the chapel china. We had a quotation for the books of about £2500. A large part of this cost was for the rebinding of a set of books known as 'Home and Hearth'. This set is of considerable local interest as they have the South Hill and Callington parish magazine bound in them. These volumes had gold tooling on the cover, we expect they contributed to a fair proportion of the cost. Mr and Mrs Eade have kindly agreed to donate their complete set to the Heritage Centre. This generous gesture means that the books we have only need to be cleaned and can then be made available on the shelves downstairs while the replacement set is kept safety in the mezzanine store.

The second major cost is for one box of chapel china. One box was damaged and the whole box was sent for assessment

without being disturbed. I believe there are about twenty pieces in the box, some of which were shattered, some just cracked and there are possibly some that are alright. An initial assessment by a specialist china restorer came up with a figure of £5000 - which was a bit of a shock! We are currently waiting a more detailed assessment that will allow us to determine the priorities, we think we may be able to afford about £2000 of the work and the rest will have to wait. As the collection of china from many local chapels is quite probably unique we are obliged to restore them. However if anyone has any items of chapel china they would consider donating to us it might save some costs.

Our main priority for next year is to get back onto a sound financial footing, covering all our costs and raising a small surplus to go towards the continuing restoration. We only have three sources of income, memberships, donations and some sales of publications. Our memberships are our only reliable source of income, so please help us to continue to preserve our local heritage by becoming a 'Friend'.

Son Murders Mother?

ALLEGED MURDER of an AGED MOTHER by HER SON at St. DOMINICK, 1857 [from reports in the Royal Cornwall Gazette in 1857 and 1858.]

At 7.30 one dark Saturday evening in November 1857 Elizabeth Nattle left work at Halton Barton Farm and trudged up the hill to Burraton where she lived with her elderly mother, her brother, William, and her illegitimate son. She may have been thinking about the night before. William had come home, drunk as usual, and when the old lady scolded him, calling him "a drunken blackguard", he had told her to "hold your noise, you old devil" and brandished a pick over them.

What she found was much worse. Her mother was lying by the fire, bruised above the ear, breathing "like anyone in a large snore" and foaming at the mouth. She called her several times but got no answer. William was upstairs in bed but when Selina Grylls, a neighbour, called him to speak to his mother as she was dying his answer was, "You'd better start, or else I'll kill all the lot of you."

William's explanation was that when he had come home he had found his mother in the woodshed. She did not speak so he carried her to the kitchen and sat her in a chair by the fire. She could not sit up properly so he had held her up in the chair for a long time. Eventually, though "she seemed very ill and there didn't seem to be much life in her", he laid her down by the fire. He had his supper and went off to bed. When Elizabeth asked him why he had left their mother there he said, "I thought she would come to herself again, as she had been like that before."

He later admitted that he had been drunk and that he had "done wrong by leaving mother on the ground."

There for a while the matter rested. The inquest thought that he had acted "in very inhuman and censurable part", but lacking evidence of violence recorded a verdict of "death by visitation". However, "considerable dissatisfaction prevailed" and pressure was put on the police to act. A few weeks later William was arrested. A post mortem took place just before Christmas when two Callington surgeons opened up Mrs Nattle's head whilst her exhumed body lay on a plank in the churchyard! They both agreed "that the cause of death was apoplexy", or brain haemorrhage. The issue at Nattle's trial for murder at the Bodmin assizes in March 1858 was whether the apoplexy could have been caused naturally, by a fall in the woodshed, for instance. At the committal both surgeons seemed to feel that violence must have been involved. At the trial proper, under stricter cross-examination, however, neither was prepared to swear that it could not have been caused naturally. In this context, it is worth noting that in the Royal Cornwall Gazette there was a stinging and highly unusual editorial of great technicality which argued that the apoplexy must have been caused naturally and that "no jury could possibly convict". The police, the paper implied, had allowed the neighbours' feelings against a drunk to lead to his being charged with murder.

Considerable attention was given to a broken weeding iron that Elizabeth had seen on the day of the death. Clearly there was suspicion that Nattle might have

used it on his mother. Indeed Elizabeth soon after the death said to William, "I hope you *did* not strike mother with this." He was quite indignant. "No, I *did* not," he is reported to have replied. "I never saw the iron. I never struck mother with it more than you struck mother with it."

It was agreed that William got noisy and verbally aggressive when he was drunk. Indeed Robert Burnard, a shoemaker who lived across the road, said that he had several times in the pub heard William say that he would kill "Grammer-Ri and Liz", his mother and sister. There was also no doubt that he was drunk on the fateful Saturday night. Indeed, the landlady of the Butchers' Arms shortly before he got home had refused to serve him he was so drunk. On the other hand, numerous witnesses said that they had never heard him threaten, strike or touch his mother. And none of the neighbours, including Fanny Martin whose house was separated from the Nattles' only by a wooden partition, had heard any scuffle or argument on the night of Mrs Nattle's death. The evidence was very circumstantial.

Moreover, Mrs Nattle had, had a fit two weeks earlier. She had told Fanny Martin, "I fell along on the floor, and how long I stayed there I cannot say." One of the surgeons had treated Mrs Nattle's sister, Mary Doidge, who had died of apoplexy and Elizabeth testified that another aunt and an uncle had both had similar

Recent Acquisitions

I am pleased to say that local people have continued to donate items for the Heritage Centre. Mrs Furse kindly donated several items and the vanity set shown below is one of these. Can you remember when every dresser had one of these? This set was bought locally and other styles would be acceptable.

Mrs Furse also gave us a small collection of gollywogs. I know the terminology is no longer correct, and I have no wish to offend anyone, but they are part of social history and others to add to the collection would be welcome.

Alison Highet has given us copies of two wills. One for Sarah Dingle who died in 1849 and William Dingle who passed away in 1904. These wills are not just of interest to the Dingle family as they contain many references to property in Callington and could be useful for house historians.

Mike Manaton, who came on a visit from the States donated copies of several documents he owned relating to Manaton in South Hill parish.

Of interest to mining buffs will

be a notebook recently deposited by John Trevithick. The notebook belonged to his father L Trevithick who spent most of his life working at Redmoor Mines. The mines were in operation during WWII and he describes various explorations of the old shafts and workings. In December 1942 he wrote about Johnson's Footway Shaft. "Started cleaning away top. The shaft is vertical for about 20ft with a level South 7ft and North for 15ft, the shaft then inclines West 60° some old stopes on north and south sides of shaft, timber of which needs repairing". After describing several mines and shafts in the area his thoughts echo those of other mining experts in that "The best results of these mines have been very good and with modern methods should show great profits, I would say a veritable gold pot lying dormant".



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afflictions.

The jury retired. There was doubt about the cause of death, which could have been quite natural; there was no evidence that Nattle had struck his mother; there was a history of apoplexy in the family. A flimsy case! However, the jury returned a strange verdict. Nattle, they said, was guilty of manslaughter! The judge had to explain that there had been no

charge of manslaughter: it was either murder or not guilty. With very little further consideration the jury found Nattle not guilty. He was cleared but not, one may surmise, in the eyes of St. Dominick. Within a year or so, to escape the censure of disbelieving neighbours no doubt, the family had left for good the village they had been born and brought up in.

Alastair Tinto

Previously published in a 1997 newsletter. Alastair has written several short pieces of research on St Dominick and these are to be found on our library shelves and in the parish drawers labelled 'St Dominick'. We also have drawers on all the other adjoining parishes as well as many parish register transcriptions and census information. Any items of research relating to Callington and adjacent parishes are welcome for deposit.

Our Clothes Collection

One of the advantages of our new mezzanine level is the increased height of the storage area which allows us to stack lightweight boxes, at least ten high.

The Trustees have therefore decided to extend our collection of everyday clothing from the early 19th century to the 1950's for women and children. We are limited by the size of storage boxes so cannot take bulky items such as suits and overcoats. Feather and fur as well as leather have specialist needs and will therefore be declined. Whilst the wonderful elaborate costumes of the Victorian era that you can see on display at some museums are glorious, we would like to develop a collection showing the type of clothes that the ordinary person in Callington and the surrounding area would have worn.

The servants costume below, that is now in our collection is a



wonderful example from the early 1920's. The white and pale blue striped cotton maids uniform, comes complete with long cream waxed calico apron. The dress has been simply made with button fastening to the back. The apron also has a piped detail to the vest and waist band, and crosses over to the back to fasten. The uniform truly is a part of our social history, and very few examples of servants uniform survive as most were worn until they were no longer fit to be worn.

The Victorian bodice on the right is another acquisition. The leg-of-mutton sleeves date it to around 1892-1895. It is made of wool and a rich dark green velvet. The bodice is heavily boned.

We are also collecting early examples of all the various garments that were beneath skirts and bodices, as the various layers our ancestors wore are quite fascinating.

We look for donations of clothing, especially from the 1920-1960 period. Typical everyday clothing with styles that are recognisable for that period would be appreciated. Please don't forget the underwear, it is a part of our history, even when not glamorous. Viyella combinations, when they came out in the 1890's were hailed as a wonderful new invention as, for the first time underwear was stretchy! Can you remember those navy pants all schoolchildren wore for the PE lessons when everyone jumped up and down in lines, where have they all gone?

There are also all the numerous accessories that go with the



fashions of each era. We have a button hook and glove stretcher but would like other examples of these as well as skirt lifters. There are items like shoe horns and combs, small bags and purses, gloves, collars and fans and small bonnets. Again, because of the storage space requirements large hats cannot be accommodated.

We have learnt a lot about fabric conservation and the conditions we can now provide will ensure continued preservation for many generations to come. Leaving items neatly folded in drawers or on coat hangers can be detrimental to their preservation.

In order to display our collection we need mannequins and/or dressmakers dummies, either on loan for various periods or, if not too heavy as a gift. Head and shoulders and upper torsos could also be utilised. A life size doll to show our christening robes and children's clothing would be useful.

Crinoline petticoats from the Victorian era are very difficult to find so if there is a anyone with a crinoline hoop petticoat, possibly from a wedding, we could offer one a good home.

Finally, our first public display of our collection will be at a talk in February, see page 11.

Conservation and volunteering

Volunteers are still needed! If you are interested in history we have something for you.

We have restoration work to do on photo albums and training will be given, if you want to join this group please contact Lucy on 350018. Sessions will start towards the end of January.

We are going to completely reorganise our photo collection so if you want to browse our photos and help at the same time, give Lynda a ring on 362139.

We have plenty of at-home computer work, such a newspaper indexing and putting handwritten and typed records onto computer as well as transcribing from CD's and microfiche.

Is there anyone out there good at putting databases onto web sites?

Come Easter when we re-open we will of course need stewards to help during opening hours. Just three hours a month for the summer months would be an enormous help. Please give Sheila a ring on 383184.

Our Research Facilities

Apart from all our artefacts and local history items we have a research area that is especially useful for family historians. We have many parish registers transcriptions for Callington and adjoining parishes and we have all the census from 1841 to 1901 for all of Cornwall and Devon and most of Dorset.

We have the correct licences and can provide A3 copies of census sheets for only 50p, so if you are on the internet, just get the

reference for the 1901 census and order from us - you will be helping to support our local heritage.

For our members access to the research area is possible throughout the year by arrangement. For non-members our opening hours are Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays 10.00-16.00hrs from Easter until the end of October. If you want to order census sheets please just let me have the reference; my contact details are on page 11.

Next years exhibitions

Our first exhibition of the year has obviously got to be 'The Phoenix Rises' and this will contain a tribute to, and history of, the Callington Fire Service, without whom we would not exist.

Our second exhibition will be the one we were planning for this year on 'Kelly Bray and the Mines Beneath'. Apart from outlining the development of Kelly Bray it will feature the Redmoor, Kelly Bray and Holmbush mines which had a dramatic effect not only on Kelly Bray but on Callington and the surrounding area.

Running alongside this we will have some displays for the season in our glass display cabinets. We will be featuring the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the passenger railway in Callington, the 100th anniversary of the Grammar School and the 80th Anniversary of the Old Cornwall Society. The fourth cabinet will feature recent acquisitions and may contain some of our costume acquisitions.

If anyone has any artefacts they would like to provide for the exhibitions on short term loan please do contact us now so that we can plan the exhibitions properly.



A Peek at the Papers

10th Feb 1837. Influenza - A new theory has lately been started by one of the most eminent practitioners, with regard to this distressing and annoying malady, with which so many thousands are now suffering through the kingdom; namely, that it arises from the state of the water used for culinary and other purposes; having found, in the course of a very extensive practice, that the inmates of those houses where Robin's Royal Filters have been adopted have not suffered from the prevailing malady.

17th Feb. Coroner's Inquest - Before Joseph Hamley, Esq. Coroner: the body of James Woolcock, a miner in the Great United Consolidated mines, in the parish of Linkinhorne. The deceased was at work in the bottom of the engine shaft, when the banks of the pool which is used for working the water wheel gave way, in consequence of the very heavy rains, and the water rushing down the shaft, drowned him. Also, at Marhamchurch, on the body of William Dymon, who was killed in consequence of falling, and two wagons of sand passing over him. Verdict in both cases, accidental death.

3rd March 1837. CAUTION - As ELIZA CANNON has been in the habit of incurring debts on my responsibility, I hereby give Notice, that I will not be answerable for any Debts she may contract, as her conduct has been of such infamous description as to render her totally unworthy of my protection. As witness my hand at Calstock (in the County of Cornwall) this 27th day of February, 1837 - WILLIAM CANNON

Advertisement 10th March. PARISH OF EAST STONEHOUSE - ANY PERSON desirous of taking a healthy GIRL or BOY as a PARISH APPRENTICE is requested to make application for that purpose, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the above parish. A Promise will be given. By order of the Board

of Guardians Francis P. Wingate, Secretary

Advertisement 10th March. Linkinghorne and St. Ive - Sold by private contract, all messuages, lands, and tenements called CARRADON, about 31 acres, now in the occupation of Mr. William AUSTON, in the parish of Linkinghorne, including dwelling house and farm buildings. AND, in the parish of St. Ive Tenement and lands known as CARGIBBET, 22 acres in occupation of Mr. William AISTON, tenant, including right of Pasturage on St. Ive Down. See Mr. William KEAST, Tredinnick, or Messrs Leach, Little, and Woollcdomjbe, Solicitors, Devonport.

31st Mar. CORNWALL LENT ASSIZES. Thomas BASSETT. 20, indicted for stealing from the engine-house of the Redmoor mine, in the parish of Stokesclimsland in the month of April last, a silver watch and gold seal, property of Johnstone Glanville. Guilty, three month's imprisonment at hard labour. Michael MACDONALD, indicted for having stolen from the shop of Mr. Veale, grocer, Callington, a piece of cheese. Amelia Martin deposed she had been in the shop, had seen the prisoner take a piece of cheese, and put it under his coat. She alerted the servant, who confronted the prisoner. Prisoner denied having taken anything, and ran away when they called Mr. Veale. He stopped at some distance, then ran again. Where he stopped, the cheese was found. Prisoner was found guilty, and sentenced to prison for two calendar months.

WILLIAM the FOURTH died 20th June 1837

21st July EMIGRATION for YOUNG PEOPLE of the WORKING CLASS HER Majesty's Colonization Commission for SOUTH AUSTRALIA, will give a FREE

PASSAGE to the Colony, to MARRIED PERSONS of the Labouring Class, NOT EXCEEDING THIRTY YEARS OF AGE, by two First Class Vessels, which will sail from LONDON, the one in August, and the other in September next. Testimonials of character will be required and strictly examined. The Emigrants will be taken to the Colony free of all Cost, and will be maintained there until they obtain employment. Children under Two, will be taken free; for those Two Years old and under Fifteen, £5 each must be paid before embarkation. Application to be made to JOHN HUTT, Esq. 6, Adelphi Terrace, London By Order of the Board ROWLAND HILL, Secretary July 10, 1837

4th Aug. 1837. COURT for the RELIEF of INSOLVENT DEBTORS. Stephen GRAY, late of Calstock, was declared entitled to the Act, and discharged

1st Sep. 1837, Friday Pilchard Fishery - No large quantity of Pilchards has yet been taken on our coast. About 200 hogsheads were inclosed by three seans at Gunwalloe on Sunday last, and since then a small quantity has been taken at Gorran.

The Harvest - Nearly the whole of the corn of every description in this county is cut, but a large portion of it is yet in the field, where we hope it will have sustained no injury from the dropping weather which has lately prevailed. The crops, we believe, are generally good, and if housed in good condition, there is a cheering prospect of an abundant provision for man and beast.

Transcribed by Julia Mosman and volunteers from the West Briton newspaper. Transcripts are available at:-

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~wbritonad>

If anyone would be willing to extract all the details relating to Callington and adjoining parishes, please contact me. Lynda.

Mystery item

Can you identify our mystery items? These three steels balls were donated to the museum by Mr W Pascoe and were found in his garden at Stoke Road Kelly Bray. They have a diameter of 6cm, 5cm, 2.5cm. If anyone can make a guess about their previous use please send a letter to the Editor.

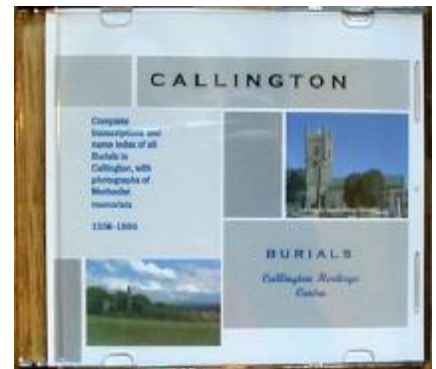


Publications

Last year, before the fire we managed to publish the complete Callington burials from 1585 to 1975 in CD format. We are looking to publish the baptisms but could do with assistance from someone in the local area to complete the transcriptions from 1852 to 1900. We have these on microfiche.

Ann Eade and Sheila Lightbody

have very generously given us the copyright for their books and we need help scanning Sheila's book 'A Cornish Community' as this is overdue for republication. We also hope to publish the 'Kelly Bray Book' which was on the verge of publication when the fire interrupted the agenda, as well as a book on the Callington mines.



Items we collect

Now that we have re-organised after the fire we can start to receive donations once again.

We are particularly interested in any items relating to Callington and surrounding area, but we are limited by the amount of storage space we have and cannot accept large items.

We collect: - Any local newspapers especially the periods 1972-1988 or earlier

Any local newsletters, programmes, catalogues, tickets, small posters. Invoices, receipts, quotations, especially from extinct businesses and pre 1960.

Old deeds or copies of these for properties in or around Callington

Wills or copies of those for residents of Callington or adjacent parishes Indentures, and other similar documents

We collect small artefacts especially if they have a Callington connection and are pre-1960. We are interested in any small domestic/commercial artefacts that can no longer be purchased.

For example for our School exhibition we could do with inkwells [the ones with the circular holes in the top], school milk bottles, monitor, prefect and head boy/girl badges, wooden pencil boxes and any other small school items no longer in use.

Items such as vanity sets have already been mentioned, antique combs would be of interest. It has been thought that as Callington has an abundance of hairdressers [13 at present] perhaps we should concentrate on 'hair and head' items. We have recently been given a small collection of hatpins that could easily be extended.

We have four small lead farm animals that look a bit lonely. Anything made from lead falls into the 'no longer available' category. Also other children's games you can no longer buy, cup and ball and can you still get 'Jacks'?

Now that the dreaded weed is banned from society we should look to keeping a few smoking items. We have some clay pipes [unfortunately none intact], and would welcome some of those wonderful pipes from the Edwardian era. Unusual cigarette cases, matchbox holders and lighters would be considered.

Thinking about the dining room napkin rings and cruets are rapidly disappearing.

So if you have the misfortune to have to clear out a house, or you enjoy browsing at car boot sales and in charity shops - do think about us.

For Family Historians

I intend to make this a regular issue which will bring to the attention of family historians some of the additional resources we have at the Centre that can help put 'flesh on the bones' of your family histories. If your family is not based in Callington it may give you additional lines of enquiry for your searches at other Record Offices.

One such document we have is the Register of all the Poor Children Bound Apprentice or Assigned. [CHC Ref. 1995.117.001].

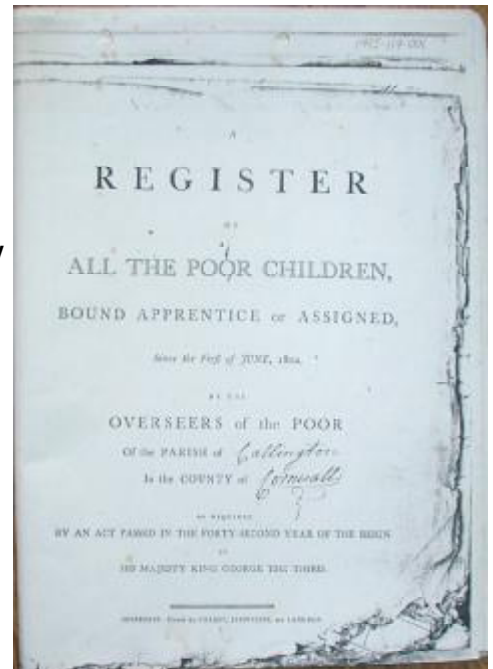
All overseers of the parish had to keep this record. The objective of the overseers was to keep the amount of rates to the minimum. Inevitably families that fell on hard times, such as when the breadwinner was injured, ill or died, had to be supported on the parish rate. In order to reduce the number of children who were supported they were put out as apprentices or assigned as soon as possible. The idea was that as apprentices they were taught a trade, this was especially the case with the boys. If they were lucky when they served their apprentice they might then be employed as 'journeymen' by their master or another tradesman. They would be very fortunate if they had the resources to set up their own business.

Of course the treatment that the apprentice received varied enormously and there were many cases of ill treatment. Some were treated so badly that they ran away. This was a desperate measure as the punishment was severe if they were caught and returned to their master. Newspapers of the time often have notices about missing apprentices.

The Callington register starts in 1802 and goes to 1835. There are just over 200 children between the ages of 7 and 16 years whose apprenticeship extends, in most cases to the age of 21 years. The majority of the masters are in Callington but children were also put out to Stoke Climsland, Luxulyan, Plymouth, St Ives, Calstock, Saltash and Launceston.

The trades of all the masters are mentioned and are varied with attorneys, bakers, blacksmiths, carpenters, clerks, cordwainers, drapers, druggists, farmers, grocers, innkeepers, maltsters, millers, saddlers, shoemakers, surgeons, tanners, victuallers, a woolstapler and yeoman.

The girls frequently went to the homes of gentlemen or farmers/yeomen, presumably as servants. To 'be in service'



was considered a respectable occupation for young ladies, but some of the girls would have been treated little better than slaves and would have received no training at all. The farmers and yeomen were the largest group of masters requiring apprentices.

A copy of the register is kept on the ground floor of Callington Heritage Centre in box 108.1. I also have a slightly abbreviated transcription on computer file which is available to any Friend of the Centre free of charge, just e-mail me, contact details on page 11.

The image shows two pages from a handwritten register. The left page is titled 'REGISTER of PARISH APPRENTICES.' and has columns for 'Date of Indenture', 'Name of the Apprentice', 'Sex', 'Year of Age', 'Name of his or her Parents', and 'Their Address'. The right page is titled 'Parish of Callington in the County of Cornwall.' and has columns for 'Name of Persons to whom bound or assigned, as the Case may be', 'His or her Trade', 'His or her Residence', 'Term of Apprenticeship or Assignment', 'Apprentice or Assignee's Name', 'Overseers, Factors to the Indenture or Assignment', and 'Magistrates signing (Signed by themselves)'. Both pages contain handwritten entries in cursive script.

Callington Postcard Sells for £69.57

Postcards of Callington's Fore Street regularly come up for auction on ebay. These are usually cards which are well represented in our archive and cost on average £5 each. However in October two cards came up which I have never seen before. I kept an eye on these but they soon went beyond what I was prepared to pay and much to my amazement the best postcard went for £69.57. The other card went for just over £48.00. I mailed both successful bidders and I am pleased to say that Richard Brawn who bought the first postcard has very kindly donated to the Heritage Centre a high quality scan of it.

As you can see, the postcard which is date stamped 1905 is a wonderful snapshot of Callington at this time.

The view looks directly at what was the Temperance Hotel,



with a man putting up a sign with 'Richards Temperance Hotel' on it. However the real charm of photographs is the groups of children looking at the photographer. In the foreground is a group of boys and at a more discreet distance is a group of three girls. Who these children are we will never know, but they

take us back over a century to a Fore Street that we can only imagine with difficulty. The group in the distance comprise two ladies, three girls and five boys.

Many thanks to Richard Brawn for generously allowing us to share this magical moment from the first years of the twentieth century.



Conservation in Practice

As we now have an environment of a high conservation standard we are duty bound to ensure that the high standards continue. We have documents dating from 1695 - they have survived three hundred years and should survive another three hundred or more. For this to happen everything, even the most recent newsletter must be treated in the same manner.

Therefore do not be surprised when you find that all pens are banned, it is pencils and pencils only. [Don't worry we will have plenty for sale if you forget them]. You will also find that for all of our original documents you will have to wear gloves to handle them, either cotton or latex gloves which we will provide. More on the reasons behind this in the next issue.

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I am sure we have more 'Friends' who have e-mails that I have not got. If you know of anyone can you please tell them to e-mail me. Obviously we can save money by e-mailing newsletters to people and you have the advantage that it can be enlarged and is in colour too! Perhaps you have a son/daughter or grandchild who would allow it to be sent to them, so they could print a copy for you?

Please help us to save money - let us have an e-mail address.

Volunteering to help? Please phone the numbers above or ring Lucy on 01579 350018.



WANTED

Mannequins & tailors dummies

Either as gifts or as loans for various periods Although we cannot store all the mannequins/dummies we would want for an exhibition we would like to develop a 'Loan Register' of persons who would be willing to loan them to us.

Articles, items of research and letters to the Editor always welcomed. Next copy date is mid March for publication at the beginning of April

CORSETS TO CRIMPLENE

Fashion from 1850 - 1950

With examples from our collection

Friday 8th Feb. 2008

7.00.pm

At Callington Heritage Centre

Please note seating is limited to only 24 seats so you need to book your place

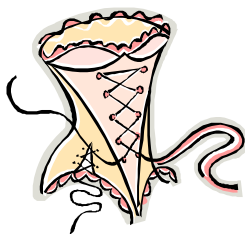
Phone Lynda on 362139 or e-mail lynda@research2004.fslife.co.uk

If there is sufficient demand the talk will be repeated on the Saturday

REFRESHMENTS

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Membership

The Heritage Centre welcomes members, the minimum donation required is modest:

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'Callington Heritage Centre' to:

Mrs Inez Allen, Callington Heritage Centre
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Name[s]

Address

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