



The Newlyn Archive Review 2017

2017 will be remembered as the year in which the archive moved to The Admiralty Boathouse at 23 Strand in the centre of Newlyn. This happened because of the generosity of the Newlyn Harbour Commissioners who provide the building for the Archive.

Making the Boathouse ready for the Newlyn Archive began in January 2017 with 8 dedicated volunteers working to prepare and decorate the space. This work was only partially complete when we launched the Boathouse with a 3-day celebratory event on Friday 24/3/2017 (for local dignitaries), Saturday 25/3/2017 (for Friends of the Archive), and Monday 27/3/2017 (for children from the local school). The Admiralty Boathouse was originally built by the Admiralty in 1900 and became the main Newlyn Post Office from 1925 until its rebirth as the Newlyn Archive in 2017.

The Archive opened to the public at the Boathouse in July, opening 4 mornings a week, with a team of 16 regular volunteers. By that time most of the decorating was complete, shelves were fixed, cabinets were fitted, furniture was purchased, water was available, and tea-making equipment was installed. The response was fantastic, and we have been busy ever since.

Below: Friends of the Archive carry files into the Boathouse before its opening to the Public



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Left: David & Diane Tredinnick make a profit on the book stall. Behind, Ann Pilcher is on duty at the door.

On the Other Side Saturday April 1, 2017

131 people came to this Open Day at Trinity Centre and enjoyed the exhibitions and the film shows or spoke to the

Friends of the Archive on duty. Most appropriately on April Fool's Day, the focus was on historic jokers who were certainly 'on the other side' as were the looters and smugglers of old, and the steam boats from the East Coast when Mount's Bay fishermen rioted in 1896.

A Hundred Years Ago Saturday June 17, 2017

140 visitors attended this Open Day, amongst whom were members of the Lamorna Society, who came to see material from the Lamorna and West Cornwall Art Archives. Artists from Newlyn and Lamorna (some too old to enlist) played their parts during the Great War and copies of pictures painted during the war were on show. Charles Simpson was one of the artists who did war duty around West Penwith. We were fortunate to have Paul and Jim, our experts on Charles Simpson showing some of his pictures. There was also much to see from the Newlyn Archive. 1917 was the year when *The Try*, a trawler working out of Newlyn, was sunk by a German submarine and the Brigantine *Sea Witch* sank in the mouth of Newlyn Harbour.

Right: Paula and Jim, our experts on Charles Simpson show some of his work to Flagstaff editor David Tovey. Behind, Linda and Diane man the door.



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Above: Visitors looking at some of the Archive documents displayed on the day

The People who made the Harbour at Newlyn Saturday September 2, 2017

There were 114 visitors who found the exhibition full of interesting records of events and people from the earliest times to the opening of the present-day fish market by Princess Diana in the 1980s. It was an important exhibition because the Newlyn Archive contains the wonderful collection of historic records (including all the harbour logs) kept by the Newlyn Harbour Authority since it was formed in 1884.

Newlyn In Uniform Saturday October 21, 2017



77 people attended this fascinating Open Day, a poor turnout due to the very bad weather. On the day we showed the film *Boathouse Diary*, made by Shauna Osborne-Dowle. In the film Friends of the Archive tell the story of the Boathouse, it's history, it's former use as a Post Office, and how it has come to house the Archive today.

Left: A visitor at the Open Day

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Left Pam Lomax & Linda Holmes editors of the new Archive book.

There were many major achievements in 2017.

We produced a new book, *The Story of Newlyn Harbour*, edited by Pam Lomax and Linda Holmes.

Lynsey Robinson of the Sensory Trust (ably supported by Newlyn Archive's Ron Hogg) was responsible for a

new App. for disabled folk which enables them to follow a walk around Newlyn harbour. The App. can be downloaded on to mobile phones and tablets. Interviews with Friends of the Archive and descriptions and photographs can be viewed by tapping on the map of the route displayed on the App.

Frank Iddiols came to the Boathouse in August to present the Ordnance Survey Flush Bracket that he has mounted for us. It is now placed inside the front door of the Boathouse about 2' off the ground, as is appropriate. This bench mark represents 100 years of Newlyn history

At the time of going to press Friends of the Archive total 401. Friends elect the committee but many of them help by cataloguing new material, opening the Boathouse, helping with Open Days and doing research. Their subscriptions are the Archive's only regular income. In 2017 annual and life friendship amounted to £815.

At the end of 2017 we were sorry to lose committee members, Jay Coleman, Andrew Gordon and Tom Lodge, but pleased to welcome those who took their place.

As usual we have relied on the generosity of our sponsors. In 2017, we were most grateful to secure funds from Cornwall Council, Heritage Lottery Fund, and Penzance Town Council totalling £3800. Our own fund-raising activities secured a further £802.

We received a great number of donations this year, which adding gift aid amounted to £4,625. These funds have enabled us to move to the Boathouse and also to make the Archive holdings even more worthy of its new home.

Do look at the website <http://newlynarchive.org.uk/>

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