

## Museum C&E Report – 28.10.2022

### India Jolly

- Museum volunteer numbers still low. Had a few enquiries but once I invite them in they don't reply. Going to contact University of Plymouth for some more advertising with them now that they have a new year group in.
- We were contacted last month by a lady in Canada who wanted to donate her later Mother-in-Law's (Molly) clothing to the museum. The MIL was born in Devon but raised on a farm just outside Liskeard, before marrying another local farmer. The two of them then moved to Canada where they spent the rest of their lives. The donation includes dresses, shoes and accessories all from when Molly lived in Liskeard. Unfortunately, and unbeknownst to us, the parcel incurred a substantial charge from customs (£252), but after speaking to the volunteers in the Museum Management Team and to Yvette, we decided to pay the fee. Due to massive miscommunication within Parcel Force, the parcel is currently on its way back to Canada, but they have offered to pay for it to be returned to England. I think the clothing will be a nice basis for an exhibition on farming, fashion and Cornish diaspora in the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century, so I cannot wait for us to finally receive it.
- We recently decided to get a Find My Past subscription for the museum. I have already used it to help with a document I created for the mayor on Lanchard Cemetery's fallen soldiers, and I know Brian is very excited to use it for the 1921 census which you are unable to get anywhere else. This will help a lot with his research for his next book.
- Brian sold out of his book, so we put in an order to replenish his stock and made some Christmas marketing on how it would be an excellent Christmas present for a local history fan.
- The Halloween event has been a big hit this week, with lots of children coming to do our trail and make crafts. We have left it unmanned this year due to volunteer numbers, and for the most part it has worked very well. There have been the odd family that have left it looking like a disaster has struck, but the vast majority have cleared it and kept it presentable once they left. We're hoping this is a good sign for our event at Christmas.
- Cultivator Cornwall (an arts and heritage organisation in Cornwall & Plymouth) are showing the Museum Association Conference in Truro next week, and in conjunction with that are running two days of workshops and training the following week with local heritage specialists. I am attending the two days workshops where I am taking part in workshops such as "Heritage at the Heart of an Evolving Cornwall" and "Hands on Heritage." The workshops are completely free and funded by Cultivator, as is my travel down there which is a bonus!