

Planting Rowan Tree to Commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of John Passmore Edwards

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor were joined by Brian Oldham, President of Liskeard Old Cornwall Society at Thorn Park on 14th March to plant a Rowan tree to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of John Passmore Edwards (Chrissie Butler from BBC Radio Cornwall was also there to capture the moment).

Passmore Edwards was born in Blackwater near Truro on 24 March 1823. He was a journalist, newspaper owner and philanthropist. A lifelong champion of the working classes he is remembered for the 70 major buildings that were established as a direct result of his bequests. These included hospitals, drinking fountains, libraries, schools, convalescence homes and art galleries. Liskeard Library is an original Passmore Edwards building, designed as a purpose built library for the town in 1896 and currently undergoing extensive refurbishment.

There will be an exhibition 'The Life and Good Works of John Passmore Edwards' and an illustrated talk at the Public Hall this Friday (17th March) starting at 6.30pm. Entry is free and refreshments will be provided.

