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COUNCIL OFFICES ROOF

Work will be completed shortly on replacing the flat roof over the Council Offices and Tourist Information Centre. It has been patched over many years, but after further deterioration nothing short of a new one would now be sufficient. It will cost the Trust about £15,000, which again illustrates the importance to the Trust of maintaining income streams to permit the maintenance of the various properties for which we are responsible as well as the beach, seafront and Wooldown.

WISHING WELL SITE

When the Council closed the former ladies' toilets by the Guildhall, and replaced them with new ones around the corner, the property reverted to the Trust. As previously reported, after public consultation we obtained the necessary planning consents to convert the building into a cafe/restaurant. A public tendering process identified a preferred bidder and work is in hand to complete a lease. Building work to create the shell (on the same scale as before) should commence in a matter of weeks; the aim being to permit opening by about September. This will represent a substantial investment by the Trust but we are satisfied on the professional advice which we have received throughout the exercise that the rental return on it will help to provide significantly improved long term financial security for the Trust.

GRAFFITI

As in other parts of the town, attention seekers have caused criminal damage by spraying graffiti on the seafront. Our staff are to be congratulated by acting quickly to remove it. A significant cost is involved because the process can take a long time and the materials required are expensive. A good deal of cooperative effort is being made to address the issue and if readers have any knowledge that they can contribute please be in touch with our office in the Guildhall or the Town Council.

John Warne and Fellow Trustees

LOOE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

The pantomime group are repeating their Play Reading evening, which was great success last year. We are looking forward to reading and acting short plays; light and hopefully funny!!!

The evening will be held on Saturday 12th August at the Millpool Centre, starting at 7pm. There will be a pate and cheese supper, and you can bring your own wine. Tickets priced at £6 will be available from the Millpool Centre soon. For further information please contact Marilyn King, 01503 262628 or email: mjklooe@gmail.com.

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LOOE VALLEY SINGERS

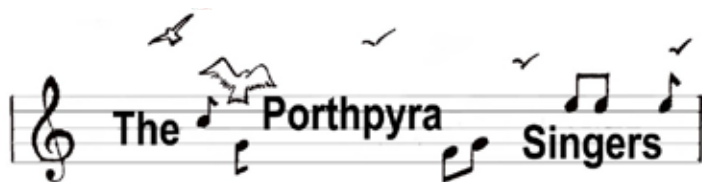
The next few months will see the Looe Valley Singers out and about in the community.

The choir sang at the Riverside Church as part of the West Looe May Fayre celebrations and at the same event had a successful plant stall raising money for choir funds.

The next few weeks will see us singing at the RNLI on Friday June 16th at 7.30pm and, on Friday 30th June at 7.30pm, joining with the Torpoint Ladies Choir to celebrate their 30th anniversary.

We meet at St Martin's Church Hall on Thursday evenings and are always pleased to welcome new members – no auditions and you don't need to be able to read music. Everyone can sing.

For further details call either Kathy on 01503 272550 or Jill on 01503 240768 or see our website www.looevalleysingers.org. We look forward to meeting you.



The 2017 concert programme for the choir has begun well with two successful concerts. The first of the year was at the

Riverside Chapel, West Looe, where the choir joined forces with the Wadebridge Male Voice Choir and soloist, Charlotte Jones. The Chairman of Wadebridge Male Voice Choir expressed his pleasure after an enjoyable evening: "On behalf of Paul (Mitchell – conductor) and the boys in the Choir I would like to thank you for hosting us at Looe last month. It was a very enjoyable evening and we would especially like to thank you for providing the refreshments. It was my second visit to the Riverside Church and find it to be a very pleasant singing venue".

The second concert was at Looe Lifeboat Station on 1st May. The choir performed a varied programme including extracts from musicals and a song from Gilbert and Sullivan's very popular comic opera "The Mikado". The evening was enriched by the Soprano Bianca Philips who enchanted the audience with her performance of "Somewhere over the Rainbow" – an arrangement by Eva Cassidy. The concert raised £105 for the Lifeboat Station. The choir would like to thank the Life Boat Station volunteers for providing refreshments after the concert.

If you are interested in finding out more about the choir please check the website www.porthpyrasingers.com and Facebook page for more information or contact Kathy Iles by email kathy@ciles.co.uk or secretary Joan Taylor 01503 264061.



LOOE BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Forthcoming Events



LBOA PICNIC AND BBQ AT WEST QUARRIES

On Sunday 28th April members of Looe Boat Owners Association (LBOA) enjoyed a BBQ at West Quarries, at West Looe River. Some members arrived by boat and others on foot. The weather was kind and after the BBQ, there were games of boules, quoites and croquet.



This is a community facility with free access to all. If any group or organisation wishes to use the barbecues or require further details, please contact us using our website at www.lboa.co.uk. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Full details on our website, or call 07798 618184.

May has proved to be a hectic month for 22 members of the LBOA. Hot on the heels of the BBQ, on 6th May they embarked on a long weekend in the French port of Cherbourg. The two day stay afforded the visitors plenty of time to sample Cherbourg's many delights (shopping, restaurants, open-air markets), while reconvening on both evenings for dinner pre-arranged (but not paid for) by LBOA chairman Laurie Watson and his wife Ann, to whom go many thanks for organising the trip. A Sunday (May 14th) evening return ferry crossing ensured that all participants were back in Looe for the next leg of the month's social marathon, the Quiz and Supper night on Tuesday 16th.

Visitors and new members are always welcome, so if helping promote Looe Harbour, supporting Looe Lifeboat and being part of this dizzying social round appeals you can find full details on our website www.lboa.co.uk or phone 07798 618184. Remember, no boat required!

LOOE MARINE CONSERVATION GROUP

LOOE FESTIVAL OF THE SEA & RAFT RACE SUNDAY 4TH JUNE

This annual festival, hosted by Looe Marine Conservation Group, is taking place across Looe from 9am to 5pm, in collaboration with Looe's annual Raft Race organised by the Looe Boat Owners Association and RNLI. An exciting day of fun, exploration and discovery, the festival activities and stalls help you learn about Looe's marine environment and, most importantly, how we should respect our relationship with the sea.

Highlights include chef demos with the Cornwall Good Seafood Guide, the Wet Wipe Monster on the beach (Marine Conservation Society); Fathoms Free divers on an underwater litter pick, boat trips for fishing and seal spotting, National Marine Aquarium robot demo, crabbing competition, rockpool ramble, beach clean, dancers, puppet show, heritage walk and more. Get the full programme of events from **www.looe-festival-of-the-sea.com**.



THROW JELLY INSTEAD!!

Recognising the tradition of throwing things at the raft race, the message from Looe Marine Conservation Group this year is 'Throw JELLY – not water bombs!!' We want you to have fun but realise there's no such thing as a 'biodegradable balloon'. Balloons of any kind become litter and get mistaken as food, killing marine animals by blocking their intestines. So we'd like to see the day pass without balloon water bombs. Challenged

to come up with an alternative, we identified jelly as the ideal answer. It's simple, cheap and won't do any harm. You can prepare it the night before using a sandcastle bucket and a packet of jelly. Refrigerate overnight and bring to the Raft Race. Simple!

YELLOW FISH ARRIVE IN LOOE

What do the yellow fish mean which are spray painted on the pavements in Looe? Nothing but rain water should go down this drain. The fish are painted next to drains that connect to the surface water pipes that lead to the river or sea. By marking the drains, and explaining where surface water ends up, it shows how pollution travels direct to the sea. This initiative by the Looe Bathing Water Quality Project, is designed to raise awareness and encourage you to think about how you can change behaviour to reduce the pollution that finds its way into the ocean and rivers.

**For more information on talks, events and how to get involved visit:
www.looemarineconservation.org or contact looevmca@gmail.com**

LOOE SAILING CLUB

The sailing season is in full flow on both Saturday afternoons and Thursday evenings with regularly more than 30 boats on the start line. Only one race has been lost to date to the weather, although race days with a good sailing breeze have been at a premium.

Up to the end of April, class leaders were Mirrors – Joe Jackman and Jack Sargent, Redwing – Kinver and Joe Palfrey, Enterprise – Matt and Ivan Jaycock and Laser – David Jackman.

The biggest fleet is the single-handed Laser fleet, with 16 registered boats, who will be holding an Open Meeting on Saturday 27th May. Hopefully plenty of visiting boats will arrive to test the prowess of the home fleet.

Plans are well underway for the GP14 National Championships in August when about 70 visitors are due to grace the waters of Looe Bay.

Members of the club will also be travelling to the World and National Mirror Championships being held at Resronget on the Fal Estuary and the Redwing National Championships in North Devon.

The Club AGM saw a new face at the helm, with Enys Dan taking over from Rob Dewe as Commodore. We wish him well for his term in office.

THE MONKEY SANCTUARY

Support a local charity and visit Wild Futures' Monkey Sanctuary; offering a safe haven for monkeys since 1964. Wild Futures' Monkey Sanctuary cares for a range of different species of rescued monkeys, giving visitors an intimate insight to a working sanctuary and a chance to meet some of its amazing monkey residents and wildlife inhabitants.

There's a lot to do for the whole family who can take a tour of the monkey enclosures and learn about these fascinating animals from the team of expert carers. It's not just monkeys though! Kids will love the wild play area where they can learn about the environment around them and let off some steam in the playground. Take a gentle stroll around the beautiful Wildlife Gardens and check out the sea view or enjoy a delicious lunch at the Treetop Café.

On 23rd July we will be holding an Animal Welfare Day. Join us and take part in lots of fun animal welfare themed activities. There will be information stands from other animal welfare groups and don't forget the animal face painting.

Visit monkeysanctuary.org for more information



Weekend timetables

Train times are often changed at weekends to enable maintenance work to be carried out. The times shown in this timetable are a guide to our services, and you should confirm your train times online at GWR.com prior to travelling.

There are no Sunday services on this route from 29 October 2017 until 1 April 2018

LISKEARD TO LOOE – THE LOOE VALLEY LINE

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS	Liskeard ⇄	⑥ d	0605	0714	0833	0959	1111	1216	1321	1425	1541	1641	1806	1920
	Coombe Junction Halt	d	.	.	0842	1434
	St Keyne Wishing Well Halt	d	0617x	0726x	0848x	1011x	1124x	1228x	1333x	1441x	1553x	1653x	1819x	1933x
	Causeland	d	0621x	0730x	0852x	1014x	1127x	1232x	1337x	1445x	1557x	1657x	1823x	1935x
	Sandplace	d	0624x	0733x	0856x	1018x	1131x	1235x	1340x	1448x	1600x	1700x	1826x	1940x
	Looe	a	0636	0745	0904	1029	1142	1247	1352	1456	1612	1712	1837	1951

SATURDAYS	Liskeard ⇄	⑥ d	A 0550	B 0601	0713	0835	0958	1108	1212	1324	1428	1543	1656	1801	1928	A 2040
	Coombe Junction Halt	d	.	.	0844	1006
	St Keyne Wishing Well Halt	d	0602x	0613x	0725x	0850x	1013x	.	1224x	1337x	.	1555x	1709x	1813x	1941x	2052x
	Causeland	d	0606x	0617x	0729x	0854x	1017x	.	1228x	1340x	.	1559x	1712x	1817x	1943x	2055x
	Sandplace	d	0609x	0620x	0732x	0858x	1020x	.	1231x	1344x	.	1602x	1716x	1820x	1948x	2059x
	Looe	a	0621	0632	0744	0906	1029	1136	1243	1355	1455	1616	1727	1832	1959	2111

SUNDAYS UNTIL 22 OCTOBER	Liskeard ⇄	⑥ d	1012	1126	1247	1400	C 1503	D 1523	C 1610	D 1635	1745	2015
	Coombe Junction Halt	d
	St Keyne Wishing Well Halt	d	1024x	1139x	1300x	1413x	1516x	1536x	1623x	1648x	1758x	2028x
	Causeland	d	1028x	1142x	1303x	1416x	1519x	1539x	1626x	1651x	1801x	2031x
	Sandplace	d	1031x	1146x	1307x	1420x	1523x	1543x	1630x	1655x	1805x	2035x
	Looe	a	1042	1155	1316	1429	1532	1552	1639	1704	1814	2044

LOOE TO LISKEARD – THE LOOE VALLEY LINE

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS	Looe	d	0637	0746	0909	1030	1143	1248	1353	1459	1613	1715	1840	1952
	Sandplace	d	0642x	0751x	0914x	1035x	1148x	1253x	1358x	1504x	.	1720x	1845x	1957x
	Causeland	d	0646x	0755x	0918x	1039x	1152x	1257x	1402x	1508x	.	1724x	1849x	2001x
	St Keyne Wishing Well Halt	d	0649x	0758x	0921x	1042x	1156x	1300x	1406x	1511x	.	1727x	1852x	2004x
	Coombe Junction Halt	d	.	.	0929	1522
	Liskeard ⇄	⑥ a	0705	0814	0940	1058	1211	1318	1420	1531	1639	1743	1908	2022

SATURDAYS	Looe	d	A 0622	B 0633	0747	0909	1032	1137	1244	1356	1456	1615	1728	1833	2000	A 2112
	Sandplace	d	0627x	0638x	0752x	0914x	1037x	.	1249x	.	1501x	1620x	1733x	1838x	2005x	2116x
	Causeland	d	0631x	0642x	0756x	0918x	1041x	.	1253x	.	1505x	1624x	1737x	1842x	2009x	2120x
	St Keyne Wishing Well Halt	d	0634x	0645x	0759x	0921x	1045x	.	1256x	.	1508x	1628x	1741x	1845x	2013x	2124x
	Coombe Junction Halt	d	.	.	0929	1052
	Liskeard ⇄	⑥ a	A 0650	B 0701	0815	0940	1103	1201	1312	1420	1525	1645	1758	1901	2028	A 2140

SUNDAYS UNTIL 22 OCTOBER	Looe	d	1044	1158	1319	1432	C 1535	D 1555	C 1642	D 1712	1819	2050
	Sandplace	d	1049x	1203x	1324x	1437x	1540x	1600x	1647x	1717x	1824x	2055x
	Causeland	d	1053x	1207x	1328x	1441x	1544x	1604x	1651x	1721x	1828x	2059x
	St Keyne Wishing Well Halt	d	1056x	1210x	1331x	1445x	1548x	1608x	1655x	1725x	1832x	2103x
	Coombe Junction Halt	d
	Liskeard ⇄	⑥ a	1112	1226	1347	1500	1603	1623	1710	1740	1847	2118

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More Information We hold a wide range of regular and occasional events.
To find out more, call in when we are open, visit **www.looe-riverside-church.org.uk** or phone Rev Andrew Hill 01503 262044 or email andrew@aandbhill.plus.com.

Riverside Goes Green!

Riverside has recently achieved a Bronze Award in the national Eco Church scheme – the first church in Cornwall to achieve such an award! We have also achieved a Bronze Award in the Green Church Kernow scheme. Both awards reflect our commitment to play our part in caring for God's earth in all its beauty and diversity.

The Eco Church scheme encourages churches to do this through (a) our worship and teaching, (b) our management of our building and land, (c) our community and global engagement, and (d) our personal lifestyle. For example, one recent change has been to install LED lighting throughout the building. This will reduce our energy usage and save us money. We shall continue to think of more ways whereby individually and together we can express our care for the natural world.

Each year we hold a Creation Sunday when in our Sunday service we focus on all things environmental. This year, this will be at 11am on Sunday 2nd July. You are welcome to join us. We also have a special event later in the week. At 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th July, Lisa Woollett, local photographer and author, will be at Riverside. She will be giving an illustrated talk on 'Sea Journal' inspired by the Cornish Coast and further afield. Entry is free and all donations will go to support Friends of Kilminorth Woods and Looe Marine Conservation Group. If you know Lisa's books, then you will need no further encouragement to come along. If you don't, then come and find out what you have been missing!

Best Wishes. Rev Andrew

P.S. Our popular annual summer season of Cornish Choir Services commences at 7.30pm on Sunday 23rd July and continues to 12th September. Each service is preceded by 30 minutes of community singing during which people choose favourite hymns. Details available from Riverside and Looe Tourist Information.



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LOOE U3A

Approximately 60 members of the Looe U3A took part in the Annual Inter-Group Quiz with fish and chip supper held at St. Martin's Hall. The Afternoon Group – 'The Challengers' regained the trophy with 54 points and runners up were the Morning Group's 'Ever Hopefuls' with 44 points.



Thanks go to Ann Mary Ware – Social Secretary, Neil Mottershead – Quiz Master, Chris Mc.Ardle – Wine Steward and numerous helpers for an enjoyable and well organised evening.

LOOE RNLI NEWS AND EVENTS

Recent Shouts: There were four shouts between 16th and 23rd April. More information at www.looelifeboats.co.uk.

Local News: Making its way around the south coast, the RNLI Yellow Welly Relay landed in Looe recently, where our coast-hopping welly stopped to chat with some of his 'sole' mates, before going on to Plymouth. This is part of a challenge to get our very own illuminated Yellow Welly from Portishead to Harwich in as many innovative ways as possible. It did take some persuading from RNLI Chair Ann Watson to get him to cut short the chat and move on to the next RNLI station.



Forthcoming Events:

All events in the RNLI boathouse unless otherwise stated.

Sat 3 rd June 7.30pm	The Bryn Coch Male Voice Choir
Sun 4 th June 2.30pm	Looe Raft Race starts on East Looe Beach Organised by Looe Boat Owners on behalf on Looe RNLI
Sun 11 th June 3pm	Java 5 – Close Harmony A Capella Ensemble and Con Brio – A Mixed Choir
Fri 16 th June 7.30pm	The Looe Valley Singers
Tues 20 th June 7.30pm	Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir
Sun 25 th June 3pm	Songs of Praise with RNLI Chaplain and Polperro Fishermen's Choir
Tues 4 th July 7.30pm	Polperro Fishermen's Choir
Sat 8 th July 7.30pm	Polperro Fishermen's Choir with Guests Gwendraeth Ladies Choir
Sun 9 th July 3pm	Levow Kesson Concert and 10am-4pm Model Lifeboat Display
Tues 18 th July 7.30pm	Pelynt and Burraton Male Voice Choirs in Concert
Sun 23 rd July 3pm	Whitsand Harmony Concert

See our website for more details www.looelifeboats.co.uk



LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Branch News: On 6th May, the branch manned a stall at the West Looe May Fayre and held a charity auction in the evening. The May Fayre went well despite the weather and we would like to thank all members who assisted, especially Annette Bryan for her cake stall. The auction was held in the Salutation Inn, with entertainment provided by the excellent Polperro Wreckers. We thank everyone who donated auction items or bid for lots and made the night such a success, along with the Salutation Inn for hosting us. The two events raised over £900 for this year's Looe Poppy Appeal, which now exceeds £10,000. The Appeal helps the RBL provide financial, social and emotional support to members and veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependants.

Getting Help – Veterans' Gateway: A consortium of military charities, including The RBL, SSAFA and Combat Stress, have created the Veterans' Gateway. This provides a first point of contact for veterans and their families who need support, no matter what their needs. It is in operation 24 hours a day and seven days a week. The contact telephone number is 0808 802 1212 or visit the website: www.veteransgateway.org.uk.

Lest We Forget: Any casualty of war is a tragic loss but even more so in a close knit community like Looe. The enormity of the tragedy becomes more apparent when the casualties are related and even brothers.

Thomas Pinch Lamerton and his brother Richard came from a large family who lived at River View, Bridge End, East Looe. Both were career navy men joining the RN in 1884 and 1892 respectively. Thomas completed his RN service and had joined the Coast Guard, but was recalled to the Navy at the start of the WWI. He was one of the earlier casualties when he went down with HMS Monmouth in November 1914. Richard was serving on HMS Indefatigable when she was involved in the Battle of Jutland in 1916. She was hit several times, exploding with the loss of all but two of her crew of 1,019. The brothers are listed on the Plymouth Naval Memorial as having no known grave.

The Tambling brothers, Edwin and Harry, came from East Looe. Edwin served with the RN Patrol Service based at Lowestoft. In October 1940 he was mentioned in Despatches for his part in defending HM Trawler Edwardian in an attack by German aircraft. On 22nd July 1941 Edwin's billet was destroyed in a German air raid. His body was never found and he is listed on the RN Patrol Service Memorial at Lowestoft. His brother Harry originally enlisted in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry but he eventually found himself serving with 2/11 Battery, 3 Medium Regiment, RA. On 17th April 1945, less than three weeks before the final German surrender, Harry's battery moved to the village of Otterlo in the Netherlands. The area had been captured by Canadian tanks but large numbers of German infantry remained nearby. That night, the battery came under intense fire from mortars and snipers as the Germans made a concentrated effort to break through to their own lines. The action lasted all night and the battery lost five men, including Harry Tambling. In the overall action, the Germans lost about 100 killed and 400 taken prisoner. Harry is buried with two other British soldiers in Otterlo village cemetery.

Our branch meets on the first Monday of each month in the Looe Social Club at 7.30pm. Please feel free to join us.

David Welch – Looe RBL Membership Secretary

POLPERRO FISHERMEN'S CHOIR: RICHARD MADELEY FOR PRESIDENT!



Richard Madeley wearing his Presidential medal of office,
with members of the choir.

Polperro Fishermen's Choir are really delighted that broadcaster and writer Richard Madeley has become our new President. Richard has already been very supportive and is keen to use his name and celebrity status to help us raise money for charity and good causes.

Our most recent donation was a cheque for £2000 to Guide Dogs for the Blind, presented by talented musician and versatile choir member Martyn Saunders, who is registered blind. Other charities due to benefit this year include the RNLI, the British Heart Foundation and a little known charity called Reverse Rett. Rett syndrome is a rare neurological disorder (diagnosed first in 1966, by Dr Andreas Rett) which most often strikes previously healthy girls between their first and second birthday and leaves them with physical and communication disabilities for life. Rett syndrome is usually caused by a fault on a gene on the X chromosome and there is research evidence that this genetic mutation could be reversed or its effects reduced. The charity Reverse Rett raises funds to support this research work.



Lyn and Gary Moore, accompanied by trainee guide dog puppies Tobi and Betty, accepting a cheque for £2000 from Martyn Saunders.

The Polperro Fishermen's Choir (or the Wreckers) will be singing in East Looe on June 25th, July 4th, 8th and 27th, and August 3rd and 15th, and in West Looe on June 3rd and 9th, and September 3rd.

Full details of all our gigs, many of them in Looe, Polperro or the local area, are on our website www.polperrofishermenschoir.co.uk. It's been revamped so take a look!



MAYOR'S REPORT

The Council has come a long way over the last year and I see and feel that this is due to the hard work of the staff and Councillors working together for the benefit of the town. To that end I wish to thank the three Committee Chairmen Councillors Rose, Hendy and Gregory for their stewardship and hard work in keeping the Council on track.

With Planning now in a format that gives me confidence that matters are considered carefully, special thanks go to Annette Keen for her work in the admin of this Committee. Councillor Rose as Chairman has kept a close eye on this Committee, producing a high standard of decisions. He should also be thanked for his work in auditing the Council's books in a self assessment.

Our finances are stable even though we have had the unexpected issue of the Mariners' Garden Wall to deal with, but Councillor Hendy keeps a careful eye on our spending and budget.

Councillor Gregory, I thank for his support as Deputy Mayor and for his work with the Tourism and Amenities Committee. There have been tough decisions, especially over the TRO for the town and the Tourism Information Centre.

We thank Laura Kellaway for being admin on this Committee and hope this experience aids her in her future clerk training.

The overall Council has been kept on track by our Town Clerk Anne Frith and we thank her for her support.

This year saw the Council move in the right direction with further refurbishment of the Public Conveniences being completed. We saw the allotment site taken over by the Allotment Association and you will see that the site is now being used and they have been successful in gaining a grant for further works. We wish them luck and I would like to thank Councillor Stacey for his work on this site and the assistance also of Councillor Crane.

Our thanks should also go to Councillor Hendy for our new policies and Councillor Welch for our Emergency Plan as all of these are important.

I could continue thanking all the Councillors for their work in Committee and around the town but we need to look to the future. My thoughts are that each Councillor should take one part of the Council's work and see how it can be developed so those Councillors who do not always feel involved or who cannot attend can do their bit towards making a difference for the town.

I thank you all for the support I have been shown throughout the year as we have developed as a council. The town's residents have, and do, appreciate the work you do around the town and the comments they make are complimentary.

Finally, I wish to thank our staff, who are often the workhorse of our ideas; they continue to support us and guide us in what are difficult and uncertain times for small councils.

Councillor Armand Toms
Mayor of Looe



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Closing date for applications to be received is 1st September 2017

PLANNING AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2016/17

This year has seen a small, hardworking team consider over 107 planning applications, an increase of 60% over the previous council year, with over 92% of our recommendations in agreement with Cornwall Council.

In addition to the increase in applications, there has also been an increase in works carried out within the Conservation/Article 4 area either without planning permission or in contravention to the planning permission granted. With this in mind, the importance of the coming Neighbourhood Plan cannot be underestimated.

Pre-application and proposed draft plan presentations have also been made to the committee with all parties having received a copy of Looe Town Council's pre-app policy document prior to any presentations with their accepted agreement.

Having said all that, the Planning Committee is now at a crossroads. Average attendance at meetings stands at four, unapproved minutes now being a regular occurrence. It cannot continue with such few numbers, yet it is important to the town that it does continue. A minimum of six councillors is needed for it to continue as a meaningful Committee of Council. Without this, Council will need to consider disbanding the planning committee, with all future applications being considered at Full Council meetings.

Thanks go to those councillors who have supported the Committee when needed and also to the Committee members, whose hard work and patience, together with their willingness for turning out in all weathers to visit sites and attend meetings, I greatly appreciate. My thanks to Annette Keen for her hard work in keeping the website and planning applications list up to date and for keeping me on the right track during meetings. Thanks also to Anne Frith for all her hard work and support.

Councillor Chris Rose – Looe Town Council

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TOURISM AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE 2016/17

It has been a busy year for the Committee and I would like to thank those councillors and members of staff that have helped on the Committee.

The following summarises some of the work the Committee has been undertaking:

Tourism: The need for the TIC to modernise and also to become self-funding has dominated the Committee once again this year. Unfortunately, despite the makeover last year, new stock lines and the launch of the new website, the TIC failed to start becoming self-funding. This led to the difficult decision to make the post of TIC manager redundant. A working group has been set up with a mixture of councillors, staff, members of the public and businesses, to look at the future of the TIC and how it can be run more efficiently and adapt to the change.

Traffic Regulation Order: We consulted on potential changes to on street parking restrictions and the proposals for the new schemes were drawn up and passed to Cornwall Council for comment and pricing. Unfortunately what came back from Cornwall Council surprised us, as the total cost would be in the region of £68,000. We consulted the town again in light of the costs with the result being the TRO was no longer supported.

Devolution: Cornwall Council continues to consult on potential devolution, which includes services and assets such as land and buildings. We have expressed an interest in a number of sites and were awarded a grant from Cornwall Council to undertake surveys to ascertain potential liabilities etc. Work continues with Cornwall Council on the future of the library and the potential for LTC to take it over. This work is very important as this potentially puts us in a strong position to influence or control important assets for the town.

Emergency: Work on the Emergency Plan, which is designed to assist in the event of an incident/emergency affecting the town has now been completed.

Bathing Water Quality: Work continues with all the agencies to further understand the issues and to improve the water quality. This is a multi-agency approach that is well supported. Current initiatives include camera survey of sewers and encouraging businesses to install grease traps to prevent grease entering the sewers, which causes blockages and potential sewer spills. The Yellow Fish campaign is also underway to educate businesses not to pour waste water down street gullies. The public information campaign to encourage people not to put anything but the 3 P's down the toilet continues. Further work on catchment management with local farms is also continuing. The good news is that the bathing water passed the sufficient standard in 2016.

CCTV: Our successful CCTV system has been upgraded with a number of new cameras.

Cllr Martin Gregory – Looe Town Council

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2017

FINANCE

Budget: Income for 2016/17 was a little below budget but nevertheless broadly in line with budget expectations. On a more positive note, actual expenditure has been markedly less than budget, leaving income over expenditure in positive territory. The unaudited underspend being in the region of £31k.

A focus upon utility costs has continued during the course of the year to ensure that charges accurately reflect usage. Thanks to the Amenities' Manager, Laura Kellaway, for the continued work and effort in this area, being one that represents a significant cost to the Town Council. TIC operating costs were reduced during 2016/17, consequential upon a reduction in staffing levels, and reorganisation. It is anticipated that the TIC operating costs will be maintained at a sustainable level moving forward.

The major expense identified during the year was in respect of repairs to the Mariners' Garden riverside wall. Whilst the repair costs were identified during 2016/17, the actual repair expenditure will fall into the 2017/18 financial year. A provision has been made in the current year's budget accordingly. It is to be noted however that the expected repair costs are likely to be considerably less than first anticipated and the budget for 2017/18 will be reviewed in the light of the revised expenditure.

The aim for 2017/18 continues to be greater budgetary control with regular month-on-month reviews of income/expenditure in order to maintain budget limits.

Clarity in Accounts: In line with the objective to develop greater budgetary control, a greater level of detailed financial information and clarity in financial accounts was initiated during 2015/16. This focus has continued during the course of 2016/17 as a work-in-progress.

Moving forward, consideration has been given to changing the accounting package used by the Town Council. A view will be taken on this matter during the course of 2017/18.

Annual Audit Return: The Town Council has been advised that a new External Auditor has been appointed. Grant Thornton will undertake the Annual Audit for 2016/17 to be replaced by PKF Littlejohn LLP for 2017/18 and subsequent years.

Internal Audit Council Member checks: These have continued during 2016/17 and have been duly reported to the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Thanks to Cllr Chris Rose for undertaking this work.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Standing Orders, Policies & Procedures: Work has continued during the course of the year on the Town Council's Standing Orders, Policies and Procedures. Standing Orders have been routinely updated and currently reflect the Council's statutory responsibilities and community obligations. New policies have been introduced and existing policies have been routinely reviewed to ensure that the Council's business activities are reflected in, and covered by, adequate governing documentation.

Website: The new website introduced during 2015/16 has proven to be an excellent communications tool allowing the Council to place relevant information in the public domain. Thanks to Annette Keen for managing the website and keeping it fresh and up-to-date during this past year. Similarly, the Town Council's Facebook account has proven to be an excellent communication tool for day-to-day matters. Thanks to Laura Kellaway for monitoring and managing the Facebook account during 2016/17.

Thanks: Thanks to all on the Finance & General Purposes Committee for their support during the year and their efforts in progressing the many changes that have been implemented.

**CLlr Roy Hendy
Looe Town Council**

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Further contact information can be found on the Looe Town Council website:
www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk or by contacting us on 01503 262255.



TOWN AMBASSADORS

Looe Town Council are looking for willing volunteers to act as Ambassadors for Looe, meeting and greeting visitors to Looe who arrive on the train or on coaches, to hand out informational leaflets to help promote the attractions of Looe.

If you would be willing to spare a few hours a week, or know of someone who would, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us on **01503 262255** or by email **looetowncouncil@ymail.com**.

Kind regards

Anne Frith
Clerk to Looe Town Council

LOOE STRATEGY GROUP

If you are interested in staying abreast of planning matters affecting Looe, then it might be worthwhile keeping an eye on the Looe Strategy Group's website.

As well as news updates and comment on the impact of proposals for larger building developments, such as Barratts Phase 2, we have a section listing all new planning applications within the parish as they are published. Links are provided to the relevant documentation on Cornwall Council's website and to Looe Town Council planning committee meeting dates.

We've also tried to look at how Looe's 'jewel in the crown' – its unique Cornish identity and maritime heritage – can be protected and hopefully enhanced with a section titled 'Looe's Heritage'. It outlines the various levels of planning policy that apply to Looe, with practical advice from Historic England for householders who, for instance, want to carry out alterations to their properties in the conservation area.

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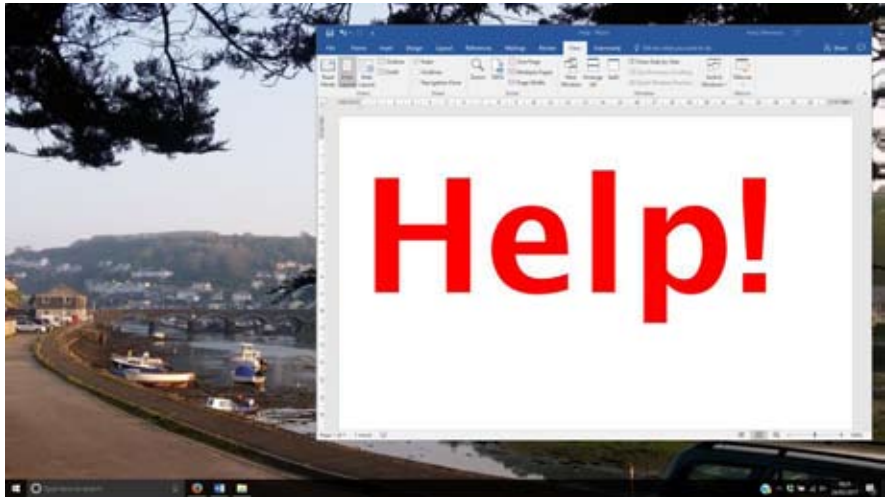
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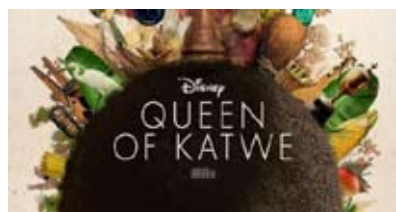


Sat 3rd June – La La Land (12A)



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Wed 21st June – Queen of Katwe (12A)



Doors open: 7pm. Starts 7.30.

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Wed 19th July – Manchester by the Sea (15)



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After the death of his older brother, a solitary Boston janitor is shocked to learn that he's been made sole guardian of his nephew. Taking leave of his job, Lee reluctantly returns to Manchester-by-the-Sea to care the boy, a spirited 16-year-old, and is forced to deal with a past that separated him from his wife and the community where he was born and raised.

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The Co-op have accepted three projects for the next round which started in April and runs through to September: the Old Guildhall Museum (East Looe Town Trust), Looe Town Football Club and Looe Skatepark (Looe Development Trust). Here is a brief summary of the three projects:

The Old Guildhall Museum:



We want to buy a new computer, printer and display screen to show photos and films in the Museum and would also like new genealogy software to provide guided searches for those with Looe ancestry. These tools will help us with the interpretation of our displays and research work.

Looe Town Football Club:

We currently have a changing room building which is in dire need of attention. The toilets are very old and not very nice for children to use. When away teams come to play especially we would love to offer them somewhere clean and modern to use.



Looe Development Trust: Skatepark:

Repeated community surveys over the last 15 years have identified the need for a skate park for Looe and young people in the town have actively sought one. The Glebe Committee at St. Martin's Church have made land available and sound tests have been completed. We have a proposed design which meets the Olympic standard – skateboarding becomes an official Olympic sport in 2020! – and we are now consulting with Cornwall Council and others. We will keep everyone updated through social media and Looe Community News.

Three Year 6 pupils decided to do their bit towards raising money for a new Skatepark. Liam Jerrom and his friends Fran Taylor and Anya Martin set about a bit of car washing. They raised a fabulous £55.35 and are thinking up other things they can do to raise money.

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LOOE MUSEUM NEWS

The Museum began its 'Bright Sparks' project on 16th May. This project, a great opportunity for children at Looe Primary Academy to share the experiences of locals involved with the sea and to learn about the rich maritime heritage of Looe, is a result of a Grant Award from Feast, a programme to make great art happen across Cornwall, with support from Cornwall Museums Partnership.

The Grant was awarded for our 'Discover Looe' project, based on the history of the sea in Looe, which will end with the production of two new feather banners for the front of the Museum. Three classes of Year 3 and 4 children at Looe Primary Academy will be led by Sue Field, a local textile artist. The project will start with coffee sessions at the school, with representatives from the RNLI and local boat builders, fishermen and sailors all coming to speak to the children and be interviewed by them. Our Mayor, Armand Toms, an ex-fisherman himself, will also speak to the children and show them how fishing nets are made. Museum volunteers will provide a display of old photographs of Looe's fishing industry, as well as RNLI and seaside pictures, to encourage the children to learn about the fishing industry and the importance of the sea in Looe's past. The children will use the stories and pictures to create their own art work, culminating in production of the new banners, which we hope to have ready for a Grand Ceremony at the Museum in early July.

The Museum will host a Heritage Lottery funded project on 2nd June, Dasserghi Kernewek, looking at the revival of Cornish in the early 20th Century. Mark Trevethan and Amantha Rayne from the project will be at the Museum from 10.30am-4pm with some wonderful items from the collection, including Henry Jenner's 1905 handwritten copy of 'Song of the Men of the West' ('Trelawny') and an early copy of the Handbook of the Cornish Language with Jenner's corrections/additions. They will talk to visitors about this fascinating piece of Cornish history and try to find people, especially fishermen, who can speak some Cornish.

We have received a request from The Netherlands, for information and possibly a picture of Harry Tambling who was a Gunner in the Royal Artillery No 5442026 and was killed on April 17th 1945 in the Battle of Otterlo, Netherlands. The people there are researching the battle and have 21 pictures of the 23 the soldiers killed and Harry is one of the two pictures missing. Harry Tambling lived in Lower Chapel Street, East Looe, and had a brother called Edwin and two sisters Emily and May or Mary. He may also have had another brother Harold. Any information would be much appreciated and passed directly to the researchers in The Netherlands. Please contact the ELTT if you have any information.

The next Family History Day will take place at Liskeard Public Hall on June 3rd from 10am-3pm and all are welcome to come and ask questions about family at our stall.

Lastly, we are hoping to organise a meal at the Sail Loft on 21st October at 7.30pm, to celebrate 'Trafalgar Day'. Please put the date in your diary – details will follow later.

**Petra Stephenson
Chair of Museum**



LOOE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

LOOE SARDINE FACTORY RE-DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



Looe Harbour Commissioners were delighted to receive confirmation recently, that funding bids to the Coastal Communities Fund and European Maritime Fisheries Fund were successful. These, in addition to our own financial contribution to the project has ensured that the project will now proceed.

Work started on Monday 15th May 2017 with an expected completion date of 30th June 2018. For many months, work has been going on behind the scenes to ensure that the project runs smoothly and that minimal disruption is caused to residents and businesses during the demolition/construction period. There will be periods (particularly during the demolition phase) when a section of the Pennyland walkway will need to be closed in order to comply with Health and Safety regulations. This will be achieved by closing the metal gate directly outside the building, together with the gate at the end of the Pennyland walkway, at the top of the steps which joins Hannafore Road.

We believe that the Sardine Factory Re-Development will be a huge asset for the town, particularly West Looe. This project will provide sustained economic, social, voluntary and employment opportunities to the town and surrounding parishes over many years to come, and will help to ensure that Looe remains a thriving coastal community and popular tourist destination with a promising future, unlike some of our sister ports who now find themselves struggling, having not taken steps to embrace an ever changing society.

We ask for the public's support and co-operation during the construction stage, and apologise for any short term inconveniences encountered during the build.



The Looe Youth Project was the first local group to benefit from the Co-op's Community Fund, launched in September and was awarded £6762. The group meets on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Millpool Centre. The project aims to enhance life opportunities for teenagers in an area of high deprivation, providing a safe environment in which they can learn life skills to enable them to maximise

their potential, and have access to advice and counselling on a wide range of issues, including health and sexual health. The funding received will enable the project to increase the number of members and to enhance the range of activities and equipment available to them to give them the confidence and skills to succeed.

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LOOE ROWING CLUB

The new season is well and truly under way! Following Looe Rowing Club's impressive results in the Three Rivers Race it was on to The World Championships on the Isles of Scilly. With over 140 gigs competing and crews from America, Holland, Bermuda, Ireland and Wales the weekend had a truly international feel.

Again a cracking turn out from Looe with five crews competing, two men's and three ladies', and by far the most supporters of any club! On the water, competition was fierce. Our Men's A going head-to-head with Falmouth A in the final once again, with under a boat length in it, Falmouth just pipped us to the line. The silence on the line

spoke volumes, as Looe's large support on the spectator boat were lively to say the least! A third successive year coming second is an amazing achievement for such a small town. Inspired by Men's A, the Men's B turned up this year and were within a cat's whisker of making the final! Finishing 16th overall, their best result in years, largely powered by gin (just ask the three rower)!

On to the ladies, not to be outdone by the men, they absolutely smashed it! With Ladies' A finishing fourth in the St. Agnes long race and staying comfortably in the top heat all weekend, finally finishing fourth in the world. Ladies' B weren't just there to make up the numbers with a superb 42nd finish overall. Many of the Ladies' C crew were rowing Scillies for the first time, some only started to row last year, finished well and did us proud.

The support was fantastic all weekend, as proved when the club took over the Atlantic Pub Sunday night for the club meal. We wish to thank everyone who came and cheered us on and all back in Looe watching online and listening to the interesting and sometimes accurate radio commentary. Also a massive thank you to all the coaches, committee and helpers without whom such fantastic results could not be achieved.

The Club is now set for the rest of the summer and plenty of regattas. Our own club regatta will be organised from East Looe beach Saturday May 27th, and we will also be having a Nearly New sale by the Guildhall in the middle of town the next day, Sunday 28th, to help raise funds to buy a new boat. So you couldn't pick a better weekend to come and visit Looe. See you there!



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