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THANK YOU, KERRY



When Kerry (Newman) volunteered to help out with Looe Community News many moons ago, I don't think she expected that she would still be doing it in 2023! Moving to Plymouth and being diagnosed with, and having treatment for, breast cancer didn't put her off and it is only in the last few months that her full-time job means that she no longer feels able to continue. Even Covid and the vagaries of Quark Express didn't derail her.

The Trustees of Looe Development would like to thank Kerry for all she has done over many years and for her time and determination in constantly improving Looe Community News. On a personal level, I am very grateful for everything Kerry has done, always with good humour and amazing attention to detail.

Since Kerry took over, Community News has been transformed into a much more professional looking and readable booklet. Some of you will have received significant help from her to make adverts for your business or events stand out. I have learned so much from Kerry - though not enough to continue by myself! – see page 39
We all wish Kerry and Jon all the best for the future.

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LUGGER REGATTA

After a Covid-enforced absence of four years a fleet of old wooden-built fishing boats made a successful return to their spiritual home in Looe.

Entries were slightly down partly due to the event being held earlier in the sailing season than usual (because of the tides), but the visiting skippers seemed delighted to have their biennial reunion back on the calendar.

Regatta Chairman Jeff Penhaligon thanked race officer Brian Bowdler for setting two days of testing courses in light winds and his wife, Karen, who provided the competitors' buffet suppers. Looe Sailing Club members manned the licensed bar.

Mr Penhaligon thanked Looe Harbour Commissioners and their staff for all their help in staging the event. In the run-up to the scheduled 2021 regatta (cancelled by Covid), when founder figures Paul Greenwood and Mike Darlington had announced their retirement, there was real anxiety that the show might not go on.

It was the Harbourmaster and chief executive Tina Hicks who steadied the rocking ship. 'The Lugger Regatta is a fantastic event for Looe and it would be a huge shame if it went under,' she declared more than two years ago. "We've got to try to keep it happening and, personally, I will do everything I can to help."

Tina was good to her word and more. Nothing was too much trouble for her staff, especially deputy harbourmaster Dave Jackman, and the Commissioners themselves, led by chairman David Bond, so when the winners of the Barnabas Trophy for the 'Spirit of the Regatta' was announced as the Harbour Commission it came as little surprise that the appreciative crowd gave their own ringing endorsement.

But, as the chairman was keen to point out, the regatta had been a real team effort. Cash donations from West Looe Town Trust, Mike and Sharon Cotton, David Barrett's Quayside Fresh and Mike and Sue Darlington and their family, laid the foundations for what is becoming an ever-expensive event to stage.

Looe Town Mayor Tony Smith presented the visiting skippers with commemorative plaques. There were three nights of live entertainment at the West Looe Quayside Centre, known locally as Mally's Shed after the late Looe Harbour Commissioner who instigated its development.

The music was funded by Looe's Andrew Rowe and his Plymouth-based company APR Marine Fabricators and the Darlington family and was a mixture of Celtic punk rock, blues and sea shanties the musicians from The Wreckers, an offshoot of the world famous Polperro Fisherman's Choir; Black Friday; Smokey's King Shufflers and Tom Saddler's All Stars.

Behind the scenes many more people contributed to the event's success, including Dave Peat Waste Ltd, East Looe Town Trust, Jewsons Builders Merchants, Cornwall Councillors Edwina Hannaford and Armand Toms, official photographer Dave Tuckett (greydogimages.co.uk), Peter Friend's www.welcometolooe.com website and Joe Bussell and Harry Southern's Looe Model Boat Club.



Regatta founder Paul Greenwood, attended each night of the 2023 edition with his wife Maggie, and presented the trophies.

He recalled how the regatta had grown from the first rather modest meeting of 35 years ago when, with founder vice-chairman Mike Darlington's help, the duo endeavoured to shine a light on the Cornish Luggers, their role in the fishing industry and their heritage.

Once there were hundreds of these wooden boats, fishing out of Cornish ports, but by 1989 only the Guide Me and Barnabas remained. With Paul and Mike at the helm, encouraging and advising, a number of old dilapidated luggers were brought back to life and modern-day replicas built. With French interest growing, the revival was well under way, often aided by the skilled hands of shipwright Chris Rees at Millbrook, who was behind the majestic 63-ft three-master *Greyhound* and Pete Goss' *Spirit of Mystery* that sailed from Cornwall to Australia in a re-enactment of the Mount's Bay lugger, *Mystery*, which made the same voyage in 1854.

'I've loved this regatta weekend,' said Cawsand's Graham Butler; 'It's been fantastic,' said Gweek's Jon Brickhill; 'We've had so much fun' added Hampshire skipper Nick Gates, and the Guide Me's Judy Brickhill said: 'It's just great to be back'.

2023 CORNISH LUGGER ASSOCIATION REGATTA CUP WINNERS

Class A (Large luggers, over 30-ft): 1 (Marshalls Estate Agency Trophy), Guide Me (Jon and Judy Brickhill, Gweek, West Cornwall); 2 (Marshalls Estate Agency Trophy), Ocean Pearl (Nick Gates, Emsworth Hampshire); 3 (Marshalls Estate Agency Trophy), Reliance (Graham Butler, Cawsand).

Class B (Medium Luggers, including Polperro Gaffers): 1 (Looe Fish Selling Trophy), Celia (Ben Williams, Sailing Tectona CIC, Plymouth).

Class C (Small Luggers, including East Devon's Beer Lugger Association fleet): 1 (Cornish Lugger Committee Plate), Brenda Jane (Justin Adkin, Beer); 2 (Looe Chamber of Commerce Trophy), Rebecca Kate (Jonny Mills and Ben Munro, Fowey); 3 (Cornish Lugger Association Cup), Peter Pan (Graham Padfield, Looe).

First Looe-built lugger to finish Sunday's long race (Looe Sailing Club Trophy): Guide Me.

Derek Foster Trophy for first across the line at the start of Sunday's long race: Guide Me.

Alan Pape Trophy for best endeavour: Guiding Star (Paul Eedle, Plymouth).

Richard Pengelly Trophy, concours d'elegance for best turned-out boat: Happy Return (Mount's Bay Lugger Association, Penzance).

Sportsman's Trophy, donated by Richard Vasey, of Astins Sailing Trophies: Brenda Jean.

Oldest Skipper (The Edwin Matthews Family Cup): Robert Simper (Atlas,

Woodbridge, East Anglia).

Oldest Boat (Looe Sailing Club Cup): Barnabas (Cornish Maritime Trust, Penzance), built in 1881.

Boat which came furthest by sea (Norman Pengelly Shield): Ocean Pearl.

LOOE COMMUNITY TEA ROOM



Looe Community Tea Room in the Rose Garden is open Mondays to Saturdays 10 am to 12 pm. Come along and have a chat with a tea, coffee or hot chocolate. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you soon.
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Lifeboats

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Clive Palfrey, Amber Palfrey, Dave Jackman and John Goodsman with Looe RNLI D Class *Ollie Naismith II* after her first shout.

Souvenir Shop: Subject to volunteer availability, and the weather, will be opening daily between 11 am and 4 pm. Our shop has a wide range of products, including Christmas cards, a new range of gifts and 2023 calendars.

Albatross Boathouse: Our volunteer guides reopened the boathouse on Sunday 2 April for the summer season. They are all looking forward to welcoming you all. Subject to volunteer availability the boathouse will be open daily, 11am to 4pm to the public until the end of October

Concerts: Our fundraising season of concerts started on 22 April with Polperro Fishermen's Choir and a visiting Cotswold Choir singing in the boathouse. Details on future seafront and boathouse concerts can be found on our Facebook page and shop posters.

Raft race: Thanks to the Looe Boat Owners Association, the Looe raft race returns to the river on Sunday 11 June 2023 with a 12.15 pm start. Details and information on how to register can be found on the Looe Boat Owners Association website: <https://www.loolifeboats.co.uk/rafttrace.htm>

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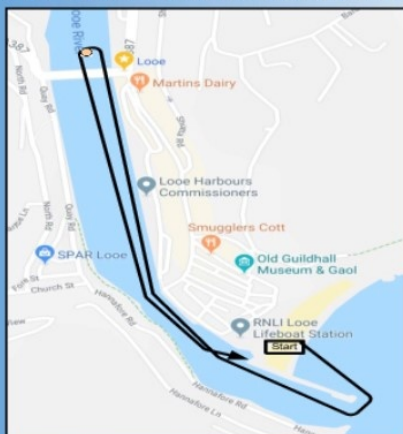


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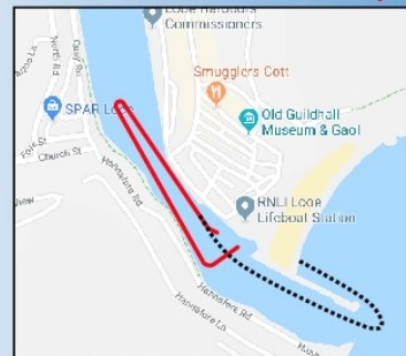
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Open water/cold water swimming: Open Water Swimming is becoming more popular around our coasts - whether you're swapping the swimming pool for open water or just enjoying a quick dip, please take care. Safety information can be found on the RNLI website:


<https://rnli.org/safety/choose-your-activity/open-water-swimming>



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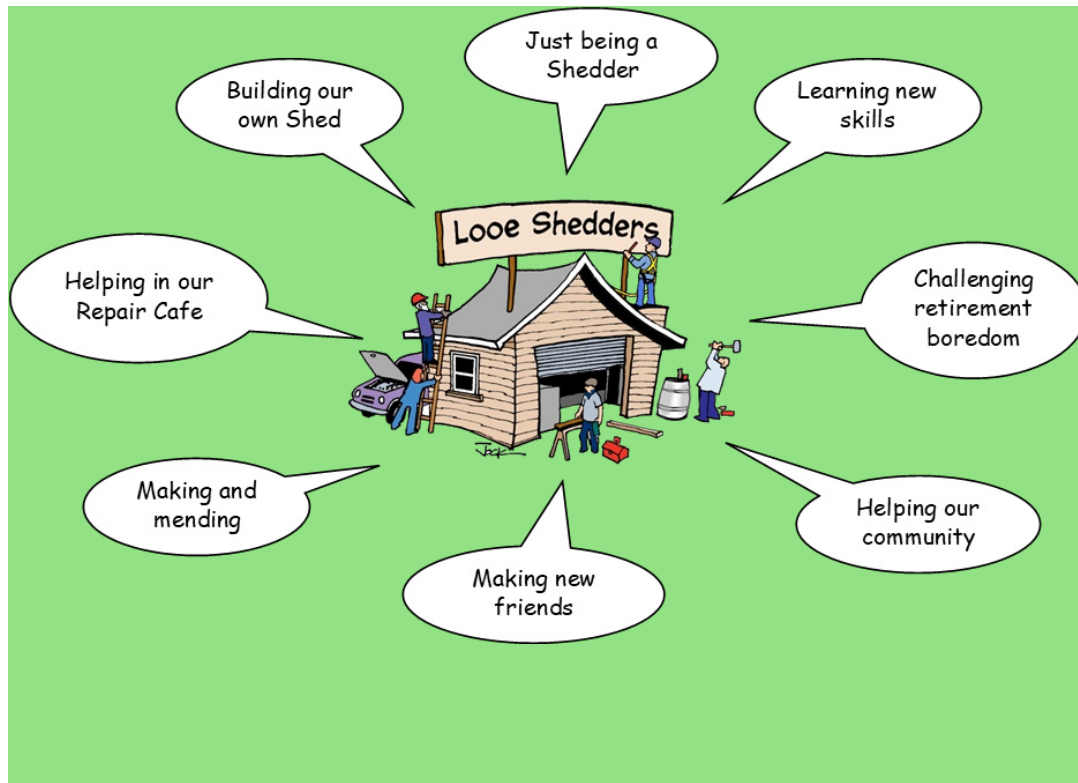
This year we celebrate the bicentenary of the publication of Thomas Bond's history of Looe - the town's first written history. Mark Camp will lead a walk around Looe pointing out places of significance in Bond's time and using routes available in Georgian Looe. The walk is on Monday 19th June, starting at 1.00 pm from St Nicholas Church and lasting about 2 hours. The walk is free of charge, but there is a souvenir booklet available price £2.



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3 rd Sunday	Worship at St. Nicholas West Looe	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	–
4 th Sunday	Café Church (Hall)	–	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
5 th Sunday	Holy communion 10.30am Rotating between churches -see websites and notice boards			
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LOOE TOWN COUNCIL



Introducing Looe's New Mayor –Cllr Tony Smith

On the 15th May at the annual meeting of Looe Town Council, Cllr Tony Smith was elected as the new Mayor of Looe taking over from Edwina Hannaford.

Tony and his wife, Hilary, came to Looe in 2014 after moving from South Wales where he ran a consultancy business for some twenty years.

Prior to that he had various roles in sales and marketing for a number of international companies. Tony became a Looe Town Councillor in 2020.

In his address to the Town Meeting Tony outlined his ambitions for the coming year:

“The Town Council should not be seen and indeed does not wish to work in isolation. Collaboration between all the town bodies is essential and we can only be stronger as a town when we work in unity with each other.

To do this we have to understand each other's motivations, needs, approaches and ideas. So I will be working, with colleagues, to develop an open dialogue with the organisations and key groups in Looe to listen and explore their aspirations for their group and the town and from that working out how together we can best make things happen.

It's also important our Council officers feel supported and valued, so regular engagement with them is essential. We could not do much without their expertise and support. As they are in many ways 'at the coalface' on a daily basis their views on how we might do things better are critical. I will be exploring their ideas with them regularly.

Our communication as a Council is something I think we need to do better than we do. What do we do? It's important that people know and understand. But also in turn, we need to be finding out what the people of the town want us to do or think we should be concentrating on, and indeed what are their ideas for improvements in the way we do things? It's a two-way street.

I would also like to try to develop more local 'action groups' to resolve local issues. We often hear the phrase 'Why isn't somebody doing something about that'. Perhaps the point is that every resident can be part of the 'somebody'. So I would like to try and stimulate the creation of small groups who, with the support of the Council, tackle local issues in their particular part of town such as for example littering, weeds or graffiti.

I think it's also important that we try hard to develop a business forum for the town. We lose out because we don't have a strong business voice. Edwina has started the process and there are some emerging 'green shoots' in that direction which I am determined to nurture.

Finally, I want the Town council, with all our partners, to work together to continue to support the people that live, work in and visit the town and in particular for those disadvantaged in our community.”



Cllr Tony Smith, Mayor of Looe
with Mrs Hilary Smith, Consort

Looe Town Council's Annual Meeting and Awards – in pictures



Cllr Edwina Hannaford, former Mayor of Looe,
Passes chains of Office to Cllr Tony Smith, new Mayor



Looe's 18th Century
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Cllr Tony Smith, Mayor of Looe, (right) with
Cllr Stephen Remington, Deputy Mayor



Organisation of the Year Award
to Looe Lions (pictured Carole White)



Citizen of the Year Award
presented to Sally Thornley



Jimmy Dingle appointed
as a Town Burgess



Mayor's Charity donation to
Boundless Trust (pictured with Edwina
are Barney Barron and Paul Roach)

A business and learning hub for Looe?

Quite a few towns in Cornwall are creating 'hubs' to provide opportunities and facilities for people to start up businesses and provide training suited to existing and future local enterprises.

Your Town Council successfully applied for government money to research into whether such a hub might help with the regeneration of Looe.

The grant paid for two comprehensive reports in 2022.

The experience of other Cornish towns and the research findings pointed to great possible benefits for Looe. But your Council felt that more thought was needed before it committed to what would be a big undertaking, needing a building, money from outside the town, community enthusiasm and collective effort.

A Working Group was tasked with looking into all the key questions and reporting to Full Council in the Autumn of this year. This work is in hand and will include involving and consulting the community, visiting other hubs, exploring the business case, viability and future management options.

We are looking into possible locations and are submitting a planning application for land at the Millpool shortly, however, doing this does not commit the town to creating a hub. Our community will be fully involved in the final decision.

While we are still at an early stage, we will try to answer any questions – or explain why we can't yet.

Keep up to date with Town Council meetings, notices and other activities on our website where you can sign-up for our weekly e-newsletter: www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk



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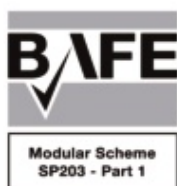
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NEWS FROM THE EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST



Summer at last

With the approach of summer, we hope to see many people enjoying our lovely sandy beach. Our maintenance team work hard to keep the beach and seafront area clean and tidy. We have some new bins on the seafront as well as our “beach library” cages on the beach – for beach toys and equipment to be re-used.

The Swim zone buoys are back out in the bay. This is designed to help keep watercraft and swimmers apart from each other –as we want everyone to be able to safely enjoy the sea. Please always check the tide times and wind direction when swimming or using water craft. Remember that deck chairs, loungers and kayaks (and all safety equipment) are available to rent from Looe Beach Hire who are right on the promenade (they will even carry the deckchairs onto the beach for you).

It is now Bathing Water Quality season and we receive daily updates from the Environment Agency about predicted water quality – all this information is displayed on the main entrance to the beach.

The Old Guildhall Museum and Gaol is open with some new displays for 2023. Although a physically small museum, there is lots to see and do – not least the fantastic 15thC building! Our wonderful band of volunteers have worked with Access Cornwall to make the building as accessible as possible for all our visitors. We look forward to seeing you in the Museum.

We continue our work on the Wooldown by creating bee glades and wild flower meadows. We work alongside conservationists to manage this gorgeous area in a responsible manner.

The Guildhall Tea Room is found on the ground floor of the Guildhall. This is run by volunteers and is open six days a week from 10am – mid-day. Please pop in and have a cuppa and a chat – everyone is welcome.

Many of us know that Looe is very close to paradise and now BBC viewers will know Looe as Shipton Abbott in Beyond Paradise. The series was filmed in many locations but Looe featured very strongly – our Guildhall was transformed into the Police Station - How many places and faces did you recognise?

Chairman & Trustees East Looe Town Trust



OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM AND GAOL



OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM -THE NEW SEASON

As I sit writing this on a beautiful sunny and warm afternoon it is hard to realise that we are nearly half-way through 2023!

The Museum re-opened at Easter after our usual winter closure period. This is when we do a thorough clean and general tidy up of all those things we never find the time to do when we are open. It is also the months we concentrate on researching and presenting our new displays or updating existing cabinets and collections.

For 2023 we have two new displays-Ship & Boat Building in Looe Over the Centuries and a tribute to local historian Thomas Bond who released his book of Looe History in 1823. This 200 year old book is immensely valuable today as it contains information and documentation lost to us now.

The new season has got off to a good start. The Easter period was very busy and we are still getting plenty of visitors, so all the signs for a good year are here. We have already greeted visitors from New Zealand, Australia, Germany and from all over the U.K.

We endeavour to concentrate on and highlight Looe's interesting and eclectic history over the many centuries so please pop in and maybe you will learn something you didn't know about our home.

Don't forget we have the children's activity table, dressing up for the little ones (even for the grown-ups who can be a judge), the court plays for the family, hundreds of old photos and the old cell-if you are brave enough...

With the school holidays looming don't forget to put the Museum on the "Places to visit" list, we would love to show that our visitors don't have to come from the other side of the world but from round the corner as well.

Hope to see you soon!

PennyMcHugh

Volunteer Curator Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol



Hawthorne Blossom on Looe island by Claire Lewis

LOOE ISLAND NATURE RESERVE UPDATE

As I write the island is bloomin', buzzin' and chirpin' with life!

The hawthorn is draped in beautiful blossom and the elder has started to put on its show of delicate white umbels of flowers. These bushy blooms are joined on the grassy slopes by swathes of pretty purple ground leaved ivy, and along the coast by rounded tufts of pinky mauve thrift (sea pink) is in flower. The island really is looking grand right now!



Rock Pipit on Looe island

Sadly though, avian flu has been recorded in the island's birds. Last year's outbreak was upsetting to see; we hope that it won't be so bad this year. Following strict protocols the annual nest count of the birds along the island's shores is about to take place and this might give the first indication of the impact of last year's outbreak. The presence of the avian flu virus means it's more important than ever that people **respect the NO LANDING sign**. Unauthorised landing not only risks spreading the disease as people

stand where birds have gathered but the disturbance puts extra stress on already vulnerable birds. We are still open to visitors who land with the authorised Looe Sea Safari boat – see the Looe Island pages of the Cornwall Wildlife Trust website for more details.

On a more positive note, we still have plenty of brilliant birds resting and nesting here. Two of 'our' breeding birds that use very different approaches to nesting are the Oystercatcher and the Rock Pipits. Ground nesting Oystercatchers rely on camouflage to protect their eggs, which are laid directly on to the ground in simple scrapes. So, when we greet visitors who have come over on the authorised boat we have to warn them where not to step! Whereas the Rock Pipit builds its nest tucked away out of sight in rocks and crevices. Judging from the activity we've seen, there's at least one set of rock pipit chicks being supplied with plenty of insects, beetles and snails. Fingers crossed for successful fledging!



Oystercatchers on Looe island

Interestingly earlier this spring, during a spell of strong SE winds, we had some sightings of seals hauled out (resting on land) in unusual places. The winds



Snowdrop and Sunrise resting on Looe Island

created an unfavourable sea state which kept water users at home. We think that this quiet time on the water resulted in lack of disturbance which, in turn, gave seals chance to use new areas. So, we were surprised but pleased to see two of our 'regulars' - Snowdrop and Sunrise sleeping in a new location. As some of you

may have learnt from David Attenborough's commentary of the BBC series Wild Isles, it's when seals rest and sleep that they convert food into fat. It's this fat that the females need to produce rich fatty milk to feed their pup. The pup is fed for just three weeks and if there's enough good quality milk the pup will be strong enough to survive the winter. If you are out on the water, please remember this as **we all need to give seals (and all wildlife) space to rest.** And yes, seals do sleep in the sea as well as on land! If they are constantly distracted or alert as people get too close for too long they are wasting energy and this has an accumulated effect which eventually may cause the their pup not to survive.

Finally, remember that if you want to learn more about the island take a look at our pages (www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/explore/visit-looe-island) on the Cornwall Wildlife Trust's website. There you'll find details about visiting and there's also lots of information about watching wildlife well and how to share your wildlife sightings.

Claire Lewis, Warden's Assistant, Looe Island Nature Reserve

(Photography by Claire Lewis)

Looe Island Marine Nature Reserve 

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KELTIQUE NEWS

Our concert season started during the first May Bank Holiday weekend. The DOWDERRY Twinning Association had invited us to sing for their French guests and English hosts in their village hall on Saturday 29th April. On Monday 1st May, we sang in the stable yard of the Boconnoc Estate where the gardens were open for Marie Curie charity.

We have a busy summer ahead of us and here is the list of our forthcoming concerts:

Monday 26th June 6.00pm	Concert with Polperro School at Polperro Methodist Chapel
Saturday 8th July 11.00am-12.00pm	Concert at the Liskeard Show
Sunday 23rd July 3.00pm	Looe seafront for RNLI
Saturday 29th July 7.00pm	West Looe Quayside
Sunday 13th August 7.00pm	Concert with Rame Choir West Looe Quayside
Sunday 27th August 7.00pm	West Looe Quayside
Saturday 9th September 7.00pm	West Looe Quayside

We hope that you will be able to come along and hear us sing.

For more information about Keltique, including details of events, check out our website at www.keltique.org.uk, our Facebook page, or contact us at committee@keltique.org.uk.

CORNWALL CRICKET

Cornwall Cricket Board has launched a Crowdfunder Campaign in a bid to raise funds to create a Disability Cricket Team for Cornwall.

Cornwall Cricket Board Disability Cricket already delivers school engagement sessions and accessible Lords Taverners Super 1's Cricket & Table Cricket Programmes across Cornwall.

They are also growing the number of Disability Cricket Champion Hubs (clubs) in Cornwall but want to go a step further and have a county team.

The board is aiming to provide those that already take part in Disability Cricket with the opportunity to be able to grow their skills further by joining the Super 9's County Representative Team and competing across the South West.

To make this possible they need to raise in excess of £10,000 to cover the costs, including cricket protection for all abilities and disabilities as well as travel expenses and venue hire.

Disability Development Officer David Painter said: "It would be a great boost for Disability Cricket in Cornwall if we are able to develop a team to play in the National Disability League South next season.

We are working hard and practising regularly but we will need funds to be able to travel to play away games in Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and South Wales.

Also funds are needed to host home games to cover the cost of umpires, venue hire, match balls and refreshments.

Our players would be honoured and proud to wear the Cornwall team shirt so please help us to help them achieve something they would never have thought possible - to play for Cornwall!"

To donate to the Crowdfunder and help make the dream a reality visit:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/cornwallsuper9s>.

Cornwall Cricket Board provides adults and children aged 5 years and upwards with the opportunity to take part in the sport across the county.

It is also the official governing body for all cricket in Cornwall and is responsible and accountable to the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), the National Governing Body, for the strategic management, development and conduct of the sport.

For further information on Disability Cricket in Cornwall email David Painter

ddo@cornwallcricket.co.uk or for fundraising email tamsin@cornwallcricket.co.uk.

MENHENIOT LOOE CRICKET CLUB

It is a pleasure as Chairman of the Menheniot Looe Cricket Club (MLCC) to write an article for Looe Community News and in particular to the residents of Looe.

I expect there will be many residents of Looe that were not aware that Looe Cricket Club amalgamated with Menheniot Cricket Club in 2009 and a number of the Looe residents continue to play for MLCC today for which I am most grateful and would like to open the door for anyone else who would like to join us.

MLCC runs three Saturday's teams in the Cornwall Cricket League, a ladies softball team, a national programme for All Stars (Ages 5-8), Dynamos (Ages 8-11), a young hard ball cricket programme for those aged 11-16 and the club have entered teams in the West Devon League at U11 & U15 level.

So, as you can see, we cover it all. Adult training takes place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 1800hrs onwards and the All Stars, Dynamos, ladies and hardball cricket is held at various times on a Friday evening commencing at 1630hrs running through to 2000hrs.

Our cricket ground is located in the village of Menheniot and has excellent facilities including a recently refurbished clubhouse, so if you would like to get involved with any of our programmes then please drop me an email of which my email address is below and I will continue to give updates throughout the season within your newsletter focusing on those representatives from Looe who have performed well on the cricket field.

Best Wishes

Stuart Nye MBE
Chairman

stuartnye2016@gmail.com





LOOE AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Now the rain has finally stopped – for now, flower arrangers everywhere are braced for the early summer colour to arrive in their gardens to inspire their work. It is wonderful at last to have spring blooms as a focus for our floral art.

We will be delighted to welcome Ian Facey-Macleod as our June demonstrator.

In May we had a break from our demonstrators and instead had an afternoon creating our own floral art inspired by the title of “Sea Fever”.



Visitors and members are welcome to our club, we met every first Tuesday of the month, 2pm at Pelynt Village Hall.

Date for your diaries:

Saturday 19th August we are holding a Summer Fayre at Lanreath Village Hall, 10am – 2pm.

Looe and District Flower Club is affiliated with the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies – NAFAS

Find us on Facebook or contact

Kathy Iles 07747896050

email kathyiles4@gmail.com if you are interested in finding out more about us.



THE LOOE RAFT RACE IS GETTING CLOSE. GET A TEAM AND BUILD A RAFT

Well, it's that time of year again. After an enforced absence due to COVID, The Looe Raft Race bounced back as big as ever in 2022 and plans are afoot to make 2023 a bumper year.

Organised by Looe RNLI volunteers and supported by the Looe Boat Owners Association (LBOA), the Looe Raft Race is one of the town's most popular events, attracting thousands of spectators, and has become a major source of funding for the Looe RNLI lifeboat station.

Home-built rafts compete along various courses up the river providing plenty of vantage points for the spectators to shout their encouragement. Teams can join in several classes, from Junior and Adult Fun to Elite and compete not just for the fun and the fundraising, but also for trophies and prizes donated by organisations and businesses in the town. Awards are given to the Class Winners, as well as to Best Fundraiser and Best Fancy Dress.

So what are you waiting for? Buddy up, build a raft and get paddling! See you there!

Full details and the entry form can be found at:

<https://www.loolifeboats.co.uk/rafrace.htm>



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LOOE FLOOD DEFENCE AND REGENERATION SCHEME

During the past few weeks we have been providing additional information on a number of specific topics related to the Flood Defence and Regeneration Scheme on our Let's talk site <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/looe-flood-defence>.

This is because, while feedback from previous engagement events highlighted strong support for action from many within the community, a level of confusion was also evident over the need for, and benefits of, the scheme, as well as concerns over some of the flood protection measures which are being proposed.

Topics already covered have included the history of flooding, the options which have been considered during the development of the scheme and the proposals for Banjo Pier. Copies of the information, including short videos about the individual options, are available on the Let's Talk site:

<https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/looe-flood-defence>.

Our most recent topic is the environment. Looe is rightly renowned for its diverse environment. The challenge for the project is balancing a flood defence scheme which protects the town from frequent and severe flooding and damage over the next 50 to 100 years, with protecting the environment. You can find out more here:

<https://youtu.be/WdNVL35HPMY>. The final topic will be economic regeneration when we be providing information about how the scheme will deliver economic benefits in both Looe and the wider South East Cornwall area.

Workshops

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the workshops held in the Heritage Centre of the Old Sardine Factory on 12 and 13 May.

The aim of the workshops was to provide local people with a summary of the project so far, including details of the options which are being considered, and to give them the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the proposals both with each other and with members of the project team. The sessions were well attended, with lively discussions and a number of wide ranging and challenging questions and comments posed by the local community.

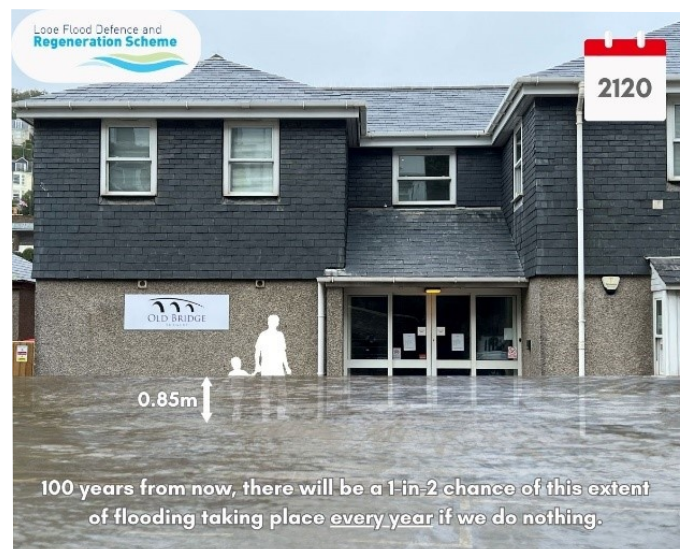


The team are now looking at all the comments and the questions which were raised during the workshops so that we can provide further information at the next round of engagement events.

June engagement events

Three drop-in events will be held at the Quayside Centre in West Looe which will be open to all. These are taking place between 10 am and 4 pm on Friday, 16 and Saturday, 17 June and on Friday, 14 July. A meeting originally planned for 5 June has been cancelled due to the need to assemble the information arising from the public information event. The events will provide an opportunity for people to view the latest information on the different options and to talk to members of the team about which scheme they feel will best secure the environmental and economic future of the town over the next 50-100 years. This feedback will then be used to finalise the application for funding which is due to be submitted to the Government at the end of the summer.

Looe is already one of the most frequently flooded coastal town in the UK. Over the next 100 years, sea levels are predicted to rise by more than 1 metre as a result of climate change, threatening even more parts of the town. These include the health centre, the police and fire stations, main food stores and cafes and the fish market, as well as major transport links such as the A387 and the railway station.



The support of the community will be vital for the future of Looe.

We believe that doing nothing is not an option and we want to ensure that the decisions on the final scheme reflect the aspirations and needs of the community.

We hope that by providing further information about the challenges facing Looe as a result of climate change, the community will better understand its shared responsibility and will come together to strengthen Looe's resilience.

Looe Flood Defence and
Regeneration Scheme



Armed Forces Day (previously Veterans' Day) in the UK is celebrated on the last Saturday in June to commemorate the service of men and women in the British Armed Forces. Although an official event, it is not a public holiday in the UK. This year's National Event will be in Falmouth, providing the stage for the whole UK to show support for our Armed Forces community. There will be a packed programme of events including a military parade, marching bands, military displays, live music, flying displays and fireworks, visit the internet for the full programme:

<https://armedforcesday.cornwall.gov.uk/events-guide>.

Armed Forces Weekend in Looe: We will be flying the flags at the Looe War Memorial over weekend and our branch will be present in the area of the Guildhall Rose Garden on Friday 23rd June, 10:00-15:00, collecting for the RBL Poppy Appeal. Please come along, say hello and meet our Poppy Man.

Visit to the Fleet Air Arm Museum: One of our members has arranged a visit to the Yeovilton Air Museum on 23rd August. Various aircraft will be on display including Harrier, Concorde 002, plus many others. Static displays about the Falklands and others, aircraft carrier experience, many fixed and rotary wing aircraft (helicopters). There are still a few places left on the trip, for more details please email: rbl.looe@gmail.com.

Remembering the fallen at the Battles of Imphal and Kohima: We have received a message from Mark Symons who is visiting the Commonwealth War Graves (CWG) sites at Imphal and Kohima in north-east India. Mark would gladly visit an individual grave or memorial and pay his respects on a relative's behalf. He is planning his Pilgrimage for October and would appreciate any requests between now and early September via rbl.looe@gmail.com. We asked Mark if he could manage to visit the CWG cemetery at Thanbyuzayat, Myanmar (Burma) as George Penrose, remembered on the Looe War Memorial, was finally laid to rest there. George died from maltreatment whilst a prisoner of war on the construction of the Burma-Siam railway. Mark would have willingly visited but unfortunately, at this time, the FCDO advise against travel to Myanmar.

The Battles of Imphal and Kohima were fought in on India's NE frontier from March to July 1944. It would be impossible, and disrespectful, to try and explain the twin battles in a few short sentences but in brief, after months of ferocious fighting, the Japanese were forced to retreat and it was the turning point in the war against Japan. At Kohima a 2,500-strong British garrison, many of whom were non-combatants, faced 15,000 Japanese and at one stage only the width of a tennis court separated the two sides. When a relief force finally arrived, the garrison's defensive perimeter was reduced to a shell-shattered area less than 400 yards square. It is no wonder that Kohima is called the 'Stalingrad of the East' due to the dogged defence of the Kohima ridge.

The cemetery at Imphal contains 1,600 graves and the one at Kohima 1,420. There are also monuments to British and Indian units that fought at Kohima, as well as the Kohima Cremation Memorial commemorating the 917 Hindus and Sikhs who were killed and later cremated as per their religious beliefs. Kohima War Cemetery lies on the slopes of Garrison Hill and contains a memorial on the fought over tennis court. Originally written at the end of WW1 the inscription on the memorial has become famous as the 'Kohima Epitaph': 'When You Go Home, Tell Them of Us And Say, For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today.' The Burma Star Association (Far East Veterans) have adopted the Kohima Epitaph as their own. The 'Legion' would only recite the Kohima Epitaph at a service on behalf of the association if none of the veterans were able to do so. It is only fairly recently that we have automatically incorporated the epitaph into our own services due to the advanced age of the Burma Star Veterans.

Past Events: A quick mention of unreported past events:

Looe Societies Day: The Looe Branch of the RBL was formed in 1921 and is still going strong but obviously without any of our original members. So, always on the lookout to boost our numbers, and to promote the work of the Legion, we were at the Looe Societies Day 4th March. Due to limited space we had to leave George Somerville and David Massey manning our small stand. We thank them for their tenacity in manning the table for four hours (see photograph) and surviving the assaults by the wagging tail of the dog on the adjacent stand. Thank you to everyone who stopped and said a brief hello to George and David.



Looe War Memorial: The railings are now back in place and the memorial is looking good thanks to Looe in Bloom tending the flower beds and our branch members for cutting the grass and cleaning the stonework. Also, not forgetting our chairman, Louis Portman, who checks the Memorial and poppy wreaths on an almost daily basis.

Sunday Lunch: On 26th March a lunch was enjoyed at the Portbyhan Hotel by 32 branch members and their families. The meal was excellent and the staff were very helpful. The event was organised by our branch secretary, Mandy Ricketts, who modestly stated that 'It was very easy to organise due to the professional service offered by Jackie, the hotel restaurant manager, and her team'. A big thankyou from our members to both the Portbyhan Hotel and Mandy for organising the meal.

Helplines: If you, or your family, need help or advice from the 'Legion' then please call the Royal British Legion's free helpline on 0808 802 8080. Lines are open 8am to 8pm, seven days a week. Another alternative is the Veterans' Gateway which is a consortium of forces charities, including the RBL, with telephone access 24 hours a day on 0808 802 121

Branch Meetings: We always hold our meetings meet on the first Monday of the month, starting at 7:30 sharp in the ground floor bar of the Looe Social Club, West Looe Quay.

David Welch – Looe RBL Membership Secretary email: rbl.looe@gmail.com

LOOE COASTGUARD FLATS AND THREE SEAS



Many local people will by now have heard about the project that Three Seas has undertaken to refurbish the Coastguard Flats for high-quality rented homes for local people. This is fully supported and encouraged by Cornwall Council, Looe Town Council and Looe residents: 126 people came to our public meeting in February 334 people have now signed our support Letter (copies in Looe Library).

Our aim is to provide 11 one-bedroom flats to local people at affordable rents on long-term tenancies. The flats are small but do each have a bedroom, kitchen, bathroom and sitting room. They will be refurbished to a high standard with some limitations due to their listed status i.e.. double glazing. Ideally, they will be as cost effective as possible to run, please be assured that we are going to great lengths to find the best solutions. The maintenance will not end when we hand the keys over to the tenants, ongoing care will continue to ensure the flats are maintained to a high standard for the future. Respect on both sides will be paramount, rent arrears and antisocial behaviour will not be tolerated.

We are a registered charity with a core group of professionals working hard to make this happen. Since 18th March, we have a volunteer group that is locally based and is run with the support of Three Seas; this group will become the Looe Community Land Trust. We are also pleased to announce that we now have four Trustees committed to the project, all with relevant housing experience.

Three Seas will be employing local businesses to do the construction on the Coastguard Flats. All monies raised through grants and donations will go fully into the project. We are at the early stages of making this project a reality. Looe really wants this to happen and the need for this to work is acute. There is also potential for the same scheme to be a model used across the County for better housing for local residents. We know this can work because many of us worked on the success of three Coastguard Cottages in Cawsand being purchased and refurbished two years ago. The three cottages now have very happy tenants, all of whom have very strong local ties to the village.

For Looe Coastguard Flats we are currently working on the Feasibility Study to get the build costs, the legal contracts and set the tenant selection process. This will be covered by grants we have already been awarded. We will endeavour to keep residents of Looe informed at every step of the project. If we go quiet for a bit it's due to processes taking a while to come together. You can find out more and sign up for news and to support us at www.threeseas.org.uk, or by visiting Looe Library.

Thank you for taking the time to read about Three Seas.



JUNE 2023

LOOE LIBRARY

MONTHLY UPDATE

LAST MONTH AT LOOE

As the sun shines down on Looe, reading continues to flourish as another month of exciting performance data from Cornwall Libraries HQ confirms that our numbers of issues and new borrowers continue to rise.

We have fun with our Facebook posts and try and make links between seasonal activities and books. Our Blossom & Grow display (see picture) is one example of this - check out the animated post on our Facebook page.

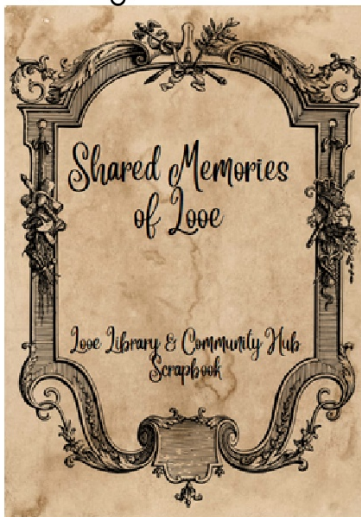
The Coronation Storytime & Workshop Sessions were enjoyed by all. Sparkling, jeweled crowns processed out of the library perched on proud little heads in honor of our new King.



CORONATION CROWN FUN WITH SHARON, DONNA & OUR VOLUNTEER, MARY-ANN



BLOSSOM & GROW WITH BOOKS



For Local and Community History Month, we invited our residents and borrowers to contribute to a scrapbook of memories which we will keep in the library for locals to enjoy.

The first entry was from one of our housebound borrowers; delightful stories of her childhood in Looe and memories of her late father who died in WWII.

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LOOE TOURISM AMBASSADOR SCHEME

Looe Tourism Ambassador Scheme continues to grow from strength to strength, helping drive change in Looe. The Tregoad Holiday Park venue attracted businesses of all types and sizes together and collaborated in sharing best practice, creating a strong well-connected network of experienced and knowledgeable business owners and managers, passionate in serving your town and delivering the best all-year-round holiday experience for visitors to Looe.



Looe Tourism Ambassador Scheme Let's get together – Meeting at Looe Guildhall Chambers Tuesday 27th June 2023, 10.00 am – 12 O'clock

We're holding the last meeting before the busy summer season, and we'd love to see you there. Join us for **Looe Tourism Ambassador Networking Meeting** at Looe Guildhall Chambers, Fore Street, East Looe, on **Tuesday 27th June 2023 at 10.00am to 12 noon.**

It will be your last chance to get together and tell everyone who you are, what you do, where you are located and what special campaign or competition you are offering. A great chance to collaborate and share best practice as well as meet the best people and find out the best places, food, and attractions to recommend to your visitors.

Kim Spencer from SECTA is going to talk about the proposed registration scheme for accommodation.

We have some great new retail shops, restaurants and cafes just opened, as well as several local businesses working hard on behalf of Looe to bring back Looe Food Fest 2023. Come along and find out more and be part of it!

Looe Food Festival, Sunday 10th September: there are still a few stalls left. if you know of any street foodie or beverage company interested in taking a stall (3m x 3m space) please contact Lucy George-Foster, Looe Town Council at lucy@looetowncouncil.gov.uk or call 0787 293 5893 / 01503 262255.
Early Bird Rate £25 + VAT, payment by the 29th of June will secure your booking.



POLPERRO FISHERMEN'S CHOIR CENTENARY YEAR

The centenary year of Polperro Fishermen's Choir got off to a lively start with a visit by choir president Richard Madeley, followed by a rousing concert in April with our special guests, the Cotswold Male Voice Choir from Cheltenham, who were surprised to discover that our favourite concert hall is Looe lifeboat station with its excellent acoustics, seating and relaxed atmosphere.



Richard Madeley visiting the choir in April 2023 to launch their centenary year.

Polperro Fishermen's Choir will be back in the lifeboat station on Sunday 9th July at 3pm for Songs of Praise, on Thursday 3rd August at 7.30pm for Looe carnival week, and again on Tuesday 8th August at 7.30pm, raising funds for Looe RNLI. Later on, the choir will be having a special centenary concert there on Tuesday 12th September at 7.30pm. Of course, the choir will also be giving concerts 'at home' in Polperro during the summer months and the Wreckers will be performing in Polperro on nearly every Wednesday evening, at about 9pm. (Full details of the choir's 2023 programme are on our website: www.polperrofishermenschoir.co.uk.) As usual, the concerts are all completely free, with an invitation to donate to charity.

Although the choir is 100 years old this year, we still have a direct link back to the days when it was formed in 1923. Murray Collings, who is now the choir's vice president, has been a member of the choir for 70 years and joined when the founder-conductor of the choir, Eva Cloke, was still very much in charge. Murray joined as a teenager in 1952. Although he is no longer an active singer, his long choir career includes various broadcasts for the BBC, singing solos for many recordings and concerts (including one when, the piano having given up mid-concert, he carried on unaccompanied to great applause), and a long spell as the choir chairman. In 2017, at a concert with BBC TV present, the choir celebrated Murray's 65 years in the choir, a record he has now broken.

These days, the great majority of male voice choirs have only grey-haired or balding members but Polperro Fishermen's Choir is very fortunate to have a lot of singers with their own hair in its original colour, including a lively group of much younger members who could well follow in Murray's footsteps and still be in the choir for the 'sesquicentennial' anniversary concerts in 50 years' time! The choir has always tried to combine the love of singing with friendship and fun, and welcomes all new members, young and old, in that spirit today.

Singing with the Wreckers in a Polperro pub after an intensive rehearsal is an excellent way for members to let their hair down (if they have any) but memories of trips past also prompt a smile. On a trip to London for a BBC broadcast, founder member Willy Oliver, who found it difficult to wake up in the morning, was sharing a room with his friend Edmund Jolliff. Edmund woke up early, dressed and got back into bed, leaping out fully dressed just as the breakfast bell rang, leaving the still sleepy Willy struggling to catch up.

On a visit to Brittany for a memorable International festival, choir members were invited to a nearby wedding where it was the custom for everyone to kiss the bride – so some went round twice. A trip to Yorkshire coincided with a real ale beer festival being held, quite by chance, in the very hotel where the choir was staying. At an after-glow sing-song back in a Guernsey hotel after a concert, some other hotel guests with incredible voices added excellent harmonies. It was only afterwards that they revealed themselves to be a group of opera singers on tour.

In 2015, the last concert of a choir tour in Ireland was in a chapel in the centre of a famous cemetery in Dublin. Probably beautiful in daylight, the cemetery was dark as shadowy figures completely dressed in black carried the electronic piano in its coffin-like box between the eerie graves to the chapel. It was just before Halloween, so it was perhaps not surprising that the only new members of the audience were two representatives of the tour company!

Fortunately, the choir had taken its own, in the shape of wives and friends, and choir compère Adrian Wilton soon had them all in stitches with rapidly improvised jokes on the quality of the audience and the various visits during the tour.

This centenary year is an ideal time to enjoy a choir concert or to sing along with the Wreckers, perhaps with a drink in hand. If you'd like to give singing a try with a very friendly bunch, come along to a rehearsal in Polperro Methodist Chapel at 7pm on Wednesday evenings. If you prefer, get in touch first via the 'Join the Choir' page of the website or have a preliminary chat during one of the concerts or Wreckers gigs. There are no auditions, just a quick voice test to see what section you should be in. Full details of choir and Wreckers events, and how to join, are available on the website at www.polperrofishermenschoir.co.uk.

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LOOE ROWING CLUB

The weather was not on the racers side for the Pilot Gig Championships 2023, but Looe Mens A managed to fight through the thick fog to defend their world championship title. For the fourth year in a row, the crew went all out to cross the finish line first, with Coverack and Falmouth following behind. The boys in Blue retained the Barrel, the iconic trophy awarded to the fastest men's Crew every year for the past 32 years.



Two of the crews, Ladies Vets A and Mens B, had their races cut short due to the tricky weather conditions. Despite the organisers doing their best to keep racing throughout the challenging changes to the course's visibility, their finals did not go ahead, allowing them to only finish 13th (Vets) and 14th (Mens Open) respectively.

Looe Ladies B shared many of their crew members with the Ladies Vets B crew, likewise with the Mens C and Mens Vets crew. Over two competitions, many of those rowers had to competitively endure up to 6 total rounds of racing. These crews' amazing results are testament to the months of training and fitness that they have worked hard to develop together.

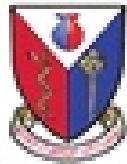


The weekend was unfortunately cut short for the Ladies A. Though they achieved an incredible position with 15th place in their first race, the event marshals ruled that the crew pushed the start line along with three other gigs. The ladies worked tirelessly in the build up to the World Championships, and we have every confidence that they will bounce back stronger than ever in 2024 and the year of regattas ahead. After an action-packed weekend, their chairman Nathaniel Rothwell summed it all up in his post-race speech: "It's not always your victories that define you, but more often your ability to return from defeat".

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PELYNT MALE VOICE CHOIR



The village of Pelynt is situated slightly inland between Looe and Polperro in south east Cornwall. It is a very active village and many of the villagers are associated with agriculture and the farming community.

The first practice for Pelynt Choir was on 4th October 1966 when a group of young men started singing a little more seriously following their participation in the village charity concert. The majority of our members are farmers, or retired farmers and come from a wide area around Pelynt; one member, also a farmer, comes all the way up from Drift, which is beyond Penzance.

The membership has slowly changed over the years and we have 31 members now. We share our enjoyment of singing by giving concerts in churches, chapels, residential homes and various halls in Cornwall and further afield. We give many of our concerts free and only receive a donation. We have very little expenses and no member subscriptions.

Since 1990 we have had an annual trip over the Tamar to many friendly churches and chapels, giving concerts from Ayrshire to Canterbury and Winchester Cathedrals.

We have also joined together with other Cornish male choirs to sing in the Royal Albert Hall and Hall For Cornwall and have participated in the bi-annual Cornwall International Male Choral Festival. 13 of our choristers were members of The Trelawny Choir which has represented Cornwall all over the world. Also a number are currently members of the Men of Cornwall Choir.

Our own concerts have raised considerable funds for various charities over the years, especially the local hospices, and as we often only ask for a donation, we are well booked up throughout the year.

Coming from the parish of Pelynt, home of the famous Bishop Jonathan Trelawny (1650-1721) we have been granted permission by the present Sir John Trelawny, our Choir Vice President, to be known as 'Trelawny's Men'. We are very proud to bear such a distinguished name.

We have a particularly warm and happy spirit, which we are fortunate to share with our musical director John Trethewey, and our accompanist Gabrielle Lewis.

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WELCOME TO LEO MAXWELL

I am very pleased to say that Leo left his details with one of the Trustees at the Societies Day held in March and has agreed to help with Community News. Leo has a background in writing, publishing and IT, so he brings many skills. I look forward to working with him to continue the Community News journey.

Hello everyone!

My name is Leo maxwell. My wife Helen and I moved to Pelynt in late 2019 to be nearer to family.

Prior to retirement, I was IT director for an office products company, and a freelance writer, mainly for the computer press.

I am currently a director of LooeShedders CIC, a company run by volunteers for the benefit of the community.

I look after websites for the Shed and my daughters business.

Taking over LCN has been quite a task, as I use very different software to Kerry, and I needed to get this issue out in a fairly short time, so things may not look quite as professional as they might, but things will improve once I get settled into the role. I must thank Elaine for this opportunity and her editorial guidance, and I hope that LCN will continue as a useful adjunct to local society.

I am also an advocate for the Open source software movement, and the freely available packages listed below were used to compile this issue of LCN.

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