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# MADE-IN-LOOE REGATTA

Never mind Britain's Got Talent, the real 'Voice' opportunities for those with 2024 musical ambitions could rest with the new 'Kids on the Block'... the first-ever Made-in-Looe Regatta, which intends showcasing local talent during three days of maritime entertainment.

The June 14th -16th regatta is a celebration of the South East Cornwall resort's historic boatbuilding heritage but the organisers, the Looe-based Cornish Lugger Association, are also attempting to replicate their Breton cousins whose traditional boat rallies and reunions always feature musical entertainment, food stalls and demonstrations. So while the Made-in-Looe regatta will shine a long-overdue light on the multitude of craft designed and built in the town by Alan Pape, Robert Newton, Clifford Adams, Arthur Collings, the Pearn brothers (Gerald and Norman), Brian Porter, Jim and David Currah, Andy Skentelbery and also those early 1900 boatbuilders such as the Ferris and Angear families among many others, the on-shore activities will be featuring everything that's tasty in the worlds of music and food. Said Lugger Association vice-chairman David Darlington, himself a Looe boatbuilder: "We are going to entertain our visiting boat skippers and their families, as well as local residents, with three full days of entertainment at Mally's Shed (the Looe Harbour Commissioners-owned Quayside Centre on West Looe Quay) where a variety of non-stop music will play from about 3.30 pm each day."

Refreshment outlets will be on hand and Looe Sailing Club members are providing the licensed bar. "We already have Pete Flukes' famous 1960 and '70s band Roadrunners getting back together and we are also very close to tying up all our headline acts," said David. "But what we really want to do is showcase the talents of other musicians to provide entertainment in the late afternoon and early evenings."

The Polperro Fishermen's Choir offshoot, the Wreckers, are already pencilled in for a performance and the local women's choir, Keltique, have also been invited to get involved, but there are still slots available.

"This is the first Made-in-Looe Regatta, so we are very much a fledgling operation with very few funds this time around," said David. "We have numerous financial commitments like insurance, entertainments licences, liquor fees and the like that we have to pay for so, on this occasion, unfortunately, we cannot offer our bands much more than a stage on which to showcase their talents but this would be an ideal chance for some lesser known singers and bands to gain exposure."

Anyone interested in joining the roster should email: [office4luggers@btinternet.com](mailto:office4luggers@btinternet.com)

Plans for the weekend, which will end on the Sunday (June 16) coinciding with Looe Boat Owners' Association's famous raft race around the Banjo and up the Looe river – are progressing well and it looks set to be South East Cornwall's best maritime festival of the year. Already a dozen or so owners of Looe-built boats have expressed an interest in bringing them back 'home' for the weekend reunion and others are being tracked down and invited all the time.

Looe Harbour Commissioners are offering free mooring fees for Looe-built boats taking part in the rally and have given permission for a 'tented village' on West Looe Quay that will act as the base for demonstrations, historical displays and reflections, the licensed bar, food outlets and, of course, the music entertainment.

Meanwhile the next biennial regatta of the Cornish Luggers will be held in Looe Bay in the summer of 2025.

### CLASS ACT:

The Wreckers, an offshoot of the world-famous Polperro Fishermen's Choir who entertained at last May's Cornish Lugger Association regatta, will be performing their sea shanty repertoire again at this June's Made-in-Looe reunion weekend, a celebration of the port's historic boatbuilding heritage.

Picture: John Collings



## LOOE COMMUNITY PLAYERS



On the 18th – 20th January, at The Millpool Community Centre, Looe Community Players entertained the community of Looe, and surrounding areas, with four amazing performances of 'Aladdin'

As usual, our 'ladies only' panto group, featuring the dancers from Sheila's School of Dance, wove their magic and transported the audience through a maze of magical scenes and caves full of jewels as Aladdin tried to bring riches to his mother, the Widow Wonkey, and fulfil his quest to wed the gorgeous Princess Yasmin.

All this, despite the machinations of the evil Magician, Ebenezer.



Of course, in true panto style all ended well. As always, we strive to provide a truly traditional pantomime, weaving magic into a timeless storyline, providing music, dance, and plenty of audience participation. Many thanks to the Millpool Centre, for their support and to the wonderful people of Looe who helped us to achieve that.

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Find out what's coming up at <https://rnli.org/about-us/our-history/2024>.

**Shouts:** Our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Between 1 November 2023 and 14 January 2024 our volunteer crews responding to five shouts. Find out more at: <http://www.loolifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts.htm>

**Souvenir Shop:** Our souvenir shop reopens for the 2024 season on Saturday 10 February 2024. Subject to volunteer availability, and the weather, it will be open daily between 11 am and 4pm. Our shop has a wide range of products, and to commemorate the charity's 200th anniversary we have a selection of special souvenirs that have been carefully chosen and designed with our lifesaving heritage in mind for you to treasure for generations to come.

**Albatross Boathouse:** Our boathouse will reopen to the public from Sunday 24 March 2024 and like our shop it will be open daily between 11 am and 4pm. Our team of volunteer boathouse guides will be on hand to show you the charity's inshore lifeboats and launch tractors. They can answer all your questions and tell you more about the RNLI, the Looe volunteer crew, our shouts and how to keep safe on the water.

**The 2024 Looe Raft Race:** The Looe raft race is back, it's time to get a team together and build a raft. Thanks to the Looe Boat Owners Association the raft race is on Sunday 16 June 2024 at 1.45pm. More information can be found at <https://www.lboa.co.uk/rafrace2024>.

**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>.

**Keeping safe on the coast:** There will be no RNLI lifeguard cover on the Whitsand bay beaches until April / May, so it is more important than ever to Respect the Water, check the tide times, wear appropriate buoyancy aids and take a method of calling for help

If you are on East Looe beach, check the orange windsock on East Looe Town Trust's building by the Old Lifeboat Station. If it is pointing out to sea this denotes an offshore wind which can easily blow an inflatable, stand up paddleboard, kayak or canoe out to sea and hinder your attempts to return to shore safely.



**Float to live:** However you end up in the water, if you get into trouble, remember to Float to Live. Cold water shock is our body's natural response to entering cold water and can very quickly lead to drowning. Floating, even for a short time, allows the effects of cold-water shock to pass. It enables you to regain control of your breathing and your survival chances will greatly increase.

You can learn how to float following these five simple steps:

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2. Relax and try to control your breathing.
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4. Your legs may sink but that's OK – everyone floats differently.
5. Spread your arms and legs to improve your stability.

We actively encourage practising how to float in a safe environment. It's a lifesaving skill and having the confidence to float in a life-or-death situation could make all the difference.

If you see someone struggling in the water, fight your instinct to jump in and help. Stay on land and 999 and ask for the Coastguard at the coast, or Fire & Rescue when inland.

Tell the person in danger to float on their back and throw them something that floats, which they can use for buoyancy.

Find out more at <https://respectthewater.com/>.



## Messages from the Mayor of Looe Cllr Tony Smith



### Happy New Year!

I'd like to start by wishing all our residents a very Happy New Year. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Lantern Parade and Lights switch-on last month, and again at the New Year's Eve fireworks. So much work goes into organising these events and lighting up the town and I can't thank all those involved enough for their work to make Christmas and new year in Looe so special. I understand that outline plans for this year's lanterns and lights have already been discussed and the date for this will be shared as soon as this is agreed.

I also had the pleasure last month of touring the town to see the wonderful lights displayed at homes and businesses around the town. Thank you to all those who contributed to the lighting up of Looe over the festive period – the combined efforts of all involved really help to make the town magical at this time of year.



We sent certificates last month to those we judged as the best displays as well as several others who were highly commended. Winners of each category were:

Best Home Display - 64 Kimlers Way

Best Business Display – Ye Olde Salutation Inn

Best Large Display - Journey's End, Castle Street

### Volunteering in Looe

In last month's edition of the Community News, I discussed the volunteering initiative that I hoped to set up in the town. To quickly update everyone; so far forty people have said that they would like to get actively involved; a further twenty-five have expressed an interest; and emails are still coming in. The BBC got in touch as well so Tracey Pickard, Andy Godsall and I spent some time with Tamsin Melville recording a piece which went out on Spotlight on New Years Eve. We also had some local press coverage. We are now planning our next with all those involved at which we will get into the some of the fine detail as to how we'll make it all work and discuss some early initiatives we can get our teeth into!

## Public Toilets - Seafront

As you'll have seen in the last edition of Looe Community News, The Town Council has decided to introduce a 20p entry fee for use of the Seafront toilets in line with the charges already in place at our Millpool facilities. Paddle gates will be installed at the entrance to both Ladies and Gents toilets in early March with a view to re-opening the site in time for the Easter holidays.

Before the seafront toilets re-open for the 2024 season, the premises are being refurbished and we are taking this opportunity to put in some water-saving devices as well as redecorating the facilities. Our team are currently busy removing old sanitaryware in preparation for new items to be installed. We'll post regular updates about progress on our website, so if you have online access please check our blog or sign up for a weekly newsletter at [www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk)



The accessible toilet at the seafront, like other sites, will remain free to use for those with a RADAR key. If you live in Looe, don't forget that you can buy a Residents Card for access to the charging public toilets in town. It costs £5 for a card with 30 entry credits (i.e. £6-worth) and then re-sets to provide another 30 entries each calendar month at no extra cost. Cards are available from Looe Library or the Town Council Offices at The Millpool, Looe.

## Public Toilets - Guildhall

You may have noticed scaffolding at our Guildhall toilets site over the past couple of months? This was to allow roof access and repair of the glazed lantern above the building. The toilets had to be closed while this work was carried out as we could not ensure the privacy of users whilst contractors were on the roof. At the time of writing, we are waiting for the scaffolding to be removed but the toilets here are now open and remain free to use, as are those on West Looe Quay and Hannaford seafront.

## Council Vehicle



At the end of last year, we leased an electric van for our team to use on a trial basis to see how it helped with moving stock and people between sites and making us more efficient in our ways of working. Whilst there were benefits to this, the type of vehicle on short-term hire was not best suited to our needs so we have now purchased a small utility vehicle for day-to-day council work. Councillors were keen to purchase an electric vehicle rather than petrol or diesel in line with our commitment to the environment. Our e-vehicle also has the benefit of lower running and maintenance costs compared to traditional petrol or diesel vans.

Our new vehicle will soon be branded with Looe Town Council logos so you'll know if it is our team parked near public toilets, etc. Do give us a wave if you see us driving through the town – we'll be the ones going very slowly and quietly.

**Cllr. Tony Smith, Mayor of Looe**



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View over the West Looe river valley from Pelynt

# LOOE NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS

Celebrations returned to Looe on December 31st, with two fantastic firework displays - one at 6pm for families and then the main event at midnight for those out revelling in the town, many in fantastic fancy dress.



Thanks to a small group of volunteers, led by Tracey Pickard and Sally George, the event was able to go ahead with their tireless efforts fundraising throughout 2023.



With financial contributions from Looe Town Council, a number of local businesses and a Go Fund Me page supported by many individuals the financial future of this key event for Looe is now much more certain.

NYE 2024 is already in the planning and with monies carried forward from 2023 (and more than £1,400 collected on the night) the deposit is already secured and new fundraising events will commence soon!



Specials thanks to all those volunteers who came out to steward on the night as well as Looe Town Council, Looe Harbour Commissioners and East Looe Town Trust for their support in allowing the fireworks to go ahead.

If anyone would like to support the 2024 event, be that with fundraising or as steward on the night, please get in touch via [loofireworks2023@gmail.com](mailto:loofireworks2023@gmail.com)

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## NEWS FROM EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST



At the beginning of a new year, it is customary to look back at the past years. East Looe Town Trust have quite a few years to look back on! East Looe Town Trust was formed by Trust Deed in 1890 after the former East Looe Town Council ceased to exist. Although ELTT work co-operatively with Looe Town Council – they are not linked and are completely separate organisations.

The land and property that ELTT own and manage includes the East Looe Beach and Seafront and the Wooldown, as well as buildings, including the Old Guildhall Museum and Gaol, the “new” (1878) Guildhall and a number of other properties. The income from the rent of these buildings and our carparks enables us to continue to maintain and manage the Wooldown and beach for the town residents and visitors to enjoy free of charge. Importantly, it also helps us to maintain in a good state of repair the listed historic buildings of which we are the proud custodians, for the benefit of all and, not least, future generations.

At the end of 2023 Defra announced that the Bathing Water Quality classifications. These are based on data collected by the Environment Agency, and we are pleased to say that Looe is rated as “Good” for another year. During the season (May – September) information on the Bathing Water Quality is displayed on the seafront by the main slipway to the beach. ELTT will continue to work alongside the Environment Agency and other organisations to improve the bathing water quality.

Looe entered 2024 with a bang – with a lovely firework display from the iconic Banjo Pier. The volunteer committee organised the display with support from ELTT, Looe Harbour Commissioners and Looe Town Council.

The Board of Trustees unanimously appointed Andy Bishop to remain the Chair for 2024 with Phil Gibson as Vice-Chair. The board of eight volunteer trustees meet at least once a month at formal board meetings.

Our Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol is closed until April but our intrepid team of volunteers are still working hard in the background. We are always looking for new volunteers – please contact the office if you are interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer.

Our Guildhall Tea Room is also run by volunteers – they are generally open six days a week. Pop in for a cuppa and a biscuit with a friendly chat.

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# WEST LOOE TOWN TRUST



Happy New Year to everyone.

It has been a quiet start to 2024 for the Trust - dealing with normal housekeeping jobs getting ready for the next 12 months.

Parking fees for the first six months have all been paid and new permits issued. We continue to have a waiting list for anyone requiring parking in West Looe so please do get in touch for further details.

At the end of last year the Board saw a couple of changes:



David Stevens

David Stevens retired after serving 19 years as a Trustee, being a true Cornishman and such a great contributor to the Trust.

Paul Richardson has been welcomed as a new Trustee - another true Cornishman who has always lived in Looe and is already well known for all his charity work especially with the Scouts. We are all looking forward to working with Paul and helping the Charity moving forward.



Paul Richardson with his wife, Vicky

The office has also seen some changes with new public opening times of Mondays only - 9 am to 11 am.

Appointments are available outside these times by previous arrangement only please.

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One of our current projects nearing completion:  
A play bus for Looe Primary School

We also run the Looe repair café during the Saturday meeting.

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## Come and Join Us!

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# LIONS CLUB OF LOOE CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL 2023



Christmas is a time where unfortunately there are many people in Looe and the surrounding areas who feel isolated, and there are also families and individuals that find it difficult to purchase those little things that make it special.

So, we reached out to our local community to help us spread some cheer and 145 hampers were delivered to those in need.

We would like to thank all those who helped with organising, packing and delivery, those who donated towards the appeal and those who nominated recipients.

Special thanks go out to Gibson's Ice Cream for collecting the hamper contents and use of their unit, Looe academy staff and pupils for their generous donations, East Looe Co-op for sourcing the hamper contents and the Boundless Trust for facilitating the nomination process.



## LOOE COMMUNITY TEA ROOM

Looe Community Tea Room in the Rose Garden is open Mondays to Saturdays 10 am to 12 pm.

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## OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM AND GAOL



Do you know where Bunny's Hill or Kidenap is?

I have recently been doing some research (I won't share the details with you, I need that subject for another Community News article!) and have been studying the St. Martin's Tithe Map of 1840. At this point I must say a big "thank you" to Jenny Wallis who made it readable.

A Tithe Map was basically a tax calculation tool. It detailed ownership and acreage of manors, fields, woods, quarries, pits, parks and so much more in order to assess how much money was due. My interest lies in the people who lived and worked at those places. It is incredible to think that many of these plots of land are based on medieval or earlier property boundaries and many are still in existence today.

What has been making me smile as I have been going cross-eyed and squinty are the names of some of these plots. Some are very obvious as to what they were used for:- Bee Park, Two Crops, Water Leat & Stone Quarry. Others relate to ownership of the Manor or plot itself such as:- Great Pendrim, Triggs Field, Bake's Park & Duchy Wood.


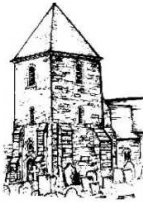


There are many which are just plain cute! Bunny's Hill, Calves House Meadow, Wimble Field and Duck's Pool Hill. A special category has to be created for "A little more imagination, please":- Meadow Behind House, Pasture, Hill and Above Garden.

Then there are the "What on earth?" plots:- Kidenap, Wittercrease, Skreeks Hill and Killing House Meadow. Whatever the names of these places it doesn't deter from the fact that the people of St. Martin's Parish lived, worked and recognised them all.

If you can tolerate a slight headache or own a really good magnifying-glass pop into the RNLI shop and purchase a copy; it is not expensive and is definitely very interesting. You can then locate plot 631 which really made me chuckle, apologies- I was bought up on a diet of Carry On films!

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<b>1st Sun</b>	H. Communion St. Martin's 11 am	H. Communion	Family Service	-
<b>2nd Sun</b>	Morning Prayer + hymns St. Nicholas 9.30 am	Family Service	H. Communion	-
<b>3rd Sun</b>	Worship St. Martin's 11 am	H. Communion	Morning Prayer	-
<b>4th Sun</b>	Café Church Hall 11 a.m.	-	H. Communion	H. Communion
<b>5th Sun</b>	Holy Communion rotating between all churches, 10.30 a.m. (See Websites & Notice Boards)			
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<i>For other events please see websites and notice boards.</i>				

### **Events in St. Martin's Hall**

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## LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



**New Year:** A belated 'Happy New Year' to all our branch members and friends. As we always hold our branch meetings on the first Monday of the month, a special thank you to all those that managed to attend our first meeting of 2024 on New Year's Day.

**Branch Meetings:** Everyone is welcome to attend our friendly and informal meeting. If you are thinking of joining the 'Legion', or just want to know what we do, then please join us at one of our meetings with no obligation to become a member. Meetings start at 7:30 sharp in the ground floor bar of the Looe Social Club, West Looe Quay. They don't last more than an hour and then become a social evening. You don't need to be a member of Looe Social Club to attend our meetings and you don't have to have been a member of the Armed Forces to join the Royal British Legion.

**Looe RBL Annual Dinner:** We are glad to announce that our annual dinner will be held at the Portbyhan Hotel, Quay Road, West Looe, on Friday 16th February. It is a set menu: Starter – French onion soup, Main – Feather blade of beef, buttery mash, seasonal veg, cider cream reduction (fish can be offered for any non-meat eaters). Sweet - Traditional bread and butter pudding with custard. Cost £25.00 per head. To include tea and coffee after dinner would be £26.50 per head. To confirm, the Portbyhan would require a £10.00 deposit per person which is non-refundable. The balance will be required seven days prior to the event date. Any cancellations within 72 hours of the event are non-refundable.

More details and tickets can be obtained from Louis Portman on 01503 598432.

**Free Veterans' Tea and Stickies:** Looe Town Council (LTC) are hosting a free veterans tea and stickies (biscuits) event in the Looe Library and Community Hub on Tuesday 20th February from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. (See poster on page xx). Members of the Looe RBL will be present to answer questions about what we do and hopefully recruit a few new members. With reference to the poster on the event: "NATO Standard" means white with sugar whilst "Julie Andrews" is white without sugar. You learn something new every day!

**Royal British Legion National Helpline:** 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.

**David Welch – Looe RBL Membership Secretary**  
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# VETERANS TEA & STICKIES

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## Pelynt & District Young Farmers Club

Pelynt Young Farmers Club would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas Tinsel Tractor Run on the 17th December 2023. The twinkly lights meandering through, Lanreath, Pelynt, Looe, Duloe and the local community really was incredible as it brought some festive cheer to our wonderful part of Cornwall. Our two charities this year are the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) and the Cornwall Air Ambulance, which our Christmas Tractor Run alone raised an amazing £2500 towards these two charities. Pelynt YFC has two Just Giving pages open if you would like to donate to either of these charities.

Thank you to Lanreath Village Hall & The Topsy Cow for the use of their carpark to start and finish the tractor run and providing festive drinks and food throughout the afternoon / evening.

A huge thank you must also go to Tina Hicks (Looe Harbour Master) and Dave Bond and all the staff at the Looe Harbour Commissioners for allowing the procession to stop in the Buller Quay Carpark for an hour and doing an amazing job of squeezing all 50 decorated tractors in. It really was magical and brought a real festive feel to our community and everyone involved. Thank you to the Copperfish for providing a venue for Mike Alsop the DJ and thank you so much to the Mayor Tony Smith and Cllr Armand Toms who had the tough job of judging the tractors this year.

The winning tractors were:

1st - Annabella Smith,

2nd - Alan Rundle,

3rd - James Ede.

Prizes kindly donated by  
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Pelynt Young Farmers will be bagging some quality horse and cow dung ready for deliveries on the 17th February for our annual Charity Dung Run so please get your orders in.

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**Pelynt Young Farmers Club**

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## LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

On Saturday 10th February Molly Boxall will give a talk about her first job, working for Peggy Price at Shallowpool making costumes for dolls in national dress, in the sort of small cottage industry that is so rarely found nowadays.

To celebrate St Piran's Day on Tuesday 5th March we will have a pasty lunch with entertainment in St Martin's Hall. Details at the February meeting.

Our AGM will be on Saturday 9th March, when we will elect our committee for next year and Armand Toms will talk about researching his family tree. There will be a light afternoon tea after the talk.

Regular meetings are all held at 2.30 pm at St Martin's Hall, Looe on the second Saturday of the month, and the talk is followed by a raffle and tea and cake. All welcome, £2 to visitors, members free. Do come – you don't have to be old or Cornish.

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# LOOE MARINE CONSERVATION GROUP



We launched our 2024 Events Programme at our New Year Beach Clean offering a fantastic choice of talks, beach cleans and rockpooling events throughout the year.

## ATLANTIC BLUE FIN TUNA TALK!

Our next talk on Tuesday February 20 is 'not to miss' if you'd like to know more about Atlantic bluefin tuna appearing off the coast of Cornwall. We look forward to welcoming our speaker, Tom Horton from Exeter University.

Our winter talks take place every third Tuesday of the month when we meet upstairs at the RNLI Station at 6.15 pm. After our talks, why not stay for our volunteers meeting to learn how you can be involved in marine conservation in Looe. No knowledge necessary. Whatever skillset you have e.g. good organiser/ administrator, social media/ technology/website management or just pure enthusiasm or practical skills, come along to find out how you might help. We really need you!



## BEACH CLEANS & ROCKPOOLS

If Beach Cleans and exploring the rocky shore are more your kind of thing, then make room in your diary over the weekend of Feb 10/11 for both the 'Love your beach' beach clean at Seaton on Saturday 10 February and a 'Rockpool Ramble' at Hannafore Beach West Looe on Sunday 11 February. Both events start at 12 noon with all kit provided. Our events are FREE but donations are welcome. We're a friendly bunch – come and meet us!



SAT, FEB 10 AT 12 PM  
Love Your Beach Day Clean at Seaton



SUN, FEB 11 AT 12 PM  
February Half Term Rockpool Ramble



TUE, FEB 20 AT 6:15 PM  
Talk & Meeting: Occurrence and migrations of Atlantic bluefin tu...

All event details for the year can be found on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LooeMCG/events>



## KELTIQUE NEWS



### Christmas Concerts

Christmas time is always a busy period for Keltique and last year was no exception. We thank our visitors, supporters, friends and family who came along to any of our December concerts:

- 1st December at the Social Club Looe;
- 4th December joint concert with Polperro Primary in the Methodist Chapel, Polperro;
- 11th December Christmas Concert at the Riverside Church;
- 16th December Carols singalong on West Looe Quay;
- 17th December at the Smugglers at Seaton;
- 18th December Candlelit Carols Concert in St Nicholas Church, West Looe;
- 20th December Christmas Concert and Sing Along at Kilminorth Cottages;
- 22nd December Joint Christmas Concert with the Rame Male Choir  
in the Kingsand Village Hall, and finally
- 23rd December concert at the Hannafore Kiosk.

### Fundraising

Every year, we fundraise for a charity of our choice and we thank everybody for the generous contributions they dropped into our buckets during our concerts throughout the year. We are delighted to be able to hand over a cheque for £1100 to Ellie's Haven, our chosen charity for 2023.

### Future concerts

We have just completed our first charity concert of the year on Saturday 26th January in St Martin's Church in Liskeard where we shared the bill with the Polperro Fishermen's choir in aid of Cancer Research UK.

The choir is in the process of choosing the next six songs to add to our repertoire, in readiness for our 2024 concerts.

For more information about Keltique, including details of events, check out our website at [www.keltique.org.uk](http://www.keltique.org.uk), our Facebook page, or contact Penny at [pennyweston@outlook.com](mailto:pennyweston@outlook.com)

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# LOOE FLOOD DEFENCE AND REGENERATION SCHEME



The project team have worked closely with the Save Banjo Pier (SBP) group over the past three months to assess their alternative proposal for protecting Looe from flooding and would like to thank members of the group for the positive way in which they engaged with the process.

Unfortunately, the analysis has shown that the SBP option does not meet the required viability tests and struggled to meet safety requirements. Hence it will not be taken forward to the next stage.

This means that work will continue to focus on developing the Outline Business Case based on the Tidal Barrier with Breakwaters and the Tidal Barrier only options which will deliver the aims of the scheme. These were the top two options selected by the community at the public engagement events held in June and July 2023.

We recognise that the SBP group will be disappointed by this outcome. However, we hope that they will work with the project team to develop and support the business case and help to secure the funding needed to protect Looe from increased flooding over the next 50 to 100 years and promote economic growth in the town and the wider East Cornwall area.

While the key aim of the Flood Defence scheme is to protect Looe from frequent and severe flooding for the next 50 to 100 years, the scheme also needs to demonstrate how the preferred option will promote economic growth. **Making the economic regeneration case will be vital to securing the funding needed to deliver the scheme.**

Seven potential options for delivering the aims of the Flood Defence and Regeneration scheme were presented at the engagement events held last summer. Immediately prior to the engagement events, however, a petition opposing these options and putting forward an alternative option was created by the Save Banjo Pier (SBP) group.

Aimed primarily at protecting Banjo Pier, the proposed SBP scheme involves constructing a smaller breakwater at the mouth of the river and a low-level flood wall throughout both sides of the town. The walls stop around Looe Bridge. The option includes a West Looe pathway extension to the new breakwater and Hannafore, which is a popular feature of the Tidal Barrier and Breakwaters option.

The option put forward by the Save Banjo Pier group has been taken very seriously. As each of the other options had already been assessed against a range of technical, economic and environmental criteria, it was agreed that the Save Banjo Pier proposal needed to be assessed using the same criteria to see if it was safe and viable before a more detailed assessment was carried out.

A number of meetings and workshop sessions were held with the SBP group and other stakeholders to look at the proposals in more detail. This work included investigating issues relating to safety, including berthing of vessels, breakwater functions, available harbour and safe refuges, accessibility at different states of the tide and wave climate. The safety assessment identified a number of issues relating to the design of the SBP proposal.

The SBP option will create greater navigational risks as vessels will be forced east, pushing them into conflict with swimmers and other users of the popular East Looe beach in shallow waters. There is also a threat to the structure of Banjo Pier caused by rising sea levels and climate change which will bring more frequent and severe storms.

There are also concerns over the size of the harbour entrance, with the larger entrance proposed by the SBP option resulting in significantly higher waves which would make it hazardous for people getting on and off boats and, in severe weather, could cause damage to the SBP proposed pontoon unless it was removed and stored in a safe location. In addition, the inability of the SBP option to significantly reduce wave energy will also have a knock-on effect to the necessary height of walls to be provided in the harbour. Unless the wall height is increased, the standard of flood protection to the town will be reduced thus reducing its economic benefit.

The viability assessment investigated the costs of maintaining Banjo Pier and the existing harbour walls created by the SBP proposal.

The Pier is already subject to wave over-wash which is damaging the structure and forcing closure for public safety reasons. As sea levels rise the Pier will be over topped more frequently and this will eventually lead to major repairs or rebuilding being needed. Although the SBP option would mean that Banjo Pier would not be extended, work will still be needed to strengthen the structure in the future.

Taking into account the costs of the group's revised wall alignment and the costs of strengthening Banjo Pier, the estimated outline costs of constructing the SBP option is £164m. When future development, operational and maintenance costs over the next 100 years are added, then the overall Project Cost is £199m. Looe will be competing for funding with other flood prevention projects up and down the country. To secure funding the business case will need to demonstrate how the scheme will protect key transport links, including main roads in and out of the town and rail services, as well as how it will protect and enhance the visitor and marine economy.

Detailed work was carried out on the potential for the option to deliver growth for the town. This was shared with the SBP group who were invited to come up with additional means of economic regeneration in order to be able to afford the cost.



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• Flood Adaptation



• Tidal Barrier Only



• Tidal Barrier with Breakwaters

Although the smaller southern breakwater would provide some additional berthing for day trip and glass bottomed boats, the lack of depth at all states of the tide would create significant difficulties for both deeper drafted vessels and ferries, meaning that a scheduled ferry service would not be able to operate. This will have an impact on the projected number of visitors, and on visitor spend, in the town.

To be considered viable a scheme needs to have a Benefit to Cost Ratio (BCR) score of at least 1. The BCR scores for the top two options as selected by the community (Tidal Barrier and Breakwaters (TB+B) option and Tidal Barrier only option (TB)) are now 2.32 and 3.21 respectively. Comparing the costs of the SBP scheme with the economic benefit results in a Benefit to Cost Ratio of 0.98. As this is below 1, this means that the SBP option fails to pass the economic viability test.

The Outline Business Case aimed at securing the funding needed to deliver the scheme is currently due to be submitted to the Government in the Spring.

Securing the funding needed to protect Looe from flooding in the future will require the whole town to work together. There are many other places across the country seeking funding for flood prevention works and the Government and other potential investors.

It will be important to show significant support for the final scheme and we look forward to working with the Save Banjo Pier group and other stakeholders to make Looe's case.



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## LOOE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

This year, the Harbour team stepped up a level with regards to the Christmas lights, ensuring that there were more lights than ever before around the Harbour area. Whilst supporting other town organisations to erect their Christmas lights, team also created a new display for the river and repaired/re-rope many of the displays that needed attention. Looe Harbour Commissioners are pleased to continue to do this moving forward (at their own cost) with the aim of bringing 'Christmas Sparkle' to locals and visitors alike.

We continue to work with other groups and organisations in the town to assist and support events in and around the Harbour.

On Friday 1st December, the Quayside Centre (Mally's Shed), West Looe was used for the culmination of the lantern procession/carol service along with the big Christmas lights switch on. The same evening the Harbour worked together with Looe Fire Brigade and South-Western Ambulance Trust (SWAST) to provide a drop-in defibrillator training session at the Fire Station. The sessions were well attended by a variety of age groups. Thank you to Looe Fire Brigade for providing the venue to allow this to happen.

The Quayside Centre was also used throughout December for Christmas Markets, exhibiting local crafts and produce. Choirs also performed during December for their Christmas concerts. Looe Harbour Commissioners offered free parking on Buller Quay car park and West Looe Quay on all Saturdays in December, leading up to Christmas. The request came from local traders to encourage shoppers to do their Christmas shopping locally.

Looe Harbour Commissioners supported Pelynt Young Farmers fundraising efforts in aid of Cornwall Air Ambulance by offering the use of Buller Quay car park as a breakpoint during their iChristmas lights tractor tour. A fantastic evening and very well supported. The Harbour are keen to support local fundraising efforts wherever possible.

Once again, the Banjo Pier was used for the Annual New Year's Eve firework display, which was well supported and enjoyed by many.

Looe Harbour Commissioners are proud to support Tina Hicks, Chief Executive in her project of raising funds to gain 19 defibrillators for Looe. Tina's work has been recognised by South Western Ambulance Service Trust (SWAST) as Tina has been awarded a Chief Executive's Commendation, for the fabulous work she has carried out in bringing the Looe Defibrillator Project to fruition. On 29th November, Tina attended the Award Ceremony held at St Mellion Estate to receive her Award.

I would like to personally thank all the groups, organisations and residents that came to East Looe beach to film the short video of 'thanks' to Tina. The video was shown at the Awards Ceremony and was a well-deserved show of appreciation from the town.



Neil Richardson, a local gentleman, also attended the Ceremony with his daughter Carolyn, son-in-law Stan and grandson Connor. Neil gave his own personal story of how his amazing family recently saved his life with one of the Looe defibrillators.

The Harbour team continue to support the film crew of 'Beyond Paradise'. Series one proved popular and many of you would have watched the Christmas episode. Series two has already been filmed and will be shown early 2024. Discussions have been held regarding a third series being filmed in Looe. I am sure this is a positive step for Looe, encouraging tourists to our beautiful town.

I take this opportunity on behalf of Looe Harbour Commissioners to wish you all a happy and prosperous new year.

**David Bond**  
**Chairman**

## **AGE CONCERN LOOE**

Age Concern Looe meet every Tuesday afternoon  
between 1.30pm and 4 pm in the bottom bar  
of the Looe Social Club.

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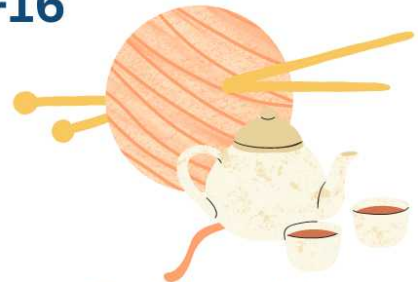
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# LOOE BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION



Hello and Happy New Year from the Looe Boat Owners' Association (LBOA).

You can find out more about us on our website [www.lboa.co.uk](http://www.lboa.co.uk) but briefly we are a group of 50 or so members, some boat owners, but many not, who got together some 20 or so years ago to promote, protect and further the interest of boating in Looe and the surrounding district, at the same time getting together to enjoy social events on the water or onshore.

We work closely with the Looe Harbour Commission in our projects, which have in the past included setting up the West Quarries Barbecue and Picnic Site, which is open to all, as well as the refuelling steps in East Looe and the enhanced Millpool Slipway.

At the same time, through the annual sales of our Looe Tide Timetables, we have raised funds for local projects, such as the supply of public defibrillators, as well as helping local youth organisations, such as The Sea Scouts, Guides, The Haven Youth Club, and Looe Sailing Club Juniors.

And in what is possibly our most well-known venture, under the auspices of the RNLI, we organise and run the Annual Looe Raft Race, originally the brainchild of Association President Dave Peat.

But most of our meetings are about having fun, and we have a full programme of events throughout the year, some on the water, but many more regularly held in The Looe Sailing Club. Full details of our 2024 programme are shown below. Why not drop in on one and see whether we're your sort of people.

## **LBOA Events 2024:**

All indoor events take place at Looe Sailing Club, starting at 7.30 p.m.

**Tuesday 20th February:** Skittles and Supper Night.

**Saturday 20th March 11.00 a.m.** West Quarries Clean-up and free BBQ(Picnicsite)

**April (A Saturday morning TBA):** Looe Harbour Clean and free refreshments.  
(West Looe)

**April 16th:** AGM and Pre-season Supper.

**Tuesday 21st May:** Wine Tasting.

**Sunday 16th June:** Looe Raft Race, East Looe Beach/ RNLI

**Thursday 4th July 4.30 p.m:** Boat Trip to Fowey / Fish Supper (West Looe Quay)

**Friday 16th August 2.00 p.m:** Looe Island Boat Trip and Picnic. (East Looe Quay)

**Monday 9th September 8.30 p.m:** Shark Fishing Trip (East Looe Quay)

**Wednesday 18th September 6.00 p.m:** Floating Treasure Hunt and Supper (East Looe River )

**Tuesday 22nd October:** Quiz Night and Supper.

**Tuesday 19th November:** Skittles Night and Supper.

**December** - Christmas Dinner. (TBA)

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# LOOE LIBRARY

## MONTHLY UPDATE

### LAST MONTH AT LOOE

During the Christmas holidays, some of our young borrowers got very messy with glitter & paint, creating sparkly baubles and painted Christmas cards – perfect for taking home to hang on the tree and share with family.



2023 was a fabulous year at Looe Library and we are very much looking forward to sharing 2024 with our community and our wonderful borrowers, old and new.

Catherine

Supervisor, Looe Library & Community Hub

### FREE CLUBS & GROUPS

**Warm Space** EVERY TUESDAY & FRIDAY 10AM-12PM

**Stories & Songs** EVERY MONDAY 10:30-11AM

**Knit & Natter** EVERY TUESDAY 2-4PM

**Lego Club** EVERY SATURDAY 11AM-1PM



We were one of the very lucky libraries to be treated to a captivating performance of 'Nadelick' which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Somehow we managed to squeeze an audience of 30+ into our teeny, tiny, Junior Library!



The Looe Library Team are embracing our 'New Year, New Hobby' theme and will be running Art & Craft Sessions that we hope will inspire...

### New Year - New Hobby Adult Arts & Crafts Sessions at Looe Library

Tues 9th Jan  
Drawing for Beginners



Tues 23rd Jan  
Candle Marbling



Tues 6th Feb  
Wireworked Jewellery



Fri 16th Feb  
Knitting for Beginners



10:30am-midday

Refreshments  
provided

To book your **FREE** place:

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## **Celebrate Cricket and Community Spirit:**

### **Cornwall Cricket Board Hosts Pre-Season Party**

Cornwall Cricket Board is excited to announce its Pre-Season Party set to take place at the Penventon Hotel in Redruth on March 29th. This event marks the beginning of a new fundraising initiative aimed at bolstering the growth and support of cricket across Cornwall.

The evening promises an unforgettable experience, featuring a three-course meal, a talented magician, auction, and dancing. All proceeds will directly benefit the Board for Cricket in Cornwall.

Cornwall Cricket Board is a not-for-profit and 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.

Among its multifaceted efforts, the Board champions pathway cricket, enabling aspiring young talents to compete across the southwest, paving their way towards professional teams. Furthermore, the board's dedication to supporting disability cricket embarks on an exciting journey, with plans for their first competitive season in 2024.

In addition to nurturing players, the Cornwall Cricket Board is instrumental in developing the sport's backbone by providing comprehensive training for coaches, umpires, and other crucial personnel. Their support extends to cricket clubs across the county, fostering a robust cricketing ecosystem.

"We're thrilled to launch this Pre-Season Party, celebrating the spirit of cricket and community support," expressed Tamsin Chapman-Gunner, Marketing and Fundraising Officer. "This event not only promises an enjoyable evening but also serves as a pivotal fundraiser, enabling us to further our mission in nurturing cricket across Cornwall."

Managing Director Joe Skinner added: "The Pre-Season Party provides an excellent opportunity for people and business to support inclusion across the county. All proceeds being put towards worthy projects that help personal and community cohesion. Our main aim is to provide children from low socio-economic areas with the opportunity to experience the sport and become physically active. We are grateful for the support and looking forward to welcoming people to the event."

Tickets for the event are available for purchase at £55 each or £500 for a table of 10 by emailing [tamsin@cornwallcricket.co.uk](mailto:tamsin@cornwallcricket.co.uk). Join us for an evening filled with camaraderie, entertainment, and the chance to make a meaningful difference in Cornwall's cricketing landscape.

For more information, sponsorship opportunities, or ticket purchases, please contact Tamsin on the details above.



## **Must Step Podiatry Tracy Mustoe HCPC Registered Podiatrist**



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## **LOOE AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB**

Happy New Year! Turn your back and all of a sudden, it's Valentine's Day. To celebrate this we have the wonderful demonstrator Angela Hyland - the title of her demonstration is "Fleurtatious". Angela will be at our meeting on February 6th, 2pm at Pelynt Village Hall. Non-members are very welcome; our visitor's fee is £5. Join us for a cuppa and chat and be inspired by some creative floral designs.



At our meeting on March 5th we have a speaker from "Larches and Blooms" – our local cut flower growers. As a club we feel it is important to support our local growers; it will be interesting to hear about their growing year and flowers produced. Join for an interesting afternoon.

The 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 if you have any questions.

# LOOE SAILING CLUB

Now that most of the boats are stored away for the winter, activities have been mostly based indoors, although a small number of the club's Laser fleet have been seen to venture out for the occasional Saturday morning sail when the weather was suitable.

The annual Dinner and Dance, held as usual at the Hannafore Point Hotel, was a great success with over 100 sailors and family thoroughly enjoying the evening. After the meal Commodore Callum Dingle presented an account of the past season in his own inimitable style. This was followed by the presentation of trophies by his sailing partner Scarlett Crago. Then to the dance floor for the remainder of the evening.

Many thanks go to the staff of the Hannafore Point for their excellent service both with the meal and behind the bar.

Christmas Eve saw the usual gathering in the clubhouse accompanied by the music of Richard James and his guitar.

The first main event of the New Year is the Sailing Members meeting on Saturday 27th January when members have their chance to have a say about the proposed sailing programme for the forthcoming year which is due to start in late March.

This year the club will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary on Saturday 27th April, we hope to be joined by many of our former members on this important occasion in the history of the club.

Later in the year Looe will be hosting both the National Enterprise Championships at the end of July and nearly a month later the Redwing fleet will be returning to their home base in Looe for their annual championships.



Are you retired or semi-retired?  
Looking for some lively company, fun  
friendships and stimulating activities?  
Then why not join Looe & District u3a.

We are a friendly organisation meeting once a month in St. Martin's Hall to listen to informative speakers covering a wide range of topics. We also have smaller Interest groups: from Art to Wild Swimming and everything in between!

Enjoy social events? We arrange many trips, concerts, quizzes, lunches and teas.



The motto of the u3a organisation is  
**Learn, Laugh, Live** and that's what we do!  
Check out our website on [looeu3a.org](http://looeu3a.org)

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## Millpool Centre Timetable

Mon	7.45am– 9am 10.30am– 11.30 5pm– 6.15pm 3pm, 4.30pm, 6pm 7.30pm - 9pm	Yoga with Gocha: <a href="http://www.gochawellness.com">www.gochawellness.com</a> Paracise: New exercise class with Lisa Gorman 1st floor Yoga with Maria - contact - 07980 533 050 1st floor Slimming World contact Rachel: 07463 929 696 Looe Karate Club –Contact Dave - 07889 310 908 1st floor
Tues	8.30am & 9.45am 11am - 12pm 2pm - 3.30pm 6.pm - 6.45pm 7pm - 7.45pm	Pilates with Kerry - 07588 220 007 1st floor 50 Plus Dancercise with Sheila's School of Dance 07866771429 Gentle Exercise Class with Looe Exercise Club - 01503 265947 1st floor Power Hooping : Bond Fitness 07779 059 868 1st floor Pure Stretch : Bond Fitness 07779 059 868 1st floor
Weds	7.45am—9am 6pm - 7pm 7pm - 8pm 10am - 3pm	Yoga with Gocha 07539 178 840 1st floor Adult contemporary dance with Gocha wellness 1st floor Pilates: Gocha Wellness 1st floor Lloyds Bank - Online and advice service only (no cash)
Thurs	11am - 12pm 4pm - 8.30pm 7pm - 9pm	Sheila's School of Dance Adult Dancercise - 07866 771 429 1st floor Ballet & Tap classes, contemporary & street Child & Adult with Dance with Jodie 1st floor : call Jodie on 07584 428 163 1st floor (TERM TIME ONLY) Ukulele Club (Ground Floor) contact Roger Lane: 01503 262775(starts end July 2021) ground floor
Fri	4.30pm - 7.30pm 6pm - 7.15pm 7.30pm - 9pm	Looe Youth Theatre - 07920 282 818 (Fiona) ground floor (Term time only) Multi-Fit Exercise Class (Hooping, Body Conditioning, Pure Stretch) Bond Fitness with Denise Bond 07779 059 868 1st floor Looe Karate club 01503 264767 (Dave) 1st floor
Sat		
Sun		
<p>Sat &amp; Sun Centre Available For Private Hire - 01503 265947</p> <p>The Millpool Centre, West Looe. PL13 2AF : <a href="mailto:manager@millpoolcentre.org">manager@millpoolcentre.org</a></p>		

## AND FINALLY ....

In the 1990's Looe's volunteers started to transform the Port's Christmas Lights – the streets and buildings, the seafront, the Rose Garden and Mariner's Garden.

As the years entered the 21st Century, the Harbour Commissioners joined in the melee: both Harbour quaysides, the harbour itself including vessels, the bridge - all became involved in what was to be the magnificent, magical appearance involving the Looe Community Forum, Looe Development Trust and the East Looe Town Trust. Funding was sought, and obtained, to provide the substantial (legal) lighting requirements and today, that annual funding is still sought alongside annual donations from Looe Town Council, West Looe Town Trust amongst requests for donations made to individuals, residents, householders and businesses.

The result? The colourful picture painted wherever one looks; of the Harbour, the streets and shopping areas, the seafront and Trust buildings, the quaysides, the bridge and arches, illuminated properties on the hillsides leading down to the river and harbour, all exuding....'beauteous festive magic' throughout.

The stage events, Church and open air services, carol concerts, musical and dance shows, the Looe Community Players pantomime, the big "Switch-on", Santa's arrival, parades, Lantern procession, fayres and fetes, fancy dress, fireworks. Everything is for Looe, its population, plus anyone who wishes to come, view, shop, listen to and join in the music, attend the services, take to heart the beauty of its surroundings, become part of the ambience.....all provided by YOU, for YOU, the population of Looe. Yes, YOU, as the town, and the festive season needs each and everyone.

The Mayor has asked for volunteers (as those who put it all together originally are either now too long in the tooth or, mentioned with immense sadness, those original team members who are no longer with us but are lovingly remembered, each and every one, for their roles (and antics) of the past. They enjoyed themselves, including hanging on to ladders and lamp posts as Lady Godiva rode past on pillion! YOU could enjoy that community spirit - please consider volunteering for roles in connection with the lighting, Christmas events and the season's publicity, fundraising with your new and additional ideas through the year to produce the festive appearance of the town, known as the picturesque and historic small Cornish fishing port.

As Looe's teams did over the years, using their abilities and knowledge, no matter how in depth or out of their depth they were, they succeeded in producing the result which you have been seeing over the past years (since 1998). It is now YOUR time to show your mettle, your abilities, your consideration for those to whom Christmas is so very, very much appreciated.....and to carry the festive appearance forward to even greater sights....and heights...and lights!

**Thank You**  
**Dave Holford**

*Ed: Dave thinks that he is retiring apparently ..... We'll see. We owe Dave many thanks for lots of reasons, not least his ability to persuade (I use the term loosely!) others to get involved. That's why I have been doing this for about 12 years! But seriously, thank you Dave for having the energy and commitment to galvanise people to make Looe a special place to be.*

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