

# LOOE COMMUNITY NEWS DECEMBER 2024 – JANUARY 2025

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WELCOME TO  
**Looe &  
Polperro**

# CHRISTMAS *in* LOOE

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## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENINGS

**4~8pm Nov 29th, Dec 5th, 12th & 19th**

MUSIC • ENTERTAINMENT • SANTA'S GROTT • FACE PAINTING & MUCH MORE

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## Message from Mayor of Looe Cllr Tony Smith



It was a pleasure to visit the cadets at their Open Day this month and to see such a strong turnout on Remembrance Sunday, where we remembered all those who died serving their country. Looking ahead, we have an exciting lineup of events in the run up to Christmas, including the Annual Lantern Parade and late-night shopping evenings throughout December. We've worked closely with Cornwall Highways to make these events accessible, ensuring locals, shoppers, and tourists can easily access the town despite the necessary closures in place. I'm grateful for their support and your patience during this essential work. The message is clear: Looe is open for business. Please help to support our local shops, pubs and restaurants during this difficult period. Shop local this festive season, support our businesses, and continue to make Looe thrive!!

### Full council Meetings

A full council meeting was held on 21st October the meeting agenda, which is accessible on the Looe Town Council website, discussed a variety of topics, including, supporting the 2025 Food Festival, the future maintenance of Hannafore rose beds and ongoing support for the Lantern Parade and Christmas light-switch on commencing 29th November. Details of all council meetings can be found on our website.

### Remembrance Day.

On Sunday, 10th November, Looe held a memorial service to honour and remember all those who died serving their country. The ceremony was attended by local councillors, who laid a wreath in a gesture of respect and remembrance. Various community groups, along with the local MP Anna Gelderd, also gathered to pay their respects. Looe Town Council would like to thank, Looe British Legion the St Pinnock Band and Looe Lions for assisting with this event.



### Mayor Cllr Tony Smith at Looe, Army Cadet Open Day.

Mayor Cllr Tony Smith attending the Cadet Open Day in Looe, an event that engaged with cadets and the local community. The event underscored the important role cadet programmes play in equipping young people with practical skills and fostering qualities like teamwork and resilience





## Looe Library & Community Hub Events

Looe Library and Community Hub embraced the Halloween spirit this season with “Pumpkins and Poems” led by local author JT. Scott, along with a creepy crafts workshop. Early November kicked off the first lantern workshop where attendees produced amazing creations like jellyfish and shark lanterns in preparation for the annual lantern parade on 29th November.

If you are hoping to attend the lantern parade, here is everything you need to know:

### **SAVE THE DATE: Looe Lantern Parade & Christmas Light Switch On!**

**6:30PM Lanterns depart from Millpool.**

**7:00PM onwards: Light Switch On, Arrival of Santa, Fireworks, Late Night Shopping.**

## A Few Thank Yous!



We would like to thank the Looe Valley Rotary Club for organising the Wrap Up for Winter scheme once again this season. This initiative, which collects warm winter coats for those in need, makes a meaningful difference in and around the community. Looe Library & Community Hub hosted one of the collection boxes—it was truly inspiring to see how quickly the boxes filled up! We would also like to thank Looe Shedders (pictured) for collecting our old community shed. They are repurposing it to create a tool shed at the allotment, which will serve as a project for individuals with mental health

needs. We are excited to see how this valuable project progresses!

***If you have a query regarding any of the topics addressed in this segment or wish to share a good news story with the council, please contact us via the address or phone number below***

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## THE FESTIVE CALENDAR

There are many, many events happening in and around Looe over the next few weeks. The following are just a few of them. The details are as accurate as we can make them but please check the Facebook pages of the organisers before going to an event to ensure that the time and venue have not changed. For a more comprehensive list please go to:

<http://www.christmasinlooe.com> and <http://www.looenye.com/>.

### Friday 22nd November

7.30pm Pelynt Village Hall Pelynt Players Pantomime: Snow White

For tickets go to <https://pelyntplayers.co.uk/>

### Saturday 23rd November

12 noon to 3pm St Martin's Church Hall Christmas Fayre

2pm Pelynt Village Hall Snow White

*Ticket information as 22nd November above*

7.30pm Pensilva Millennium Hall Polperro Fishermen's Choir and Polperro Wreckers Christmas Concert

7.30pm Pelynt Village Hall Snow White

*Ticket information as 22nd November above*

### Sunday 24th November

10am to 12 noon Duloe Village Hall Wreath making workshop

1pm-2pm Duloe Village Hall Christmas Workshop for Children & Parents

email: [wreathworkshopxmas@gmail.com](mailto:wreathworkshopxmas@gmail.com)

### Thursday 28th November

10am to 4pm Polperro Methodist Church Local Produce and Craft Market

### Friday 29th November

Build a Snowman at the Lookout, from Friday 29th November to 24th December during opening hours – see FB page

4pm-8pm Christmas Shopping in Looe – **Free parking**, entertainment, music, face painting and more

6.30pm Lantern Parade leaves the Millpool and travels via the bridge, Fore Street and Higher Market Street to the seafront -See poster on page 9

7.00pm East Looe seafront, Looe Lights Switch-on, late night shopping, Community Carols, Santa's arrival, Fireworks -See poster on page 9

7.30pm Pelynt Village Hall Snow White

*Ticket information as 22nd November above*

### Saturday 30th November

10am to 1pm Widegates Village Hall Christmas Craft Market

10am to 3pm Quayside Centre, West Looe Christmas Market

2pm Pelynt Village Hall Snow White

*Ticket information as 22nd November above*

From midday Polperro Lights Switch-on. **Free parking**. Meet Father Christmas, craft market, community choirs, festive food, lantern parade

7.30pm Polperro Wreckers

7.30pm Pelynt Village Hall Snow White

*Ticket information as 22nd November above*

### Sunday 1st December

Time TBC The Eden Project Keltique

6pm St Nicholas Church Taize Service

**Monday 2nd December**

From 3.15pm      Widegates      Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on (4.15pm)

**Wednesday 4th December**

7.30pm      St Martin's Church      RNLI Carol Concert with Pelynt Male Voice Choir

**Thursday 5th December**

10am to 4pm      Polperro Methodist Church      Local Produce and Craft Market  
 4pm-8pm      Christmas Shopping in Looe      [Free parking](#), music, entertainment, face  
 painting and more  
 5pm      Paws for Coffee. Fore Street, Looe. Meet Santa & friends  
 5pm - 7.30pm      Meet Santa at The Joke & Shell Shop

**Friday 6th December**

From 7pm      Widegates Village Hall      Christmas Bingo

**Saturday 7th December**

[Free parking at West Looe Quay and Buller Quay Carpark East Looe](#)  
 9.30am-12.30pm      No Man's Land Village Hall      Producers' market

**Monday 9th December**

8.00pm      Portbyhan Hotel, West Looe      Keltique

**Wednesday 11th December**

1.30pm-4pm      Trenode School      Christmas Fair

**Thursday 12th December**

10am to 4pm      Polperro Methodist Church      Local Produce and Craft Market  
 3pm-8pm      The Haven (above Simply Fish)      Boundless Trust Charity Craft and Gift Fair  
 4pm-8pm      Christmas Shopping in Looe      [Free parking](#), music, entertainment, face  
 painting and more  
 5pm - 7.30pm      Meet Santa at the Joke & Shell Shop  
 From 5.15pm      Looe Lions Santa's tour  
*See information on pages 13 and 31 and Looe Lions FB page*

**Friday 13th December**

From 5.15pm      Looe Lions Santa's tour  
*See information on pages 13 and 31 and Looe Lions FB page*  
 From 6.00pm      Duchy Nurseries late shopping evening with Keltique  
 7.00pm      Tencreek Holiday Park      Sheila's 30th Christmas Dance Show  
*See poster on page 17 for tickets*  
 7.30pm      Widegates Village Hall      Christmas Quiz

**Saturday 14th December**

[Free parking at West Looe Quay and Buller Quay Carpark East Looe](#)  
 10am to 3pm      Quayside Centre, West Looe      Christmas Market  
 10am to 4pm      Lanreath Village Hall      Christmas Table Top Sale  
*Fundraiser for the Village Hall and shop*  
 From 5pm      Lanreath Village Hall      Christmas Barn Dance  
*Fundraiser for the Village Hall and shop*  
 Looe Old Cornwall Society      Christmas Party  
 From 5.15pm      Looe Lions Santa's tour  
*See information on pages 13 and 31 and Looe Lions FB page*  
 7.00pm      Tencreek Holiday Park      Sheila's 30th Christmas Dance Show  
*See poster on page 17 for tickets*



**Sunday 15th December**

2.30pm West Looe Quayside Centre  
 4pm-7pm Pelynt

Polperro Fishermen's Choir Christmas Concert  
 Young Farmers Tinsel Tractor Run

**Monday 16th December**

From 5.15pm Looe Lions Santa's tour

*See information on pages 13 and 31 and Looe Lions FB page*

7.30pm St Nicholas Church, West Looe Keltique

**Tuesday 17th December**

From 5.15pm Looe Lions Santa's tour

*See information on pages 13 and 31 and Looe Lions FB page*

**Wednesday 18th December**

7.30pm St Keyne Church Polperro Fishermen's Choir

**Thursday 19th December**

10am to 4pm Polperro Methodist Church Local Produce and Craft Market

4pm-8pm Christmas Shopping in Looe – [Free parking](#), music, entertainment, face painting and more

5pm - 7.30pm Meet Santa at the Joke & Shell Shop

6pm -7pm Keltique at Looe late night shopping

6pm St Martin's Church Carol Service

**Friday 20th December**

11am to 3pm Great Trethew Trekking Reindeers, Santa and more

**Saturday 21st December**

[Free parking at West Looe Quay and Buller Quay Carpark East Looe](#)

**Sunday 22nd December**

4pm St Nicholas Church

Christingle

6pm The Smugglers, Seaton

Keltique

7pm Jolly Sailor

Beer and Carols

**Monday 23rd December**

3pm Bucklawarren Farm

Carols in the Cattle Shed

7.30pm Polperro Methodist Chapel

Polperro Fishermen's Choir Christmas Concert

**Christmas Eve**

4pm Riverside Church

Christingle

11am-5pm Our Lady & St Neot RC Church

Open Church for prayer & to light candles

6pm Our Lady & St Neot RC Church

Carols by Candlelight

8pm Sclerder Abbey

Midnight Mass

11.30pm St Nicholas Church

Midnight Communion



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**Christmas Day**

10.00am Our Lady & St Neot RC Church

Mass

11.00am St Martin's

Christmas Day Communion

From 11am Millpool Centre

Boundless Trust Christmas Lunch (1.30pm)

**Boxing Day**

From 1.30pm Polperro Royal British Legion

Pickled Onion Competition

**New Year's Eve** <http://www.looenye.com/>

5pm-7pm West Looe Quayside Centre  
6pm East Looe Seafront  
7pm-midnight West Looe Quayside Centre  
Midnight East Looe Seafront  
See posters on pages 20 and 35

Free family disco and more  
Family fireworks display  
DJ and live music – ticketed event  
Revellers' fireworks display



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



**Saturday 11th January**

2.30 pm St. Martin's Church Hall Old Cornwall Society: Talk by Louis Portman about the Looe Cenotaph and local people who gave their lives. Free to members, £2 for visitors.

**Thursday 16th January**

7pm Millpool Centre Looe Community Players present Cinderella  
Tickets: Children £3, Adults £7 available from the Millpool Centre 01503 265947 or Marilyn 01503 262628

**Friday 17th January**

7pm Millpool Centre Looe Community Players present Cinderella  
Tickets: see above

**Saturday 18th January**

2pm Millpool Centre Looe Community Players present Cinderella  
7pm Millpool Centre Looe Community Players present Cinderella  
Tickets: see above

**For information on Church services over the Christmas period:**

St. Martin's, Morval, Duloe & Herodsfoot:

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Looe-Valley-Benefice>

Sclerder Abbey and other RC Churches in the area:

<https://www.liskeardcatholicchurch.org/mass-times.html>

Riverside:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/278546329332990/>



Looe Harbour Commissioners kindly offer **free parking** in

**LHC CAR PARKS:**

**West Looe quay &**

**Buller quay car park, East Looe**

**Saturdays 7th ,14th & 21st December 2024**



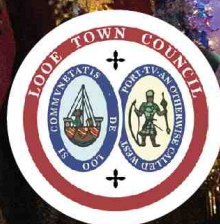
6.30PM FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29TH, 2024

# LOOE'S LANTERN PARADE & CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Departing from the Millpool via the Bridge, Fore Street, Higher Market Street and the Seafront.

CHRISTMAS  
in  
LOOE

- » Community Carols
- » Arrival of Santa
- » Lights Switch On
- » Fireworks
- » Late Night Shopping



**Christmas Carol Concert:** Pelynt Male Choir, with their MD John Trethewey, are hosting our annual carol concert at St. Martin's Community Hall on Wednesday 4 December at 7.30 pm. Festive refreshments will be served during the interval. Tickets are £7.50 per person and can be purchased in advance from our shop on the seafront, or at the door on the night. All proceeds from the evening are for RNLI Looe Lifeboat Station.

### **Clive Palfrey takes over as Looe RNLI Lifeboat Operations Manager as Dave Haines retires after 32 years of voluntary service to Looe RNLI**

On Wednesday 30 October 2024, we surprised Dave Haines with a birthday party at the lifeboat station to celebrate his 70th birthday. This was the perfect opportunity for our crew and friends to thank Dave and acknowledge his amazing 32 years of voluntary service to the RNLI, RNLI Looe Lifeboat Station and the community of Looe as he steps down from the Lifeboat Operations Manager (LOM) role.



One of Dave Haines' final duties before he officially stood down was to hand the LOM pager and keys to the station over to Clive. As our new Lifeboat Operations Manager, Clive has taken over the responsibility for the operational activities of the station, providing leadership for our operational crew, ensuring the charity's inshore lifeboats and launch tractors are in a constant state of readiness to launch on operational service.

Speaking about his new appointment, Clive says :”I am proud to be part of the crew at Looe, starting as boat crew, I progressed to helm with a responsibility for coordinating crew training, I am now excited to be taking on the Lifeboat Operations Manager role. I am looking forward to building upon Dave’s legacy, developing our lifesaving service and supporting our volunteers at the station [#SavingLivesAtSea](#)

When the RNLI decided to re-establish an inshore lifeboat station back in 1992, Dave Haines was one of the first members of the community in Looe to volunteer as boat crew. Dave quickly progressed to helm the D Class inshore lifeboat until he reached the age of 45, which, at that time was the age volunteer crew had to step down. Dave stayed on with the station volunteering as a Launch Authority and shore crew. 20 years ago in 2004, shortly after the Albatross boathouse was opened, Dave was asked to take on the station's Lifeboat Operations Manager and has undertaken this role until his retirement last Wednesday, 30 October 2024, his 70th birthday. When Dave entered the crew room to cheers, he was greeted by members of his family, our current crew, former crew members, members of the station fundraising groups who have worked with Dave over the years and the Naismith family.

Tom Mansell, regional lifesaving lead for the RNLI in the South West has had a long association with Looe Lifeboat Station and was disappointed that he could not attend in person, but via a video link Tom joined the celebration to personally thank Dave on behalf of the RNLI for his 32 years of voluntary service to the RNLI and community of Looe. Tom recalls “back in 2004 he was the RNLI divisional inspector for Looe and when the previous Operations Manager left he “twisted” Dave’s arm to act as caretaker Operations Manager until someone was appointed and the rest as they say “is history”.



Senior helm Clive Palfrey, who will be taking on the Lifeboat Operations Manager role after Dave retires continues the story. "During Dave's 20-year tenure as Lifeboat Operations Manager, he has accepted 3 inshore lifeboats into the care of the station, The D Class Ollie Naismith in 2010, in 2016 the Atlantic 85 Sheila and Dennis Tongue II and the Ollie Naismith II in 2022". Clive goes on to record that "during Dave's 32 years of service the lifeboats in Looe have been launched on service 1027 times, crews have assisted 826 people and saved 65 lives and this "saving lives at sea" legacy is something that Dave can be very proud of".

Shore crew member, Carol, presented Dave with the station's One Moment One Crew photograph signed by our crew, together with an "IOU" from the crew for a weekend away to relax after switching off his pager.

In thanking Clive, Tom, and everyone in the room, Dave recalled the early days, when before they had a quad bike or tractor, they had to push the D Class down the beach to launch and said "it was heavier to push back up the beach afterwards". He remembers with pride receiving the 3 inshore lifeboats, moving the station to Middleton's corner, opening the Albatross boathouse, welcoming his Majesty the King, when he was the Duke of Cornwall, to the station back in 2014 and representing the station at Westminster Abbey for the RNLI 200 service earlier this year. Dave thanks the crew for supporting him over the years and mentions several in the room, Nick, Toby, Dave, Brian, Jeff and John, who also volunteered as the station reopened and still have connections with the station.

Dave's time as Lifeboat Operations Manager must draw to an end due to his age, but he is not severing his ties with the RNLI or Looe Lifeboat Station. He said: "I have accepted the important role to chair the station's Lifeboat Management Group. My new role coordinates the operational and fundraising activities of the station and represents the RNLI in our local community".

To ensure Dave came down to the surprise celebrations he was asked by Tom Mansell to meet him by the station. As Dave waited outside, he said: "I've had time to reflect on my lifeboat career, over the last 32 years, and I am very proud of our achievements and all the crew, boathouse guides, shop and fundraising volunteers I have met and worked with over the years. I look forward to following the exploits of my current and future crew in the years to come under Clive's leadership. The crew room upstairs was very quiet, and I thought the crew were concentrating on their navigation training, even when my daughter Emma came to find me, I had no idea of the complete surprise awaiting me as I walked into the crew room to a sea of familiar faces."

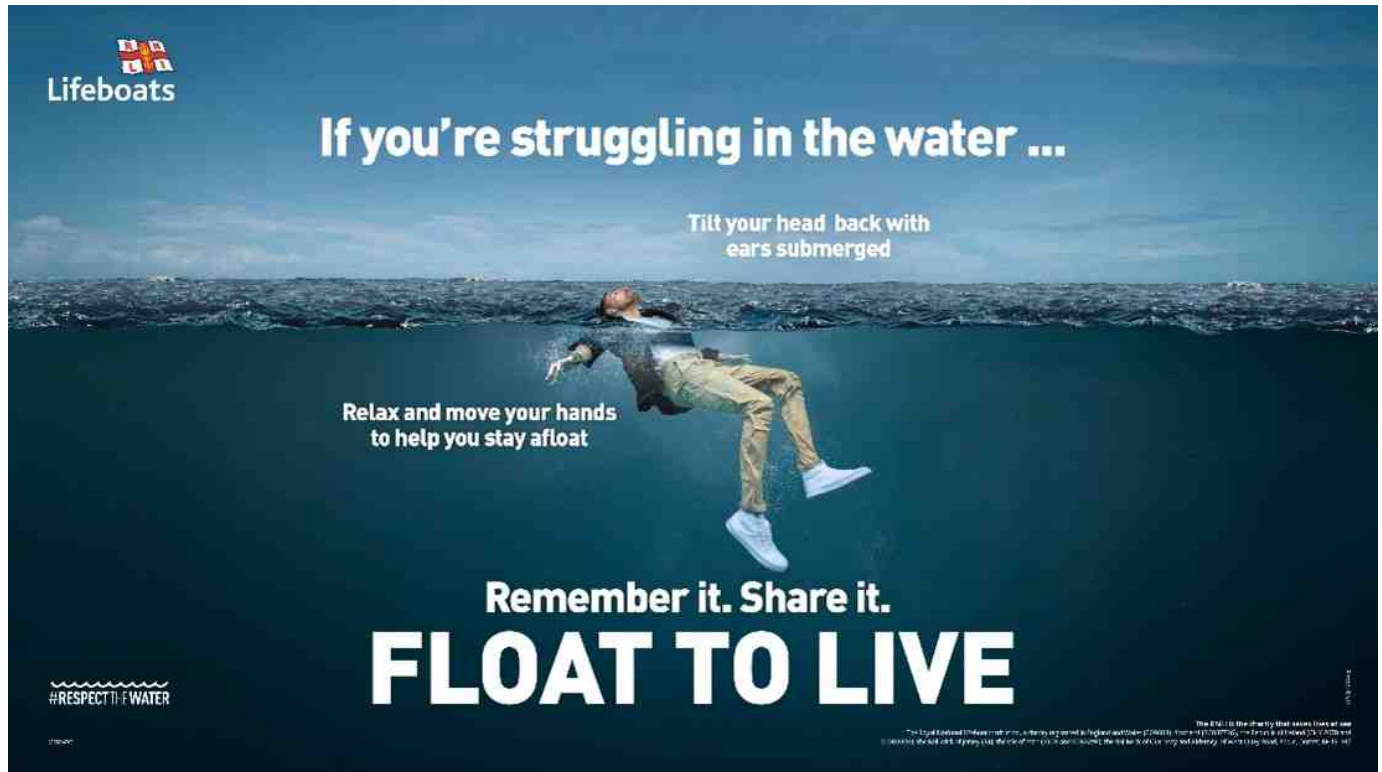
**Shouts:** Our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Between 17 September 2024 and 13 November 2024 our volunteer crews responding to 6 shouts.

**Souvenir Shop:** Subject to volunteer availability, and the weather, our souvenir shop is open daily between 11 am and 4 pm until 21 December 2024, then, after a short break over Christmas and the New year our shop will reopen daily. Our shop has a wide range of products, including Christmas cards, gifts and 2025 calendars.

**Albatross Boathouse:** As the 2024 season draws to an end, our boathouse is now closed to the public and Stormy Stan is having a well earned rest for the winter months. Our wonderful team of volunteer boathouse guides hope everyone enjoyed looking at the charity's inshore lifeboats and launch tractors, finding out about the RNLI, the Looe volunteer crew, our shouts and how to keep safe on the water. They have enjoyed meeting new people, answering all of your questions, and are proud to be part of the amazing team of volunteers here at RNLI Looe Lifeboat Station. Our volunteer guides may open the boathouse for a few hours on winter weekends if the weather is good and they all look forward to welcoming you all again from Easter next year when our boathouse reopens daily to the public.



**Keeping safe on the coast:** RNLI lifeguard cover on the Whitsand bay beaches have now finished for this year, 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:

1. Tilt your head back, submerging your ears.
2. Relax and try to control your breathing.
3. Move your hands to help you stay afloat.
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/>

### **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>.

# SANTA TOUR

12 December to 17 December  
start time 5.15 pm

Thursday – Pelynt & Lanreath

Friday – Barbican & Widegates

Saturday – St Martin & East Looe

Monday – West Looe & Duloe

Tuesday – West Looe & Polperro



see Lions Club of Looe Facebook  
for approx times at each location



\*\*\*\*\*Detailed Itinerary on Page 31\*\*\*\*\*





The World's Toughest Row by Atlantic Campaigns brings together teams from all walks of life, united by the same objective - to take on the unique challenge of crossing an ocean in a rowing boat



It's the premier event in ocean rowing and the World's Toughest Row. The challenge will take us more than 3000 Miles west from San Sebastian in La Gomera, Canary Islands, Spain (28°N 18°W) to Nelson's Dockyard, English Harbour, Antigua & Barbuda (17°N 61°W). The annual race begins in early December 2024, with up to 30 teams participating from around the world.

We are now in the final month before race start. The boat has been delivered to the shippers and we are crossing our fingers she arrives in La Gomera safely.

The crew now meets almost weekly to get the final bits of kit in our hand luggage. We are writing our boat rules that we all will agree to. Most are about being kind and considerate. Easy when you're sitting at Nat's kitchen table well fed and rested! We are flying out at the end of this month. On arrival we have our final inspection and pickup of the boat before we can get on the water for one more sea trial. We will be checking all our systems work and that we are good to go.

We are due to leave on 12th December but if the fleet is ready and the weather is good then we could go earlier.



To support, sponsor or generally just cheer us on go to:

<https://www.oarsofthunder.co.uk/>

<https://www.instagram.com/oarsofthunder/>

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Oars-Of-Thunder/100087822558833/>

**Kim, Sally, Nathaniel and Harry**  
**Oars of Thunder**

*Ed: We wish you all a safe and smooth journey and look forward to hearing about your experiences on your return from Antigua*



**Looe RNLI**

With your support, we save lives at sea

 **RNLI**  
**Lifeboats 2GO**

## Carol Concert with Pelynt Male Choir

at St Martins Church Hall Looe  
Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 7-30 pm  
doors open at 7pm

**£7.50 each on the door or in advance from RNLI Shop**



**Mince Pies & Refreshments**

Visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/LooeLifeboatStation>  
or scan the QR code here to donate



The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution is a charity registered in England and Wales (204892), Scotland (SC037960), the Republic of Ireland (204892) and Jersey (145). The RNLI is a company limited by guarantee and is a member of the RNLI Group of Companies. Registered office: 100, Queen's Road, Looe, Cornwall, PL20 9LQ.



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## NEWS FROM EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST

As we rapidly head towards the festive season, we are proud to be working alongside Looe Town Council and Looe Harbour Commissioners to provide Christmas lighting for the town. As well as providing the electricity for the street festoons we also provide the lights in the Rose Garden, on the Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol and on the seafront. We have made some additions to the lights this year and hope that as many people as possible enjoy the lantern parade and the official switch on of the lights.

As we head towards the end of 2024, the Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol has closed to the public until next year. We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our wonderful team of volunteers for all their hard work and dedication. However, they still continue to work behind the scenes throughout the winter and if you are interested in helping, please contact the museum curator at [museum@eastlooe-town-trust.co.uk](mailto:museum@eastlooe-town-trust.co.uk).

Another group of dedicated volunteers that deserve recognition operate from the Guildhall Tea Room – this is accessed through the Rose Garden and is on the ground floor of the Guildhall. Tea, coffee, biscuits and a friendly welcome is guaranteed six mornings a week here – please pop in and say hello.

As ever, our maintenance team continue to look after our historic buildings as well as the Wooldown and the beach and seafront. Our tractor and surf-rake are expensive to buy and operate but are an essential part of keeping our beach in such a lovely condition for all to use. It is often thought that we receive funding from Cornwall Council or Looe Town Council for this and other purposes but we have no powers to raise money in the way that councils can and have to rely on our own resources (and resourcefulness).

As in previous years, we are delighted that so many people visit the beach and we aim to keep it an attractive and safe place to visit. Even if you are a regular visitor, please take notice of the safety and information signs on the seafront and be aware of sea and weather conditions before entering the water.

This year there has been a lot of activity on the seafront with the major restoration works on the Old Lifeboat Station and the Watchtower. This work has been jointly funded by the Trust and a grant from the Shared Prosperity Fund. We are very much looking forward to the project being completed in Spring 2025.

**Meanwhile we wish residents and visitors alike  
a happy Christmas and healthy New Year.**





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# KEEPING LOOE IN BLOOM ON THE ROAD

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We are reliant on grants and our own fundraising activities to help keep our much-needed trucks on the road. Sadly, these are now getting very old and unfortunately, we have recently had to scrap one of the vehicles.



We had a very successful Quiz night recently and much fun was had by all that attended and we raised much-needed funds to help us keep Looe Blooming. We have also set up a fundraising page, specifically to help us replace the scrapped vehicle and support the running costs of our trucks. There has already been a terrific response from our wonderful town. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. We hope that many more will feel able to support us by contributing to this fund. This link will take you to the GoFundMe site: - <https://gofund.me/7517fff4>

We would love to welcome new volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or you wish to contact us, please email us at [looeinbloom@outlook.com](mailto:looeinbloom@outlook.com)



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For more information, please contact the Chair,  
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# Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol



## Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year to Visitors Past and Future

I can't believe how fast this year has gone, how does that happen?

The season has been very successful with visitors from Looe and surrounding villages and towns, numerous parts of the UK, all over the world and even from Devon!

We have had requests both via email and personal visits to help with family tree and property research. These have got less over the years because of the ease of finding information from online sites but the Museum has loads of information and can still be of use. There was a sister and brother who were seeking anything about an ancestor who was an early Victorian Vicar in Looe. We couldn't help but somehow they ended up being totally absorbed in photos of the Granite Quay, crane & workshops - they went away happy!

Holiday-makers are always popping to ask about where they are staying or wanting to see old photos of the town. We have a large catalogue of photos both physical and digital to answer their enquiries, I get great satisfaction from showing these (especially as I have spent/am still spending hours sorting everything into categories).

This year we have been lucky to receive some wonderful donations. Please go to our Facebook page (Looe Museum) to see photos of a lovely ship-in-a-bottle, Town Crier Roger Bennett's outfit (to be displayed in 2025) and an amazing collection of correspondence from the Atkins sisters to their friend Millicent (only to be viewed on request).

Just because we are closed it doesn't mean we are not contactable.

Our email our address is: [museum@eastloometowntrust.co.uk](mailto:museum@eastloometowntrust.co.uk).

If you fancy volunteering in 2025 please let me know (yes Maggie, I am thinking of you!), you don't need to be an history expert just friendly and welcoming to our visitors, even the ones from Devon....

See you in 2025.

**Penny McHugh**  
**Volunteer Curator, Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol**



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## Looe Shedders

Imagine your garden shed, turbocharged  
and full of your new friends  
That's Looe Shedders

**Time for an update on Looe Shedders' quest for a new home, and how recent developments could be a game changer in terms of us becoming a much bigger force for good in the community.**

We now have a long-term plan and a short term solution to the lack of our own shed, which has held us back in so many ways - notably in limiting how often we can meet and having to undertake dirty work outside, at the mercy of the weather. As a result, work on our growing list of community projects - see list - is agonisingly slow.

### Long-term plan

We have joined a project aiming to build a "creative hub" at the top of West Looe hill, near the road down to Talland. This would include our shed with a creative hub for local artists, some shared facilities and an exhibition area. Best case scenario - a planning application is submitted in December and Looe Shedders moves there sometime in 2026.



### Short term solution

We have been offered a container free of charge and the Parochial Church Council has agreed to it being placed alongside two existing storage units in St Martin's Community Hall car park, possibly in January. The container needs a lot of work to make it fit for purpose, but it would enable us to meet more frequently and work on projects regardless of the weather. That in turn might lead to a cycle of more people joining Looe Shedders and us taking on even more community projects.

### Looe Shedders' Community Projects:

- Playground bus for Looe Primary School, completed (photo top right)
- Wendy house for Trenode Primary School, under way (photo bottom left)
- Playground tractor for Trenode, under way (photo bottom right)
- Hall grounds maintenance, under way
- Allotment shed for Kernow Health CIC, under way
- Play House for Looe Primary School, pending
- Wall montage for Hillcrest Nursing Home, scheduled for 15/Nov
- Phonebox revamp for Morval PC
- Raised veg beds for Kernow Health CIC
- Raised flower beds for Looe Primary School
- Wooden railings for Barbican Pre-school
- Scenery construction for drama project



email: [contactus@looeshedders.co.uk](mailto:contactus@looeshedders.co.uk)  
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The year '2024' has been full of activity for us.

To achieve our goals and objectives, we have been assisting local organisations and individuals in the Looe Community.

**The main recipients of the grant aid this year have been:**

- West Looe Live (Music Festival), Looe Breathers, Looe Tennis Club (Youth Equipment), Looe Bowling Club (Youth Equipment), Darby & Joan, Looe Age Concern, Looe Sea Scouts, West Looe Playgroup, Looe Development Trust (Christmas Lights), Looe in Bloom (vehicle repairs) and Looe Carnival
- Our Further Education Grants Scheme continues to be supported by the Trustees who have provided funding to 72 local students.
- Charitable rent subsidies were given to the tenants of West Looe Playgroup, Looe Rowing Club, Looe Sea Scouts, Looe Rifle Club, Looe Social Club, and Looe in Bloom.
- Christmas vouchers were sent to elderly citizens in the town.
- We continue our support of Looe Town Football Club

Although we were disappointed when notification was received in the Summer to confirm the Downs has now been re-classified as 'Common Land', we have continued to invest in its maintenance and in other public amenity areas.

The Trustees are still considering the possibility of the redevelopment of our land at Polean. Our professional advisers are aiding us in our preliminary negotiations with adjoining landowners about this project. It is anticipated that this project will lead to the stimulation of enterprise and employment opportunities in the Trust's area of benefit.

**West Looe Town Trust would like to extend a warm  
Christmas and New Year greeting to all the residents of Looe!**

**Paul Richardson**  
**Trustee**  
**West Looe Town Trust**

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NOVEMBER 2024



## LOOE LIBRARY

### MONTHLY UPDATE

LAST MONTH AT LOOE

Half Term Fun! We have been busy; writing poetry, making clay monsters, threading Halloween charm bracelets and painting scary masterpieces!



## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Catherine  
Supervisor, Looe Library & Community Hub

### FREE CLUBS & GROUPS

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

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We hosted three events as part of the **Looe Festival of Words**: A talk by Sandy Johnson, Director of Beyond Paradise, 'My Armchair Gap Year' with Clare Owen, plus a very special craft workshop, 'A Way with Words' with our very own Sharon Johnson.

Our library team had a fabulous afternoon when we joined the **40th anniversary celebration** at Looe Primary School.



## Coming Soon...

Lantern Making Workshops  
9th & 16th November.

Make a lantern and join Looe's  
Lantern Parade on 29th November

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**OUR LADY & ST NEOTS RC CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
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## **WHEELED SPORTS FACILITY FROR LOOE**

An application for pre-planning advice was recently submitted to Cornwall Council for the proposed site at the far end of the Millpool Car Park. The aim is to create a dedicated outdoor space for skateboarders with a low level, street style circuit.

The Looe Development Trust (LDT) are leading the project to build this new state-of-the-art facility in partnership with Looe Town Council and The Boundless Trust. Discussions about the creation of the facility, which would cost in the region of £250,000 to create, have been going on for a number of years – and plans have previously been outlined in a series of open days held within the town. In addition, Boundless Trust have led sessions with the skaters themselves so that their ideas are at the heart of the design.

Looe Town Council have been negotiating with site owners Cornwall Council to provide an acceptable lease – and this is moving in the right direction. Once the results of the pre-application have been received from the Planning department the working group (made up of representatives Looe Development Trust, Looe Town Council and the Boundless Trust) will then consider the recommendations with a view to then submitting a full planning application in the not-too-distant future. Full planning consent has to be obtained before grants could then be applied for. There will be a number of information events for the community to view the plans and we hope to offer their support.

People will know this is a project that has been talked about within the town for quite some time. There have been a lot of delicate negotiations and discussions going on behind the scenes, especially around the site itself, but the submission of the pre-planning application demonstrates real progress. We know there is a massive demand for this facility. Not only will it be a skate park, but it will also serve as an outdoor hub for youngsters within the town.

Previous open days within the town have showcased the plans for the facility, which have been designed jointly by Looe Youth, alongside Maverick Industries, who themselves specialise in the creation and building of skate parks all over the country. Maverick Industries have been responsible for designing and creating similar schemes in a few other Cornish towns, including Bodmin, Falmouth, Millbrook, Porthleven, Redruth and St Ives. This is an exciting project and we hope that the town will support LDT in the provision of this much needed and much wanted youth facility.

**Kim Spencer**  
**Trustee, Looe Development Trust**

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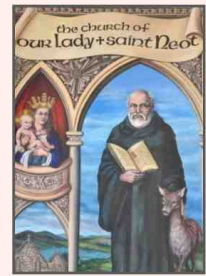








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CHRISTMAS EVE  
VIGIL MASS

JOAN OF ARC TORPOINT  
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OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS  
SALTASH  
MASS AT 5.30PM

24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
MIDNIGHT MASS

OUR LADY OF LIGHT  
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MASS AT 8PM

25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024  
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**Age Concern Looe wishes everyone a happy Christmas and New Year**

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Everyone will be looking ahead to Christmas, but November is important in the Legion's calendar, so please indulge us as we look back over the period.

**Poppy Appeal:** We launched our 2024/25 Poppy Appeal in the East Looe Guildhall Rose Garden on Saturday 26th October. We would like to thank the public for their kind donations on the day which totalled £767.26. We also like to thank our members who helped with the launch and to everyone who has helped with this year's Poppy Appeal. A special mention to our member, Karol Nachilo, who volunteered to wear our unique, but uncomfortable, Poppy Man costume. We would like to point out that, although the Poppy Appeal has a high profile in November, we collect for the appeal throughout the year. Our branch's 2023/24 appeal ended on the 30th September at £8,547.75, which is £55.37 up on the previous year. The poppy is a symbol of Remembrance and hope, including hope for a positive future and world peace. The money from the Poppy Appeal helps all our veterans, serving personnel and their families. Last year it supported 32,000 people by providing mental health and monetary support to those in crisis to helping those wounded or recovering from injury.



RBL The Poppy Man ably assisted by Jon (Dusty) Miller.

**Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day:** Our branch members were on parade at the Looe War Memorial for the Civic Service for Remembrance Sunday.



The following day, Monday 11th November, was Armistice Day and we held our own service at the War Memorial. Both services were well attended by both our members and the public, and on both occasions our Chairman, Louis Portman, gave the Exhortation, which is an extract from Robert Laurence Binyon's poem 'For the Fallen':

***"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them."***

Followed by the 'The Kohima Epitaph' which is the epitaph engraved on the Memorial of the 2nd British Division in the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery at Kohima (North-East India).

***"When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say,  
For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today."***

**Looe War Memorial:** We would like to thank our members for their hard work with the War Memorial grass, Looe in Bloom for keeping the flower beds immaculate

and Looe Harbour Commission for their work in looking after the memorial railings. The 'Silent Soldiers' are back in place after refurbishment by Dave Massey and Karol. We removed last year's wreaths to make way for the laying of new wreaths on Remembrance Sunday. The poppies from the old wreaths are recycled to refurbish our Poppy Man outfit (five poppies, and copious amounts of wallpaper paste, make one Poppy Man poppy).

**Branch Meetings:** We always hold our meetings on the first Monday of the month, come rain, snow or New Year's Day. They start at 7:30pm sharp in the ground floor bar of the Looe Social Club, West Looe Quay. You do not have to be a member of the Social Club or an ex-service person to attend one of our meetings, so why not come along, say hello, and see what we do.

**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**.

A 'Happy Christmas' and stay safe, from the Looe branch of the Royal British Legion.

**Looe Royal British Legion email:** [rbl.looe@gmail.com](mailto:rbl.looe@gmail.com)



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### Thursday 12th December

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5.40 pm Tregarrick Lane, Tower Park, Richmond Rd.

5.55pm Barton Meadow, Summer Lane Park

6.20 pm Trelawny Close, Sentry Meadow

6.50 pm Lanreath Rally Close to St Moarch's Road

### Friday 13th December

5.15 pm Bodrigan Rd Pendennis Hill

5.35 pm Restormal Rd , St Georges Rd

5.50 pm Down Bay View Road and up Medway,

6.30 pm Widegates, village centre

### Saturday 14th December

5.15 pm Kimlers Way, Limmicks Rd

5.50 pm Sunrising

6.40 pm East Looe Bridge and around the town

### Monday 16th December

5.15 pm West Looe Hill starting at the top

5.30 pm West Looe Square

5.40 pm Station Road

6.20 pm Duloe the School , Manor Park

### Tuesday 17th December

5.15 pm Goonwartha Rd , Portbyhan Rd

5.40 pm West Rd, North Rd

6.30 pm Polperro Cary Park, Brent Fields

Please note all times are approximate. For up to date information please scan the QR code in the poster on page 13 or visit the Looe Lions FB page

<https://www.facebook.com/p/The-Lions-Club-of-Looe->





## KELTIQUE NEWS

### Fundraising

This year's fundraising programme included a Quiz which we held at the Portbyhan Hotel, West Looe Quay on Friday 8th November. The event was extremely well supported with about 70 people attending including members of the choir, their partners and friends but also many members from the Looe Community. The quiz entries raised £143 for the choir and the raffle £200 for our chosen charity, Cornwall Hospice Care. A big **THANK YOU** to everyone involved in making the evening such a successful and enjoyable occasion with a special mention to our quiz master, John Walker from the Polperro Fishermen's Choir as well as to the staff of the hotel who made us feel very welcome.



### Our programme of Christmas concerts

We are practising hard for our Christmas concerts and we hope that you will join us at any of the following events:

**Sunday 1st December, time tbc** – The Eden Project

**Monday 9th December, 8.00pm** - Portbyhan Hotel

**Friday 13th December** from 6.00pm - Duchy Nurseries late shopping

**Monday 16th December, 7.30pm** - St Nicks, West Looe

**Thursday 19th December 6.00-7.00pm** - Looe late night shopping

**Sunday 22nd December, 6.00pm** - The Smugglers, Seaton

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, our YouTube Channel or contact Penny at [pennyweston@outlook.com](mailto:pennyweston@outlook.com)

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As we approach the end of the year, we have some exciting updates to share from the Three Seas Cornwall team!

### **Welcome New Director and Team Members**

We are pleased to welcome Karen Goldup as a new Director. Recently retired from a senior role at Coastline Housing. Her expertise will be an asset as we move forward with our project. We are also pleased to introduce two new members: Rebecca Jones, our new Finance Manager, and Pete Butler, who will be providing Technical Project Support. Both Rebecca and Pete have quickly become integral to our team and have been working hard to familiarise themselves with our operations.

### **Shareholders and Public Open Days**

Our recent Shareholders Open Day was a success, with approximately 50 participants attending. We appreciate everyone who took the time to join us, as it was a valuable opportunity to share our future plans for the Looe Coastguard Flats. The feedback and questions were constructive, and we greatly value the ongoing involvement. We also hosted a Public Open Day, which was a fantastic success and allowed us to connect directly with the community, share our vision, and address questions. We're grateful for the positive response from everyone who attended and look forward to building on this support.

### **Advancing Green Energy at Coastguard Flats**

Our efforts to generate clean energy at the Coastguard Flats are progressing well. This initiative aims to reduce carbon emissions and lower energy bills for our tenants. A team of specialists is exploring various options, and we look forward to sharing more details in future publications. This project is supported by the Southwest Net Zero Hub, hosted by the West of England Combined Authority through the Community Energy Fund.

### **Local Contractor Listing for Looe**

To support the local community, we are partnering with the Looe Community Land Trust to develop a listing of local contractors. This initiative aims to connect reputable firms in the area with our upcoming projects, particularly at the Coastguard Flats. By collaborating with local contractors, we hope to ensure high-quality work and contribute to the growth of our community.

### **Update on Coastguard Flats Construction Timeline**

We regret to inform you of a delay in the start of construction at the Coastguard Flats. While our grant funding remains secure, it is contingent upon obtaining the Government's Registered Provider status - a certification from the Registrar of Social Housing governing our rentals and tenant management. We have been diligently working on our application for 10 months; however, we have been advised that we will not receive the status until at least next April. While this setback is disappointing and will push our plans back, we are committed to developing a new timetable, which we will share as soon as possible. We want to reassure you that this will not affect the overall success of the project - only the timeline.

Thank you for your continued support. We are excited about the future and look forward to sharing more updates with you soon!

**Warm regards, The Three Seas Cornwall Team.**



## LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

Looe Old Cornwall Society will be having its Christmas Party on  
**Saturday 14th December.**

Then on **Saturday 11th January** Louis Portman will be talking about the Looe Cenotaph, local people who gave their lives.

The meeting is at St Martin's Hall, where there is plenty of free parking, and starts at 2.30 pm, Free to members, £2 to visitors.

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## LOOE COMMUNITY TEA ROOM

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**Patricia and her team wish everyone  
a very happy Christmas and New Year.**







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## CELEBRATIONS

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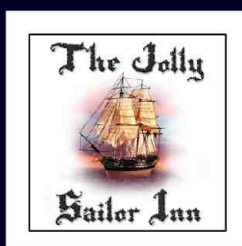
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# LOOE ROWING CLUB

As the racing season draws to a close and we start to lose the light in the evenings, our Club training sessions have moved to Saturday mornings so look out for us rowing up and down the river on those cold and fresh winter mornings.

We have many new Club members who have joined through our Learn to Row course bringing in lots of fresh energy and enthusiasm!

Also as winter approaches four of our rowers are preparing to embark on an epic quest to row the thousand miles across the Atlantic! Our Chairman Nathaniel, Harry, Sally and Kim who make up the Oars of Thunder crew set off on their adventure in December to raise money for the RNLI in its 200th year. (See page 14) Follow them on their social media page to track their progress!



On a competitive front our rowers have been competing at the County Championships held in Newquay with great results. The men's event was memorable, being squeezed into one day instead of two because of an incoming storm! So a long, gruelling day's racing in some challenging conditions, followed by a medal ceremony in the dark!

The final event of the year saw some of our individual Club members selected to race for Cornwall in the National County Championships held at Mount Batten in Plymouth. Competing against other counties across the South in Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Avon and Isles of Scilly Harry, Matt, Tris, Andy, Emma and Tony all raced in the adult section, with Dylan Williams, at just 14 years old doing an absolutely awesome job representing our juniors! Everybody won their respective races bringing home lots of medals.



At the start of November the club also held its annual end of season party at Looe Sailing Club. We all had a great time with live music from local duo The Guise. Lots of awards were handed out and one or two glasses were raised to celebrate another fantastic season of rowing!

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## CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN CORNWALL FACING TERMINAL ILLNESS



Tamsin Chapman-Gunner, who lost her husband Chris to cancer in April at just 42 years old, has launched a crowdfunding campaign to support families in Cornwall where a parent or carer is facing a terminal illness. The initiative, called Gunners Kids CIC, was established in Chris's memory and aims to help families in similar circumstances navigate this difficult time while creating lasting memories.

Gunners Kids CIC was conceived by Tamsin and Chris during his illness. They envisioned an organisation that would provide practical and emotional support to families coping with the unique challenges of terminal illness, while helping children maintain a sense of normalcy. The organisation's mission is to enable families to make the most of their remaining time together, offering activities, memory-building workshops, and support boxes to ease the burden.

Tamsin Chapman-Gunner, co-founder of Gunners Kids CIC, said, "When Chris was ill, our days were filled with medical appointments, managing equipment, and caring for him, all while I was still working. It was hard to find time to just be together as a family. We often wished for activities that we could join with other families in similar situations. Chris came up with the idea for Gunners Kids, and while we planned to launch it before he passed, he sadly took a turn for the worse. Now, this will be his legacy - an organisation that brings families together and provides peer support for those facing the same challenges."

A terminal illness can create immense financial strain, including the loss of income, rising costs for medical transportation, and the need for specialised equipment. Gunners Kids CIC is committed to offering all its services free of charge or at a minimal cost, ensuring that financial barriers do not prevent families from accessing the help they need.

The crowdfunding campaign seeks to raise funds for activity days, workshops, and support boxes for families during these challenging times. Donations will directly support these services, helping families build cherished memories and find comfort in a supportive community.

To donate to the Crowdfunder or learn more about Gunners Kids CIC, visit

<https://crowdfunder.co.uk/p/gunners-kids>.

For further information, contact Tamsin Chapman-Gunner at [tamsin@gunnerskids.org](mailto:tamsin@gunnerskids.org).



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Over the winter months, our activities migrate indoors when we offer great opportunities for you to get involved in marine conservation and learn more about Looe's amazing marine wildlife. We have a talks programme, there are multiple training opportunities and a host of member social events.

**TALKS:** Our **FREE** talks take place upstairs at the RNLI Station, followed by our monthly meeting to which all are welcome. No need to book. Donations always welcome.

### **Tuesday 21 January at 6.15pm:**

The Plight of Ghost Fishing Gear in our Oceans with Fathoms Free. Fathoms Free are a group of marine conservationists and divers who gather the abandoned and lost fishing gear from our shores and seabed. This includes nets, crab pots and hooks, some of which can survive for hundreds of years under water. Apart from polluting our waters, this ghost fishing gear poses a threat to marine life that can become entangled.

John Kent, Chair of Fathoms Free, will speak on their work removing the gear, raising awareness and the steps they take to recycle.



### **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

Through our association with Cornwall Wildlife Trust and the Your Shore Network, volunteering with Looe Marine Conservation Group offers a pathway to special marine focused training sessions.

Get in touch to find out more about

- **26 November** Fundraising Workshop – learn where and how to find funding
- **30 November** Learn how to conduct surveys and gain skills for identifying dolphins, porpoises and whales
- **8 December** Outdoors First Aid
- **12 December** Learn how to run marine themed events

And there's an extensive programme of training opportunities lined up for 2025

### **SOCIALS**

We're a friendly bunch and like to organise special events with like-minded people e.g.

- **23 November** A special 'Behind the Scenes' VIP visit to the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth arranged exclusively for LMCG (sorry all places now taken)
- **10 December** Join us in the lounge next to the Bistro Bar at 6.30 pm for a seasonal social and quiz at the Hannaford Point Hotel. Mince pies available; food can be pre ordered if you get in touch. ([looemcg.events@gmail.com](mailto:looemcg.events@gmail.com))
- **Early January** Our New Year Beach Clean

When you become a member of Looe Marine Conservation Group for just £8 a year, you'll receive our newsletter and be the first to know about opportunities, events and socials. Sign up here: [looemarineconservation.org/join-looe-marine-conservation-group/online-membership-form/](http://looemarineconservation.org/join-looe-marine-conservation-group/online-membership-form/)

Further details for all these events are on our website ([www.looemarineconservation.org](http://www.looemarineconservation.org)) and listed under the Events section on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/LooeMCG](http://www.facebook.com/LooeMCG))

## LOOE SAILING CLUB

The curtain finally came down on another sailing season at the end of October. After the final race Club members gathered in the Clubhouse for the last race supper which was followed by the presentation of the Autumn Series awards and the final monthly cups of the season by Club Commodore Simon Bennett.

Members boats have now been removed from the seafront to go away for some winter TLC. The Club's safety boats also need attention before winterising.

A few weeks prior to this the Club was pleased to stage the Enterprise South West area championship with entries from as far afield as the Midlands. Bad weather meant no racing was possible on the Saturday, however four races were possible on the Sunday to ensure some good sailing. When the points were totted up overall winners were Matt and Ivan Jaycock from Looe. A highlight of the weekend was the Octoberfest on the Saturday evening organised by Rear Commodore Jack Pope.

Next event for Club members is the annual Dinner and Dance at the Hannafore Point hotel when the overall prizes for the season will be presented.

It is with much regret that we report the passing of Derek Hocking a former Commodore, Trustee and for many years Redwing sailor, a very highly respected member of the Club over many years.

Plans are already being put into place for next year's season which is due to commence in late March and the hosting of the National Fireball and Merlin Rocket championships.



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# THANK YOU, DAVE HOLFORD

Many of you will know Dave Holford, who, over many years, has worked with help from others to try to enhance Looe's Christmas festivities. He engaged with all local organisations to persuade them to work together to improve the Christmas lights in the town. Dave also worked hard to persuade residents and businesses to play their part in lighting up Looe by decorating shop windows and putting up outdoor domestic lights. What you see now is the result of his efforts – the street lights, bridge lights etc. and for a number of years he and his team actually put up the lights in the town.

Dave has decided that now is the time to step back and let others take up the reins. Were it not for his hard work and cajoling of others, those now taking things forward would not have had such a solid platform on which to build, So, Dave, we thank you for all you have done to create a festive spirit and light in the town and hope that you will continue to enjoy Looe at Christmas for many years to come.

## MORE THANK YOUS

On a personal level, I would particularly like to thank Leo Maxwell who has been putting Community News together for the last year. He has taught himself the necessary skills and given up many hours to the cause. Without Leo there would be no Community News. So, thank you, Leo for all your hard work over the past year and more.

Thank you, too, to everyone who makes Looe Community News possible. The continued support and enthusiasm of our contributors makes everything worthwhile. And last, but certainly not least, thank to all our readers and for the positive feedback and encouragement you have given us.



**We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas  
and a happy and healthy New Year.**





# MILLPOOL CENTRE TIMETABLE

Mon	8am– 9am	Yoga with Gocha: <a href="http://www.gochawellness.com">www.gochawellness.com</a>
	10.30am– 11.30	Paracise: Exercise class with Lisa Gorman 1st floor 07890 381 516
	2pm - 4pm	Panto rehearsals: contact Marylyn King
	4pm - 8pm	Bond Dance company: contemporary & commercial age 3-young teens term time only contact: 07969 212 902
	4pm– 5.15pm	Yoga with Maria - contact - 07980 533 050 1st floor check dates with Maria for term times
	7.30pm - 9pm	Looe Karate Club –Contact Dave - 07889 310 908 1st floor
Tue	8.30am & 9.45am	Pilates with Kerry - 07588 220 007 1st floor
	10am - 11am	Little Wiggles: Movement, stories & songs babies & pre walkers
	11am - 12pm	Wear & Wiggle: Dance with your baby: BDC 07969 212 902 (Term time)
	11am - 12pm	50 Plus Dancercise with Sheila's School of Dance 07866771429
	2pm - 3.30pm	Exercise Class with Looe Exercise Group - 01503 265947 1st floor
	7pm - 8.30pm	Mindfulness meditation with Natalie: 1st Tue of each month from 3rd Sept : 07973 267 232: <a href="mailto:natalie@natalie-brooks.co.uk">natalie@natalie-brooks.co.uk</a>
Wed	8am–9am	Yoga with Gocha 07539 178 840 1st floor (Check for term dates)
	6pm - 7pm	Adult contemporary dance with Gocha wellness 1st floor
	7pm - 8pm	Pilates: Gocha Wellness 1st floor
	4.30pm–6pm	Last Wednesday of each month - Community Meals - 07766 020 524
Thu	10am - 10.45am	Jump & Wiggle : BDC : 07969 212 902 Baby & Toddler group (Term time)
	11am - 12pm	Sheila's School of Dance Adult Dancercise - 07866 771 429 1st floor
	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Tai chi: Kath Revell: 07729 907 056 1st floor
	1.45pm-3.45pm	Cornwall Mind Community Café 2nd Thu of month: Vocal group 4th Thu
	4pm - 8.30pm	Ballet & Tap classes, contemporary & street Child & Adult with Bond Dance Company: contact Rachel 07969 212 902 1st floor (TERM TIME ONLY)
	7pm - 9pm	Ukulele Club (Ground Floor) contact Roger Lane: 01503 262775
Fri	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Jummah Prayers: contact 07974 223 693 From 27th Oct 12.30 - 1.30pm
	4.30pm - 7.30pm	Looe Youth Theatre - 07920 282 818 (Fiona) ground floor (Term time only)
	6pm - 7.15pm	Multi-Fit Exercise Class (Hooping (optional), Body Conditioning, Pure Stretch)
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