

LOOE COMMUNITY NEWS

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EVENTS IN LOOE & POLPERRO: SAVE THESE DATES

More details coming soon for the Dine Out, On The Water and National Cream Tea Day events – see the Welcome to Looe & Polperro Facebook Page and www.welcometolooe.com.



HERITAGE CENTRE & COFFEE SHOP AT THE SARDINE FACTORY

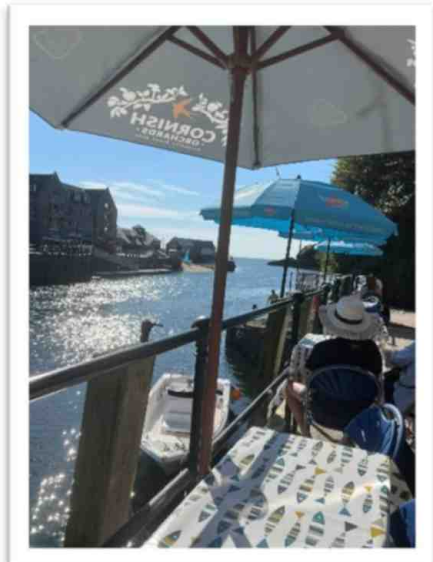
Come and join us this season at the Sardine Factory, West Looe.

Cream teas, cake, sandwiches and much more.

We are fully licenced, and all our produce is locally sourced!

Look out for events being held in the Heritage Centre on our Facebook page.

www.looeharbourheritagecentre.uk





AN UPDATE FROM LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

Dates for your Diary:

Join us for our Eco Event
Millpool Centre, Looe
Saturday, 29th March 2025
10 AM – 2 PM

We're excited to invite you to our Eco Event. This special event is dedicated to celebrating and promoting sustainability, showcasing local initiatives and building a greener future for our community. Throughout the day, you'll have the opportunity to connect with local groups, businesses, and experts who are making a difference. Whether you're interested in reducing waste, exploring renewable energy, or learning how small changes can make a big impact, there's something for everyone!

What to Expect:

- Repair Café with Looe Shedders
- Refreshments supplied by Boundless Trust
- E-Bike Showcase by Fully Charged
 - Test ride and learn about E-bike hire/sale options
- Looe Library & Community Hub
 - Explore the environmental benefits of borrowing books.
- Looe Town Council Book Swap
 - Trade your books and support sustainable reading.
- Charity Shops & More
 - Discover how second-hand shopping contributes to sustainability

We will also be hosting Spotlight Talks throughout the day from industry leaders, including:

- Community Energy Plus
- Low Carbon Energy Advice
- St Cleer Environmental Group
- 3 Seas

For more information, contact us at: enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk

Robot Workshop, 29th March 2025 (Ages 8+)

As part of the day, we are also hosting a Robot Workshop, an opportunity for young people to get creative, and turn household junk to robot art! The workshop will be taking place upstairs in the Millpool centre and is suitable for ages 8+.

Places on this workshop are limited so please call Looe Library & Community Hub on 01503 262390 to secure a spot!





IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Registering to Vote

Local elections are taking place on May 1st. You'll need to be registered to vote to take part in elections and referendums. You'll need to register again if you change your name, address or nationality. **If you have not yet registered to vote, you must do so by 11th April 2025.**

This applies to:

- Local Government Elections
- Parish Council Elections
- Local Authority mayoral elections
- Combined authority mayoral elections
- Combined county authority mayoral elections

For further information we recommend you visit the GOV.UK website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

Residential Toilet Card

Looe Town Council would like to remind our community about our residential toilet pass. This is a card for residents only, the pass costs a one-off payment of £5. Once you purchase this card you have unlimited access to our paid toilet facilities. Please note you will need proof of address to purchase this card. For more information, please email enquiries at: enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk

AN UPDATE FROM LOOE LIBRARY & COMMUNITY HUB

Writer in Residence



We would like to thank author Jackie Taylor, whose time as Writer in Residence at the library has come to an end. Jackie has led Meet the Author Drop-Ins and a very popular Creative Writing Course, which has generated new library members and friendships and inspired the start of a new community Creative Writing Group, 'The Write Place.' In Jackie's own words, *'It's been an absolute joy to work alongside Looe Library and Community Hub to explore creative writing with the most inspiring group of local writers. We've had a lot of fun and hopefully learned from each other along the way. I'm delighted that a new creative writing group - The Write Place - has been seeded out of this residency, and I hope very much that you'll have me back to run some more sessions in the future!'*

Date for your Diary: *The Write Place @ Looe Library, starts on the Tuesday 1st April and will continue the first Tuesday of the month 10:30am - 12pm, thereafter.*



FINAL THOUGHTS:



A Farewell to our Town Clerk, Lynda Powell.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we will soon be saying goodbye to our Town Clerk, Lynda Powell. Lynda has been a shining light for Looe Town Council over the last two years, her diligence and devotion have made a positive impact behind the scenes to improve our town. We wish her well and offer her our heart felt gratitude for her time with Looe Town Council.



KAYAK STORAGE AVAILABLE AT POLEAN WEST LOOE



Please contact Looe Harbour Office
for further information

Telephone: 01503 262839

Email: reception@looeharbour.com

EVENTS AT SCLERDER ABBEY

Tuesday 1st April at 6pm: Taizé evening

Saturday 3rd May evening to Saturday 10th morning: Retreat, Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius

Tuesday 20th May 10am to 4pm Quiet Day

'Step off the world'.

Take a few hours, or a day, to rest in the beauty and peace of Sclerder Abbey and its garden.

All enquiries to: sclerder@gmail.com or 01503 272 238

Further information: <https://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/place/sclerder-abbey/>

ECO EVENT



29 MARCH, 2025 10AM-2PM



MILLPOOL CENTRE, LOOE

JUNK ART
ROBOT WORKSHOP

SEED BOMB
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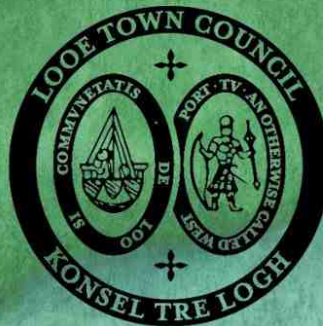
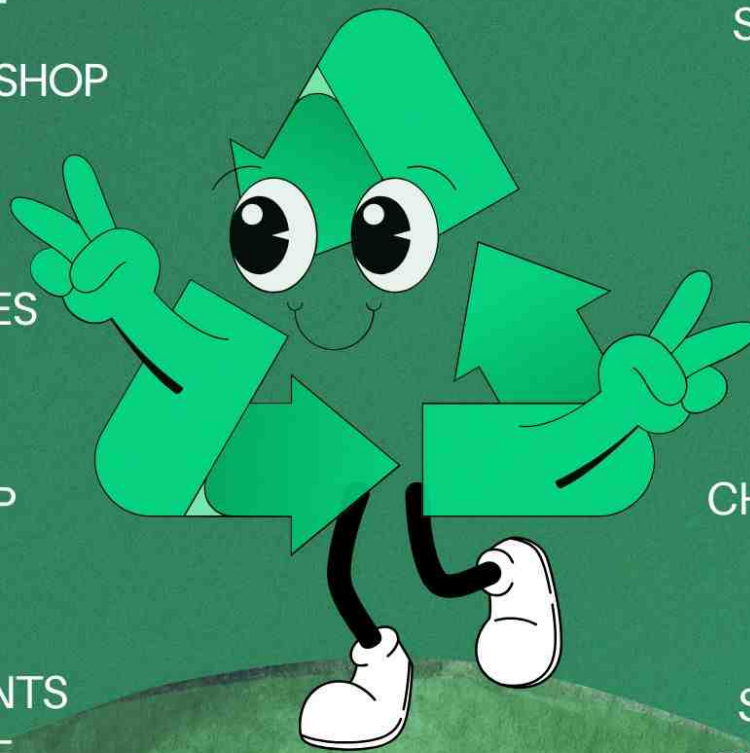
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Are you over State Pension age, or know someone who is?

Pension Credit tops up pension income and can help with day-to-day living costs.

If you are over State Pension age, you may be eligible to claim **Pension Credit**, even if you own your home or have savings. People who claim **Pension Credit** may also be able to get:

- The **Winter Fuel Payment*** and other help with heating costs
- Help with rent and Council Tax
- A free TV Licence for those aged 75 or over
- Help with the cost of NHS services, such as NHS dental treatment, glasses and transport costs for hospital appointments

You could be eligible for **Pension Credit** if your weekly income is below £218.15 or, if you have a partner who lives with you, £332.95. Qualifying income level may be higher in some circumstances.

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Check your eligibility at gov.uk/pension-credit or by calling **0800 99 1234**

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8.45AM - 11.45AM

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WE RUN ON A MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAYS. (NUMBER DEPENDANT.)

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LOOE RNLI LIFEBOAT STATION

Lifeboats



Lifeboats

Shouts: Our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Between 10 January and 17 March 2025 our volunteer crews responded to three shouts.

Souvenir Shop: Our souvenir shop has reopened for the 2025 season. 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 for you to choose from.

Albatross Boathouse: Our boathouse will reopen daily to the public from Friday 28 March 2025 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.

Looe RNLI **Lifeboats**

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

On behalf of Looe RNLI we invite you to come and enjoy our free

RNLI Concerts 2025

Sunday 4 May	3 pm	Songs of Praise
Led by RNLI Chaplain Rev. Ben Morgan Lundie with Polperro Fishermen's Choir		
Tuesday 6 May	7-30 pm	Keltique
Tuesday 20 May	7-30 pm	Liskeard Silver Band
Tuesday 3 June	7-30 pm	Loveny Male Voice Choir
Tuesday 17 June	7-30 pm	Derryairs
Tuesday 1 July	7-30 pm	Whitsand Harmony
Tuesday 8 July	7-30 pm	Polperro Fishermen's Choir
Tuesday 22 July	7-30 pm	Pelynt & Burraton MVCs
Tuesday 5 August	7-30 pm	Polperro Fishermen's Choir
Tuesday 19 August	7-30 pm	Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir
Tuesday 2 September	7-30 pm	Pelynt Male Choir
Tuesday 16 September	7-30 pm	Miner Quay

All concerts at Looe Lifeboat Station, East Looe Seafront

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

Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), a charity registered in England and Wales (209503), Scotland (SC037735), the Republic of Ireland (20003025) and the Bailiwick of Jersey (14)

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The 2025 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 22 June, starting at 3.20pm. More information can be found at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rnli-looe-raft-race-2025-tickets-1090966252429>

Summer concerts:

Our fundraising team have been working hard to bring you a summer line up of concerts in the boathouse. The season starts with our ever-popular Songs of Praise on Sunday 4 May at 3pm. We will advertise events closer to the date on social media and as ever they are all subject to operational commitments

Looe RNLI fundraisers present Johnny Cowling Live

Join us for an evening of laughter and Cornish humour

Our RNLI fundraising team are hosting an evening with Johnny Cowling live on Friday 16 May 2025 at the Portbyhan Hotel West Looe.

Doors open at 8pm for a 8.30 start - there will be a raffle and bar

Tickets are £12, available through eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rnli-an-evening-with-johnny-cowling-tickets-1223711045679>

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.

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/>

Keeping safe on the coast:

RNLI lifeguard cover returns to Tregonhawke beach for the Easter holidays from 5 April to 21 April, then weekends until 3 May when daily patrols between 10 am and 6 pm start. Seaton, Tregantle and Sharrow beaches will have daily patrols from 17 May between 10 am and 6 pm. Patrols will return to Freathy beach for weekends and bank holidays on 19 July. If you are on a lifeguarded beach please swim and bodyboard in the supervised areas marked out by red and yellow flags, and when there are no lifeguards on duty, 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.

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>.



LOOE GREEN ENERGY COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Our progress on the Coastguard Flats is agonisingly slow and frustrating. We've been held up by paperwork and legal requirements for over a year, but we are starting to get it all settled, at last. While sorting all the documents and demands, we've been working on ideas for Green Energy generation on the building.

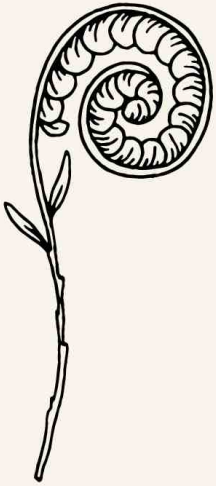
We are now running a full Community Consultation in Looe to ask residents for their opinions on the following:

- **New windows:** The current windows are single-glazed and aren't original. We want to replace them with timber sash windows, much closer to the original design and double glazed for energy saving.
- **Solar panels on the rear roof:** We first looked into panels on the front roof and front garden, but they would be massively intrusive in the Looe townscape, so we've decided against. Instead, we want to put panels on the rear of the roof, completely hidden from public view, to give us some solar electricity.
- **Air source heat pumps:** We want to install these in the yard to the rear of the building, to provide greener heating. These would be completely invisible from the town.

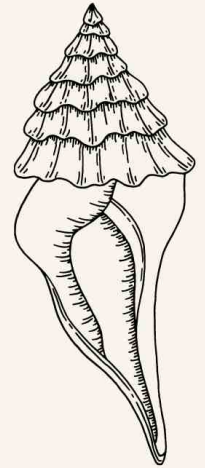
Our consultation looks like this:

- **Launch at the Looe Eco Event:** Saturday 29th March, 10am–2pm, Millpool Centre, Looe
- Open for 4 weeks to April 26th
- Open Day at the flats too show our ideas: Saturday 12th April, 11.00 am – 2.00pm
- Online survey can be found by scanning the QR code or at this link: <https://forms.gle/uumYVqu3D5GjeEES8>
- Printed survey for those who prefer it. Available at Looe Library - *Please fill out our survey and hand it back in to the Looe Library by 26th April!*





WE ARE OF THIS PLACE



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a month-long celebration of the Looe Valleys' people, history, and landscape

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WE ARE OF THIS PLACE: A MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION OF PEOPLE, HISTORY, AND LANDSCAPE FOR APRIL



LISKEARD & LOOE – The East and West Looe Valleys are set to come alive this April with **We Are of This Place**, a unique month-long festival celebrating the deep connections between people, history, and the landscape of this remarkable region. Through an inspiring program of events, exhibitions, and activities, the festival will highlight the rich cultural heritage and natural beauty of the valleys, bringing communities together to share their stories and creativity.

A key highlight of the festival is the '**Blossom Liskeard**' Arts and Crafts Exhibition and Sale, where talented local artists and makers will showcase their work. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore a diverse range of handcrafted pieces, from paintings and textiles to ceramics and woodwork, all inspired by the spirit of Cornwall.

Literature lovers will not want to miss the **We Are of This Place** Poetry Exhibition at Liskeard Library. This special exhibition will feature thought-provoking poetry from local writers, reflecting on themes of place, identity, and heritage. It promises to be a moving and immersive experience, offering new perspectives on the landscapes and communities that shape our lives.

Children will enjoy the FREE Piskey Path Puppet Show at Liskeard & District Museum on Monday 7 April at 11am brought to you by Mazed Tales.

In addition to these key events, the festival will offer guided walks, storytelling sessions, live performances, and hands-on workshops, ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're a resident of the Looe Valleys or a visitor looking to discover the area's cultural and natural treasures, **We Are of This Place** is an unmissable celebration of creativity, history, and community spirit.

For more information on the full festival program, visit <https://www.visitliskeard.co.uk/whats-on/category/we-are-of-this-place/2025-04/> or find them on Facebook.

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Over 50's gentle dance-a-cise every Tuesday and Thursday
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Weekly
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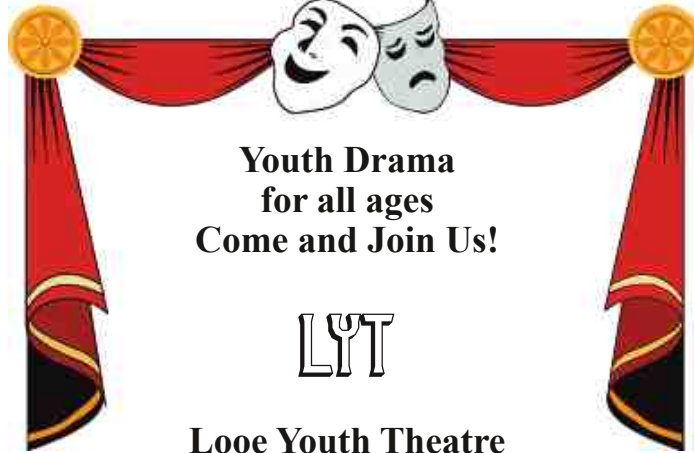
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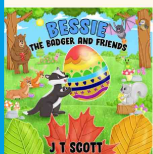
looyouth@gmail.com

Easter Activities for Children at Looe Library



Easter Craft Workshop For ages 5-11
Thurs 10th April 10:30-11:30am

Stories & Songs For Under 5s
Mon 14th April 10:30-11am



Story Workshop with Author JT Scott
Thurs 17th April 10-11am For ages 4-11

Phone Looe Library to book workshops 01503 262390



COMMUNITY MEAL

JOIN US AT THE MILLPOOL CENTRE
TO SHARE A HOT MEAL TOGETHER

Last Wednesday of the Month
16:30-18:00



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OR CALL 07766020524
FOR MORE INFORMATION



LOOE'S LUGGER REGATTA RETURNS THIS JULY and it promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

After the Covid-enforced hiatus, the 2023 reunion of famous old fishing boats attracted a slightly disappointing entry, partly because the most suitable tides were in May and that proved too early in the sailing season for many of the likely participants.

New Lugger chairman David Darlington and his vice-chairman Jonathan Brice, who used to be secretary in the Looe-based Cornish Lugger Association's early years, knew something had to change, especially since at least eight of the traditional lug-rigged fishing boats have been 'lost' (either retired or scrapped) in the past decade. Clearly without action the very future of the regatta was in doubt, since many of the remaining boats, several of them built in Looe, are now more than 100 years ago and the cost of their upkeep continues to rise year-on-year.



FAITHFUL FRIENDS: Hoping to swell numbers at July's Looe Lugger Classics regatta will be a dozen or more of the East Devon Luggers from Beer. No longer fully-engaged in fishing – they were once employed in drift-netting, long-lining, crabbing and even smuggling! – these traditional clinker-built, chunky, beach boats now amuse themselves with weekend races

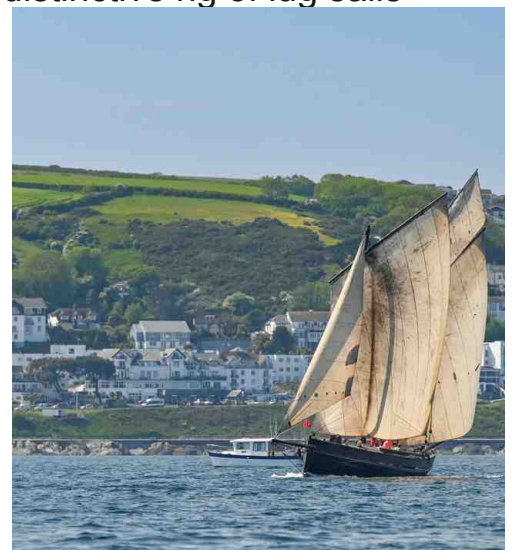


LUGGERS CHANNEL HOPPER: The impressive three-masted fishing lugger, La Cancalaise – a replica of the last of the original French bisquines, La Perle – which has been invited to the Looe Lugger Classics regatta this July
Picture: Neil Richardson

Armed with that disheartening situation, the new lugger committee has embarked on something of an event re-brand but it will still focus heavily on the old fishing boats whose town regattas can be traced back to 1911. This year's event, over the July 25-27 weekend, has been re-titled the Looe Lugger Classics with the entry no longer restricted to Cornish luggers. Those remaining grand old ladies of the sea will continue to take centre-stage, of course. Their owners, skippers and crews fondly remember the days when huge fleets of sailing luggers – the wooden-built fishing boats take their name from their distinctive rig of lug sails

which are peculiar to Cornish, Brittany, Isle of Man and Scottish fishing fleets – fished off the Cornish coast, working long lines, deep out in the English Channel, for conger, ray, turbot and the like, or shooting miles of drift nets to catch pilchards, once the mainstay of the country's fishing industry.

But this year the lugger numbers will be buoyed by a varied fleet of other sailing boats, all of which also embrace the spirit of tradition. Looe's re-invigorated heritage reunion – which will also include the Made-in-Looe Regatta, championing the port's rich boatbuilding history – will feature a series of events in the bay and on the river over the Saturday and Sunday, and will welcome modern replicas and old gaffers as well as the luggers.



POSTER GIRL: The Guide Me, now owned by Jon and Judy Brickhill at Gweek in West Cornwall, was built by Peter Ferris at Looe in 1911 for W Pengelly. Engine-less, she is 40-ft overall with a Cornish Dipping Lug rig and was once a pilchard driver and long-liner, fishing out of various South East Cornwall harbours until 1966
Picture: Dave Tuckett / www.greydogimages.co.uk

The weekend will be followed by a 'Rest Day' in harbour on the Monday (July 28) after which the fleet will have an opportunity to feed into Fowey Classics rally on the Tuesday. Moorings and facilities have again been provided by the Looe Harbour Commissioners, whose continued generosity allows the regatta to thrive in the beautiful environs of the Cornish fishing port and holiday resort.

Plans for this year's Luggers Classics are evolving and include an event village on West Looe Quay, with live music on two stages over three nights featuring sea shanties, rock bands, choirs and acoustic troubadours. A licensed bar, barbecue and other food outlets will be available and quayside attractions include talks on heritage maritime topics, with pictorial exhibits; an artist in residence; crab-pot and oar making demonstrations, and a model boat display.



OUT IN FRONT: Jon and Judy Brickhill's former fishing lugger Guide Me, which was built on the quayside at Looe in 1911, makes her way to the front of the fleet ahead of Nick Gates' Ocean Pearl during a past Looe Luggers Regatta *Picture: John Collings*

For the first time this year, the regatta will also be part of the West Country Classics Series, incorporating similar summer events in Dartmouth, Falmouth and Fowey.

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LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

We meet on the second Saturday of the month at St Martin's Hall, Looe, at 2.30 pm, for a talk, raffle, and a chance to socialise over tea and cake.

All welcome, members free, visitors £2. Free parking and a warm welcome - You don't have to be old or Cornish!



APRIL

LOOE LIBRARY

LAST MONTH AT LOOE



Reading is blossoming in Looe!

The latest data from Cornwall Libraries HQ revealed a 9% growth in issues at Looe Library since the previous month, achieving the 2nd highest % growth out of all 28 library sites in Cornwall!

Thank you for supporting your local library!

Thank you & farewell to author, Jackie Taylor, our Writer In Residence

We are delighted to have had the pleasure of author, Jackie Taylor, as our Writer in Residence. Jackie has been inspirational and generous, giving freely of her time to share her exceptional skills with others. We are sad that her residency has come to an end but grateful that Jackie has left a legacy... **The Write Place** is a new monthly group, open to adults who would like to come together to meet, create, write and share. **The Write Place** starts at 10:30am, Tuesday 1st April. An exciting new chapter for Looe Library!



'A taste of the feedback for Jackie's workshops: I enjoyed the workshops very much and found them very stimulating, informative and engaging...You (Jackie) were an excellent teacher, showing patience, professionalism and encouragement to us all. There was no pressure, just encouragement, which was exactly the right balance.'



On behalf of the team at Looe Library, I would like to wish everyone a very **Happy Easter** and we look forward to seeing you at our Easter activities

Catherine

Supervisor, Looe Library & Community Hub



Tasty Treats

- 29th March: Community Eco Event
- 10th April: Children's Easter Craft
- 14th April Easter Stories & Songs
- 17th April: Workshop with children's Author JT Scott

Follow us on Facebook
Looe Library & Community Hub

FREE CLUBS & GROUPS

- Stories & Songs EVERY MONDAY 10:30-11AM
- Knit & Natter EVERY TUESDAY 2-4PM
- Saturday Club EVERY WEEK 11AM-1PM
- The Write Place 1ST TUES O/T MONTH 10:30AM



EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST

Spring has now sprung – although the weather may not always agree!

For East Looe Town Trust and the hard-working team of volunteers at the Museum this means it is time to open the doors of the Museum to the public again. The Museum is housed in the original Grade 2* listed Guildhall building on Higher Market Street – now known as the Guildhall Museum and Gaol. The building is often referred to as being the Museum's greatest artefact. It was built in 1450 and was used as the East Looe Town Hall and Magistrates Court between 1587 and 1878. When you visit – take time to note the pillories at the entrance and the wonderful timber framed roof. The Museum is spread over two floors – the main entrance is up some granite steps from Higher Market Street which takes you into the first floor. The staircase will take you to the lower floor where the cells are. Are you brave enough to go inside and see if you meet the resident ghost Jennifer? For those visitors who are less mobile, we do have ramp access to the ground floor on Middle Market Street. East Looe Town Trust maintain the building so that the dedicated volunteers can provide such an interesting Museum for the town – why not come and visit?



East Looe Town Trust also own and maintain the Wooldown – this is nearly 20 acres of former farmland that we now maintain as open access recreational space for humans as well as flora and fauna. It is not a suburban park but a piece of Cornish countryside that provides a haven for nature. We provide litterbins and dog poo bins which are emptied and the waste disposed of at our cost – please do use the bins or take your rubbish home with you.

Did you know that since 2016 there has been a bee glade project ongoing? The habitat is managed to encourage bees but particularly the endangered longhorned mining bee. Kernow Ecology have been invaluable in this project with their advice and physical work on the glades. Every year Country Conservation assist us with their remote-controlled flail mower to cut back the overgrowth of bracken and bramble – a very impressive bit of kit!



One of the interesting things on the Wooldown is the wartime Observation point. What you call this informally probably depends on your age – either the Thrup'ny bit or the 50p bit. It was placed here as the best place to observe the coastline – if you have time, look out to see and see if you can identify the villages around the coastline and the ships heading to and from Plymouth. Imagine what you would have seen from here during WW2.

Also on the Wooldown you will see the cannons and the beacon. The cannons are

not functional but were created and placed there in 2005, along with the beacon, to mark Trafalgar Day. The beacon, due to its nature, does need regular attention and was replaced in the last few years – thanks to the apprentices at Babcock in Plymouth. The beacon has been lit for special occasions and the next time will be to mark 80 years since VE Day.



We shall shortly be advertising for new Trustees so if you are interested in joining our friendly team - as we hope you will be - please get in touch with our Trust Manager, Jane, at the Guildhall, Tel. **01503 263709** or email info@eastloometowntrust.co.uk.



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Patricia and her team

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

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Kind regards, Pat and the Committee

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As you will know I am retiring soon from my positions as Cornwall Councillor and Looe Town Councillor after nearly 22 years' service to the town. Although I feel sorry for this, I know in my heart that this is the right time as, at 71, I need to do all the things I have promised myself I would do. The list of works I have from Rayna will keep me busy for some years to come!!!

Over my time I have laughed, cried and got angry at so many things that have happened, dealt with so many cases of work for people young and old. This might make you laugh but I do enjoy litter picking - to see the before and after gives me great satisfaction. To my fellow Trustees and Councillors I have worked with over the years, Thank You, especially Edwina Hannaford, as for over 20 years she had the same love for Looe as me.

I know that Sue Pengelly, Sara Merrin and friends have organised a party for my retirement and this humbles me. Also, you may have noticed, after being asked what I wanted for my retirement I answered nothing but would like to raise money for a sound system for local groups to use. This would be based at the Millpool Centre and organised by Looe Development Trust. So please pop along to Looe Social Club from 4pm, on May 2nd, have a cuppa and sign my Retirement Book.

Finally, I thank my family for their support, my unpaid secretary and delivery team, as without them I would never have achieved what I have. I may miss my work, but I will still be helping people and working for the town in other ways.

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LOOE SHEDDERS DELIVERS PLAYGROUND TRACTOR TO TRENODE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Looe Shedders is delighted to announce that a project it's been working on for several months, a playground tractor, was delivered to Trenode Primary School on Wednesday 5th March. It was brought to the school in parts and assembled in the playground before pupils rushed out to play on it.



"We're just extremely grateful to Looe Shedders that they've been able to create such a wonderful piece of equipment for our school. We love the fact that you can't buy this in a catalogue," said Bethany Pike, the School's Head. *"The children know the community has contributed to it and I think that's something really special. We're just very fortunate with having the link to it being a tractor and being such a small rural school with farming families. That's why our children are going to absolutely love it."*

Almost all of the tractor was made with recycled materials donated by local people. This includes composite decking and all of the wood. The large back wheels came from a cable drum from the Looe Harbour Commission and the steering wheels (two of them!) came from ride-on-mowers. Most of the paint was donated by Ronseal.



The tractor took so long to build because Looe Shedders doesn't have its own shed. As a result, it can only meet a couple of times a month in Looe's St Martin's Community Hall and any messy work has to be done outside, at the mercy of the weather. Work was also hampered by the theft of a large amount of tools in November 2024.

Looe Shedders has launched a "New Home" campaign to address this issue. It's looking for land on which it could build a shed or an existing building that could be adapted for its use. *"Having our own shed would be a game-changer,"* said Chris Roy, Looe Shedders' chairman. *"It would mean we could meet more often and work on projects regardless of the weather. And that would encourage more people to join Looe Shedders."*

Can you help? <http://www.looeshedders.co.uk/newhome>

A new home would also mean Looe Shedders could address a backlog of requests for it to make more community projects such as the playground tractor see:

<https://www.looeshedders.co.uk/communityprojects1.html>.

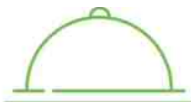
"As things stand it could take us years to deal with our current waiting list and we're having to turn down requests for some projects," said Chris Roy.

**Looe Shedders is a charity registered in England and Wales (#1208819)
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You will also find each special offer over on our What's On & Events pages of the website – you'll be able to view what's available on a calendar date basis, to help you plan where to dine & when.



Enriching Looe, supporting creatives, fostering enterprise

www.creativelooe.com

We are delighted to introduce '**CreativeLooe**' - an initiative proposed by interested Looe people to bring together and support creatives in the local community, to enhance our town and foster creative business enterprise.

CreativeLooe aims to embrace creators of all kinds: writers, musicians, actors, dancers, painters, photographers, filmmakers, crafters, hobbyists, fabricators, designers and more - indeed anyone who works creatively either professionally or as a hobby.

These are our core aims:

- 1. Enriching Looe** – how can our creatives further enhance our town as a great place to live, to work, to visit and to invest? By increasing public access to creative work - fine arts, exhibitions & workshops, street art, murals & theatre, music, sculpture trails, animation and digital arts, film & photography, spoken word & literature events?
- 2. Supporting creativity** – in turn, how can Looe better support our creatives? More exhibition space, suitable performance space, workshops and studios, pop-up sales outlets, advertising, online presence, communication and planning for events to make the most of what we do?
- 3. Fostering enterprise** – How can we add to our town's economy through creative businesses, giving people the chance to remain in their town, relocate to Looe and establish careers here? Space for business start-ups and enterprise, mentoring and training, back-office provision and support, sharing experience and communication?

To find out more, if you have access to the internet go to our website www.creativelooe.com (in development) or send us an email to info@creativelooe.com Otherwise call or text to 07850 789943 or drop into the Library & Community Hub at the Millpool during their opening hours.



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OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM & GAOL, EAST LOOE



A Devastating Account of Loss and Turmoil

Attacks by Privateers, or Pirates, were a problem for centuries for sea-faring vessels. Many of these gangs had their own Governments backing and the rest operated as private individuals. From the 16th century to about 1815 pirates from the areas we know today as Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia were the greatest problem to south-west vessels. These men were known as Turks, Barbary Corsairs or Pirates and Sallee Pirates.

A change in the politics in that area from 1603 resulted in a rise of piracy and kidnappings but the spring of 1625 saw an upsurge of attacks. Complaints made in Plymouth reported the seizure of over 1,000 men from south-western coastal ports and at sea. The Sallee Pirates sailed in fleets of about 25 ships and were ruthless, taking both men and their ships or boats. In spring of 1625 East and West Looe lost 80 mariners and sailors. The loss of these men who were "bound in fishing voyages for the deeps", left half of Looe's remaining vessels unmanned. A letter of 25th April noted the "pitiful lamentation of the wives and children for their husbands and fathers is grievous."

On 10th August 1625 the Cornish Justices, citing a petition from East and West Looe, Polperro and Fowey, warned that the inhabitants of these places had "the benefit of their fishing to be taken away from them by which they are sustained".

William Harris and 14 other men from Looe (with 7 or 8 other Englishmen) were taken prisoner by a Turkish ship in 1628. After two weeks they managed to overthrow their captors and sailed to St. Ives but six of these men died in the brutal fight.

In 1636 Cornish JPs petitioned the King after the loss of eight boats and 30 men from East and West Looe, "The said towns are not only impoverished, but by means of the wives and children of these poor captives are so surcharged as they are likely to fall into great decay". It was reported that 69 men were taken in two years.

Between 1631 and 1640 14 Cornish vessels were taken into Algiers; four were from Looe. A letter from 1640 makes a reference to men taken from Looe but by this date the attacks were reducing. For many years though, along the coast, fishermen were afraid to go to sea and even those who wanted to found that there were not enough men left to man the boats.

Thankfully the resilience of the communities and families was strong enough to pull through but those were certainly dark days.

Penny McHugh, Volunteer Curator, Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol, East Looe



LOOE VALLEY BENEFICE APRIL EVENTS

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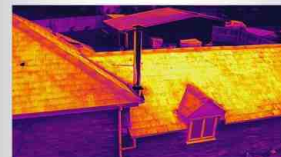


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On 30th April 1945, Hitler committed suicide, and on the 4th May the German Forces in Northern Europe surrendered to Field Marshall Montgomery. Three days later the Supreme Allied Commander, General Eisenhower, formally accepted the unconditional surrender of all German forces. The capitulation came into force the next day, 8th May, which was called VE Day and declared a UK national holiday. Yet the joy and relief were tempered by memories of the hundreds of thousands who had died, or were still missing, and concern for those still fighting the Japanese in the Far East until the August (VJ Day).

Now, 80 years on, this is our last chance to remember VE Day whilst that are still a few alive who fought in that terrible conflict. Our government has not declared the 80th anniversary of VE Day a national holiday as three days earlier, Monday, 5th May, is the Early May Bank Holiday. Looe Town Council have decided they will be the lead in the town's VE 80 commemoration, and we await their plan of events. For our part, Looe Royal British Legion will have a stall in the Guildhall Rose Garden on Saturday 3rd May collecting for the Poppy Appeal (a poppy is not just for November). Please come along and say hello and perhaps take a photograph with our unique Poppy Man. We plan to be there from 10:00 until 3:00pm. We are also hoping to arrange other events for VE Day, please visit keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

Visit to HMS Raleigh:

In February a group of our members visited HMS Raleigh which is the biggest Royal Navy establishment in the South West. It provides comprehensive training programs that equip new recruits with the essential skills and knowledge needed for a successful naval career. The invite to visit the establishment was given by RN Warrant Officer Kirk McCaffer who has ties with Looe and laid a wreath at the Looe War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Our members were treated to a very informative and entertaining day culminating in a launch trip up the Tamar, passing

the Dockyard and returning at speed. Our members thoroughly enjoyed their visit and presented HMS Raleigh with a British Legion plaque (see photograph). On their return trip to Looe the group managed a stop at the Elliot Arms, St Germans for a thorough 'assessment' of the day.



The Royal British Legion is an organisation which aims to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and to raise money for those who have been left disadvantaged by their time in service. Obviously, many of our members are ex-service personnel but our membership is open to everyone with the same ideals and objectives as ourselves. Our collections for the National Poppy Appeal totally go to fund our stated objectives. Why not come along to one of our friendly and informal meetings and get to know us. 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 and, as previously stated, you don't need to be ex-service to attend one of our meetings. So come along, say hello, and see what we do without any pressure to join the RBL.

Help from the Legion Whatever your circumstances, the RBL national team are there to help – without judgement – and provide a safe space for the Armed Forces community and their families to access the support they need. They also know that everyone is different and there is no one-size-fits-all approach. The support team will work with you to explore what you need and the best way that we can help. This might be accessing services the RBL already provides or connecting you with another organisation. You can call them on 0808 802 8080 from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week. Calls are free from UK landlines and main mobile networks. Also available is our online chat service from 8am to 8pm every day or email on: info@britishlegion.org.uk. 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.

Looe Royal British Legion email: rbl.looe@gmail.com



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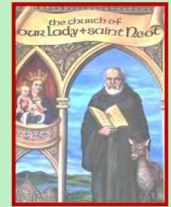
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KELTIQUE NEWS

Our practices: We continue to practise every Monday evening from 7.15 to 9.15pm (with a coffee break) in the Riverside Church in West Looe. We have welcomed a few new members over the last few months and we are delighted that they are continuing to enjoy singing with us.

We always like to hear from prospective new members. You can give us a try for up to four practices, free of charge. We are a very friendly and supportive ladies' choir who enjoy each other's company and love singing together. Contact Penny to let us know you are coming or simply turn up at Riverside Church for a 7.15pm start Mondays.



AGM: Our AGM will take place on Monday 12th May at 7.15pm in Riverside Church, West Looe. Our supporters are very welcome to attend.

Fundraising

We continue to fundraise for our choir and chosen charity. At our 2024 AGM, we chose to support Cornwall Hospice Care and we raised £650. We will choose a new charity to support at our May 2025 AGM and in the meantime, our next fundraising event is on Friday 28th March when we will be hosting a Soups and Puds lunch with mini concert in the Lerryn Memorial Hall.

Future concerts

We are enjoying practising our repertoire of old and new songs in readiness for our forthcoming concerts. Our Summer diary is getting very busy and here are the dates of our next five concerts:

Tuesday 6th May 7.30pm:

Concert in aid of the RNLI, the Boathouse, East Looe Seafront

Friday 16th May 7.30pm:

Joint concert with the Polperro Fishermen's Choir, Millenium Centre, Pensilva

Saturday 24th May 3.00pm:

Concert in aid of CRUK Relay for Life, Rugby Club Field, Liskeard

Friday 20th June 7.00pm:

Church Fundraising Concert, St Winnow Church, nr Lostwithiel

Sunday 22nd June 2.30pm:

Charity Open Garden Concert, Stable Yard, Boconnoc Estate

We hope to see you at any of the above.

For more information about Keltique, including details of events, check out our website at www.keltique.org.uk, our Facebook page, our YouTube Channel or contact Penny at pennyweston@outlook.com

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LOOE IN BLOOM

We have been busy getting ready for this year's planting with a large number of quality new window boxes kindly made by Keith Glover. We've had a few sessions painting and lining these new boxes, ready for them to be filled with colourful plants for the spring/summer season ahead.

In February, we were welcomed by Julie Skentelbery at Radio Cornwall to talk about the need for new members to come forward and that it's not all about the ladies! Looe in Bloom is an inclusive and welcoming group and we hope to add to our ranks and include some younger members and a few more chaps perhaps. We can work on a flexible basis to support availability. We discussed how good it feels to be part of this welcoming group and the feeling of wellbeing that comes from working outdoors and helping to make our community better. Julie was at school with Susan, our Chairperson and she was delighted to reminisce about Janna the donkey that for many years was a big feature in Looe!

We continue our fundraising efforts towards eventually replacing all our vehicles as they are now coming towards the end of their lives. 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> or scan the QR code on the right:



If you are interested in volunteering or wish to contact us, please email us at looeinbloom@outlook.com

An advertisement for Quayside Fresh Farm Shop. The background is a blurred image of fresh produce in crates. In the top left corner is the Post Office logo. The main logo for Quayside Fresh Farm Shop is in the top center, with "Quayside fresh" in a stylized green font and "Farm Shop" in a green serif font. Below the logo, the text reads: "Supplying you with the highest quality groceries", "7 days a week Fresh Dairy Produce Butchery and Bakery", "Shop 01503 262838", "Post Office 01503 265598", and "Find us at Buller Quay East Looe PL13 1DX". In the bottom left corner, there is a small inset photo of the exterior of the Quayside Fresh Farm Shop building.

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LOOE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

Loe Harbour Commissioners (LHC) were delighted to hear at the end of 2024, that their Multi Project grant application to Round 3 of the UK Seafood Infrastructure Scheme, had been successful. Against a total project cost of £870,000 + vat, the maximum grant of £500,000 was awarded, with LHC using reserves to fund the balance of the project.

The Multi Bid project includes:

- Works to Harbour Refrigeration facilities
- Replacement of 300 soft wood commercial mooring fenders with hardwood fenders.
- Replacement of 66 quayside ladders
- Replacement of the Forklift Truck and safety Platform
- Upgrade of the Harbour CCTV system
- Lower Quay Stores - demolition and rebuild.

It is anticipated that all projects will be completed by 31st March 2025.

LHC foresee a future in the fishing industry and are keen to invest in projects that will maintain our fishing community for generations to come. By investing in the Port, it will ensure that fishing remains a viable community resource, which ultimately will benefit the local economy. We apologise for any inconveniences that have occurred whilst these works are being carried out.

Please be advised that in the near future an ANPR system will be installed in Buller Quay car park, East Looe. There will also be the ability for customers to top-up their car parking (if they over-run their stay) before vacating the car park.

Any contractors will need to report to the Harbour office/Harbour Patrol on arrival.

Following several requests, the 50p ½ hour parking charge is being re-introduced to benefit short-stay customers. At the same time, the £2 overnight parking charge (6pm to 8am) will be removed and standard charges will apply between these hours.

Locals may apply for a 'Locals Overnight Parking Permit' if they wish to use the LHC car parks between the hours 6pm to 9am. Further details are available by contacting the Harbour office on 01503 262839 or email: reception@looeharbour.com.

These changes will occur following installation of the new equipment, which is expected towards the end of April.

The Harbour team have continued to support the Beyond Paradise film crew, as they prepare for a new series that is expected to be released in the Spring.

LHC continue to manage the Looe Defibrillator Project and have worked with the Seafarers Hospital Society to deliver lifesaving first aid training to the skippers and crew of our local fleet. The package also provided free defibrillators to commercial vessels with more than two crew, in addition to trauma and bleed kits for all commercially registered vessels. The success of this project in Looe, has meant that the project has been delivered in several other ports in the country.

The LHC team are now working hard to prepare for the forthcoming season, and we look forward to welcoming both regular customers and visitors to the Harbour area.

David Bond
Chairman

Marker Buoys Deployed to Protect Looe Island's Marine Life

To better protect Looe Island's Atlantic grey seals and wildlife, Looe Marine Conservation Group (LMCG) has deployed two marker buoys to help reduce wildlife disturbance caused by kayaks, paddleboards, motorboats and jet skis. Situated between the Ranneys, and positioned 100 metres from exposed rocks, the buoys do not establish a controlled zone or restrict access, but serve as an important visual reminder to water users to follow Defra's Marine and Coastal Wildlife Code.

The project was part funded by LMCG and driven by the dedication of LMCG volunteer Cliff Davies. His work, in collaboration with the Looe hub of Cornwall Seal Group Research Trust, Looe Harbour Commission and Natural England, ensured successful deployment of the buoys earlier this month. The project is attracting global interest for its innovative approach, combining advanced technologies to protect the seabed while enhancing marine biodiversity. By integrating the Seaflex Mermaid-K Advanced Mooring System (AMS) and Reef-Cube® anchorage, the initiative minimises environmental impact while encouraging the growth of marine life.



**So, if you're out on the water, remember to:
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE & WATCH WILDLIFE WELL**

New look – New Logo – New Fundraising Campaign

Alongside the marker buoy project, we shared our brand-new look at a launch event. We announced our fundraising campaign with local artist Sharon Collings. She has donated art prints of marine creatures for sale, raffle and auction. **Watch our social media to participate.**

Since 2008, LMCG has made a valuable contribution to Looe. Our projects have ranged from helping clean up Looe's bathing water quality, to introducing the Crab Line Recycling Scheme (run totally by our volunteers), to helping rid Looe of the practice of throwing water balloons at festivals. As well as our projects, we run our annual programme of beach cleans, rockpool rambles, talks and pop up events that benefit tourism. However, to date we've relied solely on donations and membership fees. LMCG now needs to find sponsorship and seek community support to sustain our conservation efforts. Our most urgent challenges are:

- Finding free/affordable local storage space for our kit
- Website upgrade – new look, new logo needs a new website!
- Managing social media

Please get in touch if you can help or, as a local business, wish to discuss sponsorship or give a donation. Email looevmca@gmail.com.

TALK: Septimus, some seal

Speaker Rob Wells

Tuesday 15 April 18.15-20.30

Hannafore Point Hotel, Marine Drive, Looe PL13 2DG

Join us for a free talk on Septimus, a grey seal whose preserved skeleton reveals the harsh realities of marine life. Rob Wells from Cornwall Seal Research Trust shares insights from over a decade of seal research highlighting how seals use the south coast of Cornwall and the urgent need for marine conservation. Rob will also introduce his children's book *Excuse me, are you my Mum? which *will be available (£9.99, all profits to CSRT).



AGM follows.

TALK: Seagrass

Guest Speaker: Eden Stevens from the Ocean Conservation Trust

Tuesday 20th May 18.15 – 20.30.

Venue TBC

EASTER BEACH CLEAN: Sunday 13 April 12:00-13:30

Hannafore Beach, meet below the coastguard station

Want to play your part in cleaning up our ocean? Well there's no better place to start than at your local beach clean. All equipment is provided, all we ask is that you come along in suitable clothing and footwear. Meet on the Beach below the Coastguard Station where Hannafore Kiosk has made a special offer of 'Tea/coffee and a cake' for a fiver to anyone participating in our LMCG events at Hannafore.

Our next beach clean on Saturday 17 May (14:00-15:30)

Rotterdam Beach/ Stinkers Cove PL13 2JA – a remote beach next to Talland Bay.

EASTER ROCKPOOL RAMBLE Tuesday 15 April, 13:30-15:00

Hannafore Beach, meet below the Coastguard Station

If you've ever wondered what lives in the rockpools near you, then join our local experts at our rockpool ramble to find out! Please wear suitable clothing and footwear and leave nets at home as they can harm delicate rockpool creatures. Meet us below Hannafore Kiosk on Hannafore Beach, where our 'Tea/coffee & a cake' for a fiver applies.

Next date is Monday 26 May 11-12.30 at Hannafore Beach



APPLIES TO ALL EVENTS:

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. At our FREE events, we welcome donations to cover LMCG costs, especially when we host guest speakers. Please check our website

www.looemarineconservation.org and FB page www.facebook.com/LooeMCG closer to the time of the event for the most up to date information.

Any other queries please email looemcg.events@gmail.com.



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WEST LOOE TOWN TRUST STUDENT GRANTS

School Grants for 2025/26 School Terms are now open for applicants to apply. The new application form is available from the office (as above) or can be downloaded from our website www.westloometowntrust.co.uk.

As normal the closing date will be **1st July 2025**.

Please do read the criteria page to ensure you are eligible before sending in your application.

If anyone needs any help or has any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to help.

Sue Pengelly
CLERK TO THE TRUSTEES

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CALM-SPACE  CHILDMINDING

My name is lisha, and I am a qualified and Ofsted registered childminder based in West Looe. I have many years of experience working within childcare and educational settings.

My opening hours are from 7am - 6pm Monday – Friday

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If you require a childminder, and would like to find out more about

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WELCOME TO WEDDINGS AT LOOE GUILDHALL

The impressive and historic Grade 11 listed Guildhall was built in 1877 – as can be seen on the weathervane that proudly stands at the top of the clocktower.

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Exchanging wedding vows is a special moment for all couples and such a memorable event deserves to take place in a historic building.

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LOOE SAILING CLUB

By the time this issue of Community News comes out the new sailing season will be underway.

The recent registration evening saw good numbers of boats registered in each of the four classes raced by the club. Junior sail training will commence a little later in the spring.

Safety being of paramount importance the club have purchased an additional safety boat during the winter, leaving us with three boats available for both racing and sail training.

Plans are well advanced for the hosting of the Fireball Nationals in late May and the Merlin Rocket Nationals in August. Looe has become a popular venue for visiting fleets over the years, so we expect good entries for both events.

Sailors from both our Enterprise and Redwing fleets will be visiting Tenby either in early or late August for their respective National Championships.

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

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LOOE SOCIAL CLUB

April Acts:

Saturday 5th Rolling Tone
Saturday 12th SONNY King
Saturday 19th Stryde
Saturday 26th Simon Gee

For further details and times, please see Looe Social Club FB page

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LOOE ROWING CLUB

Spring is just around the corner and everybody at Looe Rowing Club seems to have a spring in their step too! This is because cold dark nights are gradually giving way to lighter evenings and that rarest of things, the sun, has been spotted, making the odd appearance through the clouds. And as everyone at the Club knows, longer, warmer days can mean only one thing. Racing Season is almost upon us!

A busy few weeks have seen the Club welcome back our Oars of Thunder rowers from their incredible adventure crossing the Atlantic, with a procession up the river with gig rowers from the club and an escort by the lifeboats from the RNLI. This was followed by coffee and cake at the Sailing Club...



And we have also taken part in our first competitive race of the year! On 8th March Looe took four teams to compete in the annual curtain raiser to the gig racing calendar: The 3 Rivers Race hosted by Caradon Gig Club. 3 Rivers is the longest race of the year for many of our rowers and, at 10km long, it is always a little bit of a shock to the system after the long winter months of racing inactivity. As the name suggests the course is

set on the Tamar, the Tavy and the Lynher rivers. It starts at the Tamar Bridge, follows the river up to the River Tavy before a series of turns takes us all the way back down to the Lynher, before turning again and finishing back under the Tamar Bridge.

All our crews had impressive results racing against a very strong field of 91 other teams from all across the South West. Our Men's A finished 2nd our Men's B 12th, the Ladies' A crew came 17th and our ladies' Vets 27th, giving everybody a boost of confidence to do well at the next big event on the calendar, the World Champs on the Isles of Scilly at the start of May. The weather,



usually rain and gale-force winds for this race, decided to be nice for a change. It stayed sunny and dry and we enjoyed a great day of racing and afterwards shared a beer or two and caught up with old gig racing friends who had also spent the winter months hibernating in their gig sheds.

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LOOE FLOOD DEFENCE AND REGENERATION SCHEME

The current stage of the Looe Flood Defence and Regeneration Scheme, to develop a recommended solution to reduce flood risk and enable regeneration in Looe has been successfully completed.

We would like to thank everyone who has been involved with the project for their contribution to this work.

Whilst completion of this phase marks a significant milestone for the project, work on delivering the scheme is dependent on securing external funding.

Changes in the national political and financial landscape, leading to reviews of a number of current national major infrastructure projects and significant uncertainty over the level of funding available for future projects, means that it is not currently possible to identify the sources of funding needed to take the recommended Tidal Barrier and Breakwaters option forward at this time.

While this is disappointing, the detailed work which has taken place to bring the scheme to this stage means that the project is in a strong position to move forward if the national picture changes and the funding needed to deliver the scheme becomes available.

In the meantime, the Environment Agency will be assessing the flood protection elements of the scheme this year with the aim of including some of the measures in the EA's next programme.



u3a Looe and District

Are you retired or semi-retired?
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Enjoy social events? We arrange many trips, concerts, quizzes, lunches and teas.



The motto of the u3a organisation is
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Tue	<p>8.30am & 9.45am</p> <p>11am - 12pm</p> <p>2pm - 3.30pm</p> <p>7pm - 8.30pm</p>	<p>Pilates with Kerry - 07588 220 007 1st floor</p> <p>50 Plus Dancercise with Sheila’s School of Dance 07866771429</p> <p>Exercise Class with Looe Exercise Group - 01503 265947 1st floor</p> <p>Mindfulness meditation with Natalie:1st Tue of each month from 3rd Sept : 07973 267 232: natalie@natalie-brooks.co.uk</p>
Wed	<p>8am—9am</p> <p>3.30pm - 4.30pm</p> <p>6pm - 7pm</p> <p>7pm - 8pm</p>	<p>Yoga with Gocha 07539 178 840 1st floor (Check for term dates)</p> <p>Music for pain clinic</p> <p>Adult contemporary dance with Gocha wellness 1st floor</p> <p>Pilates: Gocha Wellness 1st floor</p>
Thu	<p>11am - 12pm</p> <p>1.45pm-3.45pm</p> <p>4pm - 8.30pm</p> <p>7pm - 9pm</p>	<p>Sheila’s School of Dance Adult Dancercise - 07866 771 429 1st floor</p> <p>Cornwall Mind Community Café 2nd Thu of month: Vocal group 4th Thu</p> <p>Ballet & Tap classes, contemporary & street Child & Adult with Bond Dance Company: contact Rachel 07969 212 902 1st floor (TERM TIME ONLY)</p> <p>Ukulele Club (Ground Floor) contact Roger Lane: 01503 262775</p>
Fri	<p>4.30pm - 7.30pm</p> <p>7.30pm - 9pm</p>	<p>Looe Youth Theatre - 07920 282 818 (Fiona) ground floor (Term time only)</p> <p>Looe Karate club 01503 264767 (Dave) 1st floor</p>

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LOOE FESTIVAL OF WORDS

Who knew, a little over a year ago, that a casual conversation at a West Looe Christmas Market would turn into a new weeklong festival? That was how Looe Festival of Words began.

With an organising group of just seven people, with varying amounts of experience, we were able to put together a week of workshops, talks, walks, pop ups, and a bookfair in just nine months. I don't think we realised how popular it would be until we saw how quickly the tickets were booked, how long some of the waiting lists were, and the wonderfully positive feedback we received. So here we are, organising another for 2025.

Much of the groundwork is already done (the necessary admin like policy writing and establishing our aims and boundaries) and we're brimming with ideas for the programme. But there's still much to do in the planning stages: sourcing funding, booking venues, producing publicity, to name a few.

And why do we still want to do it? Especially when there are so many literary festivals in Cornwall?

The first thing is that we deliberately called it Looe Festival of Words. This is an event for anyone who loves words, as a reader or a writer. Last year we covered poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and TV production. This year, following the feedback, we're hoping to expand to script writing, performance, an exhibition, and competitions.

Our tagline is "by the community, for the community." We deliberately picked our dates just after the music and food festivals to help extend the Shoulder Season and bring more people into our town.

Like those other festivals, we encourage our visitors to make the most of our fabulous shops and eateries while they're here.

We don't want a festival that's all talks and celebrity authors. We want this to be about the wonderful local creative talent we have in the Looe Valley and its environs, to encourage and showcase what's already happening here. That's why we loved having Looe Marine Conservation Group run Poetry on the Rocks last year, for example. And we're extremely grateful to the support we've received in funding and venue provision, from organisations like Looe Development Trust, the Harbour Commissioners, the Millpool Centre, and Looe Library and Community Hub.

We're hoping to have more support this year, especially as three of our committee have had to stand down. Can you help in any of these ways?

Follow us on our Facebook page [@LooeFestivalofWords](#)

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A specific task like:

Applying for funding

Managing the accounts and finances

Managing ticketing (online)

Distributing posters and publicity

Meet and greet/set up and clearing up at events

Are you a business who could provide publicity, offer a venue for an event or exhibition space, or sponsor part of the festival?

Are you a local group who like to hold a words based event in the festival that we can promote?

Please contact us by email or via Facebook if you'd like to get involved. We'd love to hear from you.



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