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Introducing Mayor Cllr Steven Remington

Thank you, Council, for electing me. I will work hard to justify your confidence. I was a regular visitor to family in Looe for almost half a century, since 1975, before retiring here in 2018. So, yes, an incomer but with fair claim to a lengthy connection, with meals eaten in long gone restaurants, clothes bought in Terry's Fashions, bills paid to Caradon Council. But it was in 2021 that my arm was twisted to join the Town Council. Always the first question – how much time would I need to give? They lied of course. But I haven't regretted a moment. I take on my role with humility and temerity. I would like our watchwords to be: Looe Town Council – how can we help?" (Mayor's acceptance speech).



Annual Parish Meeting: A summary:

The annual town meeting took place on Tuesday, 20th May, marking a significant occasion in the civic calendar with the appointment of a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Outgoing Mayor Tony Smith welcomed attendees before inviting nominations for the position of Town Mayor for the civic year 2025–2026. We are pleased to announce that Cllr Stephen Remington, formerly Deputy Mayor, was elected and appointed as the new Mayor. In his acceptance speech, Cllr Remington reflected on the evolving nature of the council, noting the encouraging trend of younger members being elected.



He also emphasised the Council's growing commitment to youth engagement. A significant point in his address was the tentative steps being taken to explore a Youth Council. The central message was clear "Looe Town Council – How can we help? As his first official act, Mayor Remington invited nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. We are delighted to confirm that Cllr Jamie Pearn born and raised in Looe, and bringing with him a strong blend of local knowledge and business experience was appointed Deputy Mayor for 2025–2026. We look forward to his leadership and vision contributing to the Council's work in the year ahead.



Mayor's Appointments:

As part of the ceremonial proceedings, Mayor Remington made several key appointments:

Consorts:

Vivienne Sullivan and Lynda Powell will serve as consorts for the mayoral year.

Chaplain:

Ben Morgan-Lundie was re-appointed as Chaplain.

Sergeants- at- Mace:

Two new Sergeants- at- Mace, Lee & Alfie from Looe Community Academy were appointed.



Mayor's Cadet:

2024 Mayor's Cadet Kayleigh Smith handed over the title to 2025-2026's Cadet Jago Midwinter.

The ceremony also honoured those Councillors stepping down from service. Special thanks were extended to Martin Gregory and Armand Toms who were made honorary town burgesses. In his acceptance speech Armand expressed his gratitude stating, 'I love this town, and I will always love this town'.



Organisation of the Year: Looe in Bloom

This year's Organisation of the Year award was presented to Looe in Bloom, in recognition of its tireless efforts in keeping the town beautiful and vibrant through floral displays and community engagement. The award was accepted on behalf of the group by Karen Glover. Huge congratulations to the entire Looe in Bloom team, this is a truly well-deserved award!

Citizen of the Year: Peter Friend

The Citizen of the Year award was given to Peter Friend, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the community. Though Peter was unable to attend the ceremony, his award was met with warm applause and admiration from all in attendance.

Once again, congratulations to all appointees and award recipients. We look forward to a successful and community focused year ahead

Town Council News:



Introducing Town Clerk: Sam White

Special thanks to Sam White, Town Clerk, for overseeing the smooth running of the ceremony. New to Looe Town Council, Sam has made a strong and positive start in the role, bringing fresh energy and enthusiasm. With some exciting plans ahead, we look forward to seeing Sam's continued contributions to the town and council.

CCTV Upgrade:

Our Services, Assets & Community Committee has been working hard over the past few months to upgrade the town's CCTV systems. We're pleased to announce that the old cameras have been replaced with a new, high-resolution model. This means more reliable and clearer CCTV coverage across Looe, enhancing safety and peace of mind for everyone.

VE Day Tea Party:

On behalf of the Looe Town Council team, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our VE Day Tea Party! The event was a great success, with a wonderful sense of community spirit throughout the day.



LOOE IN BLOOM



We were so delighted and honoured to have been presented with the prestigious 'Organisation of the Year Award' by the new Mayor on 20th May. Our Treasurer, Karen Glover attended the event to receive the Award on behalf of us all.

Looe Garden Club has kindly donated £2,000 towards the purchase of a new vehicle for Looe in Bloom. We are extremely grateful to them. Please see the Garden Club article on page 21 for the full story.

We had a very enjoyable and successful day at the West Looe May Fayre and ran a BBQ and cake stall. We raised just over £500! Thanks so much to everyone who came and supported and to our wonderful volunteers for giving their time so generously on the day.



The first week of June will see all the hanging baskets and boxes going up around the town. It will be a very busy week for us, but so lovely to see the town springing into colour for the summer season. Thanks to all the businesses and residents that support this. Do get in touch if you are interested in being supplied next year.

We continue our fundraising efforts towards eventually replacing all our vehicles as they are now coming towards the end of their life. 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.

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



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LOOE RNLI LIFEBOAT STATION



Lifeboats

Shouts: Our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Between 18 March 2025 and 20 May 2025 our volunteer crews responded to 10 shouts.

Souvenir Shop: Subject to volunteer availability, and the weather, our souvenir shop is open daily between 11 am and 4pm. Our shop has a wide range of products for you to choose from.

Albatross Boathouse: Our boathouse is open daily to the public and like our shop, subject to volunteer availability, operational requirements and the weather 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.

SUMMER EVENTS

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 2025 at 1.45pm. Information can be found at <https://www.lboa.co.uk/rafttrace2025.htm>.

Summer concerts: Our fundraising team have been working hard to bring you a summer line up of concerts in the boathouse. We will advertise events closer to the date on social media and as ever they are all subject to operational commitments

Shanties and seafood: We would like to thank the team at Welcome to Looe & Polperro and Pengelly's Lobster shack for arranging 3 Shanties & Seafood evenings featuring the DerryAirs on 19 July, The Press Gang on 2 August and The Polperro Wreckers on 24 August - Tickets are priced at £45, with all profits from the three evenings being equally shared between Looe RNLI, Looe NYE Fireworks, Looe Defibrillator Appeal and Looe In Bloom for more information and to book please visit <https://welcometolooe.com/shanties-seafood-2025/>

Emergency services day: Subject to operational requirements our RNLI volunteer crew are looking to attend the annual Emergency Services day Saturday 2 August 2025 on West Looe Quay.

Party in the Park:

Planning is underway for a Polperro Party in the Park on Sunday 31 August at Polperro Holiday Park please keep an eye out for more details.

Looe RNLI
The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

Lifeboats

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

RNLI Concerts 2025

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| Sunday 4 May | 3 pm | Songs of Praise |
| Led by RNLI Chaplain Rev. Ben Morgan Lundie with Polperro Fishermen's Choir | | |
| 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 Seaford

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Proms night:

Our fundraising team are organising a Proms Night on Saturday 23 August with help from the team at Kilminorth who are hosting the evening along with St Pinnock Band and Liskeard & Looe Radio, for more information and tickets please visit:

<https://kilminorth.co.uk/event-rnli>

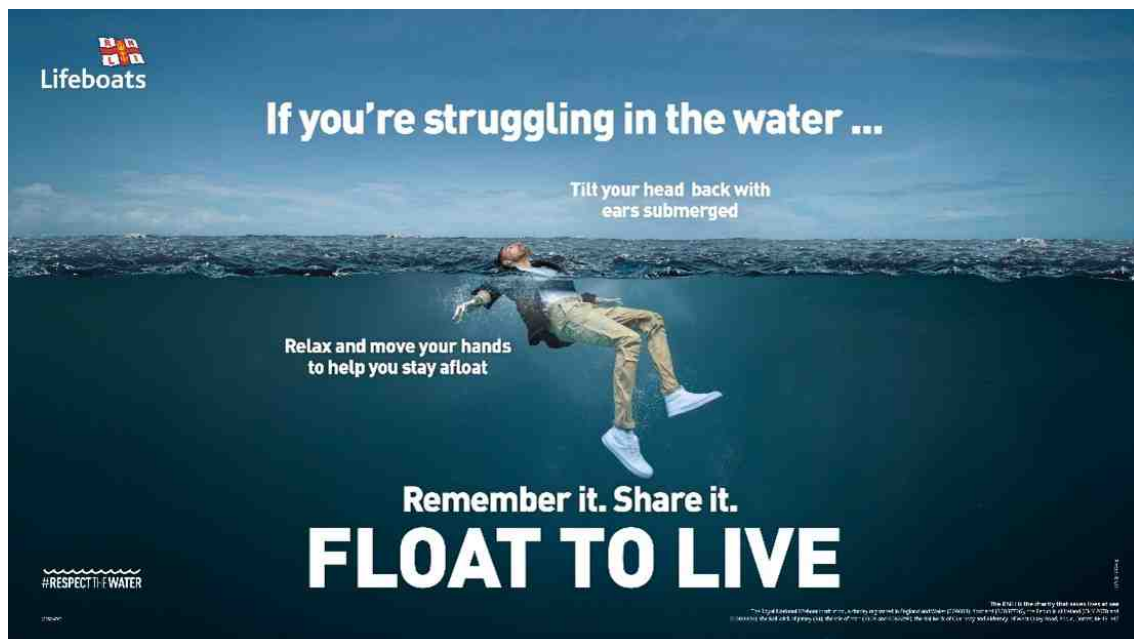
Keeping safe on the coast

RNLI lifeguard cover returned to Tregonhawke Seaton, Tregantle and Sharrow beaches from 17 May when there will be daily patrols between 10 am and 6 pm. Patrols will return to Freathy beach for the summer 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.

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/>

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







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Monday 28th July: Furry Dance 7pm

Tuesday 29th July: Summer Run 7pm and mini fun run 7.05pm

Wednesday 30th July: Sand modelling competition 1pm

Thursday 31st July: Concert at the Lifeboat Station 6.30pm

Friday 1st August: Fancy dress treasure hunt 6.30pm

Saturday 2nd August: Grand Carnival Procession 6.30pm

FAMILY FUN DAY: Sunday 10th August

ANNUAL DUCK RACE: Saturday 23rd August 12.30pm
(change of date and time due to tides)

CAR BOOT SALES:

Every Sunday throughout the summer
(weather permitting)

Start date to be confirmed.

For more information please see Looe Lions facebook page or go to
<https://loelions.co.uk>

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CHILD MINDING

My name is Isha, 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

All families are welcome, including home-educated children.

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

Calm-space Childminding

Please call or message me on: 07984017776

or email me at: ieware17@gmail.com

SOMETHING NEW

Dear Residents,

Can I firstly thank you for the kindness shown to me over the last 22 years and for the cards, presents and donations on my retirement.

But, like most will know, you find a time to say it's time to step down and do something new. My life has already changed with more time for the family and doing all those jobs that have been waiting to be done for a long time.



Photos: Neil Richardson

Now not being in the front line of what goes on in the town I will still be doing my bit for the town in other ways, cutting the grass around St Martins Church, litter picking and cleaning up areas.

At the recent Town Council Mayor Making it was said I will be leading on volunteering and will be asking for support for projects in the town. Or if you have any ideas for what needs doing, I will always be willing to be involved in helping out with the local project.

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 with your ideas or offers of help.



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GRANT'S STORY

Grant Lungley is a well-known character on the quay, who joined the Looe Harbour Commissioners team in 2022.

On 10th April, Grant collapsed whilst conducting a Fire Risk Assessment with the Assistant Harbour Master (Dave Jackman) and an external assessor in the New Granite Quay stores.

Grant had suffered a cardiac arrest.

Having realised that Grant was not breathing, Dave started cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and sent the Fire Risk Assessor to retrieve a defibrillator from the Harbour office. In the meantime, Dave administered CPR.

Other Harbour staff provided background assistance (re calling emergency services, traffic direction etc).

Having followed instructions given by the emergency services and the mobile defibrillator unit, a shock was administered. Grant responded to the first shock given. The defibrillation had been successful!

Victoria Thomas (Royal Navy advanced Clinical Practitioner) was in the vicinity and supported Dave by taking over Grant's care. This enabled Dave to collect an oxygen cylinder from the Lifeboat Station and administer oxygen to Grant. Emergency services arrived shortly afterwards. Grant was taken to Derriford hospital, where he had an automatic pacemaker and defibrillator fitted.

There is no doubt that the quick response from Dave, the assistance given by Victoria and the availability of a defibrillator in the close vicinity, saved Grant's life.

Grant paid a visit to the office a couple of days after his procedure to thank everyone involved. He has recently returned to work on light duties.

Each year, Looe Harbour Commissioners staff are given the opportunity to attend a basic life support and defibrillator refresher course. No-one ever thinks that they will need to use it!

Tina Hicks "There is no doubt that the effective CPR given to Grant, meant that his heart remained in a shockable state, so that the subsequent defibrillation was successful. The actions taken by Dave and Vicky, undoubtedly saved Grant's life. This was a very stressful and emotional incident for all involved. I am very proud of the help that Grant's colleagues were able to give him. I am also grateful to all the people that have previously assisted us with fundraising for the Looe Defibrillator Appeal. Most people will not be aware that the Looe defibrillators are tasked several times each month (Particularly during peak season). Sometimes the units are used, sometimes they are taken to an incident 'just in case'. Either way, they have now become a vital resource for our community"

Grant has kindly agreed to share his story, with the hope that it will encourage others to find out about CPR, attend a defibrillator awareness session, and if needed, have the courage to use one of the twenty-one public access defibrillator units that are positioned around Looe.

It is crucial that people are familiar with the location of the defibrillators. Recent statistics state that Ambulance services performed resuscitation on nearly 35,000 patients in England in a twelve-month period following an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. A quarter of patients had their hearts restarted by the time that they reached hospital. Members of the public performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in over 70 per cent of cases but used a public-access defibrillator in fewer than 10 per cent of cases. A person's chance of survival, having had a cardiac arrest, decreases by up to 10% every minute without CPR and defibrillation'.



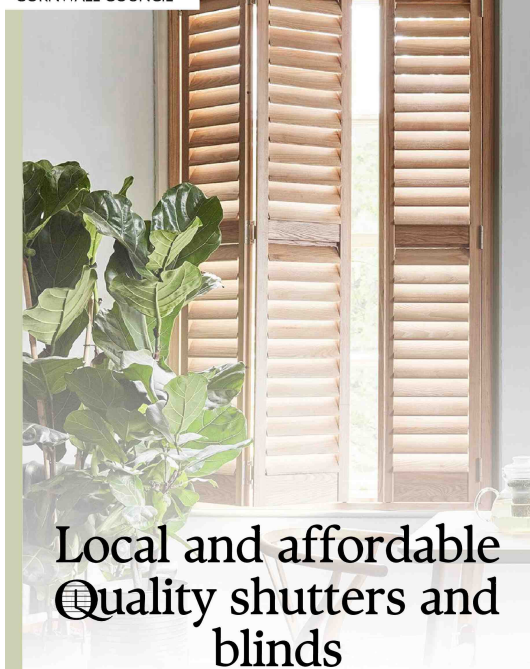
Left to Right: Dave Jackman, Grant Lungley and Victoria Thomas.

On 2nd August, a Looe Emergency Services Day (10am to 3pm) will once again take place at West Looe. There will be the opportunity to meet our local teams and gain an understanding of the fantastic work that they do.



The Quayside Centre will be a designated 'drop-in centre' where members of the public can learn basic life support and have a go at CPR on resuscitation training aids.

Training promotes confidence. Confidence saves lives. Please find a few minutes to join us and learn (or refresh) the skills that could save a life.



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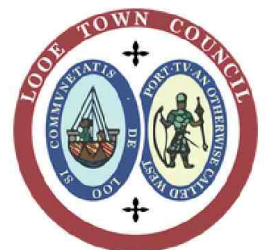
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11TH - 16TH AUGUST

Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol



We have enjoyed a good start to our new season.

Easter was comfortably busy and although visitor numbers vary and are unpredictable, we are looking forward to a summer of coachloads and families.

Already we have had a fair few overseas visitors. One Thursday morning we had two American couples, two Australian couples and a lady from Toronto come in. They were all independent of each other and for about five minutes all in the Museum at the same time!

There have also been (shush, don't say it too loud) local people from Looe and the surrounding area. More please, form an orderly queue.....

The "VE day in Looe" display will remain in place for a while. This includes several of John Southern's photos so some people may recognise family members. There are also a couple of old dial telephones with recordings of war time speeches. Our volunteers are happy to instruct any younger visitors on how to use them, this has already happened!

This year is 400 years since the awful raids on Looe and coastal communities by the Barbary Pirates. In 1625 eighty Looe men, over 10 days, were kidnapped for the slave trade. There is more information available should anyone be interested.

Also on display are some copies of JMW Turner's sketches of Looe, drawn when he did a working tour of Cornwall, and a small copy of one of his paintings (Courtesy of The Tate). We are now the proud custodians of Roger Bennett's Town Crier outfit which takes pride of place with a lovely photo of the man in action.

Our volunteers look forward to greeting all our visitors from near and far over the next few months, so please pop in. Who knows what you might discover?

Penny McHugh
Volunteer Curator, Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol



LOOE COMMUNITY TEA ROOM

The Community Tearoom in the Rose Garden is open from 10am until midday Monday to Saturday.

It is run by volunteers.

We also have two trips a year.

Do come along and have a tea or coffee and biscuits and a chat.

Everyone is welcome. We all look forward to seeing you all.

Pat and her team



NEWS FROM EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST

The calendar tells us that it is now summer
let's hope that the weather agrees!



VE Day

ELTT were proud to light the beacon on the Wooldown for VE Day 80. Supervised by Antony Scarah, our Maintenance Manager, the beacon was lit by Ysella Read, a Military and Protective Services Student at Duchy College.



The beach and seafront: keeping it clean and safe

It has been said that our beach is one of the best parts of Looe – and who are we to argue? As you are probably aware, the beach and seafront is privately owned by ELTT, who are proud to maintain the beach and provide it for use for the general public. Our maintenance team start work early in the morning and after litter picking the beach and blocks, they will be out on the tractor and surf-rake. The tractor is used to regrade the beach and move large amounts of sand around the beach. The specialist surf-rake picks up smaller bits of litter and plastics to leave the sand clean and ready for visitors to enjoy.

Seaweed is an important part of the ecology of the coast and we deal with this appropriately, following advice from conservation and ecology specialists. The seaweed is not suitable to be used as fertilizer due to the amount of micro-plastics in the sea, however there are numerous creatures that rely on seaweed and so it is needed but also is not always welcomed by beach-users. We generally move the seaweed to the east where it is picked up by the tide and then moves out to sea (rather than just coming straight back in on the next tide). After a storm or strong winds there can be an awful lot of seaweed deposited and it can take some time to put things back to normal.

An obvious change to the beach and the bay in the summer is the installation of the bright yellow buoys which mark out the “swim zone”. The aim of these is to keep swimmers and powered craft separate. The buoys are there for the Bathing Water Quality Season (May-September). Every day during the BWQ season, ELTT receive a notification from the Environment Agency which gives a prediction on water quality for that day – the notification is displayed on the noticeboard on the main slipway to the beach.

ELTT are very conscious of the impact of plastic on the environment and so are pleased to keep providing the drinking water fountain (on the seafront by the main safety and information signs). This enables the public to refill their drinking bottles – please continue to use the facility to reduce the use of single-use plastic bottles. Please be considerate though – and use the fountain for the intended use and not to rinse out swimming costumes or wash children and dogs!

ELTT provide bins along the promenade and on the sea defence blocks. One of the unusual things here is that as it is private land, ELTT have to pay to dispose of all of this rubbish – at considerable direct financial cost and staff time. Please don't put your household rubbish in these bins and if one bin is full, please use the next one. Our staff do work hard to keep the bins empty but we are a small team and have other jobs to do as well – please help us to keep our beach and seafront clean and tidy.

The safety and information signs are on the seafront in various places – please take the time to

read them and always be aware of the direction of the wind (there is a bright orange windsock there) especially if you take inflatables onto the water. We are very fortunate to have Looe Beach Hire on the seafront – catering for all your deck chair, sunlounger, windbreak and parasol needs – not to mention the famous octopus roundabout and kayak hire.

The Watchtower and Old Lifeboat Station

When you visit the seafront, you will see that the Watchtower and Old Lifeboat station have emerged from their scaffolding and can now be seen as the fantastic iconic buildings that they are! Look out for details on the official opening of the buildings coming soon!

Enjoy!

There are numerous entertainment activities booked for the seafront this year – keep an eye on our facebook page for details. The most important things to remember about our beach and seafront: Be safe and have fun!

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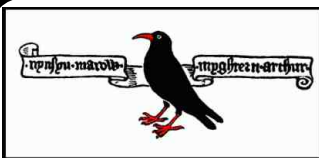


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LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

Graveyard Tour

On Saturday 14 June Mark Camp will lead a tour of St Martin's Cemetery, with graves of a smuggler, a surgeon from the siege of Lucknow, as well as Thomas Bond, Joseph Thomas and many local families.

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LOOE LUGGER CLASSICS

A major English Channel sailing race will be having a 'stop-over' in Looe for the first time this summer.

The West Country Classics Series for vintage 'Old Gaffers' sail-powered boats has traditionally visited Dartmouth, Falmouth and Fowey during the holiday season but the organisers are delighted that the re-vamped Looe Lugger Regatta will now be including a special class for them to race around Looe Bay. The Gaffers award prizes for the skippers and crews gaining most points from regattas at various South West locations and the addition of Looe to the roster is a big coup, not only for the owners of these classic sailing yachts, but also for the port of Looe which is expected to be exceptionally busy on the water over the July 25-27 weekend.



The Lugger Regatta, an impressive and much-loved biennial addition to the port's calendar, is returning this year and it promises to be bigger and better than ever before. After Covid ruled out the 2021 edition, the 2023 reunion of famous old fishing boats – the 'lugger' name comes from the vessels' traditional 'lug' sail rig – 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.



PORT VISITORS: South West members of the Old Gaffers' Association will be visiting Looe Harbour for the first time this year, as part of the re-vamped Looe Lugger Classics

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 had been 'lost' (either retired or scrapped) in the past decade. Clearly doing nothing was not an option. The very future of the regatta would have been in doubt, since many of the remaining boats, several of them built in Looe, are now more than 100 years old and the cost of their upkeep continues to rise year-on-year. Armed with that rather disheartening situation, the new, younger lugger committee embarked on a re-brand that will still appeal to traditionalists, since it remains focused heavily on the old fishing boats whose town regattas can be traced back to 1911, but it will now also attract a host of other 'eye-candy' boats of all shapes, sizes and colourful sail patterns.

Lugger owners, skippers, crews, as well as many of the old Looe families, for whom the fishing port has been home for many years, fondly remember the days when huge fleets of sailing luggers – the wooden-built fishing boats are peculiar to the 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 UK's fishing industry.



FISHING FLASHBACK: In the hey-day of Cornish fishing, huge fleets of luggers would drop anchor in Looe Bay, waiting to land their catches of pilchards, conger, ray, turbot and the like

This year's event has been re-titled the Looe Lugger Classics, so that the lugger numbers will be buoyed by a varied fleet of other sailing boats, all of which also embrace the spirit of the working boat 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 two races in the bay on the Saturday and another one on the Sunday. Boats are expected to start arriving from the evening tide on the Thursday. The weekend will be followed by a 'Rest Day' in harbour on the Monday (July 28) after which the fleet will have an opportunity for a 'feeder' race to Fowey Classics on the Tuesday.

Moorings and facilities have again been provided by the Looe Harbour Commissioners, whose continued generosity allows the regatta to thrive. Similarly, West Looe Town Trust readily acknowledges the historical importance of the regatta and has offered to help with the provision of a temporary state-of-the-art portable toilet block.



Plans for this year's Lugger Classics are now ramping up with an event village on West Looe Quay featuring live music on two stages over three nights, including sea shanties, rock bands, choirs and acoustic troubadours. A licensed bar (again run by Looe Sailing Club), barbecue and other food outlets will be available and quayside attractions include talks on heritage maritime topics; Ashley Bussell's photographic exhibition (which was so well-received at last year's Made-in-Looe Regatta); crab-pot and oar-making demonstrations, and, hopefully, a model boat display.

LOOE LEGEND: Possibly the best-known of all the Looe-built Cornish Lugger fishing boats, the magnificent 45-footer, Our Daddy is expected to make a sentimental return this summer to the port in which she was built in 1921

Entry forms are now available by e-mailing: office4luggers@btinternet.com and already the owners of two of Looe's most famous luggers, the Our Daddy and the Guiding Star, have expressed their wish to be present.

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

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Looe Shedders

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Temporary Workshop is a Game Changer at Looe Shedders

A significant development at Looe Shedders: we've been given temporary access to a sizeable workshop that promises to help us reduce our backlog of community projects and take on new ones. We're still searching for a new home - some land upon which it could build a shed or an existing building that could be adapted for our use - but being able to use this workshop for at least a year is a game-changer. Previously we've only been able to meet a couple of times a month at St Martin's Community Hall and we've had to conduct any messy work in the car park. Now we can meet much more often and we're not at mercy of the weather.

An example of this is the Wendy House we're renovating for Trenode School. It's been "on or books" for more than a year but at most meetings it's been too cold or too wet for us to paint it. Now it's in our workshop and can be worked on at any time. Similarly, we have been able to move ahead with another project - refurbishing a much bigger playhouse (pictured) destined for Looe Primary School. A little while ago, we



dismantled it (see picture) and moved it into our workshop so that we could make a start on cleaning and repainting it.

As it happens, the long spell of dry sunny weather this Spring has also helped us complete another community project, for the Kernow Health Mental Wellbeing project on the Allotments. We've repurposed the

Community Cupboard that was once near the Library, converting it into a small shed with a modified roof and gutters to collect rain water (picture). We've also built a hexagonal raised bed using boards donated by React Scaffolding (picture).



Kernow Health is staging an Open Day on 11th June to celebrate the project's completion - please come along between 2pm and 4pm.

Another development also promises to speed up delivery of community projects; we've acquired a new slide mitre saw at a heavy discount from Evolution Power Tools. Its first use will be cutting up more scaffold boards for another raised bed project, this time for Looe Primary School.

Although our temporary workshop has helped us with community projects, we're still meeting at St.Martin's Community Hall on the second Saturday and fourth Thursday of every month, starting at 10am. Some of us move on to our temporary workshop; others participate in activities at the Hall including:

Crafting projects - photo shows MP Anna Gelderd trying her hand at air-dry clay at a recent meeting.

Repair Cafe at Saturday meetings. In the past year we've fixed everything from vacuum cleaners, garden shredders and trimmers to a candlestick, sewing machines, kettles and toasters. Lots of chatting, cups of tea and coffee and biscuits.



For more information, look at our website: www.looeshedders.co.uk or mail us at : contactus@looeshedders.co.uk

LOOE ROWING CLUB

As many in the town will have seen on the local news or social media, Looe Rowing Club has been taking part in a little bit of gig racing over on the Isles of Scilly. I can say that the 34th World Pilot Gig Championships was a most memorable one for everyone, especially those connected with Looe Rowing Club! The sun shone, the wind blew and, afterwards, the beer flowed!



One hundred and twenty-eight gigs and four hundred and fifty crews from all over the southwest and further afield took part in this year's competition. As always, we started the weekend with the long races between St Agnes and St Mary's; although the weather was sunny and bright, we were rowing into a strong easterly headwind which made for a very memorable (if a little bumpy) race, and just about every crew who took part ended up soaked from head to foot. Our men's A crew took on so much seawater that a fish decided to join them in the fun and jump into

the boat! But the weekend nearly turned disastrous when they turned for the last few hundred metres into St Mary's harbour. The amount of water, which was now up to their shins and sloshing around from side to side, very nearly capsized the boat! The skill of the cox and the tenacity of the rowers to bring that boat across the finish line in 10th place was very nearly the most amazing thing they achieved that weekend... Nearly!

Not to be outdone by our men's angling exploits, our Women's A crew - after a difficult build up to the tournament, losing their stroke rower to injury just weeks before the championships, having to bring a new rower in and move positions around in the boat - astonished even themselves by finishing the 3km course in 12th place in the difficult conditions.



After the long race was done and everyone had managed to dry off, came the shorter Nut Rock sprint races (between Tresco and St Mary's) and, of course, the Finals on Sunday. Our Women's Vets crew once again made it to the A Group final and finished in 9th place, and our Men's Vets finished their weekend in 19th. In the Open races, our Women's A managed to retain their place in the Group A races all weekend and finished in 12th place overall. Another amazing achievement! Well done, Ladies. Our Men's B finished in 24th place. For the first time ever, Looe had managed to get three crews into the Group A Finals.

And a special mention must be given to our Women's B crew, who finished in a very commendable 101st place with a mixture of club members. For some, this was their first ever race, with some returning rowers, and one not too far off turning 70! To put some context into just well they did and how brutal this sport can be, during the Men's Open long race on Saturday, some of the crews took over four minutes just to cross the start line and ended up running out of steam trying to make headway into that strong easterly wind, having to be towed back into the safety of the harbour. A phenomenal achievement for such a novice crew to do so well in such challenging conditions.

Which just leaves us with the Men's A Final. Lining up on the start against the 12 fastest crews of the weekend, our Men were not fazed, not even when Falmouth took a boat length's lead and Helford and Caradon were holding them neck and neck for the first half of the race. Because it is not for nothing that this crew has won the World Championships for the past SIX consecutive years! This is where the months and months of training leading up to the tournament kick in, taking their minds and bodies to the limits and pushing through that pain barrier, where most right-minded people say enough is enough.

But this crew is made of different stuff! Slowly, inch by grudging inch, Falmouth started to give ground to the boys from Looe, and ever so slowly, Helford and Caradon started to fall back. With just a few hundred metres to go, Looe had managed to pull that boat length back and were level with Falmouth. As we sat watching our screens (some of us lucky enough to be also holding up our oars to greet them over the finish line), we thought we were in for a repeat of the nail-biting finish of last year. But we were wrong!

From somewhere, the Looe crew dug even deeper and somehow found yet another gear to go up into, and they sprinted for the line, leaving Falmouth and all the others behind in their wake to cross the line first and be crowned world champions for the 6th time! Incredible rowing! They are a credit to our club and the town of Looe, and we are always amazed and immensely proud of what they achieve, and for what all of our crews have done too.

Well done all.

LOOE GARDEN CLUB



Looe Garden Club has kindly donated £2,000 towards the purchase of a new vehicle for Looe in Bloom. The cheque was presented by Susan Barnes and Sandie Christiansen Co-Chairs from Looe Garden Club Looe to Susan Rowe, Chair and Karen Glover, Treasurer from Looe in Bloom on 21st May 2025.

Members of Looe in Bloom and Looe Garden Club attended. The image was taken by the Hannaford Rose Beds in Looe, where Looe Garden Club have previously supported the work of Looe in Bloom.

Looe Garden Club said "We are delighted to be able to contribute to a replacement vehicle. Looe garden club members continue to support the great work that the Looe in Bloom volunteers carry out making Looe look so attractive."

Looe in Bloom said "Thank you to Looe Garden Club for their most generous donation and ongoing support of the work our Looe in Bloom volunteers do to keep the town looking beautiful. We recently lost one of our vehicles to old age and we cannot continue the work we do without reliable vehicles. The donation from Looe Garden Club will really help towards the fundraising for a new vehicle. We rely on fundraising and grants for the upkeep and replacement of our vehicles and the remaining two trucks are also nearing the end of their use"





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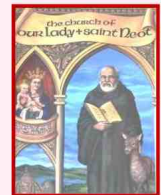
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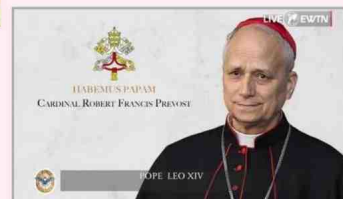
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A new Pope has been elected by the 133 Cardinal electors gathered in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel. Just after 5pm UK time, Thursday 8 May, white smoke billowed out of the temporary smokestack installed on the roof of the Sistine Chapel, heralding the news that a new Pope had been elected – the cardinals had chosen the 267th Pope.

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VE Day (Victory in Europe Day): We thank everyone who took part in the VE Day commemoration events and especially those businesses and organisations that made collections for our branch's Poppy Appeal. Our branch was out in strength at the Guildhall Rose Garden on Saturday 3rd May, with our stall and Poppy Man, and raised over £630 for the Poppy Appeal. We thank everyone who so kindly gave donations and for our branch members for their time and effort in making the day a success.

Rose Garden Concert : Our branch was also present in the Rose Garden on actual VE Day when our branch Vice-Chairman, Paul Allen, organised a small concert. Paul reported: 'Thursday May 8th saw popular local band Talben Pen AKA Nobz assist the Looe Branch RBL commemorate VE Day 80 in the Rose Garden. The band played a two-hour set with a selection of songs to cater for all tastes, which drew the public to the RBL stall, which was manned by Branch members who were only too happy to sell their wares and commemorative goods and have a chat. Many people after their visit to the stall went to the adjacent coffee shop for refreshment and to listen to the music. A good time was had by all and hopefully will be repeated for VJ Day August 15th so keep your eyes peeled. For further information on the band, or to book them for your event, call Paul 0771 8056544.' Thanks to Paul and Talben Pen, over £500 was raised for the Poppy Appeal.



Pepe's Tex Mex Kitchen Collection: As previously stated, a big thank you to all the individuals, groups and organisations that have made donations over the VE Day period. They are too many to mention individually as we go to press, but our Branch Secretary and deputy Poppy Appeal Organiser, Mandy Rickets, would like to pay a special thank you to one establishment: 'The Looe Branch of the Royal British Legion would like to thank Jason, Sally and the whole team at Pepe's Tex Mex Kitchen in Higher Market Street, East Looe, for the fantastic support they have given our Branch. On Monday 5th May they opened from midday to 3pm especially to serve tea, coffee, cakes and sandwiches for FREE!!! to anyone who came. All they asked was a donation to RBL Looe. When I collected the boxes, Sally told me they were hoping to raise £50, but in fact raised £367.37!!! They kept up their lovely VE Day posters until the actual VE Day and we know of at least another £21 that was raised. The money raised by our Branch helps support veterans, both locally and nationally, financial, emotionally and practically. We are very grateful for all donations, large or small, it all helps. Again, many thanks.'

Speaking to people: When we are out and about, collecting for the Poppy Appeal, we enjoy speaking to people and hearing of their, or their families' experiences. Here are a few of the stories we heard over the recent VE period:

A lady came up to us and told us that the ship her father was in was sent to the Far East just before she was born. His ship served all through the war in the Pacific and stayed there on duties well after Japan surrendered. She was seven years old when she and her father set eyes on each other for the first time.

A gentleman told us about his grandfather who went ashore on D-Day. He made it over the beaches but was wounded in the fields inland. His mates carried him to a church where wounded from both sides were being tended. The brother of the wounded man was in the same infantry battalion and the next day was allowed to visit the church to see how his sibling was doing. He found that all the British wounded had been evacuated back to England; that is all the British wounded, save his brother who had been covered in a discarded German Army coat for warmth and hence mistaken for a German. The unwounded brother created hell and his brother

was immediately evacuated home. He lost a leg but survived and went on to father a family, as the grandson is testimony of, and probably owes his survival to his brother's intervention. The grandson has set himself the goal of one day finding the church where his wounded grandfather was initially treated.

An elderly lady gave us a donation and said that she always remembers VE Day because that was when she was freed, then after a short pause she added "that was in Germany." Before we could reply she was gone.

It was a very humbling and a privilege to hear the last ladies' brief story, and all the stories we heard. We should never forget the sacrifices made, both by our military and civilians, in the defence of our country and fighting evil.

The Looe Branch of Royal British Legion meetings: These are held on the first Monday of the month, start at 7:30pm sharp in the ground floor bar of the Looe Social Club, West Looe Quay. Anyone is free to come along and see what we are about. Although we were in the middle VE Day activities, at our meeting on the 5th May our Poppy Appeal Organiser, Annette Bryan, gave an update on this year's Poppy Appeal which runs from October to October. Our Branch's current figure stands at £11,442.99 (£3,000 up on this date last year). The National figure stands at £51.4 million (1.3 million up on last year). Percentage wise, our branch's increase is well up on the overall national figure.

Help from the Legion: 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.

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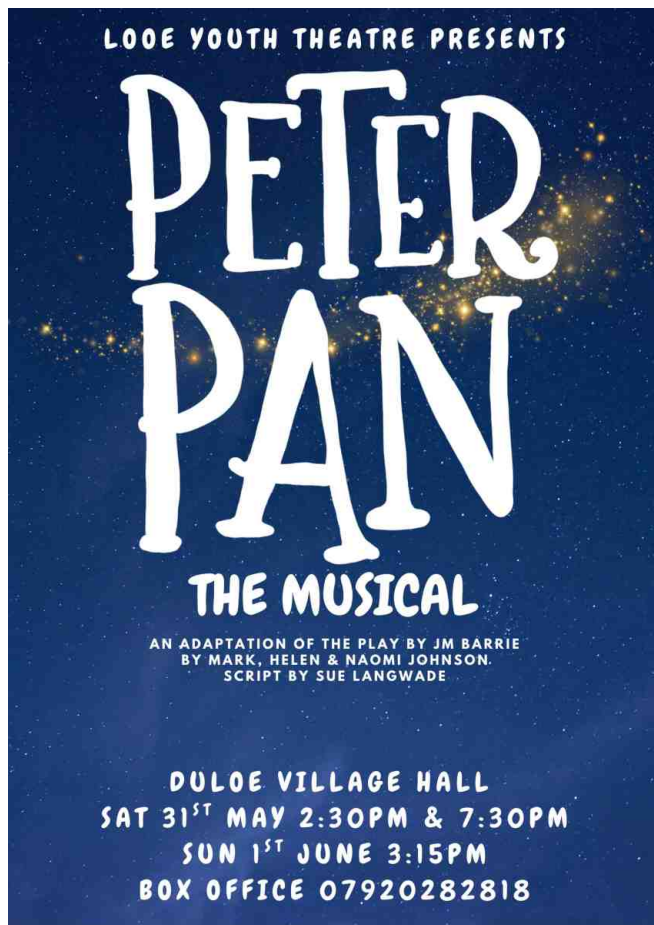


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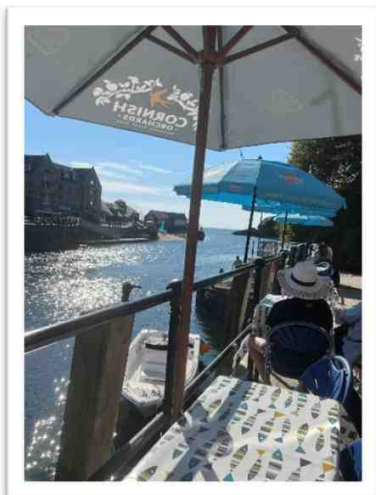
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KELTIQUE NEWS

Our concerts

Our programme of concerts started on Tuesday 6th May when we sang in the Boathouse, East Looe to support our local RNLI station with their fundraising. This was followed on Friday 16th May by a joint concert with the Polperro Fishermen's Choir in Millenium House, Pensilva to raise money for the Chestnut Appeal. The last concert in May was in aid of CRUK Relay for Life when we sang at the Liskeard Rugby Club on 24th.



Fundraising

As well as supporting other choirs and organisations with their own fundraising, every year we support our own charity. At our AGM of 12th May, we voted to support Penhaligon's Friends, a Cornish charity supporting bereaved children, young people, parents, and carers throughout the county. The charity offers children and young people the chance to meet others and share their experiences, as well as practical resources to help children cope with their grief. They offer a range of support services including advice and resources, telephone support, family visits, groups, school visits, one to one support, and social events. They also deliver an extensive programme of training and advice for other childcare professionals and those interested in becoming a volunteer.

Future concerts

Our Summer diary continues to be busy and here are the dates of our next six concerts:

Sunday 22nd June 2.30pm: Charity Open Garden Concert, Stable Yard, Boconnoc Estate

Saturday 12th July time tbc: Liskeard Show, Merrymeet, Liskeard

Sunday 27th July 4.30pm: Made in Looe Concert for the Luggers Day, West Looe Quay

Monday 4th August 7.00pm: Summer Concert, Heritage Centre, West Looe

Sunday 10th August 6.30pm: Church Service Concert, Riverside Church, West Looe

Saturday 23rd August time tbc: Summer Concert, West Looe Quay

We hope to see you at many of the above.

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 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 on Mondays.

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

CORNWALL CRICKET

Cornwall Cricket Board Promotes Umpire Training with Sponsorship from Specsavers

In preparation for the upcoming cricket season, the Cornwall Cricket Board (CCB) has successfully run a series of umpire training courses across the county. These courses, designed to encourage more individuals to take up umpiring and support the growth of the game, have been well received by local cricket enthusiasts.

With the support of headline sponsor Specsavers, four umpire training courses were held at key locations, including Callington, Redruth, and two in Truro. A total of 33 new umpires have been trained as a result. This initiative is part of the CCB's ongoing commitment to developing and strengthening the grassroots cricket community in Cornwall. The courses, which were available to participants at a discounted rate of just £20 per person, thanks to the generous sponsorship from Sepcsavers, provided an accessible and affordable opportunity for aspiring umpires to gain the essential skills needed for officiating at both grassroots and competitive levels. The sponsorship also provided the CACO umpires with a complimentary shirt to stand in the Premier and County 1 games.

Managing Director Joe Skinner said: *"Umpiring is such an important part of making the game happen, plus helping to create a safe and enjoyable environment for players. Our education programme has been really successful this spring with the 33 people trained including women and young people, some as young as 14 years of age. We would like to thank Specsavers for their support which helped make it more accessible. We hope that we will be able to continue this relationship with Specaavers so as to help future umpires. The game needs more trained umpires to ensure players remain safe and enjoy the game. Umpires are integral to the successful running of the game, so let's get educated and develop skills. If people are interested in doing the course in the future we will welcome them signing up at the next available opportunity."*

These training courses come at a time when the demand for qualified umpires is growing, as cricket continues to expand in popularity across Cornwall. With local clubs relying on competent umpires to ensure fair play and uphold the spirit of the game, the Cornwall Cricket Board's investment in umpire education is a crucial step toward safeguarding the future of the sport in the region. Through the success of these courses, the Cornwall Cricket Board is fostering a deeper connection between the local community and the game, while also creating pathways for the next generation of cricket officials.

Cornwall Cricket Board remains committed to fostering opportunities for individuals aged 5 and above to engage with cricket across the county. As the official governing body for cricket in Cornwall, the Board is dedicated to promoting a love for the sport among players of all ages and backgrounds.

CORNWALL CRICKET TO HOST SHOWCASE CLASH AGAINST SOMERSET IN AUGUST

Cornwall Cricket is proud to announce an exciting showcase fixture against Somerset County Cricket Club, set to take place on Monday, August 4th at Wadebridge Cricket Club, with the match beginning at 11:00 AM. Gates will open to the public from 9:00 AM.

This annual event is part of a national initiative designed to give National Counties teams a unique opportunity to test their skills against first-class opposition. Cornwall will take on the challenge of Somerset, bringing top-level cricket action to local fans and offering a thrilling display of talent and competition.

Cornwall Cricket Board Managing Director Joe Skinner said: Having Somerset County Cricket Club playing in Cornwall is always a great spectacle, and one where Cornish residents get access to professional cricket. We are excited about Cornwall's best players pitting themselves against the best, but above all we hope to inspire young players to say that playing at this level is possible and we hope to give the spectators a great experience. We welcome working with Wadebridge Cricket Club who have a fantastic cricket playing and spectating environment to truly put on a great day.

Tickets are now on sale and can be booked online at <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/WyOlko>. Prices are £10 for adults and £5 for under-18s. Parking is available at the nearby rugby club for £5 per car, payable on arrival. Additional parking can be found in Wadebridge town car parks.

This showcase match forms part of Cornwall Cricket Board's ongoing commitment to developing and promoting the sport throughout the county. As the official governing body for cricket in Cornwall, the Board provides opportunities for children and adults aged 5 and up to get involved and works in partnership with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) to manage the sport's growth and integrity at a local level.

For more information, visit www.cornwallcricket.co.uk or contact admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk.

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LOOE COASTGUARD FLATS COMMUNITY UPDATE

Thank You for Having Your Say!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took part in our recent Green Energy Consultation for the Looe Coastguard Flats.

Whether you filled in a survey, joined us at the Eco Event, or helped spread the word, your input has been invaluable. We received 82 responses, full of thoughtful, constructive feedback, and we were encouraged to see strong support for proposed improvements like:

- Discreet solar panels
- Double-glazed timber sash windows
- Air source heat pumps for greener heating

Your views have helped shape the final design, ensuring it reflects both community priorities and long-term sustainability.

Responses to your comments and questions can be found in our latest newsletter and will also be shared on our Facebook page over the coming weeks.

Welcome to the Team!

This month we welcomed a new member to the team! Alexandra Carr will be joining us as Community Coordinator. As part of her role, she will be the liaison between Looe community members and Three Seas Cornwall moving forwards. This will focus on delivering the ongoing resident engagement and public consultation for The Looe Coastguard Flats. As part of this, she would like to get to know as many names and faces as she can, if you would like to arrange a virtual or in-person coffee and chat soon let us know!



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Your wedding ceremony will take place in the first floor Guildhall Chamber with a high wooden ceiling, large oil paintings and of course, magnificent stained-glass windows. You will feel a total sense of grandeur as you stand together to exchange your vows.

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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It's been a busy few months for Looe Marine Conservation Group. Before sharing upcoming events, here's a brief insight into our activities in April and May. Inspired? Why not become a member or get involved as a volunteer?

We deployed two marker buoys off Looe Island to help reduce wildlife disturbance caused by kayaks, paddleboards, motorboats and jet skis. So, if you're out on the water, remember to **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE & WATCH WILDLIFE WELL**

The marker buoy project was launched at an event at the Looe Heritage Centre which also introduced a new look from Looe Marine Conservation Group - our new logo. Look out for the new design on our sail flags displayed at our outdoor events.

We held an online auction of two framed prints, supplementing our fundraising effort through art sales kindly donated by local artist Sharon Collings.



We re-installed the Crab Line Recycling stations along the quaysides and resumed the practice of emptying them, sorting the crab lines into their component parts for recycling. A great volunteering opportunity. Do you have a spare hour to help? Send an email to looevmca@gmail.com and we can train you and get you onto the rota!

We held a Film Night as part of the Looe Valley Festival screening a double bill of Cornwall Climate Care Films about plastic pollution and climate change. Our guest speaker in May was Eden Stevens from the Ocean Conservation Trust. She gave a truly inspiring talk about seagrass, its role as a nursery habitat for marine life including seahorses and the need to protect our very own 1.1km stretch of seagrass beds from Hannafore to Millendreath.

Volunteers attended 'Seal Ambassador training' on Looe Island organised by Cornwall Wildlife Trust. Ambassadors are trained to show visitors where to spot seals and raise awareness of these amazing marine mammals. A fantastic volunteering opportunity!

We conducted our monthly seal and bird surveys on Looe Island.

Dates for our summer rockpool rambles!

Sat 26 July 13.00 - 14.30 during National Marine Week*

Mon 11 August 13.00 – 14.30

*To mark National Marine Week, before the rockpool ramble on Sat 26 July, LooeMCG will run some special activities to explore the beach such as a scavenger hunt and beach art/sculpture competition, so arrive early!

Where? Hannafore Beach, meet below the Coastguard Station

All our rockpool rambles follow a similar format. Our local experts guide you to the rocky shore, explain the art of rockpooling including the best way to discover and protect the marine creatures. Everyone brings their discoveries back to a central shore laboratory where we identify and discuss the creatures, where you can view everyone's 'finds' before they are safely returned to the rockpools. The event is suitable for adults and children alike. 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 and remember to request your token for our special event deal at Hannafore Kiosk - 'Tea and Cake' for a fiver.



Portnadler Bay Beach Clean & Late Summer Social Picnic

Sunday 7th September, 11:00-13:00 onwards

Join us for a fun and healthy annual social event! Meet at the Hannafore fields gates at 10:30 and walk along the coast path to Portnadler Bay where we run a beach clean and relax on the beach and have a picnic, before bringing the rubbish collected back to Looe. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear and your own refreshments, sunscreen etc.

Volunteer Meetings: 17 June, 15 July and 19 August (venues tbc).

Over the summer, monthly meetings take a more casual format e.g. BBQs at outdoor venues tbc as weather dependent. But please put Tuesday September 16 at 6.15pm in your diary: we invite you to attend our Events Planning Meeting (Venue TBC) when we resume our indoor monthly meetings. (Our talks programme resumes in October)

APPLIES TO ALL EVENTS: Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. At our FREE events, we welcome donations to cover LMCG costs. Please check our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/LooeMCG) closer to the time of the event for the most up to date information. Any other queries please email loemcg.events@gmail.com.



LOOE GOLF CLUB LADY VETS SECTION

The Jasper Cup - Congratulations to Vera Bennett on her marvellous win.

It may seem a small trophy but it remembers the Club's big hearted black and white cat Jasper. He used to hitch a ride on our golf trolleys on the course, stroll the greens, seemingly giving helpful putting advice and then would join us back at the 19th for a snooze.

Since 2011, except for 2020 the main Covid year, the Lady Vets have played a 12-hole singles stableford off the blues on 95% h/c to remember this beloved feline. The competition was played in dry weather but it was quite chilly at times when the sun went behind the clouds. The course was looking a treat and it was a delight to play on.



Winner Vera Bennett with sponsor of the competition Carole Day

Prize winners: Worthy winner with a brilliant score of 29 points was Vera Bennett, second with 26 points was Ladies Vice Captain Jill Westbrook, third with 25 points was Mo Inglis and fourth with 24 points was Wendy Shore. Nearest the pin in 2 on the 1st. was Jacqui Norman. There were many other good scores by the remaining players.

LOOE SAILING CLUB

Another sailing season is now well underway with racing on Saturday afternoons and Thursday evenings. Generally, conditions have been very light; in fact, a few races have been cancelled due to a complete lack of any wind.

Junior sail training has just commenced on Saturday mornings, places on this are now fully subscribed for this year.

Over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend the club hosted the National Fireball Championships attended by 36 crews from as far afield as Southern Ireland and even one crew from Australia. A programme of eight races took place over four days in a variety of conditions ending with a horrible wet and miserable day on the Tuesday with the final race having to be shortened when the wind got up to an extreme strength.

Overall winners were Tom Gillard and Andy Thompson from Sheffield Viking sailing club who were full of praise of the event management of the home club.

The second event which will be taking place in Looe is the Merlin Rocket Championships in August when we are expecting at least seventy boats to take part. This should provide a colourful sight in the bay.

The Club wishes to put on record its grateful thanks to East Looe Town Trust, Looe Harbour Commissioners, Looe R.N.L.I and F J Ede and sons without whose help we would not be able to run these events.

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Pat

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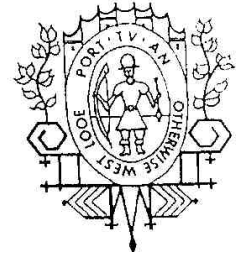
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| Tue | <p>8.30am & 9.45am</p> <p>11am - 12pm</p> <p>2pm - 3.30pm</p> <p>7pm - 8.30pm</p> | <p>Pilates with Kerry - 07588 220 007 1st floor</p> <p>50 Plus Dancercise with Sheila’s School of Dance 07866771429</p> <p>Exercise Class with Looe Exercise 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> |
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