

# LOOE COMMUNITY NEWS

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## A Message from Mayor Cllr Stephen Remington:

I'm so pleased to have a chance to contribute to Looe Community News and tell you a bit about what I've been up to since I became Mayor in May. It's been a whirlwind of council meetings and events across Cornwall, all aimed at ensuring your Town Council runs efficiently, legally, and in the town's best interest!



**Our Planning Committee**, chaired by Cllr James Lundy, is guardian of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and reviews all local applications (73 last year alone) ensuring they meet planning criteria before advising Cornwall Council, which agrees with our recommendations about 75% of the time.

**The Finance & Strategy Committee**, chaired by Cllr Simon Barker, keeps a close eye on income and expenditure to ensure the best value for money we can achieve and, of course, balance the books. It also reviews all the many policies that any well run local government organisation needs to have in place.

Meanwhile, **The Services, Assets and Communities Committee**, chaired by Cllr Jon Holmes, oversees facilities like the wonderful Library & Community Hub and our five (sometimes tricky!) public toilet sites. We've also launched a "Looe's Loos" FAQ and working group to help address your concerns, available to view on our town council website.

**Now for the fun bits!** I've had the pleasure of attending many events, including Looe in Bloom's Organisation of the Year Award, Looe Youth Theatre's *Peter Pan the Musical*, visiting the new Looe Greenspace Allotment Project, re-opening of Quirky's Boutique & Vintage and The Old Lifeboat House, a wet but fascinating search for Seagrass with Looe Marine Conservation Group, a creative workshop at Looe Community Academy, presenting the annual awards at Sheila's School of Dancing and the Looe Lugger Classics awards and judging the annual Carnival Parade. These are just a few of Looe's wonderful community organisations each one showcasing the amazing spirit of our town. I'll be taking a couple of breaks in August and September, with Deputy Mayor Jamie Pearn stepping in while I keep in touch through the wonders of the internet! Huge thanks to my fellow Councillors, who volunteer their time, and to our hardworking officer team, led by Town Clerk Sam White, who keep everything running smoothly.

Kind Regards,  
Mayor Stephen Remington

## Seafront Shower:

We have a new seafront shower, with thanks to our plumber! This has been fitted just in time for the summer holidays, so no excuse to skip the morning dip!



## Visit Looe Website:

We also relaunched our tourism website! If you didn't know, Looe Town Council are responsible for the Tourist Information Centre on the Millpool, along with the Visit Looe website & social media channels.

Earlier this Summer, we launched our new Visit Looe website. Thanks to the Visit Looe Working Group, supported by our Content & Communications Officer we're proud to say this new site has improved creatively, as it is easier to navigate and more visually engaging, but it is also far more cost effective.

We worked with Bang Bang Creative, a Cornwall-based agency who've been an incredible asset to this project. Their fresh approach, visual flair, and expert knowledge has elevated Visit Looe to a new standard.

The new website opens exciting opportunities for local businesses to shine! If you're a business in or around Looe and fall into one of the categories below, we'd love to feature you on our website. \*

- Local attractions & experiences.
- Activity providers (e.g. boat trips, diving, guided tours).
- Events (music, sports, food, grand openings etc).



We are also seeking social media content opportunities, offering collaborative posts that may showcase your business to a wider audience. This a not-for-profit project, focused solely on showcasing Looe, in turn all additions to the website & our social media are completely free of charge.

To feature:

Website listings: [welcome@looetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:welcome@looetowncouncil.gov.uk)

Social media collaboration & general enquiries: [tegan@looetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:tegan@looetowncouncil.gov.uk)

Web design enquiries: [simon@bangbangcreative.gov.uk](mailto:simon@bangbangcreative.gov.uk)

Follow the journey:

**Instagram** @VisitLooe

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**Website:** <https://www.visitlooe.co.uk/>

**\*Please note** due to partnership agreements, if your business is categorised under Eat, Stay or Shop, please contact our partner Welcome to Looe & Polperro at: [info@welcometolooe.com](mailto:info@welcometolooe.com)

## Looe Library & Community Hub News:

Join Cornwall's Libraries for this year's magical Summer Reading Challenge – Story Garden. Grow your imagination, collect fun rewards, and take part in a summer full of stories, nature, and creativity. And best of all? It's FREE!

Sign up from Saturday 5th July.

It doesn't stop there! Looe Library & Community Hub are hosting various events across SRC Festival Week **11th-16th August 11-12pm.**

**Mon 11th** Rock Pool Mosaics

**Tues 12th** Pebble Painting

**Thurs 14th** Garden Collage

**Fri 15th** Glass Jar Craft

**Sat 16th** Plant & Paint a Pot

These events are FREE for children doing the Summer Reading Challenge at Looe Library.

Call: **01503 262390** to book.



**Mayor Stephen Remington Local Looe:** As discussed previously, Mayor, Stephen Remington has been deeply engaged in our community events over the past few months, here are some snippets:



**Dates for Your Diary:** In June & July we saw a fair few events across Looe, including the famous Raft Race! For the rest of the month & across August – September there are a few more dates for your diary.

**Monday 28th July- 2nd August** Looe Carnival Week (Grand Procession, 6:30pm 2nd August)

**Sunday 10th August** Looe Lions Family Fun Day (Dog Show at 2pm, West Waylands Car Boot site)

**Looe Food Festival** 14th September 2025

**Looe Weekender** 19th-21st September 2025

**Kernowfornia Festival** 26th-28th September 2025



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# LOOE FESTIVAL OF WORDS



After a very successful debut in 2024, the Looe Festival of Words will be returning this October. So, pick up your pens, open your ears and prepare to be entertained, amused, regaled, fascinated, entranced and captivated by local writers, poets and historians in venues around the town.

Running from October 1st to 5th the festival is a celebration of words, not just books, so as well as readings, workshops and a bookfair, there will also be a rockpool ramble with local children's author Ellie Jackson, a talk on creating content for digital media, a literary walk and much more.



This year's Bookfair will take place at the Hannafore Point Hotel, giving both stallholders and visitors more room to browse the books and chat to the authors. There's already a varied list of attendees planned, with more expected as we move closer to the event. Alongside the Bookfair there will be a couple of workshop/talks, broadening the spectrum of what we can do with words.

With the Festival still two months away, the list of events is still to be finalised, but already confirmed (as well as those mentioned above) are a book quiz, a poetry evening, an evening of ghost stories, a couple of writing workshops and a talk about the village of Trelooe. The Festival's Facebook page is a great place to check out what's being planned. <https://loofestivalofwords.co.uk/facebook/>

There will also be trails throughout the town, with children tasked to discover where the Festival's cheeky seagull is nesting, plus hidden books. You might even find authors popping up in bookshops at random times?

As with last year, the whole event is being organised by members of the local community, for the local community. They would love some help, and if anybody is interested in lending a hand, please email: [loofestivalofwords@outlook.com](mailto:loofestivalofwords@outlook.com).

The organisers have tried to make the Festival accessible to all, with events taking place in venues such as the Hannafore Point Hotel, Looe Library and Community Hub, the Heritage Centre and the Millpool Centre amongst others. This has come about through working closely with bodies like Looe Town Council, Looe Harbour Commissioners and Looe Development Trust, and supported by FEAST, East and West Looe Town Trusts and the Welcome to Looe and Polperro website.



The Festival comes hot on the heels of the town's music festivals and a celebration of Looe's food and drink, all showing what talents the town has to offer. For the full line up of events, please make sure you are following the Looe Festival of Words Facebook page.



# Lifeboats LOOE RNLI LIFEBOAT STATION Lifeboats



**Shouts:** Our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Between 21 May 2025 and 20 July 2025 our volunteer crews responded to 7 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 concerts:** Our summer season of concerts continue with two events in August and two in September. We advertise events closer to the date on social media and as ever they are all subject to operational commitments.



**Looe RNLI**  
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**

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 Seafont

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 (208105), Scotland (SC037730), the Republic of Ireland (20032326) and the Bailiwick of Jersey (14)



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**Summer events:** 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

We would like to thank the team at Welcome to Looe & Polperro and Pengelly's Lobster shack for the first successful Shanties & Seafood evening featuring the DerryAirs on 19 July, Tickets, priced at £45, are available for the next two evenings featuring Press Gang on 2 August and The Polperro Wreckers on 24 August - 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/>

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>



**RNLI PRESENTS PROMS NIGHT AT KILMINORTH**

Lifeboats

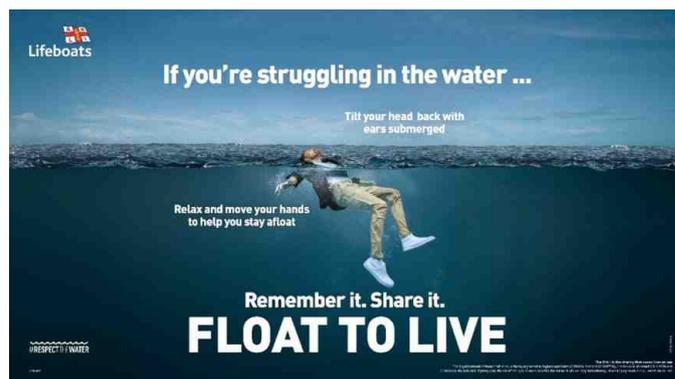
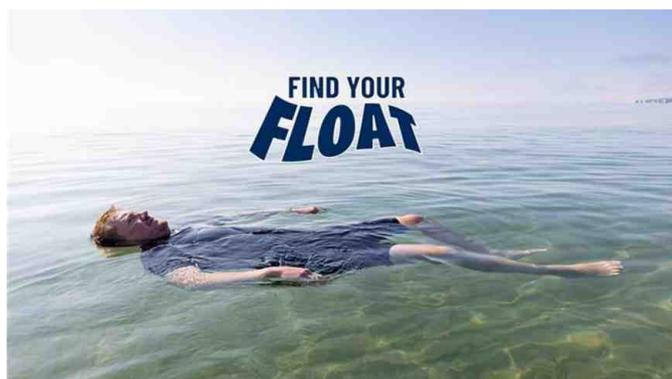
Summer in Full Swing!

Enjoy an uplifting evening of brass band music, feasting, and fireworks under the stars.

**EVENTS** at KILMINORTH

**Saturday 23rd August 2025**

TICKETS: PREMIUM OR VIP DINNER TICKET - £50.00 - INCLUDES SEATED 2 COURSE MEAL WITH WELCOME DRINK | PICNIC TICKET - £15.00 - BRING A BLANKET AND GRAB | YOUR PICNIC | PROM ENTRY - £7.50 - NO FOOD | KIDS UNDER 12 GO FREE



## Find your float

Do you know how to [#FloatToLive?](#) This World Drowning Prevention Day, we want everyone to practise and [#FindYourFloat](#).

In a safe, lifeguarded location:

- Tilt your head back with ears submerged
- Relax and try to breathe normally
- Move your hands and legs to help you stay afloat
- It's ok if your legs sink, we all float differently
- Once you're over the initial shock, call for help or swim to safety

**Remember it. Practise it. Share it.**

## Keeping safe on the coast

Our SE Cornwall RNLI lifeguard team are watching over Tregonhawke, Seaton, Tregantle, Sharrow and Freathy beaches with daily patrols between 10 am and 6 pm. 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 LUGGER CLASSICS

New Chairman of the Cornish Lugger Association Dave Darlington said the success of the 2025 edition of the Looe Lugger Classics needed just two words: "Thank You." The shipwright and former charter skipper was looking much more relaxed than at any time during the past week as all the hours of hard work and draft in overseeing both the three-day regatta 'village' on West Looe Quay and being a drummer in some of the bands on stage, were brought to a fitting conclusion. "I say 'thank you' because without you, the skippers and your boats, we would have no regatta, let alone one like this has been, that seems to have been enjoyed by everyone in the town and all the visitors; it's been superb" he said.



"Maggie Helen"

Like so many other Looe born and bred young people, the Chairman now lives outside the town, in Pensilva, but his love of 'home' was clearly evident, and his prizegiving speech was echoed by the Mayor of Looe, Stephen Remington, who said that the Luggers had once again shone a spotlight on the rich maritime heritage of the town and port and it was crucial that the legacy was maintained. "May it never end" he said.



Racing

While the new, youthful Lugger committee was rightly on the receiving end of plaudits from far and wide, the festival itself could not have been staged without the full support of Looe Harbour Commissioners, the Harbourmaster Tina Hicks, her deputy David Jackman and their staff, plus the backing and co-operation of West Looe Town Trust, East Looe Town Trust, Looe Development Trust, Looe Town Council and Looe Sailing Club. It was the full encouragement from those authorities that has buoyed the organisers and spurred them on to keeping alive the tradition of old fishing boats and the part played in the historical fabric of the town.

As well as three sailing races in the bay – and the most wonderful daily sight of the fleet at anchor off the Banjo Pier, something not witnessed by the port for many decades – there was the Andy Brice organised full live music programme, supervised by sound technicians Sam Darlington, Luke Parsley and their team; Ashley Bussell's thought-provoking collection of memorabilia and old photographs; Jack Darlington's ever-busy barbecue; Joe Bussell's static model boat display; Adrian and Aaron Grigg's crab-pot-making demonstrations; historical talks by Cornish Lugger Association co-founder Mike Darlington and Old Gaffers author Robert Simper; Adrian Bishop as the artist in residence on the quay; the skill of oar-making explained by Marcus Lewis, and, finally, the start of a 'feeder' race to the midweek Fowey Classics Regatta.

The links between Looe and Fowey have strengthened in recent years and in 12 months' time, it will be Fowey providing the 'feeder' into Looe, reported Vice-chairman Jonathan Brice.

Explained David Darlington: "*We are now going to make the Luggers an annual event (it was always biennial), alongside our Made-in-Looe reunion regatta and the most suitable tides for 2026 will be over the July 31, August 1-2 weekend which will mean Fowey Classics (and Fowey doesn't have tidal considerations with which to contend) will be before us.*"

## Overall Results

**CLASS A**, traditional fishing luggers of 30-ft or more (10 declared entries): 1, Gladys (owner/skipper, Charlotte Whyte, Penryn), 7 points (1-3-3 from each race); 2, Ocean Pearl (Nick Gates,

Chichester), 8 (2-2-4); 3, Guide Me (Jono and Judy Brickhill, Gweek), 10 (8-1-1).

**CLASS B**, smaller luggers, yachts and Old Gaffers (12 entries): 1, Ayesha (Richard and Judith Bond, Fowey and Tim Bailey, Falmouth), 3 points (1-1-1 from each race); 2, Susan J (David and Julie Patuck, Helford), 7 (2-3-2); 3, Hopeful (Paul Eedle, London), 10 (3-4-3).

**CLASS C**, Beer (East Devon) luggers and other smaller boats (10 entries): 1, Squiggles (Tony Laurillard, Pillaton), 6 points (4-1-1 from each race); 2, Peter Pan (Graham Padfield, Bath), 11 (5-2-4); 3, Teal (David Gard, Falmouth), 11 (1-4-6).



Western Bell, oldest skipper: Shared by Jono Brickhill and Tony Laurillard, both 79

Memento plaques for all the participants were made by David Darlington, using Siberian Larch wood kindly provided by Roger Puckey and engraved by Duncan Bond (Cornish Tea & Coffee Co).

### Special Awards

**First Looe boat:** Guide Me (Built by Peter Ferris in 1911).

**Boat that came farthest by sea:** Maggie Helen (Benoit Cayla, Brittany).

**RNLI special award for entertainment:** Gladys (Charlotte Whyte).

**Spirit of the Regatta (Alan Pape Trophy):** Looe Harbour Commissioners.

**Communication award:** Softwing (Ian Woodford, Cornish Maritime Trust, Newlyn).

**Therapist award:** Lauren and Esther Bowdler (Looe), assistant race officers and results co-ordinators (for keeping their dad, race office Brian Bowdler's blood pressure down!)

**Skipper who came farthest without a boat:** Philippe Saudreau (Le Grand Léjon, Le Légue, St Brieuc, Brittany).

**Attempted theft of racing marks:** Royal Oak (Andy Fox, Cawsand), who hit most of the course rounding buoys during two days of racing.

**Sportsman's trophy for overcoming hardship:** Hannah (Giles and Hannah Frampton, Thorncombe, Dorset), whose boat trailer broke down on the A35 en route to Looe, but they still managed to sail with the Royal Oak.

**Concours d'Elegance (Richard Pengelly Trophy):** Hopeful (Paul Eedle's new replica Mevagissey crabber – and Paul dedicated the trophy to the boat's builder and designer, Chris Rees. Millbrook).

**Endeavour award:** Barnabas (Rob McDowell, Cornish Maritime Trust, Newlyn) for sailing 1,400 miles to the Scottish Highlands for new masts and spars.

**Tetra Cup, best tender or dinghy:** Hopeful.

**Best motor boat:** Ganesha (Adrian and Aaron Grigg, Penryn), a 36-ft former Looe mackerel fishing boat built by the Curtis and Pape 'yard in 1969..

**Unstinting promoter and supporter of the event:** Barnaby Sheppard for 'rallying the troops' in West Cornwall harbours and ports.

**Diplomacy award:** Brian Bowdler (Looe), principal race officer.

*All photos (including cover photo) by Peter Kinver*



## NEWS FROM EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST



On 25th June ELTT were very proud to officially open the renovated Watchtower and Old Lifeboat Station on the seafront. Our Chairman, Andy Bishop, welcomed guests and Trustee Brian Galipeau explained the background and warmly thanked all contributors. The Mayor, Stephen Remington, cut the ribbon to open the Old Lifeboat Station which is now the home of Penrock Distillery.

The Deputy Mayor, Jamie Pearn, did the honours for the Watchtower which is the new office for ELTT.



ELTT staff and Trustees worked very hard to get a grant from the Shared Prosperity Fund which partially paid for the extensive renovations but the Trust still had to pay a substantial amount from their own accounts. There were technical challenges with solving problems such as major cracks and rotten lintels but solutions were found and now the buildings are looking superb and bring a lift to the whole seafront area. We believe that we are among the first to utilise new technology in solar power by using solar slates to generate electricity – from the outside these just look like normal slates (and much more in keeping than using old-style solar panels).

As summer gets into full swing, we hope that many of you will enjoy a visit to our beach and seafront. Looe Beach Hire will be on the seafront offering the hire of deckchairs, sun loungers, parasols, kayaks and the famous Octopus roundabout for our younger visitors.

We are pleased to continue to offer the drinking water refill point on the seafront – so please refill your reusable drinking bottles. On your way to the beach, please take note of the safety signs and be aware of the direction and strength of the wind as well as the tides.

ELTT continue to work alongside other town organisations such as the Looe Lions (don't miss carnival week), Looe Rowing Club (having their regatta on the beach as well as regular training sessions), Looe Sailing Club (hosting national championships as well as regular sailing) to mention just a few.

Although the beach is always very popular, don't forget the wonderful walks around our town and especially the Wooldown. It is a lovely spot for a picnic, a leisurely stroll or a dog walk. Please respect the area and use the bins for litter and dog mess. We are very proud to say that our conservation work is ongoing and there are some very rare long-horned bees visiting the bee glades and wild flower meadows.

Have you visited The Old Guildhall Museum and Gaol recently? It is certainly worth a visit to see the fantastic artefacts and find out more about the history of our wonderful town. There are fantastic archives of photos and also family history records if you are a keen genealogist.  
(See page 13)



# LOOE EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY

**SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST 10AM - 3PM**  
**FIRE STATION, QUAYSIDE CENTRE**  
**AND THE QUAY WEST LOOE**

**Come & meet the teams, see the vehicles, boats & equipment used!**

**Learn about basic life support, defibrillators & have a go at CPR!**

**Great photo opportunities!**

**BBQ and light refreshments available!**

**HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES**



**Please note Looe Fire Station will be open till late**

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# Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol, East Looe



As I hope you all know, in 1587 Queen Elizabeth I granted East Looe a Charter which allowed the town to hold several annual fairs and markets, regulate tolls and levies at the harbour, charge rents on land and properties, set our own bye-laws and, of course, hold a three-weekly Magistrate's Court.

The Mayor, Capital Burgesses and Free Burgesses were the men responsible for the smooth running of the town - the Corporation. (Oh the irony, a powerful female monarch signed the Charter but only men could carry out the tasks involved...)

I have recently improved and expanded a research project that I began a few years ago. Back then we installed a display about Court procedures, punishments and bye-laws with some mini-plays based on genuine Court cases. Don't panic, we didn't hang anyone here, and those cases went to Launceston and Bodmin. If someone tells you that criminals were hung in The Ship, feel free to set them straight for me please.

There is now an information folder detailing Court cases, the help given to the poor of the town & those in genuine need who were just passing through, the rights of Settlement & Removal and a day-to-day selection of jobs necessary in just keeping things working.

There was a lot which required continual maintenance, renewal and improvement. The Corporation was in charge of slaughter yards, animal pounds, streets, quays, water-courses, St. Mary's Chapel, The (Old) Guildhall, keeping the peace and order in town and maintaining our defences from sea-faring enemies. (There was a defensive sea-wall with cannons and cannons mounted on the cliffs, in case you were wondering.)

Here are a few samples of how life went on:

**1670:** Four men were in Court for feeding "hogges" at their doors.

**1673:** Jo. Pope "drew blood" from Philip Scadgell and threatened the Mayor. A relative of Philip, Richard Scadgell, abused the jury by calling them "a company of bottle heads."

**1677:** Two persons who refused to pay His Majesty's Duty had goods seized - 44 hats, one feather boulder and two feather pillows.

**1788:** (This made me sad.) William Nancarrow was convicted of bigamy having married Elizabeth Callaway of St. Germans while still married. He, Elizabeth and daughter Mary were living in East Looe. Elizabeth died shortly after the case so young Mary was declared illegitimate and "Removed" to St. Germans.

**1844:** John Parsons, victualler, told the Court that labourers John Mousehill and Jas. Butters destroyed seven cabbages and damaged his spinach bed.

I hope I have piqued your interest and that you might want to learn more, if you do you know where to find us!

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

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## WEST LOOE TOWN TRUST

West Looe Town Trust has recently celebrated its 150-year birthday by providing a Forest School Area on The Downs.



As you can see the 1st Looe Sea Scout Group are already enjoying the area and I know that West Looe Playgroup, now called West Looe Nursery, will also be making good use of the area.



The Board is happy to support both Groups as they both provide such super resources for local families.

**Sue Pengelly**  
Clerk to the Trustees



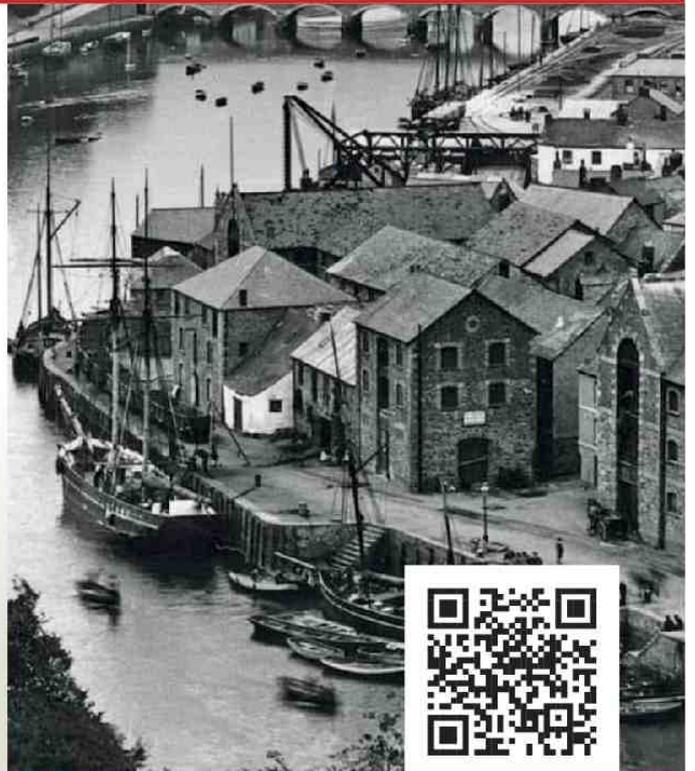
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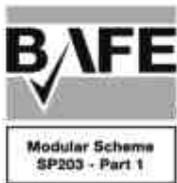


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So summer is upon us and it seems to be turning into a butterfly bonanza year!

The overall decline in butterfly numbers is depressing news. 80% of butterfly species in the UK have decreased in either abundance, distribution, or both since 1976.

But every now and then they have a better year, and it certainly looks that way from all the delightful fluttering we've been seeing here on Looe Island Nature Reserve.



Resting Gatekeeper



Ringlet feeding on mint

As usual, we have seen plenty of the grass loving species such as meadow browns, ringlets and gatekeeper. The species all belong to the group called the browns. Now we know this doesn't sound very exciting but patterns on these generally tawny butterflies are beautiful, so we encourage our visitors to slow down, and take time to really look at all wonders of the natural world.

Part of the island's management is to monitor wildlife - this includes everything from the flowers to the trees, the butterflies and birds and of course the seals. Using the information gained from monitoring, we've worked hard to improve the Island's grasslands and one plant that has benefited is the wild carrot. The plant has many other common names, including Queen Anne's lace, which perhaps helps to describe the delicate finery of its pretty flower umbels. Wild carrot is, of course the ancestor of the cultivated carrot but it's root is small and woody, so not really enjoyable to munch upon! However, it is still useful for both gardeners and wildlife as it attracts those all-important pollinators.



At the end of July we were joined by a regular group of surveyors who are linked to Cornwall Seal Group Research Trust and Looe Marine Conservation Group. These local volunteers carry out monthly seal surveys and record the Island's birds and the butterflies. The surveyors are excellent at spotting seals both in and out of the water. They record where the seals are seen and their behaviour as well as trying to get zoom photos to identify individual seals. Experienced

surveyors can tell whether it's a male or female seal and whether it's a mature adult or a young seal. Then they can even study a seal's unique fur pattern and identify individuals.

We also record incidents of disturbance which sadly happens when people get too close or too long to wildlife both in the sea and on land.

Wildlife disturbance is easy to avoid but perhaps more difficult to understand. Sometimes the accumulated impacts and long-term effects of disturbance might not be immediately obvious, so people may think it doesn't matter but it does. We all need wildlife to thrive so please give wildlife space.

There's lots of advice on the Cornwall Wildlife Trust website:

<https://www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/what-we-do/our-conservation-work/at-sea/marine-and-coastal-code> . Finding out more not only helps people to protect the amazing wildlife around Looe Island but it also makes any encounters with nature more rewarding.

If you want to learn more about the Island then please do take a look at our pages (<https://www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/explore/visit-looe-island>) on the Cornwall Wildlife Trust's website. The website includes lots of useful information, including details about how you can enjoy a visit to this very special nature reserve, bookable via Looe Sea Safari.

**Claire Lewis**  
**Looe Island Warden's Assistant**

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A grey seal in an unusual sleeping position

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## Looe Shedders Expands Activities in Local Schools

Looe Shedders is adding another string to its bow - collaborating with Looe Community Academy. The first results of this occurred in June when some of our members ran a couple of workshops during the school's "Challenge Week", when pupils that hadn't gone away on school trips were given opportunities to try something new.

In our case, we brought in materials and worked with the teachers to help the "Crafty Crew", a group of about 16 students, make Caribbean carnival masks and bird boxes. They turned out to be a talented bunch (see photos) . For some of the pupils it was the first time they'd done any woodworking, and something they really enjoyed.



Both Looe Shedders and the school see this as the first step towards working more closely together on a regular basis. The idea is that our members have a wealth of experience that could be put to use, particularly in helping pupils that might benefit from learning practical skills. It's also likely that Looe Shedders will help pupils participating in a planned community festival celebrating the history of Looe's lifeboats next Spring.

The developments at Looe Community Academy follow on from projects we've undertaken at primary schools. We've just finished building three raised beds at Looe Primary Academy (see photo). The school plans to assign each bed to one of its Key Stage 1 classes and let the children decide what they will grow in them. This follows on from a playground bus that we delivered in May 2024. Since then we've also made a playground tractor for Trenode primary school, and we are working on further projects for both schools.



For more information, look at our website: [www.looeshedders.co.uk](http://www.looeshedders.co.uk)  
or mail us at : [contactus@looeshedders.co.uk](mailto:contactus@looeshedders.co.uk)

# LOOE IN BLOOM

Another successful summer planting season has happened and we hope you agree that Looe is looking pretty stunning with all the beautiful hanging baskets and boxes around the town, along with the additional planting we've done in the boats and other static sites. Thanks to all the businesses that take part in this and to all our supporters for funding this work and of course to our amazing volunteers and committee, without whom Looe would not be looking quite so lovely.

We're particularly delighted with how the two rose beds at Hannafore are blooming after the hard work we did over the winter getting rid of most of the brambles and weeds. This and the hard prune seems to have spurred them into a new lease of life. We will continue to keep everything weeded and shipshape for the rest of the year.

Many thanks to Looe Rifle Club, who have made a generous donation of £175 to Looe in Bloom towards the 'Keep Looe in Bloom on the Road' campaign', keeping us on target (thanks for the pun Keith!) with our fundraising ambitions. The donation was presented by James Ivey, a young member of Looe Rifle Club with Anita, Peter, Sandra and Andy in attendance, to Jo Gale of Looe in Bloom at Looe Rifle Club.



Looe Rifle Club said *"We love to see the town looking so pretty with flowers, so we were very happy to donate a little towards a new vehicle. We wish Looe in Bloom every success with keeping mobile for many years."*

Looe in Bloom said *"We were so delighted to receive this generous and unexpected donation from Looe Rifle Club. It's heartwarming to receive support from local community groups such as this and really spurs our volunteers on to carry out the work we do. We really appreciate it."*

Many thanks to 'Welcome to Looe & Polperro' for their Shanties and Seafood evenings and for choosing Looe in Bloom as one of the beneficiaries of the events. We very much appreciate this. Some of our members attended the first evening and helped to sell raffle tickets. We donated some prizes for this too. At the time of writing a few of us are looking forward to attending the next evening as paying guests – we can't wait!



A date for your diaries. We will be hosting a QUIZ NIGHT on Saturday 11th October at the Millpool Centre. There will be a buffet and bar. Details and ticket information will be on our Facebook page nearer the time.

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to our vehicle fund. Continuing donations all gratefully received to help keep Looe in Bloom on the road.

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](mailto:looeinbloom@outlook.com)

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Hi, I'm Leo Maxwell

For the past two years, I have been compositing Looe Community News, a bi-monthly online magazine, which takes a few afternoons six times a year.

A week before my 73rd birthday, I had an emergency Angioplasty operation at Derriford Hospital, and I would like to take this opportunity to give a massive thank you to all of the NHS staff involved, from the ambulance crew, the highly skilled surgeons and support staff, to the nurses that looked after me during my recovery in Torcross ward.

This, however, made me realise that we may need to plan for someone to step in if I am indisposed.

So, Elaine and I are asking if there is anyone out there who would like to get involved. Currently, Elaine Warne commissions, compiles and edits the articles and adverts from contributors, and passes them to me to format and arrange into the pages of the magazine.

We then revise it between us until we are happy to publish the final result.

There is no need for expensive software or hardware, all that is needed is a reasonably usable computer, an internet connection, a little creativity and a willingness to learn. Maybe there is someone out there who would be interested in learning about Desktop Publishing?

I would be willing to help with training and I use Free Open Source Software packages which have developed over the years into professional quality tools.

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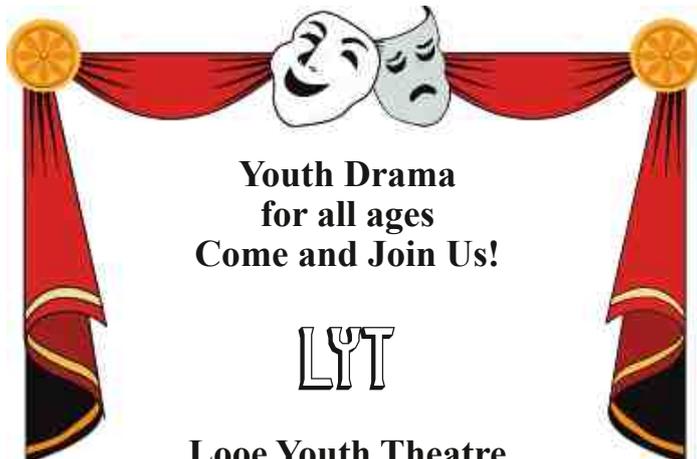
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# MAJOR TWO-DAY AUCTION OF TONY MARTIN'S REMARKABLE COLLECTION

A lifetime's passion for antiques and art is set to go under the hammer this September, as the extraordinary collection of the late Tony Martin - a well-known and much-loved antiques dealer from East Looe, Cornwall - is offered for sale by public auction.



Tony Martin ran his antique shop in East Looe for over 50 years, earning a sterling reputation throughout Cornwall and the wider Westcountry as a true gentleman of the trade. He passed away in December 2024 at the age of 84, leaving behind a remarkable legacy - and an astonishing collection of antiques and artworks.

Now, Plymouth Auction Rooms has been entrusted with the sale of Tony's estate, a vast and diverse array of items sourced not only from his renowned shop but also from his home and a nearby cottage, both filled to the brim with beautiful objects.

Auctioneer Paul Keen, who is leading the sale, remembers Tony fondly: "I knew Tony from my very first auctions over 30 years ago. He was incredibly knowledgeable, always generous with his time, and had a real passion for art and antiques. Visiting his home was like stepping into a treasure trove."



Among the standout pieces are over 50 stunning 19th-century marine paintings, a cabinet of exquisite Worcester porcelain, and a rare collection of around 20 original artworks by Beryl Cook. Tony was a close friend of the late Beryl Cook and played a key role in her development as one of Britain's most beloved contemporary artists. He even appeared in several of her paintings, famously playing his bowed cello.



Perhaps the most significant highlights of the sale are four rare Newlyn School paintings by Harold Harvey, each expected to achieve in excess of £10,000. These works were exhibited at the Penlee House Gallery & Museum and are likely to draw national interest.

In a further twist of artistic history, the auction team uncovered one of the largest collections of Clarice Cliff ceramics they've ever seen, housed in the cottage that once belonged to Beryl Cook and later purchased by Tony.



This remarkable sale offers something for every collector: from Chinese porcelain and antique furniture to 18th-century Worcester, fine art, and modern treasures. It's truly a once-in-a-generation auction.

The Tony Martin Collection will be sold over two days, on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2025, at Plymouth Auction Rooms.

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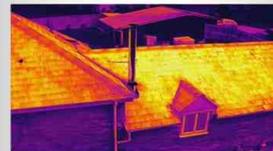


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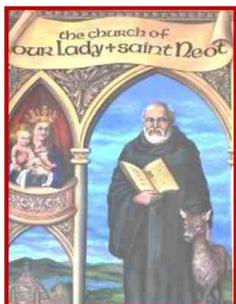
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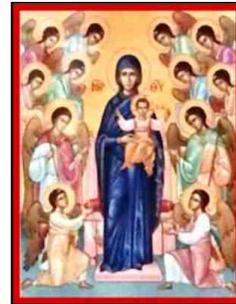


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**Armed Forces Day:** Our branch was present in Guildhall Rose Garden on Saturday 28th June to mark the National Armed Forces Day. We were there to promote the work of the 'Legion' and collected donations which will go to the National Poppy Appeal fund. The Poppy Appeal provides support to the Armed Forces community in six key areas: Financial Support, Advice, Employment, Mobility, Housing and Mental Health. On the day we raise over £700, so a big thank you to all those that donated and to our members who gave their time and effort to make the day such a success.



**VJ Day (Victory Over Japan Day):** We will be in the Rose Garden again on Friday August 15th from 10am, to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II in the Pacific. As usual, we will have our stall and be collecting for the Poppy Appeal. If possible, please find the time to stop and say hello to us. Music will be provided between 1pm and 3pm by the local, broad genre group, the NobZ. On the same day, our members be multi-tasking by being at the Looe war Memorial to take part in the National VJ Day two-minute silence at 12 noon. If you can't be at the war memorial, then please still try to observe the two-minute silence wherever you are.

**Trebah Military Day Visit:** On the 31st May a group of our branch members attended the Trebah Garden's Military Day. The annual event is organised by the Parachute Regimental Association, Royal Cornwall Division, and commemorates the 7,500 American Soldiers who sailed sent sail from the nearby Polgwiddden Cove on 1st June 1944. They were heading towards Omaha Beach in Normandy where they landed on D-Day, 6th June 1944. The military day featured military vehicles, performances, a memorial service, and wreath laying. It was well attended and enjoyed by veterans of all our armed forces. Our branch members laid a wreath and present a British Legion plaque to the Cornwall Parachute Association.

**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.

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# LOOE SAILING CLUB

Another active summer is well underway, with plenty of sailing going on, although perhaps a little more wind would be appreciated at times.

Regular club sailing has continued on both Saturday afternoons and Thursday evenings with good numbers of boats taking part in each fleet.

Junior sail training has been very well attended on Saturday mornings and the results of this are beginning to show through with more Mirrors getting involved with racing in the afternoons now that the youngsters are gaining more confidence.

Over the Spring Bank Holiday the Club were pleased to host the National Fireball Championships with 36 competitors from as far afield as Ireland and Australia. Winners were Tom Gillard and Andy Townsend from Sheffield Viking Sailing Club. A mixed variety of wind conditions greeted the fleet from quite light to strong with plenty of rain on the final day.

Plans are now well advanced for the Merlin Rocket National Championships being held over the second weekend in August. Final number of entries is expected to be about 50. It should make a very colourful sight out in the bay.

Still in August the Club will have representatives taking part in both the National Enterprise and Redwing Sailing Championships both being held at Tenby in West Wales.



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## KELTIQUE NEWS

### Obituary

It is with a heavy heart that I start this article with an obituary. Our talented accompanist, composer and arranger Liz passed away on 18th June 2025. Liz will be greatly missed as she gave so much to music in Cornwall and beyond. She touched the lives of all who were privileged to know her. Liz was also a wonderful friend to the choir, and we will miss her.

Rest in peace Liz. May your music surround you and fly with you.



### Our concerts

Our programme of summer concerts continues apace. We are very lucky that Shaun Brady, who used to stand in at times for Liz when she was away, has accepted our offer to be our new accompanist. We look forward to making music with you Shaun over the coming years.

Hopefully you will have had the opportunity to listen to us sing at one of those events:

- Sunday 22nd June: Charity Open Garden Concert, Boconnoc Estate
- Saturday 12th July: Liskeard Show
- Sunday 27th July: Made in Looe Concert for the Luggers Day

Don't worry if you have missed us, as you will have the opportunity to hear us sing at any of the forthcoming concerts:

- 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 3.00pm: Summer Concert, West Looe Quay
- Saturday 20th September 7.00pm, St Winnow Church by the river Fowey nr Lostwithiel

Our concert secretary Lynda has started receiving bookings for our Christmas concerts and these include the Eden Project, Duchy Nurseries nr Lostwithiel and the Smugglers, Seaton. More details to follow in the next edition!

### 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](http://www.keltique.org.uk), our Facebook page, our YouTube Channel or contact Penny at [pennyweston@outlook.com](mailto:pennyweston@outlook.com)



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# CORNWALL CRICKET

## CORNWALL SUPER 9S CROWNED SOUTH WEST DISABILITY CRICKET LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Cornwall Cricket Board is proud to announce that the Cornwall Super 9s Disability Cricket Team has been crowned South West League Champion - an extraordinary achievement in just their second competitive season. The team sealed the title following back-to-back wins against Dorset and Hampshire in two thrilling and hard-fought matches. The victories not only capped off a perfect run of form but also secured Cornwall's place in the upcoming national semi-finals, where they will compete against other regional champions.

**Victory Over Dorset at Blandford CC:** Cornwall's clash against Dorset was a pivotal moment in the campaign. On a scorching but windy day at Blandford Cricket Club, captain Josh Raven won the toss and chose to bat. Despite an early setback with opener Ben Mailes dismissed for 2, Josh and Giles steadied the innings with a vital 80-run partnership. After Josh fell for 26 and Giles was bowled out shortly after, the middle order chipped in with gritty performances. The highlight came in the final 6 overs when Daniel Herriott and Archie Ball exploded with a 68-run stand, powering Cornwall to a commanding total of 194 from 30 overs. Dorset responded strongly with a 50-run opening partnership, but Cornwall's bowlers turned the tide. Captain Josh Raven delivered a standout spell, taking key wickets and bowling four consecutive maidens. With tight fielding and only four wides conceded all innings, Cornwall restricted Dorset to 128, securing a comprehensive win.

**Triumphant Home Finale vs Hampshire at St. Stephen CC:** The final home match of the season against Hampshire Royals proved to be a memorable occasion. Cornwall, again choosing to bat first, showed their class. Josh Raven struck a maiden half-century before retiring, and father-daughter duo Giles and Chloe Francis added a crucial 54-run partnership. Cornwall posted a competitive 154 despite tight bowling from Hampshire and an emotional farewell spell from Hampshire DDO Michael Powell, who was playing his final match. Cornwall's bowlers then delivered a clinical performance. Archie Ball starred with figures of 3 for 4, dismantling the Hampshire middle order. With wickets falling regularly and pressure mounting, Hampshire finished on 96 for 8, confirming Cornwall's third consecutive win.

**League Champions & Heading to the Nationals:** This week it was confirmed that Cornwall had clinched the South West League title - edging out Somerset on net run rate. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the hard work, unity, and spirit of the players, coaches, and support staff behind Cornwall Super 9s. They now look ahead to the national semi-finals.

Cornwall Super 9s Coach Daniel Tonkin said: "I'm extremely proud of our team—it's been exciting to be part of their journey. They've grown so much together and worked incredibly hard. I can't wait to see them dive into the national finals!"

Cornwall Cricket Board Managing Director Joe Skinner added: It's a great achievement for the team, the coaching staff and of course the parents, all of whom have worked incredibly hard to get to this point. To consider that a couple of years ago this activity did not exist to winning and progressing in the National rounds is something to be very proud of, well done to all involved.

For more information about Cornwall Super 9's, please contact:

Daniel Tonkin, [ccm@cornwallcricket.co.uk](mailto:ccm@cornwallcricket.co.uk)

To sponsor the team for 2026 contact [tamsin@cornwallcricket.co.uk](mailto:tamsin@cornwallcricket.co.uk).

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.

# **PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP OF OLD BRIDGE SURGERY SERVING LOOE, POLPERRO AND PELYNT**

## **Did you know your thoughts could help shape local healthcare?**

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) for Old Bridge Surgery — serving Looe, Polperro and Pelynt — wants to hear from you.

We're a small independent group of registered patients just like you, working in partnership with the surgery to strengthen communication, improve services, and make sure patient voices are part of the conversation. Our mission is simple: to support the surgery in delivering high-quality care while making sure community needs and ideas are heard and taken on board.

### **What does the Patient Participation Group do?**

- Collects feedback from patients — your suggestions, concerns, praise and ideas matter.
  - Works alongside the practice team to receive feedback, explore improvements, for patients, health professionals and staff
  - Encourages involvement from all corners of the community, including younger and older patients, carers, and families.
  - Supports outreach initiatives, such as health events, seasonal updates, and informative newsletters.

We believe healthcare works when it's shaped by the people who use it. Whether you'd like to offer feedback on a recent visit, suggest a new community health initiative, an improvement of a current service or simply stay informed, our group is here to listen.

### **How can you get involved?**

- Visit the Old Bridge Surgery website and find out how you can contact or join the Patient Participation Group
- Look out for our future posts on our PPG Facebook and Instagram pages
- Send us a message with your thoughts, whether it's a quick comment or a thoughtful idea, we'd love to hear it.

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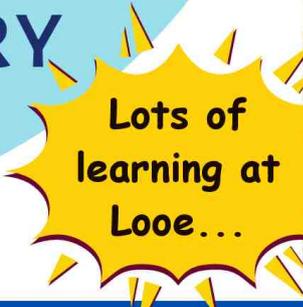
## School Visit

Year 2 and Year 3 pupils from **Looe Primary Academy** spent two afternoons enjoying a scavenger hunt and practised issuing books.



# LOOE LIBRARY

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We are VERY excited about the **Summer Reading Challenge**. Bring the children down and sign up for free fun from Sat 5<sup>th</sup> July!



THE **READING AGENCY** **Summer Reading Challenge**

Plans and preparations are underway for our annual **Summer Festival**. The team are putting on a week of FREE fun-filled activities between 11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> August. Bookings taken from 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Catherine  
Supervisor, Looe Library & Community Hub



**Summer Reading Challenge Starts Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

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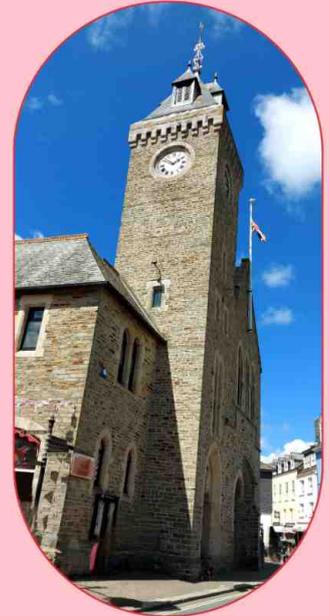
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# Looe Marine Conservation Group

We kicked off summer with two fantastic free events at Hannafore Beach for **National Marine Week on Sat 26 July**. If you missed our Snorkel Safari & Rockpool Ramble, don't worry! There's still more to come:

## UPCOMING EVENTS – AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

### Monday 11 August: ROCKPOOL RAMBLE (1 – 2.30 pm)

Join LooeMCG experts to explore the rocky shore and discover creatures like starfish, crabs, and anemones. Suitable for all ages. Please wear sturdy footwear (no flip-flops), bring sunscreen, and leave nets at home to protect marine life.

📍 Meet below the Coastguard Station, Hannafore Beach – look for our sailflags.

🚚 Ask us for a token for our “Tea & Cake for a fiver” offer at Hannafore Kiosk!



### Wed 20 August: VOLUNTEER MEETING 6.15pm

Volunteer meetings are usually on the third Tuesday of every month but we've changed venue for this coming autumn/winter to the **Hannafore Point Hotel**. On this occasion, join us on **Wednesday 20 August in The Ballroom** to hear updates on events & campaigns. A great chance to get involved and meet fellow volunteers.

✉ Questions? Email: [looevmca@gmail.com](mailto:looevmca@gmail.com)

### Sunday 7 September: PORT NADLER BEACH CLEAN & PICNIC (11am – 1 pm+)

Meet us at Hannafore field gates (10:30 am) for a coastal walk to Portnadler Bay. We'll clean the beach and enjoy a relaxed social picnic before bringing the rubbish collected back to Looe. Wear suitable gear and bring refreshments.

🧹 LooeMCG provide the beach cleaning kit

### Tuesday 16 September: EVENTS PLANNING MEETING (6.15pm )

Got ideas for our next events calendar? Help shape our future and get involved in making things happen!

📍 Hannafore Point Hotel

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**i** All events are FREE. Under-18s must be with an adult. Donations welcome.

**📱** Check [www.facebook.com/LooeMCG](http://www.facebook.com/LooeMCG) for updates.

**✉️** Other queries? Email [looemcg.events@gmail.com](mailto:looemcg.events@gmail.com)

## Other news:

### Seagrass:

In early July, volunteers from LooeMCG were joined by Looe’s Mayor, Stephen Remington, on a glass bottom boat trip to explore the seagrass beds in Looe Bay. Our inspirational guide was Eden Stevens, a seagrass specialist from the Ocean Conservation Trust. Stephen said ‘Seagoers who drop anchors have a lot to learn about the impact on these precious plants and all of us who love the oceans can cooperate to protect them’.



Seagrass is one of several precious marine habitats along Looe’s coastline, part of a Marine Conservation Zone. It’s an important nursery bed for juvenile fish and home to rare and endangered species like sea horses. It also plays a critical role in the fight against climate change, absorbing carbon up to 35 times more efficiently than tropical rainforests.

**🌐** Learn more about marine conservation in Cornwall from these two amazing websites:

[Ocean Conservation Trust](#)

[The Wildlife Trusts](#)

### Wildlife Disturbance:

The two marker buoys recently deployed by LooeMCG are intended to help reduce disturbance to wildlife from boats and watercraft. If you’re out on the water, remember to **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE** from Looe Island’s protected zones where grey seals haul out on the rocks.

### Crabline Recycling:

The great weather has brought lots of people to Looe, and our volunteers are working hard to manage crab line waste this summer. They empty the recycling stations, then separate and sort the crab lines into their component parts for recycling. Got an hour to spare? We’d love your help sorting and recycling!

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On a warm sunny morning, with a gentle breeze, a good field of Lady Vets competed for the Pat Fogden Trophy. This is a long-standing competition instigated by a previous lady member, many of whom may remember her as Pat Coad from a well-known local family.

It comprises a single Stableford competition played over 12 holes off the blue tees. There were some very good scores including six over 26 points, but the winner, with an outstanding score of 30 points, was Wendy Shore.

Pat Butler won nearest the pin for lower handicaps and Sara Walker won for higher handicaps.

Several Lady Vets, who were not able to play in the morning, came to support the presentation and enjoyed a convivial get together.



left to right: Lady Vets Captain Sara Walker, Wendy Shore, winner and Pat Butler.



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For more information, please contact the Chair, Alison Currah on [chair@looeu3a.org](mailto:chair@looeu3a.org) or the Membership Secretary on [membership@looeu3a.org](mailto:membership@looeu3a.org)

# **GUNNERS KIDS CIC LAUNCHES DROP-IN SESSIONS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES AFFECTED BY TERMINAL ILLNESS**

Gunners Kids CIC, a Cornish non-profit organisation supporting families with children facing the terminal illness of a parent or caregiver, has expanded its services to include regular drop-in sessions in St Austell, Launceston, and St Ives.

These new sessions aim to provide a safe space for families in need of support, as well as offer professionals the opportunity to learn more about the organisation's work. Gunners Kids CIC already runs a variety of services, including activity days and tailored workshops. In June, the group hosted a jewellery workshop for families, and on 20th July, they will welcome families to an activity day at Wheal Martyn.

In addition to events, Gunners Kids CIC provides tailored support boxes to children, designed to help them navigate anticipatory grief and better understand the challenges of having a seriously ill loved one.

The drop-in sessions are part of the organisation's new outreach programme, offering families a chance to talk to trained volunteers in a supportive, confidential setting. As the volunteer team grows, the organisation hopes to expand this service into more areas.

## **Current drop-in schedule:**

### **Launceston:**

**2nd Wednesday of each month at The Health Hub, 10am to 12pm**

### **St Ives:**

**3rd Tuesday of each month at Edward Hain Centre, 2pm to 4pm**

### **St Austell:**

**3rd Friday of each month at St Austell Library, 10am to 12pm**

Tamsin Chapman-Gunner, Co-founder and Director, said: "It's fantastic to be able to offer this service to families, and we hope to bring it to even more communities soon. We are currently overwhelmed by the number of families needing support, and we hope our services help them navigate what is such a difficult time in their lives."

Gunners Kids CIC is dedicated to supporting families in Cornwall during difficult times, providing them with the tools and guidance they need to make the most of their time together. The organisation's mission is to offer workshops, activities, information, and peer support in a safe, welcoming environment, ensuring families can build meaningful and lasting memories.

For support, volunteering opportunities, or to learn more, contact:

[tamsin@gunnerskids.org](mailto:tamsin@gunnerskids.org) or visit <https://www.gunnerskids.org/>.

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