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***Sunday 14th December 2.30
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***Wednesday 17th December 7.30 St
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***Tuesday 23rd December 7.00
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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR STEPHEN REMINGTON:

Above all, I hope everyone has a fabulous Christmas season. Looe's festive offer improves every year and my thanks to all the businesses, organisations and individuals who create it for us all to enjoy.

It may be a magical season but it doesn't just happen by magic – hard graft!

Among our many other activities, look out for more information soon about the 2026 50th anniversary of Looe's town twinning with Quiberon in Brittany.

An update from Looe Library & Community Hub:

The amazing Looe Library & Community Hub team have been busy this month organising a variety of events, including the first Community Connections event and a fun Halloween mask-making session for children. Both activities attracted enthusiastic crowds. The Community Connections event was a great opportunity for residents to speak with councillors and local companies about ways they might be able to support the community, Mayor Stephen Remington, Cllr Chris Harwood, Cllr Chris Rose & Cllr Jon Holmes were in attendance.



An update from Looe Town Council:

New Beginnings for the Old Vets Building! There are exciting changes happening this month at the old vets building next to the Looe Library & Community Hub. We're delighted to announce that Boundless Trust will be taking over the space! We've agreed to lease the building to Boundless Trust, who are already busy transforming it into a welcoming venue for community meals, warm spaces, and more. We're so excited to see how the space develops and wish the Boundless team every success for the future. The Haven will also remain. Would you like to get involved or help Boundless with their renovations?

Contact: looecommunitymeals@gmail.com



Remembrance Day:

Looe Town Council would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the Royal British Legion Remembrance Day Service on Sunday, 9th November. Our sincere thanks go to the Looe Army Cadet Force and Mayor's Cadet, St Pinnock's Band, Reverend Ben, Louis Portman, Wally Scarah and our wonderful young Macebearers who may well be the youngest in Cornwall! We are deeply grateful to all who attended, contributed, and helped make this a meaningful tribute to those who have served and sacrificed.



Thank you for your feedback!

We'd like to thank everyone who took part in our resident survey this month, your feedback was incredibly valuable. The results of the survey will help shape our future Communications Report, and we'll be sure to keep you updated as this project progresses.

New Venture - Looe Youth Council:

Mayor Stephen Remington and Town Clerk Sam White visited Looe Community School this week to join in the launch an exciting new initiative, the establishment of a Youth Council. The project has already gained great interest from students. The Youth Council will work alongside the Town Council to ensure that the ideas and perspectives of young people are considered in future decisions.

We're Mental Health First - Aid Trained!

In November, we were pleased to work alongside Healthy Cornwall to complete our Mental Health First Aid Course. It was also lovely to meet the team from Liskeard Town Council, who joined us for the training. The course was incredibly beneficial, especially for those in customer-facing roles. It focused on recognising signs of poor mental health, understanding suicidal thoughts, and approaching those in need with empathy and care. Looe Town Council would like to remind anyone who may be struggling with their mental health to reach out for support. If you're unsure where to turn, we're here to help point you in the right direction.



Looe Lantern Workshop:

We had a fantastic Saturday at our Lantern Workshop, where guests created their designs for the upcoming Lantern Parade. We saw some amazing ideas this year from Minecraft heads to seals and seashells, we're always so impressed by everyone's creativity! A huge thank you to Mark for leading the workshop and to the Looe Town Council team for their support and supervision. Don't miss the lanterns in action at the parade on 28th November more details below.

Another festive update: Look out for our Christmas tree in the Mariners' Garden this year!

Dates for your diary:

Looe Lantern Parade and Lights Switch On 28th November 2025

- **6:20pm** Parade starts from Looe Library & Community Hub
- **7:30pm** Light Switch on & Fireworks from seafront (look out for Santa too!)
- Music, Food & Drink until 8:30pm

6th December 2025 Small Business Saturday: Free parking in all Cornwall Council Car Parks for small business Saturday.

31st December 2025 NYE Fireworks: 6pm: Family Display Midnight: Revellers' Display



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LOOE FESTIVE CALENDAR 2025/6

November

Thursday 27th

Local produce & craft market

10am – 4pm Polperro Methodist Church

Friday 28th

Looe Lantern Parade and Christmas Lights Switch On

6.10pm Participants for the Lantern Parade meet at the library

6.20pm Parade departs from the Millpool heading to the seafront East Looe

7.00pm Live music on the seafront

7.20pm Santa arrives

7.30pm Christmas Lights Switch On

Followed by fireworks and festive entertainment

Saturday 29th

Lanreath Charity Christmas Fair 10am -3pm Village Hall

RNLI Fundraiser: Lara-Jayne Jones as Cher Esque

Doors open 7pm Hannafore Point Hotel. Raffle & bar

Sunday 30th

Santa's Grotto and Craft Fair

11.30am to 4pm Millpool Centre, in aid of Friends of Doubletree Charity

Keltique at the Eden Project 6pm

December

Tuesday 2nd

Sclerder Abbey: Online retreat 10am-4pm

<https://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/>

Thursday 4th

Local produce & craft market

10am – 4pm Polperro Methodist Church

Friday 5th

Bond Dance Company presents Frozen 7pm Looe Community Academy.

Tickets: <https://www.bonddancecompany.co.uk/show-tickets>

Saturday 6th

Free Parking: Millpool Carpark and Riverbank (Cornwall Council)

Free Parking: Buller Quay and West Looe Quay (Looe Harbour

Commissioners) 8am Saturday to 8am on Sunday

Christmas Market at the Quayside Centre. West Looe 10am to 3pm

Looe Valley Singers at Polperro Christmas Fair

12 noon Polperro Chapel

Polperro Lights Switch On: craft fayre and events from 11am with lantern parade and Father Christmas leaving Polperro Village Hall at 16.45. Lights

Switch On 6.30pm followed by Community Choir, St Pinnock's Band

Polperro Wreckers at Polperro Lights Switch On 7.30pm

Keltique at the Duchy Nurseries, near Lostwithiel 6pm

Bond Dance Company presents Frozen 7pm Looe Community Academy.

Tickets: <https://www.bonddancecompany.co.uk/show-tickets>

Sunday 7th

Keltique in St Martin's Church, Liskeard 7pm

(joint concert with the Liskeard Silver Band)

Sclerder Abbey: Online retreat during Advent. Every day to 12th.

<https://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/>

Tuesday 9th	Looe MCG: Social and Quiz: from 6pm Jolly Sailor Keltique in St Martins Church Hall, Looe 7pm RNLI Christmas Concert , singing alongside the Pelynt MVC
Thursday 11th	National Christmas Jumper Day Local produce & craft market 10am – 4pm Polperro Methodist Church
Friday 12th	Looe Valley Singers with St Pinnock Band 7pm Duloe Church Sheila's School of Dancing Presents: Years of Disney 7pm Tencreek. Licensed bar. Tickets: call Sheila 07866771429 .
Saturday 13th	Free Parking: Buller Quay and West Looe Quay (Looe Harbour Commissioners) 8am Saturday to 8am on Sunday Looe Old Cornwall Society Christmas party Christmas Market at the Quayside Centre 10am to 3pm Sheila's School of Dancing Presents: Years of Disney 7pm Tencreek. Licensed bar. Tickets: call Sheila 07866771429 Silent Disco in aid of Barbican Pre-School 7pm Barbican Inn
Sunday 14th	Looe Valley Singers at Mount Edgcumbe House Christmas Fair 1pm Polperro Fishermen's Choir Christmas concert 2.30pm West Looe Quayside centre
Monday 15th	Keltique in St Nicholas Church, West Looe 7.30pm
Tuesday 16th	Looe Lions Santa Tour West Looe and Polperro from 5.15pm
Wednesday 17th	Looe Lions Santa Tour West Looe and Duloe from 5.15pm Polperro Fishermen's Choir Christmas Concert 7.30 St Keyne Church
Thursday 18th	Local produce & craft market 10am – 4pm Polperro Methodist Church Looe Lions Santa Tour St Martin and East Looe from 5.15pm
Friday 19th	Looe Lions Santa Tour Barbican and Widegates from 5.15pm Jubilee Hall, Duloe: Carols around the tree 6-7.30pm
Saturday 20th	Free Parking: Buller Quay and West Looe Quay (Looe Harbour Commissioners) 8am Saturday to 8am on Sunday Our Lady of the Angels, Saltash: Carols at 6pm followed by Mass
Sunday 21st	Sclerder Abbey: Parish Carol Service 3pm Tinsel Tractor Run: Pelynt YFC 4pm from Polperro Car Park https://welcometolooe.com/whats-on/tinsel-tractor-run-2025/ Keltique at the Smugglers in Seaton 6.00pm Sing Rock: Christmas Gig 7.30pm St Nicholas Church. Free entry.
Monday 22nd	St Nicholas' Church: Christingle 4pm St Martin's Church: Nine Lessons and carols 7pm
Tuesday 23rd	Bucklawren Farm: Carols in the cattle shed 3pm Polperro Fishermen's Choir Christmas concert 7.00 Polperro Chapel



Christmas Eve

Our Lady & St Neot, Liskeard: Open Church 11am – 3pm
Riverside Church: Christingle 4pm
Joan of Arc, Torpoint: Carol Music & Reflection 4pm
Mass 4.30pm
Our Lady of the Angels, Saltash: Carol Music & Reflection 6pm
Mass 6.30pm
St Nicholas' Church: Midnight Communion 11.30pm



Christmas Day

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sclerder Abbey: Christmas Mass 9am
St Martin's Church: Christmas Day Service 11am
Liskeard RC Church: Christmas Mass 11am

Boxing Day

Liskeard RC Church: Mass 11am
Polperro Royal British Legion: Pickled Onion Showdown
Registration by 13.30, judging from 4pm

New Year's Eve

Looe NYE Fireworks
6pm Family display. Midnight Revellers' display



*Happy
New Year*



HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

January

New Year's Day

Saturday 10th

Looe Old Cornwall Society: Mark Camp talks about his recent research
2pm St Martin's Hall. All are welcome, members free, visitors £2.

Thursday 22nd

Looe Community Players present: *Sleeping Beauty*
7pm Millpool Centre – see separate poster for ticket details

Friday 23rd

Looe Community Players present: *Sleeping Beauty*
7pm Millpool Centre – see separate poster for ticket details

Saturday 24th

Looe Community Players present: *Sleeping Beauty*
Matinee 2pm Millpool Centre
Evening 7pm Millpool Centre – see separate poster for ticket details

[Please check with individual organisers for any changes to timings and venues](#)

LOOE NYE FIREWORKS

**FAMILY
DISPLAY
AT 6PM**

**REVELLER'S
DISPLAY AT
MIDNIGHT**

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Could you be a lifesaver? Are you looking for a New Year challenge?

Looe RNLI are recruiting volunteers to join our inshore lifeboat and shore crew. Being a lifeboat crew member is one of the most exciting and fulfilling volunteer roles you could do.

This is a great chance to learn new skills, gain experience and make new friends. No previous nautical knowledge or skills are needed, as all crew must undergo a full RNLI training programme. As an inclusive organisation, the RNLI provides first class equipment, training, guidance and support. Here in Looe we aim to launch within 10 minutes of the pagers sounding, so you'll need to live and / or work close to the Lifeboat station in Looe.

We particularly need volunteer crew who are available during the day in Looe and you must be over 18 to volunteer. We need shore crew as well as crew for the lifeboats. Shore crew help out on land to get the lifeboats ready to launch and then clean down and make ready for service after a shout or exercise.



Looe RNLI volunteer crew 31 July 2025

A description of lifeboat crew roles and eligibility criteria can be found at:

<https://rnli.org/support-us/volunteer/how-you-can-volunteer/be-a-lifeboat-station-volunteer>

If you are interested in joining our crew please head over to:

<https://rnli.org/support-us/volunteer/volunteering-opportunities> where you can find more information on the roles we have available and details on how to register your expression of interest. The closing date is 28 December 2025.

Shouts: Our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Between 16 September 2024 and 6 November 2024 our volunteer crews responding to 2 shouts.

Souvenir Shop: Subject to volunteer availability, and the weather, our souvenir shop is open daily between 11 am and 4 pm until 20 December 2025, then, after a short break over Christmas and the New year our shop will reopen daily. Our shop has a wide range of products, including Christmas cards, gifts and 2026 calendars.

Albatross Boathouse: As the 2025 season draws to an end, our boathouse is now closed to the public and Stormy Stan is having a well-earned rest for the winter months. Our wonderful team of volunteer boathouse guides hope everyone enjoyed looking at the charity's inshore lifeboats and launch tractors, finding out about the RNLI, the Looe volunteer crew, our shouts and how to keep safe on the water. They have enjoyed meeting new people, answering all of your questions, and are proud to be part of the amazing team of volunteers here at RNLI Looe Lifeboat Station. Our volunteer guides may open the boathouse for a few hours on winter weekends if the weather is good and they all look forward to welcoming you all again from Easter next year when our boathouse reopens daily to the public.

Keeping safe on the coast: RNLI lifeguard cover on the Whitsand bay beaches have now finished for this year, so it is more important than ever to Respect the Water, check the tide times, wear appropriate buoyancy aids and take a method of calling for help

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

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>

Float to live

However you end up in the water, if you get into trouble, remember to Float to Live. 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/>

RNLI FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Saturday 25 November 2025: Lara-Jayne Jones as Cher Esque

The RNLI's Looe and Liskeard fundraising team have arranged a Cher tribute evening with Lara-Jayne Jones as Cher Esque on Saturday 29 November 2025 at the Hannafore Point Hotel. More information and how to book tickets can be found on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rnli-looe-presents-lara-jayne-jones-as-cher-esque-registration-1512688765819>

Tuesday 9 December 2025: Christmas Carol Concert

Pelynt Male Choir with their MD John Trethewey are hosting our annual carol concert at St. Martins Community Hall on Tuesday 9 December at 7.30 pm, when they will be joined for the evening by Keltique. Festive refreshments will be served during the interval. Tickets are £7.50 per person at the door on the night. All proceeds from the evening are for RNLI Looe Lifeboat Station.

Friday 13 March 2026: The Countrymen

Join our RNLI Looe and Liskeard fundraising team for a night of music with The Countrymen - A Cornish Folk Rock Harmony group who are internationally acclaimed. The group is in demand at all the major festivals and recently appeared at the Falmouth Shanty Festival. Their fans travel the length of the country to hear them perform and our fundraising team are delighted to bring the group to the Hannafore Hotel for an unforgettable evening of music. Head over to Eventbrite to get your tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rnli-looe-presents-the-countrymen-2026-tickets-1768351871049>

Saturday 28 March 2026: Company B

Get ready to dust off your dancing shoes, brush up on your Jive moves and join our RNLI Looe and Liskeard fundraising team at the Hannafore Point Hotel for an evening of pure enjoyment, engaging with Company B the South West's most energetic and popular Jive Band.

Company B are an energetic jive band playing music from the "Louis" (Jordan and Prima), Bull Moose Jackson, Wynonie Harris & Tiny Bradshaw. If you don't want to strut your stuff, just come along and enjoy the electric atmosphere and blow away the winter blues.

For tickets head over to Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rnli-looe-presents-company-b-tickets-1765803769609>

SANTA TOUR



15 December to 19 December
start 5.15 pm

Monday - Pelynt & Lanreath
Tuesday - West Looe & Polperro
Wednesday - West Looe & Duloe
Thursday - St Martin & East Looe
Friday - Barbican & Widegates



Santa's
updates

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We would like to thank all of our tenants for supporting our charity.

Our income has enabled us to offer Student Grants to 70 pupils this year.

The Trustees work hard to ensure we can continue to support local groups as well and this year we have been able to assist the following:

Looe Lions, Looe Age Concern, Darby & Joan Club, Looe Luggers, Bond Dance, Looe Primary School, May Fayre, Looe Development Trust, Looe in Bloom, Looe Weekender, Looe Tennis Club, Looe Netball, Looe Social Club, West Looe Nursery, East Looe Town Trust, Looe Rifle Club, Looe Rowing Club and 1st Looe Sea Scout Group.

All of these local organisations provide such a good service and contribute greatly to the Looe community. The Board of WLTT is proud to work alongside them all.

The Trustees have asked me to wish everyone
'A Very Happy Christmas & Prosperous New Year.'

Sue Pengelly
CLERK TO THE TRUSTEES

**(WLTT Board: Colin Crabb, Nick Pope, Paul Richardson, Keith Wilson,
John Currah, Brian Porter & Jimmy Dingle)**

LOOE SAILING CLUB

Another successful season has been wrapped up and the boats put to bed for the winter in readiness for some tender loving care prior to coming out again next year.

Many thanks go to the Race Officers and Safety Boat crews for putting on and managing the many races throughout the season.

October saw the staging of the South West Enterprise Championships. Too strong wind on the Saturday meant the racing was confined to the Sunday with three races taking place the winning boat was helmed by Jeremy Williams from Penzance with the Looe boats of David Jackman and Matt Jaycock in second and third places.

The annual Dinner and Dance has just taken place at the Hannafore Point Hotel, this included the end of season presentations.

Club activities over the next few weeks include the Junior Sail Training presentations followed by a quiz.

December will see the Christmas Draw and the usual Christmas Eve get together with accompanying music.

Looe Community Players

Sleeping Beauty



January 22nd - 24th, 2026

Millpool Community Centre

7.00 pm each evening. Matinee Saturday 2.00pm

Tickets £8 adult £4 child

For tickets use QR code or link below

www.ticketsource.co.uk/looe-development-trust

Contact: Wendy 07950 516 667





NEWS FROM EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST

Along with the Looe Harbour Commissioners and Looe Town Council, we are proud to be able to add to the festive cheer with Christmas lights on the seafront and in the Rose Garden. Some of the Christmas lights went up early this year – partly to accommodate the filming of a Christmas episode of Beyond Paradise.

The official Christmas light switch and lantern parade is on 28th November and we believe that Santa is also making a visit to see the lights and lanterns.....

The blue beach tractor that people are so used to seeing has reached the end of its life and so now we have a red tractor that will be out on the beach moving seaweed and towing the surf rake. The kit to maintain the beach is very expensive and ELTT are grateful for financial donations from the Looe Lions and Looe Town Council this year. We are particularly grateful to West Looe Town Trust who have committed donations over the next three years to help with the costs of the tractor.



Looking back over 2025, it has been a busy year! We finished the renovations on The Watchtower and Old Lifeboat Station and our office is now based in The Watchtower. The beach and seafront were busy with Looe Beach Hire providing deck chairs, loungers and kayaks to rent – along with the famous octopus roundabout; not to mention the United Beach Mission visiting for the summer with their beach fun and the Looe Lions with their carnival activities and even a visiting Punch and Judy show! There has also been music of different varieties culminating in the Kernowfornia festival in September.

Looking forward, as well as the Christmas lights switch on at the seafront, there will also be New Year's Eve fireworks and ELTT are pleased to support these by way of use of the beach and seafront.

The Trustees and Staff of ELTT would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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Looe

SNOW MAP

Follow the trail to experience the magic of Looe at Christmas

Fri 28th Nov

Sat 29th Nov

Purely Cornish 17:00 17:30

Rolys Fudge 17:15 17:45

Joke & Shell Shop 17:30 18:00

Ye Olde Salutation 17:45 18:15

Lookout/Sweet Pea 18:00 18:30



Fore Street

Lookout in Looe

Sweet Pea

Buller Street

The Quay

Ye Olde Salutation

Joke & Shell Shop

Roly's Fudge

CHRISTMAS
in
LOOE



OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM & GAOL EAST LOOE



We are now closed until early April/Easter 2026 for our regular winter break but that doesn't mean that we won't be in the Museum over the next few months. This is our chance to do archiving, tidying, sorting and prepare new displays for next year.

If you need to contact us with research and information requests, please email us at: museum@eastloometowntrust.co.uk.

One of our longest serving volunteers left us in October to move up country, which was very sad; he was a good friend to all of us as well as a fountain of local knowledge.

On a plus note though, we have four new volunteers joining us for the winter work. Hopefully, they will all stay for next year and further years but I would rather have too many people happy to help out than too few- so if you are interested just email.

The Museum has had a good season with plenty of visitors from home and abroad coming through our wonderful old door. There have been some lovely complimentary comments in the Visitor's Book and many people genuinely seem to enjoy their time in the Museum.

May I and all of the volunteers wish you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. See you in 2026!

Penny McHugh
Volunteer Curator Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol



LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

Instead of a public meeting in December we will be holding our Christmas party on Saturday 13th December at St Martin's Hall.

In January, Mark Camp will tell us about some of his current research. The meeting will be on Saturday 10th January at 2.30 pm in St Martin's Hall, and all are welcome, members free, visitors £2.

Nadelik Lowen

Bond Dance Company
FROZEN
A Celebration of Dance

5TH-6TH DECEMBER

7pm

Looe Community Academy

JOIN DANCERS FROM BOND
DANCE COMPANY AS
STUDENTS FROM ALL
YEARS TELL OUR STORY
OF DISNEY'S FROZEN,

FOLLOWED BY PERFORMANCES
FROM OUR CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG
PEOPLES DANCE PROGRAMME.

ADULTS £6 CHILDREN £4

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
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LOOE IN BLOOM

Our Quiz Night in October was a wonderful success. Thank you to everyone who attended and to our volunteers who supported with their time, energy and delicious food. We made an overall profit of £908, which is outstanding! We will be doing it again next year and the date for your diaries is Saturday 3rd October 2026.

We also have another event planned for Saturday 21st February – 'Name That Tune'. This will be hosted on our behalf by Hilary Wright and Peter Flukes at the Millpool Centre and will be £10 per ticket with a pasty supper and a pay bar. Please contact us by email if you are interested in attending. Posters will be issued in the New Year.

Now for our BIG NEWS! We will be buying a brand-new van in January!

We are down to our last remaining van and luckily this has scraped through its MOT with some repairs. We need a minimum of 2 vans to be able to manage all the work and watering. Through our amazing Funders – particularly, West Looe Town Trust, Looe Garden Club, everyone who donated our GoFundMe page or directly to us and our own fundraising efforts, we can now afford to buy a new vehicle. We made the decision to do this rather than go for a second-hand vehicle where the history of it is unknown.

We will continue to fundraise for the ongoing running of the vehicles and will at some point need to replace the original older vehicle as we don't expect it to last that much longer. We will keep our GoFundMe page open for this.

As always, thanks so much to all our volunteers for your hard work in tidying and replanting of the autumn winter colours. We couldn't do it without you. Thanks also to all our supporters and funders – we so appreciate you. We also very much appreciate all of your wonderful comments and feedback on our Facebook page. It really makes a difference to us to see your support and know we are making people happy.

Wishing you all a wonderful Festive Season, Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

As mentioned, continuing donations are 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 here is the QR code:

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



Looe in Bloom summer takedown

SHEILA'S

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Presents

Years Of Disney

The dancers of Sheila's School of Dance invite you to be our guest at a magical evening of dancing through the years of Disney.

Curtain up at Tencreek Holiday Park on
Friday 12th and Saturday 13th December 7pm

Licensed bar will be open

Adults £6 and Children £4.50

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Looe Shedders

Imagine your garden shed, turbocharged
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That's Looe Shedders



Looe Shedders Needs Your Help to Build Our Permanent Home

Our Shed is a place where people of all ages can connect, create, and care for our community.

We've already achieved so much, but now, with your help, we can secure a permanent home and make an even bigger difference in Looe.

Please donate as every pound you give will help us build a new, sustainable workshop.
To donate, please visit www.looeshedders.co.uk/looshedappeal.html

Just Look What We've Achieved So Far:

Even working from borrowed spaces and garages, we've already:

- Fixed hundreds of items at our Looe Repair Café, saving residents money and cutting waste.
- Built playground equipment for local schools. A tractor, a bus, a Wendy House and raised flower beds using mostly recycled materials.
- Supported the Haven Youth Club with computer networking and fittings.
- Partnered with Looe Community Academy to help young people develop new skills.
- Helped maintain St. Martin's Community Hall.
- Built a shed and a raised garden for Kernow Health's Wellbeing Project.



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

Imagine what we could do with a proper workshop?

The Dream Is Within Reach

The wonderful Chemin Neuf Community at Sclerder Abbey has offered us land to build a purpose-built, eco-friendly workshop.

A home that's warm, green, and built to last.

Our new shed will have:

- Solar panels to power our tools sustainably.
- Heat pumps and great insulation to stay comfortable year-round.
- Space for people to create, learn, and belong.

This is our chance to create a real home for creativity, community and care right here in Looe, but we need your help to make it happen.

Our Challenge

Right now, we're working out of a borrowed garage. It's been brilliant, but it's only temporary and in six months, we'll have to leave. Without a new base, we'll be back working outdoors in all weathers. That means fewer projects, fewer members, and fewer chances for people to connect.

We can't let that happen.

Our Goal: £100,000

Every donation, big or small, brings us closer to building a home that will serve our community for generations.

A place where:

- Older people find friendship and purpose.
- Young people learn skills and confidence.
- Everyone belongs, contributes, and creates something good.

Phase 1 – Imminent - We need £7,500 to cover solicitors, architects and planning fees.

Phase 2 – Once we have planning permission - £9,500 for the purchase of 3 shipping containers to create a workshop for our tools and equipment.

Phase 3 – Under discussion

Let's Build It Together

Looe Shedders have proved what's possible when community comes first.

Now we're asking, will you help us build the space we need to keep changing lives?

Please donate today. Share our story. Help us build our forever home.

Together, we can make something truly special for the people, and the future, of Looe.

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

Regards

Chris Roy

Chairman – Looe Shedders CIO

Email: chair@looeshedders.co.uk Web: www.looeshedders.co.uk

LOOE DARBY AND JOAN

Darby and Joan meet on a Friday afternoon
in the bottom bar of Looe Social Club between 2 and 4pm.

Darby and Joan wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



AGE CONCERN LOOE

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

We play bingo, have a raffle and a cup of tea and a chat.

We also have trips out, plus a lot more.

Everyone at Age Concern wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year

We look forward to seeing you

Pat



Poppy Appeal: On Saturday 25th October we launched this year's Poppy Appeal in the Guildhall Rose Garden. It was a successful start to the appeal with over eleven-hundred pounds (£1,100.99) raised on just that day alone. Don't scoff at the 99p, we are grateful when people donate their loose change. The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion's flagship campaign held every year in October and November, but our Looe Branch collect for the appeal throughout the year (A Poppy Isn't Just for November). In the year ending October 2025, we raised £13,901.74 for the Poppy Appeal, which was our highest total ever and £5,353.99 up on the previous year.

Founded in 1921, the Poppy Appeal raises funds for the RBL's vital work supporting serving personnel, veterans and their families throughout their lives with whatever the need, whenever it's needed. Our support for those in need is made possible by the generous donations of the public and the 50,000 Poppy Appeal collectors and volunteers who dedicate their time each year to helping fundraise across the country. A big thank you to anyone who helped with the Poppy Appeal and to the public for their generous donations.



Remembrance Sunday & Armistice Day:

We were heavily involved with the Civic Service held at the Looe War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Our standard-bearers were on parade, our members manned the flag staffs and our President, Louis Portman, gave the Kohima Epitaph and the exhortation. A contingent of our branch members attended the No-Mans-Land ceremony on the afternoon of Remembrance Sunday. We held our own Armistice Day ceremony at Looe War Memorial on Armistice Day, Tuesday 11th November. We thank all our branch members, local organisations and members of the public who attended one, or more of the ceremonies.

Looe War Memorial: The wording and names on our War Memorial consist of individual lead letters and numbers which become discoloured with time. So, our thanks to our branch member, and recently retired county councillor, Armand Toms for repainting the lettering on our memorial. It was a slow and painstaking job. The next time you pass the Memorial, please spare a moment to read one or more of the names displayed on it, every name tells a story. They may have died from enemy action, accidents, ill treatment as a prisoner of war or even natural causes, but they died serving OUR country. It is the duty of the RBL to ensure that we never forget. We will remember them.

Meetings: If you are interested or simply curious about the 'Legion' then please come along to one of our friendly meetings. They do not last long and then transcend into a social evening. We meet on the first Monday of each month in the ground floor bar of the Looe Social Club, starting sharp at 7.30pm. You do not have to be a member of the Social Club to attend and there is no pressure to join the Royal British Legion.

Help from the Royal British 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 an online chat service from 8am to 8pm every day or email 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.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FROM LOOE RBL

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

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The motto of the u3a organisation is
Learn, Laugh, Live and that's what we do!

Check out our website on looeu3a.org



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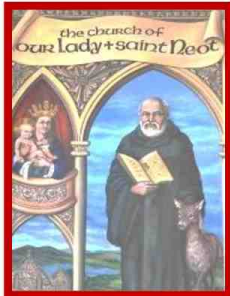
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Friday – 10.00am



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MASS TIMES

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Sclerder Lane, Looe,
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MASS TIMES

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Saturday 20th Dec at 6pm

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Parish Carols Service at Sclerder
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Christmas Eve From 11am-3pm

Open Church at Liskeard
Church.

Christmas Eve at 6pm

Carol Music & Reflection at
Saltash Church, Mass at
6.30pm.

Christmas Eve at 4pm

Carol Music & Reflection at
Torpoint Church, Mass at
4.30pm.

Christmas Day at 9am

Christmas Mass at Sclerder
Abbey.

Christmas Day at 11am –
Christmas Mass at Liskeard
Church.

Boxing Day at 11am

Mass at Liskeard Church.

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EMMA WILKINSON - CELEBRANT

Sometimes people hope to mark the important milestones in life in a very individual way. This includes birth, marriage, even death. As your independent celebrant, based in West Looe, I can help you to achieve your hopes for a unique and loving ceremony to become a reality. Whether you want to celebrate the life of a loved one; make or renew your vows in a location that is special to you; or welcome the safe arrival of a new little one into the world by celebrating the gift of their name - let me guide you.

To me, each ceremony is unique. Together we can weave personal stories, music, non-religious or religious elements together - whatever matters to you - so that each ceremony is as individual as the people who created it. From intimate gatherings to larger services, my wish for all these ceremonies is that they will be cherished in memories forever.

I also offer an advisory package for people who wish to make a 'living order of service' - so that loved ones have less to contemplate at their time of grief. You may have heard of a 'living will' - this is similar, but 'with a twist'. It is designed for those who wish to have an active voice, in advance, about what the content of their funeral will be. Favourite poems, readings, songs or hymns. I can capture all these wishes and record them in a document that is special and personal. This package also includes a 'Memory Journal' to help prompt you to think about your milestones and what is important to you in life.

Contact me via my website (see above) for more information.



LOOE COMMUNITY TEA ROOM

The Community tea room in the Rose Garden is run by volunteers and is open Monday to Saturday 10am to 12 noon.

Come in and have tea or coffee biscuits and a friendly chat. All welcome.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.



The recent Looe Harbour Commissioner election resulted in eight of the existing Commissioners being re-elected for a further three years. The two new members, being Ivan Toms and Will Jaycock, both are local fishermen.

The collapse of the quay wall at East Looe is proving difficult to rectify, with co-ordination between the various bodies involved proving to be very time consuming and frustrating! The Harbour team hope to have a resolution in the near future.

The pontoons have been moved up to their winter moorings in the river to avoid damage from the winter gales. As usual, the majority of the tripping boats have been lifted out of the water for winter storage.

All of the works under our Multi Project Fisheries Grant have now been completed. The cost of the project was circa £725,000 and included:

- (i) Works to Harbour refrigeration facilities
- (ii) Replacement of 300 hardwood mooring piles in commercial berthing areas
- (iii) Replacement of 66 quayside access ladders in commercial berthing areas
- (iv) Replacement Forklift Truck + Safety Platform
- (v) Purchase of Mobile Elevating Work Platform ((MEWP)
- (vi) Upgrade of Harbour CCTV system
- (vii) Lower Quay Fishermen's Stores demolition and rebuild
(to include purchase of 5 storage containers).

Free parking has been granted for the Saturdays in December on both LHC owned car parks leading up to Christmas. This is from 8am on the Saturday to 8am on the Sunday.

The Commissioners would also like to recognise the hard work by the Harbour staff to erect all the festive decorations that are central to the town being so popular at Christmas. On behalf of the Commissioners and staff, we would like to wish locals and visitors a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dave Bond
Chairman
Looe Harbour Commissioners

LOOE VALLEY SINGERS

Our upcoming concerts are:

Saturday 6th December 12 noon	Polperro Christmas Fair in Polperro Chapel
Friday 12th December 7pm	Duloe Church with St Pinnock Band
Sunday 14th December 1pm	Mount Edgcumbe House Christmas Fair

On 24th October we also sang with Pelynt Male Voice Choir in a concert for the Royal British Legion's Remembrance Day fundraising, which raised £2000, and again on 7th November, raising money for St Petroc's (a charity for the homeless).

We'll be having a break over Christmas and New Year but will welcome new members when we start again in January. We meet at 10.30 am on Tuesdays in Pelynt Village Hall



Repair Café



10am to 12 Noon - Second Saturday of each month
St. Martin's Community Hall, Looe

So don't throw it away!

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You bring your broken item from home
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Save yourself a wasted journey

Email details of your broken item
to RepairCafe@LooeSheddars.co.uk for pre-assessment

AN APPEAL FROM THE EDITORS

For the past two years, Elaine Warne and Leo Maxwell have been producing Looe Community News, this bi-monthly online magazine, which involves a few afternoons six times a year.

We would like to see if anyone else would like the opportunity to join in and gain some experience in Desktop Publishing.

There is no need for expensive hardware or software (I use a ten year old PC and free software), and this would be an opportunity for someone to gain some free training and experience in Desktop Publishing.

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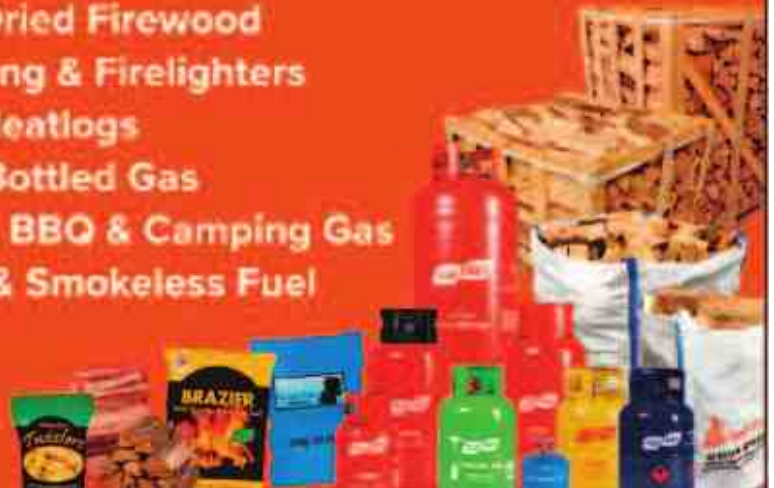
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GUNNERS KIDS:

A Magical Christmas Celebration for Families Facing Terminal illness

This December, we're bringing a little extra sparkle to families affected by the terminal illness of a parent or carer with our free Christmas Party, a heartwarming afternoon filled with festive fun, laughter, and community spirit.

Guests can look forward to an enchanting performance from a magician, joyful music, and creative Christmas crafts for children and parents alike. And of course, no Christmas celebration would be complete without a very special visitor, Santa Claus himself! Every child will receive a thoughtful gift from Santa to take home.

We're also thrilled to welcome the talented Elizabeth Melvin Photography, who will be capturing the day's magic with free family portraits, available as digital downloads after the event.

This event is completely free for families affected by the terminal illness of a parent or carer, but booking is essential to help us make sure everyone has the best experience possible.

Date: December 14th

Location: St Erme Community Centre

Book your free tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1707632818729>

If you're unsure whether your family meets the criteria, please don't hesitate to reach out to Tamsin at tamsin@gunnerskids.org.

Gunners Kids is a non-profit organisation dedicated to supporting children and families facing the challenges that come with a parent or carer's terminal illness.

Through special events, memory-making activities, and practical support, Gunners Kids helps families create precious moments together and ensures that no child feels alone during such difficult times. Learn more at

www.gunnerskids.org.

Join us for a day of joy, togetherness, and Christmas magic — because every family deserves a little wonder this festive season.

Tamsin Chapman-Gunner ACIM
Co-Founder and Director
Gunners Kids CIC



Christmas PARTY

December 14th | 11am to 2pm

St Erme Community Centre

Enchanting magic show
Hands-on Christmas crafts
Music to get everyone in the spirit

Plus, Santa himself will make a special appearance bringing a gift for every child!

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Get Ready for “The 12 Days of Fishmas”!

Looe’s Co-op and community unite to raise funds for local art project

There’s something fishy happening at Looe’s Co-op this November — and it’s all for a brilliant local cause.

From 12 November, shoppers have been able to pick up three unique, locally made gifts that celebrate the spirit of Looe and raise funds for United by the Sea, the town’s ambitious new community art project.

On sale in store (and at Looe Library) will be:

- **Mini hand-crafted ceramic fish** - perfect as keyrings, light pulls or “Fishmas” decorations.
- **Looe tea towels** - featuring a beautiful lino-cut design of the town by art teacher Lesa Welch.
- **The 12 Days of Fishmas Calendar** - a joyful 2026 calendar celebrating Looe’s “unsung heroes”, from street cleaners, posties and ferry crews to district nurses, firefighters, fishermen, footballers, and even our world champion gig rowers!

Every penny raised will go directly to Creative Looe CIC’s United by the Sea project,

a year-long creative celebration of the town’s maritime heritage that’s bringing together local schools, artists, and volunteers to make a lasting piece of public art.



The little ceramic fish are making a big splash at the Coop



Production Line - Looe Shedders making the little ceramic fish

750 Fish – One Community

At the heart of United by the Sea is a plan to create 750 hand-made ceramic fish, crafted by pupils from Looe Community Academy and local primary schools. The finished artworks will be installed in a colourful, permanent display celebrating the town’s connection to the sea.

The mini ceramic fish now on sale at the Co-op are helping fund that dream. Designed by local ceramic artist Gwen Vaughan, they’re being produced by Looe Shedders CIO – a local charity that brings people together to “connect, converse and create”.

“These little fish are helping fund the big fish,” said Lorna Dickinson, Director of Creative Looe CIC. *“They’re being made locally, sold locally, and supported locally – it’s a real Looe team effort.”*

Each tiny fish goes through the same careful process as the large ones: moulding, drying, firing, glazing, and refiring. The Shedders don’t take any proceeds themselves – they’re giving their time and skills for free to support the project and highlight the positive work they do in the community.

Peter Heywood, trustee of Looe Shedders and Director of Creative Looe CIC, said: *“ These little fish might be small, but they’re helping something wonderful happen for Looe.”*

Looe's "12 Days of Fishmas"

Just in time for the festive season, Creative Looe is also launching a brand-new 2026 calendar -The 12 Days of Fishmas.

Photographed by local volunteers it celebrates Looe's unsung heroes – the people who quietly keep the town running and make it special. The images include coast guards, fishermen, ferry operators, police, fire and health workers, street cleaners, the football team and gig rowers.

"The calendar is our way of saying thank you to the people who keep Looe going all year round," said Lorna Dickinson. "They're the faces of our community spirit – ordinary people doing extraordinary things."

The portraits will also feature across Creative Looe's social media throughout December, counting down "The 12 Days of Fishmas" with daily stories celebrating Looe's local heroes.

Creativity at the Core

Back in the classrooms, pupils continue to explore Looe's fishing and maritime heritage through creative workshops – from clay sculpture and painting to sea shanty singing and chowder cooking.

Headteacher Paul Boyes of Looe Community Academy said: *"For the children of Looe to know their town is to know themselves. Celebrating their community helps them feel a sense of belonging and pride in what makes Looe so special."*

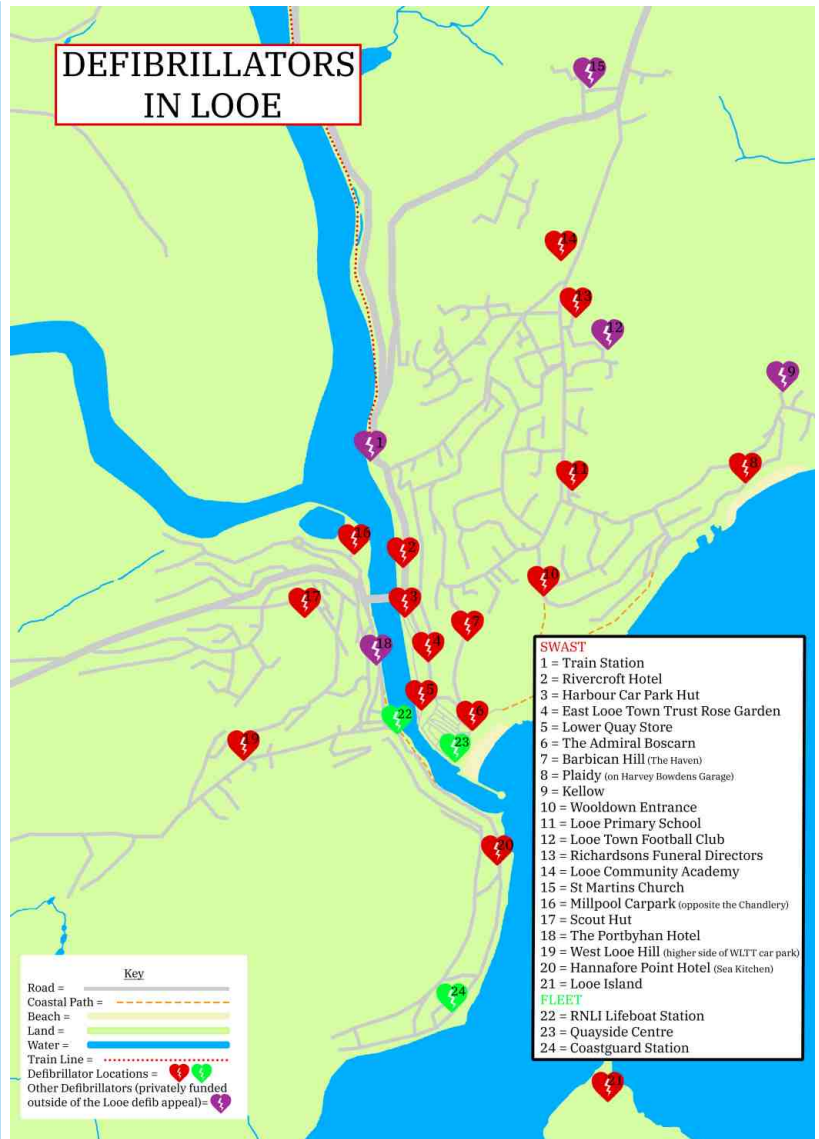
How You Can Help

Buy your gifts and calendar at Looe Co-op or Looe Library from 12 November.

Follow [@united by the sea](#) on Facebook and Instagram to see The 12 Days of Fishmas unfold.

Visit www.creativelooe.org to learn more about United by the Sea.

So whether you're shopping for a stocking filler, a local keepsake, or a festive decoration with heart — pick up a piece of Looe's creativity this Fishmas and help keep our community truly united by the sea.





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THE EDWINA HANNAFORD SKATEPARK

For the past 4 years I have been leading a joint project on behalf of Looe Development Trust with our partners, Looe Town Council and Boundless Trust. Following the huge show of support on the Planning Portal from Looe residents we have now received planning permission for the Skatepark. Your efforts made the difference, and I want to thank everyone who attended the open sessions and who took the time to post on the Planning Portal.

We know that people in Looe have been waiting a very, very long time for this and that there have been several false starts. But this is the furthest the project has ever got, and we are all working full steam ahead to raise the funds to build it.

We have plans to launch a Crowdfunder and also there will be other ways that everyone in the town can help to make this long held dream a reality. The cost of the project is going to be in the region of £250K a substantial amount to raise. In addition, we are under a time constraint from Cornwall Council who are also keen to see this project happen. So, it's time to get our skates on and make this happen!

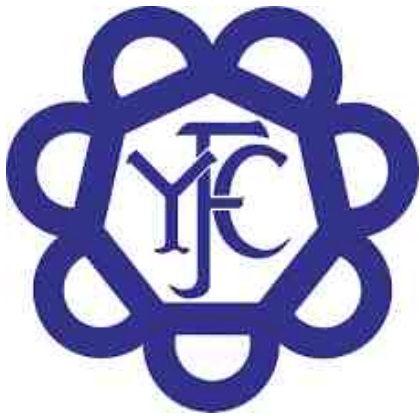
There will be lots of opportunities to get involved. We are setting up a user group and will also be asking organisations and businesses in the town what they can offer to help. In addition, with the help of the designers Maverick who continue to be incredible, we will be submitting applications to the larger funds. Plus, we will be publishing other information on how you can donate or help.

Our very first offer of support came from Sheila's School of Dancing. This year's Christmas shows will be raising funds for the Edwina Hannaford Skatepark – young people raising funds for other young people in the town – just amazing. The show is on the 12th and 13th December at Tencreek so please show your support by buying tickets and coming along – **see separate poster on page 20.**

This really is an incredible opportunity for Looe and a very exciting time for all of us involved in the project. If you would like to make a donation, find out more about how to help, join in with the fundraising, run your own event or anything else please do contact me, Kim Spencer at holidays@wringworthy.co.uk or phone 01503 240685. Thank you.

Kim Spencer – Looe Development Trust Trustee





Well done to our retiring chair Aimee & secretary Annabella, officers and members for another amazing year.

Thank you to Looe Valley Church Benefice for kindly hosting our charity presentation evening (23rd Oct). Speaker Julie was presented with a cheque for £2000 (+ £2000 Match Funding) for the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust and Rachel from The Farming Community Network (FCN) charity received a cheque for £1000. A further £1000 was donated to the Dogs Trust as well as Pelynt YFC club funds.

A huge thank you to everyone for your support and donations we couldn't have done it without you.

This year's chosen charities are Cancer Research and the Cornwall Air Ambulance and club funds, with James Ede (Chairman) and Kensa Bennallick (Secretary) leading the club.

Harvest Auction and a pasty supper with Trelawny Benefice (Pelynt Church) a lovely evening which proceeds were kindly donated to Pelynt YFC's chosen charities. (13th Oct)

New Members Evening / Pumpkin Carving. The club welcomed new members along to a fun pumpkin carving evening. New members are always welcome.

Pelynt YFC Dinner & Dance Members and guests enjoyed a great evening celebrating another year of friendships and achievements. Thank you so much to Portbyhan Hotel Looe for looking after us so well and the amazing food. (7th Nov)

Remembrance Services Pelynt & Lanreath Wreaths were laid at both services as a mark of respect and remembrance for all who served and those who continue to serve today. (9th Nov)
The club also participated in the NFYFC '**Make a difference**' hopefully you all had the chance to see the Pelynt YFC scarecrow at West Waylands. We spent the week promoting what YFC is all about! (6th – 12th Oct). This week the club are entering the Cornwall YFC indoor sports competition which all 20 YFC clubs across Cornwall enter in rounds around the county.

Up and coming events in the community with Pelynt YFC:

23rd November 2025 – Table Top Sale – Pelynt Village Hall

19th December 2025 – Cornwall County YFC Carol Service – Truro Cathedral

21st December 2025 – Tinsel Tractor Run.

11th January 2026 – Christmas Tree Collection



Pelynt YFC Christmas Tinsel Tractor Run - Sunday 21st December 2025.

Full Details of the route are on our social media pages. Entries will be open very soon for tractors please keep an eye out on our socials and

<https://welcometolooe.com/whats-on/tinsel-tractor-run-2025/>

Join us for a fun filled evening either on-route or during the stop in Looe, with Santa, a BBQ, coffee and cake and the support of all the local business it really is a magical evening not to be missed.

Christmas Tree Collections – 11th January 2025

Collecting in Pelynt, Polperro, Looe, Duloe, Lanreath and surrounding areas - £5 per tree
Contact 07977239244

Pelynt YFC meet on Wednesday evenings and welcome new members aged between 13 & 28. If you would like to join or get involved please contact Pelynt YFC club secretary (Kensa on 07977 239244) or check Pelynt YFC out on social media to find our programme activities.

Thank you one and all for your support you are all amazing.

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KELTIQUE NEWS

A celebratory memorial concert for Liz Sidebotham

This very special concert of 15th November at the Saltash Wesley Methodist Chapel celebrated the incredible contribution made by a remarkable lady to the musical life of Cornwall over many decades.

The concert was headed up by a reunion of members of the Trelawney Choir and associated Male Voice Choirs that worked and toured across the globe with Liz, performing in Singapore, Canada, New Zealand and at the Royal Albert Hall in London and Symphony Hall in Birmingham under the direction of former President of the Cornish Federation of Male Voice Choirs, Phil Taylor.



The concert also included contributions from the two choirs Liz played for and performed with extensively over many years: Rame Peninsular MVC and Keltique Ladies' Choir. Rame and Keltique performed songs that were originally composed or arranged for them by Liz.

There were tributes and solos from the many singers and musicians that Liz worked with over the years, including excerpts from the musical she created with Andy Copp shortly before she was taken ill - The Curse of the Skeltons.

It was a beautiful and emotional concert and it was such a privilege for our choir to play its part in this very fitting tribute to Liz.

Christmas concerts

We hope to see you at any of the following Christmas concerts (keep looking at our website and Facebook page as other concerts may get added):



- **Sunday 30th November 6.00pm** at the Eden Project
- **Friday 5th December 6.00pm** at the Duchy Nurseries, near Lostwithiel
- **Sunday 7th December 7.00pm** in St Martin's Church, Liskeard (joint concert with the Liskeard Silver Band)
- **Tuesday 9th December 7.00pm** RNLI Christmas Concert singing alongside the Pelynt MVC in St Martins Church Hall, Looe
- **Monday 15th December 7.30pm** in St Nicholas Church, West Looe
- **Sunday 21st December 6.00pm** at the Smugglers in Seaton

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.



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SCLERDER ABBEY EVENTS

December 2025 to August 2026



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2nd December (Advent), 24th February 2026, 12th May, from 10am to 4pm.
Hot drinks and a simple lunch are provided. There is no charge for the day, but donations are very welcome!

ONLINE RETREAT DURING ADVENT : Sunday 7th December 2025 to Friday 12th December. This retreat follows the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, but in daily life for each person. Daily pre-recorded short talk, time of personal prayer, and spiritual accompaniment.

GREEN ABBEY RESIDENTIAL SESSION: Friday 17th to Wednesday 22nd April 2026. A chance to explore how we can work with nature to grow food sustainably, how this links with care for our planet and the people within it, with an opportunity to experience community life and the spiritual rhythm of the Abbey during the session. The programme includes practical demonstrations and practice, with activities offered suitable for different ages and abilities.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES residential silent retreat: Saturday 30th May to Saturday 6th June 2026 (from 6 pm 30th May, ending 10 am on 6th). An opportunity to be immersed in the quiet and peace of Sclerder Abbey to come closer to God and discern his will for you.

CANA WEEK FOR COUPLES AND FAMILIES. Sunday 26th July to Saturday 1st August 2026. A week to enrich your relationship with your spouse or partner. Children are looked after and follow their own exciting programme, to give the parents space for themselves.

THE GREEN ABBEY PROJECT Working with nature on a small area of land to produce vegetables, salad and fruit ecologically and organically. This Autumn we will be harvesting as well as sowing crops for overwintering. We will start making beds ready for sowing spring and summer crops in the new year. We have construction projects to improve rainwater collection and an irrigation system. And we will collect and turn material to make more compost. Would you like to volunteer for a couple of hours, half a day, or more (including as a residential volunteer for 1 week or more) to help us develop this project? Volunteers are also welcome to join in the daily community life and rhythm of prayer in the Abbey.

PERSONAL RETREATS: At times it is possible to do a personal retreat. Contact us to apply.

For more information about quiet days and retreats or the Green Abbey project or to apply, please email to sclerder@gmail.com , or ring 01503 272 238.

You can also get information about all our activities or apply online by going onto our website at: <https://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/>.



LOOE LIBRARY

LAST MONTH AT LOOE

November

Brave souls enjoyed our Halloween Craft morning. We indulged in spooky jewellery, mysterious masks and daring decorations, followed by some creepily delicious cakes!



West Looe Nursery & Barbican Pre-School

Our local pre-schools have enjoyed visits to the library. Donna entertained them with stories and songs, the children were thoroughly engaged and loved it.



詩のワークショップ

Ever tried to write a Haiku? Know what a Senryu is? Our Writer in Residence, Graeme Sandford, is offering a free performance and workshop of Japanese poetry, 11am on Tuesday 18th November. 'The Write Place', our monthly Creative Writing Group is growing and developing - new members are always welcome. 10:30 - 12pm, first Tuesday of the month. Come along and start writing that book! Catherine

Supervisor, Looe Library & Community Hub

FREE CLUBS & GROUPS

Stories & Songs EVERY MONDAY 10:30-11AM

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Saturday Club EVERY WEEK 11AM-1PM

The Write Place 1ST TUES O/T MONTH 10:30AM



Festive Activities at Looe Library

Christmas Crafts

Adults Tues 25th November

Children Sat 13th December



Christmas Stories & Songs

Every Monday in December
10:30 - 11am (Under 5s)



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Looe Library & Community Hub



Winter with Looe Marine Conservation Group

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

Monthly meetings: held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6.15pm

Where: Now at the Hannafore Point Hotel PL13 2DG (kindly hosting our winter talks programme)

Talks: Free but donations are welcome

Events Programme: talks, rockpool rambles, beach cleans, pop up events

Socials: share a common interest and make new friends at pop up events/while volunteering

Opportunities: free training, volunteering eg Crab Line Recycling Scheme, social media etc
We invite you to attend a talk/event, find out more about what we do, and see how you can get involved to help marine conservation in and around Looe.

Crabline Success!

It's been another fantastic year for our Crabline Recycling Project, which continues to go from strength to strength. Our distinctive wooden recycling bins have now been tucked away for the winter and will return to their spots at Easter, ready for another busy season. In the meantime, our dedicated volunteers aren't taking a break! Over the winter months they'll be sorting and counting the collected lines to measure the project's impact — and it looks like we're heading for another bumper year of recycling. All the recovered material is sent to our friends at Odyssey Innovation, where it's transformed into exciting new products, helping to keep plastic waste out of the ocean and give it a brand-new life.

Talks

Our free monthly talks are followed by our regular group meeting - everyone's welcome, and there's no need to book. Donations are always appreciated.

Tuesday 20 January, 6.15pm: Special Meeting – 2026 Events Launch

Join us for a special evening as we reveal our exciting line-up of 2026 events and activities for the Looe community! We'll be sharing updates and opportunities to get involved in the year ahead, screening a short film from Cornwall Climate Care, and hearing some exciting news from our project leaders about what's coming next. It's the perfect way to kick off the new year, connect with others, and celebrate all the great things happening for our coast and community.

Social Events

We're a friendly bunch who love getting together for relaxed, sociable events!

• **Tuesday 9 December** – Festive Social & Quiz, The Jolly Sailor, West Looe

Join us for a fun evening of good company, food and festive trivia. Food from 6.00pm, quiz starts at 6.30pm.

• **Early January – New Year Beach Clean.** Start 2026 by helping to care for our beautiful coastline – everyone welcome! Keep an eye on our website and socials for more info.

Join Us!

Membership costs just £8 a year and includes our regular newsletter plus early access to events, training and socials.

Sign up here: <https://looe-marineconservation.org/join-looe-marine-conservation-group/online-membership-form/>

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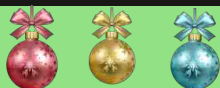
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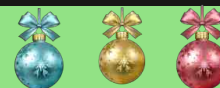


MILLPOOL CENTRE TIMETABLE

Mon	8am– 9am 10.30am– 11.30 11.45am - 1pm 4pm - 8pm 7.30pm - 9pm	Yoga with Gocha: www.gochawellness.com Paracise: Exercise class with Lisa Gorman 1st floor 07890 381 516 Yoga with Maria - contact - 07980 533 050 1st floor check dates with Maria for term times Bond Dance company: contemporary & commercial age 3-young teens term time only contact: 07969 212 902 Looe Karate Club –Contact Dave - 07889 310 908 1st floor
Tue	8.30am & 9.45am 11am - 12pm 2pm - 3.30pm	Pilates with Barabara - 1st floor 50 Plus Dancercise with Sheila's School of Dance 07866771429 Exercise Class with Looe Exercise Group - 01503 265947 1st floor
Wed	8am—9am 6pm - 7pm 7pm - 8pm 4.30pm—6pm	Yoga with Gocha 07539 178 840 1st floor (Check for term dates) Adult contemporary dance with Gocha wellness 1st floor Pilates: Gocha Wellness 1st floor Last Wednesday of each month - Community Meals - 07766 020 524
Thu	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
Fri	4.30pm - 7.30pm 7.30pm - 9pm	Looe Youth Theatre - 07920 282 818 (Fiona) ground floor (Term time only) Looe Karate club 01503 264767 (Dave) 1st floor
Sat & Sun Centre Available For Private Hire - 01503 265947 The Millpool Centre, West Looe. PL13 2AF : manager@millpoolcentre.org		



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Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to Looe Community News over the past year. We hope that you will continue to submit articles in the coming year and that you will encourage others to let us have anything which may be of interest to the community.

And thank you, too, to our readers – as always, please feel free to share Looe Community News with others.

If you think you might like to join us and perhaps learn some new Desktop Publishing skills, please get in touch at: ewarne18@btinternet.com.

We wish you and your family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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