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## NEWS FROM THE EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST



As we head towards the end of the year, it is a time to reflect on the progress and many changes that have taken place over the last year and to look forward to what 2019 has in store.

At the October Trust meeting, both our existing Chairman, Phil Gibson, and our Vice Chairman, Brian Galipeau, received unanimous support to remain in their roles for another year. Following a recent advertisement, the Trust hopes to welcome new Trustees to join us in the near future.

The Trust welcomed our new Admin Officer, Jane Day, who started in her role on 1<sup>st</sup> October, who will support the Trust Manager in keeping the Trust running on a day-to-day basis and planning for the future.

Trustees were pleased to be able to support the Looe Lions with a £590 donation to insure their new minibus, which provides much needed transport to many people and community groups throughout the year.

The Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol has had a very successful year, winning awards for our silver key and for our wonderful team of volunteers, who give so much of their time, ideas, enthusiasm and, frequently, elbow grease, to make our museum and the town's history come alive; without them the Trust would not be able to keep the museum going. Their efforts have also been rewarded with more visitors than in any previous year coming to see the exhibits and artefacts that tell Looe's history. We look forward to even more success for the museum in 2019. If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers, whether greeting visitors in the museum itself or helping research or organise museum items from home, please contact the Trust Office on [info@eastlooe towntrust.co.uk](mailto:info@eastlooe towntrust.co.uk) or 01503 263709.

The 'New' Guildhall has had a facelift this year, with repairs to our magnificent stained glass windows, repairs to the roof, heating, fire alarm and façade of the Grade II Listed building. We have also installed lights on the Clock Tower, which will be lit to celebrate and commemorate special occasions and festivals. You will be able to see the lights over the Christmas period adding to the illuminations around the town. The Trust hopes to make some progress in the coming year in deciding a use for the now empty Old Lifeboat Station and Watchtower and securing some funding to help repair them. We would welcome letters of support and ideas from the community on these, so if you would like to suggest how we can use them, please contact the Trust Manager.

As always, the Trust is donating use of the Town Beach and Rose Garden to Christmas activities to help make Looe a vibrant town at all times of the year.

**We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous 2019!**

**From the Chairman and Trustees**

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There were 3 shouts between 6<sup>th</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> October. More information at [www.loolifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts](http://www.loolifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts)

The most public interest was generated on 5<sup>th</sup> October by the rescue of Willow, a spaniel who apparently decided to swim the channel, starting from Seaton Beach. Prompt action from our Atlantic 85 crew cut short this attempt and re-united Willow with her owner.

### **Forthcoming Events**

Our last event in 2018 is RNLI Carols with Pelynt Male Choir on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm at St. Martin's Church Hall.

Tickets: £7 including festive refreshments, available in advance from RNLI Shop, the Lifeboat Station, or at the door on the night.

Please note this is changed from the previously reported date. More information at [www.loolifeboats.co.uk/looernlievents](http://www.loolifeboats.co.uk/looernlievents)



## **SCLERDER ABBEY EVENTS**

Sclerder Lane, Looe, PL13 2JD

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**, 10am - 4pm, Quiet Day Retreat, day of prayer and meditation, organised by the Chemin Neuf Community at Sclerder Abbey. Open to all - a light lunch is provided free but donations would be appreciated. See website [chemin-neuf.org.uk](http://chemin-neuf.org.uk) or telephone 01503 272238.

**Christmas Mass times in Looe and Liskeard Parish**  
[liskeardcatholicchurch.org](http://liskeardcatholicchurch.org)

**Parish Priest Fr Gilmour McDermott 01579 344906**

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

9am Mass at Sclerder Abbey

3pm Mass at Our Lady and St Neot R.C. Church, West Street, Liskeard,  
PL14 6BW - Ordination of Rev John Allen

### **Christmas Eve**

8pm Mass at Sclerder Abbey

10pm Mass at Our Lady and St Neot R.C. Church

### **Christmas Day**

9am Mass at Sclerder Abbey

11am Mass at Our Lady and St Neot R.C. Church

# Welcome to The Looe Community Forum's 2018/19 LOOE & AREA ANNUAL FESTIVE SEASON CALENDAR

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December (Switch-on) to January 6<sup>th</sup> 2019**

YOU can help the town with the festive appearance:

**Residents:** display outdoor decorative lighting in your garden or on your house (especially if you overlook the Harbour or Sea).

**Businesses:** illuminate a festive display in your windows for all ages to enjoy.

**\*\*Judging** will take place during the week of the switch-on to choose the Best Resident's property/decorative outdoor lighting AND the Best Illuminated Shop Window Display . . . Good luck to all. Christmas is coming . . .

Herewith a selection of dates, locations, music and entertainment; all by the local Community for your enjoyment.

## **November**

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Monday 26<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am Christmas **Flower Festival** at Morval Church. Flower Festival and  
-3.30pm craft event. Refreshments available.

## **December**

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>**

from 2pm **Polperro Christmas Lights Switch-on** at the Big Green. Plenty  
of Festive activities for the whole family, including a visit from Santa.  
6.30pm **Dance with Jodie Winter Show**, Looe Bay Holiday Park

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Wreath making** workshop. Millpool Centre.  
Contact Karen Brown 01503 241251 / 07852 255948  
6pm **Churches Together Advent Taize**, St. Nicholas Church  
7.30pm **Polperro Fishermen's Choir**, Christmas at St Dominic  
8.30pm **Keltique sing Christmas** at the Portbyhan, West Looe

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8.30pm **Keltique sing Christmas** at the Portbyhan, West Looe

### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

8pm **Wreath making** workshop. Millpool Centre as 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
**Open Mic** at the Jolly Sailor Inn, West Looe

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

10am-4pm **Quiet Day Retreat**, day of prayer and meditation, organised by the  
Chemin Neuf Community at Sclerder Abbey. Open to all. A light  
lunch is provided free, donations welcome.  
See [chemin-Neuf.org.uk](http://chemin-Neuf.org.uk). or phone 01503 272238

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**

8pm **Shanty Nights** at the Jolly Sailor Inn, West Looe

**7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>**

## **Looe Festive Lights Switch-on weekend**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**

6.30pm

### **Christmas Lights Switch-on**

Groups assemble in the Rose Garden and the Millpool Centre to parade with their lanterns.

7pm

**Lantern processions** meet at the Bridge; then on to the Quayside Centre. **Carol-singing** and Christmas Lights switch-on.

7.30pm

**Pelynt Male Voice Choir**, Christian Aid, Pelynt Village Hall

7:30pm

**Polperro Fishermen's Choir**, St Stephen's Church Saltash

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>**

2pm

### **Santa's Arrival**

**Craft and fundraising stalls** in Buller Car Park

East Looe, Buller Quay car park to coincide with Santa's Arrival.

5pm

**Santa will travel upstream by boat**, weather permitting, to arrive at the Memorial Steps, East Looe. Santa will lead a procession in his sleigh followed by the Mayor and Mayoress and local groups and families. The procession will proceed to Santa's Grotto through Buller Car Park along Fore Street, Market Street and the Quay and arrive at his Grotto back in Buller Car Park.

There will be a market, bar, food stalls and entertainment for children (including a bouncy castle, animals & face painting) while they wait to see Santa.

2pm

**Polperro Fishermen's Choir**, sing under the garland at Cotehele Riverside Church, West Looe. Valley Voices Concert

7pm

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am

### **Looe Pioneers annual Santa Fun Run**

Registration West Looe Square

11.30am

**Santa Run** race start. Route: along West Looe Quay, over the Bridge through Fore Street East Looe, across the Seafront and a big sprint finish to the Fish Market. Fancy Dress desirable but not a requirement; children under 12 must be signed in by a parent or responsible adult. Medal to all runners

12-5pm

**Craft market and Gin Fair** at Buller Quay car park

5pm

**Christingle**, St. Martin's Church (Making Saturday, tel 262624)

8.30pm

**Keltique sing Christmas** at the Portbyhan, West Looe

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>-Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>**

10am-3.30pm

**Christmas Tree Festival**, Morval Church

Susan Aunger saunger@live.co.uk. Refreshments

8.30pm

**Keltique sing Christmas** at the Portbyhan, West Looe

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm

**Pelynt Male Voice Choir**, St Cleer Church

8pm

**Open Mic** at the Jolly Sailor, West Looe

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**

8pm

**Shanty Night**, Jolly Sailor, West Looe

## **Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**

7pm

**Sheila's School of Dancing "Christmas Show"**, Tencreek Holiday Park. Charity this year 'Penhaligan's Friends', a Cornish bereavement charity that helped little Maisie's family and the local schools earlier this year. Tickets available from Sheila Brock 07866771429. Raffle prizes needed.

7.30pm

**Pelynt Male Voice Choir**, St Martins Hall. In aid of the RNLI

## **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>**

10-12noon

**Christmas carols** in the Rose Garden. All welcome.

7pm

**Sheila's School of Dancing "Christmas Show"**, as above.

7:30pm

**Polperro Fishermen's Choir**, Charity concert, Millennium House, Pensilva, in aid of Cornwall Air Ambulance, The Triangle Centre, Liskeard and Millennium House

## **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**

4pm

**Sing Christmas Carols with Keltique**, Riverside Church

7pm

**Sing Christmas Carols for your supper**, Millpool Centre

## **Monday 17<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm

**Keltique Carols by Candlelight**, St. Nicholas Church

## **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm

**Pelynt Male Voice Choir**, Duloe Church

8pm

**Open Mic** at the Jolly Sailor

## **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:30pm

**Polperro Fishermen's Choir** St Keyne at Christmas  
St Keyne Church

## **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9.00 am

**Mass at Sclerder Abbey**, Sclerder Lane, Looe, PL13 2JD

3.00 pm

**Mass at Our Lady and St Neot R.C. Church**, West Street, Liskeard, PL14 6BW. Ordination of Rev John Allen.

7:30pm

**Polperro Fishermen's Choir**, Christmas concert Polperro Methodist Chapel.

8.30pm

**Keltique sing Christmas** at the Portbyhan, West Looe.

## **Christmas Eve**

4.00pm

**Christingle**, Riverside United Church

5.00pm

**Crib Service**, St. Martin's Church

8.00pm

**Mass at Sclerder Abbey**, Sclerder Lane, Looe

10.00pm

**Mass at Our Lady & St Neot RC Church**, West Street, Liskeard

11.00pm

**Communion**, St Martin's Church

11.30pm

**Midnight Holy Communion**, Riverside United Church



## **Christmas Day**

- 9.00am **Mass at Sclerder Abbey**, Sclerder Lane, Looe  
9.30am **Communion**, St. Nicholas  
11.00am **Communion**, St. Wenna  
11.00am **Mass at Our Lady & St Neot RC Church**, West Street, Liskeard

## **New Year's Eve Fancy Dress Celebrations**

Celebrate the Year that's passed; celebrate the Year ahead,  
This Year join in, in strange attire; next Year it'll be time for bed!

- 6.00pm **Firework Display for children and families**. Seafront, Looe  
Midnight **Firework Display to herald the New Year**. Seafront, Looe

## **January 2019 – Happy New Year!**

### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

- from 8.30am **Seafront Clean-up** (with the Mayor) volunteers needed (please bring your own broom!) email: [atoms@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:atoms@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Time tbc: Register at the RNLI Station to take part in **"The Annual RNLI Charity New Year's Day Swim"** event. It's in the sea from the main beach; it's cold, but it's for a really good cause and it's 'A Popular Tradition'. Refreshments will be served in the boathouse afterwards. Check for details on the official Facebook page "The Famous Looe New Year's Dip". Contact [guycooper100@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:guycooper100@yahoo.co.uk)

### **AND the last festive event:**

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs**, Millpool Centre  
Looe Community Players will be putting on their fifth pantomime.  
2pm Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>  
7.30pm Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Tickets: £6 for adults and £3 for children will be available from TIC and the Millpool Centre. Contact 01503 262628. Numbers will be limited, book early!

This list has been compiled by Looe Community Forum aided by the organisers of the services and events, to whom we are extremely grateful. There may be other events which will be circulated by the Forum and Looe Town Council. The Looe Community Forum can only provide the lists from the information given to us; if it snows, rains or hurricanes blow; if it's wrong, or even if Santa's reindeer are a little slower; it's not our fault!)

**A Merry Christmas to all from the Looe Community Forum team**  
**[juice@talktalk.net](mailto:juice@talktalk.net)**

## STUNNING FLOWER FESTIVAL AT ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Over a sunny weekend in September members of Looe and District Flower Club and parishioners of St Martin's Church, East Looe, held a very successful flower festival. The arrangements were all designed around the theme of water. The quality of the work exceeded the expectations of the organisers; our thanks to the flower-arrangers for their amazing work. The main altar piece was a design inspired by Monet's Water Lilies. Other designs were inspired by 'the parting of the Red Sea' and the parable of Jesus turning water into wine and beautiful interpretations around a sea theme. The organisers would like to thank the artist Rob Arnold for the loan of his artwork, which generated so much discussion amongst visitors. The festival raised £1200 for charity. Each of the charities received £400; our local charity Looe Marine Conservation Group being one of the benefactors.

The organisers would like to thank Looe Community Academy, Looe Academy (Primary), 4th Looe Brownies, 1st Looe Sea Scouts and West Looe Playgroup for their contributions which added variety and richness amongst the floral displays.

The organisers are indebted to their sponsors, companies and private individuals; without their donations the festival could not have gone ahead.

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Bible Study group meets on Monday mornings at 10.30am. Prayer group meets on Mondays 10am-10.30am (time may change, please check)

### Christmas Events

<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	4pm	Sing Christmas Carols with Keltique
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion

Riverside has many other regular activities: for information see our Newsletter, available from Kathy Lang via email: [riversideuc.looe@gmail.com](mailto:riversideuc.looe@gmail.com) or tel 01503



## THE BENEFICE OF LOOE & MORVAL

[www.church.looe.org](http://www.church.looe.org)



	St. Nicholas	St. Martin's	St. Wenna, Morval
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	8am Communion (BCP) 9.30am Communion	11am Cafe Church (Hall)	11am Communion
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Communion (Church)	11am Family Service
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	9.30am Communion	11am Sunday Live (Hall)	11am Communion
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	9.30am Sunday Live	11am Communion (Church)	11am Morning Prayer

5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 10.30am see notice board for venues.  
Thursdays, 10am Communion, St. Nicholas

Every 2nd Friday of the month

### **LOOE COMMUNITY MEMORY CAFÉ & DROP IN**

Stimulating games, chat, entertainment, singing & a great afternoon tea!  
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### **CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES (DECEMBER)**

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Churches Together Advent Taize, St. Nicholas, 6pm
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle, St. Martin's, 5pm
Mon-Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Tree Fest, Morval Church, 10.30am-3.30pm
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pelynt M.V. Choir Carols for RNLI, Hall, 7.30pm
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Keltique Carols by Candlelight, St. Nicholas, 7.30pm
Christmas Eve	St. Martin's, Crib Service 5 p.m., Communion 11pm
Christmas Day	Communions, St. Nicholas, 9.30am, St. Wenna 11am

### **Useful information and contact details over the festive period:**

[www.looechurchestogether.org.uk](http://www.looechurchestogether.org.uk) Information for all churches in Looe and District Churches Together area which includes Pelynt, Lanreath and Polperro

[www.anglicanchurcheslooe.weebly.com](http://www.anglicanchurcheslooe.weebly.com)

[www.gracecc.org.uk](http://www.gracecc.org.uk)

[www.looeriversidechurch.org.uk](http://www.looeriversidechurch.org.uk)

[www.morvalwidedgates.weebly.com/morval-church.html](http://www.morvalwidedgates.weebly.com/morval-church.html)

<http://saltashrcparish.co.uk> (Looe and district is part of Saltash RC Parish)

[liskeardcatholicchurch.org](http://liskeardcatholicchurch.org) Christmas Mass times Looe and Liskeard Parish  
Parish Priest Fr Gilmour McDermott 01579 344906

## LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The 25<sup>th</sup> October saw the launch of this year's Looe Poppy Appeal. At 8am, in atrocious weather, a team of stalwart Looe British Legion members installed a seven foot 'Silent Soldier' silhouette at the war memorial. The silhouette was kindly manufactured by one of our members, Dave Massey, who has gone on to make four smaller soldiers for the memorial.



The Legion stalls were then set up at the Guildhall wishing well and at 9.30am, to mark the official start of this year's Poppy Appeal, Looe RNLI delivered a giant poppy to Buller Quay which was handed over to our Chairman, Louis Portman, who was dressed as the Poppy Man. Despite the earlier rain, the skies cleared up and Legion ladies did a marvellous job with a cake stall selling a wide selection of freshly baked savouries, cakes and buns. There was also our traditional Legion stall offering a great selection of RBL items. We had a steady footfall across the morning, especially as it was half term. Many thanks to Kelly's restaurant who kindly provided coffee to help with the cold. A grand effort by all involved and over £1200 was raised for the Appeal. A big thank you to all who kindly made donations to the appeal, they were all very generous.

The RBL is the UK's leading charity providing financial, social and emotional support to millions who have served and are currently serving in the Armed Forces, and their dependants. It is also one of the country's leading membership organisations, with over 450,000 members nationwide. Over 11 million people are eligible for Legion assistance, and some 300,000 calls for help are received every year.

**Branch Meetings:** The Looe branch meets on the first Monday of each month in the Looe Social Club at 7.30pm. Please feel free to come along and learn more about the Royal British Legion, or even perhaps become a member.

**Lest we Forget** – Eleven o'clock on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, saw the 100th anniversary of the cessation of the WW1 armed hostilities. We now remember the 11<sup>th</sup> November as 'Armistice Day'. The peace negotiations went on until the 28<sup>th</sup> June, 1919, when the Treaty of Versailles was signed and the war was officially over. The call for an armistice came as a surprise to the Allied military commanders, who were planning offensives as far ahead as 1920, and the fighting went on literally to the 'eleventh hour' of the 11<sup>th</sup> November. All casualties of war are sad, but particularly poignant is the story of Looe teenager, William McCreedy. William was born in Looe in 1899 and was too young to volunteer at the start of WW1. He eventually joined the London Regiment and later transferred to the Machine Gun Corps (MGC). This was formed in 1915 by taking the machine gunners away from the infantry battalions and forming machine gun companies and eventually battalions. Over one third of the MGC became casualties and it's not surprising that they earned the gruesome nickname of 'The Suicide Club'.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1918, two days before the end of hostilities, William and 20 comrades were killed by a mine exploding near the French town of Avesnes, which they had just helped to capture. William was 19 years old when he died and had been recommended for the Military Medal, which was confirmed after his death. It is not known why William was awarded his Military Cross.

### **Christmas Festive Evening**

The Festive evening will be held at the Portbryan Hotel on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm. It will be a Christmas Buffet, Mulled Wine, Roasted Chestnuts, music and raffle and the tickets are £5 on the door.

**David Welch – Looe Royal British Legion Membership Secretary**

**Tel: 01503 265573 email: [looe.rbl@looe.rbl.com](mailto:looe.rbl@looe.rbl.com)**

## **LISKEARD ARTS**

Liskeard Arts (Registered charity No. 1097024) is the local branch of the nationwide Arts Society. Members and visitors to our monthly illustrated talks come from all over South East Cornwall. Our monthly meetings are held at 7.30pm at The Public Hall, West Street, Liskeard PL14 6BW, from September to May each year.

On 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 the illustrated talk is How To Be Good – Story Telling and Morality in Victorian Narrative Painting and on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 we have To The Far Side of the World! Capt. James Cook and the Enlightenment.

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## MAYOR'S REPORT

**Dear Resident:** In the last Community News of the year, I felt I should start with thanking the town and town Councillors for their support over the year. A year that has been difficult in many ways, with the situations that have happened in the town and the spirit that they were all handled. In my 16 years as a Councillor, I have never known such a period of sustained issues in the town over such a short period. With the sad incidents with the fire and tragic accident, which lead to the loss of two of our well-known residents from long-standing local families. Plus a number of lesser known incidents happened which brought out the best in people with fundraising to support them. The community came together in their hour of need, not just with money, but with the emotional support needed at the time. I look back at the support this community gave during those times with much pride and I can't thank you enough for what you did. These acts of kindness are a true reflection of the people living in the town; whether long-term or new, you were supportive of each incident and the people involved. I know you can't turn the clock back to change history but your actions are well-recorded and are an exemplar to other communities.

When Looe Music Festival went into receivership, the town could have stood back and done nothing. Yet a crazy idea to do something in the 17 days to the event by Councillor Hannaford and myself got the community together again. With a fantastic group of volunteers to help lead the idea and a group of professionals to support us, the town had the chance to try to put something on. We were tested by the authorities and police but were able to give them the confidence that we were capable of putting on an event. So, in that short period we had, the request went out for funding and you, the public, came forward to support us, as did local businesses, organisations, Trusts and a benefactor etc. and enough was raised to put on a show. The event over four nights and two full days went brilliantly and would have gone even better if the weather had been kinder. People volunteered to help in large numbers, not only from the local area but from across the country, which showed the power of social media. When PP Arnold sang that last song on Sunday night it was over and in just 21 days the Festival had been planned, funded and executed. What an experience and what a community to deliver a festival in such a short time. We did something that many officials didn't think was possible, so the power of Looe and strength of community shone again.

Finally, I am very proud to be the Mayor of such a great community; and you show each day why we should be proud of the town we live in. Remember coming up to Christmas that a random act of kindness to our elderly, less able or less fortunate is what this time of year is about.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year from Rayna, my family and myself. Take care, be good and enjoy the festive period. **Armand Toms**



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# Cinema by the Sea

## **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December – The Winter's Tale from The Globe Theatre, London**

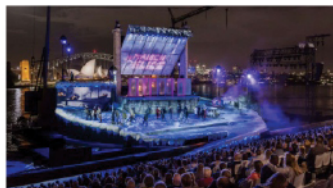


Doors open: 6.30pm. Starts 7pm. Bar.

In a fit of groundless jealousy, Leontes wrecks his marriage, defies the gods, destroys his family and ruins himself. As the years roll around, a new generation flee their own country and take refuge in Sicilia. Unknowingly they bring with them the key to

the past, present and future... The Winter's Tale is Shakespeare's great play of the irrational and inexplicable. The play's uncontrollable emotions – rage, love, grief and forgiveness – range across gender, country, class and age, and take us from stifling courts to unbuttoned festivals. 170 mins including a 15 min interval.

## **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – La Bohème from Sydney Harbourside**



Doors open: 6.30pm. Starts 7pm. Bar.

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lavish sets and costumes transforming the harbour-top stage into a romantic Paris winter, Opera Australia's glittering production will be an unforgettable delight. 136 mins including a 15 min interval.

## **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Mamma Mia: Here We Go Again (PG)**



Doors open: 6.30pm. Starts 7pm.

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## KELTIQUE FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Keltique always looks forward to its Christmas season of song and this year even more so with so many new singers performing with us for the first time. And our Christmas is definitely arriving early this year, singing carols and festive songs at the Portbyhan Hotel in West Looe as after dinner entertainment for their very welcoming and appreciative guests through November and December.

**Keltique sing Christmas at the Portbyhan, 8.30pm on 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December.**

This is one for all the family – a Christmas singalong of well-known Christmas songs and carols for everyone to join in, young and old, with song sheets provided and mince pies and hot drinks to follow. £5 for adults and free for children.

**Sing Christmas Carols – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm – Riverside Church, West Looe.**

And just before Christmas, for the traditional Keltique candlelit carols in the intimate surroundings of this stunning historic church right by Looe River, this is one of the highlights of our year, free to all and always incredibly popular as are the mince pies that follow!

**Carols by Candlelight – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm – St Nicholas' Church, West Looe.**

Check out our website at [www.keltique.org.uk](http://www.keltique.org.uk) for more details of events, or our Facebook page or call Carole on 01503 262944.

## LOOE SCOTTISH DANCERS

As we celebrate our 30th Anniversary on 23<sup>rd</sup> January we have decided to skip our Christmas lunch and instead have a 30th Anniversary lunch on 21<sup>st</sup> January (the nearest Monday). We are busy practising for a Tavistock Christmas Dance on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

There is so much to look forward to in 2019, starting with a Haggis Thrash at Liskeard on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. The Haggis comes from Scotland, so does the Band, our Piper is local and we all don our tartan and best dresses and have a great time. The highlight is the Haggis which is paraded around, led by the piper, no one understands a word of the Ode to the Haggis by Robert Burns, but never mind, and then a whisky toast. We then get our Haggis, Neeps and Tatties.

There are dancing weekends at Newquay, Torquay, Isle of Wight, Guernsey, Budapest, Brittany and Bude, and a 50th Anniversary Ball at Exeter in May. So plenty of dancing to keep us all happy. Get in touch with Betty if you want to join us. [bettyattrill@gmail.com](mailto:bettyattrill@gmail.com)

## POLPERRO FISHERMENS CHOIR CONCERTS

### December

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:30pm Christmas at St Dominic  
7<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm St Stephen's Church, Saltash  
8<sup>th</sup> 2pm singing under the garland at Cotehele  
15<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Charity concert at Pensilva in Millennium House.  
Raising money for Cornwall Air Ambulance, The Triangle Centre in Liskeard and Millennium House.  
19<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm St Keyne at Christmas at St Keyne Church  
23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30pm Christmas concert in Polperro in the Methodist Chapel



### LOOE VALLEY SINGERS

September saw the choir taking part in the hugely successful Looe Saves The Day. It was good to be part of such a fantastic community event.

The following month the choir hosted a concert, with guests Java 5, in support of Ellie's Haven. Despite being one man down, due to illness, the guests were great and everyone enjoyed the evening.

November will see the choir taking part in Danny Boyle's commemoration of the Armistice on Looe beach.

Christmas time will see the choir in Fowey, welcoming Santa in Looe, at Mount Edgumbe Christmas Fayre and singing under the garland at Cotehele.

The choir meet on Thursday evenings at 7pm in Riverside Church and new members are always welcome. For more details, call Kathy on 01503 272550, Jill on 01503 240768, or see the website: [www.looevalleysingers.org.uk](http://www.looevalleysingers.org.uk)

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## LOOE ROWING CLUB

It's that time when we look back upon the year and reflect on the Club's achievements. This year has been a truly wonderful year for Looe Rowing Club, so here are a few of the highlights.

The year started with the last bit of fundraising for our new gig – a truly unforgettable night with Johnny Cowling at Looe Bay Holiday Park. We were absolutely blown away to discover we had raised over £4700 on the night, and once again are very grateful to the Barclays' colleagues who helped make the event happen and in return for their efforts, Barclays will be matching £4000, taking the total to over £8700! We will be hosting this event again on January 26<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Looe Bay Holiday Park. Tickets are selling fast, check out Looe Rowing Club's Facebook page for details.

Looe's new gig, Currah's Pride, was blessed by Rev Philip Sharp on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, and launched a few weeks later due to sea conditions, on East Looe Beach. This will be one of the last gigs that local boat builder Dave Currah builds, a beautiful boat that the Club can be proud of.

Regattas came thick and fast, here are some of the highlights. Saltash for the mixed championships. In an extremely close final Looe took the Gold in a tough race. Representing Looe were Rachel Spencer, Izzy Spencer, Hannah Cox, John Ovens, Joe Ovens, Matt Newman and coxed by Emma Cox.

As well as the standard regattas, this year the CPGA organised inter-county rowing to coincide with regattas. Looe's own Matt Newman and Katherine Bishop were both selected for the Cornwall Crews, and both won the first race of its kind. Looe also cleaned up in Paignton, and had great results throughout the summer, taking two mens and three ladies crews to the Newquay County championships. The Club completed The Great River Race, London's River Marathon; a whopping 21.6 Miles from Docklands to Ham, Surrey. Mike White, Looe's very own Cornish boy living in London (and super cox), helped steer them down the Thames, to be the 5th gig to finish. A fantastic finish. Representing Looe were Mike Daw, Keith Holder, Jake Ferguson, Andy Kyte, Sophie Scott-Hammond, Carol Kinver and Lisa Weston.

Looe recently partied the season away at their end of season do. Many thanks to Trenderway for hosting the event and Simon for providing Cornwall's finest disco! Awards were handed out for the following: Rowers' Rower Men's: Ryan Moon, Ladies; Katherine Bishop. Most Improved Male: Andy Kyte, Ladies: Amy Clements. Men's Newcomer: Tom Ashley, Ladies: Vicky Gilbert. Junior Most Improved: Lucy Fisher and Junior Best Newcomer: Oliver Smith.

It's been a fantastic year, but I can't help thinking I've missed something?

Oh that's right! LOOE MEN'S A WORLD CHAMPIONS! Bringing home the barrel from the Championships at the Isle of Scilly. An outstanding achievement well deserved, as well as hugely popular!

Happy New Year from all at Looe Rowing Club, and thanks for your continued support. Without the help, donations and kindness of this wonderful town of ours and its people, these achievements wouldn't be possible.



## LOOE SAILING CLUB

The curtain came down on another successful sailing season at the end of October, after a wonderful summer that was great for everything except sailing at times. Lack of wind led to more races cancelled than usual, although some were caught up with two races on a number of Saturdays.

Thanks go to the Race Team for organising the racing and safety boat crew for looking after the fleet along with taking the videos of the racing for everyone to enjoy back in the clubhouse afterwards.

Junior Sail Training concluded in September when the Mayor Cllr Armand Toms presented medals to all the youngsters that had taken part in the regular Saturday morning training sessions.

Early October saw the Club stage an Enterprise Open Meeting held over five races, three on Saturday and two on the Sunday. Strong wind on the Saturday favoured the heavier crews whilst a very light breeze on Sunday gave the lighter crews the advantage. Overall winners were the Looe pairing of David and Chris Jackman.

The final race at the end of October was followed by the presentation of the awards for the Autumn Series and the final monthly cups.

Mirror winners were Tom McLaren and Emrys Franklin, Redwing: Colin Crabb and Alex Richardson, Laser: Chris Iles and Enterprise: David and Chris Jackman. The evening continued with the last race supper and music by The Guise.

Club activities now move indoors with the annual Dinner and Dance at the Hannafore Point Hotel in November followed by the pre-Christmas activities in the clubhouse.



## LOOE BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Venue: Looe Sailing Club unless otherwise stated.

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November:	7.30pm Club Night. Quiz and Raffle.
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December:	7pm Christmas Dinner. Portbyhan Hotel
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January:	Club Night. New Year Curry
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February:	Club Night. Skittles

For further information please contact Alan Metcalf on 07798 618184

## OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM AND GAOL

In Search of Castles, Watchtowers and Brave Men of Looe: Have you ever wondered where Looe's Castle has disappeared to when you walk up Castle Street or what sort of tower was situated on Tower Hill? Perhaps you have puzzled over why the housing estate is called the Barbican . . .

Although there is no longer any physical evidence of Looe's old fortifications, there is plenty of historical documentation and written record to show that we needed to defend ourselves from mediaeval times onwards. Stand outside the Masonic Lodge on the junction of Castle Street and Tower Hill and transport yourself back in time; you are now standing by a small mediaeval fortification that was about 40ft above the old town on a rocky promontory. This was our "castle" which served as a defence and deterrent for several centuries; its remains were levelled in about 1717. Now walk up East Cliff and along the coastal path, somewhere along here was a Lookout Tower erected at the start of the Hundred Years War with France.

Today we think of walking up Barbican Hill to get to the estate but imagine a time centuries ago when you walked down it to get to the cannons and seawall defences. King Henry VIII commissioned sketches to be made of places in his realm and the one of Looe clearly shows a fortified wall and tower on the seafront/Churchend area. In 1602, Richard Carew wrote "The towne towards the sea is fenced with a garretted wall against any sudden attempt of the enemy." Unfortunately by 1817 our Barbican was in a poor state: Gilbert's survey of Cornwall states "The southern side of the town (East Looe) facing the sea, is protected by a long platform, formerly mounted with 11 guns, but the number is now reduced to 4. Think of that when you are on the beach next!

There are plenty of references in the East Looe Corporation Chronicles to costs incurred for "firing of towne arms, barrells of powder, repairing the carriages of the gunns and purchasing 8 bandoliers (a pocketed belt for holding ammunition). In 1693 the Mayor and His Burgesses were in trouble for "not repairing the defense which may be needed against the enemy."

We mustn't forget the men who helped to defend our little town – they would have been locals from all walks of life, from fisherman to landowners, who put their lives at risk to fight the raiders and pirates or French and Dutch soldiers. They were based for many years in the Olde Guildhall. During the 1972 restoration some graffiti was uncovered: "Guard House for the East Looe Militia 26 March 1797".

When next you are strolling along the seafront in the sunshine or rushing up the hill to get home before it rains, just stop a moment and listen for the echo of musket fire and cannon roar and the cry of "Enemy on the horizon!!"

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