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As spring and the holiday season approaches, the Trust is busy preparing. We are about to invest in a new tractor to help us maintain the town beach in peak condition for residents and visitors. This is just one of the many things the Trust spends its funds on: we are looking at further repairs to the Guildhall in the next few years and ways to make encourage more use of the wonderful chamber and other rooms, as well as expanding the project to look at a long-term use for the Old Lifeboat Station and Watchtower. We will keep you up-to-date as these develop.

Another investment we have recently agreed is to improve and renew the signage on the seafront, so those using the beach and seafront will have clear information on how to use those areas safely and so everyone can enjoy them. We will also be giving our workshop a much-needed facelift, with roof repairs and images of Looe in the windows. We will also give our faithful white pick-up a makeover, with a wrap to show she belongs to the Trust and advising against feeding the local seagulls, so they don't develop bad habits and cause problems for people.

We have also invested in upgrading our website, which contains a lot of local and Trust information, tide times etc. Please visit and find out more about what the Trust does – <http://www.eastlooeatowntrust.co.uk/>

The Trust allows many organisations to use our land and facilities, and this year will see part of the Looe Live festival back on the beach, holiday activities run by the United Beach Mission, Looe Lions Easter Egg Hunt and Cinema on the Beach, to name but a few. We look forward to lots of people enjoying the wide range of activities this year and hope for good weather.

Our wonderful Maintenance Team – Antony and Bill – are working on the Wooldown to support our ongoing project to encourage more long-horned bees (a rare species), and to encourage more biodiversity by removing dead trees, unwanted buddleia and saplings that threaten to crowd out the undergrowth in the wooded area along Barbican Hill. With the wood they are cutting down, they will make log habitats for invertebrates and small mammals.

In a bid to reduce the waste and bulky items (polystyrene boards, buckets and spades etc) from going into our rubbish bins, our Maintenance Manager had the bright idea of putting cages onto the seafront: one for broken items and another for things visitors don't want to take home, but are happy to leave for others. We hope this trial will prove successful and encourage everyone to make use of it.

Our lovely museum is about to open its doors again – on 1st April – with new exhibits and far more information and history on our new screens, with funds generously awarded by the Co-op Community Fund and South West Museums AIM – both of which our volunteers were proud to win last year.

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Dates to Remember

Sunday 11 th April	Boathouse opens full time for visitors.
Saturday 27 th April	RNLI concert - Polperro Fishermen & Porthcawl MV Choir. Boathouse doors open 7pm
Sunday 26 th May	RNLI Concert – Keltique. Boathouse doors open 2.30pm.

Join Us

We still have a small number of volunteer opportunities for the following teams:

Lifeboat crew member – Our unsung heroes, on call to drop everything, rush to the boat and launch into the water. In the words of one crew member, “The first few minutes are intense, but it's an enormously rewarding thing to do”.

Boathouse Tour Guides – Help us save lives at sea by enabling visitors to see the RNLI boathouse at first hand, showing visitors our boats and launch vehicles.

Shop Volunteers – The purchase of souvenirs and gifts has always been a popular way for the public to support the RNLI. Our shop volunteers keep our shops open.

Fundraiser – Help us to fundraise. There is something for everyone, by yourself, in a group, at work, at school, in celebration, in tribute.

Or become an **Occasional Volunteer** – Street collector, event marshal, cheerer.

See what you can do to save lives at sea with just a few hours to spare.
More information at www.looelifeboats.co.uk.

LOOE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Looe Community Players will be hosting Play-By-Play 4 on Saturday 4th May at 7pm for 7.30pm start at The Millpool Centre. To help us raise funds for our next pantomime, join us for an evening's entertainment with three plays read with props, and a pate and cheese supper. Tickets £7 each available from the Millpool Centre and Tourist Information Centre. For further information please contact Marilyn King, 01503 262628 or email: mjklloe@gmail.com.

DRAFT LOOE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The consultation draft of the Looe Neighbourhood Development Plan has been published after four years hard work by community volunteers and Town Councillors. It's a plan for local people, written by local people, and the townsfolk are now being asked to comment on the suggested policies within.

What's in the Plan?

Global warming brings major challenges to the future prosperity of Looe and the well-being of its community: rising sea-levels and aggressive storms, more frequent and serious flooding within the harbour and town centre, extended coastal erosion, prolonged heavy rainfall and cliff land instability, and poor bathing water quality.

Dealing with climate change challenges is at the core of the Neighbourhood Plan. It sets up a Coastal Change Management Area and supports important local schemes such as the Harbour Improvement Strategy. It includes planning policies to make sure that new development is sustainable and protects future generations. It aims for a steadily-paced level of growth, matching local housing and employment needs, conserving and making best use of the town's distinctive heritage and coastal setting, reducing reliance on motor vehicle transport for access by residents and tourists, and supporting the provision of new and enhanced services.

How do I find out more?

Every household will receive a summary of the Plan, and a form through which to comment. You can also see the full document and find out more from the website at www.futurelooe.town. You can also comment on the Plan through an online form.

The Draft Plan is also available to view at Looe Town Council Offices and Looe Library during normal opening hours where there are representation forms and collection boxes for immediate response to the Town Council.

Drop-in sessions where you can find out more will be held as follows:

Looe Community Academy, Sunrising, East Looe, Tuesday 26th March, 3.30pm-7pm

The Millpool Centre, West Looe, Saturday 6th April, 10am-2pm

The Guildhall, East Looe, Wednesday 17th April, 11am-3pm

Please do drop in, see the display that explains the Plan, and chat over the issues with one of the LNDP Team members. Refreshments will be available.

Comments must be received by 10th May 2019

What Happens Next?

After the closing date for comments the Plan will be adjusted to take into account everyone's views, and submitted to Cornwall Council. Then it will be checked by an independent expert, before coming back to Looe for a Referendum.

If most of us support it, the Plan will then become part of the official planning system and must be taken into account by CC planners, developers, and Planning Inspectors when they decide on planning applications. Therefore, it's a great way of helping us to get planning decisions that reflect local views on what is good for Looe!

OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM AND GAOL

The Museum will be opening for our new Season on April 1st at 11am. We will be open every day from 11-4, apart from Saturday afternoons, for which we still need volunteers. New displays this year include;

- The Defence of Looe, including our new Diehard puppets, which we will be using to give shows, telling the stories of Looe's important role in the defence of England in the early 1800's. Captain Thomas Bond and a Pengelly fisherman are our two puppets, and the fisherman can be used by children in the museum. We will have hand puppets too which can be used by our audience to tell our stories of the Diehards.
- We also have short plays for families to perform as part of our new display of the court area, based on real life cases from Looe's past. There will be dressing up for adults and children and we look forward to some merry banter from our visitors.
- We have updated our George cabinet which now also tells the stories of The Armada, Trafalgar and HMS Looe.
- We now have disabled access downstairs and there is a TV to give a tour of the upstairs for those unable to use the stairs with seating provided. You can also read newspapers from the past downstairs.

We are very interested in any stories that anyone in Looe has of WWII experiences and also D Day, including any artefacts for D Day that we might be able to borrow. We need to record any memories to tell as many stories of Looe in WWII when we mark 75 years since the end of the war in 2020.

If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers, both for work in the Museum and with research please contact ELTT on 01503 263709.

LOOE VALLEY SINGERS

Our members had a stand at the Societies Day and spoke to several ladies about the benefits of singing in a choir. The emphasis is on a shared activity, friendship and the emotional and physical benefits that singing brings. Ladies were encouraged by the fact that there are no auditions and membership fees are affordable. A common response was "I can't sing!" but our answer was "Yes you can!"

The choir was pleased to take part in the Women in Looe Festival, held at The Old Sardine Factory. The choir has been a part of Looe for over 30 years and in that time has raised thousands of pounds for local and national charities.

The choir always welcomes new singers. We meet each Thursday at Riverside Church, West Looe at 7pm. Just come along or for more details call Kathy on 01503 272550, Jill on 01503 240768 or visit www.looevalleysingers.org.uk.

POLPERRO FISHERMEN'S CHOIR

Polperro Fishermen's Choir has another busy season ahead. This year we are taking part in the Cornwall International Male Choral Festival. The Festival, now in its 9th year, has a huge international reputation but is taking place right here in our beautiful county. There will be 60 choirs at 50 events in 40 locations across Cornwall. Polperro Fishermen's Choir will be singing with Liskerrett Male Voice Choir at Liskeard Public Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 4th May, along with Hims And Arias from Wales, Bristol Male Voice Choir and the Australian Rugby Choir. Come and join us at this local opportunity to be part one of the largest events of its kind in the world.

Before that, we are looking forward to a joint concert with the Porthcawl Male Choir in Looe Lifeboat station at 7.30pm on Saturday 27th April. The Porthcawl Choir comes from the south coast of Wales, 25 miles west of Cardiff, and they have a varied repertoire from traditional and Welsh songs to music from the shows and modern pieces. This will be a free concert with a collection for the RNLI.

As well as more concerts in aid of the RNLI, the choir's summer season of free concerts in Polperro will be raising money for the Stroke Association and for the Cornwall Air Ambulance New Helicopter Appeal, which has our President Richard Madeley as appeal ambassador.

The Polperro Wreckers will also be raising money for a variety of charities throughout the spring and summer. At 7.30pm on Saturday 6th April, the Wreckers will be performing in Looe's Sardine Factory in support of CRY4TOM. CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) is a national charity aimed at preventing young cardiac deaths through awareness, screening and research. After the tragic early loss of local man Tom Demaine, CRY4TOM is working with CRY to fund the screening of young people in the local community. The Wreckers are also singing at Boconnoc in aid of Marie Curie at 2.30pm on Sunday 26th May. As well as live music, there will be various stalls and cream teas and the lovely gardens of the Boconnoc Estate to explore. The Wreckers also sing for fun in the Old Mill House Inn, Polperro, at about 9.30pm every Wednesday, after the choir rehearsal.

Full details of all the events can be found on our website:

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14th Distribution of Palm Crosses in East Looe and Polperro. All welcome.

		Sclerder Abbey*	Liskeard**
14 th Palm Sunday	Mass	9am	11am
18 th Maundy Thursday	Mass of the Last Supper	5pm	8pm
19 th Good Friday	The Passion	3pm	3pm
20 th EASTER VIGIL MASS		8.30pm	-
21 st EASTER SUNDAY	Mass	9am	11am

* **Schelder Abbey RC Church, Looe, PL13 2JD**

** **Liskeard RC Church, 2 West Street, Liskeard, PL14 6BW**

24th – Quiet Day at Sclerder Abbey. THE CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY AT SCLERDER ABBEY invite you to join them at their Quiet Day which is a day-long guided retreat in the peaceful surroundings of Sclerder Abbey, including spiritual input, personal prayer and common prayer. These Quiet Days are very popular and visitors come from all over the County and elsewhere. Further details can be obtained at sclerder@chemin-neuf.org or by phoning 01503 272238.

JUNE

On Saturday afternoon, 8th June, from 2pm until 9pm, the Vigil of Pentecost, Chemin Neuf Community and Looe and District Churches Together invite families and their children and adult couples or singles to join us for a time of praise and interesting workshops in the gardens of Sclerder Abbey. A Barbecue will be held in the evening and afterwards a time of worship to wait for the Holy Spirit.

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2 nd Sunday	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Communion (Church)	11am Family Service
3 rd Sunday	9.30am Communion	11am Sunday Live (Hall)	11am Communion
4 th Sunday	9.30am Sunday Live	11am Communion (Church)	11am Morning Prayer

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

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EASTER SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY, 19th April:

Service 10am St. Nicholas

Walk of Witness 12noon from Cornerstone

Last Hour devotion St. Wenna 2pm

EASTER SUNDAY, 21st April:

SONrise service 6am. West Looe Quayside Centre

Communion: St. Martin's 9.30am. St. Wenna

11am.

ARTS & CRAFTS FETE

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th May, St. Martin's Church & Hall, 10am-4pm

DISPLAY OF ARTS & CRAFTS with STALLS & REFRESHMENTS.

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LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Looe Branch News: In February, a group of Looe RBL members visited the Cornwall Aviation Heritage Museum at St Mawgan airfield. A variety of historic aircraft were on display in an ex-RAF hardened aircraft shelter, designed to protect aircraft from enemy attack. The aircraft included a Harrier Jump Jet and a James Bond gyrocopter. All could be accessed by visitors who were allowed to sit in the pilot seats. Also displayed were information boards on many aircraft used during the Cold War, models of aircraft, motorcycles and many other things of interest. On display outside were: a Canberra, Tornado, Hawker Hunter and a VC10 refuelling aircraft. A thoroughly good day, enjoyed by all, and well worth a visit.

Branch Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month in the ground floor bar of the Looe Social Club. Meetings start at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome.

Lest We Forget: Often known as the UK's 'Fourth Service', the Merchant Navy is generally forgotten when remembering those who gave their lives for their country in two world wars. The Merchant Navy ensured that the country did not starve and that we had the arms and materials to achieve final victories in both wars. In WW1 the unrestricted German U-boat attacks cost the lives of nearly 15,000 merchant seafarers. In WW2 it is estimated that 185,000 men and women served in the Merchant Navy, over a quarter of them were killed, taken prisoner or wounded. Two of the WW2 names on Looe's war memorial belong to the Merchant Navy, but their stories are totally different:

John Phillip Bartlett Jeffery (recorded on the memorial as Phillip B. Jeffery) was born in West Looe in 1898. He came from a seafaring family and started his maritime career in 1916 on a troop ship taking WW1 soldiers to Gallipoli. In WW2 he was the First Radio Officer on the SS Nerissa, an auxiliary transporter shipping troops and supplies across the North Atlantic. By April 1941 the Nerissa had made 39 wartime crossings of the Atlantic. Her 40th crossing began on 21st April 1941, at Halifax, Nova Scotia, carrying 145 Canadian servicemen along with RAF and Norwegian Army Air Service personnel. Due to her high speed she sailed alone, but at 11:30 on 30th April she was struck by a torpedo fired from the German submarine U-552. The lifeboats were in the process of being lowered when an explosion split the ship in two. The U-552 had fired an additional two torpedoes, three minutes after the first, to ensure the ship's sinking. In the short time between two torpedo attacks the Nerissa was able to send off a distress signal with the ship's position. Radio Officer Jeffery remained at his post and was last seen by the ship's 1st Officer sending distress messages, together with the 2nd and 3rd Radio Officers. All three gave their lives that night, in devotion to duty. 84 survivors of the Nerissa were rescued on the following morning. The U-552 survived to the end of the war and but was scuttled in Germany on 2nd May, 1945, to prevent capture.

Norman Stevens was born in West Looe in 1915. We know very little about him except what was submitted in the BBC WW2 Peoples' War website by his nephew Jim Libby. An extract from Jim's memories is as follows: 'Uncle Norman and Dunkirk:

Before the war, my Uncle Norman was a senior steward on cruise ships that went all over the world. During the war, he was doing something similar for the Royal Navy and made quite a number of trips over to Dunkirk to bring back some of what was left of our army. Unfortunately, he was later taken ill with pleurisy or pneumonia and died at Birkenhead Hospital. My Father and another Uncle went up and brought his body back to Looe. I am sure he encountered some extreme difficulties and conditions during the Dunkirk operation. I think I remember something being said about everybody and everything being wet all the time. Also, that he had given all the ship's canteen stock to the soldiers rescued'. Norman was buried at his wife's home town of Wadebridge. For much more on Jim Libby's wartime memories of Looe, try Googling: Jim Libby's Schoolboy Recollections.

David Welch – Looe RBL Tel: 01503 265573 email: looe.rbl@looe.rbl.com

EVENTS AT LOOE RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCH

Sundays	11am	Morning Worship
April 18th Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Tenebrae Service of Shadows led by Rev'd Chloe Jones (Methodist) and Rev'd Philip Sharp (Anglican)
April 19th Good Friday	Churches Together events:	
	10am	Service at St Nicholas West Looe followed by Hot Cross Buns at Riverside before:
	12 noon	Walk of Witness starting from Cornerstone Churches Together shop, carrying the cross through West and East Looe to theseafront. Why do we walk? See below!
April 20th Holy Saturday	3pm	The Nail concluding the Churches Together Lent Course at St Nicholas West Looe
April 21st Easter Day	6.10am	Sonrise Service, West Looe Quay
	11am	Easter Holy Communion
Wednesday April 24th	10am	Churches Together praying together
Wednesday May 29th	10am	Churches Together praying together
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Walk of Witness: why do we walk?

We walk because as 'Churches Together' we are remembering on 'Good Friday' the death of Jesus on the cross. This, we believe, marks out the love of God for humanity, a love that we so often destroy as we go about our daily lives. We have been doing this walk for 20 years, and this says much about the way in which we as a believing Christian community work together in Looe and the district around. Please feel free to join in – we would love to have you with us. And then come and help us celebrate the resurrection of our risen Lord on Easter Day!

May we wish you a peaceful and blessed Easter.

FISHERMEN'S MISSION 'CATCH OF THE DAY' AUCTION

Michelle and Dominic Sadler of the Old Sail Loft Restaurant are taking part in the Fishermen's Mission's exciting new fundraising initiative, 'Catch of the Day' online auction. The Leader of Cornwall Council, Adam Paynter, recently visited the Old Sail Loft to promote this initiative posing with "Annette" by artist Yanina Temple. The initiative involves a range of national artists and celebrities including Fern Britton, Louis Walsh, Caroline Quentin and Jonathan Dimbleby among others, painting a ceramic sculpture in the shape of a fish. The 'Catch of the Day' sculpture stands around 40cm high and 30cm wide, perfect dimensions for a coffee table, sideboard or book case!



Photo by Edwina Hannaford

The auction will go 'live' from Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th May when the public can make their bids and all funds generated will go towards the Fishermen's Mission's work supporting active and retired fishermen and their families. For every £1 raised from the sale of a 'Catch of the Day' fish, 88p will be spent on delivering emergency and welfare care to fishing families most in need. Nearly 100 artists and celebrities have agreed to paint or adorn a fish, glaze it and send it to the Fishermen's Mission HQ. Each completed fish will be photographed and displayed on a special auction page on The Fishermen's Mission website in late May 2019. Find out more about the auction by visiting the site www.fishmishauction.org.uk.

Until the end of April completed fish will be displayed in prominent establishments like the Old Sail Loft all over the UK, where the fish can receive maximum exposure in order to ensure the success of the online auction.

LISKEARD ARTS (THE ARTS SOCIETY)

These are the final two talks of our 2018/19 season. Free for Members, Visitors/Guests £6 at the door. Detailed information at www.liskeardarts.org.uk

9th April, 7.30pm at Liskeard School and Community College "The Punch and Judy Show." The history of the most famous puppet character of all time. Please note the change of venue for this meeting only.

7th May, 7.30pm at The Public Hall, West Street, Liskeard, PL14 6BW "Foreigners in London (1570-1677): Artists Who Changed the Course of British History."



LOOE TOWN COUNCIL SEAGULL CONTROL 2019

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR IN AND AROUND LOOE WWW.LOOEGUIDE.CO.UK

Looe Tourist Information Centre compile a month-by-month Calendar of Events for in and around Looe. The Calendar of Events can be viewed electronically on www.looeguide.co.uk and by clicking 'What's on' at the top of the homepage.

If you belong to a group or organisation that would like an event added to this Calendar at any time please email the Tourist Information Centre on looetic@btconnect.com, or alternatively you can amend or add an event yourself by visiting their website.

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If you would like this Calendar of Events emailed to you on a regular basis please contact Looe Town Council by email: enquiries@looe-towncouncil.gov.uk or by telephone: 01503 262255. Thank you.



MAYOR'S REPORT



SHOPLIFTING TRAINING: The Council hosted Police training for local businesses about how to deal with shoplifting. It was well attended, with good feedback. We hope to arrange another event prior to next season.

TRI SERVICE OFFICER PASSING OUT PARADE: I attended the TriService Officer passing out parade at Bodmin Police Station. There were eight new officers joining the scheme, who will be stationed across Cornwall, including TSO Phil Whittingham who will be stationed in Looe. Having someone stationed in the town able to carry out duties of a PCSO, First Responder and Retained Fireman all the time he is on duty will add to the safety of the town. I welcome Phil to this new post and to Looe.

ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS – LOOE COMMUNITY ACADEMY

Looe Community Academy's production of Alice Through the Looking Glass showcased the skills of the pupils in performing arts. Both Rayna and I enjoyed the production and could not speak highly enough of the talent the school has. It is of great credit to the school and the pupils, both on stage and the production crew, that they achieved such an outstanding piece of theatre.

LOOE VALLEY LINE – LOOE PRIMARY ACADEMY: It was great fun to be asked to take a trip on the Looe Valley Line with some of the pupils of Looe Primary Academy. Organised in conjunction with Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership it was a chance for the pupils to learn about the history of the line. Being that little bit older I was able to tell the pupils about travelling on the line in the early 60s when the trains were steam powered. I showed them photographs collected by my brother of the train station and the line. It was great to be able to impart some of my own history about how important the line was to families back when not many families had cars.

TAMAR BRIDGE INCREASE IN TOLLS: At the last Full Council meeting I spoke strongly against the proposed increase in charges for the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry. These increases impact on many local residents who work in Plymouth and act as a barrier to both businesses, visitor and residents. The bridge replaced the small ferry that ran at the same location and was built by Cornwall and Plymouth Councils. At that time, the traffic flows were small but, as the infrastructure leading to the bridge increased, so did the costs of maintenance. It also led to the need to increase capacity and the costs go to the support of the Ferry. With the bridge coming up to its capacity in the not so distant future there will be a need for a second bridge crossing. With other bridges across the county becoming free, it would be right for the government to support this crossing. I could go on and on but if anyone is interested I have many facts to impart on this subject.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ACADEMY: I was delighted to be asked to attend and speak at the launch of this Academy in Cornwall. The Academy will enable people to train for jobs within the Health and Social Care sector as apprentices.

This will allow them to train for the hundreds of jobs in this sector without the financial burden of university. With the needs for staff in both these sectors at times being critical this will be a welcome addition to recruitment. I will send around a further post on this with more details.

COMMUNITY NETWORK PANEL: It was great for the local Liskeard Looe Network panel to meet in Looe for its daytime meeting. With a range of speakers and information available it also drew a good number of local Councils and Councillors attending. As a speaker did not attend, I filled the gap with the history of the town and the Guildhall. Although not an expert historian, I was surprised how much I could remember. The panel has set up a group along with the other community network panels in South East Cornwall to drive Economic Development projects for our area.

CORNWALL HERITAGE AWARDS: Well done Petra Stephenson and the Old Guildhall Museum and Gaol Looe, all its volunteers and East Looe Town Trust for being winners at the Cornwall Heritage Awards in the Innovation Award for the Kids Take Over the Museum, plus nominations in two other categories; you have done the Town proud. Also the ELTT for supporting them.

MAYOR'S CHARITY EVENTS: On Saturday 2nd March a Mayor's Charity Bingo evening was organised at the Portbyhan Hotel. The event was very well attended and an amazing £900 was raised for the Mayor's Charity. Many thanks go to the Portbyhan Hotel for their superb hospitality.

On Friday 15th March I held my annual Mayor's Charity dinner at the Hannafore Point Hotel and again a fabulous £2414 was raised for the Mayor's Charity. I thank the Hannafore Point Hotel for the fabulous hosting of this event. Sincere thanks go to all those involved in organising these events. The Mayor's Charity funds will be distributed at the end of my Mayoral year to local groups and organisations on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe.

Councillor Armand Toms
Cornwall Councillor Looe East and St Martins
Mayor of Looe

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

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LOOE TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

Looe Town Council are Statutory Consultees, the final decision is made by Cornwall Council.

Looe Town Council Planning and Public Consultation Committee meetings are held at least once a month and our usual meeting place is the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe at 7pm. All meeting dates together with the planning applications we are considering and recommendations we have made can be viewed on our website **www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk**. You will also find a 'Planning Information' page with much useful information.

If at any time you are interested in a particular planning application to be discussed, you are very welcome to attend our Planning and Public Consultation Committee meetings. Requests to attend a meeting must be submitted to Looe Town Council prior to the meeting. If you are making comment to Cornwall Council on an application, we ask that a copy is also submitted to Looe Town Council.

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AN UPDATE ON ELLIE'S HAVEN



It's now more than three years since Ellie's Haven started providing holidays for families caring for children with long-term and life-limiting medical conditions and disabilities. So the time has come for an update from us, the charity's founders, Julie and Nigel Libby.

In a nutshell, Ellie's Haven is a success but we can't rest on our laurels – we need you to carry on supporting us with donations, fund-raising events and voluntary work. Caring for a child with special needs is unrelenting and can put a huge strain on everybody in the family. As you may know, we have experienced this first hand – we cared for and eventually lost two children, Thomas and Ellie, who were born with genetic disorders.

Creating Ellie's Haven and, in that way, helping other families with “special” children, has helped us cope with our own loss. Our experience also means we understand the importance of holidays, how difficult it can be to find appropriate and affordable accommodation and how Ellie's Haven needed to be designed, adapted and equipped to ensure a proper break from stressful lives. The feedback we get from our guests reflects this. Here's an example:

“Thank you so much for providing everything we needed at Ellie's Haven to make our holiday relaxing and home away from home. The spacious accommodation allowed our son to use his walker both indoors and outdoors. He made great progress with developing his leg muscles to bum shuffle around the living room. He loved being in the sensory room and I enjoyed being able to share special time with him. It was fantastic having the specialist equipment for sleeping and bathing – it made changing/bathing him so much easier. The whole experience was wonderful but it flew by too quickly. Thank you for creating Ellie's Haven and for continuing to make it even better than it already is.”

In an ideal world we would hope to provide 48 holidays a year, but in practical terms, it's more like to be around 40 holidays because last minute cancellations are unavoidable given the nature of the children and their illnesses.

More than 150 children a year benefit from free sessions in our sensory studio. Newcomers are often surprised by its large size and the amount of equipment of offer. It's in regular use by Cornwall Council's Vision Support team, Plymouth's Child Development Centre, Portage (a pre-school home visiting service) and other language therapists and special needs groups. But any parent with a disabled child can register and book sessions direct with Ellie's Haven. Please phone us on 01503 264230.



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WEST LOOE MAY FAYRE

The West Looe May Fayre Committee is pleased to announce that 18-year-old Holly Rand has been chosen to be the 2019 West Looe May Queen. This year's Fayre is on Saturday 4th May in and around West Looe Square, with a focus on the Quayside Centre and Fire Station with entertainment, street stalls and Maypole dancing.

The position of May Queen is an exclusive club of young people residing in Looe with only eight holding the prestigious position since the inception of the annual celebration in 2011. Holly will take centre stage during the celebrations; heading up the procession along West Looe Quay at 10.30am and greeting all the performers, stall holders and of course members of the public. Holly is currently studying Sport at Callywith College in Bodmin, with plans to go to University in Cardiff to further her studies. Her ambition is to teach sport. She also has been an active member of Sheila's School of Dancing from a young age, progressing to be a teacher and performing in the dance school's 'top team' and Christmas and Summer Shows and events throughout the town. Holly's parents and her grandparents, John and Joan Eckersall, live in the town and are incredibly proud of her achievements.

For event details go to: www.facebook.com/events/1831320927171206/?ti=icl.

LOOE SAILING CLUB

By the time this issue of Community News reaches its readers a new sailing season will be underway with a very busy programme planned from now until the end of October.

The recent registration evening saw 35 boats registered for racing in the Mirror, Redwing, Laser and Enterprise fleets. The end of April will see both the Enterprise and Redwing fleets travelling to Cheddar in Somerset to take part in their Inland Championships courtesy of Bristol Corinthian Sailing Club.

At the end of June the Club will be celebrating its 85th Anniversary. Saturday 29th June will see a special afternoon race followed by celebrations in the clubhouse. Past Commodores and members will be most welcome to join us.

August brings on the summer Championships with the Club hosting the Merlin Rocket Nationals followed by welcoming the Redwing fleet to its traditional home for its championship week. Also in August most of the Enterprise fleet are expected to travel to Penzance to take part in the Enterprise Nationals.

We wish them all a great season with hopefully enough wind on sailing days.

Looe Island

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Photo by Claire Lewis

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- **Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 17th April**
- **Thursday 2nd May**
- **Saturday 1st June**
- **Monday 1st and Monday 15th July**
- **Wednesday 11th and Friday 27th September**

On **Friday 17th May** we also have two speciality walks:

- **Birds of Looe Island with Derek Spooner**
- **History of Looe Island with Mark Camp**

Places cost £25. For more details including times and online booking (sorry, we aren't able to offer telephone/postal bookings) see:

www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/islandwalks



Photo by Derek Spooner



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LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

One of the oldest societies in the area, Looe Old Cornwall Society was formed in 1927, at a time when many families were forced by poverty and lack of work to make a new life outside Cornwall. We are part of the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies, set up to “gather up the fragments” of Cornish history, culture and heritage, and to preserve our beautiful surroundings.

We celebrate St Piran’s Day in spring and “Crying the Neck”, an ancient harvest ceremony, in the autumn, as well as clearing vegetation from West Looe Cross, painting the signs showing the site of the old bridge, maintaining the well in Shutta Road and cleaning and repainting our Heritage Trail signs round the town. We also erected a plaque at Pengelly’s Fish Shop, where a small stretch of railway line remains, to explain the route of the railway that brought tin and granite from Bodmin Moor to Looe in the 19th and 20th centuries.

We hope to have a stall at West Looe May Fayre, selling our publications and craft items. Members enjoy social activities such as meals out and summer outings; some of them old favourites, like our annual boat trip up the West Looe River; some new, like last year’s fascinating visit to the Saxon period village at Mawgan Porth.

Our talk for April will be on Saturday 13th April at 2.30pm, when one of our members, Iris Ward, will talk about Arthur Quiller Couch, better known as “Q”, the Fowey author, eccentric and wit who was much celebrated in the first half of the twentieth century. In May, Christine Spooner will tell us about the work of the Friends of Kilminorth Woods, accompanied by some of her beautiful wildlife photographs.

Non-members are welcome at any of our talks, and are assured of a warm welcome and a cup of tea and home-made cake after the talk.

So why not give us a try – you don’t have to be old or Cornish!



LOOE BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION FORTHCOMING EVENTS



All at Looe Sailing Club:

Friday 26 th April:	AGM and pre-season Dinner 7pm for 7.30pm.
Tuesday 28 th May:	Club Night. Quiz and Supper 7.30pm.

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LOOE ROWING CLUB

Looe Rowing Club have started the new season with a Flyer!

Before the first Regatta, we were approached by Looe Pioneers running club with a challenge. The novel idea was during the recent 10 Miler race, a runners versus rowers challenge would be thrown down. The rules were simple: a 10 mile run versus 10 miles on the rowing machine (or the ergo as they are known). After a winter of training on the ergos, rowers were all too used a long slog on the machines. Finding willing members was difficult! But in the end three brave souls from the Rowing Club took on what proved to be a fantastic challenge.

On the day, the weather held up and the race was too close to call – it wasn't until the final minutes that the rowers edged clear, managing to pip the first runner home by barely a minute. The winning rower was Harry Poulson, getting the crew bragging rights with an incredible 58:18 time, closely followed by Joe Ovens (58:39) and Nathaniel Rothwell (60:33). Thanks to Looe Pioneers for a great day and to everyone who came to support. Next year it's over to the ladies to take on the challenge.

Next up was everyone's favourite, The Three Rivers in Saltash. First race of the season, a long row down and up the Tamer. Weather was not kind on the day, with a howling wind and the return leg battling the tide. The conditions were tough to say the least. However, despite this, results were superb with the Men's A crew winning from start to finish, a very controlled professional performance. Ladies A also put in a great shift, coming third, holding off the chasing pack in style. Men's B finishing 21st and Ladies B 27th, great results to kick-start the season.



Results hot off the press...Helford's Mini Scillies event has just passed, with Men's A 1st again, and Ladies A 4th.

Fantastic results to start the year, with only two months to the World Championships on the Isles of Scilly.

Looe Rowing Club are looking tidy!



Saturday 6th April – Bohemian Rhapsody (12A) Doors open 7pm. Starts 7.30.



A foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound. Queen cements a legacy that continues to inspire outsiders, dreamers and music lovers to this day.

134 minutes. Licensed bar.

Wednesday 17th April – The Wife (15) Doors open 7pm. Starts 7.30.



Joan Castleman is the perfect devoted wife. Ignoring her husband's infidelities because of his literary career with grace and humour, their marriage has been built on uneven compromises. On the eve of his Nobel Prize for Literature, at the peak of his career, Joan's coup de grace is to confront the biggest sacrifice of her life and secret of his career. 98 minutes.

Wed 15 May – A Star is Born (15) Doors open 7pm. Starts 7.30.



Seasoned musician Jackson Maine (Bradley Cooper) discovers, and falls in love with, struggling artist Ally (Lady Gaga). She has just about given up on her dream to make it big as a singer until Jackson coaxes her into the spotlight. But even as Ally's career takes off, the personal side of their relationship is breaking down, as Jackson fights an ongoing battle with his own internal demons. 133 minutes.

All films at: The Community Hall at Looe Children's Centre, Trewint Crescent, Barbican, LOOE PL13 1ET

Tickets: on the night at the door,
online via our website cinemabythesea.org.uk
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ANOTHER BUSY YEAR ON THE LOOE VALLEY LINE

2018 was another busy year on the Looe Valley Line with a total of 110,259 journeys made over the twelve months. This was a bit down on 2017 but with all the improvements coming, we are confident that 2019 will be a bumper year.

There has been a big increase in the number of passengers using the line over the last few years. Ten years ago, the annual total for 2008 was 73,043 journeys. Each of the last five years has seen more than 110,000 journeys.

Two coach trains all year round on the Looe Valley Line – wi-fi too!

From April, the Looe Valley Line will have two coach trains all year, rather than just July and August as in previous years. These will be refurbished trains, disabled friendly (including the toilet) and will have free wi-fi too. The extra seats will be particularly useful at Easter and around the May bank holidays when sometimes a bus has been needed to supplement the single coach train.

Big rail improvements coming this year

This year will see big improvements on Cornwall's railways. In May, additional trains will be introduced on the main line between Plymouth, Liskeard, Truro and Penzance and, from December, even more trains will be introduced, meaning there will be two trains an hour throughout the day. Many of the London trains are already brand new IETs with more seats, legroom and tables. Other local Plymouth – Liskeard – Truro trains will be better too with more coaches and hence seats than before. This will be by far Cornwall's best ever train service. With the extra main line trains, connections to and from the Looe Valley Line will benefit, making it easier for local residents and visitors to get around. Cornwall Council are prime movers behind the improvements and are helping to fund them.

Celebrating the History and Heritage of the Looe Valley Line

Over the last few months, we have been working on a project to celebrate the rich history and heritage of the Looe Valley Line, which celebrates 140 years of passenger trains this September. This includes four short films made by "All the Stations" team Geoff Marshall and Vicki Pipe; an app which will be a companion to a trip on the line; a special section on our website; and interpretation boards. The project aims to encourage more people to visit South East Cornwall and take a trip on the line. The videos and app will be launched in May.

Funding has come from Great Western Railway's Customer & Communities Improvement Fund and the Designated Community Rail Development Fund backed by the Department for Transport and ACoRP, the Association of Community Rail Partnerships.

Many thanks to Richard Burningham of the Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership for providing the above information.

Cllr Chris Rose
Looe Town Council representative for the Looe Valley Line



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