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The summer season is fast approaching and Trust staff are busy getting the beach and seafront into great condition to welcome visitors and locals. This year we will trial bins for disposable barbecues, as these are potentially dangerous for our staff to handle and, when still hot, can melt our bins! Barbecues are permitted only if they do not cause danger or annoyance to other beach users. We will also put cages on the seafront where people can put items like boogie boards, buckets, spades, water guns etc. One will be for bulky, broken items, so they don't block up our bins and the other one will be for items people don't want to take home, but which someone else can use. Hopefully this will help reduce the amount of waste and avoid some items ending up in the sea.

In June the Trust hopes to take delivery of our new tractor so we can continue to take seaweed off of the main part of the beach and smooth out holes and sand mounds. The Trust is very grateful to generous contributions from West Looe Town Trust and Looe Town Council towards the cost of the tractor – over £22,000.

After 2½ years with the Trust, Trust Manager, Anona Vazquez-Masson is leaving us. She has been an enormous asset to the Trust, introducing much-needed modernisation, and will be greatly missed. Our best wishes go to Anona and her family. We hope to have a new Trust Manager in place soon to keep the Trust on track with all the work coming up.

Simeon Daley is joining Antony and Billy in the Maintenance Team over the busy summer period keeping the seafront, beach and Wooldown clean and tidy.

Our beautiful, multi award-winning museum opened for the season on 1st April, with many changes and improvements already in place and more to come soon. It is well worth a visit to find out fascinating and surprising things about the history of Looe and its people.

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RNLI Dates to Remember

June

- Sunday 9th Looe Raft Race 11.30am start – More details and entry forms at www.looelifeboats.co.uk/rafttrace, followed by:
RNLI Concert 3pm – Java 5
- Tuesday 11th RNLI Concert 7.30pm – Polperro Fishermen's Choir
- Sunday 23rd RNLI Concert 3pm – Songs of Praise

July

- Tuesday 2nd RNLI Concert 7.30pm – Tamar Valley MV Choir
- Friday 5th Time TBD – Looe RNLI Street Collection
- Sunday 7th RNLI Concert 3pm – Levow Kesson
- Tuesday 16th RNLI Concert 7.30pm – Pelynt and Burraton Male Choirs
- Sunday 21st RNLI Concert 3pm – Looe Valley Singers

Would you like to Join Us?

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

- Lifeboat crew members
- Boathouse Tour Guides
- Shop Volunteers
- Fundraisers
- Occasional Volunteers

More information at www.looelifeboats.co.uk/volunteering



LOOE BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Sunday 9th June – Looe Raft Race. 11.30am start.

Saturday 15th June – River Safari and BBQ. Assemble Millpool Slipway 4pm.

Outdoor events are planned for June/July and will be scheduled according to weather/tide. Check www.lboa.co.uk for announcements.

LOOE ROWING CLUB

Looe Rowing Clubs Men's A crew retained their crown with a convincing win in the Isles of Scilly World Championships! After a strong challenge from Roseland they crossed the line on top once again in Currah's Pride. Saturday's conditions were not favourable, high winds and big swell greeting the rowers on the start line. However the Islands woke up to calmer waters for the finals on Sunday, and the boys did not look back!



A confident John Ovens said "We went Scilly feeling we were fit and strong. Our main worry was Roseland getting away early in the race. We knew as long as we could match them we would be okay. As soon as we were just past the halfway mark, we knew we could beat the others." Bringing home the barrel for Looe were Matt Newman, Tristan Taylor, Nathaniel Rothwell, Harry Poulson, Joe Ovens and John Ovens, and Coxswain Emma Cox.

Looe Mayor Armand Toms was quick to congratulate the fantastic performance "great congratulations to the Men's A crew for retaining the World Gig Championship. You have represented the town with honour and we are very proud of your achievement."

Blue Looe colours swamped the Islands this year. The club had nine crews representing Looe: two Vets, three Men's and four Ladies', one of the biggest of any club. The Ladies' A continued to rub shoulders with the big guns, being in the top heat all weekend and finishing a fantastic 7th. Ladies' B finished a respectable 45th, while Ladies' D finished above Ladies' C 112th to 129th; one for the selectors to explain there!

Despite the best efforts of a chump cox from a rival crew crashing into the Men's B on the start line Saturday morning, they still finishing a solid 22nd. Men's C came in at 125th. For many rowers this was their first Scillies, but with all change next year hopefully not the last.

This year was the 30th anniversary World Pilot Gig Championships and one of the biggest in their history, with 168 boats competing; more than 2,000 rowers. But next year it's all change, with a cap of 120 visiting boats to be invited, and it was decided that the results from the 2019 contest would determine how many gigs each club could take in 2020, as the Island simply can't cope with the numbers. Due to this, the racing was more intense and results have never been more important.

Looe Rowing Club would like to thank everyone for the support and help which made this achievement possible – special thanks to sponsor Cornish Orchards. We have been overwhelmed with all the congratulations flooding in; a hugely popular result on the Islands and back home. Next year already looks to be shaping up to be one of the most competitive, so one question: Hat-trick boys?!

LOOE SAILING CLUB

The new sailing season finally started in late March following the cancellation of the planned first race due to no wind. Since then, racing has continued with a variety of wind conditions, usually light.

Fleet leaders so far are Mirrors: Hannah and Joselyn Staff, Redwing: Colin Crabb and Alex Richardson, Laser: Chris Iles, and Enterprise: David and Chris Jackman.

Congratulations go to David and Chris Jackman on winning the recent South West Traveller Series event held at Mounts Bay over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend.

The Club was delighted to receive a cheque for £1,000 from Looe Boat Owners Association towards the junior sail training. This was raised through the sale of Tide Tables and was presented prior to one of our committee meetings.

Saturday 29th June sees the Club celebrate its 85th Anniversary with an afternoon race followed by a get together in the clubhouse when we hope our former Commodores and as many former members as possible will join us to celebrate the occasion.

Plans are also well advanced for the hosting of the Merlin Rocket National Championships in August starting on Sunday 18th August. The following week is the Redwing Nationals, so it will be a very busy period for Club members.

OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM AND GAOL

New arrivals this year include Captain Thomas Bond and his fisherman colleague Mr Pengelly, volunteers of the East and West Looe Volunteers raised by Thomas Bond in 1803 to ensure that Napoleon and his army would not invade England via Looe. Known as the Looe Diehards, not one of the 70 men in the volunteer artillery died during their six year existence. They would love to find any descendants of their families and of the other volunteers listed below.

Sergeants: Philip Trout Thomas Pouné William Thomas	John Cunning John Davies Benjamin Debell Thomas Geach John Gill Richard Gubbs Thomas Hancock Robert Harris Edward Harvey Thomas Hicks Henry Hunking Henry Hunking Jnr John Hunking William Husband William James Samuel (Thomas) Keen Thomas Lean William Lean John Oliver Walter Oliver William Pain James Pengelly John Pengelly Thomas Pengelly	John Philp John Purnell John Roose John Stranger William Symons Thomas Tamlyn Henry Tregenna Joseph Vincent John Walters Robert Walters John Warn William Warren William Warren 2nd James Webber Thomas West William White Richard Wynhall Robert Wynhall John Shapcott Thomas Shapcott James Stapp John Stevens (Stephens) John Stivey
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The average age was 35 years so they were born between c.1740 and c.1780.

With the support of Feast, Cornwall Museum Partnership, Cornwall Council, Arts Council England and the East Looe Town Trust



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On the subject of family history, please make a note of the Family History and Heritage Day in Liskeard on the 15th June. All are welcome and there is no charge to come along and investigate your own family history.

South East Cornwall Museums Forum

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The open air performance area is located to the west end of St Martin's Community Hall.

It was originally an overgrown area that was terraced some 15 years ago by a local eccentric just known as 'Harry' who worked on it for 4 years.

Latterly it became unsafe, as the original work decayed, and was taken on as a community project by three retired locals: Mike Foulkes, Bob Flemming, Graham Barber and Dave Walton.

Over a two week period, the original works were dismantled and rebuilt, providing a stage and seating for 50 people. The flower and shrub planting was provided by Looe Horticultural Society.

The area is now available for hire as part of the facilities provide by Looe Community Hall and may be used by Café Church in the summer.

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4th Sunday	9.30am Church Morning Worship	11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer
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The Looe Branch of the Royal British Legion meets on the first Monday of every month, at 7.30pm in the ground floor bar of the Looe Social Club, West Looe Quay. Although our meetings are friendly and relatively informal, they do have a serious side, in that our members believe in the Legion's ideals of caring for the welfare of our armed forces, both serving and ex-service persons, and their families. We also have commitment to remembering those that defended our country and our ideals over the generations. We, of the Looe Branch, honour the memory of the 75 men named on the Looe War Memorial who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. If you share some of our sentiments, or are interested in what we do, why not drop in on one of our meetings and enjoy an evening in good company. There is no pressure to become a member of the Legion and, contrary to popular belief, we are not an ex-servicemen's organisation, although many of our members have served in the armed forces. Full membership of the RBL is open to everyone over the age of 18, and younger people aged 12 to 18 can become Youth Members.

Caring for the welfare of our armed forces is costly, that is why much of the Looe Branch's time and commitment is taken up with fundraising. Our endeavours go mainly to supporting the National Poppy Appeal, but we also contribute to the RBL Cornwall Welfare Fund, which supplements the work carried out by the Poppy Appeal within Cornwall. At this year's West Looe May Fayre, our members, especially the ladies with their cake stall, raised over £220 in donations. This, with other donations, allowed our members to vote £988 to the RBL Cornwall Welfare Fund and £250 to the Poppy Appeal. This brings Looe's latest Poppy Appeal (October 2018 to Sept 2019) to £14,676.27. This well exceeds last year's Looe Poppy Appeal which raised £12,190.79 and was a record at the time.

We would like to thank the Portbyhan Hotel for hosting an 'Elvis Rock and Roll Night' on Saturday 1st June, in aid of the Poppy Appeal. A further fundraising event is planned for Friday 28th June, when our members will be present near the Wishing Well, at the Looe Guildhall, for our support of Armed Forces Day.

D-Day 75th Anniversary Service: Looe RBL will be holding a short service on Thursday 6th June, 2019, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings on the coast of France. The service will be held at Looe War Memorial and will start at approximately 10.50am; there will a minute's silence at 11am. After the service, our branch members will retire to the area of the Guildhall Wishing Well, to fundraise for the Poppy Appeal.

The Allies suffered nearly 5,000 casualties on the day of the landings, but this was just was start of the Battle for Normandy, and it wasn't until nearly three months later, after much hard fighting, that the German Army retreated from Normandy. The Battle for Normandy cost the Allies 209,000 casualties, including three Looe men, who were all associated with the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, and are remembered on our war memorial:

William Albert (Toby) Jay served with the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, but by 1944 there was an acute shortage of infantry soldiers and he found himself in Normandy serving with the 8th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry. Toby was killed on 19th June, 1944, aged 29; a month after the birth of his second son. He was finally laid to rest in the Bayeux War Cemetery, France. There are 4,144 Commonwealth war graves in the Bayeux cemetery, 338 of them unidentified.

Jack Vivian Fletcher was serving in Normandy with the 5th Battalion, the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, when he was killed on 29th June, 1944, aged 24. His body was never identified and he is commemorated on the Bayeux Memorial, along with the names of over 1,800 members of the Commonwealth land forces from Normandy who have no known grave.

Charles (Charlie) Pengelly had a varied army service, receiving his basic training with the Royal Signals, then moving to the Royal Artillery, before retraining as an infantryman with his county regiment, the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. Soon after D-Day he was sent to Normandy as a casualty replacement and found himself serving with the 1st Battalion, Hampshire Regiment. He was killed on 3rd July, aged 21, and his body was eventually laid to rest in Bayeux Cemetery.

Lest We Forget: If you ever find yourselves in Normandy, then please try to find time to visit the Bayeux Military Cemetery and pay your respects to:

William Jay (Plot XV, Row H, Grave 17),

Jack Fletcher (Panel 15, Column 1) and

Charles Pengelly (Plot XXI, Row E, Grave 3).

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

SCLERDER ABBEY – SATURDAY JUNE 8TH

All are welcome to join Chemin Neuf and the Looe and District Churches Together to a celebration of Pentecost "Unwrapping the Gifts of the Holy Spirit".

The Welcome will begin at 2pm. The afternoon will be full of workshops for children and parents, and a plenary session about the Holy Spirit will start at 5pm. We will have a Barbecue at 6pm, followed by the Pentecost Vigil which will end at 9pm.

Further information can be obtained from www.chemin-neuf.org.uk. Registration can be made by emailing schlerder@gmail.com or by telephone: 01503272238. Entry by donation only.



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING/ MAYOR MAKING CEREMONY MONDAY 13TH MAY 2019



We would like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr Armand Toms and Mrs Rayna Toms for all their hard work and dedication over the last four years on behalf of the town. They have both worked tirelessly for Looe and we are very proud to have had them as Mayor and Mayoress for the last four years. Councillor Toms will, of course, continue to be a Looe Town Councillor.

Following our Annual Meeting and Mayor Making on 13th May 2019, we are delighted to welcome Cllr Martin Gregory as Mayor and Cllr Chris Rose as Deputy Mayor for the coming year. Both Councillors Gregory and Rose have chosen their wives to be their Consorts.

We are also very pleased to welcome Mrs Annette Bryan and Mrs Zara Pengelly as the Mayor's Mace Bearers, and Reverend Philip Sharp, who continues to be the Mayor's Chaplain.

This coming year is going to be a difficult and very busy year for the Council but, as always, we will be working for the benefit of our town.

Anne Frith
Clerk to Looe Town Council



OUTGOING MAYOR'S REPORT COUNCILLOR ARMAND TOMS 13TH MAY 2019



I am proud to have been the Mayor of Looe for the last four years; the town I was born in and have a family connection with going back many generations. This has been a time in which there have been many incidents in the town, some making me very proud, and some making my cry as if my heart would break. The town is a true community with a heart that beats strong, giving support in times of need and comfort in times of distress. It has many organisations, groups and charities which keep people active and supported. The Town Trusts who run and care for many parts of the town, support our heritage and work for the benefit of the community. Our two schools, who have both achieved Good Ofsted ratings in the recent past, giving our children a good start in life.

We must congratulate all our local sports clubs for the achievements over the last year from World Champions to new clubhouses. Our children have a host of groups

to attend from Rainbows, Brownies to Scouts and we should be thankful for all those who support them.

Over the last 12 months, the Town Council has also been very active and should be proud of its achievements. They have taken over the Library and Information Service and some other estate alongside this in the Millpool. There are plans to refurbish the site and deliver many community benefits. The Neighbourhood Plan has had its first consultation; we must consider what the community has said and respond. The work by Councillor Penhaligan on making the town Dementia Friendly and part of the Safe Places and Purple Angel schemes. Its leading part in the Looe Saves The Day music festival, the Councillors who supported it and the Council staff who worked so hard to make it possible. I could fill this page with the work of this Council but it is not the time, but if you would like to join the Council there are two vacancies.

The Mayor is the Chairman of the Council which can be a difficult job and can only be done with the support of a Deputy, Martin Gregory, and Committee Chairmen and I personally thank them for all they do. The Town Councillors who work for nothing on committees and around the town, I respect you for your commitment. The office staff who work tremendously hard day in and day out for the community, our Library staff, our cleaners and our Tourist Information Staff who all support the town.

I thank the community for their support over the last four years, my wife Rayna without whom my life would not be kept in order. My children, family and friends who never stop keeping my feet on the ground when the going gets tough. When things are back in order I hope to come back, but for now I will continue my work as a Councillor, gardener, road sweeper and litter picker, all of which I love doing.

Over the last four years the Mayor's expenses from 2015/16 have amounted to only £2,057.20 out of an allowance of £16,000 and the Mayor's Charity has handed out over £11,700 to groups, organisations and charities over that same period.

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Armand,

On behalf of the community thank you for all you have done as Mayor of Looe over the past four years, including the many unseen things. There have been triumphs and disasters which you have seen us through. You have represented and fought for Looe; in short you have always done the town proud.

Thank you



INCOMING MAYOR'S ADDRESS TOWN MEETING 2019 CLLR MARTIN GREGORY



Draft Library vision and future vision for Looe Town Council

This year is probably going to be the biggest change within the Council since the local government reorganisation in 1974.

As most of you will know, we have taken over the running of the library to save and improve the services offered and at the same time we are reorganising the Council to enable us to embrace the changes and fulfil our vision for the library and Council. As part of this we are, after so many years, moving out of the Guildhall and into the library building.

As part of the devolution package from Cornwall Council we have also taken ownership of what was Sonia's café and the old vets building, which gives us the potential to further enhance the area for residents. We are also looking at other devolution land and buildings to ensure they become/remain an asset to the town.

We will also be consulting shortly on the potential for the Council to generate income from the Millpool carpark which can be used for the benefit and enhancement of the area.

Overriding Vision for the Library and Council

Our overriding vision for the library is to provide certainty over the provision of a Library in Looe that also serves the wider area surrounding Looe, especially for children, the vulnerable, and disadvantaged residents.

Our vision for the Council is:

- To realign Council Committees along economic, environmental and social lines.
- To consider the future strategic role and structure of the Town Council in 'place shaping' and as community leaders.
- To deliver the Cornwall Council 2020 Library Vision and universal offer, developing the facility as community hub.
- To encourage child reading and social inclusion.
- To maximise economic efficiencies and provide the best service to serve residents and visitors. We need a multi-skilled, flexible staffing structure with staff sharing some responsibilities. This approach will allow longer opening hours of the library and Council with efficiencies being made by sharing of roles and responsibilities, and increased ability to respond to the more commercial needs of the town council as a property owner.
- To provide a Community Hub, combining the Library, Cornwall Council information Service with the Town Council, and reverting the building to its previous use as a limited Tourist Information Centre. This will mean that residents and visitors will have one point of contact for all their public service needs. It could potentially offer more

one point of contact for all their public service needs. It could potentially offer more services for local residents and visitors. Looe could offer a home for the registration service that was lost many years ago, provide a venue for job clubs, drug and alcohol advice or office space for business people or organisations to hold meetings.

- We will also be operating a 'pop up' Tourist Information Centre to meet our local and visitor needs.

This is going to be a busy year for both staff and Councillors, but at the same time will see a massive step forward.

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL EMAIL ALERTS AND INFORMATION

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Cllr Trevor Crane	01503 264535
Cllr Jimmy Dingle	01503 220038
Cllr Martin Gregory (Deputy Mayor)	01503 272796
Cllr Mrs Edwina Hannaford	01503 264160
Cllr James Lundy	01503 264405
Cllr Paul Penhaligan	01503 820171
	mobile: 07896 515334
Cllr Mrs Michala Powell	01503 265677
Cllr Mrs Beverley Richardson	07966 708152
Cllr Chris Rose	01503 265206
Cllr Michael Smith	07973 343242
Cllr Viv Sullivan	01503 262255
Cllr Armand Toms (Mayor)	01503 264823

Further contact information can be found on the Looe Town Council website:
www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk or by contacting us on 01503 262255.

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You can report many issues to Cornwall Council like pot holes, anti-social behaviour, graffiti, dog fouling, Japanese knot weed, abandoned vehicles, missed rubbish or recycling collections, green waste collections, street lighting, street works problems, breach of planning control and much more.

Take a look at Cornwall Council website: **www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-it/**

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Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd September

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this year there will also be a Classical Stage hosted by Nick Bailey (former presenter of Classic FM), a Comedy Stage, and an incredible range of local acts performing in pubs, restaurants and bars. Add street performers, crafts and music workshops, magicians, and some amazing food and drink, and it is easy to see why people will be flocking to Looe this September.

The Looe Live! team are organising a number of fundraising events during the summer – including a Casino Royal Night on 8th June, and a Putting and Bowling competition open day on September 1st. There will also be pop-up stalls at key local events, such as Carnival Week and the Raft Race, where you can buy Early Bird Tickets, t-shirts and other merchandise, so make sure you go along and support the events.

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The National Coastwatch Institutions (NCI) is an entirely voluntary organisation keeping a visual watch along UK shores, and in our 25th year we now have 53 stations operational as part of the UK S.A.R organisation.

In 1994, when two fishermen lost their lives off the Cornish coast below the then recently closed Coastguard lookout at Bass Point, the local people decided to open and restore the visual watch. Bass Point on the Lizard was the first station and the National Coastwatch Institution was born.

Four years later, on 3rd April 1998, the station at Polruan was formally opened by Peter Goss MBE, the round-the-world yachtsman.

At this time of year, we maintain watches from 0800 to 1600, but we will shortly be going to a 3-watch system from 0800 to 2000, for the summer months, so we are always looking for new personnel to train as watchkeepers.

We have members from all walks of life and experience, so if you would be interested in joining us, we will train you to the required standard.

The station is equipped with telescopes, radar, AIS, computers, VHF and weather instrumentation as well as up-to-date charts. Surveillance work is mainly routine but watchkeepers are trained to act in an emergency, report to the Coastguard and, when required, co-ordinate with the search and rescue services. In 2014, Ofcom agreed to the NCI having a dedicated Ch. 65 VHF, so we can carry out radio checks and relay information about the weather and sea conditions.

Technology and sophisticated systems such as radar and telecommunications have vastly improved safety, but accidents will always happen at sea and along the coastline, so there is no substitute for a watchful pair of eyes to spot a distress flare, an overturned boat, or a yachtsman or fisherman in trouble. Other vulnerable activities, like diving, wind surfing, personal water craft and canoeing, are made safer with visual surveillance.

More information is available at <http://www.nci.org.uk/polruan> or contact
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Membership Secretary: 01752 848571 or email penrose.nampara@talktalk.net

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LOOE MARINE CONSERVATION GROUP

Throw Jelly Not Balloons – Take 2!

LMCG will again be mounting a high profile campaign to help prevent plastic water-balloon litter entering the sea at water regattas across the county and beyond. Last year, LMCG made vast quantities of seaweed jelly to replace the tradition of throwing water balloons at Looe's Raft Race. The campaign was deemed 100% successful with no balloons thrown and the 'TJNB' message going far beyond Cornwall's borders. Seaweed jelly is made from agar and is totally harmless to the marine environment. This year, we aim to engrain good behaviour and encourage the whole town to support the 'Throw Jelly Not Balloons' message again.

Tuesday 28th May: Join us for our launch event at the Old Sardine Factory when LMCG will be taking over the Heritage Centre for an afternoon including jelly scooping, a jelly bath sensory play activity and the chance to 'Throw Jelly Not Balloons' at a team of kayakers and paddleboarders in the Looe River.

This year, we've made it easy, with a video showing you how to make your own jelly. 'Seaweed Jelly' powder sachets will be available at Quayside Fresh in Looe so you can make your own environmentally friendly jelly. Each sachet, available for a small donation, makes 1litre of jelly, and comes with cooking instructions.

Looe Raft Race takes place on Sunday 9th June – you can make your jelly a day or so before and there's no need to keep it in the fridge. So let's have fun with no harm done! And help lead the way in keeping Looe Plastic Free!

Other dates for your Diary in June:

18th – Monthly Meeting 6pm, RNLI Station

21st – Marine Art Exhibition 6pm, Old Sardine Factory


29th – Radical Rockpooling (Booking Essential) 2pm, Hannafore

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KELTIQUE NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Keltique have enjoyed two very successful performances recently, both at the Quayside Centre in West Looe. On Friday 3rd May we welcomed Chapel-en-le-Frith Male Voice Choir on a cool but sunny evening. On Saturday 11th May, once again enjoying a beautiful sunny evening, we were joined by Côr Merched Cwm Llynfi, a ladies' choir from Wales. Keltique were thrilled to be asked to perform in Looe with the choirs and on both occasions the wonderful singing was enjoyed by a sizeable audience with generous donations left in the bucket for Keltique's chosen charity, The Triangle Centre in Liskeard.

We are now looking forward to our forthcoming performances.

On Saturday 29th June at 7.30pm we are very excited to be joining some of the region's most popular choirs and Sterts' Singers at Choirs under Canvas, An Evening of Choral Music, at Sterts, in the outdoor theatre. This promises to be a very enjoyable and entertaining evening and we would love to have your support!

We are also looking forward to our usual Monday performances at the Quayside Centre in August. More details to follow in the next Looe Community News.

For more information about Keltique, including details of events, visit our website at www.keltique.org.uk, our Facebook page, or call Carole on 01503 262944.

LOOE YOUTH THEATRE

Looe Youth Theatre takes to the boards again in a sparky new musical, **Shakespeare Rocks!**

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It all begins with the discovery of the Bard's lost diary and we meet a succession of characters from Macbeth, Henry V, Midsummer Night's Dream and Romeo & Juliet to name but a few.

Come and join us at **Duloe Jubilee Centre on Friday 28th June at 7.30pm, Saturday 29th June at 2.30pm and 7.30pm.**

Tickets available from Duloe Community shop, email v.cottrell@btinternet.com or phone/message 07711731235 or 07920282818. Alternatively, place your order on our Facebook page – Looe Youth Theatre – or ask any member of the cast. Spread the word – it's always a great night out!

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Polperro Fishermen's Choir are very appreciative of their generous audiences and are looking forward to another busy summer raising substantial sums for charity. Various local and national good causes will benefit this year, including the RNLI who already have around £700 in their bucket from a capacity audience at our concert with Porthcawl Male Choir in April.

At our famous free summer concerts in Polperro, we will be collecting for the Stroke Association (in memory of our good friend and singer Ray Bowden) and the Cornwall Air Ambulance New Heli Appeal. Our President Richard Madeley is an ambassador for the appeal to raise funds for the new helicopter and is delighted that the choir is supporting the initiative once again. The concerts in Polperro will be on 3rd, 17th and 31st July, 14th and 28th August, and 4th September, all on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. The first four will be open-air concerts on Polperro fish quay. The last two (and others if it's raining) will be in the Methodist Chapel.

The Choir will be singing in the RNLI Boathouse in East Looe on 11th and 23rd June, and 1st and 13th August. We will also be singing at Riverside Church in West Looe on Sunday 18th August, and the Wreckers will be West Looe Quayside Centre on Friday 5th July for the Lugger Regatta.

Full details of these events, and many others in the local area, are on our website: **www.polperrofishermenschoir.co.uk**. Meanwhile, we keep rehearsing in Polperro, where new members are always made very welcome. If you would like to try it out, come along to a practice at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings in Polperro Methodist Chapel, come to one of our concerts and have a chat afterwards, or contact the choir via the form on the website.

LOOE VALLEY SINGERS

The summer months will see the choir popping up at various locations in Looe and the surrounding area.

On June 21st the choir will be singing at the Polperro Festival food event, hoping to sample some of the treats on offer. July 6th will see the choir at Lethytep where the grounds will be open all day raising money for butterfly conservation. On the evenings of July 2nd, 9th and 23rd the choir will be entertaining visitors and locals at the Quayside Centre, encouraging the audience to sing along with some familiar songs, while on Sunday July 21st at 3pm you're invited to join us in concert at the RNLI.

New singers are always welcome. For further information contact Kathy on 01503 272550 or see the website www.looevalleysingers.org.uk



Wednesday 19th June – Peterloo (12A)

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LOOE VALLEY LINE REPORT

Thanks to a £40,000 grant from Great Western Railway, a Looe Valley Line Heritage Centre will be created at Liskeard Station. This comes as the Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership begin to launch a project celebrating the history of the Liskeard to Looe Branch Line.

The Heritage Centre will be in three rooms on platform three at Liskeard Station, housed in the original station building which dates back to 1901. The project will cost around £70,000 in total but with the Great Western Railway grant, the Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership are confident of securing further funding. The centre is due to open at Easter 2020.

Cllr Chris Rose
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