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NEWS FROM THE EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST



Prom Performances

Some of you may have heard the Radio Looe broadcast of the 'Busk till Dusk' performance by the North Cornwall group The Countrymen last week. Our Trust Manager checked it out on the night and it was a successful informal 'prom' performance for seafront strollers and many lingering to enjoy the music. Our thanks to radio station chief Neil Hipkiss for the attached link, to listen to the whole set for yourself: https://www.radiolooe.co.uk/looe-events-the-countrymen-busk-til-dusk-tour-looe-beach/. The Pier Café was open for food and refreshment and Jane Day reports a great and safe atmosphere.

We are delighted to be able to help Looe RNLI with their popular series of choir concerts, which, during this busy time for lifeboat 'shouts', cannot be given in the boathouse. Instead they will be given on the seafront with an RNLI collection in aid of the new 'Ollie Naismith II' inshore lifeboat. The current list is at the end of this column, and includes some other events in the Guildhall Rose Garden.

Old Lifeboat Station & Watchtower

News will be breaking later this month about our proposals for the restoration of the OLS, and we are very hopeful that they will receive strong support from the community. ELTT is both pleased and relieved to have been invited by the Lottery Heritage Fund to apply for significant funding towards the job, but community support is crucial for a successful bid. Detailed letters will be going out to town organisations and of course there will be much in the press, our website, Facebook and Twitter. If you have ever wanted to have a snoop inside the Watchtower you will have an opportunity in early September, when we will be holding some Watchtower open days, showing pictures, answering questions – and seeking your views!

Rubbish

There are a lot of visitors in town; you will have noticed! With so much take-away food, much of what gets bought in town for beach picnics ends up in our seafront litter bins. These are cleared by our seafront team continuously, to the extent that we have had to buy extra bins. It goes without saying that we are delighted that people don't litter the beach, but perhaps a 'Take Your Litter Home' campaign would help reduce the cost to the Trust – many people already do.

Fair winds.

Brian Galipeau Chairman

Seafront/Beach Events 2021

August

Sun 1st Provisional booking for Looe's Division to play on the seafront

Tues 3rd 7.30pm Polperro Fisherman's choir (RNLI)

Sun 15th 3pm - Whitsand Harmony Tues 17th 7.30pm Tamar Valley Sun 29th Duck Race (Lions)

Tues 31st Pelynt MVC and Burraton MVC (RNLI)

All of August United Beach Mission doing events on the beach

September

Sun 5th Rotary Club – Round the Island Swim
Sun 26th Looe Rowing Club Regatta on the beach

Rose Garden

Various days selling ducks for the duck race (Lions)

Tues 17th Aug 10.30am Looe Valley Singers Wed 18th Aug 10.30am Looe Valley Singers



Photo by Claire Lewis. See pages 16 and 17 for more information.



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WEST LOOE TOWN TRUST NEWS





John Currah has officially retired after 15 years as Clerk to the Trust.



Colin Crabb, Chairman of WLTT said: "On behalf of the Trust I would like to wish John a long and happy retirement. John has been a major asset to the Trust with his calm, loyal, dependant and unselfish service over many years.

Being born and raised in Looe, John has lived through many changes, giving us the benefits of his detailed knowledge of the town and its local families.

Thank you for your company and doing such a great job, so enjoy your retirement and the time you can now spend with your family and friends.

Many thanks and best wishes."

Tributes from other Trustees were: 'I have worked with literally dozens of Clerks during my forty odd years of public service, and John Currah is definitely in the top three.' Jimmy Dingle, Trustee

'A perfect gentleman and a man of honour and integrity who is always prepared to go the extra mile to help.' David Stevens, Trustee

Sue Pengelly, another local person, will be taking over the position of Clerk to the Trustees and is looking forward to working at the Trust.





THE BENEFICE OF ST. MARTIN WITH ST.NICHOLAS, LOOE & ST. WENNA, MORVAL



ST. MARTIN WITH ST. NICHOLAS, LOOE: SERVICES JULY-SEPTEMBER 2021					
1st Assessed	11	Ch Mantin/a	Communicativith Bontions		
1 st August	11am	St. Martin's	Communion with Baptism		
8 th	11am	Riverside URC	Sunday worship		
15 th	11am	St. Nicholas	Praise & worship		
22 nd	11am	Church Hall	Café Church		
29 th	10am	St. Cuby, Duloe	Holy Communion		
5 th September	11am	St. Nicholas	Holy Communion		
12 th	11am	Riverside URC	Sunday worship		
19 th	11am	St. Nicholas	Praise & worship		
26 th	11am	Church Hall	Café Church		
Diary Dates:	Monday 20th December 7pm Keltique Concert, St. Nicholas				

We are delighted now to be able to open our churches again for Sunday worship. As you know, we are without a priest at the moment, but have arranged a service each Sunday in one of our churches, so we hope you can find something to your taste. If you need any clarification, please telephone me.

The process of finding our new priest is under way, and we hope it will not be too long before we have one and can get back to normal. Meanwhile, please use me for any church enquiries.

Deirdre Croker 01503 264414



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Newsletter for the Parish of Our Lady of the Angels

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Parish Priest: Fr Gilmour McDermott KHS - Tel: 01579 344906 Fr John Allan, 01579 349074 Deacon: Rev Peter Skoyles – Tel: 01579 362936 Parish Office: Serene Park - Tel: 01752 844455 (Tues & Fri 0930-1330)

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/parishladyoftheangels

Due to current Government guidelines, the parish office is currently being operated from home. Please use contact number 01752 565026 (Tuesday and Friday 9.30-13.00) or email saltash@prcdtr.org.uk

SUNDAYS

9am Mass at Sclerder Abbey,

Sclerder Lane, Looe PL13 2JD

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

West Street, Liskeard, PL14 6BW

The parish is still maintaining social distancing and we are asking parishioners and visitors to continue to wear masks, to sign the track and trace forms and use the hand gel.



LOOE SAILING CLUB

Following approval of our risk assessment, the Club was delighted to get sailing underway in early April. Many thanks to the Looe Harbour Master for her help in getting things underway. Unfortunately, this had to be done without the Clubhouse being open.

The Spring series of races have been closely competed for, particularly in the Enterprise fleet which has seen as many as 12 boats on the water for a race, sometimes more than the remaining three fleets put together.

More recently junior sail training has been able to resume on Saturday mornings and I am pleased to say that the Club bar has been able to open once again after sailing.

Unfortunately, due to the many problems that have evolved over the past months, it has been necessary to cancel the championship the Club was due to host this summer, although hopefully the Redwing National Championship on the Isles of Scilly (postponed from last year) looks likely to go ahead.

Congratulations go to the winners of the Spring Series of races. The prizes having been kindly sponsored by The Looe Sail Loft:

Enterprise David and Chris Jackman

Laser Chris Iles

Mirror Mark Isabel & Jowan Carnell Redwing Arthur and Tamsyn Kinver



ENJOY A CREAM TEA IN AID OF LOCAL CHILDREN'S HOSPICE



People in Cornwall are being invited to tuck into a cream tea and raise a few pounds for their local children's hospice. The Big South West Cream Tea takes place over the August Bank Holiday weekend and organiser Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) is asking supporters to join in by holding their own cream tea fundraiser with friends and family.

"Just grab some scones, a spoonful of strawberry jam and a dollop of

clotted cream – not necessarily in that order! – and join the party," said CHSW Area Fundraiser Bernadette Chambers. "You can enjoy a Great British classic at home, the park or even virtually and help raise vital funds for local families. It's a lovely way to help celebrate CHSW's 30th anniversary, and if you are able to raise £30 or more we'll send you a special CHSW 30th anniversary medal."

The charity runs three children's hospices across the South West, including Little Harbour in St Austell and has everything you need to hold your own fundraiser. "Register your event on our website to receive your **free fundraising pack**, which includes invites, recipe, '#JamFirst' and '#CreamFirst' signs, donation form, bunting, thank-you cards and more, You'll also find links to businesses that can deliver a cream tea straight to your front door with a donation going to CHSW.

"If you'd prefer to hold your cream tea before or after the August Bank Holiday that's absolutely fine. However and whenever you plan to take part in the Big South West Cream Tea, every penny you're able to raise will make a real difference to children with life-limiting conditions and their families."

The Big South West Cream Tea is kindly sponsored by Happy Days Nurseries, which operates 18 nurseries throughout the South West and is also celebrating 30 years this year. Marketing Manager Rebekah Fice-Thomson said: "CHSW is very dear to our hearts, so we're delighted to be able to support The Big South West Cream Tea fundraiser this summer."We are looking forward to celebrating our own 30th birthday with a cream tea on September 4th and raising as much as we can for such an important charity."

To register your cream tea event or for more information, visit www.chsw.org.uk/creamtea











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DAVID JOHN GARDNER

On Tuesday 20th July 2021, relatives and friends attended the Glynn Valley Crematorium to say farewell to David John Gardner. Tricia, David's three sons by his first marriage, his sister Sandra and brother Clive led the congregation of friends into the Crematorium.

It was a service to say farewell to a man who lived his life for others, from his students and colleagues to the townsfolk of the area he had retired to. Everyone knew that whatever David did in his life, he constantly gave of his all to prove that which needed to be done, could indeed be done.

The service was a celebration of David's life.



His loss (like all friends and relatives) was, and is, so very sad. In 1997, his brother Clive liaised with some chaps in Looe who had started general discussions about the town and possible improvements, those chats having begun in a coffee shop a day or two a week. Clive asked if we could think of something for his brother David who was retiring to Looe, to become involved in... A mistake? I don't think so.

David joined the clan and became part of the slowly expanding group arranging all sorts, creating quite some conversations and leading to the creation of the Town Forum involving members of the community. The object was to discover new ideas and funding streams (involving months of work with no financial reward to any of the individuals) to produce local amenities and improvements.

This led after some years to the Looe Development Trust and new funding opportunities; biennial maritime Festivals of (and by) the Sea, a variety of town improvements, the Computer Centre, the summer Pirates theme, the Community News – this Community News from its one page (both sides!) to the current 'booklet'. Annual Christmas Lights, bridge lighting, the children's play area, the Millpool Community Centre, events including David performing the role of Blackbeard in the annual theme, events on the Millpool, the sea-front, exhibitions, displays, meetings (here, there and everywhere – no longer restricted to coffee shops), presentations, painting backdrops for children to have their photos taken as Pirates, the mural that was painted on the harbour side of the fish Quay buildings.

David became a member of the Wednesday night with the 'boys' the BNO's (Boys Night Out) – (most of similar ages) – at the Social Club and local hostelries; in fact probably more aspects than many realise until you start listing them (which I have only touched upon). He was a 'worker' for the group...a mine of information and tales (having been a born lecturer and in the Intelligence Corps during his National Service...he apparently wanted to know the far end of every order he was given, including why? He was even the author of a text book on science (still available today for students of the subject matter).

He will be sadly missed by so many people who feel privileged to have worked alongside him and proud to have known him as a friend.

As we say R.I.P. David, we offer sincere thanks for all he has done and been involved with.

Genuinely a sad, sad loss. A friend to us all and will undoubtedly be remembered. The tales of his involvement with the team of volunteers will continue to be told for a long time, and rightly so.

As so many of us know, it is always so sad to lose a good and reliable friend.





See page 24 for more information.



LOOE MARINE CONSERVATION GROUP



With the holiday season truly upon us, here are details of upcoming events in Aug/Sept. Due to Covid, booking is now essential for all LMCG events via Eventbrite www.looemarineconservation.eventbrite.com. Bookings remain free of charge but we suggest donations to help with running costs for our volunteer group. More information about events and membership is available on our website: www.looemarineconservation.org.

Events

SUMMER ROCKPOOL RAMBLE 11th August 1.30-3pm

Hannafore Beach

CREATE A SEA CREATURE 16th August 10am-12noon

Looe Library & Community Hub, Millpool.

Make your creature from modelling clay and take

it with you on the day or return on 19th August to paint your sea creature.

SUMMER ROCKPOOL RAMBLE 24th August 1-2.30pm

Hannafore Beach

BEACH CLEAN & PICNIC 18th September 10am-1pm

Port Nadler Beach

meet at Hannafore Fields' gates.

LMCG monthly meetings

17th August as a BBQ

21st September

Crab line recycling scheme: Going really well but always looking for more volunteers to lend a hand! We'd love to hear from you via email: looevmca@gmail.com.

Beach clean with Plover Rovers*:

A recent beach clean of Looe's second beach included a talk about seagrass. Looe's seagrass beds cover 1.1 square kilometres of Looe Bay, an area the size of 157 football pitches – up to 10 times larger than seagrass beds in Plymouth, Falmouth and Torbay! Seagrass lives in shallow water to a depth of about 4 metres. The plants' roots are anchored in the sand and have narrow long leaves 'like a meadow of underwater grass'. Seagrass is important because it's a great absorber of carbon dioxide and a good nursery for young flatfish. It's also a home for the rare seahorse. Around the UK we have lost a lot of our seagrass and LMCG is involved in working to protect it. More information at:

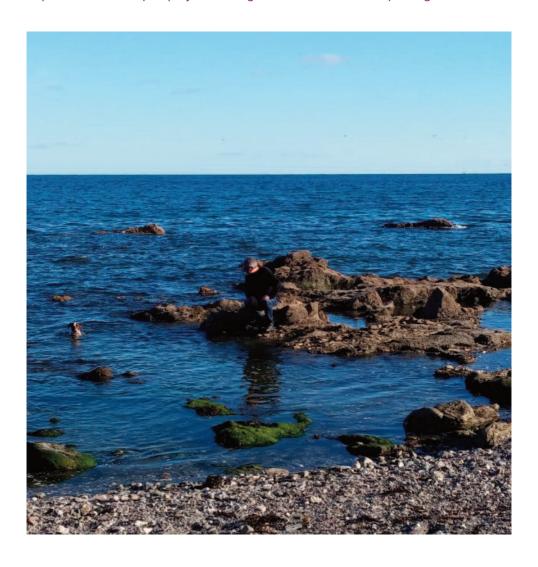
https://www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/habitats/marine/seagrass.

^{*} Plover Rovers is a UK charity whose mission is to educate people to protect the sea and its marine life.

The Rockpool Project

Viv Sullivan and Marian Cole (two LMCG members) recently completed a FREE! six-session online course about rockpooling – how to get started, what to look for and how to identify what you find. For anyone interested in Looe's rockpools, Marion's feedback will be of interest: "We all enjoyed it. The course leader Dr Ben Holt was very well informed and passionate about anything and everything on the shore. We covered molluscs, crustaceans, seaweed and more. In the fortnight between sessions we met up and sent in photos of our finds in the rockpools. We're very lucky in Looe to have such great rockpools on 'second beach' and Hannafore. The course is free and I recommend it."

https://www.therockpoolproject.co.uk/getinvolved/online-rock-pooling/



LOOE ISLAND NATURE RESERVE UPDATE

Photos by Claire Lewis

Buzzing bees, sleeping seals and gliding gulls... summer is here!

The island is looking beautiful at the moment. Many of the wildflowers are in bloom, fruits on the trees are starting to swell and the vegetable patch is flourishing. Talking of the garden, we try to grow as much of our own fruit and vegetables as possible.

We aren't professional gardeners and we try to work with wildlife and the limited water supply that we have here so the results can be hit and miss! Still, our peas, spuds, cabbages and courgettes are keeping us well fed this year. Some plants we let 'go over' so that they produce pretty flowers and then seed. This means there are plenty of blooms for insects to feed upon and later the birds will pick at the seeds – a win-win for all!



Bees on leek flowers

As the summer progresses we love to hear the Oystercatchers as they have aerial 'piping parties' – swirling overheard in large, noisy sociable flocks. Many of these striking reddy-orange billed birds will have been raised here on the island. Each year we have around 20 well camouflaged nests scattered along the coast, each containing 2-3 eggs. How many chicks will survive varies – there are a lot of threats out there! So when there are flocks of resting birds on the beach we try to look for individuals with the telltale 'young Oystercatcher' signs of pale legs and dark tip to their bill. A good number of sightings means a successful year for this unmistakable black and white bird.







Oystercatchers on Looe Island

Each season we look out for the arrival of... magical jellyfish. At this time of year large blooms can turn up and so far it's mainly been Compass Jellies that we've been spotting. With it's brown v-shaped markings radiating out from the centre of



Compass Jellyfish

its bell (or umbrella), it reminds people of a compass. It also has a pretty skirt-like hem of brown markings on the edge of its bell. Oh, but the best fact about Compass Jellyfish is that they are a type of hermaphrodite, starting life as male and turning into females as they mature! But what about the sting? Yes, Compass Jellyfish have stinging cells which are coiled up and fired like harpoons... these cells can be triggered even after they wash up on shore! The

stinging cells are mainly in their tentacles but can also be on the bell. Our advice? As jellyfish stings vary from species to species it's best to avoid getting too close!

Now, did you know that Looe Island is actually a Marine Nature Reserve? It sits within Whitsand and Looe Bay Marine Conservation Zone and all that makes it very special indeed. As it is so wonderful many people want to visit but access is managed to minimise disturbance. People can visit on the authorised boat (see our website for details) but it means that there is NO LANDING by other water users anywhere around the island and its foreshore. By coming ashore without permission, you may disturb nesting and resting birds. Indeed, at this time of year some birds could be on incredibly long journeys to wintering grounds in Africa – they need to rest and build up their energy for the epic migration that lies ahead of them. And it's not just about landing. Sadly, even at sea or on off-shore rocks, wildlife has already suffered a lot of disturbance this summer. If you are out on the water please remember to respect wildlife and admire from a distance. We all know how wonderful it is to see wild animals such as the iconic grey seals and flocks of seabirds and waders. Just like us they need time and space to thrive. So remember, give wildlife plenty of space, enjoy the experience; then move on. While looking out for you, a seal is distracted, and its stress levels will rise. You might be one of several hundred people to disturb the seals on any given one day – resulting in stress that accumulates and can cause harm to the very animal you've just admired! By putting the welfare of wildlife first you will be helping to keep Looe Island Nature Reserve a truly magical place.



Sleeping grey seal called Brittany

If you want to learn more about the island then do take a look at our pages (https://www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/explore/visit-looe-island) on the Cornwall Wildlife Trust's website. There you'll find details about visiting and there's also lots of information about watching wildlife well and how to share your wildlife sightings.

Claire Lewis, Warden's Assistant, Looe Island Nature Reserve

[Ed: Looe Island is indeed a truly magical place. Thank you to Jon, Claire and the summer volunteers for making authorised visits so rewarding].

LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION





Recommencement of Meetings: We are pleased to say that on 5th July we were able to hold our first meeting in over a year although Covid-19 regulations were observed. It taxed a few memories when the members reviewed the meeting from the March of last year, but we managed it thanks to the excellent minutes produced by branch secretary, Mandy. Covid-19 regulations permitting, our branch meetings are held on the first Monday of every month, come rain, shine or Bank Holidays. The venue is the bottom bar of Looe Social Club, West Looe Quay, meetings start sharp at 7.30pm. Please come along to our friendly and convivial meetings, and see what we do.

Centenaries: This year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we have missed three centenaries from 1921: the Looe War Memorial was unveiled and dedicated on the 14th May, the British Legion (later to become the Royal British Legion in 1971) officially came into being on the next day, 15th May, and our branch was formed on the 2nd July, 1921. Hopefully we will be able commemorate all three centenaries in the near future.

Helpline: If you, or your family, need help or advice from the 'Legion' then please call the Royal British Legion's free helpline on 0808 802 8080. Lines are open 8am to 8pm, seven days a week.

CWGC Scattered War Graves: Volunteers with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission look after 'Scattered War Graves', such as those in West Looe Cemetery. One of their volunteers contacted us and asked if we knew who cleaned the CWGC headstones in the cemetery? The unknown person/persons did a very good job and he would like to contact them. Does anyone know who did it? If so, please contact us and we will pass on the information. Our branch contact details are at the end of this article.

Looe's Boat Building in WW2: A major contribution by Looe to the war effort in WW2 was in boat building. The boat yard of Harry Pearn & Sons produced harbour launches, and cutters under contract to the Admiralty. Our branch treasurer, Neil Playne, recalls that his father, Lewis Playne, was a foreman at the Pearn's boatyard and one of his apprentices was one of our branch members, the esteemed gig builder, Jim Currah. Neil remembers that in the war his father would work 12 hour shifts and in his 'spare time' would do evening and night shifts as a Special Constable from a police station opposite the Catholic Church on West Looe Hill. Lewis's brother, Bert Playne, worked in the Frank Curtis boat yard which was a much bigger operation with several hundred employees. Frank Curtis Ltd produced over 60 Motor Torpedo boats together with numerous Harbour Service boats and minesweepers in its yard on the West Looe River. Boats were built up to deck level, then brought down river and under Looe Bridge. This sometimes involved some digging out of the river bed and having to catch the right tide before a boat could be

dragged under the bridge. This was especially critical in the case of the Minesweepers, which were quite a bit beamier and deeper than the motor launches. Once through the bridge, the final fitting out was completed at East Looe Quay.

A major type of boat produced by the Curtis boatyard was the Fairmile B Type Motor Launch (ML) which was 112 ft long, had a speed of 20 knots and a range of 1,500 miles. The launches were produced in kits which were delivered to boatyards around the UK for assembly. Each kit was made up of six packages, and each package was designed to fit in a standard 15-ton lorry. A far-sighted design feature of the MLs design was their versatility in that they could be reconfigured for different roles within just 48 hours. The boats could be fitted with a multitude of different equipment, including torpedo tubes, mines, depth charges, various guns and other specialist gear. Approximately 650 Fairmile B Motor Launches were built in WW2 with Frank Curtis Ltd producing nearly 50.

Operation Chariot: 16 Fairmile B MLs were heavily involved in Operation Chariot, in 1942, a British amphibious attack on the heavily defended Normandie dry dock at St Nazaire in German-occupied France. The dry dock was the only source of repair for enemy battleships operating in the Atlantic. Much has been written about the raid when HMS Campbeltown, packed with explosive, rammed the dry dock, landed commando demolition parties and later exploded destroying the dry dock outer gates. The role of the MLs was to land further commandos demolition parties and to secure an area to evacuate the raiders. One ML had to turn back early, due to mechanical problems, but the rest suffered heavily from enemy fire and 'burning launches could be seen everywhere'. They were, in the main, unable to carry out their task and just two launches and a qunboat made it back to the destroyers which were to escort them back to England, but they were too badly damaged and had to be scuttled with their crews taken aboard the destroyers. Three other MLs missed the rendezvous and made their way own way back to Falmouth, shooting down one German aircraft in the process and damaging another. The three launches were the only craft to make it into St Nazaire and back, and one of them was ML 307 which was built in Looe by Frank Curtis Ltd. She survived the war and was transferred to the Greek Navy in 1945, returned to the Royal Navy in 1961 and sold. It would be nice to know where she is now. Of the two other MLs that made it home: only a month after the raid the Scottish built ML 160 was bombed in Brixham Harbour. She was salvaged and used as a floating pontoon until after the war when she was towed to Looe and converted to a houseboat. The other motor launch, the Suffolk built ML 443, hit a mine off Anzio, Italy, in 1944, and was damaged beyond repair.

In Falmouth there is a bronze plaque commemorating Operation Chariot. Of the 612 men who undertook the raid, 228 returned to Britain, 169 were killed, 215 became prisoners of war and five Victoria Crosses were awarded.

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

Looe Shedders Need You!

We are seeking:

- New members
- A charitable person or organisation who can offer us premises (to become a Looe shed)
- Donations of tools, equipment and materials (once we have a Looe shed)

men'shealth

So what are men's (and women's) sheds?

A men's shed is a community workspace, like a typical man's shed in the garden but bigger, better equipped and for more people (Shedders) of any age or sex. They are places of skill sharing and informal learning of individual pursuits and community projects, of purpose, achievement and social interaction. No two sheds are the same.

The activities follow the interests and skills of the members and usually attract older men, but our shed also welcomes women or younger people. There are more than 600 Men's Sheds in the UK new sheds are opening at more than two a week across the country.

Looe Shedders focus will be on:

- Helping people to learn new skills and pass on existing ones in a friendly, social environment.
- Helping our community tackle social isolation and loneliness primarily amongst our ageing population.
- Keeping the costs of membership to the bare minimum, to ensure all who
 would benefit from membership, can afford to join in.
- Increasing the availability of community spaces, where members determine the projects they work on and have a say in how their shed is run and developed.

Just imagine if your garden shed could be turbocharged and filled with all of your new pals.

That's Looe Shedders.

Stock Photos—Courtesy Men's Shed Association Members to show just what can be achieved

What's in a Men's Shed for You?



For members

Here's what some of the UK's Shedders say:

"At our shed we learn from each other, mainly about how to do things but also about life. We have benches and tools we never thought we would have. We reuse materials and mend the broken, we make things we are proud of and we learn from each other. We are more active than we were and are engaged with our projects, we have more to talk about, more to contribute and more friends. We are out of the house (not under our partners feet) and happier when back home." Fred, Birmingham

"It's wonderful here, I just wish I could have done it 30 years ago." Harry, aged 91

"I'm retired and come for the company and being able to do something with my hands, to make things." Les, Bristol

"I feel a sense of worth and love the way all the shedders work together. I had missed the banter with my mates." **Joe**, **Nottingham**

"Coming here is better than any medicine." Joanne, Skelmersdale

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That's Looe Shedders.



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COUNCILLOR ARMAND TOMS, LOOE EAST AND DEVIOCK

Firstly, I wish to pay tribute to a stalwart of the community Dave Gardner who passed away recently. I know Dave's input into this community was vast and these are just of few of the things he was involved in: Town Forum, Festival of the Sea, the Computer Centre, Community News, Christmas Lights, Bridge Lighting and the Children's Play Area. He often worked hard in the background but was influential in making sure things were done and checking that you did your part. Many will not know his name but he did his part in an ever evolving community of Looe. It was an honour to know and work with him on many occasions for the benefit of so many. He will be missed and my condolences go to Tricia and all the family.

Secondly, Sandplace Road closure, this could not have happened at a more inopportune time for the town, with the high number of tourists visiting. The owner of the property has the responsibility for the repairs and Highways served him a notice to repair the wall. So far the dangerous part of the wall has been taken down, but revealed a further issue and both structural and geotechnical engineers have visited the site to carry out surveys. This has revealed that further ground surveys need to take place to make sure that the building is safe. When these have been completed there is a team of builders to move in and deconstruct the wall and carry out the works.

Hedge cutting: I have had a lot of complaints about hedge cutting especially with the diversion routes of the Sandplace issues. Having complained to highways this is not possible by them or the land owners as there is an impact of nesting birds. From what I have been told, cutting may not take place until early September. I have also had complaints about private homes allowing their hedges grow out into the pavements causing issues for pedestrians. The rule of thumb is that at the side of the pavement nearest the hedge should be kept clear for 3m. If you know of junctions that need cutting back for visibility displays please let me know as this is another complaint I have had.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR





Now that the majority of Covid restrictions have been lifted, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the residents, organisations, volunteers and businesses of Looe for taking the health and wellbeing of our community seriously and complying with Covid regulations.

Your determination to help beat this pandemic kept our numbers of cases really low. Unfortunately, although we have made great progress in fighting the virus, as I am sure you are aware the numbers of cases are rising fast and are currently similar to that of January, with the new delta strain being far easier to catch. Nevertheless, whereas in January Looe had relatively few cases, this time we are seeing significantly higher number of cases and as such now is not the time to be complacent.

Now the rules have relaxed, and measures have moved to personal responsibility, I urge you to continue to be aware of transmission and therefore still observe social distancing measures including wearing masks when visiting local businesses and in crowded places to further reduce cases and keep infection rates as low as possible. Ventilation of homes and businesses is another key factor so please, wherever possible, keep doors and windows open.

We all need to meet with family and friends and to return to normality as quickly as possible, yet we all have a responsibility to ourselves and others to keep us all safe as we move through this period of transition. I know that this is not an easy time for many of you and my thoughts are with you.

I am proud of the businesses, organisations, residents, and visitors who have complied with regulations, and I ask for you to please keep the safety of your families and the community in mind as life begins to return to normal. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our officer team at Looe Town Council, in particular three long standing members of the team who have left for pastures new. Our heartfelt thanks and best wishes go to Annette Keen, Laura Kellaway and Lucy Butters.

There are still challenging times ahead, but I know from how everyone has supported each other during this pandemic, that we will come out of this as a stronger and even more resilient community.

> Cllr. Martin Gregory Mayor of Looe



LOOE TOWN COUNCIL: ONLY SOUTHWEST FINALIST IN PRESTIGIOUS NALC STAR COUNCIL AWARDS 2021



We are excited to announce that Looe Town Council has been named one of only five finalists and the only Southwest finalist for Council of the Year award in the prestigious National Association of Local Council's (NALC) Star Council Awards 2021.

NALC's Star Council Awards are the only awards in England to recognise and celebrate the contribution local (parish and town) councils make to their communities and to showcase how they have made a real difference locally.

The theme of this year's awards focused on projects that have positively impacted communities in the context of Covid-19 and the winners will be announced at an online ceremony in October. **For this category only**, local councils, county associations and members of the public have the chance to determine who wins this category by voting – please help us to win!

Voting runs from 26th July to 23rd August 2021 and the winner and runners up will be announced at an online awards ceremony later this year.

Martin Gregory, Mayor of Looe said, 'We are absolutely delighted that Looe Town Council has been shortlisted for this national award. It is the residents and volunteers together with Councillors and staff who supported, and still support our community who deserve this recognition.

If we were to win this would be an acknowledgment of every Town and Parish Council in the Southwest who kept residents safe and secure during the unprecedented times we have all faced. We could not be prouder of our community and call on the people of Cornwall and the South West to vote for us in recognition of the huge difference Town and Parish Councils make to people's lives.'

The following is the application submitted by LTC:

Looe Town Council, Cornwall

"Looe has a population of five and a half thousand, 15 councillors, 12 members of staff, of whom only two are full time, and is a coastal, rural and isolated town reliant on tourism with the nearest city over forty minutes away. The population is ageing with over 50% aged 65 or over and it has three areas that are in the top 3% of deprivation in the UK.

When the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdowns first started in March 2020 Looe Town Council rose to the challenge and immediately organised a network of over one hundred and ninety volunteers, working with key organisations within the town to support those in need and the most vulnerable in the community – extending beyond its parish boundaries and supporting families and individuals in neighbouring, smaller parishes.

Looe Town Council established effective communication and support networks by creating a system of 'street aunties and uncles' using technology and cloud-based phones through its volunteer network. In addition, it was the first council in Cornwall to reopen public conveniences and share risk assessments and methods with other towns.

The Council immediately set up new active communication channels on social media, paper-based newsletters, posters, banners, press and calls to action to both recruit volunteers and identify support needs. Twice a week the Council held online communication sessions with members of the community to develop additional services and communication methods from their feedback, ensuring that the community were at the heart of the service.

The Council set up Looe Community Cupboard providing key essentials such as baby milk, clothes, sanitary products, deodorant and flour free of charge for those in need. It created a hardship fund to support individuals who needed additional financial support for a variety of reasons including redundancy.

From March to October alone the Looe Town Council support and befriending helplines took over 1,340 calls, delivered over three hundred and forty prescriptions and helped over 400 vulnerable people with a range of essential weekly services, including mental health and suicide issues which were actioned by a bespoke escalation team from qualified councillors and volunteers."

Mel Colton-Dyer Commercial Strategy Director Email: mel@looetowncouncil.gov.uk

VOTE NOW: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CVQVYSZ





LOOE LIBRARY OPENS WITH A NEW TEAM



The Mayor, Mayoress and Deputy Mayor attended the opening of the newly restructured Community Hub on Monday 26th July. With a new team in place and a 'one stop shop' for all information for residents concerning the Town Council, Cornwall Council and Visitor information together with the Library Service and new, extended opening hours the team were excited to welcome people once more into the Hub.



The new Information Officer Team are:



Catherine Foley: I live in East Looe with my husband Kevan and our lovely Greek rescue dog (plus a range of family members who come and go...). My working background is in art/interior design/library/primary education. I love meeting new people, coastal walks, friendly dogs,

discovering interesting places, visiting local pubs and restaurants, reading (of course!), creating art, beautiful sea views and everything to do with Looe! I am so excited to join the Community Hub Team.



Carly Jerrom: I have lived in Looe for nine years after moving from London with my husband and three sons. I love nothing more than days out with my family finding new places and beaches to enjoy, and eating out in the amazing restaurants and bars Looe has to offer. My working round is in retail management and hospitality, but I am so excited to begin a

background is in retail management and hospitality, but I am so excited to begin a new venture in joining the community hub team. Looe really is my special place!!



Nicola Jones: I live in West Looe with my husband, three children and a large assortment of animals! I feel so privileged to call the beautiful town of Looe my home. I'm lucky enough to have lived here now for 11 years, after moving from North Devon. I love discovering new walks with

my dogs, going out on our boat (as long as the sea is flat!) or spending time with family and friends. My previous role was working in administration for children, schools and families within the local authority.



Tania Maloney: I grew up in Looe before moving away for work in Manchester. I returned to Looe in 2019 with my husband Graham. I spend my spare time at my allotment, making silver jewellery, attending craft fairs with my jewellery, reading, walking our dog and going out to

visit places of interest. When living in Manchester I had a variety of jobs including care assistant work and then managing a care home for adults with learning disabilities before moving into education in 1999 where I supported learners with their Health and Social Care Awards and managed the apprenticeship delivery of all apprenticeship delivered by my college. I left there in 2015 to return to teaching adults undertaking their Level 5 Care Management Awards.

The team look forward to welcoming and helping residents and visitors to access services and receive help.

The Hub's new opening hours are:

Monday 9.30am - 1pm Tuesday 9.30am - 5pm

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 9.30am - 1pm Friday 9.30am - 5pm Saturday Currently closed





LOOE TOWN COUNCIL RECRUITS FOUR NEW COUNCILLORS



TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

Cllr Martin Gregory, Mayor of Looe, said "We welcome a former long-standing Councillor back to the Council and three new Councillors who will all be formally co-opted at our full Council meeting on the 9th August. They bring with them a wealth of experience and a true passion for the future of our town. I sincerely look forward to working with them on exciting future plans for Looe'.

Looe's new Councillors are:



Michala Powell – Michala lives at Woodlands View and is a mother of three and grandmother of (nearly) two. She loves animals and has two dogs and a smallholding where she keeps her ponies, goats, pigs and chickens. She is a trained IT teacher and is passionate about people and the environment. She has previously served as a Councillor for Looe Town Council for over 15 years.



Stephen Remington – Stephen was a frequent visitor to friends living in Looe from the mid-1970s before he retired to live permanently here in 2018. His career included 14 years as CEO of Sadler's Wells Theatre in London and 20 leading the national charity Action for Blind People.

During his time in the visual impairment sector he worked to bring together charities with common purpose. He strongly believes that organisations that cooperate and communicate will always achieve

more than those that don't. All the same, he recognises that every organisation has its own valued heritage and each runs its business differently.

Stephen sees tremendous assets and opportunities in Looe – its fascinating history, the sea and the fishing industry, the woods, the rivers, the unique array of local shops, pubs and restaurants, its festivals and events, visitors and above all its own local people.

He says: "I am honoured and thrilled to have been co-opted to Looe Town Council. The wealth of experience among the existing Councillors is awesome and I only hope that, in time, I can make a useful contribution".



Nicky Shelley – Nicky spent her entire career in the Civil Service, undertaking various roles both in London and latterly her hometown of Southend-on-Sea. Since moving to Looe in 2016 she has enjoyed getting involved in events within the community and also volunteers locally for two National charities. Her other interests include boating (and fishing) with her husband, gardening and dining out with friends in the excellent local restaurants and hostelries that Looe has to offer.

Having joined Looe Town Council in July 2021 she is looking forward to getting familiar with the various Council Committees and becoming involved in decision making and governance within the Town.



Rod Truan – Rod moved to Looe from Essex in 2017. He was born and brought up in Cornwall, moving away for university and work purposes but returning to take up a new teaching position in a local secondary school. In Essex, Rod served as a senior councillor within a local authority as Portfolio Holder for Housing, helping to build new homes for local families. Campaigning for a fairer housing sector remains a passion for Rod, including the right for affordable, secure and decent homes for all. Rod is also keen to

ensure that opportunities are maximised for young people in terms of providing access to learning, support and employment. Rod is keen to ensure that our local environment is championed and respected, for all local residents and visitors alike. He enjoys running and kayaking, watching sports and exploring our local area.

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Planning	0300 1234 151
Housing	0300 1234 161
Council Tax and Business Rates	0300 1234 171
Registration Service	0300 1234 181
Trading Standards	0300 1234 191
Environmental Management	0300 1234 202
Environmental Health and Licensing	0300 1234 212
Roads, Transport and Parking	0300 1234 222
Fire and Community Safety	0300 1234 232

WEBSITE: www.cornwall.gov.uk

Calls to 03 numbers cost no more than a national rate call to an 01 or 02 number and must count towards any inclusive minutes in the same way as 01 and 02 calls.

LOOE FLOOD DEFENCE SCHEME UPDATE

We have been working closely with our partners to develop the design of the flood defence scheme at the same time as continuing to build a strong economic case to help secure Government and other sources of funding.

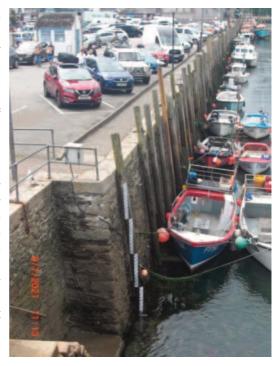
Last month Cornwall Council and Looe Harbour Commissioners submitted the Strategic Outline Case (the first of three business case stages which Government projects are required to meet) to the Environment Agency for consideration. The Strategic Outline Case is a very important element of the project as without Government support and funding for the final business case, it will not be possible to deliver this much needed flood defence and regeneration scheme.

At the same time, we are continuing to gather evidence on the dates and extent of historical flooding over the past 20 years to support this economic case. Thank you to everyone who has already given us information and pictures about previous flooding incidents in the town and please contact us if you have any further evidence which could help to strengthen our case for funding. Please email information to LooeFloodDefence@cornwall.gov.uk.

Specialist engineers in the project team have been assessing the impact of different wave conditions on different breakwater layouts. Work is also continuing on assessing potential locations for the flood gates and the different types of flood gates which could be used.

A tide gauge has been installed to measure the water level in the harbour. The gauge records water level automatically and supplies the information over the internet but we have also installed a physical gauge board so anyone can see the level of the water above the river bed.

By providing us with reliable and consistent measurements of the tide height, this will help us to show how severe the risk of flooding is and how often Looe floods which is vital to securing the funding we need to deliver the scheme. It will also help to improve predictions of storm surges, to see the effect of heavy rainfall on river levels and help in the design of the flood management structures.



We have also been working with Cornwall Council planners and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) to scope the extent of the EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment). A number of surveys and studies of East and West Looe rivers have now been carried out to support this work.

The over-wintering bird survey has been successfully completed and we have begun the breeding bird surveys. Work is continuing on the studies into areas of environmentally important sea grass and the reef within the Marine Conservation Zone. Meetings have also been held with the Crown Estate and the Duchy to introduce the scheme and discuss access for marine surveys.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will be collecting more detailed data to inform the final design. This includes information on tidal levels, tidal flow, and the movement of sediment along the river as well as carrying out detailed ground investigations. We will also be carrying out further surveys of the sea grass beds and threshold surveys, which will assess the doorstep level of every property that could flood in the future to help us to understand the operating conditions for the flood gate.

The design team are looking at ways in which we can lower the carbon footprint of the structures and boost marine biodiversity. In September/October, eight reef cubes will be deployed in a trial off Banjo Pier and Hannafore. Made from a special low carbon marine friendly concrete, with nooks and crannies designed to create an ideal home for marine wildlife such as seaweeds, barnacles and limpets, as well as larger species such as lobster and crab, the cubes will help us understand the potential for incorporating these habitats into the new structures and give us a better understanding of the species likely to colonise them in Looe.







LOOE RNLI NEWS AND EVENTS



Can you help to bring the Ollie Naismith II to Looe?

Next year, our current D Class Ollie Naismith will have reached the end of its operational life and needs to be replaced. To make this happen the RNLI has launched The Looe Lifeboat Appeal – Ollie Naismith II. Our appeal has got off to a great start with several generous donations and our supporters have come up with some wonderful fundraising events. People wishing to support the appeal can donate and/or fundraise in a number of ways:

- Visit our donate page http://www.looelifeboats.co.uk/donate.html or visit our Justgiving page https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/looe-lifeboat-appeal.
- To hold your own fundraising event or activity you can set up a Justgiving page by visiting https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Looe-Lifeboat-Appeal and clicking on the "Start Fundraising" button.

Summer concerts

To ensure our volunteers crews remain able to launch on service when the pager sounds, the public are still not allowed into the Lifeboat Station, which means our popular summer concerts cannot be held in the boathouse. East Looe Town Trust have generously given us permission to hold our choir concerts on East Looe seafront. Subject to final confirmation from the choirs and the weather on the day, we have eight concerts planned starting with Keltique on Sunday 25th July at 3pm. Future concerts are planned for:

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August:

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Sunday 15 th	3pm	Whitsand Harmony
Tuesday 17 th	7.30pm	Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir
Tuesday 31st	7.30pm	Pelynt Male Choir & Burraton Male Voice Choir
September:		
Sunday 12th	3pm	Looe Valley Singers
Tuesday 14th	7.30pm	Polperro Fisherman's Choir
Tuesday 28th	7.30pm	Loveny Male Voice Choir

Have you entered our photographic competition?

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"Seascape" or "Looe at its best" is the theme of our photographic competition raising funds towards the Looe Lifeboat Appeal. The author of the winning photograph will win dinner, bed and breakfast for two at the Portbyhan Hotel. The winning photograph will grace the front of a 2022 Calendar, which will also feature the 12 "runner up" photographs. Full details on how to enter can be found at http://www.looelifeboats.co.uk/photocomp.html.

Keeping safe this summer

Throughout the pandemic, our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. As lockdown restrictions relax, many of you will want to go out to enjoy our coastline, beaches and water based activities. Please remember to Respect the Water, check the tide times, wear appropriate buoyancy aids and take a method of calling for help.

Many of our shouts this year have been to people on water craft or inflatables blown out to sea by strong offshore winds. Please pay attention to the orange windsock on East Looe Town Trust's building by the Old Lifeboat Station. If it is pointing out to sea this denotes an offshore wind which can easily blow an inflatable, stand up paddleboard, kayak or canoe out to sea and hinder your attempts to return to shore safely.

Shouts

Between 23rd May 2021 and 26th July 2021 our crews launched to 15 shouts. More information on these shouts can be found at: www.looelifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts.

We believe Sunday 25th July 2021, was the busiest day ever for Looe RNLI volunteer crews since Looe lifeboat station was re-established in June 1992. A personal locator beacon activation and strong off shore winds resulted in six lifeboat shouts, with seven launches and one shore based incident.

Souvenir Shop

Our souvenir shop beside the boathouse is now open. The shop has a wide range of products, many new for 2021.





LOOE BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION



LBOA's next monthly Club Night will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th September at Looe Sailing Club.

Further information about LBOA can be found at: http://www.lboa.co.uk.

THE OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM AND GAOL

Why Are the Back Streets in East Looe Called the Back Streets?

The streets referred to in the title are: Lower St, Lower & Higher Chapel Streets, Lower & Middle Market Streets and The Bay. Churchend and Higher Market St form a boundary to them.

I will be honest straight away; I live in Lower Chapel Street, one of the "back streets" and hate it when people refer to the whole area as that!!! It makes the place sound unscrupulous and seedy (or is that just me?) when it has a fine and very long history.

This area is the earliest settlement place in East Looe as we know it today and is laid out in the mediaeval grid pattern. St. Mary's Church/Chapel was built in 1259 (the tower is original but the main building has been re-built several times) and sits at the head of Lower & Higher Chapel Streets. The Old Guildhall, built in about 1450, is on Higher & Middle Market Street and was the most important building in East Looe for over 400 years. Then there is the old Market Square, central to the three Market Streets. In the Victorian/Edwardian times the town's water supply was located there. Everyone from fishermen to ship owners have lived in this place over the centuries.

A 1799 tax record lists Higher Chapel Street as Back St, as does the 1841 Census, but in 1851 just six properties located somewhere between Lower St & The Bay are listed as it and in 1861 nowhere is entered as it. By 1871 Higher Chapel St is back to being called Back St, then in 1881 five out of nineteen properties on Lower Chapel St were oddly addressed as it, then nothing.

Higher Chapel Street might have got the name of Back Street as the majority of the doors opening onto it are the back doors of Lower Chapel & Lower Market Street houses but this doesn't account for the obvious confusion over the decades. And why do locals use the name today when these streets aren't the back of anywhere? They are the OLD TOWN and should be recognised as such, in my humble opinion anyway...

Answers on a postcard please – I would love to know if there is a quirky story or a sound and sensible reason for the 'back streets label', but you have been warned. If we are chatting and you refer to where I live as the Back Streets and not the "Old Town" you will receive my best Paddington Bear stare!

Penny McHugh

KELTIQUE NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Our concerts

We had been looking forward to resuming our programme of events starting with an RNLI concert in June and then on the Wooldown in July but understandably both had to be postponed.

So we were delighted to be asked again by the RNLI to sing on Looe Seafront on Sunday 25th July starting a programme of concerts aimed at raising money to replace the existing Ollie Naismith lifeboat.

And 581 days after our last performance, we at last had the chance to perform again! No time to learn any new pieces but enough to polish up some old favourites and it was wonderful to be out there singing, in the open air with a very appreciative audience of locals and holidaymakers alike. Despite occasional competition from the gulls and the rigging in the sailing boats, it went really well but most of all it was lovely to be creating music together again after such a long time. And it's always our pleasure to support such an excellent cause as the RNLI.



Our practice sessions

For the time being, we are continuing to practice at a barn belonging to one of our members but following the relaxation of all remaining restrictions on 19th July, all Keltique's members have been asked to complete a voluntary survey to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible if indoor practices and events are resumed.

In the meantime, we hope to be able to sing through the summer at the Quayside Centre in West Looe – more details to follow, so do check out our Facebook page and come and listen to us! We will be collecting money for our chosen charity, Liskeard Triangle Cancer Support Centre.

For more information about Keltique, including details of events, check out our website at www.keltique.org.uk, our Facebook page, or call Carole on 01503 263237.

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Earlier this year we invited local residents to submit applications to join a new Design Panel to ensure that the community had a real say in the design of the trails. Six people have now been chosen to represent the local community. These include representatives from the three Community Network Panels, as well as Looe and Liskeard Town Councils. Work is continuing to recruit two young people from local schools to join the panel.



The Chair and Vice Chair of the new panel are Mel Colton-Dyer and Viv Sullivan, both of whom are extremely well known faces in Looe.

Currently the Commercial Strategy Director and Town Clerk for Looe, and a Director of the Aspire Academy Trust which covers 29 primary schools across Cornwall, Mel Cotton-Dyer is Cornish through and through. Not only was her father working as a tin miner when she was born, Mel's

family have been in farming for many years After previously working in a wide range of occupations including theatre, education and hospitality in both the UK and Europe, Mel was the Chief Operating Officer for Cornwall Chamber of Commerce before joining Looe Town Council.

Unashamedly passionate about business, people and 'proper pasties', Mel is also a Director of Looe Radio, the independent Chair of the Connon Bridge Liaison Group and the Chair of iSight Cornwall – Cornwall's oldest Charity which celebrates its 165th anniversary this year.

Viv Sullivan has lived in Looe for the majority of her life (apart from an 18 year stint working for the police in London before returning home with her family) and now has four generations of her family living locally.

As well as her role on the design panel, Viv is already very active in the local community, serving as a Town Councillor, logging the local tree canopy on 'I Naturalist' and reporting on the impact of local environmental issues to the local environmental group and to the Town Council. She also helps to organise events for the Looe Marine Conservation Group and works for Shared Lives South West, offering respite for adults with a variety of complex needs.

When not serving the local community, Viv is usually found on the water: sailing, swimming or kayaking, or underneath the waves diving. When on land, she enjoys the countryside, coastal paths and moorland walks.

Recommended routes

Work is continuing on developing recommended routes for the three Looe Valley Trails. These will be shared initially with members of the design panel for their views, before being published for the wider community to have their say.

We are currently finalising the recommended route for the multi-use trail between Looe and Cremyll. The proposed route covers a distance of around 32km between Looe and Cremyll, covering the main population centres of Downderry, Seaton, Portwrinkle, Crafthole and Freathy along the way. Once the final details have been confirmed, the route will be published to enable the local community to have their say.

As well as seeking the views of the public on the recommended route, we also want people's views on potential enhancement options to support the trail's success. These include new stopping places, parklets, additional signage and bike parking facilities. Other potential options include parallel zebra crossings which include pedestrian and cycle crossings.

Details of both the recommended route and the potential enhancements will be available on the Let's Talk site: https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/looe-valley-trails, together with other information about the project. People who are not online will be able to pick up information from Looe Town Council offices at the Millpool and from other local places along the route to Cremyll.

In the meantime we are continuing to work on the remaining two proposed routes – from Looe to Liskeard and from Looe to Bodmin. We will be sharing details on the recommendations for these routes for consultation as soon as they have been confirmed.

We are also making plans to hold a series of consultation days to enable people to ask questions and give their views on the recommended routes once all three have been finalised. Details of dates and times of these events will be confirmed as soon as possible. People can also continue to email the project team with any questions at https://link.gov.uk.







The Millpool Centre in West Looe is a popular venue for wedding receptions, with excellent facilities and stunning views.

For more details ring 01503 265947





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Tues	8.30am - 9.30am	Pilates with Kerry - 07588 220 007 first floor
	11am - 12pm	Pilates with Gocha Wellness Ground floor 07539 178 840
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	11.30 & 1pm	Hartbeeps: musical play for pre-school children contact Lisa
	4pm - 5pm	Sound therapy yoga with Maria (starts 2nd June 2021)
	6pm - 7pm	Adult contemporary dance with Gocha wellness
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LOOE VALLEY SINGERS

The Looe Valley Singers are back!

The Looe Valley Singers are planning their first concert in over a year. During the pandemic, the choir continued to practise via the Zoom platform up until the easing of lockdown rules and from May onwards they began to carefully manage weekly practises in members' gardens when the weather allowed.



Following distancing rules, getting together again meant the singers could resume live rehearsals which was not only good for the singing but also great for their social morale. The choir's valued accompanist, Christine Puckey, even brought along her portable piano to help bring everyone's voices in line again after singing for so long into laptops, iPads and telephones!

The singers have now booked to perform their first post-lockdown concert at the Rose Garden in Looe on Tuesday 17th August at 10.30am. This will be repeated on Wednesday 18th and there will be a collection at both for the RNLI.

Government guidelines permitting, other concerts are planned for Thursday September 2nd at Polperro Chapel (time to be confirmed), and at 3pm on Sunday September 12th at the RNLI station in Looe.

Social secretary, Angela Searle, also managed to pull a surprise picnic out of the bag by arranging a day out at Lethytep Conservation and Wildlife Haven, by kind permission of Gordon and Beth Roberts. The ladies enjoyed a lovely day there with some singing at the summer house before taking the opportunity to explore the beautiful grounds.



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Look after yourself and those by your side,
The fresh air's delightful, don't stay inside,
Pop out in the garden, inhale the flowers and sneeze!
You're OK, just hay-fever, don't concern yourself please.
Forget flower's aroma, take a deck chair and glass,
Fill the glass with your fancy and sit down...on your 'chair'
Remember, however long it may last,
One day you'll remember these days in your past,

Always ensure your memories draw
That clear picture you see, of that scene from before
When the World was much happier (and will be you'll see,
One day in our futures when the world's Covid-free).
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Dave Holford





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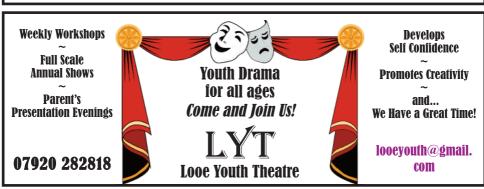
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