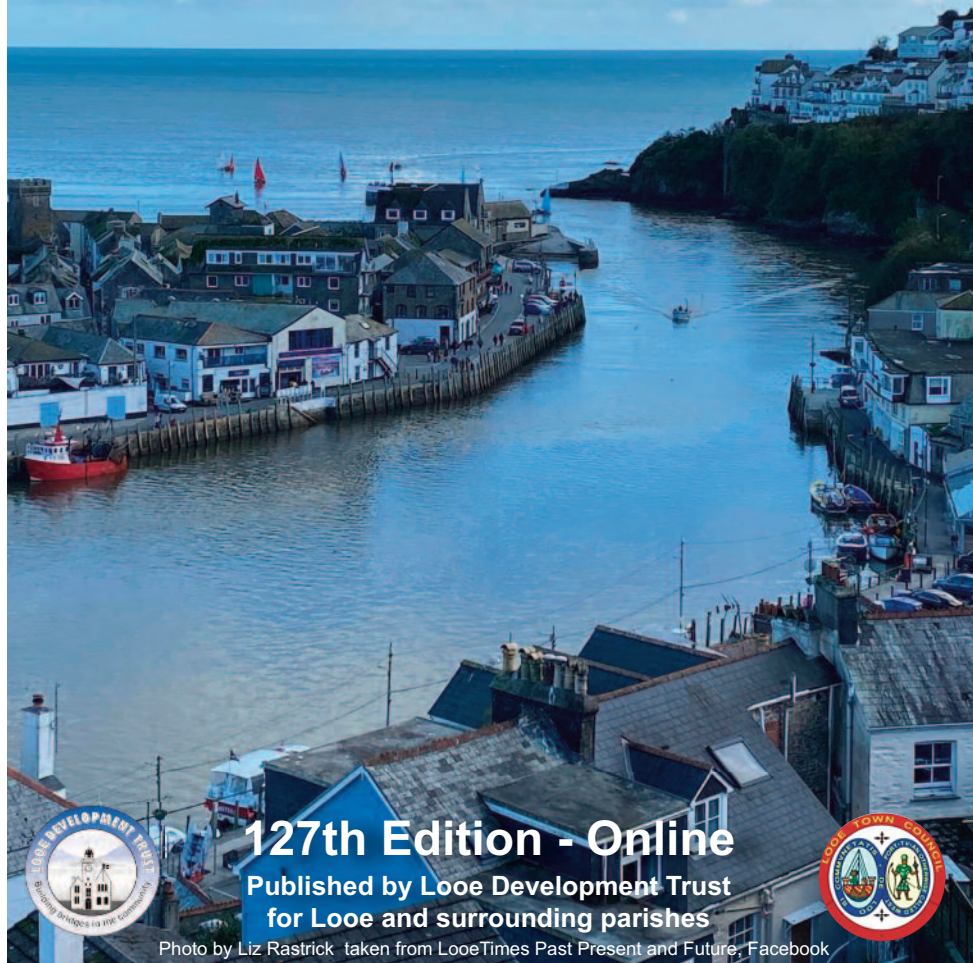


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NEWS FROM THE EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST



Bathing Water Quality

As we hit the Community News copy deadline, some excellent news has arrived for the town. The new DEFRA bathing water classifications for 2021, which are based on monitoring data collected by the Environment Agency between 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2021, have now been published on GOV.UK. The designated bathing water for Looe is East Looe Beach, and its bathing water quality is once again classified as 'Good'.

Several years ago, after the bathing water quality was classified 'Poor', the Trust helped lead a working partnership with Looe Town Council, the Environment Agency, South West Water, Looe Marine Conservation Group, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and SECTA to drive up bathing water quality through a variety of measures – from engineering improvements to educating everyone to stop putting the wrong stuff in the toilet or down the drains. It's great that nowadays most people are very aware of the crucial role we all play in protecting our bathing water quality.

Is there a music composer who can come up with a catchy jingle for “only flush pee, poo and paper”, and “only rain down the drain”?



Beach

Still on the subject of the town beach, one of the swimming season daily tasks for our maintenance team is to prevent seaweed building up, and to rake the sand with our tractor-drawn litter picker. Sand and salt create a tough environment for machinery and sometimes more than routine servicing is needed. Last week the rake was taken away for a manufacturer's rebuild, which, though expensive, we hope will extend its useful life and avoid the need for a new machine.

Clocktower

Work is progressing well on the major repair of the Guildhall Clocktower. The scaffolding will be raised again for access to the Clocktower parapet and for work on the clock-face. We have tried to minimise the work's impact on traffic and pedestrians. And, most importantly, there is still full access to the Guildhall businesses – Pier One, the Guildhall Market, Guildhall Barbers, and, of course, Quirky Boutique. Incidentally, the Rose Garden community tearoom is reopening in February. Please pop in to ask for details or phone the ELTT office on 01503 263709 and they will be happy to help.

Old Lifeboat Station and Watchtower

We are busy pulling together everything we need to make a strong bid to the Lottery Heritage Fund hoping for a grant to restore the Grade II listed Old Lifeboat Station and Watchtower. Part of the project is to create, on the ground floor of the Watchtower, an open access Crew Room where people can learn about the exploits of the brave crews who served there between 1866 and 1930. The ELTT office would move to the Watchtower, and the refurbished old boat shed will be let as a gallery and showcase for local artists.

Finally, when visiting the beach you may see, off the Banjo Pier, a small boat shooting a seine net. No, not catching sardines. It's part of a scientific environmental impact study commissioned by the Looe Storm Defence project.

On the Wooldown from February you will see new flowers coming into bloom daily from hedgerow to meadow – perhaps we will put some pics up on our Facebook page.

It's a great escape.

Brian Galipeau
Vice Chairman ELTT

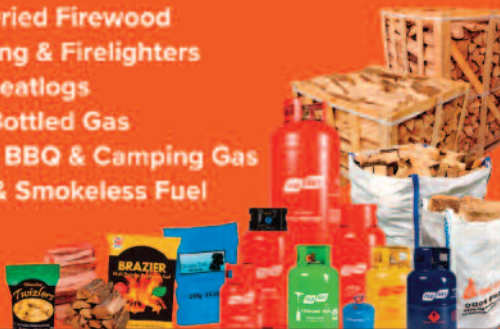


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WEST LOOE TOWN TRUST NEWS



The Charity continues to support many groups within the Looe area including more recently West Looe Playgroup, Looe Bowling Club, Looe Pioneers, St. Nicholas Church.

Our Education Grant program continues to assist school leavers going on to further education, colleges, or universities with a further £40k pledged again this year. Applications for the next year will be open very soon so please do keep an eye on our website for more details: <https://www.westlooe towntrust.co.uk>.

Parking facilities at Pound Orchard, Downs and Downs Gate in West Looe continue to be offered and we welcome new enquiries from prospective new tenants. Anyone interested please do get in touch and I will send over a new application form to you.

The Office is open Monday to Thursday from 9am to 11am or you can email me on wltt2@btconnect.com.



Sue Pengelly
Clerk to the Trustees

LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY



Our next two meetings are:

Saturday 12th February Mike Darlington on Boat Building in Looe

Saturday 12th March Mark Camp on Looe's Royal Connections

Both meetings start at 2.30pm in St Martin's Hall. All welcome.

looeoldcornwall@hotmail.co.uk

VOLUNTEER CHAIR FOR LOOE TOWN TEAM

Good communication skills?

Willingness to lead a team?

Want to contribute something to your town?

The Looe Town Team is made up of volunteer representatives from local organisations, Trusts and groups in Looe.

We need a motivated Independent Chair to join the group and chair our regular monthly meetings.

No prior experience of chairing meetings is necessary.

Please send a short CV outlining why you think a Town team is important for Looe to LooeTownTeam@protonmail.com

This is an unpaid role.

AGE CONCERN LOOE

Charity No 296879



Age Concern meet every Tuesday from 2pm until 4pm in the Bottom Bar of Mayoralty House, Looe Social Club, West Looe Quay.

Come and join us for a cup of tea, a chat and a game of bingo.

Look forward to meeting you.

Contact: Patricia McCarthy 07816063927

WEST LOOE SQUARE JUBILEE PARTY FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The West Looe May Fayre Committee have met to discuss whether to hold the May Fayre on 7th May 2022.

We don't believe Covid now poses the same barriers to holding the May Fayre event as it has for the past two years; we have been unable to hold the event since 2019. However, we are concerned about the capacity and resources required to hold the May Fayre when three weeks later there is an opportunity to hold a Party for the Queen to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee over the extended bank holiday weekend, from 2nd-5th June, as part of the town-wide celebrations.

The West Looe May Fayre Committee are therefore proposing that we collaborate with others who may want to hold a traditional street party in West Looe Square around the fire station, including a Big Lunch on Saturday 4th June and NOT hold the May Fayre on 7th May this year.

We would be pleased to help organise stalls, dancing and entertainment as usual, but would need to attract others to organise the Big Lunch street party element and help on the day. We are highlighting this now to feed into the town-wide organisation of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration so a wider organising committee can be formed to assist.

We are looking for volunteers who can help leaflet the West Looe area to attract a wider pool of volunteers to help plan this event, obtain all the necessary permissions, licenses, insurance and risk assessments, promotion, the food element and help on the day.

Please email edwinahannaford@btconnect.com if you would like to get involved in planning and delivering a West Looe Square Jubilee Party for the Queen on Saturday 4th June.

West Looe May Fayre Committee

**Edwina Hannaford
Sheila Brock
Julie Simmons**

LOOE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Looe Community Players will be holding another of their very popular Play by Play evenings on Saturday 23rd April at 7pm at the Millpool Centre, West Looe. Tickets £6, including a cheese and paté supper. Bring your own wine.



West Looe Square Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party

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Saturday 4th June 2022 West Looe Square

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Worship Schedule

February

6 th	11am	St. Martin's	Communion	Rev D Hazelwood
13 th	11am	Riverside URC		
20 th	11am	St. Nicholas	Praise & Worship	M Foulkes
27 th	11am	St. Martin's Hall	Café Church	Lay Team

March

6 th	11am	St. Nicholas	Communion	Rev D Hazelwood
13 th	11am	Riverside URC		
20 th	11am	St. Nicholas	Praise & Worship	M Foulkes
27 th	11am	St. Martin's Hall	Café Church	Lay Team

We are delighted to announce that the new priest for Looe, Morval, Duloe & Herodsfoot, Rev. Ben Morgan Lundie, will be licensed on 11th April 2022.

Events, all in St. Martin's Hall:

Saturday 19th February Welcome to all Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon.
This one is also a "BOOK GRAB" so come and see what you'd like!

Wednesday 16th March Lent Lunch (Soup, bread & cheese), 12-2pm.
Again all are welcome.

Please also remember:

Good Grief Café 1st Wednesday of each month, 3-5 p.m.
For friendship and support over a cup of tea.

Memory Café 2nd Friday of each month.
A social afternoon with afternoon tea and entertainment.

Newsletter for the Parish of Our Lady of the Angels

Church of Our Lady & St Neot, 2 West St., Liskeard, PL14 6BW

Church of Our Lady of the Angels, Saltash PL12 6HQ

Church of Our Lady of Light, Sclerder Abbey, Looe, PL13 2JD

Church of St Joan of Arc, Torpoint PL11 2LH

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Fr John Allan, 01579 349074 Deacon: Rev Peter Skoyles – Tel: 01579 362936

Parish Office: Serene Park - Tel: 01752 844455 (Tues & Fri 0930-1330)

Web site: www.liskeardcatholicchurch.org

E-mail: saltash@prcdtr.org.uk

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/parishladyoftheangels

Mass times at Sclerder Abbey

SUNDAY: Parish Mass 9am and 11am (temporary during pandemic)

WEEKDAY: Wednesdays 10am Mass

For further Information see Parish Newsletter www.liskeardcatholicchurch.org and Facebook page.

Easter Mass times

Palm Sunday 17th April 9am Mass

Good Friday 22nd April 3pm The Passion

Easter Vigil Mass 23rd April 8pm

Easter Sunday 24th April 9am



Chemin Neuf Community at Sclerder Abbey

The Chemin Neuf community takes its name from the first meeting place in 1973, based in Lyon, 49 Montée du Chemin-Neuf [fr]. A product of the Charismatic Renewal, the community claims to adhere to an Ignatian spirituality. It brings together priests, lay celibates (men and women) as well as non-celibates and couples with or without children. The community directs its actions around the principle of unity: unity of Christians (ecumenism), unity of men (notably between different cultures and nations), unity of couples and of families.

Chemin Neuf Community: Diary of Events

27th February to 5th March: Online Lent Course

6th to 13th March: Spiritual Exercises according to St Ignatius of Loyola

30th April to 5th May: 'Life in the Abbey Week'. An opportunity to share in the everyday life of work, prayer, and fun of the Abbey.

For further information see <https://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/event/> and to book email sclerder@gmail.com or phone 01503 272 238.

LOOE COMMUNITY MEALS: VOLUNTEER DRIVERS THANK YOU

The Looe Community Meals group recently held a cream tea at the Portbyhan Hotel to thank the volunteer drivers/deliverers.

The Looe Community Meals project was launched over a year ago in collaboration with Looe Development Trust and provides over 35 families in the Looe and Polperro area with two hot nutritious meals per week. Volunteers deliver the food which has been freshly prepared by local restaurants and hotels on Wednesdays and Sundays.

We are so grateful to all the volunteers, we just could not undertake the project without their commitment and generosity of their time.

In 2022 the project steering group plans to expand the service to reach more people in need and develop more social settings for people to meet over a meal. We are currently gathering feedback with a telephone survey to help improve the service. The group has also been fundraising through the Spirit of Christmas initiative and have received contributions from West Looe Town Trust and other grants.

Project coordinator Sara Barron said, "People using the service are often lonely and don't see anyone from week to week, so they welcome having a chat with our volunteers."

All volunteers are DBS checked and can signpost users to where they can get further help and occasionally report to safeguarding. Service users are sometimes elderly and infirm, may have just come out of hospital, are families finding it hard to cope, or are living in poverty.

If you would like to volunteer, make a referral for the service or wish to make a donation please contact Sara Barron: looecommunitymeals@gmail.com or 07766020524.

Councillor Edwina Hannaford



LOOE SAILING CLUB

In mid-November, Club members were able to gather at the Hannafore Point Hotel for the first dinner and dance for two years, although with lower numbers than usual. After the meal, the Commodore, Enys Dan, gave an enlightening speech covering the year's activities, followed by his wife, Janet Dan, presenting the trophies. She concluded by making a small presentation to all the ladies who had sailed during the year. Many thanks go to the staff of the Hannafore Point for their excellent service during the evening.

Photo by Neil Richardson



Janet Dan (second from the right, back row), presented the lady sailors of the Club with a gift as a thank you for all their efforts during the season.

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve were enjoyed by members in the Club house, also with fewer numbers than usual attending.

Plans are now proceeding for the new sailing season that hopefully will get underway towards the end of March. A sailing members' meeting will have taken place before this edition is issued.

The Scorpion fleet are due to visit Looe for their National Championships in late July. Towards the end of August both the Enterprise and Redwing fleets are due to decamp to Tenby in West Wales to take part in their National Championships courtesy of Tenby Sailing Club.



2022 Looe Marine Conservation Group Events List

Date	Title	When & Where
18 th Jan	Talk & Meeting: British Divers Marine Life Rescue: Activity in South East Cornwall	18:00, Zoom
12 th Feb	Love Your Beach Day: Beach Clean at Seaton	15:30-17:00, Seaton
15 th Feb	Talk & Meeting: Happy Valentine's Day to Ocean Wildlife: A Fishy Love Story of Courtship Behaviours, Habitats & Life Cycles	18:00, Zoom
20 th Feb	Feb Half Term Rockpool Ramble	13:30-15:00, Hannafore
15 th Mar	AGM & Talk: Plastics, Turtles & Sharks with Professor Brendan Godley	18:00, Hannafore Point Hotel
16 th Apr	Seaton Beach Clean	12:00-14:00, Seaton
17 th Apr	Easter Rockpool Ramble	12:30-14:00, Hannafore
19 th Apr	Talk & Meeting: Seagrass: A Secret Superhero of the Ocean!	18:00, Millpool Centre
17 th May	Talk & Meeting: Our Iconic Seals	18:00, Zoom
29 th May	May Rockpool Ramble	11:30-13:00, Hannafore
21 st Jun	June Meeting	19:00, Zoom
19 th Jul	July Meeting	19:00, Zoom
1 st Aug	Snorkel Safari (Booking Essential) & Rockpool Ramble	08:00, Hannafore
14 th Aug	Summer Rockpool Ramble	13:30-15:00, Hannafore
16 th Aug	August Meeting	19:00, Zoom
10 th Sept	Port Nadler Beach Clean & Picnic	11:00-14:30, Hannafore Fields
20 th Sept	2023 Events Planning Meeting	18:00, Zoom
18 th Oct	Talk & Meeting: Floating Offshore Wind in the Celtic Sea: Progress, Challenges & Solutions	18:00, Millpool Centre
29 th Oct	Autumn Rockpool Ramble	14:30-16:00, Hannafore
15 th Nov	Talk & Meeting: 'All at Sea...Watching Wildlife from a Kayak' with Rupert Kirkwood	18:00, Millpool Centre

Additional pop-up events will be advertised on our Facebook Page throughout the year. Please check www.facebook.com/LooeMCG for more information.

For our online talks, BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL via our Eventbrite profile that can be accessed here: www.looemarineconservation.eventbrite.com .

If events are cancelled, we will announce it on our website (www.looemarineconservation.org.uk) and Facebook page. For more information please contact looemcg.events@gmail.com

ROCKPOOL RAMBLES



Sun 20th Feb, 13:30-15:00

Sun 17th Apr, 12:30-14:00

Sun 29th May, 11:30-13:00

Mon 1st Aug, 08:00-09:30

Sun 14th Aug, 13:30-15:00

Sat 29th Oct, 14:30-16:00

Meet below the coastguard station at Hannafore



BEACH CLEANS



Sat 12th Feb, 15:30, Seaton

Sat 16th April, 12:00, Seaton

Sat 10th Sept, 11:00, Port Nadler

Beach Clean & Picnic*

*meet at the gates to Hannafore fields

SNORKEL SAFARI

BOOKING ESSENTIAL, Mon 1st Aug

2022 EVENTS



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TALKS SERIES @ 18:00

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For event information please contact looeemcg.events@gmail.com , for volunteering contact looeemcg@gmail.com .



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LOOE ISLAND MARINE NATURE RESERVE UPDATE

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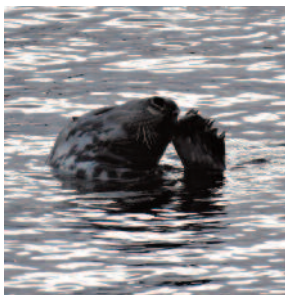
It might be cold and wintry outside, but signs of Spring are here on Looe Island Nature Reserve!

Back in mid-December we noticed Shags building nests on the southern cliffs, "What, signs of sea birds breeding in winter?" I hear you say. Yes, it is very early for these sleek black long-necked birds but given the right conditions it shows how our wildlife needs to press on with producing the next generation.

Of the seabirds, it's usually Cormorants (also black birds with long necks) who win the Island race to be first to build nests. Each year they normally start nest-building in mid-January and 2022 has been no exception, with around 10 nests already built. As the year progresses this number will increase, making the Island an important breeding site for these reptilian-like birds.

Other early wildlife sightings include the unmistakable flutterings of the Red Admiral butterfly. With its black velvety wings and red stripes, it is also the last butterfly that we usually see each year. I guess this makes such a delicate insect a surprising hardy wintertime creature! Most species of butterflies spend the winter as caterpillars. But, the Red Admiral, along with four other species (the Brimstone, Comma, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell) over-winter in their adult form. Perhaps you've seen them in sheltered spots on sunny winter days or hibernating inside your home? If so, why not share your sightings with the Environmental Records Centre for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (ERCCIS). Just go to the Cornwall Wildlife Trust's website and follow the links to wildlife recording: <https://www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife/wildlife-recording>. All records help improve understanding of our local natural history as well as being of use in decision-making, education, research, and other public benefit purposes.

At the start of each year, I look forward to the first sighting of my favourite seal – an adult female called Duchess. Like many other wildlife lovers, I just want to know that she has survived another winter and has chosen to spend time around the



A grey seal called Flowstones
having a scratch
Photo by Claire Lewis

Island. This year we didn't have to wait long – using the unique patterns in her fur, we identified Duchess resting in the Island's waters on 4th January 2022 – yippee! Then on 20th January more records of seals were collected by a dedicated group of volunteers linked to Looe Marine Conservation Group and Cornwall Seal Group. The volunteers have been monitoring the Island's seals for over a decade. When conditions allow, they are ferried over to the Island for monthly surveys where they also monitor the Island's birds and butterflies. January's highlight was observing Flowstones (a beautifully marked female seal) having what looked like a particularly satisfying scratch!



January's seal survey, arrival on Moonraker.
Photo by Claire Lewis



January's seal surveyors depart on Moonraker.
Photo by Claire Lewis

Remember if you wish to find out more about Looe Island Nature Reserve, please see the Cornwall Wildlife Trust website. Soon the details for when we will open to the public (including when the boat can bring visitors) will be available here:
<https://www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/explore/visit-looe-island>.

Claire Lewis
Warden's Assistant, Looe Island



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VACANCIES



Do you want to put something back into your community?
Are you keen to get involved but don't know how?

Looe Development Trust has vacancies for a Trustee and a Treasurer.

Our new Trustee will have the opportunity to become involved with the Trust's on-going and emerging projects.

For the Treasurer role, expertise in and/or knowledge of accounting systems/practices would be helpful, as part of the remit is to work with our accountant to complete the required annual returns to Companies House and the Charity Commission.

The roles could be combined or separate. Each role is voluntary and does not receive a salary.

If you are interested and would like to know more, please email malcolm.garrington@btinternet.com with your contact details and he will give you a call.



LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



New Year: A belated 'Happy New Year' to all our members and friends. A special thank you to all of those who managed to attend our first meeting of the year on Monday 3rd January even though it was officially New Year's Day Bank Holiday.

Branch Meetings: We always hold our meetings on the first Monday of the month, come rain, shine or even New Year's Day, with the only restraint being any Covid-19 restrictions. Everyone is welcome to attend our friendly and informal meetings. If you are thinking of joining the 'Legion', or just want to know what we do, then please come along to one of our meetings with no obligation to become a member. Meetings start at 7.30pm sharp in the ground floor bar of the Looe Social Club, West Looe Quay. They don't last more than an hour and then become a social evening. You don't need to be a member of Looe Social Club to attend our meetings.

Looe RBL Annual Dinner: We are glad to announce that our annual dinner will be held at the Rivercroft Hotel, Station Road, East Looe, on Friday 18th February. Meeting at 6.30pm for a 7pm meal. Menu details and tickets can be obtained from Louis Portman on 01503 598432 or David Bryan 01503 264130, or see the Looe Royal British Legion Facebook page.

Looe War Memorial Railings: We thank the Looe Harbour Commission for taking the initiative and looking into the refurbishment of the Looe War Memorial railings. The actual granite memorial is a grade 2 listed monument. The railings are over a hundred years old and have become badly corroded in some areas and could become dangerous due to sharp edges.

British Nuclear Test Veterans' Association (BNTVA): The BNTVA is a registered charity set up with the aim of providing welfare for British nuclear test veterans, their families and descendants. The association promotes research into the effects of nuclear radiation and also wants to gain recognition for the British Nuclear Test veterans. The veterans were part of the British and American nuclear tests in Australia and the central Pacific Ocean. Many of them were on their National Service, few volunteering for the tests, and most in their early twenties. They performed a wide range of duties, from highly technical preparations for the detonations to catering and clerical jobs. But whatever their role, they were all required to witness the detonations as part of their 'indoctrination' for the possibility of nuclear war. Most of them were required to line up on the beach, with their backs to the detonations and their hands over their eyes for the first minute or so. They were then allowed to turn around and look at the awesome sight as the mushroom cloud plumed thousands of feet into the air. Very few wore more than shorts and sandals during their time at the tests; only those who were thought to be at risk from radiation injury were issued with protective clothing and radiation dose badges.

It is believed that over 22,000 British servicemen participated in the tests and clean-ups between 1952-1965. Due to the passage of time and illness most of them have now passed away, but it is estimated that ten percent are still with us. In the Looe branch of the RBL, we have at least one nuclear veteran and just a few years ago we lost another nuclear veteran, due to cancer. If you want to know more about the BNTVA, you can visit their website at www.bntva.com or, contact them by email: info@bntva.com or telephone 0208 144 3080.

We Will Remember them: We are always interested to hear of stories or anecdotes referring to Looe's wartime history or the military service of the people of Looe. We are also pleased to receive additional information or corrections on the information of our fallen that is displayed at the war memorial. Once such case was that of Thomas Peake Martin who was killed when the destroyer he was on, H.M.S. Jaguar, was torpedoed and sank in the Mediterranean in March 1942. His daughter has contacted us and pointed out that that, unknown to us, Thomas had been widowed and had remarried in 1939. She, the daughter, was born in 1941 and, although Thomas knew of her, he never managed to set eyes on his daughter. We've apologised for our error and are in the process of updating the information about Thomas displayed at the war memorial.

The 1932 Absent Voters Roll: During the reassessing of our information on Thomas Peake Martin we came across his name in the 1932 Absent Voters Roll for the Parishes of East and West Looe. Absent voters are away from their home but can still vote by post or proxy. There are 52 men, including Thomas, on the 1932 roll for Looe and it makes interesting reading. The largest group, not unsurprisingly, are at sea in a civilian capacity, five are in the Merchant Navy but another 18 are listed as 'yachtsmen' and another one is given as a 'sailor' on the yacht "Tamises". Then we have 21 men in the Royal Navy, with trades such stoker, cook, plumber and a number of Petty Officers. There are three men listed as serving in the Army, another three in the R.A.F. and one in the Royal Marines. It seems a lot of men to be away from home in peace-time but it must be remembered that in 1932 the country was in the grips of the 'Great Depression', so perhaps they had no other alternative than to find employment away from home. The actual 1932 Absent Voters Roll for Looe can be viewed on the 'News and Events' page of our website www.rbllooe.com.

RBL National 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.

David Welch – Looe RBL Membership Secretary
email: looe.rbl@rbllooe.com

KELTIQUE NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Our December concerts:

We had been invited to take part in the following four concerts:

Friday 10th at 7pm

Liskeard Methodist Church: Liskeard Rotary Club Christmas Concert.

Friday 17th 7pm

Quayside Centre, West Looe: free "Sing Along Christmas Carols" with Keltique

Monday 20th 7.30pm

Riverside Church: Christmas Concert

Wednesday 22nd 7pm:

Scholars Restaurant & Wine Bar,

Saint Germans: Christmas concert

The concert at the Riverside Church was cancelled due to the concerns about the rise in COVID-19 infection rates. However, the remaining three events went ahead, proved successful and we understand that there are already plans to invite us again at the end of this year. We are looking forward to that.

Practices

Our practices resumed in a Covid-19 safe way on Monday 17th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Riverside Church, West Looe.

If your New Year resolutions include joining a choir, why don't you come along and give us a try? We will make you feel very welcome!

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.



STERTS THEATRE

Cornwall's only outdoor undercover theatre

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Facebook & Instagram:
@StertsArtsCentre

Website: www.sterts.co.uk



JOHN CHARNOCK RIP



Sadly, John passed away in early December leaving a wife Sue and two children.

Originally from Harrogate in Yorkshire, John moved to Altea La Vieja, Valenciana, Spain to retire in 2019, via Dartmouth. John lived in Looe for many years from the early 1990s, running the Killarney guest house in Shutta Road and working on promoting tourism in South East Cornwall.

On selling the guest house, he moved to Barbican Hill in East Looe and further threw himself into local politics and community life, serving as a Looe Town Councillor, including as Chair of the Environment Committee, Chair of Looe Town Forum, Chair of the Looe MCTI and a Trustee of Looe Development Trust. As a Looe Development Trust Trustee he championed their work in the Enterprise Centre helping people into learning and work and attaining computer skills, the West Looe play park and the Millpool Centre.

He was Vice Chair of Looe and Polperro Chamber of Trade and Commerce, supporting me as Chair, from 1997-2003 working on various business/tourism initiatives.

He loved classic boat sailing and adored the Looe Lugger Regatta.

He suffered with back pain for many years, always with fortitude.

Sue, his wife, said Looe was where his heart was and he certainly put this passion for the town, and his business acumen, to very good use supporting the town he loved.

Our condolences to Sue and the family. Thank you, John, for all you did for Looe and for being a good friend to many.

Edwina Hannaford



LOOE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

JOHN CHARNOCK



John Charnock was a stalwart of Looe, working tirelessly to achieve results by bringing people together, often with disparate views. With his direct Yorkshire manner, disappointments and objections were like water off a duck's back and did not deter him from his goals of bettering Looe. As an early Trustee of the Looe Development Trust his business experience and contacts were invaluable. There is a lasting legacy in the Millpool Centre, a community centre building, to John's powers of persuasion and negotiation.

The Trust wishes his wife, Sue, and family every condolence. Farewell, John, you are sadly missed.

Justin Spreckley
Chair
Looe Development Trust



Looe Shedders are Seeking Permanent Premises



Please support our application

Looe Shedders intend to provide a permanent community workspace, like a typical hobbyist's shed in the garden but bigger, better equipped and for many more people of any sex, age or ability.

There, we will help our members to:

- Meet like-minded people
- Find new friends to fill their lives
- Share their practical skills
- Learn new skills from others
- Tackle individual and community projects.
- And above all, reduce isolation and feelings of solitude.

***You can support us by visiting www.looeshedders.co.uk/survey
and just ticking some boxes.***

We are requesting some unused land be allocated for a new community workspace open to all wanting to join.

The Shed concept has proven its worth worldwide and the idea of a communal shed in Looe is already being supported by a number of local people and organisations.

Attempts have been made to use existing local facilities where possible, but the lack of a permanent facility has hampered efforts. With established premises we can install the necessary tools and equipment to get us properly up and running.

We have identified a plot of land that could provide the necessary space to meet our needs, but to keep the costs of membership to a minimum we are requesting it is leased to us for peppercorn rent in return for our undertaking to maintain the plot to an agreed standard. This would allow Looe Shedders to only charge a maintenance fee of potentially £2 or less per person per event and ensure that all who would benefit from membership can afford to join.

You can help by giving us your support at

www.looeshedders.co.uk/survey

Note: we are now registering as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



May I wish everyone in Looe a Happy New Year.

I can't believe it's 2022. As always, the New Year arrived quicker than ever, although a little more quietly than usual. I hope the festive season brought you back together with family, friends and loved ones. The restrictions on the country thankfully allowed us to see many of the people we care about, a much-needed blessing after the past 12 months.

2022 is going to be a big year. Looe, and the Town Council, have many exciting things to look forward to, including the Queen's Jubilee, referendum on the Neighbourhood Development Plan, and return to our usual amazing events and community activities throughout the year. Please keep an eye on the website and our Facebook page to see what will be happening.

I must mention COVID. It's here for the long-term and we must learn to live with it as part of our 'new normal'. However, some good news: there will be some changes following the Government's announcement on Thursday 19th January. The 'Plan B' restrictions that were introduced England to combat Omicron have come to an end. This means that from 27th January masks will no longer be a legal requirement. I must, however, still advise all residents to please continue wearing masks where possible and to continue to be cautious. The pandemic is far from over and we must continue to protect ourselves and the community around us.

Very soon, our library will be re-opening to the public! We'll soon be able to host our avid readers and club-goers. Currently we have Knit & Natter and Storytime for pre-school children. If you'd like to get involved, have a look at the website or you can even volunteer. If you've got any ideas for groups or activities you would like to see at the Community Hub please let them know.

Finally, I would like to offer a warm welcome to Council's newest officer, Lucy George-Foster. Lucy is our new Business Development Manager and will join the team in making a Looe a great place to visit and an even better place to live! Congratulations Lucy and I look forward to seeing what you bring to Looe Town Council.

On that note, I would like to thank the amazing staff and Councillors at Looe Town Council for their continued hard work and wish you all an incredible start to 2022. As always, don't be a stranger and I look forward to seeing you all around the town during what is sure to be a fantastic year.

Cllr Martin Gregory
Mayor of Looe



MEET BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER LUCY GEORGE-FOSTER



Lucy George-Foster is extremely excited to join the dynamic team at Looe Town Council. Her varied career has seen her working as one of the first women in the South West motor trade, to selling Gul Wetsuits and managing accounts such as Harrods, John Lewis and Selfridges, before returning as a mature student to study fashion design and business studies at Plymouth College of Art & Design. Following this she began working in the newspaper industry and then setup her own Marketing & PR company.



Over the years Lucy has enjoyed creating strong ties and connections throughout Cornwall and Devon, working with business clients to develop and manage bespoke Marketing Development Campaigns, PR, Media Advertising, Sponsorship and Event Management.

Lucy said: "It is fabulous to be part of such an amazing and extremely professional team, and I am extremely excited to be developing, amongst other things, the Visit Looe offer to businesses and Tourism in South-East Cornwall. The newly created Visit Looe site offers affordable and cost-effective marketing to communicate businesses' vision to a regional and national target market. I have already been inundated with businesses wishing to come on board.'

Lucy and the team have been busy visiting businesses and presenting the benefits of advertising or taking up the exclusive opportunity to become a partner on the Visit Looe website: www.visitlooe.co.uk.

For further information please contact Lucy: lucy@looetowncouncil.gov.uk.



THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE LET'S CELEBRATE



Queen Elizabeth II will be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee in June. There will be an extended bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June and we want to celebrate. We'd love to see Street Parties across the weekend, gardens decorated, red, white and blue flowers: everyone in the community working and celebrating together. Think tea party, scones and bunting. We'll even show you how to request a road closure.

Of course, COVID may still be around, but we'll hopefully be in a much better position to bring our community together and celebrate a milestone. Behind the scenes we're starting work on a weekend to remember. 2022 is looking like a good year.

What would you like to see?

Let us know: enquiries@looe town council.gov.uk

For updates: <https://www.looe town council.gov.uk/the-community/jubilee>



THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN



The Neighbourhood Development Plan or 'NDP' is the most powerful tool we have to help shape our town. It gives direct power to influence the development and growth of Looe. We've been working with the community on ours for over three years.

Soon we'll have a referendum to vote on it, keep an eye out for that important vote. We're just waiting for the green light from Cornwall Council. An external examiner's report will be available on website shortly.

You can find out more on the website: www.futurelooe.town.

Library Opening Hours

Monday 9:30am - 1pm

Tuesday 9:30am - 5pm

Wednesday - closed

Thursday 9:30am - 5pm

Friday 9:30am - 1pm

Saturday 9:30am - 2:30pm



Find us at the Millpool



Looe Library and Community Hub

Our Facilities

- Free parking opposite the library
- Disabled access & toilet
- Public Computers & printing
- Housebound library service
- Homework space and free printing
- Visitor information

Join the library

- All we need is your name, address and DOB
- No ID or proof of address required
- Borrow up to 12 items for 3 weeks
- We are pleased to say that we no longer fine for overdue books

Clubs & Groups

We are currently running **Knit & Natter & Storytime** for pre-school children. Please contact us to book a place. Soon, we are planning to introduce a new group **Beverages & Books**. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for news of forthcoming Saturday workshops. We welcome your ideas for new community groups.

Volunteers

Got a few hours to spare? Come and volunteer down at the library and Community Hub. Get in touch with us if you would like to know more about this exciting opportunity.

Telephone: 01503 262255 Email: looe.library@liscornwall.org.uk

Follow our Library & Community Hub Facebook Page for regular updates



LOOE “GIVE AND GET GAMING” COMMUNITY CUPBOARD



The February theme for Looe Town Council's Community Cupboard Calendar is “Give and Get Gaming”.

The Council are asking for donations of computer and console games to be left in the Community Cupboard next to the Library on the Millpool. People may have unwanted or duplicate gifts of games and console games that others could make good use of.

We launched the cupboard back in lockdown 2020 to provide essentials for living like nappies, wipes and feminine hygiene items, on a give and take basis. Residents kindly donated items and Looe Town Council kept it topped it up.

Other ideas in the Community Cupboard Calendar include:

January	Hungry Hamper	Packets and tins for the Foodbank
February	Give & Get Gaming	Console games, DVDs, CDs...
March	Creative Crafts	Wool, yarn, felt, sewing patterns, beads, paints, felt tips, colouring pencil packs...
April	Baby Boom	0-12m clothes, toys, feeding equipment...
May	Glad Rags & Handbags	Going 'out, out' posh frocks, tops and handbags
June	Beach Ready	Beach toys, attire, mats, wetsuits, towels...
July	Book Bounty	Nearly new books
August	School Smart	School uniform
September	Harvest Festival	Produce from local gardens and local allotments
October	Pets Pantry	Dry pet food, toys, feeding bowls
November	Winter Warmers	Coats, hats, scarves, gloves
December	Secret Santa 'Spirit of Christmas'	Toys, treats, toiletries

We have such a wonderful community who are so generous in wanting to help others less fortunate.

Looe Town Council also initiated the Looe Hardship Fund, joining forces with the Cornwall Councillors for East and West Looe, Cllr Armand Toms and Cllr Edwina Hannaford, The Rusty Bucket, Looe Valley Rotary Club, Looe Development Trust

and the Cornwall Community Foundation to pool resources to provide a Community Hardship Fund for Looe.

If you need to talk through your needs, you can call The Rusty Bucket on 07896515334. Alternatively, you can also text the same number and someone will call you back within 24 hours.

The information is believed to be correct at the time of writing. To advise of changes or additions, please email: support@looetowncouncil.gov.uk.

<https://www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk/covid-19>

Councillor Edwina Hannaford



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Refuse and Recycling	0300 1234 141
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.

FEBRUARY GIVE & GET GAMING



PLEASE DONATE CONSOLE GAMES,
DVDs & CDs. #LOOEGIVEANDTAKE





CORNWALL TOURISM AWARDS



Massive congratulations to some of our local businesses on being finalists in the Cornwall Tourism Awards! Looe's made quite the splash with nominations in three categories. A huge well done to Kilminorth Cottages and Trelawne Manor Holiday Park with a nomination each, and to Tregoad Holiday park with a nomination in two categories! Good luck everyone...

DOG FRIENDLY BUSINESS OF THE YEAR:

An Bowji, Newquay
Gwelmor, Bude, @gwelmor
Kilminorth Cottages, Looe, @kilminorth

HOLIDAY PARK OF THE YEAR:

Tregoad Holiday Park, Looe, @tregoadpark
Trelawne Manor Holiday Park, Looe, @JohnFowlerHols

ETHICAL, RESPONSIBLE & SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AWARD:

Little Gwendreath Holiday Cottages, The Lizard
Tregoad Holiday Park, Looe, @tregoadpark
Treloy Touring Park, Newquay, @treloytouring

Keep an eye out for the winners here:

<https://www.cornwalltourismawards.org.uk/winners>



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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 continues to receive generous donations and our supporters continue 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 JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/looe-lifeboat-appeal> or visit our donate page <http://www.looelifeboats.co.uk/donate.html>

If you want to hold a fundraising event or activity you can setup your own JustGiving page by visiting <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Looe-Lifeboat-Appeal> and clicking on the “Start Fundraising” button.

Can you volunteer as a boathouse guide?

Can you spare 2½ hours or more a week? We are planning to reopen the boathouse to the public from Easter 2022 and are looking for volunteer boathouse guides to join our visits team. Initially, this may be with the boathouse doors open allowing the public to see the lifeboats from the slipway until we are able to allow public back inside the boathouse. The boathouse is open seven days a week from Easter to the end of October. Shifts are 11am to 1.30pm and 1.30pm to 4pm. The role of our boathouse guides is to welcome visitors to the station; promoting the work of the RNLI and our volunteer crews by providing information about the charity's lifeboats, launch vehicles and lifeguards. To apply or discuss this role further please email our Lifeboat visits officer, Carol Foster, at lifeboatvisits@looelifeboats.co.uk.

Shouts

Throughout the pandemic, our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Between 9th November 2021 and 17th January 2022 our volunteer crews responding to three shouts. More information on these shouts can be found at www.looelifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts

Souvenir Shop

Our souvenir shop beside the boathouse is open daily between 11am and 4pm, subject to volunteer availability, and the weather. Our shop has a wide range of sale products, including Christmas cards, gifts and 2022 calendars.

Keeping safe on the coast

Over the winter months there is no RNLI lifeguard cover on any beaches. Please take extra care, remember to Respect the Water, check the tide times, wear appropriate buoyancy aids and take a method of calling for help. If you need help or see someone in difficulties call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Remember to 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.

Open water / cold water swimming

Open Water Swimming is becoming more popular around our coasts – whether you're swapping the swimming pool for open water or just enjoying a quick dip, please take care. Safety information can be found on the RNLI website <https://rnli.org/safety/choose-your-activity/open-water-swimming>.



LOOE SOCIAL CLUB

Looe Social club is pleased to announce that we have survived Covid and are welcoming both old and new members.

We are at the heart of the community providing social and recreation for seven days a week. Not only do we provide alcohol, with beer from £3.50 per pint, but we have two full sized snooker tables, two pool tables, a quiz every Thursday, and entertainment ever Saturday night as well as one-off events.

We are also the home of Looe's branch of the Royal British Legion, Looe Age Concern, Looe Darby and Joan and The Shark Angling Club of Great Britain.

**Looe Social Club, The Quay, West Looe, PL13 2BU.
01503 262333**

looesocialclub@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/looesocialclubofficial/>

DEFIBRILLATOR APPEAL

Chain of survival



- Each year, there are over 30,000 cardiac arrests where emergency services attempt resuscitation outside of hospital, in the UK.
- Cardiac arrests can affect people of any age and fitness.
- Only around 1 in 10 people survive a sudden cardiac arrest in the UK, and a person's chance of survival decreases by up to 10% every minute without CPR and defibrillation.
- Bystanders can make a big difference if they take the right action fast.

Currently public access defibrillators are used in fewer than 1 in 10 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, according to RCUK, even though there is an initially shockable rhythm in approximately 1 in 4 patients. When it comes to cardiac arrest, members of our community are the most important links in the Chain of Survival.

The first three steps: early recognition and call for help, early CPR and early defibrillation – all depend on a speedy response by members of the public. However, early defibrillation is dependent on a public access defibrillator being nearby. When 999 is called for a patient who is unconscious and not breathing, normally the caller will be told how to provide CPR. If there is someone else available, they will be sent to get the nearest defibrillator. In order to be most effective, it is suggested that there should be a defibrillator available every 200m in highly populated areas. Unfortunately, communities do not have the resources available to achieve this.

During 2018, the Looe community, supported by South Western Ambulance Service Foundation Trust (SWAST), raised funds to place 14 public access defibrillators around the town (making 17 in total). In addition, a number of Basic Life Support and Defibrillator training sessions have been provided to members of the public, clubs and local schools, by SWAST during the past four years. Since the project was established, the units have been deployed to many incidents and the training provided has been used to help family members, friends and complete strangers.

We now need to raise £16,000 by May 2022 to enable us to continue providing lifesaving training and to extend our defibrillator contract for a further four years. This equipment and training really can be the difference between 'life and death'. We are therefore once again asking for people to support this very worthwhile cause. If you feel able to help with a donation towards the cost of a unit, you can do so as follows:

- (i) Cash donations may be deposited at Looe Harbour Office.
- (ii) Please send a cheque payable to: Looe Development Trust (Defibrillator Appeal) to: Looe Defibrillator Appeal, c/o Tina Hicks, The Harbour Office, The Quay, East Looe, Cornwall, PL13 1DX.
- (iii) Direct Payment into Bank: Ref: Defib Appeal
Account Name: LDT, Sort Code: 30-67-79, Account Number: 27160068
- (iv) Co-op Community Fund: Co-op members can support our cause by nominating 'Looe Defibrillator Appeal' on the Co-op website.
- (v) Go Fund Me: Gofundme: <https://gofund.me/67d43959>



If you can 'Gift Aid' your donation, please let us know and we will forward the associated paperwork for completion.
Thank you.

In the meantime, if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Tina Hicks by email: loodefibrillatorappeal@gmail.com.

We all hope that a cardiac incident will never happen to us, our family members or our friends. But in reality, cardiac arrests can affect any one of us, as was proven by the incident with the professional footballer Christian Eriksen, back in June. Last summer, I lost a very dear friend due to a cardiac incident. Within two minutes of the 999 call being made, CPR was being given to my friend by members of our community and one of the town's defibrillators had been retrieved and was in use. On this occasion, it was not possible to save a life. However, thanks to the knowledge of members of our community and the availability of a defibrillator, my friend was given the best possible chance of survival, and I am comforted by that.

Two days previously, a different community defibrillator was taken to assist a visitor in the town who was taken ill in one of the restaurants. This person was not known to our local community and yet they were afforded the same care and availability of equipment as 'one of our own'. Having worked closely with SWAST since the Looe Defibrillator Project was established four years ago, I am able to advise that these are just two of a number of incidents that have occurred in the town since the project was established. I would like to say a personal huge 'Thank You' to all the organisations and individuals who, by for raising funds for the original Looe Defibrillator scheme, gave my dear friend a chance of life. I would also like to say 'Thank You' on behalf of all the other people, where Looe's defibrillators have been taken, either as a precaution or used for their intended purpose, on friends, family members or loved ones. I am sure that they are just as grateful to you all, as I am.

Everyone is aware that the Ambulance service is currently stretched beyond its means. It is therefore, more important than ever before, that all small towns and villages in Cornwall, do their best to educate as many people as possible (regardless of age) in basic life support and defibrillation, in addition to providing the equipment that could help to save a life.

Tina Hicks – Looe Defibrillator Appeal

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OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM AND GAOL

Why We All Love Old Photographs

First of all, on behalf of the Museum team, I would like to thank everybody who visited us for the "Raddy Collection Exhibition". I know that for many people it was their first visit to our wonderful little museum (that's not me being big-headed, check our Tripadvisor comments out). I hope that everyone will come and visit us again when we re-open just before Easter.

The Museum always closes for winter so that ELTT can carry out any maintenance work and we can re-organise displays and try to catch up on paperwork and back-logs!

One of my favourite responsibilities as curator is labelling and placing our collection of old photographs into the East & West Looe folders for ease of reference. If, for instance, you are looking for an old image of the original Millpool buildings then we can go straight to the relevant section in the West Looe folders.

Sadly, we don't have an image of every older property or building in Looe, but we are regularly acquiring new (to us) old photos which provide us with a wealth of information. I think this is why we all love old photos; it is like having a time-machine and stepping back in history.

The Museum also has a selection of vintage postcards which depict some wonderful holiday views. We also have our own Museum postcards printed with a few of our favourite old pictures for purchase. In addition to the physical paper copies, there are many images on the computer, so if you are involved in any local research we may be able to help. You can email your area of interest prior to coming or just pop in and ask one of the volunteers for their assistance.

On the computer, we also have photos from 2020 and 2021 of all the 110 listed buildings in Looe and the immediate surrounding area, along with the local churches. One day these will be old photos, that time-machine never stands still!

Our motto is, "Step through the door, step back in time" which describes the amazing building, the informative local history displays and exhibits, and our brilliant time-travelling photo collection...

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LOOE HARBOUR COMMISSION



Looe Harbour Commissioners are pleased to welcome three new members of staff to their team: Annette Keen (Office), Mark (Paddy) Southern (Maintenance) and David Jackman (Assistant Harbour Master).

Annette Keen: has lived in Looe and has been married to a local fisherman for almost 34 years. Having worked for Land Registry, Plymouth for 25 years and Looe Town Council in a variety of roles for 12 years, Annette brings extensive local knowledge and experience to the team. Annette is pleased to be working in our community for Looe Harbour Commissioners.

Mark Southern (Paddy): is a skilled tradesman who has lived in Looe all of his life and has spent most of his adult life working in and around Looe. Paddy's passion is the water, being in it, on it, under it or beside it and he is delighted to now be working for Looe Harbour Commissioners and getting his Vitamin Sea every day!

David Jackman: grew up in Looe and had an interest in boating from an early age, being a constant user of the Harbour for the past 40 years. He started sailing a Mirror dinghy at the Sailing Club and still sails competitively. He has had success at National level, winning the Enterprise National Championships in 2018. David is still an active member of Looe Sailing Club and a past Commodore.

His career started at 16, working for Marine Engineering Looe, based on the Quay, when the Port had over 30 trawlers. He joined the RNLI as a full-time employee in 2000 as Staff Mechanic/Divisional Technician. This involved the repair and maintenance of boats and associated equipment, and carrying out relief duties at Lifeboat stations throughout Great Britain and Ireland.

In 2008, David was promoted to Deputy Divisional Engineer responsible for managing the technical operational efficiencies and standards, planned maintenance and the line management of full-time lifeboat crew. For the last four years he has worked for the RNLI as a Coastal Infrastructure Engineer, responsible for new construction, maintenance and facilities management of over 100 RNLI assets which included buildings, pontoons, moorings and slipways.

David is currently building the family home and has promised to finish it soon! He still enjoys time on the water with his family and continues to be a volunteer RNLI helm in Looe. David has been looking forward to working back on the Harbour and taking on the role as Assistant Harbour Master and the challenges it will bring.

DARBY & JOAN

Looe Darby & Joan Club invite you to join them on Fridays at the Looe Social Club, The Quay, West Looe between 2pm and 4pm.

We have prize-winning Bingo and afternoon tea every Friday as well as a monthly trip and other lunches out during the year. The Club is run by volunteers and is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and, of course, make some new ones. There's no charge to attend and no 'entry' requirements; just some time to socialise and enjoy yourself each week with others.

If you're interested in joining us, come along to the Social Club while we're there or, to introduce yourself or find out more, please call Audrey Wharmby on 01503 269157.

We look forward to welcoming any new members.



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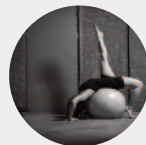
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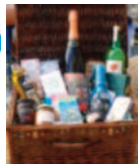


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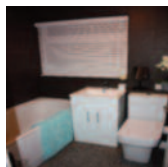
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Applications are both simple and confidential. Please text Paul Penhaligan of The Rusty Bucket (Fund Administrators) on 07896 515 334 and request a call back. We'll take it from there.

<http://millpoolcentre.org/looe-development-trust/>

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LOOE HARDSHIP FUND

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Please don't hesitate to come forward. As with the Winter Fuels Crisis, applications are confidential and simple. The average donation is around £50 and is flexible depending on need. Please text Paul Penhaligan of The Rusty Bucket (Fund Administrators) on 07896 515 334 and request a call back. If you have online access fill in a form and you will be called the same day to chat through your situation.

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