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## NEWS FROM THE EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST



**Platinum Jubilee:** 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June 2022: The Jubilee weekend will kick off with beacons being lit nationwide on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 9.45pm. ELTT are delighted to have registered the Wooldown Beacon as one of the 1500 taking part. The lighting of the beacon will be the climax to an evening Wooldown event which is being organised by the Looe Lions in conjunction with the Trust. They have organised similar events before and will take care to liaise with neighbours to ensure a safe and enjoyable event, from the music and refreshments, to the parking, transport and portaloos. The highlight will be the lighting of the beacon supervised by Trust staff, who have been itching to fire it up since they erected the replacement beacon last year. It had been constructed by apprentices at DML Devonport Royal Dockyard.

**The Swim Zone Buoys** have been put out for their second season by the maintenance team and Trust Manager Jane Day, making the most of a big spring tide to get them in position. They were universally well received last year, and although it is a little before the 1<sup>st</sup> May start date for the swimming season it is important to get them in place during a suitable low tide. We are confident that they will do a good job of preventing a clash of water-based activities inside the swimming zone, as the beach gets busier from Easter.



Look, no hands!

**Guildhall:** Lime Mortar is marvellous stuff. It plays an important part in our Guildhall Clocktower restoration work, because it has a soft grip on the stones; but it does not like being too cold, too wet or too hot. Happily, we have not lost very many days work – and those mainly through high winds on the scaffolding! We have taken advantage of a once in two lifetimes opportunity to get high access to all four clock faces. The fretwork frames will be fully resealed and all glass replaced. Clock hand bearings mechanisms will be fully serviced and gold leaf reapplied to the dial rings. It's specialist work and it must be done right. The Clocktower is without doubt the most prominent building in East Looe and because of that can help lead the way in the regeneration of the town centre. The work is

supervised by conservation surveyors, Scott & Co. of Truro.

**Museum:** The Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol will reopen for the season on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Come in and check out the new look and features. All my Trustee colleagues would like to give our thanks to the brilliant team of volunteer guides, without whom we could not open the Museum to the public.



TripAdvisor has pages for three attractions owned by ELTT in Looe – The Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol, the Wooldown, and East Looe Beach. A high profile for the attractions is very helpful for the economy of Looe. Maybe you could consider adding your own comment and your favourite pictures to either or all of these?

**Brian Galipeau**  
**Vice Chairman ELTT**



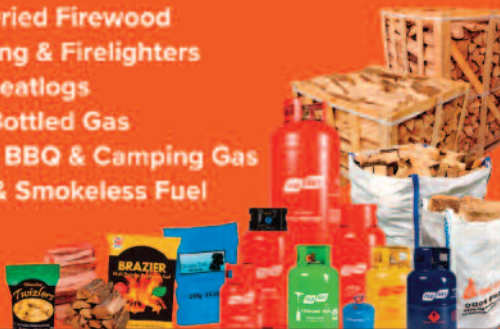
Pale yellow daffodils by Claire Lewis

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## WEST LOOE TOWN TRUST NEWS



I was going through some old files last week and found these pictures.

The first one really demonstrates what the Trust does and how we look to work with the community. One thing we do is to look after and keep the amenity area on the West Looe Downs in good order so that it can be enjoyed by the residents of Looe. It looks like we had engaged some local help in those days and were planting trees at the bottom of the Downs. I cannot see any date on the photo but I am sure some of you will recognise some faces.



Adults included: Dave Symons (the Clerk to the Trustees back when I worked at Lloyds Bank), Alan Lancaster (local police), Margaret Dan (teacher at the top school), Jim Soady (Trustee), John Bassett (WLTT Chairman/Trustee), Ken Pengelly (WLTT Chairman/Trustee).

Children are now all my age: Jeremy Lancaster, Morys Southern, John and Neil Scantlebury.

Nowadays we are lucky to have a great team of maintenance contractors (Tris Wearing, Dave Ede and Peter Samuels) who help us keeping the Downs in good order to be enjoyed by all of us.



Our work today is the same as it was back then and we are still working on enhancing our areas in West Looe and helping the residents of Looe. Some of the works we are currently looking into include providing new and additional lighting in the car park area at Downs Gate, providing more dog bins on the Downs and repairing our seats on the walkway at the Bridge.

School Grants are still being offered and this year we are looking to donate £38,000 to over 70 local children to help them with the studies and associated expenses. Please do watch our website for the new application form to be completed for 2022/23 grant applicants available later this year.



The photo above is outside our old offices at Cobblers Cottage in December 1978 (Dave Symons, Jim Soady, Ken Pengelly, John Bassett, Ian Joliff, Harry Bonson, ..... ). A lovely group of men who all worked together for the purpose of helping the people of Looe as per the West Looe Town Trust Charity Charter.

Our new offices are now by the Fire Station and we are open Monday to Thursday 9-11am.

**Sue Pengelly**  
**Clerk to the Trustees**

## **WEST LOOE SQUARE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE STREET PARTY**

Plans are moving forward for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party in West Looe Square. The event combines the West Looe May Fayre into Jubilee celebrations for this year only over the long bank holiday weekend on 4<sup>th</sup> June from 10.30am-3pm.

May Fayre organiser Edwina Hannaford said, "We were 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 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June as part of the town-wide celebrations."

Sheila Brock who runs Sheila's School of Dancing in Looe and also organises the May Fayre said, "The West Looe May Fayre Committee are therefore proposing we collaborate with others who may want to hold a traditional street party in West Looe Square around the fire station, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June and NOT hold the May Fayre on 7<sup>th</sup> May this year."

"The West Looe May Fayre committee would be pleased to help organise stalls, dancing and entertainment as usual, but would need to attract others to organise other elements of the street party and help on the day."

May Fayre organiser Julie Simmons said, "We are working with the Town Council to feed into the town-wide organisation of the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations."

Edwina concluded, "We are looking for 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 of course help on the day."

Please email [edwinahannaford@btconnect.com](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Many of the elements of the popular West Looe May Fayre are being retained so you can expect craft stalls, dancing, entertainment and Looe in Bloom BBQ and bouncy castle, but we are adding some regal elements this year. These include 1950s themed food from local businesses, a 'Design a crown for the Queen' competition and are encouraging people to dress in the style of the 50s.

To fund the festivities, we are holding a Royalty themed quiz night in the Portbyhan Hotel on 15<sup>th</sup> April from 7.45pm. To book your table of up to six people email [edwinahannaford@btconnect.com](mailto:edwinahannaford@btconnect.com).





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Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11am	Holy Communion, St. Wenna Morval
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Ecumenical Worship, Riverside URC, West Looe Quay
	11am	Lay Led Worship, St. Wenna Morval

**Holy Week (new Benefice)**

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> :	10am	Morning Prayer, St. Nicholas, West Looe
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Morning Prayer, St. Martin's
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Tenebrae vigil, Riverside URC
Good Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion, All Saints Herodsfoot
	2pm	Hour of Devotion, St. Wenna Morval
Easter Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Benefice Holy Communion, St. Cuby Duloe

*Please see notices on church doors and websites for services after this date.*

**Notes from Looe**

We are delighted to welcome Rev. Ben Morgan Lundie as from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April to be our Priest-in-charge for this new group of parishes. Watch this space for new initiatives and events to further our work within this community.

Meanwhile, do not forget our current regular events:

**Good Grief Café** – a support group for the bereaved, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in each month at 3pm in St. Martin's Hall.

**Memory Café** – an enjoyable afternoon of fellowship for the elderly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in each month at 2pm in St. Martin's Hall.



# Newsletter for the Parish of Our Lady of the Angels

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## **Sclerder Abbey Services**

Palm Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	9am	Mass
The Easter Triduum begins with			
Maundy Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> April	Details to be advised in the Parish newsletter	
Good Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> April	3pm	The Passion
Easter Vigil Mass	16 <sup>th</sup> April	8pm	
Easter Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> April	9am	Mass

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

Palm Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	Mass
Maundy Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> April	8pm	Mass of the Last Supper
Good Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> April	3pm	The Passion
Easter Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> April	8pm	AT Sclerder Abbey ONLY
Easter Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	Mass

Happy Easter and a warm welcome to Reverend Ben Morgan Lundie the new Rector of St. Martin's Church.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Quiet Day from 10am to 4pm at Sclerder Abbey. The Chemin Neuf Community at Sclerder Abbey invite you to join them at their Quiet Day which is a day-long guided retreat in the peaceful surroundings of Sclerder Abbey, including spiritual input, personal prayer and common prayer. These Quiet Days are very popular and visitors come from all over the County and elsewhere. Further details can be obtained at [sclerder@chemin-neuf.org](http://sclerder@chemin-neuf.org) or by phoning 01503 272238.

Please see the Parish Website for further details:

[www.liskeardcatholicchurch.org](http://www.liskeardcatholicchurch.org)

Email: [saltash@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:saltash@prcdtr.org.uk)





## LOOE MARINE CONSERVATION GROUP



Our forthcoming events in Looe in April and May – no advance booking required! Just turn up to these FREE EVENTS (though a donation to keep our group running is always welcome!):

16 <sup>th</sup> April	Seaton Beach Clean	12noon-2pm	Seaton
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Rockpool Ramble	12:30-2pm	Hannafore
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Talk & Meeting: Seagrass: A Secret Superhero of the Ocean!	6pm	Millpool Centre
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Talk & Meeting: Our Iconic Seals	6pm	Zoom meeting
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Rockpool Ramble	11:30am-1pm	Hannafore

And here is a link to the latest blog (March 2022), from our expert bird man Derek Spooner. Derek set himself a pre-spring challenge; in this blog he takes us on his journey searching for different bird species and shares with us a series of beautiful photos (which includes a stunning 'non-feathered' animal).

<http://looe marineconservation.org/lmcg-bird-blog-12-march-2022-i-missed-eagle-reached-century/>

Brilliant read!

As always, we are keen to encourage you to join or simply support Looe Marine Conservation Group. Our annual membership fee is a mere £8, Family membership just £15 or you can sponsor us as a business for just £25. You will be supporting our dedicated volunteers to continue to run events and undertake activities to protect and preserve Looe's unique marine habitats and species. And if you want to participate and get involved, you are welcome to put your hand up as a volunteer! Visit our website to join at:

<http://looe marineconservation.org/join-looe-marine-conservation-group/>

### On Behalf of Looe Marine Conservation Group

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Website: [www.looe marineconservation.org](http://www.looe marineconservation.org)

## LOOE SAILING CLUB

Hopefully by the time this issue goes to press the new sailing season will have started. Unfortunately, the planned first race was blown out due to 40 mph easterly winds – no good at all for launching and recovery.

However, the remainder of the first day's activities did go ahead later on with an excellent curry meal provided by three of our members. Many thanks to Sue and Paul Dunn and Kate Jackman for all their hard work. This was followed by the belated Christmas Draw and a chance to watch the rugby in good company.

This year's sailing will once again comprise of three fleets: Mirrors, Redwings, Lasers and Enterprise dinghies on Saturdays until the end of October and Thursday evenings from April until early September.

The Club is also making plans to host the Scorpion National Championships towards the end of July and the South West Enterprise Open meeting in early October. It promises to be another busy year with hopefully a return to more normal activity.



### LOOE HARBOUR HERITAGE CENTRE



Looe Harbour Heritage Centre in The Old Sardine Factory in West Looe opens on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April for the 2022 season. We are excited to be opening without the restrictions of one-way systems or timed admissions.

Chart your course for an adventure! Family activities, guided tours and general admission will be 'all systems go' for the school holidays at Easter and the May/June half term week. The Centre is full of stories and exhibits about boats, fishing, the Harbour... and of course... sardines!

The Heritage Centre and its popular Coffee Shop will both be open from 10am-4pm on Monday, Wednesday to Friday and Sunday during term time, and seven days a week in the school holidays.

Look out for our 'Excellent Eggs' family activities workshops in the Easter holidays. Full details and tickets for all events and activities are available on our website or on the door:

[www.looeharbourheritagecentre.uk](http://www.looeharbourheritagecentre.uk)

Yes, as ever Spring marks the start of another season of public trips to Looe Island Nature Reserve. We like to try to open around the end of March as the island looks so beautiful at this time of year. Before then there's always a flurry of jobs to be completed before we can open – benches to repair, signs to put up and paths to clear. And the speculation...who will be on the first public boat trips?

Once landed, our first visitors can follow the self-guided trail and encounter the delights of an island Spring. One of the highlights is the enormous variety of blooming daffodils. When the Atkins sisters purchased the island back in the 1960s it still had a horticultural business, with the focus on cut flowers. Today, in certain parts of the island it's mainly the daffodils that remain growing in brightly coloured rows.



Elsewhere there are carpets of lush green leaves of wild garlic (ramsons) and clumps of 'prima rosa' or 'first rose' of the year...which in fact alludes to the pale yellow flowers of Primrose.





Flitting amongst the early blooms we've already spotted six different types of butterfly. Some of the earliest individuals will have overwintered as adults, hidden away in sheltered corners, emerging on the first sunny days of Spring. One of my favourites is the stunning, rich russet coloured Peacock butterfly. It also has those striking azure eyespots which it can flash to deter potential predators. Did you know it also makes a threatening sound? It rubs its wings together to produce a warning hissing sound.



Another highlight of any trip is the chance to see wonderful grey seals. Most visitors encounter seals as they rest in the sea. When we tell people that the seal is probably asleep, this always surprises and impresses them, as wouldn't it be lovely and relaxing to sleep in the sea? Seals can sleep on land too – indeed they do need plenty of undisturbed rest as it's a time to digest food and replenish their energy levels, especially if they are going through their moult.

As to the birds, well we spotted our first attempts of nest building by the wonderful reptilian like Cormorants way back in December! So now there are plenty of young nosily calling as they beg for food. Another black bird that's nesting on the secluded cliffs is the impressive Raven. Even if they don't see these birds, many visitors will hear their deep cronking calls as patrol the island. A similar honking noise comes from the Canada Geese, as yes, again at least two pairs have chosen the island as a place to breed. And finally, there are the magnificent Great Black-backed Gulls – remember these are the world's largest gull! We are proud to say that the island supports Cornwall's biggest breeding colony of these gulls and nest building is underway!

Want to know more about the island, including how you can visit? Why not check out the Looe Island pages of the Cornwall Wildlife Trust website:

<https://www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/explore/visit-looe-island>

**Claire Lewis**  
**Looe Island, Warden's Assistant**

## LOOE ISLAND SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

Looe Island is one of our key nature reserves. It is carefully managed by residential wardens who live on the island. During the summer months members of the public can visit the island on organised boat trips. This exciting opportunity is for a couple or two good friends to reside in the island's bell tent and assist the wardens with day to day management of the reserve and its visitors.

We are looking for a couple or two good friends who can commit to living and work closely together on the island for 4 months. You both need to be 18 or over.

For further information, please see full detailed description of this role at <https://www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/volunteering-opportunities/volunteer-looe-island-wardens>

To apply, please email a joint covering letter and both of your CVs to [volunteering@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk). References will be required if you are invited to a second interview.

**The closing date is midnight, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

### LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY



With our AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> March the Society returned to its normal format of meeting in St Martin's Hall at 2.30pm on the second Saturday of the month. Those who attended welcomed the return of the raffle and tea after the meeting.

We will have two more meetings this season, on 9<sup>th</sup> April when we are looking forward to a presentation by Cornwall Blood Bikes, and on 7<sup>th</sup> May when John Keast will tell us about the eccentric Vicar of Warleggan. All are welcome, cost to guests £2 per meeting.

Over the summer we don't have meetings but have a celebration lunch for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and boat trips up the West Looe River and to Looe Island, plus a visit to the newly refurbished Bodmin Jail. Why not come and join us?

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# LOOE SHEDDERS

Open to all meeting 10.30am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
Saint Martin's Church Hall



Just imagine your garden shed,  
turbocharged and full of your new pals.  
That's Looe Sheddars

Did you ever wish you had a large shed, where all your pals, male and female, would drop in to just chat or make things?

Well, your wishes are about to come true. Looe Sheddars may not yet have an actual shed but give us time and we will have our very own premises, where members can meet, chat, share tools, resources, skills and a cuppa with like-minded people.

In times past, this concept would only attract older men, but our shed also welcomes women or younger people and their interests.

So why not join us on 9<sup>th</sup> April and find out more?

The first meeting is free and membership costs are then likely to be a pound or two per meeting attended, depending on the cost of the venue.

But please take a lateral flow test before you arrive and stay away if you are positive, for everyone's safety.

## Can't make this meeting?

Look for our next meeting on Facebook – Looe Sheddars or on our website  
[www.looesheddars.co.uk](http://www.looesheddars.co.uk)





## LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



**Falklands 40:** To mark the 40th Anniversary of the start of the Falklands War Looe Royal British Legion have commissioned a sand drawing of the Falkland Islands on East Looe Beach on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022. The sand drawing will be carried out by the Plymouth College of Art and, weather permitting, the work on the sand drawing will commence with a two-minute silence at 11am to remember all that served in the conflict and especially those who never returned home to their families. Seven members of our Looe Branch were involved in the conflict which started on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1982. It was the first military action since the Second World War that utilised all elements of the Armed Forces plus the invaluable contribution by the British Merchant Navy. The conflict lasted 74 days, during which seven ships were lost to enemy action, nine aircraft were shot down, and 255 British personnel lost their lives. Their names are all inscribed on the Armed Forces Memorial at the National Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire.

There are veterans of the Falklands Conflict who still struggle with physical and mental scars, and some have faced life challenges or hardships since then. The Royal British Legion remains committed to ensuring that service and sacrifice in more recent conflicts is recognised and that all generations of the Armed Forces community know the RBL is here to support them, for life.

**Looe Poppy Appeal:** All the work carried out by the Royal British Legion is made possible by the generous contributions made by the public to the Poppy Appeal. True to our unofficial branch motto that "A poppy isn't just for November" our branch will be present in the area of the East Looe Guildhall on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April and collecting for the Poppy Appeal and, as always, looking to recruit new members. To see more about the work carried out by the RBL visit:

[www.britishlegion.org.uk/about-us/armed-forces-community-support](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/about-us/armed-forces-community-support)

**RBL 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.

**Looe Defibrillator Appeal Donation:** Our branch has donated £100 to the appeal to extend the town's heart defibrillator maintenance contract for another four years. We must stress that the donation did not come from the Poppy Appeal, but from generous contributions by our branch members. Our Poppy Appeal collections go directly to the Cornwall Poppy Appeal and then on to the National Poppy Appeal.

**Looe RBL Annual Dinner:** Our annual branch dinner was held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February at the Rivercroft Hotel. It was attended by over 30 members and friends, and enjoyed by one and all. Our thanks go out to everyone who braved the weather to attend the dinner and especially to the Rivercroft management and staff for producing a wonderful meal and great evening.

**Looe War Memorial:** The refurbishment of the Looe War Memorial railings by the Harbour Commission is due to start shortly. Also, one of the boards displaying the potted histories of Looe's WW2 casualties has 'disappeared' from the railings. We have therefore decided to remove all the displayed histories of our WW2 fallen. Hopefully, we will eventually come up with a method of displaying the histories of all those named on the memorial, 35 from WW1, 39 from WW2 and Paul Upton killed in Afghanistan in 2009.

**Lest We Forget:** In 2017, various organisations in Looe, including the RBL, were contacted by a Mr Jan Vos from the Netherlands who was writing a book on the Battle of Otterlo, the last battle to take place in the Netherlands in WW2. He was seeking a photograph of Harry Tambling, from Looe, who was killed in the battle which took place just three weeks before the end of the war in Europe. After five years still no photograph of Harry was forthcoming until just recently when Ivor Toms unearthed one. The Looe Museum then passed a copy to the book's author and, kindly, ourselves. We are informed that Harry Tambling is on the right of the photograph, Maxwell Pengelly in the middle and William Jay on the left. Sadly, all three Looe lads died in WW2. Maxwell (William Hoskin) Pengelly was killed when the Japanese sank the battleship H.M.S. Repulse in December 1941. William (Toby) Jay was killed in the Battle for Normandy in June 1944. We have sent a copy of the photograph to Toby's son, Peter, who was just a month old when his father died. Peter hadn't seen the photograph before and he is about to visit France in the next few weeks to see his father's name on the Normandy Memorial.



**Branch Meetings:** We always hold our meetings meet on the first Monday of the month, come rain, shine or New Year's Day; the only restraint could be health restrictions. Everyone is welcome to our friendly and informal meeting. If you are thinking of joining the 'Legion', or just want to know what we do, then please join us at 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 you don't need to be a member of Looe Social Club to attend our meetings.

**David Welch – Looe RBL Membership Secretary**  
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## **TAKE ON AN INCREDIBLE HIKE FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SOUTH WEST**

People are being asked to lace up their walking boots and take on an Incredible Hike for Children's Hospice South West (CHSW). The charity has lined up 30 inspiring walking routes across Devon, Cornwall and Somerset for people to choose from – or they can simply pick one of their own.

CHSW Area Fundraiser Zoe Partridge said: "Whether it's a scenic stroll or an epic coast path ramble, grab your walking shoes, hike as you like and show your support for local children and families. We really are blessed with some super walking routes in the South West, and with spring now here, what better time to get outside, breathe in some fresh air and explore the beauty on our doorstep? Walking has so many positive physical and mental health benefits too, so we think this is the perfect feelgood fundraiser for people of all ages."

It's free to register to take part in The Incredible Hike and participants are asked to try and raise £30 in sponsorship to help CHSW provide vital respite care.

The charity's three hospices – Little Bridge House in North Devon, Charlton Farm near Bristol, and Little Harbour in Cornwall – provide a safe haven of care, support and friendship for more than 500 children with life-limiting conditions and their families across the South West.

The hospices offer respite, emergency, end of life and bereavement care for the whole family, and care teams have adapted their support during the pandemic to ensure a Covid-safe lifeline wherever and whenever families need it, including for the first time ever, in families' own homes.

The charity needs around £11m a year to run its three children's hospices, and around 85 per cent is raised through voluntary donations.

"Every penny you're able to raise with your Incredible Hike will make a difference and our fundraising team will be able to support you every step of the way," added Zoe.

"Just visit the CHSW website to register, pick your route and start your Incredible Hike adventure. You'll find lots of easy fundraising ideas and tips on there too, as well as downloadable sponsor forms and links to set up your own Just Giving page in a couple of easy clicks."

For more information or to register, visit [www.chsw.org.uk/hike](http://www.chsw.org.uk/hike)



Whether it's a scenic stroll or a hike like  
no other, grab your walking shoes!

Hike as you like and show your support for families across the South West

[www.chsw.org.uk/incrediblehike](http://www.chsw.org.uk/incrediblehike)



Making the most of short and precious lives across the South West  
Registered Charity No. 1003314





## KELTIQUE NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

We are absolutely delighted that our 2022 programme of concerts has started. Dave Clarke of Rame MVC had invited Keltique to join with Rame for an impromptu concert in Kingsand Community Hall on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March in aid of charities supporting the plight of the Ukrainian people. It was a lovely event and we raised over £850.



Hopefully, the rise of the rate of Covid-19 infections in Cornwall will not put paid to the following forthcoming events over the next two months:

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	7pm	Concert for Cancer Research in Downderry Village Hall
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	3pm	Keltique on East Looe Seafront in support of the RNLI
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm	Keltique on the Quay, Quayside Centre, West Looe
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	4pm	Liskeard Relay for Life, Lux Park, Liskeard

### Practices

Our practices resumed in a Covid-19 safe way on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January. We meet up for a 7.30pm start in the Riverside Church, West Looe. We welcomed a few new members at the beginning of the year. If your New Year resolutions included 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](http://www.keltique.org.uk), our Facebook page, or call Carole on 01503 263237.



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Spring has finally arrived!

After what felt a very long winter the daffodils are starting to bloom, the days are getting longer and the sun is starting to shine. The warmer weather is bringing with it the beginnings of hustle and the town is starting to buzz.

We've got lots going on the moment and even more in the pipeline. Behind the scenes we're planning the Jubilee Celebrations, preparing for a referendum and working hard to make Looe and all-year round destination.

With Lucy George-Foster at the helm, Visit Looe is starting to make waves as it brings on two new partners. Nicola Jones and the team at the library have been hard at work making the space more inclusive. And we also have a couple of Councillor vacancies so make sure you're registered to vote for when the time comes.

You no doubt know it all at this point, but please don't be fooled by the warmer weather and remember the pandemic continues. Get jabbed and stay safe where you can.

Finally, I'd like to give my utmost thanks and appreciation to Mel Colton-Dyer, our Town Clerk, as she takes her leave to greener pastures. Mel has been the Town Clerk for the past two years, steering us through the pandemic and breaking her back to help us stay safe. A lot has changed in the past two years thanks to Mel's leadership and we plan to continue riding that wave. On behalf of everyone at the Council, and the town, good luck Mel and thank you — you've helped us and the town more than you know.

**Martin Gregory**  
**Mayor of Looe**





## GOODBYE MEL – BEST OF LUCK TO OUR TOWN CLERK



Mel Colton-Dyer, our Town Clerk, had her last day with council on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March.



Mel has revolutionised the way we work at Looe Town Council and her monumental efforts, particularly over COVID, enabled us to put together a network of volunteers to aid the community. This reason was why the Council was nominated, and a finalist for, the Star Council awards 2021. Mel's enthusiasm, positivity and dedication is going to be sorely missed and all of her team wish her the best for the future.

Thanks again Mel, from all the team, Mayor and Councillors.

We're now on the lookout for a new Clerk. More info can be found on the Council website:

<https://www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk/news/vacancy-for-town-clerk>

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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](http://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.



## PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

What are you planning? Let us know...



With an exciting summer ahead for Looe, we return to our amazing events and community activities. Looe town community groups, town organisations, residents and businesses will take Looe back in time to 1953 to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee.

We are keen for Looe to become transformed with its unique look proudly decorated in red, white, and blue bunting and 50s style signage, to provide an ambience of the 50s with everyone, residents, businesses and visitors alike, dressed in 50s clothing. With an array of 50s style shop window displays and coordinated 50s style activities and competitions taking place throughout the Town.



Planning an event? Let us know to be added to the official programme:

[jordon@looe town council.co.uk](mailto:jordon@looe town council.co.uk)





## ELECTIONS – ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?



We don't have a fixed date yet but soon we'll be having an election for the open Councillor positions. Make sure you're registered to vote. You can do so online here: [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

To register you must be aged 16 or over (or 14 or over in Scotland and Wales). You must also be one of the following:

- a British citizen
- an Irish or EU citizen living in the UK
- a Commonwealth citizen who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, or who does not need permission
- a citizen of another country living in Scotland or Wales who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, or who does not need permission

We also have a vote on Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) coming up soon and you'll need to be registered to vote for that too.

Lots happening in Looe, make sure you have your say...





**THE SPIRIT OF GIVING:  
THE HARDSHIP FUND  
FABULOUS RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON!**



Please support the Hardship Fund; a discretionary fund available to provide relief from financial hardship for extremely low paid workers. The fund is also there to support the local community with unexpected bills or even a temporary problem like a fridge breaking. We're here to help!

Looe Town Council is calling out to everyone to encourage residents, businesses and organisations willing to donate or help us by purchasing a raffle ticket to win some amazing prizes kindly donated by Looe businesses to help us raise the funds required to help support residents who have no recourse to other sources of financial assistance. For example, those who do not receive Statutory Sick Pay, the vulnerable who require help with personal care, help with IT applications for jobs, shopping, education, befriending, those unable to get out to walk their dog or to pick up their medication.

Every penny counts!

For further information visit the Looe Town Council Website and click on 'Looe Hardship Fund' in the navigation bar or click on the following link: <https://www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk/communitygiftgiving>, or alternatively you can email [support@looetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:support@looetowncouncil.gov.uk).

We'll be raising money through a raffle, soon to be announced, and would like to thank our incredible sponsors for their support in donating amazing prizes!

Cornish Horizons - Cottage Break  
Tregoad Holiday Park - Swim & Dine  
The Old Sail Loft Restaurant - Set Lunch  
Tencreek Holiday Park - Caravan Break  
Seymac - 2 x FREE tickets to over 35 attractions





**COME AND JOIN OUR  
COMMUNITY HUB GROUPS:**  
**Get involved and meet new people**



The Community Hub runs a few different groups, these include:

**Stories & Songs:** every Monday at 10.30-11am (a group session for parents, grandparents, guardians or carers and their children to come and sing some songs and listen to stories)

**Knit & Natter:** every Tuesday at 2-4pm

**Lego Club:** every Saturday (to start on April 30<sup>th</sup> 11am -12 noon)

We are also running a few craft sessions:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 11am–12noon Easter craft session

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 10am Visit by local author Emily Thuysbaert

We are also running an Easter Scavenger Hunt in the Library for the whole of the Easter holidays. Children will have various book-related clues to solve. Once they have all the answers, they can return the sheet to the library desk for a small prize!

All of the above sessions will need to be booked in advance – please call the Community Hub on 01503 262255 or message us on Facebook (just search for Looe Library and Community Hub).

**LOOE LIBRARY  
AND COMMUNITY  
HUB**

**JOIN ONE OF OUR  
AMAZING CLUBS,  
LOOK OUT FOR  
MORE CLUBS  
COMING SOON**

**f -LOOE LIBRARY  
AND COMMUNITY  
HUB**

**LEGO**

*Join us on Saturdays for our brand  
new Lego club in Looe Library starting*

**On April 30th  
11am-12pm**

*One adult per family. All primary  
age children must be accompanied  
by an adult*

*Please phone to book your place  
01503 262255*

**Monday  
10:30-11am**

**Stories  
& Songs**

**Suitable for pre-  
school children**

**KNIT &  
NATTER**

COME ALONG, MAKE NEW  
FRIENDS AND ENJOY A  
DRINK WHILST YOU KNIT,  
CROCHET OR DARN TO  
YOUR HEART'S CONTENT

**Tuesday 2-4pm**



## LIBRARY UPDATE: AUTISM AND DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY



We have recently taken some steps to make the library accessible for everyone – in particular, we have made several changes to make it more welcoming for our Dyslexic and Autistic customers.

Some of these changes include:

Dyslexia friendly books that are easy to identify.

The use of overlays and coloured paper.

A Dyslexic friendly leaflet.

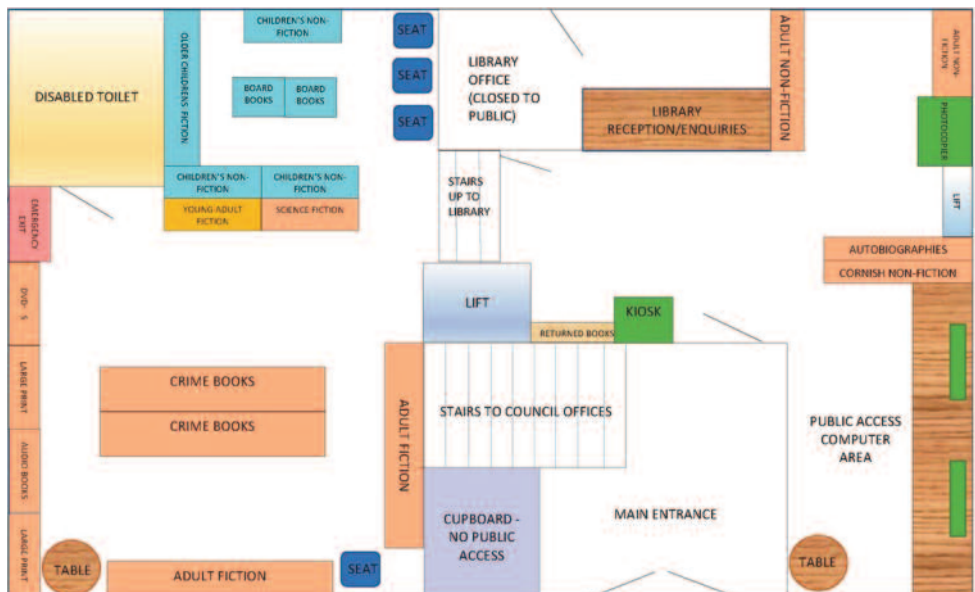
A 'social story' that tells users what they can expect when they visit the library.

A map of the library.

Staff have completed training on Dyslexia (Carly) and Autism awareness (Nic). The library is in the process of being listed on Dimensions UK as an autistic friendly library.

You can download the social story and a map of the library on the Looe Town Council Website under Library > Autism and Dyslexia Accessibility or click on the following link:

<https://www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk/library/autism-and-dyslexia-accessibility>



If you have any questions pop in and say hi, contact the Library & Community Hub through the website or give us a call on 01503 262255.





## MILLPOOL TOILETS TO START CHARGING



Looe Town Council are excited to announce a new measure being implemented in the town. Currently, Looe Town Council provide all five sets of public toilets, completely free of charge for all to use. However, we are acutely aware that this takes up a lot of our residents' precept to run and maintain. We want to keep the precept as low as possible for you, so have decided to start charging at one set of toilets.

The Millpool, and only the Millpool, will be fitted with a contactless payment system. A large amount of research has gone into this project, and we are confident that this decision will enable us to better provide for our town. We are looking at options such as "locals' cards" to allow for continued free use for residents. We want to provide the best service possible for the community and we need to be proactive now to be able to do this.

Our long-term aim is to use the income to refurbish every public convenience across the town and become more environmentally friendly! Our mission after all is all about how we can make Looe a great place to live, work in, visit AND invest in. We did not take this decision lightly – we are aware that the cost of living is ever rising, and we wanted to take a proactive step now to ensure we could keep the precept as low as possible for all of you in the future.

We are a forward-thinking team, always looking at ways we can better serve our community. We're #hereforLooe – we do things differently!





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## VISIT LOOE



Exciting times ahead as Visit Looe website welcomes aboard Cornish Cottages and Trogod Holiday Park as exclusive advertising partners.

Visit Looe website <http://www.visitlooe.co.uk/> acts as a strong local, national and regional marketing vehicle to promote Looe as a top choice and all year- round destination to stay.

To name just a few of the services offered to customers; an online profile, list your events on the What's On page; appear in search results across [visitlooe.co.uk](http://www.visitlooe.co.uk/), inclusion in the monthly Visit Looe newsletter, access to themed campaigns and member only events and communications, plus many more services. Visit Looe has a strong online presence to help raise business profiles, providing a gateway to everything in and around Looe and to provide visitors an easy-to-use search tool with links across the site content with lots to see, do, discover, and experience, attracting a higher volume of visitors to generate a greater spend and profitability for our local businesses.

The Visit Looe team are delighted to welcome onboard two new prestigious local businesses based in Looe, which will become exclusive advertising partners.



Introducing Cornish Horizons, part of the Original Cottages family in Cornwall, who have over 850 hand-picked, quality self-catering holiday cottages, with over 70 in or around Looe set in the most stunning locations. The Original Cottages family offers a truly customer-focused and friendly service



and are proud of their history as a family business, with over 30 years' experience. With local offices (in Fowey, Looe, St Ives and Porthleven) they continue the tradition and provide expert local knowledge. Many of their properties accept short breaks, and are quality graded to provide high quality accommodation. If you book directly

with them, you can receive access to exclusive 'Holiday Extras' discount scheme, which entitles you to discounts during your stay on eating out, activities and attractions such as the Tate St Ives and much more! For more information, call 01841 533331.



We are also delighted to welcome family run company Tregoad Holiday Park, recently acquired by the Waterside Holiday Group. It is set in the picturesque Looe Valley with spectacular views just moments away from the magical coastal town of Looe. Visitors enjoy a range of holiday homes, from luxury static



caravans to traditional Cornish cottages plus the exclusive Tregoad Manor House. Tregoad has recently been recognised for its exceptional quality standards following its triumph at this year's Cornwall Tourism Awards after being named 'Holiday Park of the Year' and achieving a silver and gold accolade within the 'Ethical, Responsible & Sustainable Tourism'

category. Now in its 20th year, they have celebrated various milestones including being awarded a five-star quality rating by VisitEngland.

The park has invested £4.2m in development works which champion sustainability, plus the internal revamp of the indoor swimming pool. Tregoad Park is also working with local swimming school Swim4 to introduce swimming lessons for the community during the off-peak season.

They have created a woodland walk to the park's signature lakes and will launch its Forest School later this year to educate families about its natural woodland area with interactive activities and games. The park is using tree offcuts to create new habitats to encourage further wildlife to the area by introducing a natural beehive.

With dog-friendly accommodation options to bring your best canine friend on holiday and easy travel between Tregoad Park, Looe, Polperro, and Plymouth with buses departing every hour from the park's on-site roundabout, Tregoad Park take pride in offering the very best breaks to everyone who stays, confident visitors will have the holiday of their dreams.

Looe Town Council Business Development Officer, Lucy George-Foster said: "Keeping up to date with modern trends and systems and the ongoing development of Visit Looe will make it possible to succeed. Working with businesses and organisations, to promote their vision, making it highly visible for customers to the site, an easy-to-use guide and opportunity to be able to book online there and then! We are looking forward to an exciting future working Cornish Horizons and Tregoad Holiday Park. Visit Looe will help bring in more customers looking at staying, visiting, and eating in Looe, it will also help underpin the economy in generating revenue. It is a tremendous honour to be involved and to work closely with the Looe Town Council Community Hub team to help serve our local community."

For further information visit [www.visitlooe.co.uk](http://www.visitlooe.co.uk)

Contact Lucy George-Foster: E: [lucy@looetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:lucy@looetowncouncil.gov.uk) M: 07872 935893



**The Ollie Naismith II is coming to Looe**

We have some amazing and exciting news to share with you – The Ollie Naismith II is coming to Looe. The Naismith and Webber families, Looe RNLI volunteer crew and fundraisers at Looe Lifeboat Station are delighted to announce that the Looe Lifeboat Appeal has raised over £101,000 to bring the station's new D Class inshore lifeboat Ollie Naismith II to Looe.

We don't know how to start to say thank you to our wonderful supporters and your generosity.

Our new D Class will be built at the RNLI inshore lifeboat centre in Cowes during September 2022 and will arrive in Looe towards the end of the year. You can read more about the success of the Looe Lifeboat Appeal on our news release <https://rnl.org/news-and-media/2022/march/20/the-ollie-naismith-ii-is-coming-to-looe-rnli>

**Shouts**

Throughout the pandemic, our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Between 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 our volunteer crews responding to two shouts. More information on these shouts can be found at <https://www.loolifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts.htm>

**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.

## Boathouse reopens to the public

Our volunteer Visits Team are looking forward to welcoming visitors back into our boathouse when it reopens from 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022. Subject to volunteer availability and operational demands the boathouse will be open daily between 11am and 4pm until October half term. If you are passing, why not pop in to say hello to our friendly team. You can find out about the RNLI, what our volunteer crews have been up to and have a close-up look at the charity's inshore lifeboats and launch tractors.

## Keeping safe on the coast

With the lighter evening as the clocks go forward and Easter fast approaching you may be thinking about going out on the water again. Before you venture out it is a good idea to check your lifejacket is still fit for purpose by getting it checked and serviced by the manufacturer or recommended agent. More information about lifejackets can be found at: <https://rnli.org/safety/lifejackets>

The same goes for your boat engine or outboard motor, have they been serviced and checked for any defects before going out to sea for the first time this year? More information and advice can be found at:

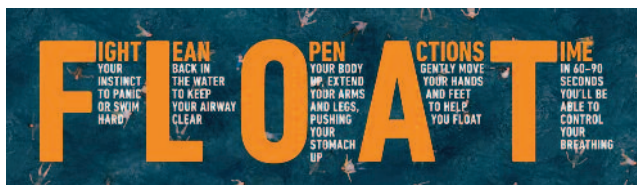
<https://rnli.org/safety/choose-your-activity/yacht-sailing-and-motorboating>

RNLI lifeguard cover has not started yet at many beaches so 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.

If you are on East Looe beach, check 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 BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION EVENTS



Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	12.10pm	Harbour Clean, West Looe Slipway
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	7.30pm	Pre-season Dinner and 20 year AGM, Portbyhan Hotel
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	11am to 3pm	Boat Jumble and RNLI Open Day*

\*see below



# Lifeboats

**Boat Jumble and RNLI Open Day  
11am to 3pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May RNLI station Forecourt**

Do you have any boaty bits to sell, or are you just looking for a bargain?

Well, at Looe RNLI Station Open Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May, Looe Boat Owners are holding a Boat Jumble.

Entry for buyers is free and tables for sellers are £10 each with all profits going to Looe RNLI. If you do not have a table, we may have a spare one you can borrow, but check with us first.

Spaces are limited, so it is essential that sellers book early via:

[www.looelifeboats.co.uk/boatjumble.htm](http://www.looelifeboats.co.uk/boatjumble.htm)

## LOOE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Looe Community Players present Play by Play 8 on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm for 7.30pm at the Millpool Centre, West Looe. Tickets are £6 which includes a Paté and Cheese supper. Please bring your own wine. Tickets are available from the Millpool Centre 01503 265947.



## LOOE AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB



We are celebrating as this is our Diamond Year! In spite of COVID we have scooped a few new members and have an exciting programme for the remainder of the year including a celebrational lunch in the summer.

On April 5<sup>th</sup> our visiting demonstrator is Angela Roose; her demonstration is entitled 'Spring Excitement' and on 3<sup>rd</sup> May we have a hanging basket workshop. If you would like to attend this workshop, please use the contact details below to register your interest. The club meets at Pelynt Village Hall at 2pm every first Tuesday of the month; visitors are welcome for a small charge of £5.

As a Club we respect that folk might want to wear masks and social distance – the hall is spacious so everyone should feel safe and enjoy the afternoon.

The Looe and District Flower Club is affiliated with the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies – NAFAS

Find us on Facebook or contact Kathy Iles 07747896050 if you have any questions.







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Learn about Looe's smuggling history and decide in this interactive display whether smuggling is right or wrong?

Using our iPads, go on a virtual reality tour of Looe Island and discover its past! Help to create a medicine from ingredients which you find on the Island.

Dress up in costume, and you and your family can act out one of the cases tried in the Courtroom.

In this special year for the Queen, do the Royalty Quiz. Look carefully for the answers around the Museum! Or do the crab quiz or word search or just colour a picture.

Look in the cell. Imagine being locked up in it!

Take a seat in the television area and watch a selection of films about Looe or look at photos from the Raddy Collection showing how we used to live!

Coming soon in July an amazing Immersive Court Experience which is guaranteed to engage you.

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## LOOE FLOOD DEFENCE SCHEME

We remain committed to ensuring all parts of the local community have the opportunity to help shape the emerging design for the flood defence and regeneration scheme. Building on the engagement events held last November, we are holding a series of workshops during the last week of April to provide an update on the scheme and further explore what stakeholders, the community and businesses see as the key priorities for the breakwater layout of the flood defence design.

Details are being confirmed but will include a public event at the Quayside Centre on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> April. We will be publishing information about the workshops, with details about how people can get involved, on the Let's Talk Cornwall web page site <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/hub-page/looe-flood-defence> and in the media as soon as the arrangements have been finalised.

The last few weeks have been incredibly busy as we have been collecting information on tidal levels and tide flows, completing additional bird and bat surveys, together with further work on mapping the sea grass beds and the location of stalked jelly fish, and assessing options and locations for the flood gates, Hannafore Walkway and working on the designs for the modification of and extension to Banjo Pier and the associated new southern breakwater. We have also been working with partners to identify up-river opportunities to enhance fish spawning and migration to help enhance the local environment.

The engagement events are part of the ongoing conversation regarding the overall scheme and we want as many people as possible to take part. Further events will also be taking place later in the year.

In the meantime, you can also ask questions and give us your views via the Let's talk Cornwall webpage or via email at [LooeFloodDefence@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:LooeFloodDefence@cornwall.gov.uk).





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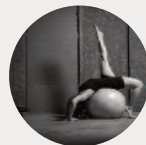
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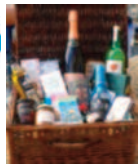


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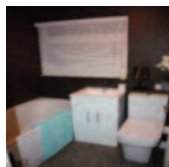
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## LOOE COMMUNITY NEWS JUNE JULY EDITION

For several reasons, we have decided to defer the publication of the next edition of Community News until after the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend.

If you take any photos during the weekend that you would like us to include or any write-ups about events, please let us have them by 8<sup>th</sup> June at the latest: [ewarne18@btinternet.com](mailto:ewarne18@btinternet.com).

We will do our best to include as many articles and photos as we can.



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