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NEWS FROM THE EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST



As September draws to a close, East Looe Beach and Seafront can look back on a season of mainly good-to-marvellous weather, and visitor numbers on the beach as high as people can remember in recent years. People seemed relaxed in what felt like a proper post-Covid season.

The safe swim-zone buoys that we tethered last year continue to be appreciated by beach users and do a good job of keeping unauthorised boats and jet skis away from swimmers. On one occasion that came to notice, some antisocial behaviour was dealt with by our team with some good cooperation with Harbour Commissioner's staff. The buoys will be brought in for the winter after the end of September.

The Wooldown bee glades and wildflower meadow should be cut at the end of September. Being on a steep slope facing the sea the bee glades will be cut this year using the same remote-controlled flail mower that was used to beat down dense bracken and bramble in year one when it stood more than six feet tall and totally obscured the sea view from the main higher path. Over the years, it had taken over and severely restricted biodiversity.

This year we are grateful to Trelay Holiday Park for their generous £500 donation towards the conservation work. Species of flowers and wildlife are increasing year on year, mainly by natural regeneration.

ELTT are again working with town organisations to bring on the Christmas light display that cheers the town centre. The Big Switch-on is planned for Friday 2nd December and we will be powering up the East Looe festoons as usual. Power costs are up, but happily the festoons are modern ones with relatively low power consumption. Our thanks to Dave Holford and the lighting crew, the Harbour Commissioners, our own staff and all who make it happen.

Brian Galipeau
Vice Chairman



Photo by Neil Richardson



WEST LOOE TOWN TRUST



A warm welcome from West Looe Town Trust.

The Board continues to support local children and the Trustees have again pledged School Grants for 2022/23 to over 50 Students – all applicants should have now received notification via email.

Other local donations over the last six months have included: Looe Darby & Joan Club, Looe Age Concern, Looe Development Trust, West Looe Queen's Jubilee Event, Looe Luggers, Radio Looe, West Looe Music Festival, West Looe Playgroup, Looe Live, Looe Bowling Club and the Defibrillator Appeal.

Our amenity areas are well looked after by our maintenance team (Dave Ede and Co., Tristain Wearing, Pete Samuels and Dave Peat staff) who have done a super job this year thus ensuring local people are able to enjoy the Downs.

In December, our parking tenants are due to pay their six-monthly rental payments and further details will be available both on our website and I will also send out an email reminder to everyone as normal.

Sue Pengelly
Clerk to the Trustees



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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

This edition was prepared during the national period of mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Trustees of the Looe Development Trust join in the nation's grief and sadness and rejoice in Her Majesty's life. We celebrate the reign of Charles III and welcome and look forward to working with the new Duke of Cornwall.

God save the King.



LOOE DEVELOPMENT TRUST



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 volunteer vacancies for a Trustee and a Treasurer.

During the recent pandemic the Trust successfully worked in proactive partnership, with others in Looe and its local parishes, to help individuals, the community and the NHS.

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

The Treasurer should preferably have knowledge of bookkeeping and accounting systems / practices. Part of the remit is to work with our accountant to complete the required annual returns.

The roles could be combined or separate.

We welcome enquiries and if you would like to know more, please email malcolm.garrington@btinternet.com with your contact details and he will give you a call.

A PERSONAL VIEW

As we travelled up to London on Thursday 8th September, little did we realise what a different weekend we would have from what we were expecting. I looked at the news on my phone to see what had happened in Parliament re energy price caps. But the headline was something very different – the statement from the Palace. Immediately we realised that this was very likely leading to the end of the reign, and life, of HM Queen Elizabeth II. In the evening shortly after the announcement of her death, the restaurant we were in asked for a minute's silence in honour of Her Majesty. This was perfectly observed by everyone.

On the Friday, we were due to attend the second day of the test match at the Oval. As this was called off we decided to go to the Tower of London to hear the 96 gun salute. We thought that it would be less crowded – we were wrong. There were people from all walks of life, international tourists, UK tourists, workers on their lunch breaks. There were crowds on both sides of the river. Shortly before the first shot the crowd fell silent and reflective. All you could hear for the next 15 minutes or more was each round of the salute followed by the echo of the Hyde Park salute. After the 96th round, the crowd broke into sustained applause. Walking around the streets, there was a sense of quiet, people lost in their own thoughts. Personally, I felt unsettled and, actually, just plain sad.

Another thing that struck us was that many of those who normally get their news online had reverted to printed editions on Friday. There was not a national newspaper to be had and I can assure you I trudged miles looking for one!

The powers that be decided that cricket would resume on Saturday and asked that everyone arrive early for a tribute to Her Majesty before play started. A few minutes before play was due to start members of the services came out to form a guard of honour and the crowd fell silent. When the umpires and teams walked out the silence continued. The South African National anthem was sung and then our national anthem. It seemed surreal to be singing God Save our Gracious King and having to concentrate to make sure the words were right, but the whole crowd did so in full voice – a sound I will never forget. Followed by a huge and long-lasting round of applause.

The Queen meant many things to many people and always will. But the things which shone through were her kindness, loyalty and dedication to duty. May she rest in peace.

God Save The King.

Ed

HELIGAN'S LIT PATHS NEW LOCATION FOR MEMORY WALK

Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) is excited to announce a new location for its annual Moonlight Memory Walk. The event, usually held annually in Falmouth, is this year taking place at The Lost Gardens of Heligan, which is supporting CHSW as its charity of the year, on **Saturday 12th November** from 6pm.

The Moonlight Memory Walk will give people the opportunity to remember and celebrate the lives of their loved ones by participating in an uplifting memory ceremony before walking 5km in the calm and beauty of Heligan's lit paths. There is also a virtual option for those wishing to take part in their own time and location. Kiley Pearce, Events Fundraiser for CHSW is excited to be bringing the event to Heligan; "We feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to hold our Moonlight Memory Walk at Heligan this year. It is a very poignant event for everyone who takes part and this incredible location is going to make the evening all the more special."

Walkers are encouraged to raise sponsorship in memory of their loved ones, helping to raise funds to ensure children and young people from across Cornwall can access the care and support offered by Little Harbour children's hospice, located just a few miles from Heligan in St Austell.

Sam Dickenson from St Austell, whose son Seth died in May 2021 aged seven following a three-year battle with a brain tumour, describes the impact that Little Harbour had on her family; "People see hospices as very medical but Little Harbour was so much more than that to us. They are an extended family, a security blanket, there was never any judgement, they let us do what we needed to do but were there for us all."

Anyone over the age of 12 can take part and dogs on leads are welcome.

Ticket tiers:

- £12.60 early-bird 10% discount price from 5th-30th September
- £14 full price ticket from 30th September - 10th November

To get your ticket simply visit www.chsw.org.uk/moonlight or call 01726 871 800 with any enquiries.

This year's event is being generously sponsored by Surf Bay Leisure.



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	St. Martin's Looe	St. Cuby Duloe	St. Wenna Morval	All Saints Herodsfoot
	11am	9.30am	11am	9.30am
				
1st Sunday	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Family Service	-
2nd Sunday	Worship at Riverside URC	Family Service	Holy Communion	-
3rd Sunday	Worship at St. Nicholas West Looe	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	-
4th Sunday	Café Church (Hall)	-	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
5th Sunday	Communion rotating between all churches, 10.30am – see websites and notice boards			
Mid-week	Communion at St. Nicholas, West Looe, 10am on 2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays			
Contacts	D. Croker 01503 264414	P. Geach 01503 263980	M. Willmott 01503 240218	I. Gordon 01579 320670
Good Grief Café: 1st Wednesday in the month, 3-5pm, St. Martin's Hall				
Memory Café: 2nd Friday in the month, 2-4pm, St. Martin's Hall				
For other events, please see websites and notice boards.				

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER IN THE BENEFICE

October

Sunday 9th

Harvest Of The Sea Service

3pm, Quayside Centre, West Looe

Saturday 15th

St. Wenna's Day Concert

6pm, St. Wenna, Morval

Saturday 22nd

Baked Potato Lunch

11.30am-1.30pm, St. Martin's Hall

Sunday 30th

5th Sunday Service

10.30am, St. Wenna, Morval

November

Saturday 26th

Christmas Coffee Morning & Stalls

10am-12noon, St. Martin's Hall

Sunday 27th

Advent Taize Service

6pm, St. Nicholas, West Looe

December

w/c 12th

Christmas Tree Festival

St. Wenna, Morval

Christmas Tree Festival

St. Cuby, Duloe

Sunday 18th

Carol Service

4pm, St. Wenna, Morval

Carol Service

6pm, St. Cuby, Duloe

Thursday 22nd

Carols With Pelynt MV Choir

6.30pm, St. Martin's, Looe

CHRISTMAS EVE

Crib Service

11am, St. Cuby, Duloe

Christingle/Crib Service

4pm, St. Martin's, Looe

Lessons & Carols

6pm, All Saints, Herodsfoot

Midnight Holy Communion

11.30pm, St. Nicholas, West Looe

CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Communion

9.30am, St. Cuby, Duloe

Holy Communion

11am, St. Martin's, Looe

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New ringers are always very welcome.

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SCLERDER ABBEY

The Chemin Neuf Community at Sclerder Abbey is planning to start a new ecological agriculture project following 'permaculture' principles. We are calling the project 'The Green Abbey'. Our aim is to grow vegetables, salad crops and fruit in an efficient and ecologically sustainable way. The project will draw on historic monastic traditions as well as modern practice and research in ecological agriculture. As the project develops step by step we hope to provide experience and training for interested people and volunteers of all ages, with a particular emphasis on helping local young people.

To launch the project, we will be holding an Open Day at Sclerder Abbey, Sclerder Lane, Looe, PL13 2JD, on Saturday 8th October between 11am and 5pm. Visitors will be able to visit the Abbey and grounds. A simple lunch and refreshments will be provided. And we will have presentations on Caring for Creation, on our vision for the project at Sclerder Abbey, and also some practical tips for gardeners and enthusiasts.

So that we can estimate numbers, please register by emailing sclerder@gmail.com with the heading 'Green Abbey event'. If you are interested in the project but cannot attend the October Open Day please also contact us by email.

Further details of the project are at <https://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/the-green-abbey/>. This sets out the basis of participating in the project on a residential basis, joining in the rhythm and community life of the Abbey. We also envisage people joining the project as volunteers on a day or weekly basis.

LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY



- Saturday 8th October: Demonstration by Cornwall Blood Bikes.
Friday 21st October: Fish and chip supper at Kelly's.
Saturday 12th November: Louis Portman will tell us about the history of Looe's War Memorial.

Both Saturday meetings are at 2.30pm at St Martin's Hall, Looe.
All welcome – members free, non-members £2.

Come and give us a try – you don't have to be old or Cornish!

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Sat 8 Oct, 11am - 5pm

Open day



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Simple lunch and
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Visitors can travel by buses 72, 73, 77 or 481 to West Waylands Holiday
Park (10 mins walk to Sclerder Abbey). Parking is available at the Abbey.

If you are interested in the project
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SILVER SUNDAY – FREE EVENT

**Sunday 2nd October
10.30am - 12.30pm**

**Looe Harbour Heritage Centre,
The Old Sardine Factory**



Looe's Silver Sunday free event will be co-hosted by Looe Museum and Looe Harbour Heritage Centre as part of this national day of events. The Heritage Centre's Coffee shop will be open from 10am-1pm for tea, coffee and refreshments.

Our Silver Sunday event is full of heritage and interactive elements for all to enjoy:

10.30am -11.15am: Talk with slides about Looe's history

11.15am -12noon: Enjoy a cup of tea whilst we set up a rolling slideshow of the Museum's Raddy collection photos, which will be projected onto our big screen.

Our volunteers will circulate collecting memories from those who wish to take part by video and voice recordings. We are hoping to capture stories of *Childhood in Looe* and *Changes in Buildings along the Quayside* and we will also be talking about the Moor to Sea project.

12noon - 12.30pm: A sing song led by Petra Stephenson. Song sheets will be provided!

Entrance is free for all. Just come along on the day! Groups welcome, call 01503 264223 to book in.

About Silver Sunday

Initially launched as a local campaign to tackle loneliness and isolation, Silver Sunday is now a national day where people of all generations can come together by hosting fun and free activities for older people.

It is a day where older people can meet new people, visit new places, try new activities and connect with their local communities and the generations around them:

<https://silversunday.org.uk/>.





Volunteering, Environment & Heritage opportunities in the Looe and Liskeard area.



The project is being assisted by the Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership thanks to a grant from the Community Rail Development Fund, a joint initiative of the Department for Transport and the Community Rail Network

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

On behalf of everyone involved with Looe RNLI Lifeboat Station, we send our heartfelt condolences to The Royal Family on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen dedicated 70 years as Patron of the RNLI. Her Majesty's support for our lifesavers – and our cause – will never be forgotten.

Over the period of mourning, we adhered to the UK Government flag protocol, lowering our station flag to half-staff. Our flag remained at half-staff until 8am on the day after the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

As a mark of respect and in line with RNLI protocols our shop and boathouse remained closed to the public until after the funeral.

Shouts

Our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Between 28th July 2022 and 12th September 2022 our volunteer crews responding to eight shouts. More information on these shouts can be found at www.looelifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts.

Souvenir Shop

Our souvenir shop reopened on Wednesday 21st September. It is located beside the boathouse and is open daily between 11am and 4pm, subject to volunteer availability and the weather. Our shop has a wide range of products, including Christmas cards, gifts and 2023 calendars.

Boathouse open to the public

Our Boathouse reopened on Wednesday 21st September and our volunteer visits team continue to welcome visitors into our Boathouse. 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.

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>.

Call my bluff

Looe Boat Owners Association invite everyone to join then for an evening of bluffing. Raising funds for the lifeboat station, they are hosting Call my Bluff at St Martins Church Hall on Friday 11th November starting at 7.30pm. See poster below.



Looe Boat Owners bring you



Call My Bluff

Looe's version of the popular BBC panel game

Proceeds to Looe RNLI

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Friday 11th Nov 2022 at 7.30pm

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Keeping safe on the coast

As autumn approaches, RNLI lifeguard cover starts to wind down on our beaches, and patrols on Freathy beach have already finished for the year. RNLI lifeguard patrols on Seaton and Sharrow beaches finish on 25th September. Tregantle beach will have weekend only patrols until 25th September. Tregonhawke beach will be patrolled daily until 25th September, then weekends only until October half term when lifeguards will be there daily from 22nd-30th October when patrols will finish for the year.

Please check the beach information boards for duty times and any safety messages.

When there are no lifeguard patrols it is more important than ever 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.

Float to live

All our RNLI volunteers are asking you to make the right call.

If you see someone struggling in the water, fight your instinct to jump in and help. Stay on land, phone 999 and ask for the Coastguard at the coast, or Fire & Rescue when inland.

Tell the person in danger to float on their back and throw them something that floats, which they can use for buoyancy.



Find out more at <https://respectthewater.com/>

LOOE WELLBEING HUB

Come along for a free cuppa and a chat, play some games and find out what's available to help you stay healthy and well.

Looe Wellbeing Hub is at Looe Library from 10am-12noon every other Thursday. It's free, open to everyone and you don't need to book in advance. You can pop in anytime between 10am-12noon if you just want to ask a question, or you can stay for the whole session. We use the upstairs rooms in Looe Library and Community Hub, which can also be accessed by a lift. Parking is available opposite the library in the Millpool car park.

There are some great organisations joining us in October so why not pop in and find out more about what they do:

Thursday 6th October, 10am-12noon

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Thursday 20th October, 10am-12noon

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II: It is with deepest sorrow that the Royal British Legion mark the death of our Sovereign and Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen has served as Patron of the Royal British Legion since 6th February 1952. We are immensely thankful for her faithful service, and we join the entire Armed Forces community in mourning her loss. Her unwavering commitment to the Armed Forces will be deeply missed and our sincere condolences are with the Royal Family at this time.

King Charles III: At the moment the Queen died, the throne passed immediately, and without ceremony to the heir, Charles, the former Prince of Wales, but he was officially proclaimed King on Saturday 10th September. As throughout the country, Looe Town Council read an official proclamation of the accession to the throne, at the

Looe War Memorial on Sunday 11th September. We, Looe RBL, weren't officially involved in the event but it was well attended by our branch members, and our Chairman, Louis Portman, raised and lowered the Union Flag at the short ceremony. As ever, the St Pinnock Band was in attendance and played beautifully. Our branch would like to thank Powell's Garden Maintenance for tidying up the War Memorial grass and garden on the day before the ceremony. This was volunteered at short notice and free gratis.

Armistice Day 2022: We will be holding our normal Looe Royal British Legion Armistice Day Service at Looe War Memorial on Friday 11th November, which will mark the 104th anniversary of the end of 1st World War. The short service will start at 10:40am and end with a two minutes silence at 11am, followed by a bugler playing the Last Post. We hope as many of our branch members and members of the public as possible will attend our service.

Looe Festival of Remembrance: On Saturday 12th November 2022, St Pinnock Brass Band is holding a community 'Festival of Remembrance' in the Riverside Church. The band has well established links with the town and is delighted to provide this night of entertainment and reflection on the armistice weekend. Featuring traditional music alongside new, soloists and full band arrangements, it should be an excellent night of music. There will also be a reflective section where the Looe roll of honour will be read, and we rededicate ourselves to the act of Remembrance. Information about tickets sales will be available on the St Pinnock Facebook page.

Remembrance Sunday 2022: Looe Town Council will be joining with the Royal British Legion for the Remembrance Sunday service at the Looe War Memorial on Sunday 13th November. The event will start at 10:30am with a procession of Councillors and wreath layers from the Guildhall to the War Memorial. Again, after the wreath laying and prayers, there will be a two minutes silence at 11am.

Poppy Wreaths: Groups, organisations and individuals can order their poppy wreaths from our branch's Poppy Appeal organisers, David and Annette Bryan, on telephone number 01503 264130. Can you please place your orders as soon as possible, as they do not hold stocks of wreaths? David and Annette would also like to hear from any groups or individuals who would help with the Poppy Appeal collection. This year the formal Poppy Appeal runs from the last Friday in October until Remembrance Sunday but, as ever, our branch collects for the appeal throughout the year.

VJ Day Collection: We were out collecting for the Poppy Appeal at the East Looe Rose Garden on Friday 12th August to roughly coincide with VJ Day which was on the following Monday. Nearly £170 was received and we thank all those that donated and our members that braved a very hot day to help with the collection. Our thanks, especially from the Poppy Man, to the holidaymaker who gave us bottles of water.

Helplines: The money raised through the Poppy Appeal goes directly to the Royal British Legion's work providing through life support to anyone who is currently serving in the British Armed Forces, who has previously served, and their families. 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. Another alternative is the Veterans' Gateway which is a consortium of forces charities, including the RBL, with telephone access 24 hours a day on 0808 802 121.

Looe RBL Website: We have decided that, due to rising costs, we will not renew our subscription for our website www.rbllooe.com. We do have a page on the RBL's national website <https://counties.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/looe> which we hope to develop more in the near future. Our email address is also changing to rbl.looe@gmail.com.

Branch Meetings: We always hold our meetings on the first Monday of the month, and 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 then become a social evening. You don't need to be a member of Looe Social Club to attend one of our meetings but the Social Club membership is good value at £5 a year.

No Man's Land Flag Pole – A Team Effort: A new flag pole has been erected at the No Man's Land Memorial Hall and the following message of appreciation was placed on Facebook: "Our lovely new flag pole. Many thanks to Louis Portman and the Looe branch of the Royal British Legion for getting the works accomplished." Looe RBL was pleased to be of a small assistance with the replacement of the flag pole, but it was a truly a community team effort. A number of our members (Chairman Louis Portman, Neil Playne and Colin Bird) took down the old flag pole before it was later transported to David Ede's workshop by Darian Jay. David used the old flag pole as a template to drill the fitting holes on the new pole. Although our members were on standby to help install the replacement pole, David had reinstalled it by 8:30am the next morning and even donated a Cornish flag to proudly fly from the new flag pole. Sadly, the Union Flag has since been flown at half-mast from the flag pole in mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



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



LOOE AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB



It's great to feel that our club is running full steam ahead after our 60th birthday celebrations. We have a workshop on 4th October with Christine Harrington to consider ways of arranging flowers without using floral foam.

The club meets every first Tuesday of the month, 2pm at Pelynt Village Hall. Visitors are very welcome! Our fee is £5; there is always a raffle so you may end up taking a beautiful arrangement home. We have a packed programme for 2023 for members and visitors to enjoy.

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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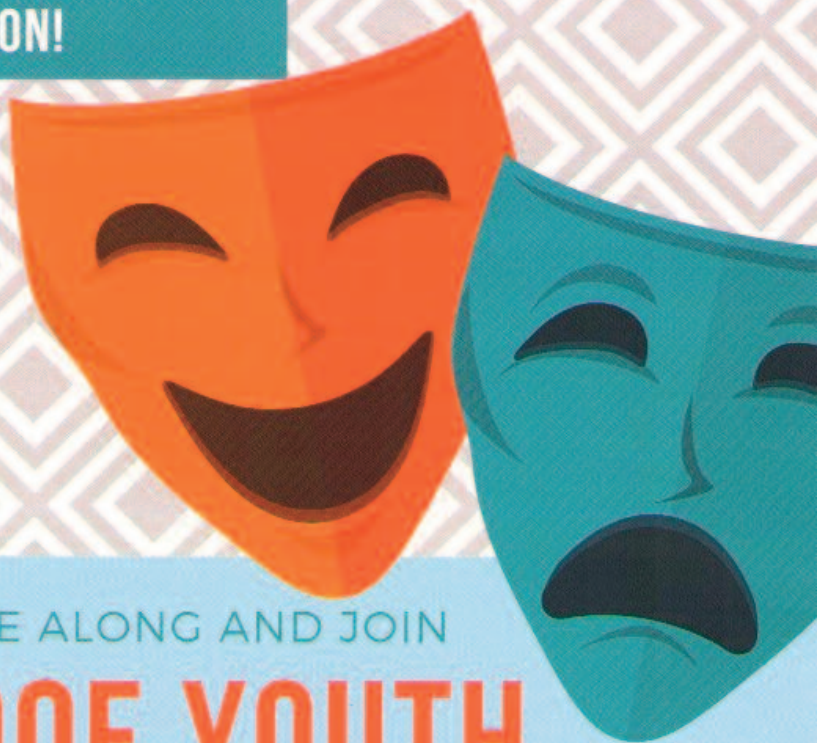
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NEWS FROM THE OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM AND GAOL



The Museum will be closing for the season on October 30th. We thank all of our visitors for your lovely comments, and special thanks go to all of our volunteers who give up their time for so many weeks and make all of our visitors, young and old, feel so welcome.

Our 2023 season will begin on March 27th with a new exhibition about Thomas Bond, a solicitor who was appointed as Town Clerk in East Looe in 1789, the same year that his father was elected Mayor of East Looe. In 1823, while still in office, he published Topographical and Historical Sketches of the Boroughs of East and West Looe, which he described as a 'labour of love'. This is now recognised as a very important history of Looe.

We will also have a new exhibition about the Boats of Looe, and we hope to have an exhibition of John Southern's photographs and stories of Looe towards the end of 2023.

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The Mayor, Cllr Edwina Hannaford, made the following address at the Commemorative Civic Service for HM Queen Elizabeth II on Sunday 18th September 2022:



“Welcome.

We are here to celebrate and acknowledge a life of incomparable service. We are here to offer sympathy and support for a family who have lost their mother, grandmother, great grandmother.

She has been a constant in all our lives, the Matriarch of the nation and of her family.

She has always been there, so we rightly feel a sense of loss. She was a human anchor of familiarity and stability in a scary world.

This may be the end of the second Elizabethan era but what we have seen is a seamless transition in proclaiming King Charles III as the new monarch to perpetuate that constancy.

We also feel the weight of history. Her Majesty and indeed King Charles have a direct lineage that reaches back to Mary Queen of Scots and James the VI of Scotland who became James I of England in 1603. Over those 600 years our constitutional monarchy has developed. There is much to commend in the separation between head of state and parliament in that it provides a governing continuity, the checks and balances that prevents one body or individual obtaining too much power and a cultural identity.

Queen Elizabeth II leaves behind an extraordinary legacy: the most fantastic example of duty, public service and steadfastness, and a constant, steadying presence as our head of state for more than 70 years. And a wicked, playful sense of humour.

She has given her whole life selflessly to the people of Great Britain, Northern Ireland and the Commonwealth.

She exemplified loyalty, duty, respect, consistency, and love.

She espoused British values of tolerance, patriotism and internationalism demonstrated by her affection and support for the Commonwealth. She operated for the first years of her reign, principally in a man's world and did so with courage, conviction, grace, and intelligence, adhering to her pledge to serve our country and its citizens.

She was driven by duty. This duty underpinned her whole being. She kept her promise to dedicate her life to her role. She was sustained by faith, made happy by her love for her dogs and horses and of course her family. She was a remarkable human being, kind, considerate, consistent, instinctively generous and forgiving. She was the best and brought out the best in others. A wonderful example to us all as civic leaders.

I've heard the term 'soft power' used a lot to describe how she operated. Coined in the late 1980s, the term soft power is the ability of a country to persuade others to do what it wants without force or coercion, shaping the preferences of others through appeal and attraction. She was the master of soft power.

I admit I felt unsettled at the news of her passing, a bit discombobulated. It hurt because it mattered. I've learned that grief is another name for love and that no matter how deep your grief makes a home inside you, love will always leave a door open.

Rest in peace Ma'am.

God Save the King."



The Mayor, Cllr Edwina Hannaford, Deputy Mayor Cllr Tony Smith and Cllr Armand Toms laid flowers for HM the Queen

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Hello from Looe Library & Community Hub

Summer Reading Challenge

We had a very busy and successful summer! The Summer Reading Challenge was taken up by over 120 local children. The activity was extended by a fortnight and will be finishing at the end of September. We are now looking forward to handing over the certificates and medals to children at their school assemblies this Autumn.



Bye Bye Summer...

During the summer holidays, we had lots of fun with lots of author visits, treasure hunts, robot drawing and craft sessions. We are currently organising some exciting activities for Half Term and beyond, including Halloween crafts and spooky storytelling! Follow our Facebook page for more information.

Wellbeing Hub in Looe!

We will be continuing our fortnightly Thursday Wellbeing Hub meetings throughout the Autumn months. Come and meet with other residents as well as organisations who may be able to offer help. So far, we have had representatives from Age UK, Southwest Water, and various energy companies, so pop in between 10am and Midday and have a free cuppa and a chat!

Library Groups

We are currently running Knit & Natter on a Tuesday afternoon, Stories & Songs on a Thursday morning and Lego Club on a Saturday morning. All our groups are free and you can just turn up! Please ask for further details.



Meet Your Councillors Sessions

Cllr Edwina Hannaford, Mayor of Looe, is inviting residents to meet their Looe Town Councillors at a Drop-In Session on Saturday mornings from 10am-11am at Looe Library. It is an opportunity to ask Councillors questions, find out about the work of the Council and raise any issues.

Please come along to the Hub and say hello, we're looking forward to seeing you.

Catherine, Nic, Sharon & Tania

The Community Hub Team

Follow our Library & Community Hub Facebook Page for regular updates



LOOE TOWN COUNCIL ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM WILL



In the last few months, Looe Town Council has been working with technical one-to-one support from Simpleview, to improve our service and develop the Visit Looe online Tourist Destination website: www.visitlooe.co.uk and online booking system. This will help visitors to book their holiday accommodation at a time convenient to them, it will also enable visitors to put in their specific requirements when they look for their ideal holiday accommodation, preview property locations on a local area map and filter by location, price, amenities and various categories.

Looe Town Council is confident the improved website will create an easy, straightforward booking system that will help maximise sales for accommodation providers in and around Looe, which will greatly improve the number of bookings.

Lucy George-Foster, Looe Town Council, Business Development Officer, said: "Since joining Looe Town Council and Community Hub Team in January this year, it has been an exciting time working on the development of Visit Looe online booking system. It has a strong online presence which has already grown from strength to strength, providing a gateway to everything in and around Looe and surrounding areas in Cornwall as a top choice, all year-round destination to stay, shop, eat and explore. Looe Town Council's main aim and focus is also to provide additional value to local businesses, to increase businesses' profitability offering an affordable and cost-effective advertising and marketing package that will communicate their business vision to regional and National target markets."

Visit Looe online tourist destination site is an essential marketing vehicle, reflecting Looe's uniqueness, showcasing all that the destination has to offer. The site includes a What's on Page, a monthly Visit Looe Newsletter, tourism information, access to themed campaigns and social media. Looe Town Council is confident it will provide an invaluable service to our advertising members and encourage visitors to the site, to remain on the site, whilst looking at holiday accommodation in Looe and surrounding areas. The destination site will become a one-stop-shop."

Over the last year, the Visit Looe Marketing Team has worked closely with Simpleview, a global digital agency specialising in the tourism sector which has developed solutions for a wide range of Destination Management Organisations (DMOs), working with National and regional Tourist Boards, City Councils and Tourism Associations across the world."

Simpleview was chosen, with over 20 years' experience, to support the Looe Town Council initiative for its innovative and practical technology solutions, which are configured to drive quick returns and long-term growth. Simpleview CMS is a content management system designed specifically for the travel industry and powers hundreds of the most successful destination websites in the world. DMOs from across the globe use Simpleview CMS, along with the talented Experience Design team, to help bring their big website ideas to life.

Simpleview said: "Seamlessly integrated within the website design, the new online booking system enables Looe to digitally serve their visitors, predict and manage tourist flows and efficiently and effectively manage their destination. By offering online booking on the Visit Looe website, we are cementing the Visit Looe site as the one-stop-shop for visitor information, allowing potential customers to plan and book every element of their visit."

Sarah Stride, Account Manager for Simpleview said: "It's been such a pleasure working with Looe Town Council on this project. Online booking is an essential part of a true destination website – keeping visitors on the Visit Looe website, allowing local businesses another direct route to market and driving forward the tourism economy of the town."

Visit Looe offers its advertising members and local customers an opportunity to advertise their business with a photograph and to list an unlimited number of events free of charge. We have carefully tailored a competitively priced bespoke advertising package, tailored to accommodate all business sizes.

Visit Looe online booking system will play a huge part in helping to underpin the economy by generating more visitors and increasing the revenue brought into Cornwall. Looe Town Office Community Hub and the Visit Looe team look forward to continuing to work with local businesses whilst supporting the community.

About Simpleview

Headquartered in Tucson, Arizona, with European offices in London and Liverpool, Simpleview is the leading provider of CRM, CMS, website design, digital marketing, revenue generation, and mobile technologies for DMOs. The company employs 350+ staff and works with 900+ travel, tourism, and convention marketing customers on six continents.

Looe Town Council and Simpleview have created and designed the official Visit Looe website in partnership with a global leader in destination management and technology, the Tourist Exchange Great Britain (TXGB). Looe Town Council's close relationship with Visit Cornwall and Visit Britain will ensure we deliver the best opportunities to our business customers in providing the best information to our visitors. Visit Looe is the perfect marketing vehicle to promote Looe as a top choice and all year-round destination offering lots to see, do, discover, and experience.

Visit Looe Advertising Membership Packages

We understand every business is different and have designed several bespoke advertising membership packages.

Partner: A great opportunity to become one of our exclusive category partners and receive exclusive category prime position advertising on our homepage. As a Partner you will be given exclusivity and become the only business in your category to advertise on our homepage. Your advert and website information can be changed as often as you like.

Platinum: Receive priority listings across visitlooe.co.uk, appear in our themed homepage campaigns, include video content, and receive dedicated Visit Looe social media posts and exclusive advertising opportunities. Feature six articles in our monthly newsletter. You can promote an unlimited number of events. Examples of business categories: hotels, holiday parks & camping, B&Bs, self-catering accommodation, restaurants, pubs & bars, cafes, takeaways, attractions, arts & heritage, shopping and outdoors.

Gold: Receive prominent listings across visitlooe.co.uk, appear in our 'Highlights' selection, include six images alongside your listing and feature four articles in our monthly newsletter.

Silver: Our entry-level membership, giving you an enhanced business listing with up to four images, a listing in the 'What's Nearby' search results and three articles submitted in our monthly newsletter.

Bronze: Tailored to help small businesses, our Bronze Package provides you with an online listing for your business. Submit one article in our monthly newsletter. List unlimited events. Included in social media posts.

Tin: A free basic business listing that appears in the search results across our website.

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VISIT LOOE WELCOME NEW ADVERTISING MEMBERS TALEHAY COTTAGES



Visit Looe are delighted to welcome on board Talehay Cottages, located between Looe and Polperro, offering holiday cottages in Cornwall. Talehay Farmhouse is a Grade 2 listed Cornish farmhouse with its origins in the 17th Century. It is surrounded by beautiful open countryside and approached down a quiet country lane. The converted stone-built cottages and farmhouse retain much character and provide very well specified and tastefully furnished accommodation around a central courtyard. The cottages are situated in spacious communal gardens with lawned areas, ideal for picnics, barbecues and safe for children to play. To the rear of the main house is a further three and a half acres of fully enclosed meadow which is also available for guests' recreational use.





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LOOE FLOOD DEFENCE AND REGENERATION SCHEME: UPDATE

Following the success of the engagement events earlier this year, we are finalising plans for a series of further events towards the end of October.

The team has reviewed the feedback provided by members of the public and local businesses on the draft plans. The aim of these events is to enable people to hear the story so far, give an update on progress and options considered, and to provide an opportunity to input into finishes and materials.

Three community drop in events are scheduled to take place in the town. These are:

- 2pm and 6pm, Thursday 20th October
- 10am and 4pm, Friday 21st October
- 10am and 4pm, Saturday 22nd October

All three sessions will be drop-in events which will be open to all. As before, members of the project team will be on hand to provide the latest information and answer any questions.

There will also be an online event on 31st October - 6pm start on Zoom.

We are also exploring how we can work with Cornwall's artist community to design installations which celebrate Looe and can be incorporated into the final design.

As well as staging the engagement events we want to hear from local businesses. During October we will be inviting businesses to take part in a survey to help support the business case that we are preparing to submit to the government for funding. Information and feedback from local businesses will help us to demonstrate the economic benefits of the project and support our case for investment in flood defence and regeneration in Looe.

Members of the project team will be contacting local businesses in the coming weeks to take part in the survey and we would be very grateful for your time and participation. If you would like to know more or are interested in participating in the survey please contact us at: LooeFloodDefence@wsp.com.

Looe is already the most frequently flooded coastal town in the UK. Over the next 100 years, sea levels are predicted to rise by more than one metre as a result of climate change, threatening even more parts of the town. These include the Health Centre, the Police and Fire Stations, main food stores and cafes, and the Fish Market, as well as major transport links such as the A387 and the Railway Station. Doing nothing is not an option and we want to ensure that the final Flood Defence and Regeneration Scheme meets the needs of all parts of the local community.

We will be providing more details about the events on our Let's Talk site: <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/looe-flood-defence> and also in the local media, so watch out for more information.

LOOE COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

I'm not sure how much the people of Looe know about CFRs but we are volunteers who are trained by the NHS to support their local community by attending emergency calls ahead of an ambulance.

CFRs attend particular types of emergencies where it is essential for the patient to receive immediate life-saving care. This includes conditions such as:

- cardiac arrest
- chest pain
- breathing difficulties
- unconscious patients
- fitting patients
- patients suffering from a stroke

We also have CFRs who have undergone additional lifting training, who carry lifting chairs, enabling them to attend patients who have fallen and who are uninjured but who are unable to get up from the floor.

Please follow this link if you think you may wish to volunteer for the NHS in this role: <https://www.swast.nhs.uk/welcome/community-first-responders/volunteer-recruitment>.

Looe also has a Tri-Service Safety Officer (TSSO). This is an innovative and flexible role. It combines Police, Ambulance and Fire and Rescue Services. The Tri-Service Safety Officer's purpose is to provide early intervention and prevention. The role provides an operational response (Fire and Ambulance only) through collaborative working between:

- Devon and Cornwall Police (DCP)
- Cornwall Fire, Rescue and Rescue Service (CFRS) Service
- South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT)
- Cornwall Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team

The role has an innovative approach to resolving community safety matters. The role targets and aligns with the service's priorities of:

- protection
- prevention
- response

Many of us also volunteer for FLEET (Front Line Emergency Equipment Trust). FLEET provides equipment to the emergency teams in Cornwall, 999 Ambulances and Coast Guards. This year FLEET raised enough money to deliver a state-of-the-art Raizer chair to every care home in Cornwall. Working with Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group, Kernow Health CIC and the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Health and Care Partnership, FLEET are providing every care home in Cornwall with a Raizer 2 Lifting Chair. The aim of this project is to reduce "long lies" after a fall and reduce the pressure on Cornwall's emergency response.

With the Tri-Service responders, FLEET will provide training to nursing home staff in the use of the Raizer chair. I had the pleasure of delivering a chair to Rivermead care home in Looe, I don't think they could quite believe that they were being given this chair for nothing!

Teresa Greenaway

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LOOE SHEDDERS



Hello Sheddens and potential Sheddens.

A lot has been happening recently, as follows:

Our new Company Ethos

I thought I would share this with as it encapsulates what we are all about...

- Looe Sheddens provides a community space where our male and female members can meet like-minded people and find new friends to enrich their lives.
- A space where they can learn new skills, such as wood-turning, cooking, gardening, computing or furniture restoration, to name just a few.
- A space where they can just sit and chat in a friendly, social environment or contribute their skills to local community projects.
- A space that helps tackle social isolation and loneliness within our population.
- A space that reflects what our members want it to become.

Imagine your garden shed, turbocharged and full of your new friends!
That's Looe Sheddens.

Looe Sheddens CIC

Looe Sheddens is now a Community Interest Company. This is a special type of non-profit limited company that exists to benefit the community rather than private shareholders. We have two unpaid Directors, myself and Leo Maxwell and are considering taking on charitable status. More on this as it develops.

We are going to build our own shed

This is the really big news! We have just reached agreement with the Parochial Church Council to lease space in the field to the right of St. Martin's Church Hall. This is not going to be a simple process and we really need your help.

Professional help

We are hoping that a friendly local architect would be willing to assist us with the design and planning processes and an equally friendly local solicitor will give us advice on our lease. If you know someone who can help, particularly if they might do so without charge, please contact me via the details below.

Planning assistance

We are assembling a team to plan every stage of the build and fit out. If you have significant experience in grant applications, planning applications, publicity, fundraising or eco building systems and are prepared to donate a little of your time over the next few months to help us out, please contact me via the details below.

Working parties

Part of our focus is on community projects and we are starting with St. Martin's Church and Hall. We are inviting members and any other community minded

volunteers to joins us as we tackle a significant backlog of maintenance issues, which includes rubbish clearance, repairs and general hacking back of overgrown vegetation. As with all of our activities, the working parties are likely to be dominated by tea and chat, so the only things you are likely to strain are your lips. If you can spare any time at all, please contact me via the details below.

Call My Bluff – Join a Sheddars Table

Most of you will remember this well-known BBC panel game and Looe Boat Owners are hosting it on Friday 11th November in St. Martin's Church Hall, to raise funds for Looe Lifeboats. I am going to book a Sheddars table or two just for members, so if you would like a ticket, please let me know. Tickets are £10 to include a light buffet. There will also be a licensed bar.

Meeting schedule

Currently our meetings are scheduled at 10am on the second Saturday of every month.

Chris Roy chairman@looesheddars.co.uk
More information on www.looesheddars.co.uk

LOOE COMMUNITY POP IN TEA ROOM



The Community pop in Tea Room is in the Rose Garden and is run by volunteers.

We are open from Monday to Saturday 10am to 12noon.

Why not pop along and have a chat and a cup of tea?

All welcome

LOOE & DISTRICT U3A VISIT TO THE LOOE VALLEY VINERY

A very entertaining afternoon was enjoyed by a group of our members at The Looe Valley Vinery recently when given a tour by co-owner Charles Boney.

The Vinery was established in 2008 and comprises approx. 4 acres with 5500 vines.

Members were given a complete insight into the intricacies of growing, harvesting and bottling several varieties of wine including whites – Bacchus, Schonburger, Solaris and red – Fruhburgunder.

Of course, the final part of the tour probably proved most popular being the tasting, when members were asked to "look, swirl, sniff, sip and savour" several wines to ascertain the subtleties found in the different wines and to give their opinions. The intake of wine in future will have a lot more discussion than before.

Our Chair, Mrs Alison Currah, warmly thanked Mr. Boney for a very interesting and enjoyable time.



KELTIQUE NEWS



Concerts

On Sunday 7th August at 7pm, we sang for the last time this year at the Quayside Centre, West Looe Quay to raise money for our choir and for our chosen charity for this year: Cornwall Hospice Care. We were delighted to present a cheque for £560 for this very worthwhile charity.

The Looe Branch of the RNLI had invited us to sing on the Looe Seafront on Sunday 11th September. However, as a mark of respect for our late Queen who passed away in the afternoon of Thursday 8th September, the RNLI cancelled its programme of events in all its branches until after the funeral. We look forward to singing again for the RNLI in 2023.

We were due to sing as part of the programme for Looe Live which unfortunately had to be cancelled. Instead, we were asked to sing on Sunday 18th September at 2pm in the Rose Garden in East Looe.

Our diary for November and December is already very full and we will let you know those dates in the next edition of the Looe Community News.

Fundraising

We need to fundraise all year round as the choir needs to pay for its music, musical director, accompanist, the rent for its rehearsal venue etc. We have a Fundraising Coordinator but everybody in the choir is asked to think of fundraising ideas which they could hold. In the last few weeks, we have raised about £380 through a car boot sale, a Pamper Hamper raffle and more recently a preloved sale held at one of our member's house. Many of us are going to take part in a Strictly Come Dancing Sweepstake – a fun and easy way to raise money as the competitors will do all the hard work!

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.

Apples are ripe for the picking, the sea is getting wilder, and the woods are carpeted with crunchy brown leaves – autumn has arrived early this year. In fact, the weather has changed so much and so quickly that the Island is almost unrecognisable from its summer splendour. The wild September weather, though, brings its own beauty. It is getting darker earlier, and the temperature is dropping, which allows us to appreciate a more moody, mysterious side of the Island. In keeping with the changes in weather and season, we've been seeing fewer butterflies, but more moths, ladybirds, and lots of pale tussock caterpillars. We have also been spotting more mushrooms than ever!



Due to some strong easterly winds, we had a whole week where it was not possible for day trippers to visit, but over the last few days we've been welcoming visitors once more. Even though the warmest and busiest part of the season is now over, there is still so much wildlife to see. Recently, a kestrel has been spotted on the Island, as well as a kingfisher!

When it comes to birds, however, it's unfortunately not all good news. There has been an increasing number of dead birds on the island, and testing has confirmed that avian flu is now present here. Seeing the gulls sick and dying is a devastating aspect of wildlife to observe. In response to the presence of avian flu, we've introduced some protective measures on the Island to reduce the risk of spreading the disease further.



Amidst all that's been going on here, the Cornwall Wildlife Trust Marine Team visited the island on 12th September to carry out surveying work. We really enjoyed meeting the team, and were grateful to get a closer look at the Island's marine wildlife. Whilst the team was here, we also spotted this washed up conger eel.

OUR EXPERIENCE: HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES

Lukas: "For me, the highlights are endless! I have loved getting to meet so many moths and butterflies, and observing how the species that we get to see change so much over just a few weeks. Seeing an oystercatcher chick hatching out of its egg in front of my eyes was also a really special moment. I'm also quite happy with how this log pile turned out!



Although I have loved chatting to people who visit during day trips, I've found it challenging interacting with members of the public who land without permission. On one occasion, an individual threw litter at me, which was very disappointing behaviour. It was disheartening being treated this way, especially since I was just doing my best to protect wildlife, and keep people safe."

Megan: "I agree with Lukas that there are many highlights to choose from! I have enjoyed acquiring new skills, learning so much about wildlife, and getting to spend every day out in nature. I've particularly enjoyed surveying seals, especially when we spot juvenile ones! When we are off-duty, I've enjoyed walking in the woods, swimming in the sea, and stargazing.

Most people imagine that the greatest challenge of island life is the months we've spent sleeping in a tent, or the fact that we are limited to infrequent showers. However, it is racism that has presented the greatest challenge for me. Although it's been great getting to meet the many friendly faces from the local community, not all encounters have been positive. At this current moment, in the wake of Chris Kaba's death, it feels particularly important to highlight this issue. We believe wildlife is for everyone, and an intersectional approach to environmentalism is essential."

WHAT'S NEXT?

As the season draws to a close, we are enjoying the cosiness of our tent (which has held up remarkably well through all manner of weather conditions) and reflecting on the months we've spent living on Looe Island. We will still be welcoming public trips to the island until early October – weather permitting! Alongside this, we are continuing with usual work, including monitoring and surveying duties. Before we leave, we also hope to finish building the flight of steps in the woods as this is a project we've been working on for some weeks. Although we have built dozens of steps now, our favourite one is a beautiful tree root which naturally falls into place alongside our human-made ones which are, by comparison, oafish and clumsy.



As our time on the Island draws to an end, we are thinking about the brief role we have had in its history. Around us are trees who remember the days long before the Atkins sisters set foot here and cemented their legacy. Among these trees are young saplings – yet to be planted – that were donated from Kilminorth Woods earlier this season. One day, these young trees will tower over future visitors to the island, and they will revel, just as we have, in the wild beauty of this special place.

In late October, we will return to the mainland and embark on our own unknown future, and the island will remain, crouching and silent, awaiting the next chapter in its sprawling history.

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LOOE SAILING CLUB

The latter part of August saw a large contingent from Looe descending on Tenby in Pembrokeshire for both the Enterprise and Redwing National Sailing Championships. It felt like being back in Looe as every corner you went around you met somebody from home. The week was thoroughly enjoyed by all, although a little more wind would have been appreciated on the racing days; the final day being totally lost with no wind at all leaving both fleets one race short of a full series.

The Enterprise event brought success for Looe with Darren and Hayley Roach taking the title for the first time with six wins from eight completed races. Many congratulations to them.



Darren and Hayley Roach, National Enterprise Champions 2022

This year's Redwings winners were Mike and Deanne Stace from Tenby – highest placed Looe boats were Simon Bennett and Adam Hayler in fourth place with Jack Pope and Joe Jackman fifth.

The Summer Series of races kindly sponsored by Looe Gin finished at the end of August, with the presentations taking place in early September. Overall winners were:

- Mirrors:** Mark and Jowan Carnell
- Redwing:** Colin Crabb and Alex Richardson
- Laser:** David Jackman
- Enterprise:** Matt and Ivan Jaycock

Evening sailing has now finished leaving Saturday racing to continue up until the end of October. The Clubs will host the South West Area Enterprise Championships held over the first weekend in October with five races over two days. Looe expects that most of its home boats will compete in the event.

Junior Sail Training has also concluded for the year with the presentation of medals being made by Commodore Callum Dingle to all those who took part in the regular Saturday morning training.

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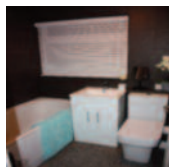
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THE FESTIVE SEASON

This is a different and difficult article to write as we, the UK, have not been in a situation like this before, except in wartime.

Discussions have been, and continue to be, taking place regarding what is to happen in December, the festive month.

Apart from the heartbreakingly sad death of HM Queen Elizabeth II, and greeting our new King, Charles III, the news uppermost in our thoughts over past weeks relates to the 'cost of living' crisis expected to be affected by substantial increased energy costs and the possibility of power outages. Some UK households are talking about reducing indoor heating arrangements and the use of electrical appliances. No doubt the Government will make changes and suggestions but at this stage, no-one can qualify what the outcome will be and thus questions arise regularly.

Christmas 2022 in Looe

The town needs to try and still produce a festive spirit for the sake of the young ones especially, who have missed two years of Looe's Christmasses. Whatever happens, the last two years have seen a vastly reduced number of opportunities to sing Christmas Carols outdoors and in Churches and Halls. We need to see, be part of and make use of the special time of year to spread as much joy as we are able. Join in with your ideas and some of the following:

**Carol singing,
Hand-bell ringing;
Outside stalls as snowflakes fall,
Fayres, a Santa, costumed Elves,
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Christmas Lights

Here is a difficult subject. To display lights requires energy supplies. Some around the country have spoken about reducing their use of gas and electricity; how then can substantial lighting be produced in public spaces (throughout the UK) when others fear they cannot afford to do so in their own homes and comment about the choice between heating or eating. Each year we ask for residents and householders to add a few Christmas lights outside your home to add to the colourful magical sight of the Looe valley over the Festive period.

This year is more difficult to ask as some people may be concerned as to the costs. Please remember Low Voltage lights cost far less to run than you would imagine.

Looking at the past 20+ years, the exceptional lights annually provided by the Looe Harbour Commission, have improved year upon year. Sincere thanks are due to the Harbour Commission and staff. The street festoons (Development Trust) are produced annually with help from the Town Council and WLTT donations, with the electricity supplies for the lighting displays by the Harbour Commission, the East Looe Town Trust and Carla's Estate agents. Without that help each year, by the

authorities and those mentioned, the colourful and oft praised displays of lights could not be produced for the town's benefit.

These local authorities and organisations want the lights to be displayed for the benefit of Looe and area to celebrate Christmas 2022, yet, at the same time, they realise we live in a very fluid state at the moment with news changing daily. Everyone is watching and waiting for the next energy news bulletin, hoping for defining news that will lead to a definite result.

In the meantime, Looe is again to provide lantern making sessions, a lantern parade, Carol Service and the lights switch-on – date for your diary **Friday 2nd December**. Christmas markets in the Quayside Centre leading up to Christmas. An additional event is also being discussed.

The Looe Lions will again be delivering their 'Santa Tour.' However, the town needs to produce more aspects of Christmas such as those we knew in the recent past: outdoor and indoor carols, music, Church Services, outdoor stalls and indoor events, businesses' window dressing and indoor decorations. So, all who have previously been involved and those of you who haven't and may have ideas we have not thought of, please put on your thinking/arranging caps, and contemplate your involvement. Posters, Facebook, email circulations and don't forget to let the Community News know too!

We CAN have a Christmas to remember.....It's up to all of us to try.

Dave Holford

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