

LOOE COMMUNITY NEWS

February - March 2023



133rd Edition - Online
Published by **Looe Development Trust**
for Looe and surrounding parishes



Ann, Micky & Bryony welcome you to The Crabb Pot for interiors, lighting, soft furnishings, dining and kitchen, wall art and mirrors, jewellery and crafts from Cornwall and the South West, wooden toys, and stylish seaside gifts. Cards, wrapping paper and gift tokens also available.



Higher Market Street, East Looe PL13 1BS 01503 598356
thecrabbpotlooe@gmail.com www.thecrabbpot.co.uk and find us on Facebook

Larsson's Licensed Coffee House & Crêperie



A good place to meet up with friends
 ~
 A great place to drink the finest Italian coffee this side of the Alps ~
 An eclectic place to eat authentic French pancakes

Larsson's for something different

Eat in, Outside or Takeaway

7, Buller Street
 E.Looe
 PL13 1AS

Private Dinner Parties also available
 Phone for details: 01503 265368

A taste of Europe in Cornwall

It's a work of art
www.larssonscoffeehouse.com

YOGA CLASSES IN LOOE & PELYNT TO BALANCE BODY, MIND & BREATH

I teach Yoga for All and Gentle Yoga
 (from a chair) classes.

You don't need to be fit or flexible – all abilities,
 including wheelchair users, are welcome.



For full details
 please contact Liz
 on 01503 264775



**Having a Party? Looking for
 the perfect venue?
 Look no further than Tencreek
 Holiday Park Looe.**

✓ BIRTHDAYS ✓ WEDDINGS
 ✓ ANNIVERSARIES ✓ CHARITY NIGHTS
 Any event catered for

Call our Events Manager to discuss your requirements
 on 01503 262447 events@dolphinolidays.co.uk

CHILDREN'S SWIM PARTY PACKAGES FROM £9PP

www.dolphinolidays.co.uk



NEWS FROM THE EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST



Looking back and looking forward

East Looe Town Trust has put away its Christmas lights from the Rose Garden, the Old Guildhall, and the Seafront for another year, and the Christmas lighting volunteers have unplugged their East Looe festoons from the ELTT electricity meter. We thought the Rose Garden lighted canopy looked great, and several local organisations used it for events and performances. We enjoy being part of the town celebrations and are already thinking about next Christmas.

Based on storm warnings, the New Year's Eve fireworks team made a good call when they cancelled the midnight display. The pyrotechnics were combined with the 6pm children's display that was enjoyed by crowds on the Seafront, Hannafore Point, and the Wooldown. Thank you to the Looe Co-op for leading the fireworks team in recent years. This was apparently their final year, and ELTT looks forward to working with whoever succeeds them in the pre-event planning that goes into providing a safe and professional display.

Many people have been asking us whether there will be another beacon lighting celebration on the Wooldown for Coronation of King Charles in June. Details of the Coronation Weekend have now been published, and do not include beacon events. ELTT will be working closely with leading organisations in town to make sure that Looe will enjoy a memorable weekend. It is now official that there will be national beacon lighting on 6th June 2024 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the D-day landings.

The many followers of the ELTT Facebook page, can be sure that their own homegrown 'Springwatch' will be featuring signs of spring over the coming weeks by way of photographs from the Wooldown, and news about our longhorn mining bees, lizards, and other critters: <https://www.facebook.com/eastloetowntrust>.

When it comes to flowers, many people will picture the iconic Grade II listed Guildhall festooned and surrounded by colourful flowers. We thank the brilliant Looe in Bloom team for providing and looking after them for us. They do a great job with our beds on the East Looe Seafront too. It is a challenging environment and they have made an inspired choice of suitable plant species, which are clearly thriving. For these, our maintenance team look after their underground irrigation system.

Much to look forward to.

Brian Galipeau
Vice Chairman

BOOK CLUB MEMBERS/BOOK LOVERS

We have a new South East Cornwall (Portwrinkle) author to read!



Cover design and illustration by June Schneider.

Louisa's Lament by Annie Graham will be published in the next few weeks and will be available via Amazon or Pat Oakley Publishing.

How did Louisa Ingle go from being a hard-working nurse at London's Guy's Hospital to despised outcast, shunned and condemned for manslaughter?

Caught in a bitter dispute between the hospital's modernisers and traditionalists, she was a scapegoat for the warring factions when the conflict tumbled out of control in the summer of 1880.

This is the story of that struggle and her downfall, and how she learned of the conspiracy that entangled her and drove her into deep despair at the rank injustice of her betrayal.

But it is also the inspiring true story of a group of pioneering women as they stepped out of Florence Nightingale's shadow to establish the value of nursing as a profession for independent women. Their lives were crushed, and their story was buried in a footnote of the history of Guy's. But, because of their efforts, Guy's hospital now has one of the finest Nursing Training Institutes in the world. This is their legacy.

Release: February/March 2023

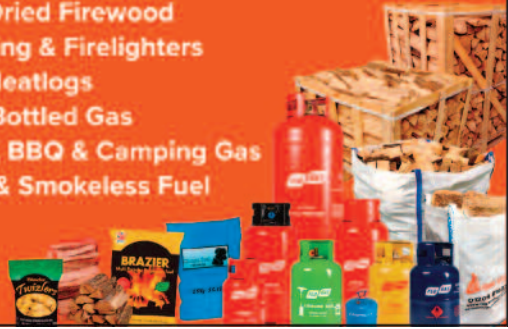
For more information visit: <https://www.patoakleypublishing.london/>

Logan's Logs
0800 8021 223

sales@loganslogs.co.uk
 www.loganslogs.co.uk



Kiln Dried Firewood
 Kindling & Firelighters
 Eco Heatlogs
 LPG Bottled Gas
 Patio, BBQ & Camping Gas
 Coal & Smokeless Fuel



WEST LOOE PLAYGROUP

PLACES
 AVAILABLE FOR
2, 3, & 4
 YEAR OLDS



Monday - Friday 9.00am - 3.30pm
 Lunch Club: Monday -Thursday 12.00pm - 12.30pm
 30 Hours Funded places available

Telephone 01503 265623 / 07976 393133
 for a free taster session or for more information

www.westlooeplaygroup.co.uk
 email: admin@westlooeplaygroup.co.uk

Sheila's

School of Dancing
 Over 50's gentle dance-a-cise
 every Tuesday and Thursday
 at the Millpool Centre

Classes also available for children and teens in Disco, Street, and Latin American,
 in Looe, Pelynt and Liskeard
 Adult classes and private lessons in Ballroom and Latin American

07866771429

sheiladancing@btinternet.com

Pelynt
Boarding Kennels
& Cattery
 Near Looe
01503 220915



Cattery set away
 from kennels in
 tranquil garden
 surroundings

www.pelyntkennels.co.uk

PAINT A POT
 CERAMIC STUDIO

Fore Street, East Looe

Design and paint your own decorative
 ceramic pottery in a working studio.

Advice and help available.
 We supply all materials and glaze and fire your
 piece to give a lasting professional finish

100's of
 designs
 available
 Easy techniques
 - amazing
 results!



Packing &
 postal Service

Gift
 Vouchers

www.potsinlooe.co.uk

Tel: 01503 262763



R Mears & Sons
Chimney Sweeps & Stove Installation

Established over 30 years
 Vac Brush. Full CCTV investigations.
 Pots, Cowlings & Bird Protection fitted. Chimneys Lined.
 Solid Fuel Appliances, Rayburns, Woodburners,
 Stoves, etc serviced. Fully Insured.

Tel: 01840 261221 Tavistock: 01822 664554

Mob: 07737 533392

www.sweepdevon.com





WEST LOOE TOWN TRUST



Everyone needs to do some good sprucing up occasionally and it is the same at the Trust, as you will see below we have put up a new sign above the office in West Looe.



Normal busy continues with the Parking Permits for 2023 – all posted out to our tenants with 100% occupancy in the three sites in West Looe – Downs Gate, Downs and Pound Orchard Car Parks. If people would like to go onto our waiting lists for a residential or commercial space, please do look at our website (www.westlooetowntrust.co.uk) on how to apply.

The Trust continues to support local charities and people with grants being pledged to 60 children this year. Please watch our Homepage on the website for details on how and when to apply for future School Grants – details will be updated shortly.

Our amenity area on the Downs continues to be a great asset for Looe and with the help of our maintenance team – Dave Ede & Co @ F.J Ede & Sons, West Waylands, Tristian Wearing of Prennekdesigns.co.uk and Tom Peat of Dave Peat Waste Ltd – we continue to provide a great open space for local people to enjoy.

We are all looking forward to another busy season in Looe and welcoming new visitors and residents to our lovely town.

Sue Pengelly
Clerk to the Trustees



LOOE DEFIBRILLATOR APPEAL OUR STORY



THE FACTS: There are 30,000+ cardiac arrests each year in the UK where emergency services attempt resuscitation outside of hospital. People of any age and fitness can be affected. Only around 1 in 10 people survive a sudden cardiac arrest in the UK, and a person's chance of survival decreases by up to 10% every minute without CPR and defibrillation. Bystanders can make a big difference if they take the right action fast. Currently public access defibrillators are used in fewer than 1 in 10 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, according to RCUK, even though there is an initially shockable rhythm in approximately 1 in 4 patients. Statistics show that if you can get a defibrillator on a patient within four minutes of a cardiac arrest, the patient has a 70% chance of survival. Each minute after that, a further 10% is lost. When it comes to cardiac arrest, our community provides the most important links in the Chain of Survival. The first key steps; early recognition and call for help, early CPR and early defibrillation, all depend on a speedy response by members of the public. However, early defibrillation is dependent on a public access defibrillator being nearby. When 999 is called for a patient who is unconscious and not breathing normally, the caller will be told how to provide CPR. If there is someone else available, they will be sent to get the nearest defibrillator.

LOOE DEFIBRILLATOR APPEAL – OUR STORY

In order to be most effective, it is suggested that there should be a defibrillator available every 200m in highly populated areas. Unfortunately, communities do not have the resources to achieve this.

January 2018: In early 2018 Looe Harbour Commissioners were contacted by South West Ambulance Service Trust (SWAST) who advised that the defibrillator located on Harbour Commission land, was past its 'use by date' and needed replacement. There was only one other unit in the town at this time. Looe Harbour Commissioners agreed to allow the Harbour Master (Tina Hicks) to lead a town project to get four units funded and installed in key areas in Looe.

July 2018: Over the next few months, the Looe community, supported by SWAST, raised funds to place not four, but 14 public access defibrillators around the town! In addition, Looe Pioneers (with the assistance of Looe Lions) raised funds for three additional FLEET defibrillators, making 17 in total. A four-year support package was agreed with SWAST, and a number of Basic Life Support and Defibrillator awareness training sessions were provided to members of the public, clubs and local schools.

During the first few months of installation, the units were deployed to a number of incidents and the training provided within the project, used by local people to help family members, friends and complete strangers. The same units have been deployed on many occasions since installation, particularly during the summer months, when the town is at its busiest.

November 2021: To maintain the current coverage of defibrillators in the town, the community needed to renew the contracts (for a further four years) on 14 of the 17 community defibrillators, by July 2022. The cost of doing so was estimated to be in the region of £16,000 + VAT. A decision was therefore taken to start fundraising, to ensure that the target was reached in good time.

December 2021: Fundraising began in earnest. Previous sponsors were contacted, and new 'potential' sponsors approached. A huge 'boost' to the fundraising appeal was received when Tregoad Holiday Park agreed to sponsor four of the 14 existing units (that needed renewal), plus one additional unit for Looe Island. A 'Go Fund Me' page was developed, donation avenues publicised, and grant avenues pursued. The Looe Defibrillator brand was developed, with small quantities of merchandise produced to sell at fundraising events and street collections. Local clubs, organisations and members of the public held a wide range of fundraising events from street collections to danceathons. The whole community joined together to reach the fundraising target of £16,000 + VAT.

April 2022: Requests were received for additional defibrillators to be added to the scheme, from the residents of Barbican Hill (whose nearest unit was Lower Quay stores or the Primary School on the Barbican), and the wardens on Looe Island. Concerns were raised with consideration to the increased visitor numbers to the island and the fact that there were two permanent wardens living on the island; the nearest defibrillator being at the Lifeboat station on the mainland.

November 2022: In July 2022, contracts were renewed for the 14 public access defibrillators, plus the additional two that were requested for Looe Island and Barbican Hill (16 units in total). These, with the three FLEET units already in situ, meant that by working together, the Looe community have now installed 19 defibrillators over a much-increased catchment area. Which is fantastic news for locals and visitors alike.

December 2022: The 2022 'Looe Defibrillator Fund Raising Appeal' is now closed. Donations and fundraising efforts raised a further £24,079.74 on top of the funding required for 2022, making a grand total of £44,239.74 raised since December 2021.

This phenomenal sum will mean that (if unit costs remain stable) the funds can be held by Looe Development Trust, to secure the provision of 19 Community Defibrillators for a further eight years!

The Next Steps: A small amount of the funds raised will be used to produce additional signage (indicating defibrillator locations) placed in prominent positions around the town. A QR code system will be developed and publicised, which will be linked to the 'Looe Defibrillator Appeal' information page and will provide details of how to donate to the project moving forward, for anyone wishing to do so.

Our community: is the most important link in the chain of survival. Anyone can use a defibrillator (with or without training).

Please:

- Spread the word to family and friends
- Attend public training sessions
- Know the locality of your community defibs

And remember...

If a person is unconscious and not breathing:

Recognise the symptoms

Call for help

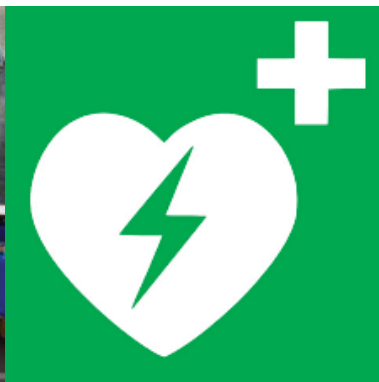
Start CPR

Start defibrillation

Do not stop until help arrives, or you are told to do so.

You too can save a life!

Tina Hicks
Looe Harbour Commissioners



LOOE DEFIBRILLATOR APPEAL 2022 – THANKS

Every donation, however small, was greatly appreciated, as were the non-financial contributions made by volunteers, businesses, clubs, organisations and private individuals.

We cannot name everyone. The list would be too long! However, we would like to give special thanks and acknowledge the support to the following:

Stephen Matthews (South West Ambulance Trust)	Looe Sailing Club
Dave Jackman (Looe Harbour Commissioners)	Looe Rowing Club
Amy Reeves (Looe Harbour Commissioners)	Looe Valley Rotary club
Annette Keen (Looe Harbour Commissioners)	Darby & Joan Club
Tregoad Holiday Park	West Looe Playgroup
West Looe Town Trust	Gavin Kingerley
East Looe Town Trust	Pam Jones
Looe Town Council	Royal British Legion, Looe
Looe Harbour Commissioners	Looe Boat Owners Association
Looe Development Trust	Looe Community Academy
Cornish Tea and Coffee	Looe Primary Academy
Barclays Bank	Looe Co-op Community Fund
M&P Electrical	Councillors Armand Toms and Edwina Hannaford
Looe Harbour Commissioners Maintenance Staff	Mr and Mrs Jonathan Podmore
Brosweyth	Simon and Edwina Hannaford
Cooloo	Celia Armes
Kim and Mike Spencer	Harvey Bowden
Sharon Payne	Hannaford Point Hotel
Rayna Toms	Rivercroft Hotel
Mrs O Western	Cornwall Wildlife Trust
Colin and Beryl Tregear	Cornwall Council
St George's Lodge	Great Western Railway
The Crew of Looe RNLI	The Admiral Boscarn
Looe Social Club	Looe Coastguard
Cornish Collection	Looe RNLI
Looe Rifle Club	Richardson Funeral Directors
Looe Pioneers	Quayside Fresh
Looe Age Concern	Guildhall Market
U3A	
Original Looe Bakery	

**Alone we can do so little,
Together we can do so much.**

Thank you!

**Tina Hicks
Looe Harbour Commissioners**



WELCOME TO LOOE & POLPERRO



A Little Bit About Us

Welcome to Looe & Polperro launched at the end of July 2020 as an independent, professional and proactive website and social media campaign. The aim being to give the tourism, hospitality and retail sectors a much-needed boost as Covid was at the height of its impact.

The site was funded and curated by myself, Peter Friend, as a way of giving something back to my home town.

In a short space of time, the site has gained over 200,000 visitors and the Facebook and Instagram pages have approached 13,000 followers. Over 200 businesses are listed on the site and there has been widespread positive feedback for what's being achieved.

Divided into five key sections for Accommodation, Eating & Drinking, Shopping, Exploring & Activities and Weddings, the website provides an affordable way for local businesses to advertise; illustrating to visitors and potential visitors that our corner of Cornwall should be high on their list of places to visit and stay.

Supporting Local Organisations

In 2022, in addition to ploughing the advertising income back into developing the website, nearly £1,000 was also donated to local good causes and charities. What's more, the site provided free advertising and support for community groups and events. In 2023, we've pledged that 10% of all advertising revenues will be donated locally.

Getting Involved

If you own or run a business in Looe, Polperro or any of our surrounding communities and would like to be included in the site, advertising starts from just £15 for 12 months. Email info@welcometolooe.com for more information.

Welcome to Looe & Polperro
www.welcometolooe.com



WELCOME TO
**Looe &
Polperro**

Cornwall at its best

Promoting the Tourism, Hospitality & Retail
sectors across our communities.

www.welcometolooe.com

**THE BENEFICES OF LOOE & MORVAL
with DULOE & HERODSFOOT
SPRING & EASTER SERVICES**

Ash Wednesday, Wednesday 22nd February

Ashing Service, St. Wenna, Morval, 7pm

Saturday 25th February

Warm space free lunch, St. Martin's Hall, Looe, 12noon-2pm

Saturday 18th March

Warm space free lunch, St. Martin's Hall, Looe, 12noon-2pm

Palm Sunday, 2nd April

Holy Communion, St. Martin's, Looe, 11am

"The Path – a Musical Journey", St. Wenna, Morval, 3pm

Maundy Thursday 6th April

Vigil, St. Cuby, Duloe, 6.30pm

Tenebrae Devotion, Riverside URC Church, 7pm

Good Friday 7th April

A Good Friday Service, All Saints, Herodsfoot, 10am

Meditation, St. Nicholas, West Looe, 10.30am

Looe Town Walk of Witness, Starting West Looe 12noon

"The Last Hour", St. Wenna, Morval, 2pm





Easter Sunday, 9th April, Holy Communions

St. Cuby, Duloe, 9.30am

St. Martin's, Looe, 11am

THE BENEFICES OF LOOE & MORVAL with DULOE & HERODSFOOT SERVICES

Priest-in-Charge: Revd. Ben Morgan Lundie
(vicar@looeparishes.co.uk) 01503 261184
Hon. Assistant: Revd. Clive Gilbert

MONTHLY SERVICES				
	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	Holy Communion rotating between all churches, 10.30am – see websites and notice boards			
Mid-week	Holy 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
For other events, please see websites and notice boards.				

SCLERDER ABBEY

EVENTS

QUIET DAYS to recharge your batteries: If you would like to step off the treadmill of everyday life into a beautiful and quiet place, join us on any of these Tuesdays: 14th February, 21st March, 18th April, 16th May, from 10am to 4pm. On 14th February we will be Preparing for Lent which begins one week later. Hot drinks and a simple lunch are provided. There is no charge for the day, but donations are very welcome!

IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RESIDENTIAL SILENT RETREAT: Monday 8th to Sunday 14th May (from 6pm on 8th ending 10am on 14th). An opportunity to be immersed in the quiet and peace of Sclerder Abbey in order to come closer to God and discern his will for you.

INNER HEALING RETREAT: Saturday 3rd to Wednesday 7th June. A residential silent retreat to find greater inner peace.

CANA WEEK FOR COUPLES AND FAMILIES: Sunday 23rd to Saturday 29th July. A week to enrich your relationship with your spouse or partner. Children are looked after and follow their own exciting programme, to give the parents space for themselves.

THE GREEN ABBEY PROJECT

Using a small area of land to its best advantage and working with nature to produce vegetables, salad and fruit ecologically and organically. In February/ March we will be starting to sow and plant out for spring and summer crops, and we will prune the apple trees. We also have some construction projects to work on to provide more greenhouse space, and to protect our beds from rabbits, deer and other pests. And we will always be collecting and turning material to make more compost. Would you like to volunteer for a couple of hours, half a day, or more (including as a residential volunteer for two weeks or more) to help us develop this project?

For more information about quiet days and retreats or the Green Abbey project or to apply, please email to sclerder@gmail.com, or ring 01503 272238.





BOUNDLESS TRUST **THE HAVEN**



It was just 18 months ago that Boundless Trust was formed and secured a lease with the Harbour Commissioners on The Haven. The purpose of this initially was to provide a space for young people in Looe. This is indeed still a vital part of the service we provide and are seeking to offer. However Boundless Trust has become a catalyst for the local community to engage, collaborate and serve one another in opening up opportunities for all to get the most out of life whatever their circumstances. Please find below some of the regular activities and support we are running.

Youth and Children

We continue to run Youth Club for 11-16 year olds weekly, during term time, on Wednesdays 4.30pm-6pm at The Haven. We also offer holiday activities during the school holidays.

Warm Spaces

The Haven is open every Monday and Thursday 2pm-4pm for you to warm up, enjoy a cuppa, conversation and help yourself to food from the community larder.

Looe Community Meals, Foodbank and Hardship Fund

If you or someone you know is struggling to put food on the table or heat the house please do get in contact. We will discuss with you how we might help, with confidentiality and without judgement.

Boundless Board Masters (Board Game Club)

This is just a bit of fun for the adults to come along make new friends and play some games. Every Thursday 7.30pm-9.30pm at The Haven.

Get involved

We are always open to new ideas, or if you would like to volunteer in our existing activities or donate please do get in contact. All our contact information can be found on our website www.boundlesstrust.co.uk.



COMMUNITY CASH

I would imagine by now everyone is aware of the situation regarding banking here, in Liskeard (as well as innumerable locations UK-wide) and access to cash at ATMs. Personally, I find it utterly annoying (I won't swear in print!) as we are led by the nose to deal with everything by smart-phone, tablets, computers and all the new methods (which are then replaced by new models you need to buy to keep up with the modern systems...).

Comment by an oldie here – what happens if there is a shut-down of electricity/energy supplies and your devices cannot operate? An opportunity for a rather disturbing book. Any takers?

Anyway, back to life here in the port, this tourism destination where the public need to be in possession of cash and change for those businesses and leisure pursuits that deal solely in cash, fetes and stalls, tips for personal service and help; consider the attractions/entertainment/charities we have all been used to seeing and providing money to, slot machines for the youngsters, collection boxes on the street – not everything can be dealt with by debit or credit card, or flashing your mobile telephone screen.

We have no choice in what is happening to us and only time will tell who will succeed; who or what will fail. But, in the meantime, please note the following: Looe is a shopping area with smaller independent shops as well as our nationally based shops, but in East and West Looe the smaller shops who ply their trade as locally developed businesses do so, not only for their already reduced profit margins but as with all the shops, local or national, for the benefit of the shopping public, local or visiting. I gather there is to be a further increase in the cost of energy later this year and that the shops will need to overcome increases in providing the heating and lighting needed.

Please, everyone, **support** these local shops and establishments. They supported us through the last years, providing the necessities of living, they stayed open, they arranged collections and deliveries, providing the shopping we all needed before, during and after Covid restrictions.

They need our support. Don't let them down – they didn't let us down.
Thank you to them all.

Dave Holford

(and no, I'm not in business, I'm retired!)

LOOE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

We were so pleased to return to the stage between 19th and 21st January after an enforced break of three years. Four amazing performances for four amazing audiences.

Once again, our 'ladies only' panto group, featuring the dancers from Sheila's Dance School, produced their very best for 'Babes in the Wood' – a tale of a Wicked Uncle who becomes, unwillingly, the guardian of his niece and nephew. His quest to get his hands on their money leads to encounters in mythical woods, Fairyland and Toyland, with Wicked Witches and Good Fairies.

All ended well and everyone lived happily ever after. Which means, of course, we can start preparing for next year's panto – Oh yes, we can!!!!

Thanks to the Millpool Centre and our wonderful Looe community who supported us throughout.



Our summer production of '*PlaybyPlay9*' – an evening of entertaining play readings, with cheese and pate supper will take place on Saturday 3rd June 2023.

LOOE MARINE CONSERVATION GROUP



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: We're now well into our winter programme of talks with some excellent speakers lined up with beach cleans and rockpool rambles in the mix. Come along! See poster on next page for our 2023 events.

But other than simply attending our events, do you have time to volunteer? We're looking for people with skills to help us protect the marine environment in and around Looe.

LMCG has been going since 2008! – but we need more volunteers! You may have practical skills e.g. to help with the crabline recycling scheme; or organisational strengths for an admin role to help us plan, publicise and run events. Or perhaps you have scientific skills or diving experience and want to participate in marine survey work? We'd love to hear from you.

If interested, please send an email to looevmca@gmail.com with the subject title VOLUNTEER.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/looe marine conservation group

Twitter: www.twitter.com/LooeMCG

Instagram: www.instagram.com/looe mcg/

Website: www.looe marine conservation.org



OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM AND GAOL



Our new Season will start on Monday 3rd April at 11am and run until Sunday October 29th.

We have two new exhibitions about boat building and Thomas Bond and the winter team have been busy doing conservation work and archiving.

Bring your friends to come and see us – adults £3 and children are free. Dogs are welcome on a lead.

Are you interested in volunteering for us?

Please phone East Looe Town Trust on 01503 263709 and we can show you round the Museum.

ROCKPOOL RAMBLES



Sun 19th Feb, 10:30-11:30

Fri 7th Apr, 13:00-14:15

Sun 4th Jun, 12:00-13:15

Fri 4th Aug, 14:00-15:30

Fri 1st Sept, 12:45-14:15

Sun 29th Oct, 11:00-12:15

Meet below the coastguard station at Hannafore

BEACH CLEANS



Sat 7th Jan, 11:00, Hannafore

Sat 18th Feb, 10:30, Seaton

Sat 8th Apr, 14:00, Seaton

Sat 16th Sept, 11:00, Port Nadler*

* clean & picnic, meet at Hannafore field gates



CRABBING COMPETITION

Mon 1st Aug, 14:30-16:00, Heritage Centre

2023 EVENTS



LOOE
Marine Conservation Group

MARINE CONSERVATION GROUP

discover • explore • learn



TALKS SERIES @ 18:15

Tues 17th Jan, Stories from Looe Island, Zoom & the Millpool Centre

Tues 21st Feb, Wildlife of Our Coast & Estuaries, Millpool Centre

Tues 21st Mar, More Intrigue in Our Seas: The Continuing Mysteries Posed by Our
Marine Life, Hannafore Hotel

Tues 18th Apr, Eco-engineering: Greening the Grey, Millpool Centre

Tues 16th May, Pelagic Sharks of Our Waters & Their Amazing Journeys, Millpool
Centre

Tues 17th Oct, Cornwall's Marine Life & the Role of Citizen Scientists, Millpool Centre

Tues 15th Nov, Marine Ecosystems, Fisheries & Blue Carbon, Millpool Centre

Talks are followed by monthly meetings to which all are welcome

Additional pop-up events throughout the year will be advertised on our

Facebook Page (@LooeMCG)

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

MILLPOOL CENTRE

SOCIETIES DAY

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO FIND INFO
ON CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS IN THE
LOOE AREA

Sat 4th March 2023

From 11am to 3pm

The Millpool, West Looe

MOOR TO SEA



Photo: Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership

Throughout the year you will be hearing a lot about a new project called 'Moor To Sea'. This is supported by the Looe Development Trust, and funded through a partnership of organisations, which include the National Heritage Lottery Fund, the Cornwall Heritage Trust, Cornwall and west Devon World Heritage Site, Liskeard and Looe Town Councils and the Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership (DCRP). Through DCRP the Moor to Sea project secured some further funding from the Community Rail Partnership to focus on the role of the rail branch line in shaping the history and environment of the Looe Valley. Overall, the project is funding heritage-related and environmental volunteering throughout the Looe Valley, including Liskeard and Looe, and aims to celebrate our connection to these wonderful places.

For more information on 'Moor To Sea' please visit: <https://moortosea.org.uk>.

This is a project for the local community and your help in co-creating this is so important. There are many ways you can participate including:

- Tell your story about the Looe Valley and take part in an oral history project. History is all around us, in our families and communities, in the living memories and experiences of older people and others in the community. The aim is to record these stories and keep them for the future, but we also need volunteers interested in learning how to record them. Full training and travel expenses will be provided. Contact Jo moor2sea23@gmail.com.
- Be inspired and become an environmental explorer. Learn how we can work together to take care of our local environment as a volunteer guide.

- Find out more about the Moorswater story and how you can get involved with the walking trails, again as a volunteer guide. There is more about the walks at Moorswater and points of interest on www.moortosea.org.uk.
- Become involved in the local museums' travelling exhibition that will tell the story of the valley – we are looking for exhibits and stories but also people to take part in co-creating the exhibition for a major celebration of the Valley later in the year.
- Taking part in creative events that help to (re)connect with the landscape and celebrate the valley heritage. From poetry walks to storytelling, get creative with these many wonderful happenings...

We have a small budget to help people participate in this project if they are on Universal Credit. If you would like to take part in anything, but feel deterred for any reason, please have a chat with the Project Manager Stephen Horscroft on 07975 714867.



Photo by Neil Richardson

Gardens n Gutters

gardensngutters@outlook.com
gardensngutters.weebly.com

Free
 No-Obligation Quotes

Looe
 07957 492932



Michael Thurlow
Gardener/Gutter Cleaner
Fully Insured

General Garden Maintenance
 Gutter Cleaning
 Gutter/Fascia Washing
 Window Cleaning



Looe Locksmiths
Call 07739124163
www.looelocksmiths.com



Your Local Mobile Locksmith based in Looe

Key Cutting
Lock Replacement
Lock Opening
Vehicle Opening
Broken Key Extraction
UPVC/Composite Door Adjustment



For all your fancy dress, joke and party requirements.
Jokes, tricks and gimmicks for all ages.

Hair and body make-up, costumes and costume accessories
False body parts, wigs, beards, 'tashes, hats, masks,
removeable tattoos etc..

Suppliers of costumes and accessories for all occasions

For a great time
on your holiday
visit
The Joke Shop
Fore Street, East Looe
Tel: 01503 262284

In conjunction with



For gifts, toys,
souvenirs, jewellery etc.

THE
DOG HOUSE
LOOE
GROOM.WALK.STAY
01503 269251



Professional Dog Grooming, Walking, Day-Care
and Boarding Services based in West Looe

www.thedoghouselooe.co.uk

Looe Allotment Association



Ever thought about
an allotment?

Plots available from
£40 a year

For more information, email
looeallotments@gmail.com

If you would rather speak to
someone, please contact
Looe Town Council
on 01503 262255

Grow your own
vegetables, fruit and
herbs whilst enjoying
views across the
beautiful Cornish
countryside



LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



A belated 'Happy New Year' for 2023 from the committee and branch members of the Looe Branch of the Royal British Legion. We hope for a Covid and strike free year, but above all we would like to see the end to the cruel Russian aggression against the Ukraine. Our thoughts are with the gallant people of the Ukraine.

Cost of Living Grants: We know how tough things are now, especially with the very large increases to the cost of living we are experiencing. The Legion has launched a national 'Cost of Living Grants Programme'. This is designed to allow us to assist people who need help in a quick and easy way with everyday essentials such as kitchen appliances, clothes, and energy costs. The programme is open to anyone who is eligible for our support (serving, or have served in the Armed Forces, and their dependants or carers) and struggling to pay for items and services they need. You can apply online using Lightning Reach link below:

<https://www.lightningreach.org/application-portal?referral=rbl>

Lightning Reach is a one-stop online grants portal, transforming how people in financial hardship access support. It enables charities and public sector institutions to get financial support to those who need it most, quickly and securely. The aim is to assess applications within 5 working days of submission.

Internet Access: We are fully aware that not everybody has internet access to apply for grants, so we are pleased that the Looe Library has two computers available for public use. To book a computer please telephone the library on 01503 262255.

Veterans Rail Card: In this time of 'belt tightening' we are pleased that a number of our members have provided positive feedback after using the Veterans Rail Card. The card gives a third off most rail fares including Standard and First Class Anytime, Off-Peak and Advance fares across England, Wales and Scotland. You can also nominate a companion to get a third off when travelling with you. If you have served for at least one day in HM's Armed Forces (Regular or Reserve) or have been a Merchant Mariner who has seen duty on legally defined military operations, you should be eligible for a card. An annual Veterans Railcard costs £30 or a three-year card £70. The Veterans Railcard is available to buy online and by post. To learn more about this and other railcards, visit online: www.railcard.co.uk.

War memorial Railings: We are glad to report that the Looe War Memorial railings are now back in place after their refurbishment. Our thanks go out to the Looe Harbour Commission for organising and funding the work at not an inconsiderable cost. Let's hope the railings and memorial last for another 100 years.

Nuclear Test Veterans Medal: It has been announced that a new medal is to be awarded to honour the veterans and civilians who participated in the UK's nuclear test programme from 1952 to 1967. This work contributed to Britain achieving the nuclear deterrent which is still the cornerstone of our defence policy. Sadly, when

the test began the effects of nuclear radiation were little known and safety precautions were rudimentary. It wasn't until much later that a correlation was made between cancer cases and nuclear test veterans. In 1983 the British Nuclear Test Veterans Association charity was set up to gain recognition and restitution for the British nuclear test veterans. The charity also provides welfare to nuclear test veterans, their wives, widows and descendants.

Approximately 22,000 British servicemen participated in the programme but only about 10% of them are alive today. Thankfully, the medal can be awarded posthumously. Veterans, their families and next of kin will need to apply for the medal, which will be free of charge. It is expected that the first awards of the medals will be made in 2023. We will publish more on how to claim the medal when it becomes known.

The Invictus Games: The Games are a multi-sport events, open to all wounded, injured and sick serving military personnel and veterans. The charity 'Help for Heroes' had led 'Team UK' at the Invictus Games since the event was launched, but in 2022 it was announced that the RBL would take over leading the team. The Government said the decision had been made because the RBL could provide 'more personnel', 'secure funding' and 'a commitment to support the team in the future'. The next Invictus Games will be held in Germany in August 2023 and we hope that some recent unfortunate comments in an autobiography will not make the Games a terrorist target.

The Battle Back Centre, Lilleshall, is heavily involved in selecting and training the participants for the 2023 Invictus Games. The centre was established by the Royal British Legion in 2011 to support wounded and injured service personnel returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. It aims to help ensure the best possible recovery for the Armed Forces community, whether it's returning to duty or successfully transitioning to civilian life. More recently the centre has expanded its services with the introduction of wellbeing courses for veterans. Centred around adaptive sport and adventurous training activities, such as wheelchair basketball, archery, mountain biking, climbing and caving, Battle Back helps build camaraderie as well as the chance to connect through shared experiences. The programme is designed to help grow confidence and improve motivation as well as the ability to deal with stress. Delivered alongside expert coaching, it also helps to develop positive thinking – focusing on what someone can achieve instead of what they cannot.

The Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre (DMRC): The RBL also part funds DMRC Stanford Hall which is a state-of-the-art MoD clinical rehabilitation facility, which replaces the original rehabilitation centre at Headley Court and provides expert care and support for wounded, injured and sick Armed Forces personnel. The RBL is able to fund the Royal British Legion Complex Trauma Gym at the centre; the largest of the DMRC's indoor spaces. Here, patients with complex injuries can focus on regaining mobility, fitness and independence. The Gym demonstrates how your donations can make a huge impact in helping those from suffering major trauma or injury in service. The gym is at the heart of patients'

recovery and rehabilitation, meeting all exercise therapy needs, and run by an expert team of MoD physiotherapists and specialists.

Helplines: 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.

Branch Meetings: We always hold our meetings meet on the first Monday of the month, and starting at 7.30pm sharp in the ground floor bar of the Looe Social Club, West Looe Quay.

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



LOOE COMMUNITY POP IN TEA ROOM



The Community Tea Room is in the Rose Garden.

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

Pop in and make new firends with a cup of tea or coffee plus biscuits.

We look forward to meeting you all.

Pat and all the volunteers



LOOE AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB



2023 seems to have arrived all of a sudden!

Most of our members are also gardeners so champing at the bit to get in the garden and think about flowers for this year. As always, we have a packed programme for 2023 starting with National Demonstrator, Alison Penno in February, followed by her mum Pat in March! Nothing like keeping it in the family; two wonderful demonstrators to kick off the year!



The Club meets at Pelynt Village Hall at 2pm every first Tuesday of the month; visitors are welcome for a small charge of £5.

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.

Happy New Year from Looe Library & Community Hub



All are welcome to share our
Warm Space



at Looe Library & Community Hub



Mondays 9:30am-1pm
& Fridays 9:30am-1pm

Warm Space

We opened our Warm Space in December. It is a safe place where everyone is welcome to come and enjoy hot drinks, snacks, games and meet a friendly face. The Warm Space at Looe Library is open on Mondays & Fridays from 9:30am - 1pm.



Regular Library Groups

Come down and join the library - you don't need any ID. We run regular groups: Knit & Natter 2-4pm on Tuesdays, Stories & Songs 10:30-11am on Mondays and All Age Lego Club 11-12pm on Saturdays. All our groups are free and you can just turn up and join in.

Community Cupboard
Winter



Winter Warmers

PLEASE DONATE OR TAKE WHAT YOU NEED. COATS, HATS, SCARVES & GLOVES
#GIVEANDTAKE



Meet Your Councillors Drop-In:

The Mayor of Looe, Cllr Edwina Hannaford, invites residents to meet Looe Town Councillors at a Drop-In Session on the first Saturday of each month from 10am-11am at Looe Library & Community Hub. This is an opportunity to ask Councillors questions, find out about the work of Looe Town Council and raise any issues.

Looe Library & Community Hub Opening Hours: Monday 9:30am-1pm, Tuesday 9:30am-5pm, Wednesday - closed, Thursday 9:30am-5pm, Friday 9:30am-1pm & Saturday 10am-2pm.



Please come along to the Hub and say hello, we would love to meet you.
Catherine, Tania, Sharon & Donna
The Community Hub Team

Follow our Library & Community Hub Facebook Page for regular updates





1ST LOOE ANNUAL PANCAKE RACE



Looe Annual Pancake Race

Saturday 18 February
starting at 12.30pm



Polperro Road, Looe, PL13 2JR
Pancake ingredients sponsored by



Fun for all
FREE to enter
Fancy dress optional
All ages welcome
Winners trophies
Medal for all entrants



Contact enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01503 262255

for more information. Places must be booked by Thursday 16th February

Join us for the 1st Looe Annual Pancake Race **from 12.30pm on Saturday 18th February** at **Tencreek Holiday Park**. Fun for all the family! There will be an adult, children (age 10-16) and a relay race with Tencreek kindly sponsoring a prize for the winners and medals for all entrants. You never know Deano & Sharky the Park Mascots may pop in to say hello as well!

To take part please book your place by emailing enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk or calling 01503 262255 by Thursday 16th February. **Spectators are welcome too - just turn up to watch the fun.**





LOOE TOWN COUNCIL AND VISIT LOOE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Looe Town Council and Visit Looe launched an exciting photographic competition to celebrate Illumination Street Week Photography.

Cllr Edwina Hannaford, Looe Town Mayor, will present to the winner, Ellie Jackson, a 16 x 12 canvas of her winning photograph.

Illumination Street Week 5-11th December is an annual 'National Calendar Campaign' to help combat those shorter days and cloudy skies. It celebrates the passion, flair, and effort that people around Britain invest in lighting up their homes, streets, and towns for Christmas.

To celebrate this Looe Town Council and Visit Looe – an online tourist destination and booking site providing engaging information to tourists on visiting Looe and surrounding areas – offered the chance for people to enter a photography competition which ran from 28th November 2022 to New Year's Day 2023.

Amateur photographers and enthusiasts were invited to submit an image of illuminations around Looe, either from their own home or street, or taken in Looe Town Centre.



Looe Town Council and the Visit Looe team would like to thank the judges for doing a brilliant job:

Tony Cobley: a professional commercial photographer who works across Cornwall and Devon, providing marketing and branding photography. He is a qualified associate of the British Institute of Professional Photography, and his clients include

Transport for Cornwall, many businesses, industry, tourism, hospitality, and accommodation providers in the area. Tony has judged several photography competitions over the years.

Tony Smith, Deputy Mayor (East Looe Ward): Tony has been a member of Looe Town Council since September 2020 and was elected as Deputy Mayor in May 2022. Before moving to Looe in 2014, Tony ran his own management consultancy business in Cardiff for some 20 years, working with companies and economic development agencies across the UK. As a member of Looe Town Council, Tony is particularly interested in the economic development of the town and the creation of jobs and business opportunities for its community.

Helen Marks, Plymouth University Arts College: Senior Lecturer & Subject Leader Extended BA (Hons) degree. Beginning her teaching career in 1988 as a lecturer in design and illustration, Helen recently celebrated her 30th anniversary as a member of the team at Arts University Plymouth. Her ND graphics course (now our UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art & Design – Graphics, Illustration & Game Arts) gained a national reputation for producing creative, enquiring, and dedicated students.

On Friday 10th February, the winner, Ellie Jackson, will be presented a 16 x 12” canvas of her winning image by Cllr Edwina Hannaford, Cornwall Councillor Looe West and Looe Town Mayor. You can also view the winning image, plus view the finalists work in a montage which is displayed on www.visitlooe.co.uk.

Based on the success of this competition, there are plans to hold another one. Keep an eye out on Visit Looe.





LOOE TOURISM AMBASSADOR SCHEME



A fabulous start to January 2023, where businesses of all sizes and Looe's leaders, owners, and managers came together to launch a new voluntary group called Looe Tourism Ambassador Scheme (LATAS) to help drive positive change in the town's hospitality industry. We are extremely keen to hear from other local businesses of all sizes who work in the tourism sector who would like to join the group to proactively participate and work with others for the benefit of our town and the local economy. The next meeting will be held at 11am on 13th March at the Portbyhan Hotel. Please contact Lucy George-Foster lucy@looetowncouncil.gov.uk or on 07943 176792.

The Looe Tourism Ambassador Scheme, created in partnership with Visit Looe and Looe Town Council, will facilitate supportive and collaborative networking. Through the scheme, companies will be able to share best practice, and attract, train, and retain the best business leaders and staff, irrespective of background and circumstance. The Looe Tourism Ambassador Scheme was an initial idea of Matt Way, General Manager of Tregoad Holiday Park, near Looe. He commented: "Collaboration is key for the future success of Cornwall's hospitality sector. We are fortunate to have a wealth of expertise and skills on our doorstep which we can bring together to strengthen our industry's offering in Looe. We believe the Looe Tourism Ambassador Scheme can provide ample support and inspiration to all hospitality businesses in the town. In time, we hope to expand our member base to create more knowledge sharing opportunities for the benefit of the whole sector. This is a truly exciting venture and I'm looking forward to progressing the Scheme together with fellow industry professionals."



Matt has been working closely with Lucy George-Foster, Looe Town Council's Business Development Officer, to develop the Looe Tourism Ambassador Scheme. Lucy added: "This year has been an incredible journey working alongside various talented business leaders in Looe. Our strong network of strategic professionals share the same insight and knowledge to drive an inclusive advancement of hospitality, leisure, food, and activity, with one main goal – to deliver the best holiday experience possible all year round to visitors."

Current members of the Looe Tourism Ambassador Scheme also include Gemma Davenport from Waterside Holiday Group, Henry Joce from Ten creek, Lindsey and Chris Bailey-Lewis from the Portbyhan Hotel, Cath Coad and Stacey Turnbull from Original Cottages, part of Travel Chapter, Chris and Lisa Wild and Sarah Hughes from The Bay Talland and Kim Spencer from Secta.

For more information about the scheme, visit: www.visitlooe.co.uk or contact lucy@looetowncouncil.gov.uk.



CONTACT CORNWALL COUNCIL

General Enquiries (and all services)	0300 1234 100
Children, Schools and Families	0300 1234 101
Libraries	0300 1234 111
Benefits	0300 1234 121
Adult Care and Support	0300 1234 131
Refuse and Recycling	0300 1234 141
Planning	0300 1234 151
Housing	0300 1234 161
Council Tax and Business Rates	0300 1234 171
Registration Service	0300 1234 181
Trading Standards	0300 1234 191
Environmental Management	0300 1234 202
Environmental Health and Licensing	0300 1234 212
Roads, Transport and Parking	0300 1234 222
Fire and Community Safety	0300 1234 232



WEBSITE: www.cornwall.gov.uk

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



LOOE TOWN COUNCIL



HAPPY NEW YEAR AND THANK YOU FROM LOOE TOWN COUNCIL:

We'd really like to thank all those involved with Christmas and New Year events in Looe, including East Looe Town Trust, Looe Harbour Commissioners, West Looe Town Trust, Looe Development Trust, Rev. Ben Morgan-Lundie, the Fireworks Committee, Young Farmers Club, Looe Pioneers, Looe Lions, Mike Allsopp, St Pinnock band, all the singers at the lights switch-on and, of course, Santa and his helpers. As things got back to normal after the Covid restrictions, it was great to see Looe so alive throughout December and the community coming together for all the celebrations.

Lots of preparation takes place before the Christmas events, including the lantern-making workshops in November. Thanks to Tencreek for hosting one of those in 2022, we were able to have even more people joining in these fun craft sessions and some great lanterns were created for the procession. Numbers at the lantern procession and Christmas lights switch-on was way above expected, so thanks to all those in the community who came along and joined in. We've already started preparations for this year so watch this space for announcements about future dates.

LOOE COASTGUARD COTTAGES – A PROPOSAL TO BUY AND REFURBISH THE FLATS, FOR SECURE RENTAL TO LOCAL PEOPLE

Cllr Edwina Hannaford, Mayor of Looe, has been working with Simon Ryan of Three Seas Trust and Cornwall Council, supported by Looe Town Council, to bring back into use the flats at Coastguard Cottages in West Looe. The cottages were poorly converted in the 1980s and have suffered from damp, poor sound insulation and drainage issues for many years. The building is Grade 2 listed and has proved difficult to maintain to a high standard by Cornwall Housing Limited because of lack of funds.



Edwina said “As the Cornwall Councillor for Looe West I have been campaigning for the investment required and a better solution to ensure that local people are accommodated first and that the flats are refurbished to the highest standard. I had seen what Three Seas had achieved in Cawsand and on the Rame so made contact to see if they could help. I’m delighted that they were receptive and keen to work with our community to help us deliver much needed social housing in Looe. The need is huge across Cornwall but more so in coastal resorts like Looe. We have seen a collapse in the private rental market where house owners have converted to Airbnbs and holiday lets, leaving a black hole that once accommodated key workers like fire fighters, care and shop workers who work in the town. Rents shot up (if you could find a home) and became unaffordable for local people. This has left shops and care companies unable to fill essential jobs making trading in the town a real challenge.”

The idea: The property sits on North Road above Looe harbour and has 11 small one-bed flats. Most are empty, and Cornwall Council is not able to repair them, so they could have been sold at auction for second homes. Three Seas instead propose a community trust for Looe, owned and run by local people to buy and refurbish the flats, then let them at low rents to local people.

How would it work? - In 2021, a community trust in Cawsand bought three ex-Council houses, did a high-standard refurbishment and then let them to local families, at low rents. Some of the people who did that work are starting a new charity, called Three Seas, to copy the Cawsand success in other Cornish coastal communities. Our first project is the Coastguard Flats in Looe. Three Seas has all the skills needed to replicate Cawsand: architect, specialist builder, finance worker, community organiser, publicity/web team. The Charity also has strong support from Looe Town Council and County Councillors.

What happens next? - We now need to know whether the people of Looe want this project to happen. We have to prove there is strong local support, so Three Seas is publicising the project and holding a public meeting.

To find out more - come to the public meeting on Saturday 25th February at 2pm in the Millpool Centre. If you can't attend and would like more information write to info@threeseas.org.uk or leave your contact details at Looe Library, the Millpool, during normal opening hours.

ACCESSIBILITY IN LOOE

Looe Town Council has been working with Access Cornwall to gather details about how accessible Looe is for those with disabilities. Access Cornwall's audit suggests that we are more accessible than many Cornish towns and we hope that we can continue to welcome all visitors regardless of their access needs. Councillors and Officers are now in the process of collating the available information to help all visitors plan their stay in Looe.

COUNCIL MEETINGS AND DROP-INS

A reminder that all Council and Committee meetings are open to the public and we welcome residents attending to ask questions, make statements or just to observe what goes on at our meetings. You can find information and meeting dates on our website at www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council/agendas-and-minutes. We also hold drop-in sessions for informal meetings with individual Councillors outside of our main meetings. These take place at the Library from 10am to 11am on the first Saturday of each month and you're very welcome to drop in for a chat and to ask any questions of Councillors.



MUSINGS FROM THE MAYOR



Christmas and New Year: As we move into February and the days start to pull out and we are looking beyond to warmer days, it's a chance to make plans for the future but also reflect on the events of Christmas and New Year.

The Torchlight Processions were such a joy. After two years of locks downs and cancelled events, it was wonderful for the community to get together and celebrate with a festival of lights and fun. The Processions were very well attended, the lanterns creative and bright, the children for Looe Primary School singing carols were magnificent and enthusiastic and everyone was smiling!

I would like to thank all who helped organise the event and dress the town including Looe Town Council, Looe Harbour Commissioners and East Looe Town Trust. I would also like to thank the shopkeepers for decorating their premises and most of all the people of Looe who truly entered the spirit the Christmas with their festive decorations.

The weather scuppered the New Year's midnight fireworks on safety grounds, but I was delighted that the 6pm display went so well. It was heart-warming to see so many children and their families enjoying themselves with plenty of "ooohs" and "ahhhs"! The display was one of the best yet with people undeterred by the inclement weather. Well done to all who fundraised and organised.

We are already planning for Christmas and New Year 2023 and will be inviting people to get involved in shaping our festive celebrations very soon.

Coronation: As we look forward to King Charles' Coronation it's fitting that Looe should mark this momentous occasion. The weekend of 6th June (bank holiday on the Monday) will see the pomp and ceremony in the capital, but Looe is renowned for street parties and community events! We hope to put forward some possible ideas and listen to what the people of Looe would like to do, so will be arranging a public meeting hopefully in February to gain volunteers and make plans.

Help for residents: It's been a tough few months with the cost-of-living crisis, especially energy costs sky rocketing. Looe Town Council are working hard to try and help local people weather the storm, offering a warm space and advice signposting in Looe Library and Community Hub on the Millpool. Looe Town Council has been working with other agencies across Cornwall and locally to help people in need. We have also been working in partnership with Boundless Trust, a home-grown charity based in The Haven in Buller Quay. Pop into the Library and Community Hub where Looe Town Council Information Officers will be pleased to help.

Mayor's Charity: My Mayor's charity this year is Boundless Trust, so with Town Council Officers' help we have been organising a series of Mayor's fundraising events to help with the Trust's invaluable work in helping young people. These initiatives, many started by Looe Town Council, include Looe Community Meals, (delivering hot meals twice a week to people in need) Looe Community Fund, (helping people in financial crisis), Secret Santa, Looe Community Cupboard (give and take donations on the Millpool), Christmas Meal and hampers (with Looe Lions).

So far, we have held a quiz night and a bingo night, sold mulled wine, and to date we have raised around £1,500 for these much-needed initiatives with hopefully a lot more to come. We are planning a glittering, red carpet Mayor's Masked Ball on 17th March where we are really keen to offer some special auction lots and raffle prizes to make as much money as we can for the charity. If you can donate anything to support this please contact us: enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk, call 01503 262255 or drop in to the offices Monday to Friday mornings or the Library during opening hours.

All these activities prove what I already know; that Looe is a caring, generous and kind community. Thank you all for your support.

Cllr Edwina Hannaford
Mayor of Looe



LOOE TOWN COUNCIL CONTACTS



Mayor, Cllr Edwina Hannaford
01503 264160
cllr.edwina.hannaford@cornwall.gov.uk

Deputy Mayor, Tony Smith
07774 639023
tony.smith@looetowncouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Simon Barker
01503 262929
simon.barker@looetowncouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Wayne Edwards
07903 315053
wayne.edwards@looetowncouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Jasper Graham-Jones
01752 586176

Councillor Martin Gregory
01503 272796
martin.gregory@looetowncouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Jon Holmes
07940 095322
jon.holmes@looetowncouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Leo Leong
07957 585595
leo.leong@looetowncouncil.gov.uk

Councillor James Lundy
01503 264405
james.lundy@looetowncouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Michala Powell
07469 633444
michala.powell@looetowncouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Stephen Remington
01503 263653
stephen.remington@looetowncouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Armand Toms
01503 264823
cllr.armand.toms@cornwall.gov.uk

Cornwall Councillors:

Edwina Hannaford
Armand Toms

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

First Floor
Looe Library and Community Hub
The Millpool
West Looe
PL13 2AF
01503 262255
enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk
www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk

KELTIQUE NEWS

The Christmas period is always a busy time for choirs and this was definitely the case for Keltique.



The Portbyhan Hotel in West Looe invited us to sing for their guests and members of the public on 8th, 11th, 14th, 18th, 21st and 29th November as well as on 5th, 12th, 23rd and 29th December. Our bucket collections at the Portbyhan Hotel in came to £650 – that's slightly more than we collected in 2019 so is a great result considering current financial pressures. We will send the proceeds to Cornwall Hospice Care, our chosen charity for 2022-23.

In addition to our concerts at the Portbyhan Hotel, we sang in the Liskeard Methodist Church Hall for the Memory Café on 2nd December; in Looe Social Club on 3rd December; on the West Looe Quayside on 16th December for our annual Christmas singalong; as well as in the Smugglers Inn, Seaton on Sunday 18th December.

We enjoyed singing for you at the above events and we thank you for your support and lovely feedback.

Our Monday evening practices resumed on Monday 16th January at the Riverside Church in West Looe. If your New Year resolution is to join a choir, look no further. You can be assured of a very warm welcome and you can give us a try for free for a month.

You can also come and visit our stand at the Looe Societies Day in the Millpool Centre on Saturday 4th March (11am-3pm) when we will be able to answer your questions.

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.

100 YEARS OF POLPERRO FISHERMEN'S CHOIR



Polperro Fishermen's Choir is 100 years old this year! One of the oldest male voice choirs in Cornwall, Polperro Fishermen's Choir is unusual because of its two influential founders: Eva Cloke and Tommy Mark. In 1923 Eva Cloke, herself the wife of a fisherman, persuaded many of them to form a choir to preserve their tradition of singing while working. As the organist at the Methodist chapel, Eva had the musical ability to coach the men to sing in harmony and so the newly formed male voice choir of the Polperro fishermen became the first in Cornwall to have a female conductor.

Tommy Mark had been a Polperro fisherman before turning to lay preaching, when he became known as the Fishermen's Bishop, blending religion and the sea in his homilies. His sermons attracted large crowds, sometimes well over 1,000 people, to the combined services and religious concerts given by the choir. Newspapers reported that a 1928 concert in the Devonport Central Hall had a congregation of about 1,500 with many more unable to get in. Such was the fame of the choir and Tommy Mark at the time that a report and photograph appeared in *The Sphere*, published in London as 'The Empire's Illustrated Weekly'.

Eva Cloke was the choir's musical director for more than 45 years. Murray Collings, who is now the choir vice-president, joined the choir as a teenager in 1952 – the year that Phil Carrigan, our present musical director, was born! At that time, Eva would still be in post for some years to come, so Murray provides a direct link right back to the founding of the choir. As Polperro Fishermen's Choir became a fixture in the village in 1923, non-fishermen were so keen to join that it soon included carpenters, blacksmiths, builders, shopkeepers and farmers in the membership. One founder member, Jack Libby Senior, worked as builder and four of his sons sang in the choir, including Jack Libby Junior who became the choir's musical director in 1971. As a self-taught conductor, it was not always easy for Jack Junior to have father Jack making comments from the back of the choir!

In recognition of his service to choral music in Cornwall, Jack Junior was received into the Gorsedd of Cornwall as a Bard in 1986. He is remembered every December when the Jack Libby Cup is awarded to the choir member with the best attendance

record. Jack Libby Junior was the choir's musical director for over 28 years, handing over to Phil Carrigan in 1999. Phil's 24 years in post (so far) mean that, apart from a few relatively short periods with interim conductors, there have only been three main musical directors in the whole of the choir's 100-year history.

Equally important to the choir is the accompanist. The retirement in 2012 of long-standing accompanist Maisie Hall, daughter of a choir founder member, caused a certain amount of panic in the choir until, so the story goes, a choir member saw a piano being moved into a newly purchased house in Polperro. As if by magic, the incredibly talented Lorraine Forsdick not only accepted the position, but also started writing and arranging music which is unique to the choir and among our most popular pieces.

The choir is also very fortunate in having Adrian Wilton as our compère and comedian. Adrian is very much in demand all over Cornwall but we are very fortunate that he chooses to be a member of our choir. We are also very proud of our supportive presidents. In 2015, the singer Peter Skellern agreed to be our president and remained in post until his very sad early death in 2017 at the early age of 69. Our current president is the writer and broadcaster Richard Madeley who, although constantly busy, gives his active support to our publicity and charity fund-raising, and comes to visit us when he can.

These days we are sometimes confused with the Fishermen's Friends from Port Isaac. We have a similar name, both come from a small Cornish fishing village with a tradition of free concerts, we sometimes sing in the same location at the same event, and the Fishermen's Friends have a similar repertoire to the Polperro Wreckers, a sub-group of the choir. We allow that they have the fame but insist that we have the pedigree!

The choir has a long tradition of giving free concerts while raising thousands of pounds for charities and good causes, and this centenary year will be no exception. The Wreckers can be found every Wednesday evening in Polperro and will be at the Jolly Sailor in West Looe on Saint Piran's Day, Sunday 5th March. At 4.30pm on Saturday 22nd April, Polperro Fishermen's Choir will be welcoming and singing with our guests, the Cotswolds Male Voice Choir, at the Looe RNLI lifeboat station.



There will be many other centenary events to come in Polperro, Looe and elsewhere, with full details on our website: www.polperrofishermenschoir.co.uk.

The photos are:

1. Polperro Fishermen's Choir in the 1920s. We're not sure of the exact date but it is a picture of the founder members with their accompanist and the choir's first conductor, Eva Cloke, holding the baton.
2. The choir in the 1950s (again, not sure of the exact date) with the choir still wearing fishermen's jerseys.
3. Richard Madeley on one of his visits to the choir in Polperro Methodist Chapel.
4. The Polperro Wreckers hamming it up in a Polperro pub.





LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY



Looe OCS next meetings are:

Saturday 11th February: Tina Hicks will tell us about her experiences as Looe's first female Harbourmaster.

Saturday 11th March: AGM, plus Jenny Wallis speaking about her work on the 1841 Tithe Map of St Martins parish. Copies of Jenny's beautifully coloured map showing the different landholders will be available at the meeting.

Both meetings will be at St Martin's Hall at 2.30pm. All welcome – free to members, £2 to visitors. If you are interested in Cornish heritage come and try us – you don't have to be old or Cornish!

looeoldcornwall@hotmail.com
facebook.com/LooeOldCornwallSociety

LOOE FLOOD DEFENCE AND REGENERATION SCHEME

Following the engagement events held in Looe at the end of last year, we have been analysing the feedback from members of the local community, stakeholders and directly affected property owners.

It was great to welcome so many people to our third information sharing event which sought to explain the background and the need for a flood defence scheme, as well as asking for views on potential materials and finishes for the proposed new structures.

426 people braved the weather to attend one of the face-to-face engagement events held at the Quayside Centre at West Looe, with 627 completing feedback forms, either in person or online. A further 26 businesses have also taken part in our flood-affected business survey.

A copy of the full engagement report is available on the Let's Talk site but below is a summary of the main findings.

More than half of those taking part in the engagement (58%) live in Looe, with 24% stating that they had directly experienced flooding, either as residents or as the owners of local businesses. The most frequent source of flooding cited was the drains (34%) followed by the sea or harbour (30%).

While 44% of respondents said they either strongly supported or supported a scheme to reduce the risk of flooding to Looe, the same number expressed their opposition to the proposed scheme, highlighting concerns over the designs and potential impact on marine life, the environment and the character of the town.

We would like to understand these concerns from the perspective of local businesses and residents more. Therefore, we are currently in conversation with some of these groups and will be continuing to engage with the community to guide the project whilst being mindful of the need to make informed decisions based on the full understanding of social and environmental impacts as well as technical feasibility.





LOOE BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION



Upcoming events for Looe Boat Owners Association are:

Tuesday February 21st, 7.30pm

Venue: Looe Sailing Club: Skittles & Supper

Sunday March 5th, 11am

Venue: West Quarries BBQ site: Clean-up and BBQ

Tuesday March 14th, 7.30pm

Venue: Looe Sailing Club: Wine Tasting

Saturday March 25th, 11.45am

Venue: West Looe Slipway: Harbour Clean / Tea and cakes.

Tuesday April 18th, 7.30pm

Venue: Looe Sailing Club: Bingo night and supper.



Duchy Stoves & Chimneys

- ▲ Stove supply and fitting
- ▲ FREE site survey
- ▲ Fireplace design & build
- ▲ Liners to suit all buildings, we specialise in flexible liners, twinwall, CCLS (cast in situ concrete lining) and pumice Isokern liners
- ▲ HETAS and NACE registered installers
- ▲ Sweeps and Servicing
- ▲ Spares and replacement parts

Call us today on 01503 265797 or 07825 585886 or find us on
Facebook: Duchy Stoves & Chimneys

www.duchystoves.co.uk email: info@ Duchystoves.co.uk



LOOE SAILING CLUB

Recent activities have all been confined to dry land, but sailing members are now dusting off their equipment and where necessary varnishing ready for the new season. We are due to start – weather permitting – on 18th March; hoping that it warms up a bit by then.

By the time of publication the sailing members' meeting will have taken place to agree the programme for the year.

The winter period started with the annual Dinner and Dance at the Hannafore Point Hotel in November; this included the presentation of the annual awards. The evening was a great success, many thanks to the hotel staff for their excellent service. A good time was had by all.



Photo by Neil Richardson

Young sailor, Jowan Carnell, received the trophy for the Most Improved Sailor of the season from Scarlett Crago, who presented the prizes at the LSC Presentation evening

Christmas Eve brought the usual party atmosphere with music provided by Richard James, followed by a home-made disco to celebrate New Year's Eve.

Plans are already in hand for the Club to host the GP14 National Championships in August. They will be returning to Looe once again, being regular visitors, normally every four years.





LOOE SHEDDERS

*Imagine your garden shed, turbocharged
and full of your new friends
That's Looe Shedders*



Our male and female members really enjoy...



...and 2023 promises to be a big year for us, one in which we expect to become a charity, start building our own shed and extend our activities considerably.

We are part of a global movement that started as “Men’s Sheds” in Australia in the 1980s and now includes tens of thousands of community sheds, connecting, conversing and creating, while becoming an asset for their local area.

Our Own Shed

We now plan to build our own shed in stages in the field next to St. Martin’s Church Hall. The first phase, a small starter shed, will only cost around £10,000, which we hope we can raise quickly so that construction can start this year.

Our transition to a charity from a Community Interest Company (CIC) will facilitate fundraising and also squeeze the maximum benefit out of every pound we’re given.

Please visit www.looeshedders.co.uk/looshedappeal for more information.

Our Meetings

At present we meet at 10am on the second Saturday of every month at St Martin’s Church Hall for a short progress report followed by a range of activities as well as refreshments and chat. It costs just £2 per person to cover our overheads and refreshments. New members get the first session free.



In January, pictured, we made mini-shed ornaments to take home.

In future meetings we hope to:

- Stage other “making” workshops.
- Run a pilot Repair Cafe, helping people fix items that have broken or stopped working.
- Provide help on using email, the Internet and popular software programs.

More information on www.looeshedders.co.uk.

Our next meeting is on 11th February.

Do come and join us.



Photo by Neil Richardson

LUGGERS PREVIEW: MAY 19TH – 21ST 2023

Much has happened since 1989 in everyone’s lives – and the Cornish Lugger Association family is no exception.

The Association was forced to abandon plans for a 2021 reunion of these old wooden-built working fishing boats because of the Coronavirus pandemic – and although it had been hoped to resume activities in 2022, a clash of dates with Mousehole’s Sea Salts and Sail Festival in West Cornwall led to a decision to go back to the traditional ‘odd years’ format.

Sadly, men, women and boats have all been affected by the ravages of age and ill-health since the 30th anniversary regatta of the luggers in Looe Bay four years ago. People like Happy Return skipper Peter May (Mount’s Bay) and Guiding Star’s former owner-skipper Barry Jobson (Bristol) have sailed to the heavenly oceans as has former Penzance publican and lugger man Les Rowe (whose brother, Jeff, better known as comedian Jethro, was among the Covid victims) and one-time proud keeper of the I.R.I.S Andy Skentelbery (ex-Polperro).

The French, so often passionate supporters of the Cornish regattas, are mourning losses, too; most recently Le Grand-Léjon’s musician and crewman Alexandre Chabrier.

And the organisers of the Regatta have not been immune to the cycle of life either. That familiar and lovable character Lionel ('Leo') Bowdler, for so many years a stalwart of both on-the-water and shoreside activities of the luggers' biennial get-togethers in Looe Bay, has since died and will be missing when his son, Brian, fires the starting gun as race officer for the first parade of sail in May.

Many more will be mourned, too. But life for the lugger community has to go on. And, after a hiatus of four years, caused primarily by the Covid pandemic, there are changes everywhere you look.

Founding chairman Paul Greenwood, universally regarded as the father of the fleet, decided to retire after the last 30th anniversary regatta of the luggers – 'I will be 72 by next time,' he said back then, not knowing 'next time' would, in fact, require 74 candles on his cake – and his plea for some younger folk to join the committee is probably one of the reasons why co-founder Mike Darlington, now in his 80s, also originally decided to step down as vice-chairman.

His change of heart, possibly influenced by new committee members David and Sam Darlington (son and grandson respectively) will be warmly welcomed for the experience he brings to the bridge.

The port of Looe in South East Cornwall remains the spiritual home of these now redundant fishing boats with their wonderful 'lug' rig or sails that give them their distinctive name.



FRIEND AND FOE: The impressive French three-masted lugger, La Cancaise, is a frequent visitor to Cornish Lugger Association regattas. The 60-footer was built in April 1987 at Cancale, France, as an exact replica of La Perle, the last of the original 1900's bisquines. She is owned and operated by the Association Bisquine Cancaise of France, which helps people sail under the classic rigging, so typical of the Bay of Mont Saint-Michel's history.

Photo: Neil Richardson

Many of the boats have been on the water for in excess of 100 years since being launched from the quayside at Looe but Cornish Luggers can be found anywhere in the world where the smell of salt water is not far away.

New Chairman of the Lugger Association is Jeff Penhaligon, well-known Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Harbourmaster, whose last posting was at Looe. Born in Truro, Jeff's seagoing career started in the Royal Navy in 1967, where he spent most of the time in conventional class submarines, before retiring in 1993. He then worked at Falmouth Boat Construction, refitting RNLi Lifeboats and operating them on sea trials before spending ten years as Harbourmaster at St Mary's on the Isles of Scilly before returning to Looe to take up the post of Harbourmaster in 2005, where he succeeded former lugger fisherman Teddy Webb.

Jeff knows only too well what big seaboots he has to fill but, with the loss of the Looe Fish Market as the shore-based centre of regatta entertainment, he has been thrown a blank sheet of paper on which to draw the 2023 agenda for the May 19-21 regatta, now just months away.

With the continued co-operation of Harbourmaster Tina Hicks, and Looe Harbour Commissioners, who have actively supported and encouraged the regatta since the first one back in 1989, the shore-side centre of operations will now be at the Quayside Centre on West Looe Quay, known locally as Mally's Shed, after the late former Looe fisherman and Harbour Commissioner, Mally Toms, who guided its development.



READY TO RACE:
Some of the 2019 Looe Lugger Regatta competitors prepare for duty off the Hannafore coastline at Looe.

Photo: Neil Richardson

WAVE WARRIORS: Action from the last wind-swept day of the 2017 Looe Lugger Regatta with the three-masters, La Cancalaisse, (centre), from France, and the Millbrook-built Grayhound setting the pace, while the yellow-hulled Our Boys, heads her class. Phil Cogdell's Our Boys is an original Looe-built lugger, launched by Dick Pearce in 1904.



Photo: Neil Richardson

The new venue, which will be more accessible to the visiting boats and crews, will host three nights of live music for the competitors, including a bumper Saturday dance which will be open to all members of the public. There will also be a crews' reception there, as well as prizegiving at the end of the weekend regatta.

The town itself is delighted that the fleet of old fishing boats is returning to the port – and past stalwart supporters like West Looe Town Trust, Looe Town Council and Looe Sailing Club remain in the background eager to make the weekend successful.

Entries on the water are expected to be as high as in previous editions of this popular event and may even include some newer boats from neighbouring ports.

Any traditional wooden working boats interested in attending the regatta should register (without obligation) by emailing: office4luggers@btinternet.com.

John Collings



PERPETUAL PRIZEWINNER: Jon and Judy Brickhill's lugger *Guide Me* has been a regular winner at Cornish Lugger Regattas since the Association was founded back in 1989. The much-travelled former fishing boat was also among the last winners of the early 1900s sailing races in Looe Bay. Built by Peter Ferris at Looe in 1911, the 40-footer is now based at Gweek in West Cornwall.

Photo: Neil Richardson

TIME AND TIDE: Old fishing luggers at anchor in Looe Bay in an undated image from the 1930s.

Photo: The Ivor Toms Collection



ONE IN, TWO OUT... but the hungry seagulls know which fishing lugger to follow up Looe River in this undated image from the 20th century.

Photo: The Ivor Toms Collection





Farm Shop

Quaysidefresh

*Supplying you with the
highest quality groceries
7 days a week*

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Local Dairy Produce

Butchery and Bakery

Shop 01503 262838

Post Office 01503 265598



*Find us at
Buller Quay
East Looe
PL13 1DX*



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



**For more details ring
01503 265947**



WEDDINGS IN THE GUILDHALL

An historic and unique venue in the heart of Looe for your special day.

From only £300

**Details including photographs available on our website
www.eastloometowntrust.co.uk. Or, if you wish to discuss further, please
contact us on 01503 263709 or info@eastloometowntrust.co.uk**

CALWETON PET HEALTH

YOUR LOCAL VET IN LOOE

Vet in practice all day for consultations and friendly advice
for all your pets

We also stock food, toys and a range of health care products

Phone 01503 263773 for appointments & 24h emergencies

Find us on the Millpool Car Park!

Part of



www.calwetonvets.com

J.G. Car Body Repairs



Contact Joe on:

01503 241020

07778 527226

jgcarbodyrepairs@hotmail.co.uk

- All Bodywork, Repairs and Spray-work.
- Free Estimates.
- M.O.T. Welding.
- from Bumper Scuffs to Resprays.
- No job too small.

Nikki Astell-Burt
LADY - PAINTER AND
DECORATOR
(CITB Trained)

INTERIOR RENOVATION
ARTIST &
Wallpapering skills

07745769737

nmbutcher@gmail.com



PURELY CORNISH
The Farm Shop & Delicatessen

Creating beautiful bespoke
Cornish Hampers



Products from over 30
Cornish Suppliers

from Tarquins Gin and Camel Valley to
Jo Downs Glass and St Eval Candles



18 Fore Street, East Looe

www.purelycornish.co.uk 01503 262680

The *Ollie Naismith II* has arrived in Looe

It was a special morning at Looe Lifeboat Station on Saturday 19th November 2022, when our RNLI volunteer crew introduced the charity's latest D Class inshore lifeboat *Ollie Naismith II* to the Naismith family, Webber family and our local community. What made the day more special was the unique opportunity for everyone to see both Ollie Naismith lifeboats together on the slipway and afloat on Looe river and Looe bay.



D-872 *Ollie Naismith II*

Watching the lifeboats pass Ollie's memorial bench on the Banjo Pier, his father John Naismith commented: "While it was very emotional to see both lifeboats that have been named in memory of Ollie it has been a day of great pride. I would like to thank everyone that had a part in this success, the achievement being even greater given the restrictions that COVID had on any activities when the Looe Lifeboat Appeal was launched. Thank you so much."

Ollie's mum, Maxine Naismith, his sister Tori, grandparents and other members of his family watched the action from the Lifeboat Station, Maxine said: "I am immensely grateful and proud of everyone at Looe RNLI Lifeboat Station for all the effort they made on Saturday to honour the service and farewell ceremony for the D Class *Ollie Naismith* Lifeboat. We also welcomed the *Ollie Naismith II* Lifeboat into operational service on Ollie's birthday. The occasion was so special and unique and was a wonderful event to celebrate the enormous generosity and support our community and visitors gave to enable Looe RNLI to continue saving lives at sea with a much-needed new D Class Lifeboat. For me, it keeps Ollie at home in Looe. I am so very proud of his legacy and all the wonderful Lifeboat Crew who volunteer their time to keep us safe at sea. Thank you with all my heart."



***D-741 Ollie Naismith D-872 Ollie Naismith II and
B-894 Sheila and Dennis Tongue II***

As the sun shone, our volunteer crews launched the Atlantic 85 *Sheila and Dennis Tongue II* to escort both D Class inshore lifeboats as they passed the lifeboat station.

Looe's volunteer crew were also delighted to welcome two future crew members and their families to see the lifeboats. Both Ruby Riley and Finley Mayne undertook sponsored cycle rides raising over £5,000 between them for the Looe Lifeboat Appeal. After seeing the lifeboats on the slipway Ruby said: "It was so fantastic to see the new boat launch yesterday. I'm so proud to have been able to help raise some money for such an amazing lifeboat that will go on to help so many people who are in need. I hope one day I can be part of the RNLI crew."

Finley went on to say: "The ceremony for the launch of the new Ollie Naismith was incredible. The amount of support and money raised by people far and wide, like ourselves, was truly amazing. To meet all the crew and watch the two D class lifeboats together in the harbour was fantastic and a first for us. Another great day spent with the RNLI lifeboat community. Well done and congratulations to all. We look forward to supporting RNLI Looe in our next challenge."



**The Naismith and Webber families with Gemma Riley,
Looe RNLi volunteer crew and the *Ollie Naismith II***

After the lifeboats were recovered into the boathouse, refuelled, washed down and made ready, Tom Mansell, the RNLi's Regional Lifesaving Lead, declared the *Ollie Naismith II* had officially taken over lifesaving duties from the *Ollie Naismith* and was placed on service.

Shouts

Our volunteer crew at Looe have remained ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Our last shout was on 22nd October 2022, and we have not had any taskings during November and December as our crew pagers have remained silent, allowing our crew to concentrate on training. More information on shouts during 2022 can be found at www.loelifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts.

Souvenir Shop

Our souvenir shop will reopen for the 2023 season on 11th February 2023. Subject to volunteer availability and the weather it will be opening daily between 11am and 4pm. Our shop has a wide range of products, including Christmas cards, gifts and 2023 calendars.

Albatross Boathouse

Our volunteer guides may open the Boathouse for a few hours over the February half term if the weather is good. They are all looking forward to welcoming you all again from Easter, when our Boathouse reopens daily to the public.

Raft Race

Thanks to the Looe Boat Owners Association, the Looe Raft Race returns to the river on Sunday 11th June 2023 with a 12.30pm start. Further details and information on how to register will be published in due course.

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>.

Keeping safe on the coast

There is no RNLI lifeguard cover on the Whitsand Bay beaches over the winter months, so 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 windsack 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.

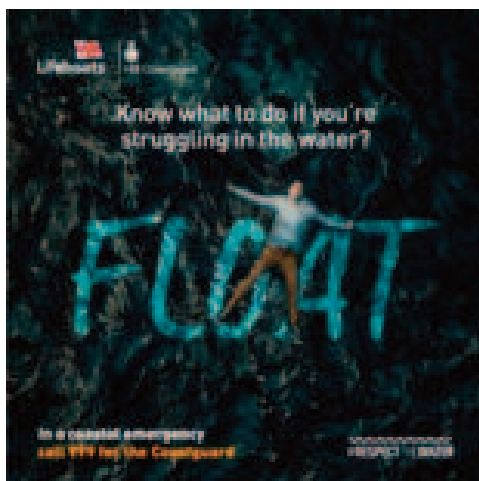
Float to live

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, call 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/>.





MAKING YOU HEALTHIER

Sciatica, Hip Problems, Runners Knee, Headaches,
Anxiety, Back, Neck or Arm Issues

Myofacial Release, Deep Tissue Massage,
Sports Massage, Pregnancy Massage

Full
COVID-19
measures
in place.

£40 for 60 minutes, £45 for 75 minutes, £55 for 90 minutes.

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILED INFORMATION

www.makingyouhealthier.com

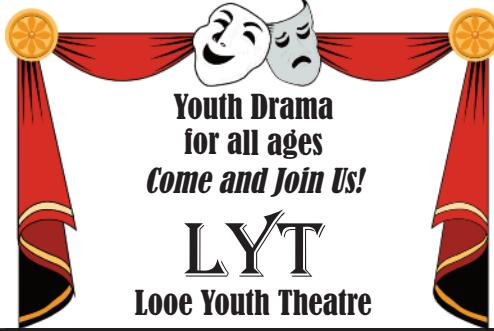
OR CALL Christine on 07903 215524

Weekly Workshops

~
Full Scale
Annual Shows

~
Parent's
Presentation Evenings

07920 282818



Youth Drama
for all ages
Come and Join Us!

LYT
Looe Youth Theatre

Develops
Self Confidence

~
Promotes Creativity
~
and...
We Have a Great Time!

looe youth@gmail.com
.com



OPEN FOR

EAT IN

(WALK INS ONLY, NO RESERVATIONS)

AND TAKEAWAY

LA BOCCA. HIGHER MARKET STREET.
EAST LOOE. PL13 1BS.

01503 265160 |

[INFO@LABOCCALOOE.CO.UK](mailto:info@laboccalooe.co.uk)





West Looe General Stores

Quality Grocers Delicatessen

Beers Wines Spirits

Fore Street West Looe

01503 262842

A & R PALMER Coal Merchant

Nothing beats a real fire!

Coal
Smokeless fuels
Kindling
Pre-packed Coal



10kg
20kg
25kg
Open Sack 50kg



01503 220331

est. 1952 - Support a local family



Small Jobs Man

Garden Decking
Painting & Decorating
Small Garden Work



07802 782 708

TAI CHI



Kath Revell

07729 907056

DRIFTWOOD CLEAN & MANAGE

Cornwall's Best Cleaners!

Holiday Changeovers
One-off & Seasonal Cleans
Domestic Home Help
Commercial Business
& Office premises
Handyman &
Maintenance Service

Call **01503269255**

07881813191

07411383003

Hiring Now

Join our friendly team

Hours to Suit

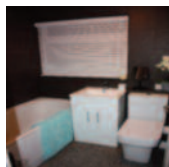
with Great Rates of Pay

Strictly Plumbing & Heating Ltd

Central Heating, Bathroom Installation, Tiling, Flooring,
Plumbing Repairs, Toilets, Taps, Showers, Leaks etc.
Property Maintenance undertaken. 30 years' experience.
Approved Aqualisa Shower Installer.

Creating A-Ma-Zing Bathrooms

**Michael
Green**



Free Estimates. No Call out fees. Based in Seaton Cornwall.

Tel: 01503 250047 - Mobile: 07588 445431 - strictlyplumbing7@gmail.com

**Tracy Mustoe
HCPC Registered
Podiatrist**



The COLLEGE
of PODIATRY



Must Step Podiatry

Open Monday to Saturday
early and late appointments available

Looe Foot Clinic
Cobblers Cottage
Fore Street
West Looe
PL13 2AH

**Tel 07522577012
07561 608296**

muststeppodiatry@outlook.com
for an appointment

Editorial & Advertising: Elaine Warne
ewarne18@btinternet.com
01503 263816

Desktop Publishing: Kerry Newman

Advertising costs: *Special rates apply for online only version.*

Usual commercial annual rates (for six editions):
1/8 page £54, 1/4 page £90, 1/2 page £162,
full page £320. Subject to review.
Single edition rates upon application.
Voluntary organisations/charities: free

Next deadline: April/May edition: **29th March 2023**

Published by: Looe Development Trust

Usually printed by: Launceston Print Ltd. *Currently online only.*

Community News tries to be as accurate as possible in the information received from organisations. However, it is always advisable to contact the organiser(s) directly if confirmation and further details are required.



Photo by Neil Richardson



COMMUNITIES AND SOCIETIES DAY

Saturday 4th March 2023



The Millpool Centre would like to invite our local community to the Millpool Centre for a long-awaited Communities and Societies Day.

This event will be a lovely opportunity to visit this fantastic venue, and get involved with the activities, groups, and voluntary organisations at the centre and in the town.

Many of the classes and clubs that use the Millpool Centre will be represented as well as groups, clubs, and voluntary organisations from the community.

The event runs from 11am to 3pm; there will be a small pop-up cafe for refreshments and a place to chat.

Put this date in your diary and grab this opportunity to get involved with your local community.



COVERING CORNWALL AND DEVON

2b Barbican Rise Industrial Estate
Looe, Cornwall PL13 1QQ
Tel: 01503 263206

Unit 11, Parkengue Kernick Ind. Est.
Kernick Industrial Estate
Penryn TR10 9EP
Tel: 01326 373896

FREephone. 0800 999 2443

WWW.TFS-SW.CO.UK