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NEWS FROM THE EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST



The Wooldown Beacon Lighting marked the beginning of a memorable Platinum Jubilee four-day celebration that will be a lifelong memory for the UK and our town. The Trust was delighted to work in association with Looe Lions, and to underwrite their upfront costs of putting on the event. Staging, power, lighting, medical responders and the multitude of facilities and conveniences were brought together on time.

Many Lions turned out to set up the previous day. They were joined by Trust Manager Jane Day and the ELTT team, supported by Harbour Commissioners' staff. Special thanks to Antony Scarah for rigging the beacon, and Town Sergeant Wally Scarah for making the proclamation. Andy Bishop, ELTT Chairman lit the Looe beacon, which was one of more than 3000 nationwide.

On a perfect sunny day, the 2,500 safety cap on numbers was reached half way through the evening, but this was nicely managed by the gate team on a 'one out - one in' basis. This was a great community event supported by local bands, Division, the Huckleberry Finns, and Mike Allsopp's disco. The Lions ran the bar and BBQ.

All had been tidied away by noon the following day, and the Wooldown was litter free. (The Lions were all over the litter picking during the event and were supported by Looers who generally disposed of litter properly – especially if they helped reduce Trust costs by taking it home with them!).



Seine netting off East Looe Beach: Early-birds may have witnessed a small boat seine netting off the beach at the end of May. But this was low key activity compared with the hectic pilchard fishery seine netting of yesteryear, which involved the community and many boats. On this occasion, scientists from Ecospan Environmental of Plymouth were using a small workboat for a controlled deployment of a seine to make a record, on a catch and return basis. It is one of the many aspects being studied as part of the environmental impact work that is ongoing for Looe's storm defence scheme and follows a similar study last year.

Dogs on Beach: Just about everyone values and respects the fact that East Looe Beach is the town's Designated Bathing Water, and subject to stringent Environment Agency monitoring. Surprisingly, we still get complaints that individuals are regularly walking their dogs on the beach despite the prominent signage. The Trust is taking steps to identify them and take appropriate action to enforce the ban – which is year-round.

Guildhall Clocktower topped off: On close safety inspection the Clocktower weathervane was found in need of refurbishment, and leading steeplejacks, Wall Walkers, with Sims Marine Engineering were commissioned to do the work as part of the clocktower restoration. It has now been reinstalled. At the time of writing the clocktower scaffolding is expected to be removed soon. Thanks to everyone for continuing to support the excellent Guildhall businesses throughout this major restoration, and to all involved in the project for keeping any disruption to the minimum.



Brian Galipeau, Vice Chairman ELTT



WEST LOOE TOWN TRUST NEWS





The whole town had such a marvellous weekend of festivity celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – in our office we had several home-made crowns and lots of flags as you can see in the photo.

The Trust were delighted to be able to support West Looe May Fayre with a Queen's Jubilee party and despite the weather – it was a busy day with lots of residents attending and taking part.

Our Charity is again looking to support local students with grant funding and is offering assistance to anyone who lives in Looe and is going on to do further education. Each application is reviewed in line with the Trust's constitution and details can be found on our website: www.westlooetowntrust.co.uk.

This year we are asking all applicants to complete a new application form and the closing date is 1st July 2022, so well ahead of the start of their school/ college/ university term.



Sue Pengelly Clerk to the Trustees



WHEELED SPORTS FACILITY FOR LOOE: STATEMENT FROM LOOE DEVELOPMENT TRUST



For some months Looe Development Trust have been leading a steering group with Boundless Trust, Rusty Bucket, Looe Town Council and Cllrs Toms and Hannaford with the aim of providing a Wheeled Sports Facility (WSF) for Looe. The previous site earmarked for this development had a number of challenges therefore, the team took the decision to find another site which overcame these issues. The steering group remain grateful for the offer of the original site by the Church authorities and will continue to involve them in the process.

A potential site has been identified within the far end of the Millpool Carpark immediately to the left of the entrance barriers. This site overcomes many of the challenges of the original site, but no option is perfect.

Last night, the steering group presented to Looe Town Council to ask for their support in progressing the change of use of this part of the car park to a WSF. Their formal support is vital in enabling the project to progress.

LDT is delighted to report that Looe Town Council gave their unanimous support, and we thank them for taking this step. Cllr Edwina Hannaford Looe Town Mayor said, "Looe Town Council is very pleased to partner with Looe Development Trust and The Boundless Trust to help deliver this much needed facility. I hope the town will come together to shape the development of the park and help fundraise."

The proposal is that the Town Council will own the site but lease it to The Boundless Trust who, together with a user group, will be responsible for the day to day running and maintenance.

Much work has been taking place behind the scenes and the steering group is very grateful for all the support and positive contributions that it has received from town organisations, Cornwall Council Officers and, in particular, Looe Town Council.

Any site will bring challenges and this one is no different. But Looe Development Trust is determined to drive this project forward. The steering group cannot promise to deliver but it promises to continue working towards making this a reality.

Over the coming months there will be many and varied opportunities for all those in the town to express their support, commit to helping with fundraising or be part of the user group or to raise any concerns that they have regarding the WSF. But the first meeting – on 21^{st} June at the Haven (above Simply Fish on East Looe Quay) – has to be with the youth skaters who will help inform the site design.

If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of any of the groups, then please contact Looe Development Trust at ldt.looe@btinternet.com.

Looe Development Trust

CHRISTMAS NEWS ALREADY? TOO EARLY?

Sorry. We have just celebrated The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (as some of this issue of the Community News will show...)

Christmas? Already? We all hope that the Festive Season will be back 'up and running' this year after two years of 'bleak winter scenes' with no Christmas celebrations, mixing, celebrating, socialising, mistletoe etc. No need to amplify! The children will have missed it more than anyone and there are children who have not yet 'seen' a Christmas as we all remember them...

Can everyone, all of us, provide a special view of Christmas this year for the benefit of the children (and all who love the time of year) – with house and business displays, shop window displays, music, colours, scenes and sights...to celebrate (if so allowed) the return of a festive mood (or as near as we can all manage!).

The reason for this message? Every year, the Looe Community Forum produce a calendar of festive events which is published in Community News. All being well, we can start preparing for this year's Christmas events publicity, providing everyone sends in the details of the religious events and services, concerts, shows by various organisations and groups, bands, choirs, dance troupes, entertainers, pantomime and concert organisers, village fetes and fayres, quiz events. Contact us so we can include all your events in this free publicity.

Please send in the details of your event(s), with your named contact to 'The Editor': ewarne18@btinternet.com.



Dave Holford Looe Community Forum



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Sterts Theatre Company Productions



11 & 27 August - 2.00pm

10,11,13,26 & 27 August - 7.30pm

8 & 9 July - 7.30pm

HONK! The musical

jotin Setur Wendy & Peter Pan £13 / £7



14 & 15 July - 7.30pm 1, 2, 3, 22, 23 & 24 August - 7.30pm



King Charles III £I3 / £7

28, 29 - July - 8.00pm 13, 15, 16, 30, 31 August- 8.00pm 1 September - 8.00pm

JUNE

The Mikado - Opera Anywhere 10 June - 7.30pm - £16 / £11 **HMS** Pinafore - Opera Anywhere [] June - 7.30pm - £16 / £11 In Full Swing - Dave Hankin Big Band 17 June - 7.30pm - £13 / £9 Much Ado about Nothing - Sun & Moon Theatre 18 June - 7.30pm - £13 / £11 **Plymouth Symphony Orchestra** 19 June - 5.30pm - £13 / £7 **Curious Creatures - Dance Centred** 25 June - 7.30pm - £13 / £7 **Community Dance - Dance Centred** 26 June - 2.00pm - £7 A Midsummer Night's Dream - Festival Players 29 June - 7.30pm - £15 / £11

JULY

The Recruiting Officer - Rain or Shine Theatre I July = 7.30pm - £15 / £11 Honki The Musical - Sterts Theatre Company 8 & 9 July - 7.30pm - £13 / £7 Wendy & Peter Pan - Sterts Theatre Company 14 & 15 July = 7.30pm - £13 / £7 Mousehole Male Voice Choir & Sterts Singers 16 July = 7.00pm - £13 / £7 Shodyssey - Assembleth Theatre 20 July = 7.30pm - £15 / £11 A Midsummer Nights Dream - Illyria 21 July = 7.30pm - £15 / £9 Much Ado about Nothing - Immersion Theatre 22 July - 7.30pm - £15 / £11 King Arthur - The Last Baguette 23 July - 6.00pm - £13 / £7 King Charles III - Sterts Theatre Company 28 & 29 July - 8.00pm - £13 / £7 The Three Musketeers - Boxtree 30 July - 7.30pm - £15 / £11

AUGUST

Wendy & Peter Pan - Sterts Theatre Company I-2&3 August - 7.30pm - £13 / £7 Katie's Black Hole Adventure - Little Trebiggan 2 August - 2.00pm - £11 / £9 Alice in Wonderland - Folksy 4 August - 2.00pm - £15 / £9 Women in Rock 5 August - 7.30pm - £16 King Lear - Miracle Theatre 6 & 7 August - 7.30pm - £16 / £11 The Hogmoor Troll - 440 Theatre 8 August - 2.00pm - £9 Shakespeare Double Bill - 440 Theatre 8 August - 7.30pm - £13 / £7 **Curious Creatures - Squashbox** 9 August - 2.00pm - £7 Jane Eyre - Heartbreak Theatre Company 9 August - 7.30pm - £15 / £9 Honk! The Musical - Sterts Theatre Company II August - 2.00pm 10, 11 & 13 August - 7.30pm - £13 / £7 **Rapunzel - Immersion Theatre Company** 13 August - 1.00pm - £13 / £9



Sterts Theatre: Upton Cross, Liskeard. PLI4 5AZ

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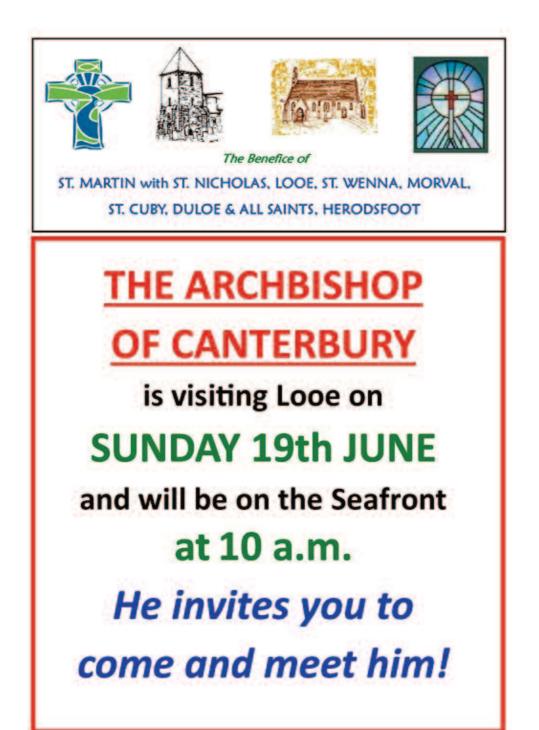


For further information on our fantastic summer shows & to book tickets see our website www.sterts.co.uk or scan the QR code

THE BENEFICES OF LOOE & MORVAL with DULOE & HERODSFOOT SERVICES PLAN

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	St. Martin's Looe	St. Cuby Duloe	St. Wenna Morval	All Saints Herodsfoot
	11am	10am	11am	10am
				And
I st Sunday	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Family Service	-
2 nd Sunday	Riverside URC	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	-
3 rd Sunday	St. Nicholas West Looe	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	-
4 th Sunday	Café Church (Hall)	-	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
5 th 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.				



Newsletter for the Parish of Our Lady of the Angels

Church of Our Lady & St Neot, 2 West St., Liskeard, PL14 6BW Church of Our Lady of the Angels, Saltash PL12 6HQ Church of Our Lady of Light, Sclerder Abbey, Looe, PL13 2JD Church of St Joan of Arc, Torpoint PL11 2LH

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SCLERDER ABBEY

Sclerder Abbey Services

Sunday Mass 9am Weekday Mass Wednesday – 10am

Sclerder Abbey is one of four churches in the Parish of Our Lady of the Angels which includes Liskeard, Looe, Saltash and Torpoint (see Parish Newsletter for Mass Times).

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

Sunday Mass	11am	
Weekday Mass	Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays – 10am	
24 th June	7pm	Evening Mass at Liskeard Feast of the Sacred Heart

The Plymouth Diocese and our Parish community bids farewell this month to Bishop Mark O'Toole and wish him every blessing as he takes up his new appointment as Archbishop of Cardiff, where he will be installed into his new office on 20th June. Bishop Mark has asked for our prayers for himself, his family and for the new mission that he is about to undertake. The Diocese of Plymouth awaits the appointment of a new Bishop but until then a Diocesan Administrator will be appointed.





LOOE HARBOUR HERITAGE CENTRE



The Heritage Centre in The Old Sardine Factory has a brand-new look outside! We have had Contra Vision panels applied to our exterior windows to give a flavour of what is happening inside the venue to people walking along the Quay.

This summer we have a busy season planned, including, talks, tours, School Workshops and much more. As well as the planned activities, you can always simply visit the Heritage Centre (tickets are £1 Child, £2.50 Adult and £8 Family) and enjoy all the exhibits. Finally there are no social distancing restrictions or one-way systems in place.

Our Coffee Shop on the Quay is also a welcoming place to rest your feet after a walk up to Hannafore or from Polperro.

Full details of our season are updated regularly at: www.looeharbourheritagecentre.uk.





LOOE MARINE CONSERVATION GROUP



Come and join us at two free events in June! We're resurrecting the Throw Jelly Not Balloons (TJNB) campaign ahead of Looe Raft Race to help prevent harmful water balloon litter entering the sea at raft races and regattas.

Seaweed Jelly Bonanza Looe Heritage Centre, West Looe, Sunday 3rd July 10am-12noon

Throw Jelly Not Balloons At Looe Raft Race, East Looe Quay, Sunday 10th July 3pm

Throwing seaweed jelly balls at the Seaweed Jelly Bonanza event will be the highlight of this prelude to the raft race when jelly made of agar, a harmless seaweed derivative, is thrown at kayakers in the river.



The fun event combines educational messages about the issues of marine plastic pollution with fun learning activities. These include a book reading, fishing out harmful plastic in the jelly bath activity, jelly scooping and jelly throwing at kayakers in the river below.

Come and find out how to make your own seaweed jelly at home and learn more about the issues of marine plastic pollution. Free event, donations welcome.



CRAB LINE RECYCLING SCHEME

Can you commit just an hour or two of your time on a regular basis?

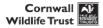
We are calling for volunteers to support Looe's pioneering crab line recycling scheme to help stop plastics going into our river, sea and landfill! Helping with this project includes emptying the crab line recycling stations on East and West Looe and sorting the plastics, so they can be repurposed into other items, like kayaks! Last year our wonderful volunteers helped to recycle approximately 5000 plastic reels and 100km of plastic line!

If you're interested, please contact Laura: 07835006592 or looevmca@gmail.com. Full training and equipment will be provided.

On Behalf of Looe Marine Conservation Group

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LOOE ISLAND NATURE RESERVE UPDATE



Welcome to the summer and welcome to this year's residential volunteers!

Yes, as the years progress, we get busier and busier, so once more Cornwall Wildlife Trust put the call out for volunteers and this season's successful candidates are Megan and Lukas. They'll mainly be helping us with public trips, wildlife monitoring and maintenance projects and, but as we've learnt, predicting what else we'll need help with is impossible. No doubt as the year progresses, the island will throw a few surprises our way!

Earlier in the spring we saw plenty of elegant bar-tailed godwits. These gorgeous waders are passing through on long migrations from their wintering grounds in Africa to nesting sites in the north. This year we noticed that one of these 'passage' birds had coloured markers on its long legs. This form of bird ringing is a fantastic way to learn more about the movements of our birds and it turned out that this godwit has been travelling between the Wadden Sea in The Netherlands and Mauritania in West Africa! What an epic journey – makes you realise how important a rest on Looe Island Nature Reserve must be for such birds and just how connected the natural world is.



Colour ringed Bar-tailed Godwit

Summer plummage Godwit

Once again there has been drama with the nesting oystercatchers. With their bold black and white plumage long reddy-orange bills, these are always popular birds with visitors to the island and as they have a habit of nesting on the ground, they keep us on our toes! These birds don't make normal nests instead they simply make shallow depression in which they lay around three eggs. When threatened the adult bird will leave the nest and rely on camouflage to hide the eggs from predators. This, however, also means that the eggs could easily be overlooked and trampled on by us humans. Still, we warn visitors of the nest sites and luckily disaster hasn't struck from that direction. Instead, this year we were saddened to see that one of the nests had in fact been predated. As we don't have any wild mammals like foxes to blame, we have to assume that the nest was raided by another bird, in this case, probably a crow.



Oystercatchers on Rocks at Looe Island

Simple Oystercatcher nest or scrape

Now, I wonder if anyone else thinks this, but is it a good year for elderflowers? As I type I think the island is looking lovely with bushes festooned in umbels of pretty, white elderflowers. The blossom smells lovely too. As there is plenty, we take a few flower heads from around the garden to make Elderflower Champagne. We follow a very special recipe – one used by the wonderful women who gave the island to Cornwall Wildlife Trust back in 2004. Yes, we use the Atkins sisters' recipe and pretty good it is too!



Elderflowers on Looe Island

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

Claire Lewis Warden's Assistant Looe Island Nature Reserve

(all photos by Claire)



LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



As the Platinum Jubilee celebrations come to a close, we would like once more to give our Patron, Her Majesty the Queen, our best wishes from everyone at the Looe Branch of the Royal British Legion. The Jubilee is also tinged with a little sadness as Her Majesty's accession to the throne was due to the sudden death of her father, King George VI, in 1952.

The British Legion has held royal patronage from its founding in 1921 and received the "Royal" appellation 50 years later, in 1971. Both Her Majesty and the late Queen Mother have been presidents of the British Legion Women's Section. The British Legion is a charity providing financial, social and emotional support to members and veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependants. All this work is made possible by the generous contributions made by the public, especially to the Poppy Appeal which is normally held in the two weeks before Armistice Day on 11th November. We are always looking for volunteers to spare a few hours helping with the Poppy Appeal collection.

This is an appropriate point to mention the loss of a long-time branch member, Mrs Jean Perry, who recently passed away, aged 96. For over 30 years Jean would collect for the Poppy Appeal, come rain, hail or snow, and nobody would dare stand in her favourite collecting location. Members of our committee attended Jean's funeral and the branch standard was flown at half-mast at the Looe War Memorial (see photograph).



We also spared a moment to remember Jean at our last branch meeting. God bless you, Jean, and no doubt you'll be collecting for the Poppy Appeal in Heaven.

A poppy isn't just for November: Although the official Poppy Appeal is just two weeks, the Looe branch continually collects for the appeal throughout the year and since October 2021 we have raised £8,387. Our last event was at the beginning of April, when we were in attendance at the Looe Guildhall Rose Garden to mark the Anniversary of the start of the Falklands War, and to sadly remember all the lives lost. The next day a sand drawing of the map of the Falkland Islands was constructed on the East Looe Beach (more on that later) and over the two days £325 was raised for the Poppy Appeal. Unfortunately, due to the weather we had to cancel our stall at the combined Queen's Jubilee and May Fayre celebrations,

but we will be present in the Looe Guildhall Rose Garden on Friday 24^{th} June for the start of the Armed Forces weekend.

Street Collections: For each collection organised by our branch we have to apply for a Street Collection Permit from Cornwall Council (CC) and then submit a return on the donations received. Occasionally, especially when the town is busy with tourists, 'dubious' charity collectors can appear, some 'supposedly' collecting for injured servicemen. If you are sure the collectors are genuine, then by all means give them a donation. If in doubt, politely ask to see their CC collection permit.

The Falklands sand drawing on East Looe Beach was commissioned by our branch and organised by our members Sheila and Stephen Marrison whose company also provided the drone footage which was used in the coverage by the regional TV companies. We would like to thank the students from the Plymouth College of Art for producing such a detailed design under terrible weather conditions. We would also like to thank East Looe Town Trust for their permission to use the beach and for cleaning the beach beforehand. Seven members of our Looe branch were involved in the Falklands War.

Flying the flag and the Ukraine: Like most of the public, our branch and our members deplore the Russian assault on the Ukraine and our thoughts are with the valiant Ukraine defenders and the innocent civilians caught up in the conflict. We applaud the flying of the Ukrainian flag to show solidarity with the people of the Ukraine, especially when it is displayed alongside the Union Flag (Union Jack).

Looe War Memorial: Due to contractor problems, the refurbishment of the Looe War Memorial railings by the Harbour Commission has been put back until the end of September. Once it is complete, we hope to once again display the potted histories of all the 75 fallen named on the memorial.

Branch Meetings: We always hold our meetings meet on the first Monday of the month, and everyone is welcome to our friendly and informal meeting. If you are thinking of joining the 'Legion', or just want to know what we do, then please join us at one of our meetings with no obligation to become a member. Meetings start at 7:30pm sharp in the ground floor bar of the Looe Social Club, West Looe Quay. They don't last more than an hour and then become a social evening. You don't need to be a member of Looe Social Club to attend our meetings.

Lest We Forget: At our branch meeting on 6th June, D-Day, our Chairman asked us to have a silent moment to remember the three soldiers from Looe who gave their lives in the battle for Normandy: Jack Vivian Fletcher, William Albert Jay and Charles (Charlie) Pengelly.

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

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

LOOE FLOOD DEFENCE AND REGENERATION SCHEME

Thank you to everyone who came along to one of our engagement events in April / May to share your views on the proposals for the Looe Flood Defence and Regeneration Scheme.

More than 350 people attended one of the three face-to-face events staged in West Looe, or joined our online workshop to ask questions, tell us their priorities for the scheme and comment on the current proposals for modifying and extending the Banjo Pier and constructing a breakwater.



This is a key stage in the development of the Scheme. Understanding local people's views on the proposals and their vision for the future of Looe is of critical importance as we endeavour to design the best possible solutions. We are currently finalising analysis of the feedback from the events and will be publishing the results on our Let's Talk page as soon as it is available.

A copy of the information provided at the engagement events, including the display boards and a video showing how the proposed scheme will look, is also available via our Let's Talk site: https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/looe-flood-defence.

Looe businesses - we want to hear from you!

While we had the opportunity to talk with a number of local businesses during our engagement events we are keen to seek views on the latest proposals from as many businesses as possible within the town.

A previous survey carried out by Cornwall Council in April 2017 found that 65% of businesses in the town had experienced a negative impact on turnover as a result of flooding. 27% of those who responded said that they had experienced a 'severe or significant' impact, with 22% reporting being impacted by 'long term loss of business'. The average cost of flooding to a business was estimated at £31,700, with 31% of businesses stating that they were uninsured against flooding at the time.

We want to find out how the situation has changed over the past five years, how the risk of flooding impacts local businesses, and what is important to you, as we develop proposals for the scheme.

If you own or manage a local business your input is of critical importance as we develop proposals for the scheme and we will be inviting you to come forward and share your views through a survey (to be completed face-to-face, over the phone, or in your own time). This should only take around 15 minutes to complete and will help us to better understand the financial implications of continued flooding on businesses in Looe and support the case for investment.

Delivering a flood defence and generation scheme for Looe which is both effective in the short term and sustainable in the medium to long term will inevitably be costly. Securing the necessary funding will require us to make a very strong case to government and other partners. This will involve demonstrating the impact the current level of flooding is having on both individuals and businesses in the town.

Please email LooeFloodDefence@wsp.com if you would be interested in meeting with us.



KELTIQUE NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Our concerts so far this year: We were delighted when Dave Clarke of Rame MVC invited Keltique to join with Rame MVC for an impromptu concert in Kingsand Village Hall on Saturday 12th March in aid of charities supporting the plight of the Ukrainian people.

Our concert due to take place on 2nd April in the Downderry Village Hall in aid of CRUK - Relay for Life was cancelled. Due to the rise of Covid, particularly in Cornwall, with Torpoint being the second highest area in the UK, there were concerns that we would not get an audience at the concert. After discussion with the organisers, it was decided to postpone the concert.

However, once Spring arrived, we were able to resume our outdoor programme:



Singing for Looe RNLI

Singing for Race for Life

• On Sunday 8th May we sang on the Looe seafront to support the Looe RNLI.

• On Friday 13th May we sang at the Quayside Centre, West Looe Quay to raise money for our chosen charity for this year: **Cornwall Hospice Care**.

• On Saturday 28th May, we were proud to sing during the **Race for Life** 24-hour fundraising event in Liskeard. It is a charity dear to our hearts as several of our members are survivors of cancer and some are involved in the running of the fundraising events.

Forthcoming concerts

We look forward to seeing you at any of the following free concerts:

- Friday 24th June at 7pm Quayside Centre, West Looe Quay, when we will be
- singing to raise money for our chosen charity for this year: Cornwall Hospice Care.
 Sunday 7th August at 7pm Quayside Centre, West Looe Quay, when we will be
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- Sunday 4th September at 3pm Looe seafront when we will be singing to support the **Looe Branch of the RNLI**.
- Sunday 18th September as part of Looe Live times to be confirmed

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.

LOOE VALLEY SINGERS

Whether it be a cold December day at Cotehele House or a milder morning in the Rose Garden of Looe, the Looe Valley Singers are happy to be back singing again in public following almost two years of having to practice via 'Zoom'.

Still working hard to raise money for good causes, they have already raised over £250 for the Looe RNLI this year following their open-air concerts in the Rose Garden and on Looe seafront and are now busy preparing for their next concert in Polperro at the Methodist Chapel Summer Fair, taking place on 22nd June at 2pm.

Chair Jill Thomson said: "It's good to be back singing again. Over the last few months, the choir has welcomed several new members, and new singers are always welcome. If you enjoy singing anything from Mozart to Motown, you'll find it in our repertoire!"

Anyone wanting to come along and give it a try please contact: Kathy Hebbs on 01503 272550, Jill on 01503 240768, jillthomson1@hotmail.co.uk or via the Looe Valley Singers Facebook page.

Christine Griffin



Singing at Cotehele House

Singing in the Rose Garden





HIGHLIGHTS OF LOOE JUBILEE WEEKEND



The town was buzzing with activities to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It all kicked off on Thursday 2nd June with Bookstart Bear. A trail of children followed Bookstart Bear into the Mariners' Garden where they were greeted with a big warm welcome and given a choice of multi-coloured stickers to proudly wear, plus some information about all the exciting activities children could take part in, organised by the Looe Library Community Hub team.



The Jubilee celebrations continued into the night on the Wooldown, organised by Looe Lions and East Looe Town Trust, with Division and the Huckleberry Finns. Guests enjoyed listening to live music whilst they relaxed at the bar, and enjoyed a delicious BBQ run by the Looe Lions. The evening was brought to a close with the Beacon being lit at 9.45pm.

Cllr Edwina Hannaford Looe Town Mayor said: "I particularly loved the Party at the Wooldown, with beautiful sunny weather in a spectacular location overlooking the Island and bay. After over two long years of isolation and lockdowns to come together as a community to have fun was such a joy. The Queen's selflessness and uncomplaining dedication to duty is something we can all learn from. Thank you, Looe, one and all. God save the Queen."

On the second day of celebrations, Friday 3rd June, as guests walked into Looe they were welcomed by an array of vibrant and joyful window displays, with red, white, and blue flags, bunting and individual innovative window displays to catch your eye.



As Looe Town Council Business Development Officer, I was honoured to join Cllr Edwina Hannaford, who had an extremely hard task to judge the best dressed shop or business window display. After much deliberation, having walked around West Looe and caught the wonderful West Looe ferry across to East Looe, Cllr Hannaford was wowed by the winning shop window design, which had been inventively created and designed by Sue Strong, from Cancer Research.



There were several great, carefully designed window displays that Cllr Hannaford decided to award highly recommended certificates to including Cornwall Hospice Care, Purely Cornish Farm Shop and Deli, Looe Bakery and Headcase Hair Salon. Everyone made such an extra special effort in dressing up their shop windows and created much excitement throughout the town. Well done and congratulations to everyone that participated in the competition.

Cllr Edwina Hannaford said: "I would like to pay tribute to all who helped make the long Jubilee weekend such a resounding success despite the mixed weather conditions. I would like to say a big thank you to all the event organisers, volunteers and marshals, performers, bunting makers, Looe Town Council staff, Councillors, and businesses. The town really worked to make the Jubilee a roaring success with everyone happy and enjoying themselves in celebration. All the months of work required to organise these events is testament to the love and respect we all have for Her Majesty on her Platinum Jubilee and giving 70 years of service."

Although the weather was a little blustery during the day on Saturday 4th June, West Looe Queen's Jubilee Street Party took place in the Square with the joyful sounds of everyone laughing, chatting, singing, and thoroughly enjoying themselves. Whilst guests enjoyed the mouth-watering, sumptuous Looe in Bloom BBQ, just around the corner in Looe Fire Station the judging took place of the best created Queen's Crown. Then they listened to the wonderful sound of St Pinnock Brass Band, followed closely by the talented Radio Looe DJ and Compere Mike Allsopp, and Sheila Brock, who cleverly choreographed the 1950's music and dancing. There was an array of talented dancers and choirs, Looe Primary School Choir, Sheila's School of Dancing, Dance with Jodie, Just Voices Ladies Choir, Bond Fitness hooping display, Tyler Seymour, the Miner Quay Shanty Group and in between the talented performances from Riverside Church, Looe Ukulele and Keltique Ladies Choir.

Saturday afternoon saw Looe's Bake Off, which was held at the Portbyhan Hotel. Jackie Ely managed the event along with Food & Beverage Manager and Head Chef John Pullen. Both seemed impressed by the glorious, decorated sponges and buns. The winner of the Best Buns, Jill Wynne, won a stunning hamper from Purely Cornish Farm Shop and Deli, and Best Cake of the show, made by Anita Ivey, won a £40 food voucher from Tregoad Holiday Park, plus a beautifully engraved trophy presented by Looe Town Council. The cakes were so amazing everyone decided to auction them the next day to guests booked in to enjoy a roast lunch. Funds were raised for the Looe Defibrillator Appeal and the cake went home far afield with an incredibly happy winner who lived in Wales.



For those who wanted to continue celebrating, Saturday night saw rock goddess Helen Goldsmith perform at the Globe Inn, to an audience decked out in fabulous fancy dress trying to outdo the staff, including their only barman, local legend 'Queenie' who dressed up as the Queen!

Sunday 5th June saw the family dog show take place in the Quayside Centre thanks to the Harbour Commission. It was presented by The Doghouse Cornwall, a young and extremely successful business based in Looe and Bodmin, owned by Luke Stimson. Luke and his team organised an extremely popular dog show, where dog owners queued eagerly to register their dogs – at one stage they had so many dogs

they were unable to take any more bookings on the day. With classes to suit all dogs, from the dog with the Waggiest Tail, the most Royal Walk, Best Eyes, most Handsome Prince, Prettiest Princess, dog with the Best Trick, Golden Oldies, and Best Champion dog of the show. There was an array of superb prizes and free dog treats sponsored by Looe-based Cornish Horizons and Toad Hall Cottages who provided the winners with a stunning hessian tote bag and treats, plus beautiful rosettes, certificates, and a trophy presented to the Champion dog of the show. Such a wonderful way to close the Jubilee events seeing so many loved dogs and proud owners. Everyone deserves a good pat on the back for bringing everyone together to celebrate such a unique event.





Lucy George-Foster Business Development Officer

JOHN ENEVER





It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John Enever, aged 90. John served as a Councillor for many years and was Looe Town Mayor from 1984-1987.

He was a prominent and positive force in Looe for many decades. He served his community well; was a founding members Looe Sea Angling Club, Looe & Polperro Chamber of Trade, a leading member of Looe Old Cornwall Society and the Twinning Association.

He not only served Looe but the wider community of Cornwall, taking a keen interest in the Bodmin and Wenford Railway as a Director.

In 2007 he was given recognition for his contribution to life in Looe with an Honorary Burgess award by the then Mayor Cllr Ron Overd.

Our condolences to John's family and gracious thanks for his years of dedicated service.



Cllr Edwina Hannaford Mayor of Looe



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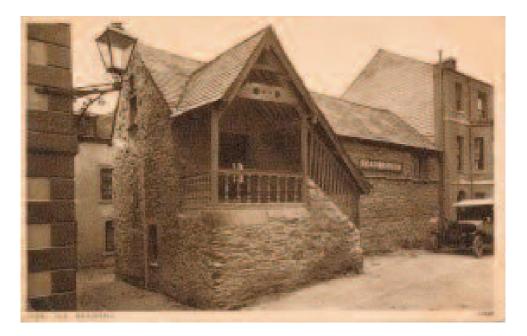
NEWS FROM THE OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM AND GAOL



In July, a new installation in Looe's Old Guildhall Museum and Gaol will ask visitors to make their verdict on a fictional crime taking place in the 1700s. This interactive installation will draw on Looe's rich history and share testimonies from a curious crowd of fictional locals. This installation is funded by Arts Council England and created by Bonfire Dog Ltd and artist Hugh McCann, in consultation with local residents.

Come and listen to the stories of the suspects and make your mind up as to who is guilty!

Petra Stephenson Volunteer Museum Manager





LOOE RNLI **NEWS AND EVENTS**



The Looe Raft Race 2022: It is time to organise a team and build a raft!

The Looe Raft Race is back and will take place on Sunday 10th July starting at 3pm. Organised by RNLI Looe Lifeboat Station and supported by Looe Boat Owners' Association, your participation in this fun event raises vital funds for our station. Entry forms and more information can be found at:

https://www.looelifeboats.co.uk/raftrace.htm.

Shouts: Throughout the pandemic, our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Between 25th March 2022 and 4th June 2022 our volunteer crews responding to six shouts. More information on these shouts can be found at www.looelifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts.

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

Boathouse reopens to the public: Our volunteer visits team have been welcoming visitors back into our boathouse. Subject to volunteer availability and operational demands, the boathouse will be open daily between 11am and 4pm until October half term. If you are passing, why not pop in to say hello to our friendly team. You can find out about the RNLI, what our volunteer crews have been up to and have a close-up look at the charity's inshore lifeboats and launch tractors.

Keeping safe on the coast: Many of you have been enjoying the sunny weather and lighter evening by going out on the water. Remember to Respect the Water, check the tide times, wear appropriate buoyancy aids and take a method of calling for help. If you need help or see someone in difficulties call 999 and ask for the coastguard.

RNLI lifequard cover has returned to Seaton, Tregantle, Tregonhawke, Sharrow and Freathy beaches for the summer months. Please check the beach information boards for duty times and any safety messages.

If you are on East Looe beach check the orange windsock on East Looe Town Trust's building by the Old Lifeboat Station. If it is pointing out to sea this denotes an offshore wind which can easily blow an inflatable, stand up paddleboard, kayak or canoe out to sea and hinder your attempts to return to shore safely.

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



LOOE GIG ROWING CLUB



Our Three Racing Gigs

Our annual spot on Porthcressa Beach

Ladies Round 1, 114 Gigs racing from St Agnes

Friday 29th April 2022 marked the first day of the annual Isles of Scilly World Pilot Gig Championships. Looe Gig Rowing Club joined a flotilla of hand-made Cornish rowing boats over the three-day event to compete in various length sprint races. The sun shone and the waters remained calm over the course of the bank holiday weekend, providing the islands with some close and fast racing.

At the starting line, late on Friday morning, 114 boats lined up just off the beach at St Agnes. The starting positions of all these gigs stretched out over a mile and a half, which meant the starting line had to be broken down into 4 sections, each section grouped alphabetically. The first race got underway with the Ladies' Veterans, shortly followed by the Ladies' Super Veterans.

Currah's Pride, rowed hard by the Ladies' Vets, were in the thick of it as the gigs funnelled towards the pier, resulting in them finishing 10th. All the boats are counted, as they cross the line and ordered by their finishing positions. Results are used to set the boats into their next alphabetical heat and berth out of 12.

After a swift changeover, it was the Men's Veterans and Super Veterans turn to take to the water. The Looe Men's Veterans crew finished strongly, earning a respectable 19th place for their efforts.

With the St Agnes races taking an average of 20 minutes to complete, by 4pm all the experienced Veterans crews were jumping back into their racing seats, getting ready for round 2. This round consisted of a 12-minute sprint from a local landmark, the 'Nut Rock'.

At around 6:30pm Round 2 was completed. The results had the Looe's Men's Vets crew finishing in 7th place in Group B, meaning their final finishing position for the competition was 19th. The Looe Ladies' Vets crew finished 12th in Group A, meaning they were placed into the top of Group B, making their finishing position for the competition 14th. After the last of the boats returned, all gigs were hauled back onto their trailers and tucked away for the night.

Bright and early on Saturday morning, the fastest 12 crews of Ladies' Vets and Super Vets from the evening before were back on the water. The fastest crew will take the title as Champions and earn the privilege to raise their oars high into the air once they cross the finish line first. With the celebrations over, another change over is sharply underway on the St Mary's town beach. This time the top 12 Men's Veterans and Super Veterans had their shot to prove they were the fastest. Once the entirety of the Veterans races were completed, the focus shifted to the Ladies' and Men's Open.

Midday on Saturday 30th April, the Ladies' open begins. The mile and a half, semi-circular start line is reformed. A vast array of multicoloured gigs primed and eager to be set loose await the starting call over the radio. "Get Ready... Go" is shouted through all receiving radios and the 20-minute-long slog back to St Marys harbour begins.

Looe Ladies' A, rowing in 'Currah's Pride' finished 19th after a chaotic and blade clashing race. Ladies' B rowing in 'Talisman' came 69th and Ladies' C crew finished up in 89th, pushing their boat 'Samphire' to her very limits. After the gruelling distance had been completed for the ladies, they handed over the racing gigs to their male counterparts ready for the Men's Open.

Later that afternoon, all 106 crews of the Men's Open lined up. Looe Men's A, rowing 'Currah's Pride' finished in a comfortable 7th with the B crew hot on their heels in 10th. This was the B crew's highest finish at the championships. Samphire rowed by Looe Men's C crew finished their first race in 63rd, an amazing result given it was only the second time the whole crew had been in the same boat rowing together.

Once the race was finished all the gigs were safely returned to the beach and everyone was anticipating the start of Round 2. These results determined which heat you qualified for, but there was also the added pressure of the top two fastest gigs being able to jump up to a faster heat and subsequently the slowest two boats were dropped to top the heat below.

First the Ladies' Open 'Nut Rock' round 2 race started. The Looe Ladies' C crew in Samphire finished 8th within Group H (92nd), Ladies' B crew in Talisman came 6th in Group F (66th) and Ladies' A in Currah's Pride finished 5th in Group B (17th). These results meant there would be no group movement for the ladies going into Sunday's races.

Next up was the Men's Round 2. The Looe C crew finished in 9th in Group F (69th), Men's B came 11th in Group A (11th out of 12) and Men's A winning the same group (1st). Unfortunately for Men's B they narrowly missed out on staying in Group A and dropped into the group below.

After a well-earned sleep, all the rowers met back down at St Mary's beach early on Sunday morning to continue the Men's and Ladies' Opens. Round 3 got underway with the Ladies' Open, starting with Group J and working backwards up to A. Looe Ladies' C finished 9th in Group H (93rd), Ladies' B in 7th of Group F (67th) and the A Crew crossing the line 5th in the group B (17th in total).

Once all gigs were returned to the beach, the men's crews could begin their Round 3 races. Looe Men's A won Group A in Currah's Pride with Morah from Coverack

hot on their heels. The B crew finish 3rd in the B group (15th) with a photo finish just behind the Bristol A crew. Sadly, this meant that they just missed out on promotion to the top heat for the final. The C Crew, in Samphire rowed a strong race within a close heat, finishing 6th in Group F (66th).

With a short break for lunch, it was back on the water for the finals, with the Ladies' crews leading the way starting their finals at 1:30pm.

In Group H, The Looe C crew rowed Samphire through their last chequered flag of the weekend, making their result 90th out of 114. The Ladies' B rowing in Talisman concluded their time on the Isles with an amazing result of 65th, coming in 5th within their group. Ladies' A in Currah's Pride gave it their everything, coming in 6th out of the 12 in Group B, making their finishing result 18th. With the Ladies' Open all wrapped up, it was left only for the men to bring the boats home once more.

Just before 4pm, the Men's crews took to the water for the final time. Starting with Looe Men's C crew, rowing in Samphire, they smashed Group F to come 4th, with their final result in the competition being 64th out of 106 men's crews. Talisman carrying Looe Men's B crew, had yet another close race, finishing 3rd yet again in their Group B, earning them a respectable 15th place, their highest placing for the Men's B crew ever on the Isles.

The Men's A crew, the two-time defending World Champions, hit their final race hard, with them edging further and further out in front as the race progressed. At the start of the race, the men in Currah's Pride were given the central starting berth, meaning they had many challengers around them. The boys brought it home in first place, lifting their blue painted blades to the sky, as they crossed the line as now three-time Isles of Scilly World Pilot Gig Champions.

Now, with all the racing completed, it was time for the partying to start. Everyone who took part gathered on St Mary's for the presentation with the fastest crews in each group and category earning their turn to stand on the podium and celebrate in style.



Mens A, in the final. Approaching the finish line to become 3 time world Champions!

Presentations and celebrations!



Ladies A: Lucy Chapman, Ruth Adams, Carrie Hardy, (Coxwain) Ryan Moon, Moira McInnes, Izzy Spencer, Sarah Ovens



Ladies A

Ladies B: Lousie Bird, Sophie Scott-Hammond, Jane Ogden,Janeen Overton, Kim Tolfrey, Hazel Kendall, Vicky Gilbert



Ladies B

Ladies Veterans: Janeen Overton, Lisa Clements, Jannine Fisher, Joe Ovens, Louise Bird, Hazel Kendall, Sally Crabb, Kim Tolfrey Ladies C



Mens B: John Starkey, Sam Ovens, Mike Daw, Lisa Clements, Jake Ferguson, Harry Poulson, Tony Fisher

Mens B

Mens C: James Rothwell, Bill Friend, Ryan Moon, Janeen Overton, James Overton, Danny Carlson, Anthony Ellis



Mens Veterans: Bill Friend, James Overton, Janeen Overton, Anthony Ellis, Tony Fisher

Mens C

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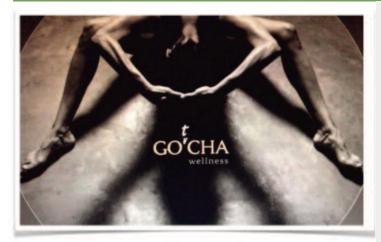
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LOOE SAILING CLUB

This year's sailing season has been something of a slow burner with a lot of the early races cancelled; either blown out with too much wind or else no wind at all. Fortunately, more recently, the wind gods have looked down more kindly on us, allowing racing on both Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

The end of May brought the end of the Spring Series of races and presentations of awards in the Clubhouse kindly sponsored by The Crabb Pot and presented by Bryony Crabb. This was followed by the presentation of the monthly cups for April and May.

The evening continued with music from Three's Company.

Junior Sail Training has recently restarted and is fully subscribed for this year already, so hopefully we can look forward to seeing more Mirror dinghies on the water in the future.

Spring Series winners were:

Mirror: Mark and Jowan Carnell Redwing: Peter Kinver and Jonty Wearing Laser: David Jackman Enterprise: Matt and Ivan Jaycock



LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY



We are on a summer break from meetings but have just enjoyed a lunch at the Portbyhan Hotel, and look forward to a boat trip up the West Looe River and a visit to Looe Island before our next meeting on Saturday 10th September, at 2.30pm at St Martin's Hall, Looe, when the topic will be The Duchy of Cornwall.

Visitors welcome, price £2 – you don't have to be old or Cornish!

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(Bring your favourite craft; drawing, knitting, crochet etc. and have a natter with likeminded friends)

Men's Breakfast

1st Saturday of every month 8-10 (Bacon/Sausage Sandwich & Coffee £5)

(No purchase necessary for the above but best to book so we have an idea of numbers)

Plus, we have pop-up nights such as

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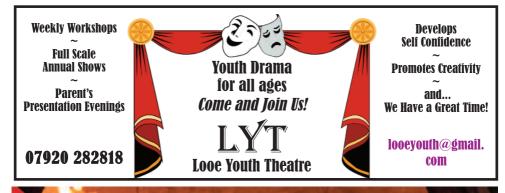
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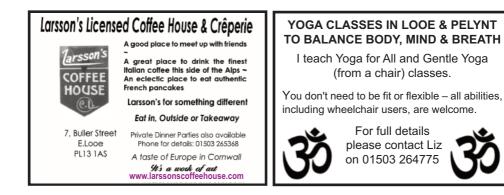
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LOOE U3A

Looe and District U3A held an enjoyable Platinum Jubilee Celebration Afternoon Tea on the St Martin's Looe Community Hall lawn on 2nd June. The weather was gorgeous; the organisation first rate. Thank you Chair and Committee. And the food was delicious.



Entertainment was kindly provided by Lanreath Community Music, led by Helen White. Members sang 50s tunes and rousing patriotic songs followed by a toast to our Queen, a fitting finale to a memorable afternoon.





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