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THE GUILDHALL As the days become longer, spring is around the corner, but work on the Guildhall has already sprung into action. Along with repairs to the stained glass windows, painting the gutters, downpipes and windows is underway. I can't remember the last time the Guildhall had scaffolding wrapped around it, can you? Do you have any old photos of the Guildhall to share with us on our Facebook page? Likewise, any you may have of the beach or Wooldown in years gone by.

THE MUSEUM Great news from our Museum – not only have our volunteers been busy preparing for the forthcoming visitor season, but they were also shortlisted for Cornwall Museums Partnership's 'Cornwall Heritage Awards 2018', for object and team of the year, the object being the 'Looe Silver Key', and the team being the 'Winter Team'. We'll report on the ceremony in Redruth in the next issue.

The winter team has been very busy preparing new displays, and continuing the conservation work needed in the Museum. There will be a special display relating to World War I in Looe, and the Museum hopes to be involved in the Armistice commemoration in November. They hope to involve the local schoolchildren and community with projects related to this. There are displays relating to Looe shipwrecks as well as Looe Fisherman's Choir, and the Silver Key will have a new display cabinet with the story of the Governance of Looe.

If you are interested in your ancestors and heritage, please visit the Family History Day at the Liskeard Public Hall, West Street, from 10am-3pm on Saturday 2nd June. Among many organisations from across Cornwall and Devon, Looe Museum volunteers will be there to help you to search and assist with your enquiries. All are very welcome to come and visit – the Museum has now re-opened.

DEFIBRILLATORS At our February meeting, the Trustees agreed to support a project spearheaded by the Harbour Commissioners to purchase a number of defibrillators for the town. The Trust, as one of the project partners, will fund two defibrillators – one located in the Guildhall Forecourt near the Wishing Well, and the other at Market House, Higher Market Street. Also, the Looe Lions and Looe Pioneers have jointly purchased a defibrillator to be located on the outside of the RNLI building on the seafront. The Trustees are delighted to be able to fund the annual maintenance for this unit for its projected life span of 10 years.

EASTER Easter is just around the corner and the Trustees wish you all a happy Easter and look forward seeing you down on the beach for the annual Looe Lions' Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.

Phil Gibson, Chairman East Looe Town Trust

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LOOE SAILING CLUB

With the winter break coming to an end the sailing members have been busy getting their boats ready for the new sailing season which commenced on Saturday 17th March with racing scheduled for every Saturday until the end of October.

Thursday evening racing commences in mid-April once the evenings have lengthened and ends in early September.

The club will once again stage racing in four fleets Mirror, Redwing, Laser and Enterprise.

The recent very well attended registration evening in the clubhouse saw nearly 40 boats registered for the season, so the boat park on the sea front is going to be pretty full from the start.

LOOE ROWING CLUB

Fantastic News! Due to the fantastic work of a small group of fundraisers (you know who are) and the overwhelming support of the local community, Looe Rowing Club have officially reached the magic figure to pay for their new gig!

The event that tipped the scales was an amazing evening with Johnny Cowling. A truly unforgettable night, where no-one was safe from Johnny's sharp wit, just ask anyone that dared get up from their seat! Looe Rowing Club would like to thank everyone who came. A big thank you to Looe Bay Holiday Park for hosting and the Rowing Club's very own Katherine, without whom the night would not have taken place.

Looe Rowing Club were absolutely blown away to discover they raised over £4700 on the night, and once again are very grateful to the Barclays colleagues who helped make the event happen and in return for their efforts will be matching £4000, taking the total raised to over £8700! Thank you to all of the local businesses and many individuals who helped make this event happen!

The new pilot gig is to be called Currah's Pride and was blessed by Rev Philip Sharp and launched on Saturday 24th March on East Looe Beach. This will be one of the last Gigs that local boat builder Dave Currah builds, and certainly the last Looe Rowing Club has made!

Please continue to support Looe Rowing Club, by being part of the Co-op Local Community Fund. As a member, every time you shop at Co-op, 1% of what you spend on selected own brand products and carrier bag sales goes to the Local Community Fund. Go to www.coop.co.uk/membership and select Looe Rowing Club.

And finally as winter training draws to an end here's a picture of Men's B – embracing the rowing machines in the wake of storm Emma!



Thanks again for all the support and see you on the water!

LOOE ALLOTMENTS

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LOOE MARINE CONSERVATION GROUP

The year has started well! The sun shone for our first rockpool ramble and volunteer training. 40+ attended our Birds of Looe talk by Derek Spooner. Looe-based marine wildlife blogger and volunteer Heather Buttivant won the BBC Wildlife Blog of the Year Award! and Looe Town Council has voted for a #plasticfreelooe.

So what's ahead? Spring events/activities in Seaton, Millendreath, East Looe and Hannafore, so come and join us! Most events are free or by voluntary donation. You can like our Facebook page, visit our website, and join us at our public events but remember, we rely on membership fees and donations to keep our volunteer group going. Membership renewals are now due. Renew/take out membership (£6 per annum) at <http://looe marineconservation.org/join-looe-marine-conservation-group/>

Saturday 31st March: Seaton Beach Clean – 11am. Enjoy the company and warm up in the cafe afterwards. All welcome. Litter picking equipment provided.

Monday 2nd April: Looe Rockpool Ramble – 1pm-2.30pm. Hannafore, West Looe. Meet below the Coastguard Station. Suitable for all ages. No need to book.

Sunday 8th April: Our first LMCG Arts Day, Hannafore Point Hotel. All funds will be donated to support the amazing work of the Cornwall Seal Group. There will be two workshops run by local photographers, artists and writers, to discover our marine environment and get creative PLUS an amazing film in the evening.

10am-12noon 'Treasure from the Sea' – Meet at Hannafore Point Hotel before beach-combing and photography with award-winning local author and photographer Lisa Woollett and illustrator Sarah McCartney. Bring a camera or phone and warm clothing.

1pm-2pm 'I Have a Rock' – Bidy Lloyd is a local artist and teacher who has written a children's book about her beloved Downderry through the eyes of a dog. Come and create your own storyboard for a children's book.

Both workshops are open to all ages (children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult). £2 voluntary contribution. No need to book.

8pm Film - 'Fish People' – A new documentary telling the stories of a unique cast of characters who have dedicated their lives to the sea. £5 entry. No pre-booking necessary. Join Sue Sayer, Founder of the Cornwall Seal Group, for pre-film drinks from 7pm. (Pre-film dinner can be booked direct with the hotel.)

Tuesday 17th April: Paddle for Plastic Talk 6pm RNLI Station East Looe. Guest Speaker and diver Rob Thompson of Fathoms Free on underwater litter picks and making ocean kayaks from recycled ocean plastic.

Tuesday 15th May: Seaweeds Talk 6pm RNLI Station East Looe. See these amazing plants in a new light through this month's talk by local expert and LMCG volunteer, Sue Pybus.

Saturday 2nd June: Rockpool Ramble Hannafore 2pm-3.30pm.

Our Tuesday talks are held upstairs in the Crew Room at the RNLI Station, preceded by tea and biscuits and followed by the LMCG monthly meeting at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend. We hope to see you there.

LOOE BOWLS CLUB

For those who thought that the Bowls Club ceases in the winter you would be mistaken! Whilst the rain (and snow!) prevents use of the green, social events continue and these contribute to our fundraising for our annually chosen charity. In November, Looe Golf Club was the venue for our annual prize-giving celebrating an excellent year for Looe Bowls Club, which saw numerous successes, including the Ladies Team through to the County final of the Captain's Shield, and the Men's Team winners of the East Cornwall Bowls League's Dennis Cup.



In January many members braved the squally showers to take part in a Scavenger Hunt around Looe, meeting later in the Cuddy Shack for a well-earned fish supper. February's social event was a Horse Racing evening, held in the Clubhouse which now boasts its own licensed bar. During the past year the Club raised a total of £550 to be donated to the Alzheimer's Society. This was presented on 23rd March to a representative from the Society, when we also held a Coffee Morning.

For the forthcoming year, the Club's chosen charity is Guide Dogs for the Blind and we hope to equal, or better still, surpass our previous fundraising efforts.

If you visit Hannafore regularly, you will have probably noticed the ongoing activity taking place to improve and maintain the Club grounds. In 2016, Cornwall Council granted the Club a 30-year lease and much work has been done to improve the site since then. Visiting Bowls Clubs always comment that Looe must have the best vista of any other Bowls Club countrywide! Being so well situated, occasionally we receive requests from the local community to use the Clubhouse. As this is a community building, it is available for public hire at very competitive rates – details available on our website from the Club Secretary.

As well as the Bowling Green, we also offer Putting to the public, and once again this facility will be available for the Easter holidays and throughout the summer. An exciting new project that the Club is currently exploring is the addition of a Crazy Golf Course for later this year; watch this space!

With spring upon us, our playing members are now eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new bowls season. This will begin on Saturday 7th April at 2pm. Should you be interested in joining us, either as a bowler or social member, please do come along and meet our members. If you would like to try bowls free of charge, we will be holding our annual Open Day on Sunday 29th April from mid-day to 5pm. There will be a BBQ, tea/coffee, cakes, bric-a-brac and plenty of fun to be had.

Bowls is a very inclusive sport, suitable for the young through to the more mature. It's a great way to meet people, keep fit and enjoy the benefit of our beautiful surroundings. Why not give it a try – see you on the green.

RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCH, WEST LOOE

Morning Worship 11am every Sunday.

On Easter Day 1st April and on 27th May this is a Holy Communion service.

Healing and Wholeness Service at 4pm on Sunday 20th May.

Open for coffee, fellowship and private prayer most Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays 10am-12noon. Bible Study group meets on Monday mornings at 10.30am. Prayer group meets Wednesdays 10.30am-11am (time may change – please check).

Concert at 7.30pm on Easter Monday 2nd April: Chloe Jones and Ian Lovegrove sing, play organ, piano, and flute – with music from Baroque to jazz, folk to spiritual, light and romantic – something for (almost) everyone. Come and enjoy a light-hearted, informal evening including light refreshments.

Riverside has many other regular activities: for information see our Newsletter. This is available from Kathy Lang via email: riversideuc.looe@gmail.com. We also have a website: loeriversidechurch.org.uk and a page on Facebook.



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EASTER

GOOD FRIDAY

Churches Together Devotion

10 a.m. St. Nicholas

Walk of Witness

starting 12 noon from Cornerstone,
West Looe Quay

Last Hour Meditation

2 p.m. St. Wenna, Morval



EASTER DAY

6.45 a.m. Dawn Service

The Lookout, Hannafore

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion,

St. Martin's

11 a.m. Holy Communion,

St. Wenna, Morval





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	St. Nicholas	St. Martin's	St. Wenna, Morval
1 st Sunday	8am Communion (BCP) 9.30am Communion	11am Cafe Church (Hall)	11am Communion
2 nd Sunday	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Communion (Church)	11am Family Service
3 rd Sunday	9.30am Communion	11am Sunday Live (Hall)	11am Communion
4 th Sunday	9.30am Sunday Live	11am Communion (Church)	11am Morning Prayer

EASTER SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY: 10am Devotion, St. Nicholas
12noon Walk of Witness starting from Cornerstone, West Looe Quay
2pm Last Hour, St. Wenna, Morval

EASTER DAY

6.45am SONRISE Service, Hannafore Lookout
10.30am PARISH COMMUNION, St. Martin's
11am COMMUNION, St. Wenna, Morval

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

12noon, 8th April, St. Martin's Church

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY DAY

Saturday 21st April, 9.30am-3.30pm
(Bring own tools & lunch: drinks & facilities provided)



LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Branch News: We will be holding a quiz and curry night in the Portbyhan Hotel on Saturday 14th April, starting at 8pm. Tickets are £5 per person and can be obtained on the night or from Martin Robinson on 07970 945594. The proceeds from the evening will go to the Poppy Appeal.

The Looe branch is working on a scheme to adopt a war grave in the St Martin's Church Yard or West Looe Cemetery. Essentially, individuals or organisations will undertake to maintain a grave, or graves. Already interest has been expressed by the Looe Academy and Looe Scouts. Further information will be made available once plans have been finalised.

Branch Meetings: The Looe branch meets on the first Monday of each month in the Looe Social Club at 7.30pm. Please feel free to come along and learn more about the Royal British Legion, or even perhaps become a member.

Lest We Forget: 100 years ago, on 21st March, the German Army attacked in an attempt to defeat the Allies before the overwhelming human and material resources of the United States could be fully deployed. They also had the temporary advantage in numbers afforded by the nearly 50 divisions freed by the recent Russian surrender. The plan was break through the Allied lines and, then outflank and defeat the British forces. It was hoped that the French would then seek armistice terms. The attack was the first use of storm-troopers, and achieved the greatest gains since 1914, but the Germans were unable to move supplies and reinforcements fast enough to maintain their advance. By late April 1918, the danger of a German breakthrough had passed, but it had claimed the lives of three Looe soldiers.

Lance Corporal Wilfred Pryn's family lived in Shutta Road, and he joined the British Army in August 1917 at the age of 18. He was serving with the 7th Battalion of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry when the Germans smashed through the Allied frontline. The battalion took up positions on the St Quentin Canal and covered the withdrawal of the British 36th Division. With casualties mounting, the 7th retreated on 22nd of March, one of those casualties was Lance Corporal Pryn. His body lies in the cemetery at St Souplet, France.

Private Albert Camp's parents lived in Fore Street, West Looe. He served with the 13th Battalion of the Sussex Regiment. The Sussex's suffered heavy casualties on the second day of the German attack and were forced to retreat. Albert was killed in action on the 26th March as his brigade defended the town of Chignies in order to allow the two other brigades of their division to retreat. He is recorded on the Pozieres Memorial, along with 14,000 other soldiers, has having no know grave.

Private Robert George served with 2nd Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment. His

family also came from Fore Street, West Looe. The second phase of the German's spring offensive was launched on the 9th April with the aim of cutting off the British Army at Ypres. The village of Passchendaele, captured by the Allies 5 months earlier, during the Third Battle of Ypres, was retaken by the German Army on 16th April. George's regiment successfully defended Kemmel Hill (First Battle of Kemmel) but he was killed in action on the 17th and has no known grave. He is one of the 11,000 names on Ploegsteert Memorial for British and South African soldiers with no known grave.

The German's finally took Kemmel Hill on 25th April after the French took over the defence from the British. Their attacks continued for another four days but were terminated on 29th April with no more significant gains. They had failed to achieve their main objectives and the German Army was now a spent force. On August 8th, the Allies began a series of attacks, collectively known as the 100 Days Offensive, which pushed the Germans out of France and forced them to sue for peace. This cessation of hostilities, Armistice Day, came into being on the 11th November, 1918.

David Welch
Looe Royal British Legion Membership Secretary

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MAYOR'S REPORT

TRAGIC ACCIDENT ON BODRIGAN ROAD

This is the second report in which I need to reflect on the tragic loss of life in the town. The accident which led to the loss of the life of a young local girl, Maisie Duncan, has hit the community very hard. The family is very local and well connected in the community and our thoughts are with them at this very sad time. Out of this tragedy comes compassion, and the offers of help that have come in have been outstanding and welcome. The pink ribbons around the town show that although not everyone can do something, they can show solidarity with the family. It is a mark of a great community that has spirit and support for those in need. I thank those special family friends that have supported them thus far, and will into the future, when times may be tough and that shoulder is needed even more.

Please remember that this has affected many others and they will need our support as well and a kind word and a chat may be needed to show we care.



NEW COUNCILLOR

I welcome our new co-opted Councillor Viv Sullivan to our Council; I am sure Viv will be an asset to the Council.

HEALTH AND CARE

This is one of two subjects on this report that I will be writing to the local provider to gain help and support. You will know that the local surgery is under pressure and there is difficulty in recruiting GPs. To add to this there is no full time NHS Dentist in the town although our local private dentist does do some NHS residents. Having had several people contact me over availability of a dentist, I believe this is something we as a Town Council need to put pressure on the authorities to resolve.

LOOE ACADEMY SCHOOL

I attended the Looe Academy School production of High School Musical. This was

a wonderful performance with high quality acting and singing by pupils of all age groups. It was a credit to the children, the staff involved and the Academy. In the audience were many families and friends of the pupils performing and speaking to them afterwards there was a lot of pride in how well this production went. Sorry to say if you missed it, but I am delighted to have attended.

DARBY AND JOAN

Rayna and I attended the 55th Anniversary luncheon with the Darby and Joan Club at the Rivercroft Hotel. This group keeps many people active in the community and meets regularly in the Social Club. They go on trips and enjoy themselves getting out and about. If anyone would like to join this active group, the information can be found on the Town Council Website.

MEETING WITH POLICE

I am writing a letter to the Chief Constable, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Sheryll Murray to show our concerns with the current levels of policing in the town.

Councillor Armand Toms
Mayor of Looe

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Cllr David Welch	01503 265573

Further contact information can be found on the Looe Town Council website:
www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk or by contacting us on 01503 262255.

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL AMENITIES REPORT

UPDATE ON PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Maintenance works have now been completed on Seafront, Hannafore, West Looe and Guildhall public conveniences. This leaves only Millpool to complete, scheduled to be completed by Easter.

GRAFFITI

We are experiencing another bout of graffiti around the town, this time with a new tag, SLAW or SW and SGM, which suggests this is a new artist. The Police have been made aware and they are investigating several instances around the town. May we remind anyone who finds graffiti on their own property to report it to the Police via 101 or online and obtain a Crime Reference Number (CRN). That way, if the perpetrator is apprehended, the Police are able to prosecute with each CRN as a separate instance, thus adding weight to a successful conviction.

Laura Kellaway, Amenities Manager

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LOOE TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION FOR LOOE

Please note that with effect from 17th January 2018, the Government have removed the exemption from fees for planning applications required only by virtue of an Article 4 Direction and a fee now applies. If you are proposing to carry out alterations or other building works in the Conservation Area we advise you always to consult Cornwall Council's planning team (0300 1234 151).

To view the Article 4 Direction for Looe fact sheet and map of Looe's Article 4 Direction boundary please visit www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk – Planning Information. If you would like a hard copy of this fact sheet please contact Looe Town Council on 01503 262255 or by email looetowncouncil@ymail.com



LOOE TOWN COUNCIL SEAGULL CONTROL 2018

The Council will again be carrying out de-fertilisation of seagull eggs. All properties registered with the Council, either in person or by telephone between Friday 23rd March 2018 and Friday 27th April 2018 will be visited during May.

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COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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If you are willing to help us please contact Anne Frith on 01503 262255 or by email: looetowncouncil@gmail.com. Please be assured that any details given to us will be kept in total confidence. Thank you.

RECENT SHOUTS

There was one shout between 8th January and 10th March 2018. More information at www.looelifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts

EVENTS

Looe RNLI AGM on 22nd February heard that 2017 was an excellent year for fundraising with tremendous support from the local community. The fantastic efforts by all volunteers were noted in fund raising and in saving lives on the water.

Our 2018 event programme has now been published:

March	24 th	RNLI Shop & Boathouse open full time
May	25 th	RNLI Street Collection
	28 th	8-10pm RNLI Concert, Porthpyra Singers
	3 rd	3-5pm RNLI Concert, Java 5
June	10 th	2:30-3pm Looe Raft Race
	19 th	7:30-9:30pm RNLI Concert – TBD
	23 rd	2-4pm RNLI Concert, Rogerstone Brass Band, Looe seafront
	26 th	7:30-9:30pm RNLI Concert, Levow Kesson
	1 st	3-5pm RNLI Songs of Praise
July	10 th	7:30-9:30pm RNLI Concert, Pelynt & Burraton Male Voice Choirs
	13 th	RNLI Street Collection
	20 th	7:30-9:30pm RNLI Concert, Polperro Fisherman's Choir
	24 th	7:30-9:30pm RNLI Concert, Tamar Valley MV Choir
	7 th	7:30-9:30pm RNLI Concert, Polperro Fisherman's Choir
August	12 th	3-5pm RNLI Concert, Whitsand Harmony
	17 th	7:30-9:30pm RNLI Concert, Lovenly MV Choir
	26 th	3-5pm RNLI Concert, Keltique
	1 st	7:30-10:30pm RNLI Chair Fundraiser, The Portbyhan Hotel
	4 th	7:30-9:30pm RNLI Concert, Pelynt MV Choir
September	14 th	RNLI Street Collection
	5 th	7:30-9:30pm RNLI Carols with Pelynt MV Choir, St. Martin's Church Hall

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Cinema by the Sea

Sat 7th April – My Cousin Rachel (12A)



Doors open: 7pm. S starts 7.30.

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This dark romance cum whodunnit, based on the novel by Daphne du Maurier & filmed in the South West, tells the story of a young Englishman who plots revenge against his mysterious, beautiful cousin,

believing that she murdered his guardian. 104 minutes.

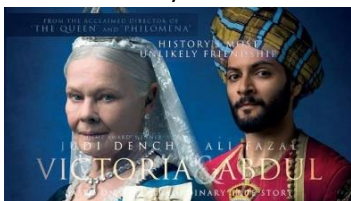
Wed 18th April – Gods Own Country (15)



Doors open: 7pm. S starts 7.30.

In Yorkshire, isolated young sheep farmer Johnny Saxby numbs his daily frustrations with alcohol and casual sex, until the arrival of a Romanian migrant worker employed for the lambing season ignites an intense relationship that sets Johnny on a new path. 105 minutes.

Wed 16th May – Victoria and Abdul (12A)



Doors open: 7pm. S starts 7.30.

The true story of an unexpected friendship in the later years of Queen Victoria's reign. When Abdul Karim, a young clerk, travels from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee, he is surprised to find favour with the Queen. The

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All films at: The Community Hall at Looe Children's Centre, Trewint Crescent, Barbican, LOOE PL13 1ET

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POLPERRO FISHERMEN'S CHOIR

Some members of Polperro Fishermen's Choir have been singing with the choir for 20 years – or a lot more! – but we welcome new members on a regular basis too, and they soon become part of our friendly group enjoying performing, laughter and sharing music. We meet because we love singing, we love Cornwall and we love raising money for charity.

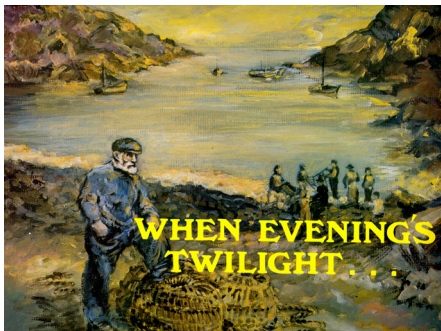
This year, at our very popular 'At Home' concerts on Polperro Fish Quay, we are raising funds for Cornwall Air Ambulance and the Triangle Centre at Liskeard Hospital which provides services for people who are battling cancer. They are at 7:30pm on the following Wednesdays: 27th June, 4th and 18th July and 1st, 15th and 29th August. The Quay concerts have a very long tradition too: the cover of 'When Evening's Twilight', our third best-selling LP issued 36 years ago, mentioned our "unforgettable harbourside concerts".

We also support the RNLI, whom we hold very dear! This year, we will be singing in the Looe RNLI boathouse on Sunday 1st July at 3pm, and Friday 20th July, Thursday 2nd August and Tuesday 7th August, all at 7:30pm. The Wreckers will also be singing in support of the RNLI on Fowey Quay at 7:30pm on Sunday 5th August.

We continue to be inspired by the singing of the Polperro fishermen who founded the choir 95 years ago and we have been busy recording a new CD in Polperro Methodist Chapel where it all started. Hopefully it will be yet another best-seller!

Cornwall's motto 'One and all' fits very well for us and we would love to have your company at any of our gigs. You can see full details on our website:

www.polperrofishermenschoir.co.uk



The front cover of 'When Evening's Twilight', the 3rd LP of Polperro Fishermen's Choir issued in 1982, featuring a painting of Polperro harbour by June Drysdale.



Polperro Fishermen's Choir in 1925.

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LOOE VALLEY LINE REPORT

Another busy year on the Looe Valley Line

2017 was another busy year on the Looe Valley Line with a total of 115,259 journeys made over the twelve months.

There has been a big increase in the number of passengers using the line over the last few years. Ten years ago, in 2007, the annual total was 76,295 journeys. Each of the last four years has seen more than 110,000 journeys.

Looking ahead to big improvements in 2019

Next January will see big improvements on Cornwall's railways. Network Rail are currently installing extra signals on the main line between Plymouth, Liskeard, Truro and Penzance to allow the train service to be increased to two trains an hour in each direction throughout the day, Mondays to Saturdays.

This will be by far Cornwall's best ever train service. With the extra mainline trains, connections to and from the Looe Valley Line will benefit too, making it easier for local residents and visitors to get around.

Cornwall Council are prime movers behind the improvements and are helping to fund them.

CCTV at Looe Station

CCTV has now been installed at Looe station and soon to come will be a brightening up of the station which will include new signs and posterboards.

The improvements are being funded by Great Western Railway with the assistance of the Designated Community Rail Development Fund (DCRDF), backed by the Department for Transport and ACoRP, the Association of Community Rail Partnerships. The DCRDF grant has been organised by the Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership.

Many thanks to Richard Burningham of the Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership for providing the above information.

Further reports and updates on the Looe Valley Line will be provided in the Community News later in the year.

Cllr Chris Rose

LOOE VALLEY SINGERS

After a miserable winter the choir is looking forward to Spring where several events are planned.

In March, the choir will be part of the Big Sing Concert in Wadebridge, raising money for the Cornwall Air Ambulance. See the Looe Valley Singers at the West Looe May Fayre on 6th May, both singing and having a stall to raise money for choir funds. The choir will pop up again at the Polperro Festival in June.

In May, several choir members will be travelling to the Royal Albert Hall to take part in a performance of The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins.

We are always happy to welcome new members:
Contact Kathy: 01503 272550 or Jill: 1503 240768 or visit our website
www.looevalleysingers.org.uk for further details.

KELTIQUE

It's almost spring and Keltique are working hard on a new repertoire of memorable music for the season, including songs from the musicals Phantom of the Opera and Hair, works by John Lennon and Christine McVie, and songs made famous by Louis Armstrong and Il Divo – there's definitely a 70s and 80s vibe going on this year.

Keltique, as a choir, goes from strength to strength and with so many new joiners last year now has more than 40 members. But we're always delighted to welcome more to our happy band of sisters. We meet every Monday evening at 7.30pm in the Millpool Centre in West Looe and you'll be very welcome to come along and join in, or just listen if you prefer. We all love it and wouldn't be without our Monday singing fix, particularly as our very talented MD Jonathan Lewsey somehow manages to coax vocal performances out of us that we wouldn't have thought possible! So why not drop by one Monday evening?

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Looe Community Forum – Second photo shows the city of York.

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Frog Island Band at Looe Jazz Club, February 2018

Elaine Warne, Looe Jazz Club

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