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## NEWS FROM THE EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST



### **The Chairman and Vice Chairman:**

At the Board's recent AGM, Phil Gibson, a local businessman, was elected as our new Chairman, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October. Phil has until recently been Vice Chairman and is our longest serving Trustee. Michael Tolley was elected Vice Chairman. Michael is a retired solicitor and former Director of Administration with Caradon District Council. He is active in a number of other local organisations.

John Warne, the outgoing Chairman, said, "It has been a great privilege to serve the Trust and the town as Chairman for nearly seven years and I warmly welcome the appointment of Phil Gibson as my successor and Michael Tolley as Vice Chairman. I look forward to continuing as a Trustee and supporting the important work of the Trust. I am grateful for all the hard work (often unseen) of our dedicated staff and to the current team of Trustees for the vision and commitment that has enabled us together to deliver many changes and improvements for the greater good. As always, there is more to be done, but we can look forward to a stable and productive future. On a lighter note, I am delighted that Trustees have finally heeded my view that it is healthy to have a change of leadership from time to time!"

### **The beach and seafront:**

These areas are vital to the enjoyment of locals and visitors alike. Failure to maintain them properly would be damaging to the town's economy. So congratulations to our seafront staff who have rightly collected many accolades for their work in keeping it all looking so good throughout the busy season.

The beach is also the central attraction for many leisure activities and events, including the Raft Race, Sailing Championships, Music Festival, Easter Egg Hunt and New Year fireworks display. The recent addition to the list of an outside cinema production was well received. The Trust will continue to facilitate such opportunities, working constructively with responsible providers.

### **The Guildhall forecourt café:**

Building work on the café and re-laying the forecourt has largely been completed on schedule, allowing fitting out to proceed without significant delay. This is by far the Trust's largest project in recent years, representing a considerable financial investment. We are satisfied that it will provide a good return to help us maintain the services we provide and, hopefully, allow us to increase over time our charitable contributions. We have received a number of supportive comments saying that it will make the whole site much more attractive.

**John Warne and Fellow Trustees**



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## LOOE MARINE CONSERVATION GROUP

As well as our regular beach cleans, rockpool rambles and talks, members have been taking to the streets of Looe this summer to promote the yellow fish project. We were also lucky enough to be the Lions Club's "Sea" charity during the "Land and Sea Day". A huge thank you to Just Voices and Highly Strung for supporting the LMCG with their beautiful voices and foot tapping ukuleles.

### **October Half Term Rock Pool Ramble**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. 1pm-2.30pm. Hannafore, West Looe.** Meet below the Coastguard Station . Look for the Looe Marine Conservation Group sailflags! Free event suitable for all. Donations welcome. No need to book. No nets please – they harm delicate rock pool creatures.

What to See on our October Half-Term Rock Pool Ramble: Autumn is a great season for rock poolers because the tides go out further. This lower shore environment is full of creatures we normally wouldn't be able to find. Weird and wonderful sea slugs such as sea lemons and sea hares as well as the vibrant blue rayed limpets can be found in and around the exposed kelp forests. The eagle-eyed rock pooler can also find the worm pipefish, a relative of the seahorse, perfectly camouflaged amongst the brown seaweeds.

### **Autumn Beach Clean**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October:** Check the website [looemarineconservation.org](http://looemarineconservation.org) for the time and location. We'll pick a beach most in need after the autumn storms have started to blow. Join us to do your bit for marine conservation. With your help, we will collect marine litter and survey the types found on our shore. Enjoy a walk in friendly company with like-minded people. All equipment provided.

### **Fishy Tales: Talk by biologist Doug Herdson**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 7.30pm.**

**RNLI Station, East Looe (meet upstairs in the crew room)**

This month we are delighted to welcome Doug Herdson, fish biologist, formerly of the National Marine Aquarium, Plymouth, to give a talk on fish. This promises to be a fascinating talk, revealing the secrets of life beneath the waves and of the changing fish species found around our shores.

### **All welcome at our meetings!**

Whether you're already a member or just interested in finding out more about marine conservation and getting involved, you will be very welcome to join our friendly meetings. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month, 6.30pm: RNLI Station, East Looe (meet upstairs in the crew room) check on the website for alterations. Our meetings are often followed by a talk by an expert in marine conservation and wildlife.

**For more information on talks, events and how to get involved visit:  
[www.looemarineconservation.org](http://www.looemarineconservation.org) or contact [looevmca@gmail.com](mailto:looevmca@gmail.com)**

## Welcome to The Looe Community Forum's Looe and area Annual Festive Season Calendar 2017

YOU can help the town with its Festive appearance from "Switch-on Friday", 1<sup>st</sup> December, to January 6<sup>th</sup>. Christmas is coming! Here is a selection of dates and events – all by the local community for your enjoyment.

**Residents:** display outdoor decorative lighting in your garden or on your house (especially if you overlook the Harbour or Sea).

**Businesses:** illuminate a display in your windows for all ages to enjoy.

### OCTOBER

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Keltique and Friends – Millpool Centre, West Looe
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Keltique sing Carols – Portbyhan Hotel, West Looe

### NOVEMBER

Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Lantern Making Workshop – Millpool Centre, West Looe (until 3.30pm)
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Keltique sing Carols – Portbyhan Hotel, West Looe
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Looe Concert of Remembrance: Looe Royal British Legion and St. Pinnock Band – Riverside United Church
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday Service – Looe War Memorial
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Keltique sing Carols – Portbyhan Hotel, West Looe
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> -Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>		Looe Literary Festival – see Looe Town Council/ TIC website or Looe Literary Festival facebook page
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	2-5pm	Christmas Market – St. Martin's Hall
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> }		
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> }	8pm	Keltique sing Carols – Portbyhan Hotel, West Looe
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> }		

### DECEMBER

In the week after switch-on, judging will take place to choose the best resident's decorative outdoor lighting and the best illuminated shop/business window.

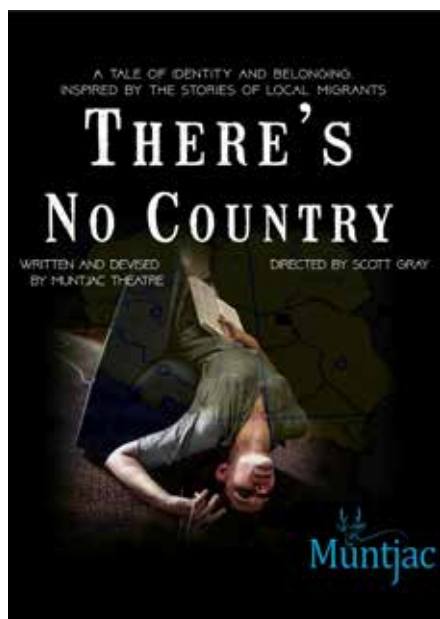
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	6.30pm	Lantern procession: Groups assemble at the Millpool Centre, and the Guildhall East Looe to parade with their lanterns to the Quayside Centre, West Looe
	7pm	Lantern procession arrives at the Quayside Centre; Carol singing and Christmas Lights switch-on
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12noon	Craft and fundraising stalls – Buller Car Park Bar & food, children's entertainer, bouncy castle, alpacas, reptiles and raptors
	4.30pm	Santa's Arrival at the Railway Station Procession to Santa's Grotto on the Buller Car park Santa will lead the procession followed by the Mayor and Mayoress and by local groups and families
	TBC	Polperro Christmas Lights switch-on
	8pm	Keltique sing Carols – Portbyhan Hotel, West Looe

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12noon	Santa's Fun Run – West Looe Quayside Centre Registration 11am – £3 entry fee
	6pm	St Nicholas Church – Advent Taize Service
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Pelynt Male Voice Choir Concert – St Martin's Hall In aid of RNLI
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Keltique sing Carols – Portbyhan Hotel, West Looe
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Christingle Service – St. Martin's Church

Make a note of the dates in your diaries. A comprehensive list of all festive activities to the end of January will be published in the next edition of Community News. Look out for more information – emails, posters, press releases – nearer the time to check that events and timings haven't been changed.

If you are organising events please let us know – contact: [juice@talktalk.net](mailto:juice@talktalk.net)

### **Looe Community Forum**



There's No Country is an exploration of the complexities of immigration. When you leave your country, you remember to pack your toothbrush but be careful not to leave half your soul behind. Mother Tongue is gentle but she's gone now, can you still truly express yourself without her warm embrace? Lines on a map, laws in a court, or even the widest oceans don't change the fact that I, like you, am human.

**Venue:** Millpool Centre, Looe, PL13 2AF

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Doors open 7pm (Full Bar available)

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## LOOE SAILING CLUB

Club members have continued to enjoy regular sailing on both Saturday afternoons and Thursday evenings, but in addition the club have been busily involved with Championships.

The Club hosted the GP14 Nationals in early August with a fleet of 64 boats taking part. It proved to be a very successful week and their association were full of praise for the host's organisation. Pleasingly, the Looe pairing of Rob Libby and Brian Bowdler, sailing in their first GP event, finished 19th overall and won the top award in the silver fleet. They now hope to compete in the World Championships in Mounts Bay next year.

Most of the Club's Mirror sailors travelled to Restranguet on the River Fal to take part in the National and World Championships. All enjoyed the experience of sailing in a fleet of over 50 boats with opposition coming from as far afield as Australia and South Africa.

Congratulations go to Archie Hawkins and Jack Stevens from Looe who finished 10th overall, thereby winning the overall U16 award.

The end of August saw the Redwing fleet travelling to Instow in North Devon for their National event. It proved to be a mixed week, with two days lost due to no wind at the start. Fortunately, those races were made up when conditions improved later in the week. At the end of the six race series overall winners were Jack Pope and Chris Jackman from Looe with two wins, two seconds and a third place. It was Jack's first triumph in a National event but Chris's third, previously with other helms. Our congratulations go to them both.

Second were last year's winners, also from Looe, Colin Crabb and Adam Hayler, five points behind, with Angus Cook and Tom Lewis from North Devon in third place.

Evening sailing will now cease but Saturday racing continues until the end of October.



## LOOE BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION



Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: LBOA Club Night and Skittles  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November: LBOA Club Night and Wine Tasting  
Both events take place at 7.30pm in Looe Sailing Club

Visitors and new members are always welcome, so if helping promote Looe Harbour, supporting Looe Lifeboat and being part of this dizzying social round appeals, you can find full details on our website [www.lboa.co.uk](http://www.lboa.co.uk) or phone 07798 618184. Remember, no boat required!

## LOOE ROWING CLUB

Over the bank holiday, Looe Rowing Club celebrated the 25th anniversary of the first wooden pilot gig boat, Ryder. To mark the occasion, the former Looe lifeboat Ryder, after which the gig is named, came home to port for the occasion. The lifeboat Ryder was stationed in Looe RNLI from 1902 to 1930.

Spectators looked on as both Ryders took to the sea and were rowed side by side by members of the rowing club, past and present, and the RNLI. Looe lifeboat station has a long standing connection with the rowing club as a number of the stations volunteers are crew members.



The gig Ryder was funded by generous people and organisations of Looe, built in 1992 of Cornish elm and was the first of many gigs to be built at Porters boatyard on West Looe Hill, by local boat builders Jim and David Currah. After rowing, the gig Ryder rested on the beach, and with glorious weather sent from the heavens was blessed by Methodist preacher Dr Kathy Lang, accompanied by the Mayor of Looe, Armand Toms, along with members of the club and public.

With the regatta season drawing to a close, the club have focussed hard on the Newquay County Championships. Training on and off the water has been taken up a notch with the hope of replicating, even improving Scillies form. The results are in from the Ladies' Championships Newquay, and the Looe ladies have absolutely smashed it! Looe Ladies B finishing 25th, missing out the quarter finals by one second! Huge gains on last year. Looe Ladies A crew were the first ladies crew from Looe to make it to the final, matching their Scillies result, finishing fourth and cementing their place amongst the elite of the sport.

Well done ladies you've done the club and town proud.

# **RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCH, Quay Road, West Looe**

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- Coffee Mornings**        10am-12noon. Most Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. All welcome. The church is also available for personal prayer during these times. Prayer group meets Mondays 10.30am-11am (time may change – please check).
- More Information**        We hold a wide range of regular and occasional events. To find out more, call in when we are open or visit **[www.looe-riversidechurch.org.uk](http://www.looe-riversidechurch.org.uk)**.

Riverside has many other regular activities: for information see our Newsletter, which is available from Kathy Lang via email: **[riversideuc.looe@gmail.com](mailto:riversideuc.looe@gmail.com)**.

## **Special events:**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October:**        11am     Harvest Festival

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October:**      7.30pm   Organ recital by the wonderful Jonathan Delbridge, now living in Crewkerne but on a flying visit to his native Cornwall; with flute solos from Samantha Rowe, a very gifted 18-year-old from St Neot.

**Tickets from Kathy Lang via email: [riversideuc.looe@gmail.com](mailto:riversideuc.looe@gmail.com)**

## **LOOE VALLEY SINGERS**

The end of the summer saw the choir singing in Lostwithiel as part of the “Sing along the River” event, which is hosted by Lostwithiel’s Community Choir, “Lost in Song”. This takes place on Thursdays throughout August where local bands, choirs and performers are invited to come and sing.

In October, the choir will perform in a concert raising funds for the charity Cots for Tots. After that it will be all systems go to prepare for Christmas events, including concerts at Cotehele, Mount Edgcumbe and Talland Church.

We are always happy to welcome new members, no auditions required and we meet at St Martin’s Church Hall on Thursdays at 7.45pm. For more information please call Kathy on 01503 272550 or Jill on 01503 240768 or see the website:

**[www.looevalleysingers.org](http://www.looevalleysingers.org)**



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2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Communion (Church)	11am Family Service
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	9.30am Communion	11am Sunday Live (Hall)	11am Communion
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	9.30am Sunday Live	11am Communion (Church)	11am Morning Prayer

### CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am-4pm. All help warmly welcomed!

### CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2-5pm. St. Martin's Hall

## SCLERDER FAMILY FESTIVAL 2017

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August, Sclerder Abbey was crowded as the Sclerder Family Festival 2017, organised by the Chemin Neuf Community, in collaboration with the Anglican and Catholic communities, Churches Together and Celebrate Plymouth members, got under way. We were so fortunate that the whole day was warm and sunny. After Welcoming and Registration, there was an official opening in the big marquee – Bishop Mark O'Toole (Roman Catholic), Bishop Chris Goldsmith (Anglican), the Reverend Mark Pengelly (Chairman of the Methodist Church, Liskeard Circuit and Helen Priestley (Church of England) each addressed 250 visitors who had come from far and near.

The Festival was the first of its kind to be held in the grounds of Sclerder Abbey and it was an ecumenical event for all ages on the theme "HOME is where the heart is" with family activities based around – Building Our Dream House, the Family Journey, Conflict and Resolution, as well as many workshops, ranging from cookie-making to stained glass window decoration. There were indoor and outdoor games

and regular tours of the historic Abbey buildings. Food was plentiful, with a picnic lunch and an excellent barbecue in the evening. There were lively acts of worship in the Worship Tent at intervals throughout the day, and the concluding Service was animated by a live worship band.



In her welcoming speech, Sister Jacqueline, who has led the Sclerder Community since it was handed over to them by the Carmelite Sisters in August 2014, said that many families had formed Sclerder Abbey over the centuries. First and most important, was the Trelawney family who had founded it, followed by other families had developed and deepened the prayer life, like the Poor Clare Sisters and the Carmelite Sisters. The Chemin Neuf Community was founded in 1973 in Lyon, France and is composed of consecrated celibates (Brothers, Sisters and Priests) and Couples. It is a Roman Catholic Community which welcomes Christians from other denominations and works to strengthen the bonds between our churches. The Chemin Neuf is today present in 24 countries and they have six communities in the UK. Further information about the Community and its world-wide activities can be obtained from their website **[www.chemin-neuf.org.uk](http://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk)**.



Following the success of this first Family Festival, Chemin Neuf have announced that they will hold a second one, next year on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August.



## LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

**VJ Day.** Branch members were in attendance at the Guildhall Rose Garden on the 15<sup>th</sup> August for the anniversary of VJ (Victory over Japan) Day and consequently the end of the Second World War. £512 was raised for the Poppy Appeal, and we thank all our members who assisted and the members of the public for their generosity.

### **Calendar of Looe RBL and Associated Events:**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Trafalgar Day Dinner** – Petra Stephenson, of the Looe Museum, is arranging a Trafalgar Day Dinner in the Old Sail Loft. Tickets cost £27 and are available from Looe Museum, Tourist Information Office, East Looe Town Trust office and the Old Sail Loft. The dinner is to raise funds for the New Year Fireworks and the Royal British Legion.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October: Poppy Appeal Launch** – If you would like to help in collecting for the Poppy Appeal then please contact our organiser, David Bryan, on 01503 264130.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Annual General Meeting** – Looe Royal British Legion's A.G.M. will be held in the lower bar of the Looe Social Club, starting sharp at 7.30pm. All members are requested, if possible, to please attend.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Concert** – There will be a concert by the St Pinnock Band and the Fowey Choir at 7.30pm in the Riverside Church on behalf of the Poppy Appeal.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Armistice Day** – Looe Royal British Legion will be holding a short service, and two minutes silence, at Looe War Memorial, starting at 10.45am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Sunday** – Looe Town Council will be holding a Civic Service, and wreath laying, at Looe War Memorial, commencing at 10.30am.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Christmas Party Night** – Looe RBL will be holding a Christmas party night in the Portbyhan Hotel. There will be music, hot food, mulled wine and hot chestnuts. The cost will be £5 per head, and proceeds will go to the Poppy Appeal. Further details will be published shortly.

### **Lest We Forget**

Most of the names on our war memorial were members of the armed forces but there are exceptions:

- Norman Stevens was the son of William and Agnes Stevens of West Looe Hill. Prior to WW2 he was a senior steward on cruise ships but, with the start of the war, he was employed in a similar capacity for the Royal Navy. He survived a number of trips evacuating the British Army from Dunkirk, but died in March 1941 of pleurisy or pneumonia in Birkenhead hospital. His body was brought back to Looe by his father but he was buried at Wadebridge, where his wife's family lived.

- John Phillip Bartlett Jeffrey (shown on our war memorial as Phillip B. Jeffrey) was born in Looe in 1898 and his family lived at Seaview, North Road, West Looe. He trained as a ship's radio officer with the Marconi Company and in WW1 served on troopships. WWII saw him serving, as First Radio Officer, on the passenger and cargo

steamer SS Nerrissa. On 30<sup>th</sup> April 1941 the Nerrissa was en route from Nova Scotia to Liverpool when, at 10.34pm and 100 miles off Ireland, she was hit by a torpedo fired by U-Boat U-552. First Radio Officer Jeffrey was on duty when the torpedo struck and he immediately transmitted a distress signal. The ship's boats were being lowered when the U-552 fired two more torpedoes. The Nerrissa immediately broke into two and sank. John Jeffrey was last seen at his post, along with the two junior radio officers, sending out repeated SOS signals. The Nerrissa was travelling alone but, thanks to the distress signals, a rescue mission was immediately initiated. The survivors were spotted at first light by a search aircraft and, an hour later, a destroyer arrived to pick up the survivors. Lloyd's Register records that 207 lives were lost out of a total of 289 passengers and crew.

**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.

**David Welch – Looe Royal British Legion Membership Secretary**

### **LOOE COMMUNITY PLAYERS**

The 2018 pantomime will be a splendid production of Sleeping Beauty, at the Millpool Centre. It will be performed at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January. There will also be a 2pm matinee performance on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets will be available soon from the Millpool Centre (01503 265947) or Tourist Information Centre, Monday to Saturday 10am-3pm (01503 262072). Tickets are £5 and £2.50 for children under 12.

### **POLBATHIC PLAYERS ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PEOPLE**

Following their sell out production of CINDERELLA in January and February this year, Polbathic Players are looking for new faces to help them get their next pantomime together. This will be a brand new, locally written script. Rehearsals, on Monday and Thursday evenings at Polbathic Village Hall, will start in October, and there will be six performances towards the end of the last week of January and the first week of February, 2018. If you want to go on stage, or if you want to help in another way, please ring 07799 210730 to find out more. You can always have the pleasure of turning us down if you change your mind about any part offered.



## MAYOR'S REPORT

### PRESENTATIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

**POST OFFICE:** Councillors and members of the public will remember the time earlier this year when the Post Office tried to close our local branch on Fore Street, East Looe. This would have left the centre of the town without this service. Yet with some negotiation and good will this did not happen, so our Post Office stayed open until it moved across to Quayside Fresh. Goodwill was a key element in keeping this service going, the main part of which was the determination of Heather Margetts and Kate Ennor not to let the community down. They worked under a lot of pressure and at times considerable risk to do the best for the community. I recognised this with a small gift and the heartfelt thanks from this Council.



Mayor Armand Toms with Kate Ennor and Heather Margetts

**FIRE AT BARBICAN:** Recently there was a fire at a flat on the Barbican Parade, but the final outcome could have been far worse had it not been for the bravery of two men. Both Dominic Reeves and Chris Elford were going about their normal business working at the Barbican. They saw the fire and took the brave action to enter the building and were able to put the fire out. An act that not everyone would have done and at exceptional risk to themselves, but in doing so stopped the spread of the fire and saved a family pet. As a community, and as the Mayor, I felt that this exceptional act deserved recognition and I can only thank them for doing this brave, selfless act.



Mayor Armand Toms with Chris Elford, Lorraine Hirst and Dominic Reeves

**WELCOME TO A NEW COUNCILLOR:** I must welcome Councillor James Lundy to the Town Council and know that he will be an asset as he has already done a lot of work in the Neighbourhood Plan group on Housing.

**THE TOWN COUNCIL:** I know that the month of August is supposed to be the month without Council meetings, this year this has not been the case. With many meetings going on and planning issues to be dealt with, I thank those for their deliberations on the Barbican Road site, but this application I'm sure will be

considered further. To that end I have picked up on some of the comments at the meeting about sewerage and doctors' surgery and I report the following:

I contacted Dr Stephen Bird, Chief Executive of SWW over this issue and I am in contact with a number of officers from SWW over multiple issues in the town. Having talked to the local engineer, I highlighted a number of concerns and hopefully will get a response which can be shared with you all.

I also went to speak to the Looe Surgery Practice Manager about the application and he raised some concerns which he has put into writing for the planning department.

**DEVOLUTION OF THE LIBRARY AND OTHER ESTATES:** As you know, there has been much discussion about devolving the library to Town Council. At a recent meeting with officers of Cornwall Council, progress was made and many of the concerns and issues were addressed or are in the process of being looked at. Having been at many of these meetings, I felt that it was all moving in the right direction. To try and take this forward I have invited a number of organisations in the town with accommodation needs to come to a meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> September to see if this accommodation can be used to solve a number of problems. The surgery needs room, the community nurses need a permanent home and maybe others. The three properties involved can only be devolved to the Town Council but can be run by a charity and others may use them. I will update you more as time goes on.

**MARINERS GARDEN:** The scaffolding at the Mariners Garden is now in place and the work to repair the wall will now start. This is important for the town and will secure that whole area.

**OTHER EVENTS:** The town has been very busy over the period and although the weather has not always been kind the season has been reported to me as a good one from many businesses. The Sailing Club has held another very successful National Championship and there are plans for them to host a further two next year. I must congratulate Archie Hawkins and Jack Stevens for being the top Juniors at the recent National Mirror Class National and World Championships. The Ryder Gig celebrated its 25th Anniversary of service to the Looe Rowing Club. Built by Dave and Jim Currah, it is a beautiful boat which has given great service to the club. Only this weekend, the Looe Ladies A team came fourth and the B team 25th in the Gig County Championships, so well done to both teams. A children's fun day at St Martin's Church was well attended and I thank them for doing this for the local and visitors' children.

**Councillor Armand Toms**  
**Mayor of Looe**

## LITTERING – FIXED PENALTY NOTICES IN OPERATION

The majority of residents and visitors conscientiously put their rubbish in the public bins or take it home with them. Unfortunately a minority of people do just drop their rubbish on the streets, which is not just unsightly but also attracts unwanted animals and birds. In order to combat this issues of littering in our town, Looe Town Council is now authorised by Cornwall Council as a Local Authority to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for littering which carries a fine of £80. Cornwall Council's website gives details on littering:

"People who carelessly discard litter in a public open place are committing a criminal offence. In cases of littering, the normal course of action will be to offer a notice of opportunity to pay a fixed penalty, providing the offender is cooperative.

The offence, as amended in 2005 by the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act, applies to all places that are open to the air, including private open land, and land covered by water. Litter includes paper, cans, bottles, food and drink containers, chewing gum, plastic, leftover food, cigarette and cigar ends, flyers or large items such as bags of rubbish. If a person chooses to return to the litter and pick it up following the intervention of an officer, a Fixed Penalty Notice may still be issued. Such action would be recorded by the officer and noted in the event of a subsequent prosecution.

It is also an offence to throw litter from a vehicle. If the registration number is taken the registered keeper's identity can be obtained from the DVLA by the police or the local authority. Witnesses should note whether the driver or passenger threw the litter and take a good description of the vehicle and offender in case it is needed in evidence.

Littering offences can be reported to the local authority and they will decide whether to take further action". The contact number for Cornwall Council is 0300 1234 141.

### **Looe Town Council Councillor Contact Telephone Numbers**

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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](http://www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk) or by contacting us on 01503 262255.

## GRAFFITI

You will probably have seen an increase in the amount of graffiti around the town over the last few months. This is a crime and should always be treated as such. Therefore we urge you, should your property be subject to graffiti, to report any instances to the Police 101 service (there are several ways to contact 101) and obtain a Crime Reference Number. Without this number, the Police cannot act, and so the more instances that are reported, the greater the possibility that the culprit can be brought to justice. Those in rented accommodation should report to the property owner so that this can be reported to the Police, as they can only action a report from the property owner. This includes businesses where the crime is on their property (such as BT Openreach exchange cabinets or Cornwall Council road signs).

Looe Town Council are working closely with the Police, Cornwall Council, local businesses and Looe Pioneers Running Club who have graciously volunteered to clean up any graffiti that is reported. We are very grateful to Bryan Maywood, Chairman, and the running group members for their help in cleaning up the graffiti and in keeping a database of graffiti they find whilst out on their runs.

We want our town to look clean and cared for – for our residents and visitors alike. This is a really good example of partnership working and local community action and shows how much people care for our lovely town.

If you see any graffiti around, please let us know via the Town Council's online contact form which can be found at: **[www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk/enquiries.php](http://www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk/enquiries.php)** or by calling the Town Council's Amenities Manager on 01503 262255. We are consolidating all reports received to ensure that property owners or businesses are made aware and report to the Police and to arrange swift clean up, be it themselves or by granting permission for Looe Pioneers to action on their behalf.

**Laura Kellaway**  
**Amenities Manager**



**Recent Shouts**

There were 12 shouts between 20<sup>th</sup> June and 5<sup>th</sup> September, reflecting the hard reality of our tourist season.

More information can be found at [www.looelifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts](http://www.looelifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts)

**Looe RNLI Open Day Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

The theme of Looe Lifeboat Station's open day was "Could you volunteer for Looe RNLI" where a steady stream of visitors enjoyed looking around the inshore lifeboats and launching tractors. Several visitors expressed an interest in volunteering with the charity and were able to hear first hand from some the lifeboat crew and shore helpers on what is involved in volunteering for Looe RNLI "saving lives at sea".

**Could You Volunteer for Looe RNLI?**

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- Help as a street collector, event marshal or cheerer
- Take visitors on guided tours of the boathouse
- Sell gifts, organise stock, display and sales

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Checkout [www.looelifeboats.co.uk/volunteering](http://www.looelifeboats.co.uk/volunteering)

**In Memoriam**

Support for the RNLI comes in many forms and often from places surprisingly far from the sea, so Looe Lifeboat volunteers were especially delighted with recent bequests from Solihull and Derbyshire. We are most grateful for these very generous donations which will be used to fund the lifesaving equipment and crew training we need to continue our local role of saving lives at sea. Such bequests are the lifeblood of local RNLI stations.

**Forthcoming Events:**

Tencreek event in aid of Looe RNLI – November – date to be determined

Look out for the RNLI Stall on Santa's arrival day, 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Carols with Pelynt Choir, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December in St Martin's Church Hall

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### Wed 18<sup>th</sup> October – The Olive Tree (PG)

Doors open: 7pm. Starts 7.30.



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### Wed 15<sup>th</sup> November – Hidden Figures (12A)

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

## **LOOE COMMUNITY GARDEN ALLOTMENTS NEWS**

It's that time of year when the allotment plot holders are harvesting all the produce they have grown in this their first year. It has been a good year with lots of construction, digging and planting, a lot of success and some complete flops, but for all of that the camaraderie that has grown within the allotment community has been fantastic.

The association is about to go into its second year and has some exciting projects it hopes to have underway soon. The first is to plant the orchard: this will be made up of mainly apples but we are also looking at plum and pear. In time we could be looking at a cider club and fruit pies. We will also be planting hedges to help reduce the effect of the wind.

Another exciting project is to build six raised beds of a good size, 10 metres by 2 metres, and built to hip height for the less mobile of the community. We are looking to charge £20.00 per year for the raised beds and that includes the membership fee to the association. The beds themselves will be fully prepared with compost and soil and will be no dig beds, just plant and let it grow. They are going to go fast and will be ready for March 2018, so if you are interested call the number at the bottom of this page.

East Looe Town Trust gifted a container to the association, the type you see on the back of a lorry. This we are going to use for storage. ELTT also donated the £250 required to move it from the Millpool to our site at St Martin. It has been well received and the association would like to thank ELTT for their act of support and kind donation. The members of the association are going to build a pitched roof on the container, open at one end. The pitched roof will be used to harvest rain water as we do not have a mains supply, and the water harvested will be available for all our members to use. The roof will be open at one end to encourage bats to roost and hopefully help with pest control.

At the time of this article going to press we only have two full plots and one half plot left. If you are interested, the cost this coming year for a full plot is £70 and a half plot is £40, this cost includes association membership for the year.

If you feel that a allotment would be something you would like to take on or you would be interested in one of our raised beds for the less mobile please give Paul a call on 01503 598436 and he will be happy to help.

## POLPERRO FISHERMEN'S CHOIR

Over £1170 was raised by Polperro Fishermen's Choir for charity during their five free concerts on Polperro fish quay over the summer. The concerts are always very popular and a real feature of village life, with the Wreckers singing in the Old Millhouse Inn afterwards. A photo feature in the Cornish Times boosted the collection at the last concert by more than two thirds, with an amazing £325 being tossed into the collecting buckets. The two charities to benefit this year were the British Heart Foundation, which funds research into coronary heart disease, and Reverse Rett, which is funding research and very promising trials into Rett Syndrome, a serious neurological condition mainly affecting little girls.

The choir and the Wreckers have also helped raise well over £1000 for the RNLI, with performances in Polruan, Fowey and the lifeboat hall in Looe, as well as a prestigious all-ticket event in Devizes Town Hall. With at least one concert every week, new musical director Stuart Reeves coped magnificently with the very busy summer schedule, with almost no time for rehearsal.

The choir will be performing at Tencreek at 7.30pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, with the excellent Restormel Concert Band playing a wide variety of music. Otherwise, the pace has now slowed for the autumn before a busy December, so it is a good time to think about joining the choir. Visitors and new members are always made very welcome at our rehearsals. We practice at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings in Polperro Methodist Chapel, and then have a Wreckers session in the Old Mill House Inn at about 9.30pm, so come along for a listen or a sing, and a chat. You can also contact the choir via the form on the website at [www.polperrofishermenschoir.co.uk](http://www.polperrofishermenschoir.co.uk).



Musical Director Stuart Reeves and the choir on Polperro Fish Quay.

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### Living Archive Coffee Mornings

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10-12am in the New Guildhall, East Looe.

All are very welcome to share memories and look at photos of Looe

### Why are the museum windows level with the ground?

Everyone notices that the windows at the front of the Museum are very low and the door half covered. Think back to 1450. The ground floor was built with a timber upper storey as a guildhall, where sail makers etc could complain about the price of cotton etc. The upper storey was rebuilt in stone as a law court, after 1587 and the present steps were not there. The road opposite, Tower Hill leading to Barbican Hill, was the only way out of Looe to Torpoint and on to Plymouth. Every horse would have kicked a little more soil down, especially in wet weather and as time went by, this would build up at the bottom, although it was probably cleared from time to time. Then the government had a problem, because tax was paid using golden guineas, and because people were clipping these coins, the government received less by weight than it expected. In the end, in 1696, King William III introduced the Window Tax. As a result many windows were filled in as were the Old Guildhall windows. A few decades later, about 1750, they cobbled Higher Market St and built the steps into the Old Guildhall, (now also a court with prison cells,) incorporating the pillory which was no longer in use. As the windows were no longer there the mud kicked down Tower Hill was not removed and the cobbles went over it. (You can see quite a hump in the road at the bottom of the Tower Hill and in front of the museum). The present road surface is very similar to that of 1750 except that it is now covered in tarmacadam. The tax remained effective till 1851, but the museum windows were restored in 1972.

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**Dan O'Connell - Museum Volunteer**



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