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Application Forms can be obtained from: Mrs Anne Frith (Secretary),
The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe, PL13 1AA

Telephone: (01503) 262255 between 9am-3pm Monday to Friday
or by email from Looe Town Council: looetowncouncil@ymail.com

Closing date for applications to be received is 1st September 2017

SOUTH EAST CORNWALL WALKING FESTIVAL 2017

I have had people asking me if the Walking Festival will be going ahead this year, what with me not being in Looe to organise it. The answer is YES, the dates being the 16th to the 23rd of September. I am not sure how many walks I am going to be able to do, as I am now working for Visit Cornwall in Truro, but rest assured there will be a nice mixture of walks around the area, both long and short, and middleish! The Festival will start with the now traditional walk to the Duloe Beer and Cider Festival on Saturday 16th September, times to be confirmed, and during the following week I already have pencilled in a walk around Quethiock, Caradon Hill and a foraging walk near Saltash.

I have missed being in Looe and not bumping into people on the streets or answering your questions in the TIC, so it would be great to see some of you on a walk or two.

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LOOE VALLEY SINGERS

The early summer has been a busy time for the choir. We have sung twice at the Lifeboat Station alongside the Liskerret Male Voice Choir and Just Us. It's one of our favourite places to sing, the acoustics are good and it raises money for one of our favourite charities, the RNLI.

The choir also sang at the Polperro Festival, at the ECHO Centre in Liskeard and more recently were guests of the Torpoint Lady Singers who were celebrating their 30th anniversary. The choir will be singing at two local care homes before taking a welcome summer break.

We meet on Thursday evening at St Martin's Church Hall and new singers are always welcome. You don't have to be able to read music, and there are no auditions. For more details, contact Kathy on 01503 272550, Jill on 01503 240768 or go to the website www.looevalleysingers.org. We look forward to meeting you.

LOOE RIVER FUN CANOE RACE

Venue: The Millpool Car Park, West Looe

Date: Tuesday 8th August 2017 – Registration: 6pm – Start: 7pm

A great fun social event on the beautiful upper Looe River, suitable for all abilities in any type and shape of canoe, kayak or stand up paddle board.

£3 per competitor (under 7 years free)

Senior race: 9.5 km. **Junior race:** variety and fun boats: 4.5km.

Purely Cornish Farmshop & Deli will be providing edible prizes! BBQ with quality local burgers and sausages for just £3. Please indicate you are planning to come by 'joining' the event on the Fowey River Canoe Club Facebook page.



For more information contact the Purely Cornish Deli 01503 262680



LOOE BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION



Boules, BBQ and Picnic: A metallic clinking broke through the lapping waves and the languid cries of the gulls on 16th June as 20 members of the Looe Boat Owners Association took part in a boules competition on East Looe Beach. Under the firm stewardship of Wendy and Steve Smith (to whom go grateful thanks), the first phase of competition ended in a tense play-off final, won in the end by Wendy Smith (no fix there then!).

The company then paused to enjoy a BBQ under sunny skies, where Chris Roy took the prize for the most exotic BBQ and Laurie Watson for the most smoke. The tournament then resumed with an all-in 18 ball match, carried off in the end by the old master Laurie Watson.



More beach events are planned later this year, watch this space for news and come along. Remember – no boat required.

Raft Race 2017: Despite a unpromisingly wet start to the day, the sun arrived on time to welcome large crowds of spectators to Looe to watch a field of 160 enthusiastic rowers take to the water the annual Raft Race on Sunday 4th June.

As usual, competition (aided by the traditional barrage of flour bombs) was fierce among the field of 23 adult rafts, as they tackled a course which took them from East Looe Beach, around the Banjo Pier, up the river and under the bridge before doubling back to finish near the Looe Lifeboat Station. At the same time, 8 children's rafts took part in a shorter course on the river.

The Raft Race is an annual event organised by the LBOA, supported on the day by the Looe Harbour Commission, RNLI, St. John's Ambulance and other local bodies, and serves to raise funds for the Looe Lifeboat. It attracts teams from Looe and the surrounding area, many of whom raise sponsorship of their own to add to the total collected on the day. This year's looks to be a record total, so congratulations and thanks must go to all those helped, took part or simply looked on and encouraged on what was another memorable and enjoyable day.

LOOE MARINE CONSERVATION GROUP

LMCG supported the Looe Bathing Waters Project by hosting a Yellow Fish Day on July 2nd with a parade and entertainment in Looe and in the garden of The Conservatory Tea Room at Polraen Hotel in the Looe Valley. The event helped to spread the message that when there's a yellow fish painted next to a drain, it goes directly to the river/sea, so to reduce pollution, 'only rain down the drain'.

School groups from Callington and St Cleer are also to be hosted by LMCG on rockpool rambles in Looe during their end-of-term activity weeks.

Looking ahead to some exciting events in August: We're taking advantage of the low spring tides and getting WET & WILD during National Marine Week with two events to discover our rockpools!!

Friday 11th August: RADICAL ROCKPOOLING 2-4pm – Run by Your Shore Beach Rangers aimed at 16-24 year olds, an exciting form of rockpooling mixing snorkelling and coasteering in gullies etc – for the young/fit/adventurous. Booking essential. Email nat.gibb@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk or call 07973 728804.

Saturday 12th August: SUMMER ROCKPOOL RAMBLE 2.30-4pm. If you want to explore the rockpools at a more leisurely pace, then bring friends and family along for a couple of hours exploring with our expert volunteers. Meet below the Coastguard Station at Hannafore, West Looe – look for the Looe Marine Conservation Group sail flags! A free event suitable for all ages. There's no need to book. Donations Welcome. Check out the "Things to do" section on our website looemarineconservation.org for a guide to rockpooling in Looe.

Are you a friendly cafe, shop, hotel or business owner in Looe? LMCG and Rame Peninsular Beach Care are supporting a new county-wide ReFill campaign this summer, to reduce the volume of single use plastic water bottles being discarded in Cornwall. Around 10 billion plastic bottles are discarded each year and ReFill aims to tackle this problem at its source.

ReFill is a national, practical tap water campaign that aims to make refilling your reusable water bottle as easy and convenient as possible by introducing refill points on every street. We hope that soon local, friendly cafes, shops, hotels and businesses will be welcoming you in to refill your water bottle – for free! Look out for the window stickers coming to a high street near you soon.

If you are a local business owner and would like to support this initiative then please contact LMCG (email looevmca@gmail.com) and a volunteer will be available to join you up to the ReFill revolution!

**For more information on talks, events and how to get involved visit:
www.looemarineconservation.org or contact looevmca@gmail.com**

LOOE SAILING CLUB

Regular club racing has taken place both on Saturday afternoons and Thursday evenings. Also junior sail training on Saturday mornings is in full swing with a large enthusiastic band of youngsters. Many thanks go to the club members giving up their time for this very worthwhile purpose.

Recent highlights have included the staging of a Laser Open Meeting at the end of May with over 20 boats taking part. It proved to be a "Shaw" fired success with Tom Shaw taking top spot closely followed by Gareth, his son, in second position – that's what they call keeping it in the family.

Another event was the annual "Round The Island Race" held in early June, with a large entry on the line for a mass start; the result being decided on the handicap for each fleet. Winners were the Enterprise of Francis and Enid Marshall. Later in June, the Mirror fleet competed for the Bert and Audrey Stevens Cup with nine Mirrors taking part. The winners were Archie Hawkins and Jack Stevens.

Final preparations are now being made for the arrival of the GP14 fleet for their National Championships in early August. The entry is expected to be about 70 boats for the week's racing, so it should be a great sight in Looe Bay.

The club also has several members of the Mirror fleet travelling to Restranguet to take part in the Mirror World and National Championships later in July. We wish them all good luck.

Finally, towards the end of August the Redwing fleet will decamp to Instow in North Devon for their National Championships. Hopefully most of the Looe fleet will be there to try and bring back the title to Looe once again.

THE MONKEY SANCTUARY NATIVE WILDLIFE DAY

Support a local charity and come to The Monkey Sanctuary on Sunday 27th August for Native Wildlife Day to take part in lots of fun activities such as information stands from local conservation groups, native wildlife activities and animal face painting.

Take a tour with Cornwall Butterfly Conservation around our Wildlife Gardens at 12noon, discovering and learning more about the different types of butterflies and moths you find!

There's a lot to do for the whole family who can take a tour of the monkey enclosures and learn about these fascinating animals from our team of expert carers. It's not just monkeys though! Kids will love the wild play area where they can learn about the environment around them and let off some steam in the playground. Take a gentle stroll around the beautiful Wildlife Gardens and check out the sea view or enjoy a delicious lunch at the Treetop Café.

Visit monkeysanctuary.org for more information

LOOE ROWING CLUB

Following great results at the World Championships. LRC's, Men's and Ladies' A crews, travelled to Falmouth for their Sprints Championships. These are a series of short sprint races on average around four minutes fast and furious! Both Men's A and Ladies' A crews won their first round heats and got through to the semis, where again they were both victorious. In the final the men finished runners up to old foe Falmouth, and ladies also finished second to Mounts Bay. But Looe did get the last laugh winning the mixed race at the end of the day.

With regatta season in full swing, Looe Rowing Club held their own on July 1st, when a cracking day on the water unfolded, with glorious weather and ideal sea conditions. Several clubs attended from all over Cornwall and Devon for what turned out to be a competitive and fun-filled event.

First up was the Ladies' B, seeing Looe victorious. Next up the Men's B where Caradon crossed the line in first. The Novice race went to Rame, and Juniors to Caradon. Mixed Vets were won by Charlestown, and Mixed by Looe. All that was left to decide were the A crew races. The Ladies went first but were beaten to the line by world champions Caradon. Next up the men who were neck and neck with Caradon before pulling through them at the first buoy for a home win.

Overall results saw Caradon winning on the day with Looe second and Fowey third. Many thanks to Cornish Orchards for supplying the prizes, and a big thank you to all who helped out on the day, the lovely weather proving the BBQ and cake stand to be very popular.

Off the water, it's a very busy time for the club. A new gig boat is under construction by Looe boat builder Dave Currah, to help with the rowing size of the club. These beautifully handmade boats need to be paid for somehow, so fundraising is vital! The club has been holding many events and here are more for your diary: Saturday 9th September – Millpool Centre – 'Last Night of the Proms' broadcast live from Royal Albert Hall and Hyde Park, with local musical contributions during evening, picnic meal – tickets £12.50 from Millpool Centre, Looe TIC, or 01503 220160. Also on 25th November Pig Racing at the Sail Loft, an extremely fun evening.

A big thank you to all the local businesses who donated raffle prizes to the club, the generosity of the town was fantastic, again thank you.



RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCH, Quay Road, West Looe

(All Are Welcome In This Place)

- Sunday Worship** 11am each week. All ages welcome. Do come and join us.
7.30pm Cornish Choir Services (July 23rd – Sept 12th)
- Coffee Mornings** 10am-12noon. Most Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
All welcome. (The church is also available for personal prayer during these times.)
- 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.looriversidechurch.org.uk.

Valuing Community: This is my 28th and final contribution to 'Community News'. I moved to Looe 5 years ago, with my wife Barbara, to become minister at Riverside United Church. We have loved our time here but this summer I retire, so we shall be moving away. I thought it appropriate to reflect now on the value of community – still as important in our modern world as it ever has been. Indeed in a society where loneliness is prevalent among young and old alike, it is arguably even more important. We human beings are social animals, even the shy and retiring ones. God did not create us to live our lives alone, isolated and solitary. We are better together, supporting and helping one another. John Ortberg, an American pastor, writes, "To experience community is to know the joy of belonging, the delight of being known and being loved, the opportunity for giving and growing, the safety of finding a true home."

Of course no community is perfect, not even Looe (or the church), but I do think we have much to be thankful for. In my experience, Looe is a community where people smile and say hello, even if they do not know you; a community where you are not just a client or a customer, but a human being; a community where people are not so busy that they have no time to pause and chat. And long may we continue to be that sort of community! Many visitors comment favourably on how friendly and welcoming people are; and I believe that is a sign of a healthy community.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, once said "There is no such thing as a solitary Christian". He recognised that Christians are called to be part of the church community, and that the church is called to be part of the wider community. That is why we are always pleased to welcome locals and visitors alike at Riverside. That is why we encourage our members to be involved in community beyond the church. If you have never been to Riverside, do come along and sample our community. All are welcome in this place!

Best Wishes. Rev Andrew

P.S. Our popular annual summer season of Cornish Choir Services continues at 7.30pm each Sunday until 12th September. Each service is preceded by 30 minutes of community singing, during which people choose favourite hymns. Details available from Riverside & Looe Tourist Information.



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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

Evening Sonshine at the Quayside Centre, 5.45pm

August 6th – SPEAK BROTHER, stories, melodies and performance

September 2nd – CHLOE REYNOLDS, piano and vocals

<http://www.therustybucket.co.uk/sundayeveningsonshine.htm>

Wednesday 23rd August, 1pm-4pm

CHILDREN'S FUN DAY in St. Martin's Hall, Grounds and Church

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH MASS TIMES

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Parish Priest – Fr Gilmour McDermott – 01579 344906

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Parish Priest – Fr Gilmour McDermott – 01579 344906

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THE SCLERDER FAMILY FESTIVAL – 19th AUGUST 2017

Since August 2014, the Chemin Neuf Community has established itself within Sclerder Abbey which was steeped in prayers for more than a century by Poor Clares and Carmelite Sisters. The Chemin Neuf Community, born in France in 1973 and founded by Father Laurent Fabre SJ, was called to Cornwall by the former Bishop of Plymouth Mgr. Christopher Budd. The Chemin Neuf, a Catholic Community, is composed of members from many different walks of life (couples, singles, priests, consecrated brothers and sisters) of different Christian denominations (Catholics, Protestants, Orthodoxes).

Nowadays, whilst respecting the vocation of this “Thin place”, the Chemin Neuf has undertaken improvements to the buildings in order to welcome guests for an authentic Christian experience of prayer and community life. The grounds and gardens of the Abbey provide a peaceful atmosphere where everybody feels safe and at home. The simplicity and natural way of life brings a sense of belonging to the universal family under one God, Our Father, (the calendar of spiritual activities can be consulted on the website: www.chemin-neuf.org.uk).

This year, for the first time, the Chemin Neuf will welcome a FAMILY FESTIVAL on the theme of “Home” – “Home is a place where the heart is” on the 19th August from 10am-10pm. This is organised in collaboration with the Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, The Anglican Diocese of Truro and Churches Together Cornwall. All of this will be possible with the help of volunteers coming from different Churches, who are already working together for this day.

During the day, families will have the opportunity to spend time in the grounds of the Abbey and enjoy the numerous activities which will be available for all ages (Historical tour of the Abbey, Art and Craft, Indoor and Outdoor Activities, Sports, Spiritual Journey of the Family, etc...). In the evening there will be a Barbecue and the day will end with a worship concert and a live band. **Everybody will be most welcome!**



Practical information: 1.5 miles from Looe (PL13 2JD) or 12 miles from Liskeard. Nominal entrance fee: £10 for adults (15+), £20 for families (Parents +3 children) giving access to the Abbey grounds and a packed lunch. Food and drinks will be available all day; tea and coffee, cakes all day regarding a donation. Everybody is most welcome; even those having financial difficulties. Free parking on the Abbey fields,



LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Branch News: As usual the branch has been active in fundraising. On 24th June we were at the Guildhall for Armed Forces Day and nearly £800 was raised for the Poppy Appeal. We aim to be out fundraising on 15th August for VJ (Victory over Japan) Day.

Lest We Forget: 31st July 2017 was the centenary of the start of the 3rd Battle of Ypres, or Passchendaele. This was a British attempt to reduce pressure on the Ypres Salient by capturing overlooking high ground held by the Germans. Although Ypres had no military strategic importance, it was the only Belgium city still in Allied hands and, as Britain had gone to war in aid of Belgium, it had a great symbolic significance. Once Passchendaele Ridge had been taken, the intention was to push westwards, cutting off German forces from the Belgian ports. The offensive began encouragingly but terrible summer weather slowed it down and by August it was clearly failing, descending into a battle of attrition. Further bad weather in October led to the battlefield becoming a quagmire. Passchendaele was finally captured on 6th November, by which time both sides were exhausted and further operations abandoned. It is estimated that the British suffered 310,000 casualties.

We don't know how many Looe men were involved in the battle, but from casualty lists we know of three. Pte. Cyril Ernest Prynn served with 2nd Battalion, Devonshire Regiment. They were part of the first day's assault at 3.50am on 31st July 1917 and that morning suffered 262 casualties; Cyril was amongst those killed. His is one of the 54,895 named on the Ypres Menin Gate Memorial as having no known grave.

Also in 2nd Devonshire Regiment was Pte. Austen Stripp who joined in July 1917. After the initial assault the Devons repulsed German counter-attacks and then, on 16th August, they renewed the attack, suffering another 93 casualties. The battalion was moved to a 'supposedly' quieter part of the line where, on 9th November 1917, Austen was reported missing, later assumed to have been killed in action, on that date. He is commemorated on the Poegsteert Memorial for soldiers with no known grave. The memorial is on a sector where no major battles took place, but 11,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers are named on the memorial as missing.

Pte Richard Yeo was with 6th Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, who were in the battle and on 22nd August took part in an attack across the Menin Road. Initially successful, the 'Fog of War' prevailed, a British tank attacked British positions only to be knocked out by German artillery and German trenches were pulverised by their own artillery. The British were forced back and the Duke of Cornwall's were withdrawn from the line on 24th August, having suffered 350 casualties, including the seriously wounded Richard Yeo. He was pensioned out of the army and died, as a result of his wounds, in 1920. He was buried in West Looe Cemetery and 200 townspeople and ex-servicemen attended his funeral. It was not until 2016 that Richard was acknowledged as a casualty of war and an official headstone erected at his grave.

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 join us at one of our informal and friendly meets, to learn more about the Royal British Legion, or even perhaps become a member.

David Welch – Looe RBL Membership Secretary

LOOE RNLI NEWS AND EVENTS

Recent Shouts: There were four shouts between 23rd April and 20th June. More information at www.looelifeboats.co.uk.

Local News: Looe RNLI volunteers were delighted to welcome Richard Cuttell, son of the late John Cuttell to the lifeboat station on Sunday 28th May. In the long history of the RNLI here in Cornwall, there have been men and women who have served with outstanding loyalty and dedication to the ethos and ideals of the RNLI. John Cuttell can justly be included in that distinguished number for his tireless and devoted service to the Looe Station for more than 40 years. All the crew members and other committee members who have served with John held him in very high regard as a knowledgeable, reliable and cheerful officer and friend who was always willing to help others. He will be sadly missed. John's son, Richard Cuttell, met with volunteer crew from Looe on Sunday morning when he presented a cheque for the sum of £620 to crew member Victoria Thomas and RNLI Chair Anne Watson.



Looe RNLI are most grateful for this very generous donation in John's memory, which will be used to help 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:

All events in the RNLI boathouse unless otherwise stated

August:

Polperro Fishermen's Choir – Tuesday 15th, 7.30pm

Looe RNLI Open Day – Sunday 27th

Reflections, M.D. Sylvia Fraser, Accompanist Sue Westwell – Tuesday 29th, 7.30pm

September:

Keltique – Sunday 10th, 3pm

Pelynt Male Voice Choir – Tuesday 12th, 7.30pm

See our website for more details www.looelifeboats.co.uk



MAYOR'S REPORT

NEW COUNCILLOR

I welcome our new Councillor Beverley Richardson to the Council and look forward to working with her and hope she enjoys the experience. As other Councillors will tell her it is sometimes hard work, but it is also very rewarding.

FOOTBALL CLUB PRESENTATION

It is always a pleasure to attend the Looe Town Football Club Presentation Night, as the club is one of the biggest in the town and covers a vast age range. This year Geraldine Oliver and I were joined by the Ex Argyle Manager Paul Sturrock to present the trophies. It was a great night and I must comment on the behaviour and dress of those players attending which both were exemplary and reflected well on the club. The club has won a number of trophies in competitions and gain promotion to higher leagues.

ARMED FORCES

I met group of disabled servicemen raising money for the Help for Heroes charity who stopped at Sea View Holiday Camp on their journey from John O'Groats to Land's End. They were not taking the easy route as they criss cross the country visiting different places on the way. It was good to see our local RBL working hard at the Armed Forces Day and they raised a fantastic sum of money, well done all those involved.

LUGGER REGATTA

Although the numbers of visiting boats was down due to the bad weather, it was great to see those who braved the weather to attend this year's Regatta. I took to the high vantage point on the Wooldown to view the races and what a brilliant sight it was. Presenting the prizes is always a pleasure for me as I was able to present a prize to the new owner of my grandfather's boat he skippered, the Guiding Star. Thank you to the organisers for the event as this is a great part of Looe History.

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE PROMOTION IN PLYMOUTH

A big thank you to Anne Libby and Councillor Chris Rose in helping out with the Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership event in Plymouth to promote Looe visitors by rail. Having spoken to so many people during the day it is clear that Looe is a popular destination for the day visitor from the city. From those I spoke to there a significant number take weekend breaks in the town and area. The Partnership have said that we communicated with over 700 people on the day.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ALLOTMENTS, ST MARTIN'S

On Saturday the 1st July, 2017 I was delighted to be asked to open the Looe Allotment Associations site at St Martin's. The event was well attended by Councillors and it was so nice to hear Hugh Hedderly, the Association Chair, saying how helpful the Council had been during the setting up process. There are allotments in all stages of progress, including some in full production; there has obviously been a lot of hard work and enjoyment on this site. In my speech to those present I was able to thank individual Councillors and the Council for their support in getting the site up and running (although it did take 5 years).

YELLOW FISH EVENT

I must thank Gill Bridges for the Yellow Fish Event held at the Polrean Country House on Sunday 2nd July. A well-attended event with dancing from Sheila's School of Dancing as well as story-telling for the youngsters. The aim is to get people to understand that what is put down the yellow fish marked drains goes directly into the sea, also affecting the local bathing water quality and our beach.

MANY MORE

I could write all day about the fantastic events that happen around the town from Coast to Cove, Rowing Regatta, community clean up and many, many more. We have such a vibrant town and the events happen thick and fast at this time of year. Thank you all for doing that you do – but keep on doing it.

Councillor Armand Toms
Mayor of Looe

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www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk or by contacting us on 01503 262255.

AMENITIES REPORT

Mariner's Garden

The wall repair work is due to start once new contractors have been appointed to erect the required scaffolding along the river wall. This has included having to secure permission from Looe Harbour Commission to temporarily block the first arch as the scaffolding will protrude from the wall. Works are anticipated to start in the next couple of weeks.

Seagull Control

This year there were 80 properties visited with 222 eggs replaced. This compares with 92 properties and 280 eggs in 2016 and 76 properties and 196 in 2015.

Path between Pennyland steps and St Nicholas Church, West Looe

The contractors working on the demolition of the former Sardine factory have had to close the pathway running in front to the property for safety reasons whilst they complete the demolition works. This means that pedestrians walking between Hannafore and West Looe have to walk in the road. May we politely remind drivers to be aware of increased numbers of walkers in this area, to reduce their speed and to give as wide a berth as possible when passing. May we also ask pedestrians to be aware of vehicles, to walk facing the oncoming traffic and to walk single file along the road.

Laura Kellaway
Amenities Manager



TOWN AMBASSADORS

Looe Town Council are looking for willing volunteers to act as Ambassadors for Looe, meeting and greeting visitors to Looe who arrive on the train or on coaches, to hand out informational leaflets to help promote the attractions of Looe.

If you would be willing to spare a few hours a week, or know of someone who would, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact us on **01503 262255**
or by email **looetowncouncil@gmail.com**

NEWS FROM WEST LOOE TOWN TRUST

The West Looe Town Trust is an unincorporated Charitable Trust, registered with the Charity Commission (number: 228167), that was founded in 1873. Each year the Trustees apply the surplus income of the Charity for the benefit of all inhabitants in the area administered by the Looe Town Council. The Trustees make grants to individuals and organisations for a wide variety of purposes including education, sport and recreation. It may also provide financial assistance to the elderly and others for the relief of distress and sickness.

During the last year, the Trust has assisted organisations and individuals in the community of Looe with financial support amounting to £43,000. As well as support for various sports and leisure groups in the town, funding was also provided for cultural and community events throughout the year.

The Trust continues to support education. It has recently provided the Looe Primary Academy with funding to purchase cutting-edge Maths and English computer software that will benefit all pupils (£6,000). As well as support for the Playgroups, the Trust continued with its programme of further and higher education grants in order to assist local youngsters in pursuing their future careers. During 2016, grants totalling £10,000 were awarded to local students.

The Trust is keen to support the whole community and maintains West Looe Downs and other smaller areas in West Looe as public amenity areas for the enjoyment of everyone. In line with this objective regular funding for 'Looe in Bloom' is also provided.

Applications to the Trust are always welcomed from all organisations and individuals in Looe seeking financial support, providing these meet with the criteria of the 'Trust Scheme'. For more detailed information on the work of the Trust and these criteria, please visit the Trust office or the Charity Commission website.

LOOE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Saturday August 12th 7pm for 7.30pm

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POLPERRO FISHERMEN'S CHOIR – CELEBRATING VERY LONG SERVICE

Polperro Fishermen's Choir has been celebrating the very long service of top tenors John Pooley and Ken Puckey, who both joined in 1972. In most choirs, service of 45 years would be impressive enough, but Polperro Fishermen's Choir was formed 94 years ago and is one of oldest in Cornwall.



John Pooley, Murray Collings, Ken Puckey

Murray Collings joined when Eva Cloke, the founder of the choir, was still leading it. Although Murray was a soloist on our LP made in 1973, he joined when people still had wind-up gramophones playing 78 records, when most people had a wireless, not a television, and when post-war rationing was still in force. Murray joined the choir in 1952 as a young teenager – before most people had ever heard the word – and has now been in choir for an incredible 65 years.

The amazing achievements of Murray, Ken and John were recognised at a special concert on 4th July in Looe Lifeboat House, with a feature in the Cornish Times and coverage by BBC Spotlight.

The Choir has more concerts in the Looe Lifeboat 'Concert Hall' on 27th July, and 3rd and 15th August. There will be free open-air concerts on Polperro fish quay on 26th July, 9th August and 23rd August, all Wednesdays at 7.30pm, with the Wreckers performing (in a pub!) afterwards.

The choir is very appreciative of its generous audiences who, with many concerts still to come, have already donated over £700 to the RNLI and over £200 at the first summer concert in Polperro, to be divided between the British Heart Foundation and Reverse Rett. Choir Chairman David Lashbrooke, whose granddaughter suffers from Rett Syndrome, will double everything donated for Reverse Rett – there is a link to his JustGiving page on the choir website: www.polperrofishermenschoir.co.uk.

LOOE U3A

Approximately 40 members of the Looe U3A coached to Dartmouth recently and also enjoyed a memorable 2½ hour guided tour of the Dartmouth Royal Naval College. Fantastic history. Although cadet training commenced at Dartmouth in 1863, the present campus, designed by Sir Aston Webb, was completed in 1905. The college accommodates 300 cadets, which includes 15% women and 15% overseas entrants, for their initial training, together with staff. It is purported that our Queen and Prince Phillip first met here when her family were attending one of the Passing Out parades.

Cinema by the Sea

Wed 16th August – The Time of their Lives (15)



Doors open: 7pm. Starts 7.30.

Starring Joan Collins. Determined to gatecrash her ex-lover's funeral on a glamorous French hideaway, a former Hollywood siren escapes her London retirement home with the help of a repressed English housewife stuck in a bad marriage. Pooling their limited resources, they hit the road in a race to get to the funeral on time,

becoming entangled in a love triangle with a reclusive Italian millionaire along the way. On this unforgettable journey, they find true friendship in one another – and have the time of their lives.

Sat 2nd Sept – TBA

Doors open: 7pm. Starts 7.30.

A Saturday evening show with bar & snacks where we screen a recent release. Watch our website for details.

Wed 20th Sept – Lion (PG)



Doors open: 7pm. Starts 7.30. Bar & snacks.

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

Tickets: On the night at the door, online via our website: cinemabythesea.org.uk or from Looe TIC, The Guild Hall, Fore St, East Looe.

LOOE COMMUNITY GARDEN ALLOTMENTS NEWS

Well what a fantastic day our official opening day turned out to be. The weather, which earlier in the week seemed to threaten rain and wind, turned into a warm sunny day with a blue sky making the most of the views and our allotments.

Members and guests assembled and thankfully speeches were kept short but to the point. On behalf of members, the Chairman of the Association expressed our thanks to Councillor Armand Toms, Mayor of Looe, who originally proposed Looe Town Council rent land for the allotments; the town councillors who persevered over five years to acquire the land; the West Looe Town Trust; and Big Lottery, who provided grants for the rabbit-proof fencing; and our members who have worked so hard to create their allotments.

Councillor Toms, before formally opening our allotments, congratulated us all on the allotments we have created, and thanked Councillor Trevor Crane and particularly Councillor Trevor Stacey who had worked so hard in the setting up of the track and fence. Sue Heely then presented a basket of fresh vegetables to the Lady Mayoress of Looe, Mrs. Rayna Toms, on behalf of the members, before Councillor Toms cut the ribbon with a pair of shears and declared the allotments formally opened.



Looe community garden allotments are now in a position to offer a further 11 plots to members of the community wishing to start an allotment. It's hard work in the first month, but once that work is done, seeing your allotment produce good vegetables for the table or cutting flowers for the vase is very rewarding. The price for a full plot is just £70.00 per year, and a half plot just £40.00. The plots will not hang about, so don't think about it for too long. If you are interested and want to learn more please contact Paul on 01503 598436.

KELTIQUE: AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Keltique on the Quay – Quayside Centre, West Looe, every Monday evening through August: A new venture for us this year – we're singing on Monday evenings on West Looe Quay – Mondays 31st July to 21st August at 7.30pm, and Bank Holiday Monday, 28th August, at 7pm, when we culminate by singing with Just Us, four fantastic gents who sing a cappella. Free to all, so just wander down and come and listen to some delightful vocal harmonies. Collection for Cornwall Air Ambulance.

Keltique at Looe Lifeboat Station – Sunday 10th September at 3pm

A beautiful place to sing, with amazing acoustics, we've loved singing here the last couple of years and are so pleased we're able to repeat the experience. And all in aid of the RNLI, what better cause.

Ilminster Belles, Rame MVC & Keltique – St Germans Church, Saturday 16th September at 7.30pm: Performing with our old friends Rame Male Voice Choir and new friends Ilminster Belles from Somerset, a choir directed by our previous MD, Jonathan Delbridge, at the stunning St Germans Church.

City of Truro Male Choir – Saturday 23rd September – somewhere in Truro!

Looe Music Festival – Saturday 30th September: Sadly we won't be at the Festival this year as the LMF is not inviting local choirs to perform on the community stage – a great disappointment for us. However, some of us may be taking part in the The Big Cornish Sing on the beach on the Saturday afternoon, a daring initiative to get 5000 singers singing in Cornish, all at the same time and in the right key! So we wish them all luck, it promises to be great fun.



Details of all our events and much more are on our website www.keltique.org.uk

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As a club, we also support skills development through workshops, competitions, collaborative work and are inspired by visiting demonstrators. Along with observing the talents of demonstrators at our meetings, we also have a small accessories stall, a raffle and chance to socialise over a cup of tea. Come and visit a meeting for £4; our next meeting is on September 5th 2017.

Fundraising – We are having a table top sale on Saturday 23rd September at Lanreath Hall, 10am-2pm. If you would like to book a table for £7 please contact Bridget Clark on 01503 220250.



The Looe and District Flower Club is affiliated with the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies – NAFAS.

[www. http://looeflowerclub.btck.co.uk/](http://looeflowerclub.btck.co.uk/)

LIONS CLUB OF LOOE: CARNIVAL WEEK

We are getting ready for Carnival Week. This year we would like to see lots of Box Cars or Go Karts (referred to as a vehicle) in the Saturday procession on 5th August. So here is your chance to advertise your business or show off your club or school with your very own designs.

Of course there are a few safety rules. Vehicles can be pushed, pulled or have pedals and all have some kind of an effective brake. A substantial rope (minimum ½ inch in diameter) must be attached to the rear of the vehicle. In the interests of safety, each car/kart must have an adult attendant who is competent to hold the car should the driver lose control. Drivers, child or adult, must wear a safety helmet. Registration opposite the Hannafore Hotel at 5pm on 5th August. We do not require any money or fees. Just get involved!

Further information contact Lion Roger Lane at:
rlane438@btinternet.com

LOOE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Every year Looe does its best to light the town for Christmas and New Year, all due to those stalwarts who, every year, do their best for the port and the residents.

Everyone, yes YOU, can help, so simply...

Buy the raffle tickets available during summer from the occasional stall in town, or from the Harbour Office – £1 each – all goes towards lighting the streets and harbour for the Festive Season. The raffle will be drawn in September.

Add to the appearance by displaying your own low-voltage Christmas lights on your properties, trees or garden areas (especially if you live on the valley sides overlooking the town and Harbour) – low-voltage lights cost less to run nowadays. The town would appear a Christmas Wonderland if everyone displayed lights! A big thank you to those who joined in last year.

Switch-on: Friday 1st December 2017 – only a few weeks away and reducing daily!

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Each New Year's Eve, Looe is renowned for welcoming the start of the new year with its two Firework Displays on the seafront: 6pm for children and families, midnight for revellers. Each year, the Mayor Armand Toms needs a number of stewards to assist at the events. A most important role – can YOU help?. If you are able to assist, please leave a message for Armand at the Town Council Offices: email looetowncouncil@ymail.com or phone 01503 262255.

EVENTS

Thanks to all currently in the midst of organising events for throughout the year – producing such as: *Last Night of the Proms (Millpool Centre) – September; *Trafalgar Night – Old Sail Loft, October (Black Tie); *Watch out for these events – publicity starting this month...

Pre-Christmas specials – Portbyhan, November; Christmas lighting in the town and harbour areas; all the festive and religious events, tree and décor festivals, fetes and fayres, dance spectaculars, shows; Christmas processions, Santa's arrival, Christmas Market stalls, Carol concerts; New Year's Eve and the firework displays; RNLI New Year's Day swim; pantomime; Burns' Night – Old Sail Loft (Black Tie), January; and more, look out for publicity including on the Looe Tourist Information Centre website: www.looeguide.co.uk. If you have an event to publicise locally, contact Looe Town Council at looetowncouncil@ymail.com or the TIC at: looeitic@btconnect.com. Please also let the Community Forum know via juice@talktalk.net. If you haven't become involved already, everyone is welcome.

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LOOE MUSIC FESTIVAL SUMMER UPDATE

With the summer season well under way, the planning for the seventh LMF is already in full swing. The line-up is complete; sunshine yellow is scattered around town in the form of our promotional t-shirts; and we've been working with some big names to promote the Cornish language.

Once again, we're expecting over 200 volunteers to help us deliver the event. Roles range from box office staff, stewards and construction with volunteers working 8 hours in return for a 3-day festival ticket. The scheme is hugely popular and, this year, locals will receive priority for filling volunteer roles on a first-come first-served basis. You can choose to complete your shift in one go or split it into two four-hour stints as well as choosing what you do and when during the sign-up process. Slots are filling up fast, so go to looemusic.co.uk/volunteer to get yours booked in. Please note: a fully refundable deposit is required.

We're also excited to announce The Big Cornish Sing, a mass participation event that's taking place on Saturday 30th September as part of the LMF programme of events. We're hoping to get thousands of people singing Cornish on the beach. There'll be a host of performers on stage but the stars are people just like you. The song is Row Boys Row and you can hear it on our website. Want to get involved? You just need to learn one song, there are lyric sheets and video guides to help, and buy a 'Big Sing' ticket. Game of Thrones actor Iain Glen, the Bishop of Truro, the Right Reverend Tim Thornton, BBC Spotlight's Victoria Graham and Justin Lee, and Radio Cornwall's David White have already had a go. Find out more here: looemusic.co.uk/thebigcornishsing.

With two months until the event, the office is piled high with promotional material, if you can help spread the Looe love by taking posters/beer mats/flyers with you on your travels then please get in touch: contact@looemusic.co.uk.

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