

LOOE COMMUNITY NEWS

DECEMBER 2023-JANUARY 2024

Looe Festive Calendar inside!

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Light Up Looe

Christmas Lights – 1st December to 3rd January

**Lights Switch–Friday 1st December, 7pm at the
Quayside Centre, West Looe**

Join us from 6pm for music and refreshments while we
wait for lanterns to arrive followed by service and carols
with St Pinnock Band

Lantern Parades from East & West Looe:

Meet Looe Seafront 6.15pm to leave at 6.30pm

Meet Library, Millpool 6.30pm to leave at 6.45pm

Want to join in but not made a lantern?

Borrow one from us at either meeting point

Late night shopping in East Looe on 1st December

at Guildhall Market, Uncharted, Dolls & Dudes,
Sweet Pea, Joke & Shell Shop, Pebble Clothing &
Home, Cornish Gift Shop and many more

Help Light Up Looe with a display at your home or
business from Friday 1st December



LOOE LIONS SANTA TOUR 2023

Look out for Santa as he travels around Looe and surrounding areas in the run up to Christmas. If you're lucky you may see him and his helpers on these dates and times:

Monday 11th Dec: 5:15pm Pelynt Beacon Park & Windsor estate. 5:30pm Tregarrick Lane, Tower Park, Richmond Rd. 5:45pm Barton Meadow, Summer Lane Park. 6:00pm

Trelawny Close, Sentry Meadow. 6:30pm Lanreath St Monarch's Road, Rally Close.

Tuesday 12th Dec: 5:15pm Goonwartha Rd, Portbyhan Rd. 5:40pm West Rd, North Rd. 6:00pm Hannafore 6:40pm East Looe Bridge and around the Town.

Wednesday 13th Dec: 5:15pm West Looe Hill. 5:30pm West Looe Square. 5:40pm Station Road 6:10pm Duloe the School, Manor Park

Thursday 14th Dec: 5:15pm Kimlers Way, Limmicks Rd 5:45pm Sunrising 6:25pm Oaklands Park 6:40pm Polperro Carey Park, Brent Fields.

Friday 15th Dec: 5:15pm Bodrigan Rd, Pendennis Hill 5:35pm Restormel Rd, St Georges Rd 5:45pm Bay View Road, Meadway. 6:30pm Widegates, Morview Road, through village.

All times are approximate, please see the Looe Lions Facebook page for updates.



LOOE 2023 FESTIVE CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Friday 24th

2-3.30pm

6.45pm

7:30pm

Christmas Fused Glass Decoration Workshop

Trenode Primary's PTA Christmas Bingo

Pelynt Players present Once upon a Pantomime

Proceeds to White Gold Cornwall

and Cornwall Air Ambulance

See poster on page 26

The Glass Shack Downderry

Widegates Reading Room & Village Hall

Pelynt Village hall

Saturday 25th

10am-2pm

10am-2pm

10.30am-1.30pm

11am - 3pm

2-3.30pm

6.30pm

6.30pm

7:30pm

Grand Mini Market

Bake Sale & Craft Stalls

Christmas Lantern Workshop

Christmas Fair

Christmas Fused Glass Decoration Workshop

Bingo Night

The Good Old Days

Pelynt Players present Once upon a Pantomime

Nomansland Memorial Hall

Duloe Jubilee Village Hall

Tencreek Holiday Park

St Martin's Church Hall

The Glass Shack Downderry

Duloe Jubilee Village Hall

Downderry & Seaton Village Hall

Pelynt Village hall

Sunday 26th

10am-12noon

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Duloe Jubilee Village Hall

Tuesday 28th

2 -3.30pm

Christmas Fused Glass Decoration Workshop

The Glass Shack Downderry

Thursday 30th

10am-4pm 2-3.30pm TBC	Artisan Market Polperro Christmas Fused Glass Decoration Workshop Looe Volunteers CIC open meeting	Polperro Methodist Church The Glass Shack Downderry TBC – see Looe town Council website
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DECEMBER

Friday 1st

LOOE'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON AND LANTERN PARADE

6.15pm 6.45pm 7pm	Lantern Parade leaves East Looe Seafront Lantern Parade leaves Millpool The two will meet at the bridge and continue to the Quayside Centre, West Looe Looe's Christmas Lights Switch On	
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5.30-6.30pm &7.30-8.30pm	Free Defib Drop-In Session – all ages Learn how to save a life this Christmas	West Looe Fire Station
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7.30pm 7.30pm 7:30pm	Keltique Pelynt MVC carols for the RNLI Pelynt Players present Once upon a Pantomime	Looe Social Club St Martin's Church Hall Pelynt Village hall
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Saturday 2nd

10am-3pm 10am-12 noon 1pm – 9pm 2:00pm and 7:30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Christmas Market Christmas Wreath Making Workshop Polperro Christmas Market Pelynt Players present Once upon a Pantomime Polperro Lights Switch On Polperro Fishermen's Choir	The Quayside Centre, West Looe Duloe Jubilee Village Hall Polperro Pelynt Village hall Polperro Polperro
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Sunday 3rd

11am-4pm 6pm	Polperro Christmas Market Online retreat each day to 8 th December Advent Taize Service	Polperro Sclerder Abbey St Nicholas Church, West Looe
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Monday 4th

6-7pm	Keltique: Joint concert with Polperro Primary School	Methodist Chapel, Polperro
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Tuesday 5th

2pm	Looe and District Flower Club Christmas Demonstration: entry £5	Pelynt Village Hall
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Thursday 7th

10am-4pm	Artisan Market Polperro	Polperro Methodist Church
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Friday 8th

10am – 4pm	Christmas Tree Festival	St Wenna's Church, Morval
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Saturday 9th

10am – 12 noon 10am-3pm 10am – 4pm	Looe Sheddors & Repair Café See poster on page 40 Christmas Market Christmas Tree Festival	St Martin's Church Hall The Quayside Centre, West Looe St Wenna's Church, Morval
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Sunday 10th

9.30am 10am – 3pm 10am – 4pm 4pm 6pm	Communion Christmas Market Christmas Tree Festival Christingle Service Carol Service	All Saints, Herodsfoot The Quayside Centre, West Looe St Wenna's Church, Morval St Martin's Church St Wenna's Church, Morval
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Monday 11th

10am – 4pm 10am and 5.30pm	Christmas Tree Festival Looe School	St Wenna's Church, Morval St Martin's Church
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 6:30pm Lanreath: St Monarch's Road, Rally Close

7.30pm Keltique: Riverside Church Christmas concert Riverside Church

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 5pm Trenode School St Wenna's Church, Morval

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 6:30pm Widgeates: Morview road, through village
 7pm Let's Go to the Movies Tencreek Holiday Park
 Sheila's School of Dancing Christmas Show
 In aid of AMMF Bile Duct Cancer Research
 See poster on Page 23

Saturday 16th

10am - 3pm Christmas Market The Quayside Centre, West Looe
 10am – 4pm Christmas Fundraising Event Lanreath Village Hall
 Proceeds to hall repairs
 7pm Let's Go to the Movies Tencreek Holiday Park
 As above
 7.30pm Keltique: Christmas Singalong West Looe Quay

Sunday 17th

2.30pm Polperro Fishermen's Choir The Quayside Centre, West Looe
 4 pm Carol Service St. Cuby's, Duloe
 and Christmas Trees in Church until January
 Times to be confirmed Pelynt Young Famers
 Lanreath/Pelynt/Tencreek/West Looe/Buller Quay Carpark/East Looe/Duloe/Lanreath
 6.00pm Keltique Smugglers at Seaton
 7pm Sing Rock Christmas Gig The Quayside Centre, West Looe

Monday 18th

7.30pm Keltique: Candlelit Christmas Carols Concert St Nicholas Church West Looe

Tuesday 19th 1.15 pm 6 pm	Duloe School Carols	St. Cuby's, Duloe Jubilee Hall, Duloe
Wednesday 20th 5.30-6.30pm 6pm 7.30pm	Keltique: Christmas Concert and Sing Along Sing Rock Christmas Gig Polperro Fishermen's Choir	Kilminorth Cottages Premier Stores, Barbican Parade, Looe St Keyne Church
Thursday 21st 10am-4pm 6pm	Artisan Market Polperro 9 lessons and carols	Polperro Methodist Church St Martin's Church
Friday 22nd 7.00pm 6-8.30pm	Keltique: Joint Christmas Concert with the Rame Peninsula Male Voice Choir Christmas Carols	Kingsand Village Hall The Lookout, East looe
Saturday 23rd 7.30pm	Polperro Fishermen's Choir at Christmas	Polperro Methodist Church
Christmas Eve 11am 6 pm 11.30 pm	Nativity Carol Service Communion	St. Cuby's, Duloe All Saints, Herodsfoot St. Nicholas, W. Looe
Christmas Day 9.30 am 11 am 11am 11.30-4pm	Community Christmas Lunch Contact Sara 07766020524	St. Cuby's, Duloe St. Wenna's, Morval St. Martin's, Looe Millpool Centre
Sunday 31st 10.30am 6.30pm Midnight	5th Sunday Communion Children's New Year's Eve Fireworks New Year's Eve Fireworks	St. Wenna's, Morval East Looe Seafront East Looe Seafront



JANUARY 2024
HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!



Monday 1

Tuesday 9th 8.30am-5pm	Emergency First Aid Training See poster on page 39	Millpool Centre
Saturday 13th 2.30 pm	Old Cornwall Society Talk by Brian Oldham about Daniel Gumb	St Martin's Hall
Thursday 18th 7pm	The Looe Community Players present Aladdin See Poster on page 21	Millpool Centre, Millpool
Friday 19th 7pm	The Looe Community Players present Aladdin	Millpool Centre, Millpool
Saturday 20th 2pm 7pm	The Looe Community Players present Aladdin The Looe Community Players present Aladdin	Millpool Centre, Millpool Millpool Centre, Millpool

LIONS CLUB OF LOOE HAMPER APPEAL



Christmas is a time where people and families get together to enjoy the festivities. Unfortunately, there are many people who feel isolated at this time and there are also families and individuals that find it difficult to purchase those little things that make it special.

So, once again, we will be distributing Christmas hampers to help spread some Christmas cheer to those in need in Looe and the surrounding areas and are reaching out to our community to ask for some help.

By donating, even the smallest amount, you can help us generate the funds needed to buy goodies to fill the hamper.

To donate click here:

<https://localgiving.org/appeal/LooeLionsHamperAppeal2023/>

We are working alongside the Boundless Trust's Secret Santa appeal. To nominate recipients of a Christmas hamper or Secret Santa gift, please complete the nomination form by Saturday 9th December here:

<https://www.boundlesstrust.co.uk/general-8>

If you would like to volunteer to wrap, pack or deliver hampers and gifts, please send us a message via Facebook messenger or email us at:

secretary@loolions.co.uk



LOOE COMMUNITY TEA ROOM

Looe Community Tea Room in the Rose Garden is open Mondays to Saturdays 10 am to 12 pm.

Come along and have a chat with a tea, coffee or hot chocolate.

For Christmas there will be mince pies and sherry.

Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you soon.

All the volunteers wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

LOOE LIGHTS UP – FURTHER INFORMATION

Please see poster on Page 2 for details on the timing of lantern processions which will precede the 7pm Switch On.

Hannafore Beach Kiosk will be selling hot drinks and minced pies, Looe Community Fire Station will be cooking up a barbecue and we'll have a mulled wine stall raising money for the Mayor's Charity.

Santa will be making an appearance at the event and available for photos at the Rose Garden in East Looe after the lights switch-on. At the Quayside Centre there will be carol singing for everyone to join in and Looe Primary Academy's Performing Arts Club will sing for us.

The first box of the Community Advent Calendar will be opened on 1st December in St Nicholas' Church which will be open for visitors through the evening so please do call in. Lots of our local businesses will also be offering late-night shopping that day so we hope there will be something for everyone in Looe. Don't forget that free parking is available at the Millpool Car Park from 4pm.

There are just a few places available on our second Lantern Making Workshop at Tencreek on Saturday 25th November so please contact Looe Library or email at the address below if you'd like to make a Christmas lantern for the processions on 1st December.

You can also join in with lighting up Looe by decorating your home or business premises - the Mayor will do a tour of the town during December to judge displays so if you'd particularly like a visit please let us know at enquiries@looe-town-council.gov.uk.



Looe and District Flower Club
Invite you to our
"Christmas Demonstration"
Entitled "This Magical Time"
Be inspired with ideas for your
own floral decorations for
Christmas
Tuesday December 5th 2pm at
Pelynt Village Hall
Entrance £5

Looe RNLI

With your support, we save lives at sea



Lifeboats

Join us for Carols with **Pelynt Male Choir**

Also Pelynt Ladies Christmas Choir



Friday 1st December 2023

St Martin's Community Hall, Looe

At 7.30 pm (Doors open at 7 pm)

Tickets £8 including festive refreshments

available in advance from RNLI Shop

or on the door before the show

(Tickets Limited)



Visit our website



www.loolifeboats.co.uk/donate

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), a charity registered in England and Wales (209502), Scotland (SC037736), the Republic of Ireland (CHV 2678 and 20003326), the Bailiwick of Jersey (14), the Isle of Man (1308 and 0063295), the Bailiwick of Guernsey and Alderney



Shouts:

Our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Between 12 September 2023 and 31 October 2023 our volunteer crews responding to 3 shouts.

<http://www.looelifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts.htm>

4 March 2024 marks the RNLI's 200th anniversary. As the charity starts to count down towards this historic milestone, exciting plans are underway for a number of events that will mark in our charity's lifesaving story.



Find out what's coming up at <https://rnli.org/about-us/our-history/2024>

Souvenir Shop:

Subject to volunteer availability, and the weather, our souvenir shop is open daily between 11 am and 4 pm until 20 December 2023, then, after a short break over Christmas and the New year our shop will reopen daily.

Our shop has a wide range of products, including Christmas cards, gifts and 2024 calendars.

To commemorate the charity's 200 anniversary we have a selection of special souvenirs that have been carefully chosen and designed with our lifesaving heritage in mind for you to treasure for generations to come

Albatross Boathouse:

As the 2023 season draws to an end, our boathouse is now closed to the public and Stormy Stan is having a well-earned rest for the winter months.

Our wonderful team of volunteer boathouse guides hope everyone enjoyed looking at the charity's inshore lifeboats and launch tractors, finding out about the RNLI, the Looe volunteer crew, our shouts and how to keep safe on the water.

They have enjoyed meeting new people, answering all of your questions, and are proud to be part of the amazing team of volunteers here at RNLI Looe Lifeboat Station.

Our volunteer guides may open the boathouse for a few hours on winter weekends if the weather is good and they all look forward to welcoming you all again from Easter next year when our boathouse reopens daily to the public.

Christmas afternoon

Cornwall Cricket Centre
December 10th
1pm to 4pm

Fancy Dress competition
(children & adults)
Festive cricket
Elf Workshop
Stalls
&

Meet Santa

Book today at

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/qpqkkd>

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LOOE TOWN COUNCIL MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR



The Mayor of Looe,
Cllr Tony Smith

Looe Volunteers

In my inauguration speech in May, I expressed my desire to set up a town wide volunteer scheme for Looe. As I'm sure you know, there are a number of volunteer groups that already do a fantastic job in the town in particular areas. However, some of these have trouble recruiting new volunteers and there are also things that need doing around the town that the current volunteer groups are not set up to do.

Our aim is to help put volunteers in touch with existing groups who need additional help and, as well, to develop a volunteer structure for those projects needed by the town, which may not be possible to achieve given the resources available but could be undertaken by teams of volunteers. To move this idea forward, 'Looe Volunteers CIC', a new Community Interest Company is being set up to help co-ordinate and facilitate volunteer work across the town.

We will be calling a public meeting on the 30th November for all those interested in finding out more and in helping deliver this initiative. Further details will appear on the Looe Town Council website but if you would like to register your interest now, please email me at enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk.

Remembrance Sunday

It was good to see so many attending the Remembrance Sunday service at Looe War Memorial on 12th November. Special thanks must go to the Royal British Legion, St Pinnock Band, Revd. Ben Morgan-Lundie and all the volunteers that helped to bring the service together.



As Binyon wrote:

***"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them".***

As a battlefield guide and military historian, I take many student and adult groups to the battlefields of France and Belgium each year and sometimes we visit the grave of or memorial to one of the groups ancestors. Often it is the first time that a member of the family has ever been to the site, and it is always an emotional moment watching them reflect on the life sacrificed. Some people have with them an old photograph showing the young man, proud in his uniform before he went overseas, or a letter from the front, things that have been treasured by the family over the generations to keep alive the memory of a loved one that never came home.

Public Toilet Charging

At our meeting on 31st October 2023, Looe Town Council decided to introduce a 20p entry fee for use of the Seafront toilets.

Residents will be aware that these are one of five sets of public toilets which we own and manage, and the cost of running all the sites amounts to over £120,000 each year.

Charging was successfully implemented at the Millpool toilets in Looe in 2021 at the rate of 20p per entry and we will be keeping the fee at this level at both the Millpool and Seafront facilities. All the income generated from toilet entry fees will be used to offset the cost of running public toilets in Looe and to fund repairs and refurbishments at the sites. Our other toilets near The Guildhall in East Looe, at West Looe Quay and at Hannafore sea front will remain free to use at present.

Disabled toilets, accessible by RADAR key, are also available at all five sets of public conveniences in the town without any charge.

Town Councillors would prefer to be able to continue to offer free use of public toilets in Looe. However, the cost of running these amounts to around a third of the Council's budget, not including the expense for any refurbishment or improvement of the buildings or facilities. Without charging entry fees, public toilets are funded from the income we receive from Council Tax and costs about £24 per resident per year (based on 2022/23 figures). Our public toilets are well used by visitors to Looe so Councillors believe it is not unreasonable to ask all those using the facilities to make a small contribution to their upkeep and servicing. We hope that everyone will soon begin to see improvements to our facilities made possible by the income generated from charging users.

Toilet entry fees in Looe are payable by card only so that no cash is stored at the sites and there is no added cost for someone to collect and bank money. If you live in Looe, you can buy a 'Residents Card' which provides up to 30 toilet entries per month for a one-off fee of £5. Once purchased, cards are automatically credited on 1st of each month. Card and contactless systems are now widely accepted as a convenient way to pay, and it is a method available to everybody.

Charging an entry fee for public toilets has been shown to reduce the amount of vandalism at premises and we would not want the storage of cash to counter this by inviting thefts or break-ins.

Residents Cards can be purchased from Looe Library or the Town Council Offices at The Millpool, Looe.

Temporary Toilet Closures

To allow our hardworking staff some time off over the festive period, our public conveniences will be **CLOSED** on 24th, 25th and 26th December 2023 and on 2nd and 3rd January 2024. Disabled facilities remain available with RADAR keys at the Guildhall, East Looe; at Millpool Car Park and at West Looe Quay.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Finally, on behalf of Looe Town Council I would like to wish all Looe residents a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Having taken the role of Mayor in May of this year, I am still learning the ropes to some extent but really appreciate the support I have had from the local community and other organisations around the town, not to mention from our more experienced Councillors.

2023 has presented us with some challenges, not least the cost-of-living crisis in the UK and, of course, recent flooding in Looe. I never cease to be impressed by the way our community rallies to meet these challenges and help others in need and I'm very proud to be the Mayor of our town.

I look forward to working with more of you in 2024 on some of the great community initiatives going on here. In the meantime, I wish you and your families a happy and restful festive season.

Cllr Tony Smith, Mayor of Looe



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**CHRISTMAS
MARKETS
2023**

at the
QUAYSIDE CENTRE
WEST LOOE
10am to 3pm
on

Saturday 2nd December
Saturday 9th December
Sunday 10th December
Saturday 16th December




ENJOY CHRISTMAS WITH OTHERS

**COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS
DAY LUNCH**

25 DECEMBER
OPEN 11-3 (LUNCH SERVED AT 13:30)

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THE MILLPOOL, WEST
LOOE PL13 2AF

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Environmental Health and Licensing
Roads, Transport and Parking
Fire and Community Safety



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WEBSITE: www.cornwall.gov.uk

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

Cards, wrapping paper and gift tokens also available.



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LOOE GARDEN CLUB

Venue: St. Martin's Church hall

Meet: 4th Wednesday of the month,
 Jan. to June,

Sept. to November @ 2:15 PM

Annual membership £12

Contact: loogardenclub@gmail.com



Looe-and-District-Horticultural-Society

CORNISH LUGGERS

LUGGERS MEMENTOES

Prizewinners at this year's Looe Lugger Regatta were given special mementos for the first time in the 30-plus year history of the popular event.

Traditionally, Looe Town Council has always presented commemorative plaques to all visiting boat skippers, but never before have the parade winners also received unique keepsakes for their efforts.

The idea was the brainchild of Cornish Lugger Association members David Darlington and Mike Berry, both of whom have long associations with the regatta. David, who now lives at Pensilva but has strong family links with the luggers through vessels like Our Daddy and Deu Kerens, sourced some leftover Iroka wood from the engine bed of Andrew Rowe's former Falmouth Working Boat, Muriel, while Polperro-based Mike, who owns the Polperro gaffer, Maggie, used his boatbuilding and carpentry skills to up-cycle them into distinctive winners' plaques. Working at evenings and weekends, he produced one-off mementoes engraved with the Lugger Association logo and class details.



Mike Berry

'I'm glad the skippers really liked them,' said Mike, who learned his trade with Polruan's famous Toms' 'yard and now sub-contracts, working closely with his friend and fellow skipper, Andrew Rowe's APR Marine Fabrications at Sutton Harbour in Plymouth. 'They are rather unique and I don't think you could put a price on them really. It was just a little something for the skippers to take away and I'm pleased they were well received.'

Somewhat ironically two boats that would have been in the running to win one of the special awards were not sea-ready for this year's competition but both the Muriel and the Maggie are expected to back on the water way before the 2025 regatta.



One of Mike Berry's unique prizewinning plaques produced, in conjunction with David Darlington, for the Looe Lugger Regatta



Peter pan award: Graham Padfield, (left), owner of the 21-ft Peter Pan, the only lug-rigged boat kept in Looe Harbour these days, and his crewman Ronald Duncanson with one of the distinctive mementoes from last month's regatta. Peter Pan, a former East Devon Beer lugger is now 56 years old, having been built at Mears Boatyard in Axmouth in 1967.

Pictures: Dave Tuckett / www.greydogimages.co.uk

Adults £6. Kids £4

Contact Jodie - 07584428163



Dance with Jodie

End of an Era - Winter Show



Sat 2nd Dec 7pm - Trelawne Manor Holiday park





MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM

Petra and I would like to say a big thank you to all the visitors, ELTT office and maintenance staff and, especially, the volunteers who have contributed towards making 2023 a successful year at the Museum.

So, (deep breath) Mandy, Tony, Norma, Judy, Paul, Nikki, Roger, Phil, John, Sally, Steve, Carol, Les, Mark, Nicola and Leslie - Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year to you all and please volunteer in 2024!

Without our volunteers there would be no Museum, so it is great that we have been given plenty of positive feedback from visitors in praise of them all. You don't need to be an historical authority to sit at the desk, just be friendly and helpful when people come in. A smile and a desire to help is all that is required, so if you fancy being name-checked in next year's Community News just get in contact: museum@eastlooeetowntrust.co.uk

Although we are now closed until Easter a few of us are still busy with tidying and sorting collections, catching up on paperwork, displays, organising, cleaning, etc. So, if you have any queries or research you think we can help with please contact me at the above email.

A little bit of history that might make you smile; On Christmas Eve in 1845 extra constables were paid to guard a prisoner in the cells, word had got to the Mayor that the felon's family and friends were planning a jail-break as they wanted him home for Christmas Day!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

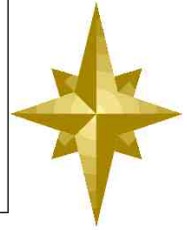
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**CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN THE BENEFICES
OF LOOE & MORVAL
AND DULOE & HERODSFOOT**



Sat 25th Nov

CHRISTMAS FAIR 11am-3pm St. Martin's Hall

Fri 1st Dec



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON,
3.30 Widegates & 7pm Quayside Centre, W. Looe
PELYNT M.V. CHOIR CAROLS FOR R.N.L.I.
7.30 pm St. Martin's Hall

Sun 3rd Dec

ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE 6 pm St. Nicholas

Fri 8th-Mon 11th

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, St. Wenna, Morval

Sun 10th Dec



COMMUNION, 9.30 am, Herodsfoot

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, 4 pm St. Martin's, Looe

CAROL SERVICE, 6 pm St. Wenna, Morval

Mon 11th Dec

LOOE SCHOOL, 10 am & 5.30 pm, St. Martin's

Tues 12th Dec

TRENODE SCHOOL, 5pm, St. Wenna, Morval

Sun 17th Dec

CAROL SERVICE, 4 pm St. Cuby, Duloe
and Christmas Trees in Church until January.



Tues 19th Dec

DULOE SCHOOL, 1.15 pm, St. Cuby's, Duloe

CAROLS, 6 pm Jubilee Hall, Duloe

Thurs 21st Dec

9 LESSONS & CAROLS, 6 pm, St. Martin's, Looe

CHRISTMAS EVE

NATIVITY, 11 am St. Cuby, Duloe



CAROL SERVICE, 6 pm All Saints, Herodsfoot

COMMUNION, 11.30 pm St. Nicholas, W. Looe

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATIONS 9.30 am St. Cuby, Duloe

11 am St. Wenna, Morval & 11am St. Martin's, Looe



Sun 31st Dec

5th SUNDAY COMMUNION, 10.30 am. St. Wenna.

A vibrant illustration of Aladdin and Jasmine from Disney's Aladdin. Aladdin, wearing a yellow robe and a large yellow turban with a purple feather, is holding Jasmine. Jasmine is wearing a blue and white outfit with a large blue headscarf. They are both smiling and looking towards the right. They are floating in a blue and gold magic carpet. In the background, there are colorful, ornate domes and minarets of a palace, suggesting a Middle Eastern setting. The sky is a deep blue with a few stars.

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LOOE VALLEY SINGERS

The Looe Valley Singers have a busy schedule ahead with several concerts planned throughout the Christmas season and will be singing at the following venues:

Rivermead - 30 November at 2pm.

Polperro Chapel Xmas Fayre - 02 December at 3pm.

Portbhyan Hotel - 02 December - 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Pelynt Village Hall for the WI - 14 December at 2.30pm.

Lanreath Hall Xmas Fayre - 16 December 2pm to 3pm.

Portbhyan Hotel to Welcome Santa - 21 December from 12.45pm - 1.30pm.

The singers helped raise nearly £500 at their joint concert with the Pelynt Male Voice Choir back in October and would like to thank everyone for their generous support.

Updates on concerts along with any further information can be found on the Looe Valley Singers facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LooeValleySingers/>



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LOOE FLOOD DEFENCE SCHEME UPDATE

As work continues to develop a scheme to protect Looe from frequent and severe flooding for the next 50 to 100 years, the last weekend of October provided a stark reminder of the impact of flooding on local residents and businesses today. Normally the tides experienced on 28 and 29 October would not have created a problem for the town. However raised sea levels caused by a significant low-pressure system saw water overtopping the quay walls, and overwhelming the surface water and sewerage systems.



With the drains already full of sea water, the intensive rain showers which accompanied Storm Babet had nowhere to go, resulting in water being forced out under pressure from under gully gratings and creating further flooding. Add in the impact of the bow waves from vehicles driving through the flood water and it is easy to see why local shops, pubs, restaurants and houses in the town centre were so badly affected.

The road to West Looe was completely closed on the morning and evening tides over the weekend, as was Fore street in East Looe – effectively “closing” both sides of the town for several hours each time. This event saw additional businesses suffering as more severe flooding took place in areas that had not previously flooded to the same extent.



Some areas of the town's car parks in both East and West Looe were also under water, together with parts of the main rail line which saw some trains temporarily replaced by bus services.

Whilst most people were mainly faced with mopping up their premises or homes, some areas of the town experienced more significant damage. Large amounts of stock stored under the stage in the Guildhall and in many other shops in

Fore Street was ruined, and the Co-Op store experienced damage to its fridge and freezer units. The Jolly Sailor pub at West Looe was also badly affected.

There were also reports of gas main fractures in areas where the mains had been previously uncovered for repair work and a retaining wall backing onto a row of cottages in West Looe collapsed.

Looe was not the only place affected by flooding, however, there were also reports of flooding in Mevagissey and in Polperro along with other towns along the coast. Some people have suggested that Polperro should not have flooded as it has a flood gate and, as a result, have questioned the effectiveness of this method of flood prevention in Looe.

While it is certainly true that Polperro has a flood gate, there is only a small storage area behind the gate for the rainwater to collect. If a flood gate was added to the mouth of the Looe River, the East and West Looe Rivers would provide a much larger area than Polperro behind the gates. This would mean that closing the gates at mid tide (before an expected high tide) would create a

much larger storage area. As well as helping to avoid any flooding from behind the gates, this would also lower water levels in the river itself, thereby enabling surface water to flow out from the drains connected to gullies in the road.

The project team are continuing to work with the Save the Banjo Pier group and other stakeholders to determine if the SBP option is safe and viable. A number of meetings and workshop sessions have been held with the group to look at their proposal in more detail and we are hoping to confirm the next steps in the coming weeks. If the SBP option does meet the criteria which has been used to assess the other options, further engagement events will be held to share the findings with the local community.

The events of the last weekend of October clearly show the threat of flooding to the future of Looe. Climate change will only increase the extent, depth and frequency of flood events. To secure the funding needed to deliver a scheme for Looe we need to show how it will help to regenerate the town as well as protect the town from flooding. We will be competing for government funding with other projects up and down the country.

To make the economic regeneration case we will need to explain how the scheme will protect key transport, including the main roads in and out of the town and rail services, and protect and enhance the visitor and marine economy. The team are working very hard to pull together the evidence needed to achieve this.

We are hoping to complete the Outline Business Case early next year so it can be submitted to the Government. A decision on funding is currently expected in 2025.

Detailed information about all the options, including the potential benefits, challenges and costs of delivering them, together with background information, artists impressions and short films, is available at

<https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/looe-flood-defence>

On a last note, whilst not wanting to spoil anyone's fun, playing in flooded streets is a dangerous activity. Manhole covers can get lifted and people have been killed by falling into chambers below the water surface.



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For more information, please contact the Chair,
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- Wednesday** 2-4pm @ MillPool Centre, West Looe. Hot drinks.
(Except 29th Nov, 27th Dec, 31st Jan, 28th Feb
4:30- 6pm Community Meal - all welcome)
- Thursday** 2-4pm The Haven, By The Quay, East Looe.
Hot drinks & Community Larder
- Friday** 10am-12pm Looe Library & Community Hub, MillPool
Hot drinks, soups & snacks (Closed 29th Dec)
- Saturday** 9am - 12pm ST Martins Community Hall, St Martins
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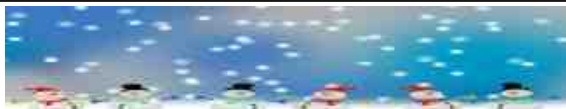
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SUNDAY	11AM—MASS	9AM—MASS		
MONDAY				
TUESDAY				
WEDNESDAY		12.30PM—MASS		
THURSDAY	10AM—MASS 6PM EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION			
FRIDAY	10AM—MASS			
SATURDAY			6.30PM—VIGIL MASS	4PM—VIGIL MASS



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LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Our Looe Branch Committee would like to wish all our members and friends a happy Christmas and all the best for 2024. Although we are all looking ahead to the December Christmas festivities let's spare a moment to reflect on the month of November.

Remembrance: On Saturday 11th November our branch held a short service at the Looe War Memorial to mark and honour Armistice Day, the official day to mark the end of hostilities in World War 1. There was a two-minute silence at 11am, the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" followed by a bugler playing the "Last Post" to mark the time that the armistice came into effect. The service was well attended even though the weather was cold and wet. The following day, Remembrance Sunday, our branch was involved in Looe Town Council's Civic Service, again at the Looe War Memorial. The St Pinnock Band was in attendance and the names and ages of the 75 men named on the memorial were read out from information provided by our branch. Although the weather was atrocious, the service was very well attended. In the afternoon several of our members attended a service of remembrance at No Man's Land.

The Poppy Appeal allows the RBL to provide a lifeline of support for thousands of serving and ex-serving personnel and their families. We are working hard to support the most vulnerable in our society, be it older veterans that we care for, those who suffer from social isolation, or those who are simply overwhelmed by the challenges associated with the cost-of-living crisis.

Poppy Appeal Collections: The Poppy Appeal just doesn't happen in November; it runs each year from October through to September. In the year ending September of this year our branch had collected £8,492, slightly down on the previous year, but we had to cancel a couple of events due to the weather. We kicked off this year's collection on Friday 27th October with a stand and Poppy Man at the Looe Guildhall which raised £460.90. A big thank you to all those that help with our collections and the public for their donations. It is time, effort and money that is never wasted.

Visit to Drake's Island. David Massey, our own answer to 'Thomas Cook', arranged yet another trip - this time a guided tour of Drake's Island in Plymouth Sound, which has defended the city and its harbour since the time of Henry VIII.

Dave's report on the trip: "We got up Thursday morning, looked out of the window and saw nothing but sunshine - a better day ahead than forecast for us. I picked up the lads and set off over the lagoon to Plymouth's Queen Anne's Battery marina, having a decent breakfast ashore before getting the ferry to take us up to St Nicholas (as it was previously known) for our tour.

On board we got talking to Pete Allen, our tour guide, who, once we had arrived on the island, gave the safety brief. Once completed we started along the pier inside the stone perimeter wall and inside to the original houses including married quarters for the forces families based there.

We were told stories of soldiers, the families and smuggling; it is unbelievable how they managed in such cramped conditions, wives doing cleaning for extra money. The tour then took us to the top of the island where a battery of large cannons was situated. Each cannon weighted some six tons which took an ingenious amount of work under a Royal

Engineer officer to move them using simple ropes, blocks and pulleys to get them from shore to the top of the island, amazing!

Then downwards to the tunnels where we were shown the systems used for lighting, passing of charges, shells from bunkers to the guns on top, all carefully planned and used to avoid any accidental discharges.

A comprehensive maze of corridors leading to various rooms that ended up being used as entertainment rooms for discos etc for outward bound courses.

Then around to the outer walk to see the outward facing arches where you could see the different uses for defence and works. The fascinating stonework used in the construction of Drakes Island battlements is beautifully done.

The future for the island could see a hotel spa and wedding venue being developed on and also an education centre.

A return to shore and some well sought refreshment found and some good discussion on the day's activities were completed, all in all, a good successful entertaining day".



Some Looe RBL members with one of the cannons

Branch Meetings: We always hold our meetings on the first Monday of the month, come rain, snow or New Year's Day. They start at 7:30pm sharp in the ground floor bar of the Looe Social Club, West Looe Quay. You don't have to be a member of the Social Club to attend one of our meetings, so why not come along, say hello and see what we do. Our December meeting is also to be a social evening.

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

Another alternative is the Veterans' Gateway which is a consortium of forces charities, including the RBL, with telephone access 24 hours a day on **0808 802 121**.

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



LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

Looe Old Cornwall Society will celebrate Christmas with a members' Christmas Tea on Saturday 9th December.

We start the New Year with a talk from Brian Oldham on Daniel Gumb, who lived with his family in a cave at the Cheesewring.

All are welcome on

Saturday 13th January 2024 at 2.30 pm
at St Martin's Hall.

Members free, guests £2.

If you are interested in Cornish history and culture, do give us a try. You don't have to be old or Cornish!

SCLERDER ABBEY EVENTS



Quiet Days: to recharge your batteries: Step off the treadmill of everyday life into a beautiful and quiet place by joining us on any of these Tuesdays: 12th December 2023 (Advent), 13th February 2024, 16th April, 14th May, from 10am to 4pm. On 13th February we will be Preparing for Lent which begins the next day. Hot drinks and a simple lunch are provided. There is no charge for the day, but donations are very welcome!

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises: residential silent retreat: Sunday 28th April to Sunday 5th May 2024 (from 6 pm on 28th ending 10 am on 5th). An opportunity to be immersed in the quiet and peace of Sclerder Abbey to come closer to God and discern his will for you.

Inner Healing Retreat: Friday 7th to Tuesday 11th June 2024. A residential silent retreat to find greater inner peace.

Online Retreats During Advent And Lent: Sunday 3rd December 2023 to Friday 8th December. And 17th March 2024 to 23rd March. These retreats follow the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, but in daily life for each person. Daily pre-recorded short talk, time of personal prayer, and spiritual accompaniment.

Cana Week For Couples And Families: Sunday 28th July to Saturday 3rd August 2024. A week to enrich your relationship with your spouse or partner. Children are looked after and follow their own exciting programme, to give the parents space for themselves.

The Green Abbey Project: Working with nature on a small area of land to produce vegetables, salad and fruit ecologically and organically. In December/January we will be creating new growing beds so as to be ready to start sowing in February for spring and summer crops. We have construction projects to work on to provide more greenhouse space, and to improve rainwater collection. And we will collect and turn material to make more compost. Would you like to volunteer for a couple of hours, half a day, or more (including as a residential volunteer for 1 week or more) to help us develop this project?

For more information about quiet days and retreats or the Green Abbey project or to apply, please email to sclerder@gmail.com , or ring 01503 272 238.

You can also get information about all our activities or apply online by going onto our website at <https://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/>



KELTIQUE NEWS

Visit from our partner choir Entre Terre et Mer from Plougerneau in Brittany



We were delighted to host our Breton friends during their visit of 12th - 15th October.

It was a very busy three days which started with a reception at the Millpool Centre in Looe on Friday 13th hosted by Keltique and the Mayor of Looe, Mr Tony Smith.

In the evening, we met up in the Dobwalls Memorial Hall where we enjoyed a hog roast accompanied by salads and followed by yummy desserts – all home-made by our choir members. After the meal, we entertained ourselves with singing in French, Breton and English and traditional Breton dancing.

We met up in the afternoon of Saturday 14th for a joint rehearsal before performing a joint late afternoon concert in St Martin's Church in Liskeard which our audience thoroughly enjoyed...and so did both choirs. More convivial dining followed. Many members of both choirs met up at Scholars in St Germans for a Sunday dinner before our Breton visitors made their way to Plymouth for their overnight ferry journey home. In between the planned events, our Breton friends managed to do some shopping and sightseeing in fairly dry weather (Ok, it did rain most of the Saturday!).

We are looking forward to our next visit to Plougerneau.

Future Concerts

Christmas time is always a busy period for Keltique and this year is no exception.

We look forward to seeing you, your friends and family at any of our forthcoming concerts:

Friday 1st December at 7.30pm - Social Club Looe

Monday 4th December 6.00 to 7.00pm – Joint concert with Polperro Primary School in the Methodist Chapel, Polperro

Monday 11th December at 7.30pm - Riverside Church Christmas concert

Saturday 16th December at 7.00pm - Christmas singalong on West Looe Quay

Sunday 17th December at 6.00pm - Smugglers at Seaton

Monday 18th December at 7.30pm – Candlelit Christmas Carols Concert in St Nicholas Church West Looe

Wednesday 20th December 5.30-6.30pm - Christmas Concert and Sing Along at Kilminorth Cottages

Friday 22nd December at 7.00pm – Joint Christmas Concert with the Rame Male Choir in the Kingsand Village Hall

For more information about Keltique, including details of events, check out our website at:

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Monies raised for Charities:

Outgoing Club Captain Trevor Frasle was delighted with the marvellous sum of £6000 raised during his year for the following Charities: £4500 to Motor Neurone Disease, £1000 to The Dogs Trust and £500 to Mo Inglis, the outgoing Lady Captain, making a splendid total raised of £3400 for her Charity Childrens' Hospice South West.

Monthly Mixed Greensomes:

Pat Butler, organiser of the monthly Mixed Greensomes was pleased to announce that £760 had been raised throughout the year for her section's ongoing charity The Cornwall Air Ambulance. She expressed her thanks to Sid and Julie Pascoe and Tony Day for their help during the year.

Winners of the October competition with 45 points on countback were Roger Butler and Angela Barrett, 2nd with 45 points on c/b were Dave Moore and Alison Talling and third with 45 points on c/b were Sid Pascoe and Maria Turnbull.

2023/24 Captains Drive In:

Club Captain John Plummer and Lady's Captain Jane Patchett were very pleased with the amount of members taking part in their special day. The results were:

Men's section: 1st Mark Walsh with 41 points, 2nd Andy Beer 40 points and 3rd Jack Bartlett 37 points, with a 2 on the 9th hole.

Ladies' section: 1st Hermione Green with 39 points, 2nd Margaret Bunton 36 points and 3rd Jax Wailes with 33 points.



Left to right; Lady Captain Jane Patchett, Club Captain John Plummer, Club Vice Captain Andy Allen and Lady Vice Captain Alison Talling

Ladies' Pink Day:

Lady Captain Jane Patchett was 'over the moon' when her section raised the goodly sum of £534 on their Annual Pink Day for Breast Cancer. Thanks go to all who took part and helped on the day, with special thanks to Clarice Barriball who raised £350 on the raffle.



Winners with 116 points were Alison Talling, Leeanne Relf and Toni Stokes, 2nd with 110 points were Shirley Nicholls, Pat Hodge and Jane Patchett and 3rd with 109 were Jan Vince, Anne Beswetherick and wildcard Jane Patchett. Nearest the pin on the 7th was Mo Inglis and Nearest the line on the 3rd was Jill Westbrook

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PELYNT MALE CHOIR

The Pelynt male choir is one of two male choirs in the Parish, and one of 24 in the Duchy. We all are members of "The Federation of Cornish Male Voice Choirs!" (Known as The Federation).

You may wonder what we do and how.

In its simplest form, we rehearse on a Tuesday evening in the Methodist Chapel in Pelynt, and then go to booked concerts.

These concerts take many forms. One of our previous concerts' was singing well-loved Sea Shanties at the naming of the new inshore lifeboat at Looe. During the dedication service, we also helped out with the hymns.

When we do concerts, we arrange a small donation to cover the choir's general costs, but we sing in places that are usually fund raising for their own charities. A few are: as mentioned, RNLI (See picture below) Cornwall Air Ambulance, Christian Aid, Help for the Ukrainian Refugees, Cancer – Race for Life and many more local Charities.



We have many different people within our choir, but we do have fun and laughter like a very large happy family. When new men join, we make them welcome into our singing group and if they do not know what "The Little Squashed Flies" on the song sheet in front of them are. Well we inform them, as the different shape flies have different meanings. These sheets in reality are called scores, which also have symbols and letters and words which indicate how to sing that particular song.

When you sing in the shower or any other place that takes your fancy. Do you always sing the high note and the low notes? The choir have different sections that you can sing in. So as part of the choir, you can laugh and enjoy the sound you make and also learn a new skill.

We are also known as "Trelawney Men" due to Sir John Trelawney 18th Baronet of the Trelawny Parish being the choir's Vice President. He also has presented the choir with our ties which he has allowed the Trelawney Coat of Arms to be the important feature on our ties. We often sing with other choirs, from Looe, The County and also with choirs that come and visit The Duchy. This year we sang with Brecon Male Voice Choir (Cor Meibion Aberhonddu) when they came to visit.



Our last concert was at St Just with Marizion Apollo, St Buryan and Nankersy Male Choirs. There are also organisations within the county that bring choir singers together and arrange visits to other parts of the world, with visits to Canada and Australia. There you meet the locals and quite often they have a Cornish background. Pelynt Male Choir also goes on tours, to all parts of the United Kingdom.

The choirs' last visit was to Sussex, but there have been memorable visits to the Isle of White and the County of Derbyshire, just to name a couple of visits where friends were met and made.

The choir's members were also part of The Federations' Choirs Concert in September of last year in Birmingham's Symphony Hall, where we all sang to raise money for the County's Air Ambulance.

Our choir's annual programme is quite busy, with learning new songs usually introduced in the spring and then from Easter onwards approximately two concerts per month, with a three week break in summer and then we get to the Christmas period when the Christmas Carols are sung.

In the Christmas period, our concerts are slightly different as our lady partners are invited to form their own choir and sing with us at our carol concerts. Not only do we sing carols, we also sing Cornish songs, Folk songs, both British and Foreign, usually in English, Songs from the shows, ABBA songs and other popular songs which have been converted from a solo version to a choral version, Spirituals and many more.

We have a vast repertoire. Many times, we have been asked to sing with the Children in Pelynt Primary School. Both the children and our members enjoyed the singing. We also sang at the Trelawny Fair which was held in their playing field on behalf of Pelynt residents.

If you would like to use your singing skills or even learn how to master this skill come along and listen one night. You will be made welcome. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings, starting at 7.00pm until 9.00pm in Pelynt Methodist Chapel. We also once a month usually go to the "The Jubilee Inn" at Pelynt to sing Cornish Folk Songs. If you fancy an evening out, please contact our choir secretary, Robert Henly, on 01503 240336 or bucklawren@btopenworld.com.





NEWS FROM EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST



As we head towards the end of the year, we can look back on 2023. It is certainly true to say that the weather has kept us on our toes this year – sporadic very hot spells and then rain!

With the combination of the rain, end of a storm and spring tides Looe was affected again by flooding. The water level was high enough to flood the Rose Garden and enter the ground floor of the Guildhall. Quirky and the Guildhall Market have continued to trade but there are still repairs to be done to rectify the damage done by the flood. Trustees have not had to deal with flooding of the Guildhall before and the vital importance of long-term protection for our heritage buildings is one of the reasons that the Trust strongly supports current work to provide effective flood defences for the town.

We continue to take great pride in maintaining the beach for residents and visitors to enjoy. With more people taking up sea swimming, we have noticed an increase in the number of people out and about early in the morning, bravely taking a dip before their day starts in earnest. Our bright yellow “Swim Zone” buoys were out for the main season to assist in safety by keeping the swimmers and boats away from each other. Even if you are a frequent visitor to our beach, please be aware of the weather conditions and other safety matters. Please take a minute to read the information on the signs by the entrance to the beach and check wind strength and direction by a quick glance at the orange windsock that flies on the seafront.

The Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol has now closed for the winter. Many thanks to our wonderful band of knowledgeable and enthusiastic volunteers who run the museum. Although the museum is now closed until April 2024, the work continues in the background. If you would like to join our merry band of volunteers then please contact us at museum@eastlooe towntrust.co.uk.

You may have noticed what appeared to be a Christmas Market on the seafront at the end of August! As many of you know, this was not a real market but it was for the filming of the Christmas Special for Beyond Paradise. Most people seemed to enjoy the novelty of Christmas in summer and the actors and film crew were very appreciative of the warm welcome they received.

With the real Christmas heading rapidly towards us, East Looe Town Trust are pleased to continue to support the Christmas lights in our lovely town. We provide the power for the festoons along our main streets as well as the lights that decorate our museum, seafront and Rose Garden. Friday 1st December is the official light switch on in Looe – it requires good co-operation to make this event happen and we are pleased to work closely with Looe Harbour Commissioners and Looe Town Council.

East Looe Town Trust would like this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2024.



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MONTHLY UPDATE

LAST MONTH AT LOOE



HALLOWEEN CRAFT FUN
& AUTHOR JT SCOTT'S
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THANK
YOU

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO OUR TWO VOLUNTEERS, ANDY & MALCOLM FOR TAKING BOOKS TO OUR HOUSEBOUND MEMBERS AND LOCAL CARE HOMES. TWO NEW HOUSEBOUND MEMBERS HAVE JOINED US RECENTLY AND HAVE BEEN SO APPRECIATIVE OF THIS EXCELLENT SERVICE.

CATHERINE
SUPERVISOR, LOOE LIBRARY & COMMUNITY HUB

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MENHENIOT LOOE CRICKET CLUB REPORT

As the cricket season has now come to an end, I thought I would take this opportunity to update the residents of Looe on how the club, especially those players from your community performed during the 2023 season.

From a clubs perspective the three Saturday sides played well enough to remain in their current divisions for the 2024 season, the youth teams competed hard within the West Devon leagues against very strong opposition, the ladies continued their softball cricket development with ambitions to join a softball league next season and our younger cricketers who participated in the All Stars and Dynamos national programmes played with lots of fun and enthusiasm, eagerly supported by their parents. All of that would not have been possible without the support of the players, coaches, parents and all our supporters for who I thank.

I would like to congratulate all those members of the cricket club who received well deserved awards at the annual presentation dinner, especially our younger cricketers who continue their cricket development. The club was well represented by cricketers who live in the Looe area and a number of them were honoured at our annual dinner for their performances over the course of the season with Peter Nance awarded the 1st XI batting award, Alex Caddy the 2nd XI bowling award and his younger brother Michael awarded the 3rd XI bowling award.

Off the playing field, residents of Looe have been very proactive in many roles at the club, Giles Francis who not only represents the club as a player but is also our treasurer and bar licensee, Brian Caddy is a regular player and heads up our national cricket programmes assisted by his son Alex, Phil Shepley and Paul Higgins plays when able to do so, Bob Fleming who has just relinquished the role of Cornwall O60's 1st XI cricket captain to become the chairman of Cornwall seniors cricket and Jon Nance who has stood down as the treasurer of Cornwall seniors cricket to move into the position of the clubs president.

My last contribution for this year is to finish off by thanking Doug Nance who after 14 years as joint president of our cricket club has stood down from the role. On behalf of the cricket club I would like to thank Doug and his wife Jean for their time, dedication and generosity to the cricket club be it on or off the cricket field. Saturday afternoons will not be the same without Doug and Jean watching their sons play cricket. The club wishes them well for the future knowing that they will continue to monitor the clubs progress in the years to come.

Finally, I would like to wish all the residents of Looe a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Stuart Nye
Chairman

LOOE SAILING CLUB

Another season came to an end with the final race on the last Saturday in October followed by a buffet, presentations of monthly cups and the awards for the winners of the Autumn Series courtesy of Fred Alsop from The Fish Market. Many thanks for your support. The evening concluded with music from local band Division. A great end to a successful year.

Earlier in the month another presentation of medals took place to the youngsters who took part in the junior sail training programme at the end of their season. Hopefully they will be back next year.

The boats are now packed away awaiting tender loving care during the winter, ahead of the new season starting next March which will come around very quickly.

Club members are looking forward to the annual Dinner and Dance, once again being held at the Hannafore Point Hotel - this will include the annual end of year awards.

Plans are already well underway for next year. Other than a full season of club racing and junior sail training the club will be hosting both the Enterprise and Redwing National Championships. Both events will have plenty of local interest as they constitute the largest of the Club's own fleets.

We are waiting for delivery of the Christmas Tree in advance of the decoration of the clubhouse for the Christmas and New Year celebrations, always a good time.

The Club wish to thank everyone, in particular the other local organisations who have given so much help over the past year - we couldn't have done it without you.



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