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MADE-IN-LOOE REGATTA

Storms have battered Looe this winter and while the Met Office's Agnes, Ciarán, Isha and their many friends have come out to play the remnants of a once thriving fishing fleet have stayed at home. Looking around the quaysides it might appear as if everything has stopped. It hasn't, of course. Skippers and their crew have not been lounging around, binge-watching the latest Netflix series or browsing holiday brochures. No, there is routine maintenance to attend to, and an ever-growing tidal wave of paperwork.

And it's been a similar quiet winter's tale for the organisers of the fledgling Made-in-Looe reunion regatta which, over the June 14-16 weekend, will shine a light on the town's historic boatbuilding legacy. It might not appear as if much has been happening but below decks the preparation and planning continues apace.

The event is being organised by the Looe-based Cornish Lugger Association which, since 1989, has been staging biennial regattas for wooden, sail-powered fishing luggers (their name comes from their rather unusual sailing rig), many of them now more than 100 years old. An integral part of any maritime festival these days is the quayside entertainment for visiting boats and crew, as well as local residents, and Looe's June regatta will certainly not disappoint.

Vice-chairman David Darlington has lined up a varied musical programme which will run from 3.30 pm until 10.30 pm each day at Mally's Shed (the Looe Harbour Commissioners-owned Quayside Centre on West Looe quay) and will complement both the on-water events and shore-based displays, including crab pot making and oar making. And, rather fittingly, Dave's headline acts for the three days reflect that 'Made-in-Looe' ethos.

On Friday night, June 14, former Looe School deputy head Tom Saddler is back with his All Stars band.

These local musicians may be among the oldest swingers in town – their combined years would stretch back before the Harbour Commissioners were established in 1848 – but when it comes to entertaining, they are ageless. The All Stars will be supporting the Cornish Groove Collective, a 12-piece funk and soul show band from Downton.



OLDEST SWINGERS IN TOWN: The Tom Saddler's All Stars, seen here entertaining last year's Looe Lugger Regatta, will be putting away their bus passes for another ride down a musical memory lane at this June's Made-in-Looe Regatta



ON THE ROAD AGAIN: This is the original iconic local rock and pop band, Roadrunners, formed by Looe lad Peter Flukes, (far right), while studying at Liskeard Grammar in the 1960s. Pictured with the then 14-year-old in this 1963 memory from Liskeard Public Hall are, (left to right), his late brother, Geoffrey; drummer Terry Chubb (also deceased) and Peter Maslen.

Saturday's programme is topped by East Looer Peter Flukes' famous Roadrunners. Formed at Liskeard Grammar school in the 1960s, the iconic brand name is back on the road for a 60th anniversary tour and will be supported by Looe's best young band, Division.

Sunday's headliners are The Huckleberry Finns, a local blues and rock band who will be sharing sets with the Josh Taylor Guitar Band, another hugely-popular group at local venues.

Several other acts for every day and satisfying every musical genre, are still to be confirmed, but are likely to include the Polperro Fisherman's Choir offshoot, The Wreckers, the Keltique vocal group and the Looe Valley Singers among other local talents.

Other plans for the weekend, which will end on the Sunday (June 16) - coinciding with Looe Boat Owners' Association's famous raft race around the Banjo and up the Looe river - are progressing well and it looks set to be South East Cornwall's best maritime festival of the year. Already more than a dozen owners of Looe-built boats have expressed an interest in bringing them back 'home' for the weekend reunion, including the famous lugger, Guide Me, built in Looe by Peter Ferris in 1911, and others are being tracked down and invited all the time.

Looe Harbour Commissioners are offering free mooring fees for Looe-built boats taking part in the rally and have given permission for a 'tented village' on West Looe Quay that will act as the base for demonstrations, historical displays and reflections, the licensed bar, food outlets and, of course, the musical entertainment. The organisers are working in conjunction with Looe Sailing Club, Looe Rowing Club, the Looe Boat Owners Association and the (West) Looe Harbour Heritage Centre.

Meanwhile the biennial regatta of the Cornish Luggers is set to return to Looe Bay next summer (2025).

Photos:

OLDEST SWINGERS IN TOWN: Picture: John Collings

ON THE ROAD AGAIN: Picture: Peter Maslen

FRONT COVER: Jon and Judy Brickhill's lugger, Guide Me, has been a regular winner at Cornish Lugger Regattas since the Looe-based Association was founded back in 1989. The much-travelled former fishing boat was also among the last winners of the early 1900s sailing races in Looe Bay. Built by Peter Ferris at Looe in 1911, the 40-footer is now based at Gweek in West Cornwall

Picture: John Collings



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Lifeboats

Shouts: Our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Between 15 January 2024 and 18 March 2024 our volunteer crews responded to two shouts.

Find out more at: <http://www.looelifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts.htm>

Souvenir Shop: Subject to volunteer availability, and the weather, our souvenir shop is open daily between 11 am and 4pm. Our shop has a wide range of products, and 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: Our boathouse reopened to the public on Sunday 24 March 2024 and like our shop, subject to volunteer availability, operational requirements and the weather it will be open daily between 11 am and 4pm. Our team of volunteer boathouse guides will be on hand to show you the charity's inshore lifeboats and launch tractors. They can answer all your questions and tell you more about the RNLI, the Looe volunteer crew, our shouts and how to keep safe on the water.

The 2024 Looe Raft Race: The Looe Raft Race is back, it's time to get a team together and build a raft. Thanks to the Looe Boat Owners Association the raft race is on Sunday 16 June 2024 at 1.45pm. More information can be found at:

<https://www.lboa.co.uk/rafttrace2024>

Open water / cold water swimming

Open Water Swimming is becoming more popular around our coasts - whether you're swapping the swimming pool for open water or just enjoying a quick dip, please take care. Safety information can be found on the RNLI website:

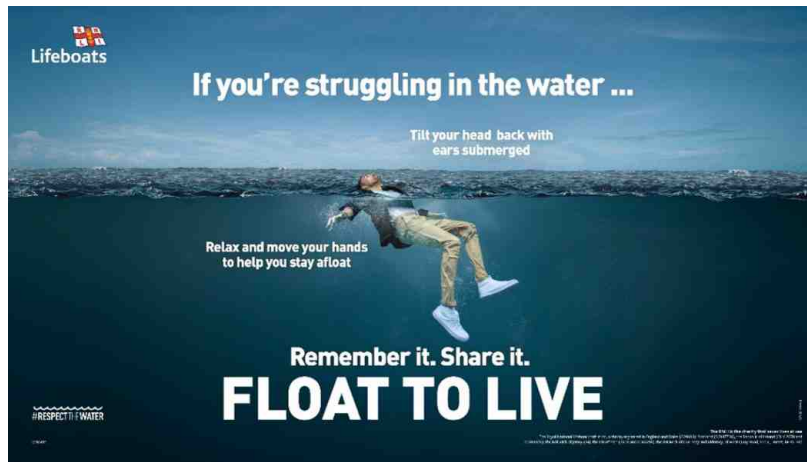
<https://rnli.org/safety/choose-your-activity/open-water-swimming>

Keeping safe on the coast: RNLI lifeguard cover returns to Tregonhawke beach for the Easter holidays and on Seaton, Tregantle and Sharrow beaches from May, when there are no lifeguards on duty, it is more important than ever to Respect the Water, check the tide times, wear appropriate buoyancy aids and take a method of calling for help

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

Float to live:

However you end up in the water, if you get into trouble, remember to Float to Live. Cold water shock is our body's natural response to entering cold water and can very quickly lead to drowning. Floating, even for a short time, allows the effects of cold water shock to pass. It enables you to regain control of your breathing and your survival chances will greatly increase.



You can learn how to float following these five simple steps:

1. Tilt your head back, submerging your ears.
2. Relax and try to control your breathing.
3. Move your hands to help you stay afloat.
4. Your legs may sink but that's OK – everyone floats differently.
5. Spread your arms and legs to improve your stability.

We actively encourage practising how to float in a safe environment. It's a lifesaving skill and having the confidence to float in a life or death situation could make all the difference.

If you see someone struggling in the water, fight your instinct to jump in and help. Stay on land and 999 and ask for the Coastguard at the coast, or Fire & Rescue when inland.

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Organised jointly by Looe Boat Owners and Looe RNLI
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It's time to start planning **YOUR** raft



Elite - Looe Beach then under bridge
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RNLI200 – 200 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES AT SEA

4th March 2024 marked the RNLI's 200th anniversary. As our charity celebrates this historic milestone, exciting plans are underway for a number of events that will mark our charity's lifesaving story, to find out what's coming up check out <https://rnli.org/about-us/our-history/2024>

Westminster Abbey

4 March 2024 was a beautiful spring day with warm sunshine and blue skies in London. There was a sea of blue RNLI guernseys as guests arrived by the West Door of Westminster Abbey, ready for a Service of Thanksgiving on the 200th anniversary of the RNLI.

Six volunteers from Looe RNLI were at the abbey for the service. As we started chatting with colleagues from the 238 lifeboat stations around the UK and Ireland we realised how large the RNLI family is, as over 1800 crew, volunteers and supporters came together to commemorate, celebrate and inspire.

As we took our seats in the Abbey's south transept, all of us commented "It was an honour for us to be invited to represent the community of Looe and RNLI Looe Lifeboat Station at this service, celebrating 200 years of lifesaving. Looking around this magnificent building, rich in history, we thought about historic events the Abbey had witnessed over the centuries, and now RNLI volunteers were walking in these same footprints, as our crews, back on station, are at readiness to respond to shouts for a third century of Saving Lives at Sea.



Six volunteers from Looe RNLI were at the abbey for the service (left to right) David Haines, Lifeboat Operations Manager, Patricia Calloway and Sue Bungey volunteer shop managers, Carol Foster Lifeboat Visits Officer, Ian Foster Lifeboat Press Officer and David Jackman Senior inshore lifeboat helm.

The RNLI in 2024

On the day the charity turns 200, the RNLI revealed its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved an incredible 146,277 lives during its two centuries of lifesaving. The RNLI charity saves lives at sea. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts. The RNLI operates over 238 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and, in a normal year, more than 240 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK and Channel Islands. The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service.

In 2023 the RNLI operated a fleet of 160 All Weather Lifeboats capable of operating up to 100 nautical miles out to sea, 281 inshore lifeboats operating closer to shore in shallower waters and 7 hovercraft, between them covering some 19,000 miles of coastline and some inland waterways.

A brief history of Looe Lifeboat Station

Looe RNLI lifeboat station was founded in 1866 and closed in 1930, only to be re-established as an inshore lifeboat station on 15 June 1992. Between 1866 and 1930 its crews have launched the 3 wooden row/sail lifeboats 31 times saving 74 lives and, since 1992, volunteer crews have launched 1004 times saving 65 lives. Cumulatively the station's volunteers have launched the lifeboats 1035 times, saving 139 lives.

1866 - 1930

Whilst the RNLI was formed in 1824, it was 42 years later that Looe Lifeboat Station was opened on 28 December 1866. Following a number of shipwrecks in the area, on 5 April 1866, the residents of Looe wrote to RNLI Headquarters, in London, regarding the provision of a Coastguard type lifeboat, or a 'whale-boat' for the area, their letter being received at a meeting of the RNLI's Committee of Management on April 8th. At that same meeting, the Institution received the sum of £420 from Sir John Pollard-Willoughby, which he had raised from people living in Oxfordshire, with a view to providing a lifeboat, to be named "Oxfordshire".

And so, with the Institution accepting the need for a lifeboat to be stationed at Looe, the RNLI recommended to the people of Looe, that the Institution should provide a standard RNLI lifeboat. That suggestion was accepted by the residents and so, in May that year, the RNLI's Inspector of Lifeboats, Capt. John Ward, R.N., visited the area, to check the whole situation and then select a suitable site for a boathouse.

Eventually, the boathouse was built close to the harbour, by local builders Sargent & Auger, at a cost of £220. A 32ft. x 7'6", 10 oared Self-Righting Lifeboat was built by Woolfe, of Shadwell, in London, at a cost of £247-15-Od, her launching-carriage costing £84-19-6d. Everything was ready by December 22nd. 1866 and so the new lifeboat and all her gear, were forwarded from London, free of charge by the 'G.W.R.', the 'Bristol and Exeter', the 'South Devon' and the 'Cornwall Railway Company', down to Looe, where they arrived on December 28th. and in a ceremony later that day, Mrs. Carew, the wife of Mr. W. H. Pole-Carew, President of the Looe Branch of the R.N.L.I., christened the lifeboat "Oxfordshire". Mr. Robert Thomas was appointed Station Honorary Secretary, with William Alford as Coxswain and James Toms as Second Coxswain. The Oxfordshire remained on service in Looe until 17 July 1882 when the Boys Own No1 was placed on station. The Oxfordshire was withdrawn from service after 12 service launches saving 14 lives

A notable service for the Boys Own No 1 was on 7 December 1901 when the lifeboat assisted the vessel Gipsy of Nantes. Fourteen crew were taken on board the lifeboat and the remaining five got into the ship's boat and was taken in tow. With the help of a tug all landed safely at Looe. Three kittens were also saved. The French Government awarded a Gold Medal, 2nd class to Coxswain Edward Toms and Silver Medal, 2nd class, to each of the crew for the service to the Gipsy.

On 25 May 1902 a third self-righting Lifeboat Ryder arrived in Looe. Boys Own No 1 was withdrawn from service after 7 service launches saving 23 lives.

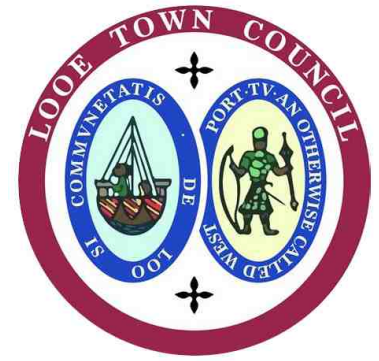
Unfortunately Looe cannot claim 158 years of continuous service as the lifeboat station was closed on 31 July 1930. The Ryder was withdrawn from service and subsequently sold, during her time in Looe the Ryder was launched 12 times on service, saving 37 lives

1992 onwards

62 years later, on 15 June 1992, an inshore lifeboat station was re-established in Looe. Initially for a trial summer season the lifeboat was housed in the seafront ELTT shelter. After the volunteer crew responded to 11 shouts in the summer of 1992, saving 6 lives, the RNLI decided to make the operational all year round. In July 1998 a new boathouse and shop opened on Middleton's corner. The D Class was launched into the river using a davit on the quayside or pushed along Buller Quay to the slipway. In 2003 the station moved to the purpose-built Albatross Boathouse on the seafront when an Atlantic 75 was placed on service alongside the D Class inshore lifeboat. The Atlantic 75 was replaced with the larger Atlantic 85, Sheila and Dennis Tongue II in 2016 and last year, 19 November 2022, a new D Class Ollie Naismith II was placed on service. During 2023 the station saw it's 1000th service launch since it was re-established.



Messages from the Mayor of Looe Cllr Tony Smith



Annual Council Meeting and Town Meeting:

The annual meeting of Looe Town Council will be taking place at 7pm on Monday 20th May at the Guildhall in East Looe. At this meeting, reports are made about the past year's Council activities and election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the next civic year takes place. This will be followed by the Town Meeting which gives members of the public an opportunity to ask questions and make comments to Councillors about any subject. We enjoy welcoming residents to our meetings and there is no need to let us know if you are attending – just come along – or please contact us if you need any other information before the meeting:

email enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01503 262255.

Seafront Toilets Update:

You may be aware, either from previous editions of LCN or from walking near East Looe Beach, that we've been busy refurbishing and redecorating the toilets at the seafront before they re-open for the 2024 season. New water-saving toilets and sensor taps have been installed in both the Ladies and Gents and we've converted the urinals to a waterless system for a trial period. If you use these in the seafront gents, we'd love to hear your feedback so that we can make an informed decision about whether to convert permanently to the waterless system.

Please contact us with your comments at enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk or on 01503 262255.



Charging will be introduced at the Ladies and Gents toilets at seafront after Easter and, in line with the Millpool, there will be a 20p entry fee payable by card/contactless only. We've had some questions and feedback about the payment system and the introduction of fees so have produced a set of Q&As about this which you can find on our website at www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk/news/seafront-toilets-update. The accessible toilet at the seafront, like all our sites, will remain free to use for those with a RADAR key.

If you live in Looe, don't forget that you can buy a Residents Card to access the charging public toilets intown. Cards can be purchased for a one-off £5 fee and come with 30 entry credits (i.e. £6-worth). Your card will then automatically re-set at the end of each month to provide you with another 30 entries at no extra cost. Unused credits do not roll over to the next month. Residents Cards are available from Looe Library or the Town Council Offices at The Millpool, Looe.

Councillor Vacancies:

We currently have vacancies for Councillors and would love to hear from anyone who may be interested in applying to serve as a member of Looe Town Council. Our Councillors are all volunteers from the local community – you don't need to be a member of a political party. It's important that the Council represents the local population so whatever your background, gender, age or skills you could make a great Councillor if you can offer time, dedication and enthusiasm to the role. For an informal discussion and details of how to apply, please contact Lynda Powell on 01503 262255 or e-mail town.clerk@looetowncouncil.gov.uk.

Planning Committee Special Public Meetings:

We were very pleased to welcome so many members of the public to our special Planning Committee meetings held on 13th February and 6th March when we considered two applications for developments adjacent to the Barratt's estate at St Martin's: PA23/10211 - Land Opposite Salter Close, St Martins, East Looe (proposed 43 homes); and PA23/09844 - Land to the West of Kimler's Way, St Martins, Looe (proposed employment site).

Looe Town Council is a 'Statutory Consultee' for any planning applications in the Town – this means that Cornwall Council (the Local Planning Authority) must consult us before they decide whether to grant planning permission. Our Planning Committee discusses planning applications made and considers whether they meet local and national planning policy i.e. The National Policy Framework, Cornwall Local Plan and the adopted Looe Neighbourhood Development Plan before agreeing whether to support or object to an application.

In both these cases, Looe Town Council's Planning Committee decided to object to the plans submitted due to a number of severe implications for our Town. Cornwall Council do not have to agree with the view of Town Councillors but will inform us if they take a different decision and a request can then be made by Looe Town Council Planning Committee for Cornwall Council Sub- East Area Planning Committee to review the decision of their Planning Officer and listen to further presentations which could be from the Town Council, the applicant or members of the public.

You can read more about our reasons for objecting to these applications on Cornwall's online portal where all comments are published:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planningapplications/online-planning-register.

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Save the Date:



Photo credit: Welcome to Looe and Polperro

We've already begun discussions with other Looe organisations about this year's Christmas lights event. More details to follow but lights switch on will be at 7pm on Friday 29th November 2024 with the lantern procession setting off at 6.30pm. Due to the popularity of this event and the number of people attending, our plan is to move the switch on to the seafront this year with just one procession meeting at the Quayside Centre (Mally's Shed) and parading from West to East Looe.



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OARS OF THUNDER CREW PREPARES TO CONQUER WORLD'S TOUGHEST ROW



The clock is ticking for Looe's own Oars of Thunder! With just nine months until they set off to row a grueling 3,000 miles across the Atlantic in the World's Toughest Row race, the crew is in full preparation mode.



The team at Trenderway

While bad weather has temporarily halted water training, the Oars of Thunder haven't been idle. They've been busy with essential administrative tasks to ensure a smooth journey. The team recently connected with the local community at Trenderway's Fayre, where they launched their "Beat the Rower" challenge. This exciting initiative invites community members to try their hand at rowing 100 metres and see if they can beat the crew's time.

The fastest junior girl, junior boy, woman, and man will have their names displayed inside the cabins, offering silent encouragement during the crew's long nights at sea.

The crew also braved the harsh weather conditions at the Looe 10 Miler, a stark reminder of the challenging conditions they'll face on the Atlantic. The experience highlighted the need for even better foul-weather gear! On a lighter note, the event provided an opportunity for curious children to explore the boat and ask some fascinating questions about the crew's life onboard, from food and sleep arrangements to, well, toilet facilities!



Some very wet children

Science Meets Stamina:



At The Looe 10 miler

Taking their training to the next level, the Oars of Thunder crew partnered with the University of Plymouth Faculty of Health. The entire team underwent rigorous VO₂ testing, pushing their bodies beyond their comfort zones. This valuable test provided insights into how each crew member's body reacts to exertion, with interesting results – Nathaniel's heart rate reaching a whopping 208 BPM! Kim's determination shone through discomfort, while Sally's score landed in the "superior" range, and Harry's raw power was undeniable. Most importantly, the VO₂ testing allowed the crew to gain a deeper understanding of their own bodies and how they work together as a team. This knowledge is critical for successfully navigating the physical demands of a 3,000-mile ocean crossing.

Looking Ahead:

The crew's next major challenge is rowing to the World Pilot Gig Championships in the Isles of Scilly. Weather permitting, the crew will be outside Looe RNLI from 9:30am Tuesday 30th April casting off at 10:30am. We hope to see you there.

Supporting the Oars of Thunder:

The Oars of Thunder are actively seeking corporate sponsorships to help them reach the starting line and achieve their fundraising goal of £100,000. The primary beneficiary of their fundraising efforts is the RNLI, a fitting choice for this daring ocean adventure. Additionally, the crew will be supporting another charity chosen by their lead sponsor, maximizing their positive impact.

To learn more about supporting the crew or donating to their JustGiving page for the RNLI, visit their website at www.oarsofthunder.com

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West Looe Downs

Some residents may recall that in February 2023, an application was made to Cornwall Council to register West Looe Downs as 'Common Land'. This application was one of almost 30 similar applications made across Cornwall, either by the Open Spaces Society, or by individuals acting on behalf of the society.

West Looe Downs has been owned and managed by West Looe Town Trust (WLTT) since 1874 as amenity land for the benefit of the local community, who have free access to the open space of the Downs, including grassland, wooded areas and a basic football pitch. Maintenance of the Downs is carried out by local contractors who are employed by the Trust to cut the grass, empty the bins and manage the trees. The Trust has also employed a professional ecologist to advise on balancing management of the Downs for both people and wildlife.



The Trustees are of the opinion that registration of West Looe Downs as 'common land' under the Commons Act 2006 would add no benefit to residents beyond what is already freely available and could in fact hinder the Trust in delivery of its charitable objectives regarding the Downs. As a result, the Trust, through its legal advisors will be objecting to this application for registration as Common Land based on a series of technical criteria and statutory incompatibility between the Commons Act and WLTT's charitable objectives. A hearing is likely to be held in the summer and WLTT will keep residents abreast of any developments



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NEWS FROM EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST



Spring Time

At times this winter it seemed like the rain would never stop, but we are now looking forward to spring. You will see our maintenance team out and about on the seafront and the Wooldown. The Trust has to pay for all waste disposal from the bins on the seafront as well as picking up the litter that is sometimes left behind. Please help us keep the area clean and tidy and do your bit by putting litter in the bins we provide.

Our conservation work continues on the Wooldown – with our wild flower meadow and bee glades. We are proud that so many people, and their four-legged friends, regularly enjoy the Wooldown and the coast path. Recently there has been a small diversion on the coast path whilst an unstable part was assessed by engineers. We work closely with other organisations to keep the coast path open and safe to use and would ask for your continued co-operation in reporting any issues and following any diversions.

As with many organisations, volunteers are a vital part of our operation – not only do we have our volunteer Trustees but The Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol and the community tea room at the Guildhall are run by volunteers. We owe a debt of gratitude to them all but they also report that volunteering has enriched their lives. If you have some spare time and feel that you may like to volunteer then please contact the office for a chat.

The Old Lifeboat Station and Watchtower

We are very pleased to be progressing with the renovation of The Old Lifeboat Station and Watchtower. These iconic and distinctive buildings will now be restored and sympathetically updated.



In the face of stiff competition, East Looe Town Trust's Old Lifeboat Station and Watchtower ("OLS") Heritage Led Regeneration Project has successfully bid for a grant of £289,000 from the Shared Prosperity Fund to kickstart the regeneration of East Looe's seafront. Without the grant this multifaceted project would have been impossible. The semi-derelict listed OLS has been used as part building materials store and seasonal art sales. It's under-appreciated for its heritage value and its poor condition is depressing East Looe seafront. East Looe Town Trust will be investing around £100,000 of its own funds in the project with further support from funders.

The repurposed building will create two unique workplaces for Looe providing renewable energy and decent staff facilities.

The Watchtower will become a low-carbon workplace for ELTT staff, freeing up their present offices in the listed Guildhall. ELTT will evaluate the repurposing of the Guildhall offices to boost the economy of the historic town centre.

The Boatshed will become a flexible modern workspace offering an exciting opportunity for many types of new business from workshop, to commercial or retail. Both new workspaces will offer year-round employment and increase the footfall, vitality and appearance of the seafront.

An online Looe lifeboats' history and archive will be commissioned that brings together the exciting exhibits held in the Looe Museum, with a wealth of documents data and photograph donated by Project Ryder – the charity that operated the restored Ryder Looe lifeboat. The focus will be on the crews who gave service between 1866 and 1930, connecting with many of today's Looe families.

A new 'Devon & Cornwall's Great Scenic Railways' circular walk will lead seafront visitors through the Wooldown's wartime and conservation sites, and the historic town. We thank everyone for the strong support we have received for the project. Once restored, the Old Lifeboat Station, and its information display, will help recreate the sense of place around Looe's iconic landmark. Our project is a perfect fit for the heritage-led regeneration strand of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Good Growth Fund and we are grateful for their investment in Looe. The project has got off to a great start.

Leading conservation architects Le Page have been appointed to deliver the construction work, and an invitation to tender for the online history will be issued soon. We look forward to working with the Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership on the heritage and conservation walk.

The OLS heritage led regeneration project is grateful to have received essential financial support from The Carew Pole Family Trust, Project Ryder Charity, Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership, Cornwall Cllr Armand Toms' Community Chest, Looe U3A.

1. "The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is a central pillar of the UK Government's Levelling Up agenda and provides £2.6 billion of funding for local investment by March 2025. The Fund aims to improve pride in place and increase life chances across the UK by investing in communities and place, supporting local business, and people and skills. For more information, visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>".

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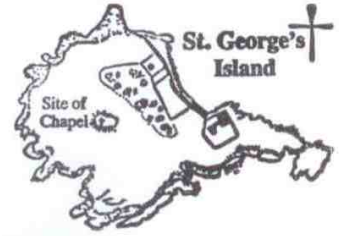
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LOOE ISLAND NATURE RESERVE UPDATE



Hummingbird Hawkmoth! Painted Lady Butterfly! Chiffchaff!



Painted Lady butterfly on hebe

Yes, spring must be here as we've already recorded these three (usually migrant) species here on Looe Island Nature Reserve – exciting sightings indeed. It's always uplifting to spot signs of spring such as these early arrivals from more southerly climes... and no more so than after what seems to have been the wettest winter ever! Still at least the island's water supplies have been refilled.

Spring also marks the start of opening the island back up for public trips.



Our Seal Surveyors

As usual, since last October we have been closed to the public; however over the winter we still have visits from the brilliant seal surveyors. These volunteers make monthly surveys of the seals – identifying individual seals and recording their behaviour. The volunteers also record birds and other wildlife too. The most recent (March) survey



Seals playing in the surf

was not ideal weather but the data collected is incredibly useful for understanding 'our' seals and how best to protect them. So thank you to all the dedicated seal surveyors!

Anyway, back to re-opening for 2024 – the public boat trips are the only way to visit the Island - it's how Cornwall Wildlife Trust manage the site for the benefit of wildlife and us humans too! This year public trips start on Sunday 31st March. The first visitors can expect to see the Island coming back to life with fresh fronds of ferns, bursting tree buds and plenty of chick action amongst the breeding Cormorant colony.



Cormorant on nest

As usual details about the Island, including how to visit are available on the Cornwall Wildlife Trust's website:

<https://www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/explore/visit-looe-island>

Cornwall Wildlife Trust and the Island are all about creating a Cornwall where nature thrives, so here's to a spring full of wonderful wildlife!

Claire Lewis
Looe Island Warden for Cornwall Wildlife Trust

All Images: Claire Lewis.

Please note: The seal and sea bird images were taken from a distance with a powerful Zoom lens to avoid disturbing the wildlife.

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First sessions are free - subsequent sessions are £2 to cover refreshments and overheads.

As an example here's what went on in our Saturday meeting in March:

We also run the Looe repair café during the Saturday meeting.



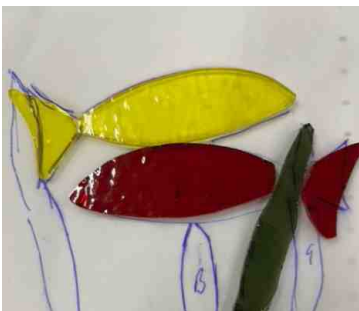
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2nd Sun	Morning Prayer + hymns St. Nicholas 9.30 am	Family Service	H. Communion	-
3rd Sun	Worship St. Martin's 11 am	H. Communion	Morning Prayer	-
4th Sun	Café Church Hall 11 a.m.	-	H. Communion	H. Communion
5th Sun	Holy Communion rotating between all churches, 10.30 a.m. (See Websites & Notice Boards)			
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	<i>For other events please see websites and notice boards.</i>			

Events in St. Martin's Hall

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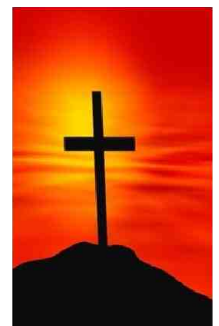
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OUR LADY OF LIGHT SCLERDER ABBEY	9.00am (Sunday Mass)			12.30pm (Mass)			
JOAN OF ARC TORPOINT							4.30pm (Vigil Mass)

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- + GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH – 3PM at OUR LADY & ST NEOT LISKEARD.
- + SWIECONKA SATURDAY 30TH MARCH – 10AM at OUR LADY & ST NEOT LISKEARD.
- + EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY 30TH MARCH – 8PM at OUR LADY OF LIGHT SCLERDER ABBEY.
- + EASTER SUNDAY 31ST MARCH – 9AM at OUR LADY OF LIGHT SCLERDER ABBEY.
- + EASTER SUNDAY 31ST MARCH - 11AM at OUR LADY & ST NEOTS LISKEARD.



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The first chapel in Looe was founded by Sir Harry Trelawny, a Cornish eccentric, who converted to Congregationalism and built a chapel in West Looe Square in 1777. After he returned to the Church of England he pulled down his chapel, but his flock built another in 1797 on the site of the present Riverside Church. The present building was built by the thriving worshipping community in 1881 and has considerable historic interest.

Easily found from the A38 and then the A387 and just 20 miles from Plymouth. It is one of the earliest united churches in the country, when in 1966 two Methodist chapels in Looe as well as the Congregational Church (now URC) decided to come together as Riverside United Church.

In 1995 Riverside was completely refurbished when the old pews downstairs were removed and replaced by comfortable seating that can be arranged so that better use can be made of the sanctuary area. The pipe organ was also removed and we now have a very fine digital organ that sounds amazing. Riverside has the largest seating capacity of any building at sea level in Looe and excellent acoustics, so Riverside is used for a variety of concerts throughout the year.

**The church is more than the building, the people and atmosphere at Riverside is special.
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**All our Services usually start at 11am each Sunday, we have
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Welcome to spring everybody and let us hope we can all dry out before the inevitable summer's water shortage. A recent casualty of the wind and rain was one of the Looe War memorial's Silent Soldiers which has broken in half. The remaining three soldier silhouettes are also showing the effects of the winter weather and the decision has been made to remove them for refurbishment by our Looe RBL branch members. We are also producing two more silent soldiers, one as a replacement for the casualty and one reserve. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Looe branch of Jewson's for donating the materials to manufacture and refurbish our Silent Soldiers.

The Veterans Morning: held by Looe Town Council in February was deemed a success with all ages of ex-servicemen being represented, the eldest being 95 years young. Our branch of the Royal British Legion and the Royal Naval Association were in attendance. It is planned to make this a bi-monthly event with the next 'Veterans Morning' to be held in the Looe Library and Community Hub on Tuesday 16th April, 10:00 – 12:00. It's a free with tea/coffee and biscuits provided. A big thank you to the Library and Town Council team members who helped to set up for this event.

Veterans Unclaimed Armed Forces Pensions: There are over 16,500 unclaimed Armed Forces pensions. In the two years between June 2020 and May 2022 alone, over 4,000 preserved Armed Forces pensions went unclaimed. Anyone serving after April 1975 and now aged 60 or over, could have an Armed Forces pension if they served for 2 years or more. The pensions are not paid automatically, and veterans must apply to Veterans UK using APS Form 8 or they can call 0800 085 3600 for further information.

D-Day 80th Anniversary: We are in discussions with Looe Town Council and the Looe Town Trusts on how to mark the 80th anniversary of the World War Two D-Day landings. The landings in Normandy, on 6 June 1944, were the largest seaborne invasion in history with the seaborne assault troops sailing from along the English south coast including Cornwall. Along with the associated airborne operations, it marked the beginning of the liberation of France and Western Europe. The ensuing Battle of Normandy lasted for nearly three months with the Allied forces aiming to expand the area under their control, capture key locations such as the port of Cherbourg and wear down the enemy's strength. The German forces were skilled at being on the defensive and fought hard even though they were usually outnumbered. For much of the battle the Germans used their strongest troops – the tank forces – in the east against the British and



British Statue overlooking Gold Beach, Normandy

Canadians. This eventually helped the Americans break through the German lines in the west. On 25 August the French capital of Paris was liberated, and this is considered the end of the war as the end of the 'Battle for Normandy'. The extended battle cost the Allies around 210,000 casualties, with nearly 37,000 killed amongst the ground forces and a further 16,000 deaths amongst the Allied air forces.

It's easy to focus on D-Day as being the crux of the British operations in 1944, but there was much more going on. The battle for Monte Casino, Italy, 17th January – 18th May (54,000 Allied casualties). In North-East India the Battles of Imphal, 8th March – 18th July (12,500 British and Indian casualties) and Kohima, 4th April – 22 June (4,000 British and Indian casualties). The sad fact is that by 1944 Britain was running out of soldiers and units had to be disbanded and used as casualty replacements. The campaigns in the Mediterranean and Far East, the war at sea and the bomber offensive had all drained our manpower reserves. The army that was sent to Normandy lacked for nothing except adequate reserves of fighting troops. On 6 June we will not celebrate a victory but instead remember all those that gave their lives for our freedom over the many theatres of war in WW2.

We Will Remember Them

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.

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 24 hour Telephone access on 0808 802121.

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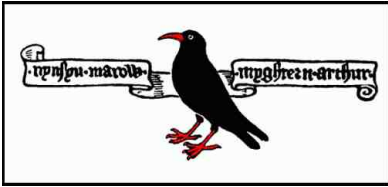


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LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

Looe OCS meet in St Martin's Hall, Looe at 2.30 pm on the second Saturday of the month.

Upcoming Speakers:

13 April: "China Clay in Cornwall" by Malcolm Gould of Wheal Martyn Museum

11 May: "Porfell Wildlife Park" by Joy Palmer

Details of summer outings will be available at the business meeting before each talk, and we close with a raffle, tea, cake and a chance to socialise.

All welcome, members free, visitors £2.

Do give us a try, you don't have to be old or Cornish!"

Looe Old Cornwall Society. Gool Peran Lowen - Happy St. Piran's Day.



photo by Carole Day



photo by Peter King

Over 40 members of the Looe Old Cornwall Society enjoyed a traditional St Piran's Day lunch on the 5th. March at St. Martins Church Hall, East Looe with delicious pasties, saffron cakes and teas. Musical entertainment by the Looe U3A's Ukelele Group well run by Yvonne Toms, followed and with song sheets in hand the members sang numerous well known Cornish songs finishing with a rousing Trelawny. Thanks go to all the Committee and helpers for a lovely time.

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KELTIQUE NEWS

January concerts

Our first concert of the year took place on Saturday 26th January in St Martin's Church in Liskeard when we shared the stage with the Polperro Fishermen's choir in aid of Cancer Research UK. The concert was well attended, most enjoyable and it raised an amazing £2,583!

Our practices

We continue to practise every Monday evening from 7.15 to 9.15pm (with a coffee break) in the Riverside Church in West Looe. The choir has chosen six new songs to add to our repertoire and we are enjoying learning to sing them in readiness for our forthcoming concerts.

AGM

Our AGM will take place on Monday 29th April at 7.15pm in Riverside Church, West Looe. Our supporters are invited to attend.

Future concerts

Our Summer diary is getting very busy and here are the dates of our next five concerts:

Sunday 21st April 10.30-11.30am: Concert at Hannafore Kiosk, West Looe

Tuesday 7th May 7.30pm: Concert in aid of the Looe RNLI, Boathouse, Seafront, East Looe

Sunday 12th May (time tbc): Open Gardens for Charity, Boconnoc Estate

Sunday 19th May (time tbc): LostFest, Lostwithiel

Saturday 25th May 2.00pm: CRUK Relay for Life, Liskeard Rugby Club

As always, we look forward to seeing you in the audience!

Fundraising

We continue to fundraise for our choir and chosen charity. Our new charity for 2024-2025 will be selected at the AGM. One of our members has organised three "Soups and Puds" events in her house in March and April to kick start the fundraising season.

For more information about Keltique, including details of events, check out our website at www.keltique.org.uk, our Facebook page, our YouTube Channel or contact Penny at pennyweston@outlook.com

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So whether you enjoy seafood with a sea view, a roast by the coast or a culinary feast in the countryside; Dine Out – Looe & Polperro have something for everyone.

For more information about offers and venues:
<https://welcometolooe.com/explore/dine-out/>

LOOE FLOOD DEFENCES AND REGENERATION SCHEME

Looe Flood Defence and
Regeneration Scheme



During the past few weeks the Looe Flood Defence and Regeneration project team has been working very hard to finalise the Outline Business Case (OBC) so it can be submitted to the Environment Agency for technical assurance and a check on potential eligibility for flood defence funding (Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA)).

The importance of this scheme to the town was demonstrated earlier this month when Looe experienced flooding between 11 and 13 March.

The capital cost of delivering the scheme is currently estimated as £197m. Cornwall Council has been working closely with the Environment Agency on developing the scheme, with both providing funding for the studies and investigations done so far.

If the project does receive FDGiA funding from the EA, this will not cover the whole scheme costs and other funding streams will need to be secured. The likely figure for FDGiA will be £28.8million. The majority of the rest of the funding is likely to come from other government departments.

The process for securing the FDGiA involves the submission of the Outline Business Case to the Environment Agency for technical assurance.

This is an important step in 'checking' if the process that has been undertaken so far has been carried out properly and the conclusions are justified. It is likely that this process will be completed by the end of 2024.

The OBC needs to demonstrate how the scheme will protect key transport links, including main roads in and out of the town and rail services, residential and commercial properties, as well as how it will protect and enhance the visitor and marine economy. The enhancement and growth of the economy will be crucial for securing the additional funding for economic regeneration rather than the FDGiA – which has more of a focus on protecting the existing economy of the town.

Following the results of the most recent community engagement events, and the outcome of the assessment into the Save Banjo Pier option in January, it was agreed to focus on the Tidal Barrier with Breakwaters and the Tidal Barriers Only options to develop for the OBC.

This is important as the OBC is required to include information on all the options that have been considered for the scheme, together with details of the technical, environmental and economic criteria used to assess the options and the analysis which was carried out. The applicant is then expected to identify a recommended solution that will deliver the aims and objectives of the scheme and demonstrate a Benefit to Cost ratio of at least 1.

The OBC has now been submitted to Cornwall Council for review and comment. This identifies the Tidal Barrier and Breakwaters option as the recommended solution that will reduce flood risk and enable regeneration in Looe.

This option includes an extension to Banjo Pier, construction of a new southern breakwater, installation of an automated mitre gate, cut off walls to East Looe, Hannafore Walkway, and a pontoon and moorings in the new harbour. It will provide protection for 1:200-year storm event up to the 2120's.

As well as demonstrating the technical feasibility of this option, the OBC sets out how it will help to promote economic growth. It also defines the scope of environmental issues that will require further assessment. The OBC will be initially reviewed by a number of internal boards before being submitted to the Council's Cabinet for approval.

Following the process of Cornwall Council approval and Environment Agency assurance, the OBC will then be ready to submit to other government departments for application for funding to match fund the potential FDGiA.

Subject to securing funding, the project will move into its 'Detailed Design Stage'. During this stage an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will be carried out, applications for Planning Permission, a Harbour Revision Order and a Marine License will be prepared and submitted, negotiations with affected landowners will begin and tenders will be issued to select a contractor to carry out detailed designs and construction works.

It is currently anticipated that this could be achieved towards the end of 2026, with construction then taking place over the following three years.

Securing the funding needed to protect Looe from flooding in the future will require the whole town to work together. There are many other places across the country seeking funding for flood prevention works and the Government and other potential investors.

It will be important to show significant support for the final scheme and we look forward to working with stakeholders and partners to make Looe's case.



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Tickets £8. Available nearer the time.

MUSEUM & GAOL'S HANDY GUIDE TO MAKING HISTORY



When people talk about making history, the big events generally come to mind. The Coronation of King Charles, devastating natural disasters, sporting achievements. Major occurrences that have a lasting impression on the minds of vast numbers of people.

We have a saying in the Museum, "Today's memories are tomorrow's history." Every little or large thing we do now is history in the next moment. I am not saying that we should view every cup of coffee drunk or weeding the garden as a world-shattering instance worthy of being recorded in the annals of time, (although with social media that is actually happening..) but just to be aware of the importance of the lives we all lead.

One of our volunteers has been quite moved on occasions, as she has been sorting through a collection of old photos. They are all, mostly, of Looe and a huge number of them are simple shots of people. Those from the 1880s & 1890s tend to be posed and very formal - the slightly out of focus image of an elderly lady who looks at the camera with a stern expression or the young children wearing their Sunday best and looking very serious. In many cases we don't even know who they were. She has been most touched by photos of WW1 soldiers & sailors with their families (did they come home?) and young women looking enigmatically at the camera with their whole lives stretching before them. What were their histories?

Everybody's photo collection, be it physical or digital, tells the history of our individual lives so it is important to title & date them. Make sure those images tell the viewer a little bit of the story behind them. When you do that an historical record has been created for the people of tomorrow, whoever they may be.

I am writing this on the 18th March 2024, so you are now reading a moment from my own history. The Museum is still closed for the winter-break as I write but as you read this it will be open - unless this is before Easter Monday 1st April. Too complicated!

We are open on the 1st April, please come and visit us and make some memories for the tomorrows to come.

**Penny McHugh
Volunteer Curator
Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol**

MARCH 2024



LOOE LIBRARY MONTHLY UPDATE LAST MONTH AT LOOE

Thank you to the Library Team for running fabulous Craft Workshops!



Needles were a-clicking & pliers a-snipping at 'Knitting for Beginners' with Donna & 'Wirework Jewellery' with Tania, with fabulous results!



I cannot pretend we weren't super excited to see the library stats last month... Our little Looe Library had it's very first time hitting the top spot for % growth in issues for January! Incredible team work goes on at Looe Library and I literally pop with pride at how hard the team work and love the innovative ideas we share and enthusiasm of the whole team.



Catherine
Supervisor, Looe Library & Community Hub

It was lovely to welcome our local Veterans to the library at our recent 'Tea & Stickies' morning. The room was alive and buzzing with warm conversation while connections were made. The Veterans enjoyed browsing our selection of military books and some joined the library too! Cllr Chris Harwood kindly hosted the event.



Strong competition in Half Term for our young engineers.. 'Who built the tallest tower?'



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 30th March, 14:00 - 15:30 Seaton Beach Clean.

Lead: John Meakin

Want to play your part in cleaning up our ocean? Well there's no better place to start than at your local beach clean. All equipment is provided, all we ask is that you come along in suitable clothing and footwear. Meet on the Beach (look out for the LMCG sail).

Sunday 7th April, 11:00 - 12:30: Easter Rockpool Ramble, Hannafore Beach, meet below the coastguard station. Lead: Matt Nott

If you've ever wondered what lives in the rockpools near you, then join our local experts at our rockpool ramble to find out! Please wear suitable clothing and footwear and leave nets at home as they can harm delicate rockpool creatures. Meet us below the coastguard station on Hannafore Beach.

Tuesday 16th April, 18:15-20:15: Talk and AGM:

Clean Ocean Sailing with Alan Green at RNLI & on Zoom Lead: Amelia Bridges
With the help of the 112-year-old sailing boat 'Annette' and other smaller crafts, the Clean Ocean Sailing (COS) crew sail and paddle to remote, inaccessible places to clean up our Cornish coast. They collect plastic from the shores and then sort, record, reuse and recycle it, and they welcome volunteers! Alan, brother of the 'Annette' skipper Steve, has always had a keen interest in nature and the beautiful environment that we live in. Fully aware of how this environment has been impinged upon by human activity, particularly litter and marine plastic, he picks it up wherever he can. This entertaining talk with the COS projects and where the plastic ends up, focusing on a recent trip to the Isles of Scilly. The talk will be followed by our AGM to which all are welcome.

Saturday 27th April, 14:00-15:30: Beach Clean, Stinkers Cove, Talland.

Lead: Steve Mitchell

Stinkers Cove is a small beach next to Talland Bay. It often has a significant amount of litter washed up but given its remoteness, it's often missed by beach cleaners. Join us in an effort to rid the beach of litter, and for a chin wag and some cake after at the Smugglers Rest Café. All equipment is provided, all we ask is that you come along in suitable clothing and footwear. Meet at the Stinkers Cove NT car park. Please note parking is kindly being made available opposite the NT car park (which is v small) at the Smugglers Rest Cafe (PL13 2JA).

Sunday 12th May, 13:30 onwards Beach Clean & Early Summer Social with a BBQ/Picnic

13.30 - 15:00 (Beach Clean), 15:00 onwards (BBQ/picnic). Hannafore Beach, meet below the coastguard station. Lead: John Meakin, Fiona Aldridge

Before holding an early summer gathering on the beach we'll carry out a beach clean along the Hannafore shoreline/rocky shore. The beach-clean kit is provided,

all we ask is that you come along in suitable clothing and footwear. Meet at Hannafore beach, below the Coast Guard Station.

Please note this event is weather dependent so check Facebook for updates. Please bring any BBQ or picnic food and drinks along with you (or make use of the local cafes) – Looe MCG will provide BBQs.

Tuesday 21st May, 18:15-20:15: Talk & Meeting: Protecting a Special Place:
The Looe-Whitsand Bay MCZ with Abby Crosby. RNLI.

Lead: LMCG Committee Member

Come and learn from an expert on Marine Conservation Zones, our marine nature reserves! Find out how they help protect a range of nationally important, rare or threatened habitats and species. In her talk, Abby will focus on the incredibly special Looe-Whitsand Bay Marine Conservation Zone, what it does, why and how. This talk is guaranteed to be an inspirational one! The talk will be followed by our in-person monthly meeting to which all are welcome

Saturday 25th May, 13:00 - 14:30: May Half Term Rockpool Ramble.

Hannafore Beach, meet below the coastguard station. Lead: Matt Nott

Join local marine biologists as we explore the rocky shore, finding and learning about the amazing critters that live on it! Starfish, crabs, fish, and anemones will all feature in this educational event that is guaranteed to satisfy the whole family. Please come along with suitable footwear (no flip flops), sunscreen and leave your nets at home as they can harm delicate rockpool creatures. Meet us below the coastguard station on Hannafore Beach.

For all events: Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. The events are FREE but donations to Looe Marine Conservation Group are welcome. Please check our website (www.looemarineconservation.org) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/LooeMCG) closer to the time of the event for the most up to date information. Any other queries please email looemcg.events@gmail.com.

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LOOE COMMUNITY TEA ROOM

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

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Pat and her team

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Pat

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For more information, please contact the Chair,

Alison Currah on chair@looeu3a.org

or the Membership Secretary on

membership@looeu3a.org

LOOE SAILING CLUB: 90TH ANNIVERSARY

The highlight of this year's programme is the celebration of the Club's 90th Anniversary. It all started back in 1934 when a small group of sailing enthusiasts sat around a table and decided to form a club to give them competitive sailing; the rest is history.

A few years later it was decided to ask well-known sailor Uffa Fox to design a dinghy suitable for the conditions of Looe Bay, he accepted the challenge and the Redwing was born which became the icon of the Looe fleet.

Many youngsters have had their introduction into sailing through the club, some going on to become National Champions.

The Club has become one of the most popular venues for fleets to visit for their National Championships and have bookings for several years ahead.

With this in mind, a special celebration day is being arranged for Saturday 27th April, with a race in the afternoon followed by drinks, food, presentations and music in the Clubhouse. All present and past members are invited to join us for this very special occasion.

For any further information please contact the Secretary Paul Sedgbeer on 01503 264053.

By the time this issue goes to press club sailing will have restarted and we have already a large number of boats registered for the new season with racing in the Mirror, Redwing, Laser and Enterprise fleets.

Later in the summer the club will be hosting both the Enterprise and Redwing fleets for their National Championships.



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CORNWALL CRICKET



Early Bird Tickets now available for Cornwall Cricket's Showcase Game against Somerset in July.

The showcase game presents a chance for National Counties to gauge their skills against top-tier players from across the country, pitting county teams against a first-class team.

Cornwall are set to face Somerset in their showcase encounter, taking place at Truro Cricket Club on July 21st at 11am. Gates open from 9:00am.

Early Bird Tickets are now available, £10 for adults and free for under 18s. You need to book your ticket by visiting <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/vLZWbw>. Tickets on the gate will be available on the day, £15 per adult and £5 for an under 18. Car Parking will be charged at £5 per car to be paid on the day.

Managing director of Cornwall Cricket Board Joe Skinner said: "Once again we welcome our partners Somerset County Cricket Club into Cornwall to play against Cornwall. We are extremely grateful that they make the trip to showcase elite cricket in Cornwall. This should prove a great opportunity to enthuse people and young players into cricket. We are also extremely thankful for the continued support from Truro Cricket Club and their excellent team of volunteers leading up to the event and through the day. The Cornwall Cricket Board will be providing skill zones, inflatables and we will be showcasing the rise of women's softball cricket in Cornwall. We look forward to seeing families and cricket supporters at the event."

Cornwall Cricket Board provides adults and children aged 5 years and upwards with the opportunity to take part in the sport across the county. It is also the official governing body for all cricket in Cornwall and is responsible and accountable to the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), the National Governing Body, for the strategic management, development and conduct of the sport.

To find out more visit the website www.cornwallcricket.co.uk or email admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk.

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Tues	8.30am & 9.45am 11am - 12pm 2pm - 3.30pm 6.p.m - 6.45pm 7pm - 7.45pm	Pilates with Kerry - 07588 220 007 1st floor 50 Plus Dancercise with Sheila’s School of Dance 07866771429 Gentle Exercise Class with Looe Exercise Club - 01503 265947 1st floor Power Hooping : Bond Fitness 07779 059 868 1st floor Pure Stretch : Bond Fitness 07779 059 868 1st floor
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