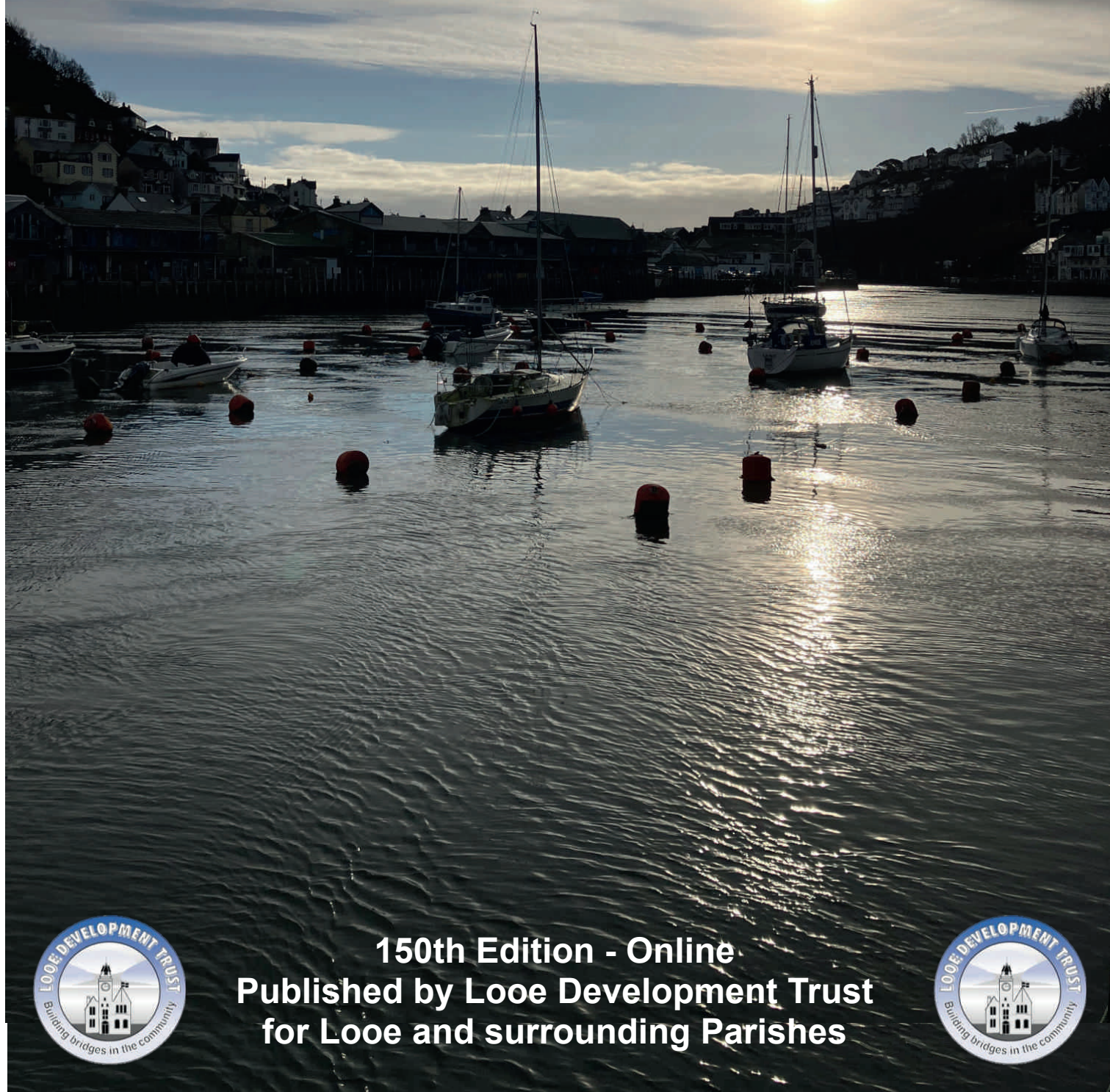


LOOE COMMUNITY NEWS

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The many faces of Looe

A few images from January 2026.

The Aurora Borealis made several spectacular appearances, a rare thing in latitudes this far South.

We now seem to have a "Storm of the week" with Goretti, Ingrid and Chandra.

Inbetween the bouts of wind and rain, Looe retains its charm.

Aurora photos courtesy Polly Stock, Storm photo courtesy Welcome to Looe and Polperro





Message from the Mayor, Stephen Remington:

As we step into 2026, there is real optimism for Looe.

New initiatives, stronger community links and growing collaboration between businesses, volunteers and young people are shaping a positive year ahead. From Creative Looe, Looe Youth Council and the Business Forum to major events and new assets, momentum is building in the town. While challenges remain, there is love and compassion in Looe with comfort and support never far away. I'm full of hope for our town in the year ahead. Not every fresh idea will flourish. Not all sadness will be banished. But a new spirit is at work, a determination that Looe together is better than Looe divided. Let's get this bandwagon rolling, fast enough to make a difference but gently enough to allow the hesitant or undecided to hop on board. Come on – join in!"

Mayor Stephen Remington

Above is adapted from the Mayor's New Year speech available to read at:

<https://www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk/news/a-message-from-mayor-stephen-remington>)

Wishing you a Happy New Year!

Happy New Year, a special thank you to everyone who celebrated the festive season with us last year. We were overwhelmed by the support we received during the lantern parade, a real highlight of 2026!



An Update from Looe Library & Community Hub

The new year has already brought some excitement. Looe Library and Community Hub launched their new New Year Hobby Sessions, which have been a lovely way to start the year. Staff led, the projects included decoupage for beginners, introduction to knitting, family history. There are two upcoming sessions with spots still available: To book call: 01503 262390

Thursday 29th Jan 10am – 11:30 am: Coffee & Book Chat

Tuesday 24th Feb 10am – 11: 30: Family History Research

Heritage Sign Project:

Alongside the Old Cornwall Society, we also launched our new Heritage Sign Project, replacing the old signs that were over 20 years old. The project, funded by the Shared Prosperity fund have added a fresh look to the town. To learn more about the heritage trail you can head to the Visit Looe website:

<https://www.visitlooe.co.uk/heritage-trail/> or request a paper copy form Looe Library & Community Hub.



Celebrating St Piran's Day

Looking forward, St Piran's Day is fast approaching. This year we're celebrating by inviting you to our Council chambers **5th March 2026 10-4pm** for hot drinks, cake, crafts & a visit from Pelynt Male Choir. The event will raise funds for St Petroc's and Porfell Wildlife Park, two Cornish charities. We would be delighted to welcome you and are gratefully accepting donations of baked goods to help raise funds. Alongside this, a children's scavenger hunt will be launching February half-term – keep an eye out for more information on this!



A Skatepark for Looe:

We are pleased to be supporting a Skate Park for Looe Community Project, who released an update, including their crowdfunder information. Looe Town Council will be leasing the land required from Cornwall Council to make this venture plausible. We continue to support Looe Development Trust in taking forward this project, also working with the Boundless Trust. You can find a link to the fundraiser here:

[https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/qr/xnZ9kaxW?
utm_campaign=sharemodal&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=shortlink](https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/qr/xnZ9kaxW?utm_campaign=sharemodal&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=shortlink)

Council Events for your diary:

- St Piran's Day Event at Looe Library & Community Hub:
5th March 2026 10AM-4PM
- Looe Town Council Annual Meeting & Mayor making Ceremony:
19th May 2026



An Update on: Reviving Town Twinning for the 50th anniversary

In October 1976 Looe signed a twinning agreement with Quiberon in Brittany and we are now working towards an ongoing revival for the years ahead, marking this anniversary year with exchanges and shared projects.

Looe Primary and Community Academies are already working with counterpart schools in Quiberon and the first penpal exchanges have taken place – real written letters! Plans are in hand for video exchanges between classrooms in both towns.

Looe Town Football Club and **Looe Pioneers Running Club** have plans in hand, perhaps with a tournoi de football as early as June this year on Quiberon's beautiful flat pitch.

The Pioneers look forward to introducing their oppos to Looe's hills – Quiberon is all flat.

The Looe Food and Drink Festival (Sunday 14 June for your diaries) are discussing new Breton flavourings and we are looking for ways of retailing examples of Quiberon food products and recipes in our shops and restaurants.

Liskeard and Looe Radio hope to connect with their counterpart MixFeever and we can imagine all sorts of broadcast exchanges.

These are just examples. There's a tremendous amount of work still to do, it seems as if we are at the foot of a very steep, high mountain. It will be worth the effort!

Keep up to date:

To keep up with the latest, follow us on Facebook, sign up to our e-newsletter at:
<https://www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk/> or pop into our community hub for a chat!



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February 2026

Our Library Team have been busy running free workshops, introducing people to new hobbies ...

LOOE LIBRARY

MONTHLY UPDATE



Did you know? As one of the many devolved library sites, **Looe Town Council** fund Looe Library for the community. Our library welcomes everyone and our regular groups and events are free and accessible to all.

Every Monday, we run **Stories & Songs** for under 5's, **The Write Place**, a drop-in creative writing session happens on the first Tuesday of the month, **Knit & Natter** takes place very Tuesday afternoon and all ages enjoy Lego and board games at **Saturday Club**. In addition, we have regular **Job Centre Drop-Ins** and **Police Drop-In Surgeries**.

On 5th March, we are hosting a **St. Piran's Day Tea Party** - come and join us for tea and cakes!



Catherine
Supervisor, Looe Library & Community Hub



... decoupage, knitting and how to research family history.



To celebrate
The National Year of Reading 2026, we are treating you to a whole year of **FREE Author Talks & Workshops**

Lorna Marlow
will be reading from and talking about her novel
'Finding Home'

2-3pm
Thursday 5th February

Roland Monger
will be reading from and talking about his book
'My Big Toe is Killing Me'

10.30-11.30am
Thursday 12th March

FREE CLUBS & GROUPS

Stories & Songs	EVERY MONDAY 10:30-11AM
Knit & Natter	EVERY TUESDAY 2-4PM
Saturday Club	EVERY WEEK 11AM-1PM
The Write Place	1ST TUES O/T MONTH 10:30AM

Don't miss out!
Follow us
Looe Library & Community Hub



Shouts

Our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Between 7 November 2025 and 11 January 2026 our volunteer crew pagers have remained silent.

Souvenir Shop

Our souvenir shop has reopened for the 2026 season. Subject to volunteer availability, and the weather, it will be open daily between 11 am and 4pm. Our shop has a wide range of gifts and 2026 products.

Albatross Boathouse

Subject to the weather, our visits team may open the boathouse for the Wednesday / Thursday / Friday over the February 2026 half term. Our boathouse will reopen daily to the public from Easter and like our shop 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.

Can you volunteer as a boathouse guide by sparing 2½ hours or more a week?

We are looking for volunteer boathouse guides to join our visits team. Shifts are 11am to 1.30pm and 1.30pm to 4pm and we are looking for individuals who could be flexible in covering shifts and the occasional weekend. The role of our boathouse guides is to welcome visitors to the station, and as mentioned above, promoting the work of the RNLI and our volunteer crews by providing information about the charity's lifeboats, launch vehicles and lifeguards. To apply, please visit <https://volunteer.rnli.org/opportunities/104699-lifeboat-visits-team-member-looe-cornwall-flexible-weekday-and-weekend-shifts-2026-01-07> or to discuss these roles further please email our Lifeboat visits officer, Geoff, on visits@loolifeboats.co.uk

Keeping safe on the coast

During the winter months there is no RNLI lifeguard cover on Seaton and Whitsand Bay beaches, so 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.



Do you know how to [#FloatToLive?](#) This World Drowning Prevention Day, we want everyone to practise and [#FindYourFloat](#).

In a safe, lifeguarded location:

- Tilt your head back with ears submerged
- Relax and try to breathe normally
- Move your hands and legs to help you stay afloat
- It's ok if your legs sink, we all float differently
- Once you're over the initial shock, call for help or swim to safety

Remember it. Practise it. Share it.

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>

RNLI Fundraising events

Organised by the RNLI's Looe and Liskeard Fundraising team

Friday 13 March 2026

The Countrymen

A Cornish Folk Rock Harmony group who are internationally acclaimed, The group is in demand at all the major festivals and recently appeared at the Falmouth Shanty Festival. Their fans travel the length of the country to hear them perform and our fundraising team are delighted to bring the group to the Hannafore Hotel for an unforgettable evening of music

Head over to Eventbrite to get your tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rnli-looe-presents-the-countrymen-2026-tickets-1768351871049>

Saturday 14 March 2026

The History of Penlee

Martin Brockman discusses the history of the RNLI in Penlee and the Penlee Disaster of 1981. To compliment the evening Polperro Fishermen's Choir will entertain with sea shanties, one of which, is dedicated to the RNLI and Penlee in particular. There will also be a bar available at the venue.

This event is free to attend, but you must register your attendance by securing a ticket via eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rnli-looe-present-martin-brockmans-illustrated-talk-2026-tickets-1954503676109>

Saturday 28 March 2026

Company B

Get ready to dust off your dancing shoes, brush up on your Jive moves and join the RNLI Looe and Liskeard fundraising team at the Hannafore Point Hotel for an evening of pure enjoyment, engaging with Company B the South West's most energetic and popular Jive Band.

Company B are an energetic jive band playing music from the "Louis" (Jordan and Prima), Bull Moose Jackson, Wynonie Harris & Tiny Bradshaw. If you don't want to strut your stuff, just come along and enjoy the electric atmosphere and blow away the winter blues.

To get your tickets please head over to Eventbrite :

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rnli-looe-presents-company-b-tickets-1765803769609>

Friday 15 May 2026

Johnny Cowling Live

An evening of laughter and Cornish humour

The RNLI Looe and Liskeard fundraising team are hosting an evening with Johnny Cowling live on Friday 15 May 2026 at the Portbyhan Hotel West Looe

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start - there will be a raffle and bar

Tickets are available through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rnli-looe-presents-an-evening-with-johnny-cowling-2026-tickets-197656132713>

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Hannafore Point Hotel Friday 13 March 2026

Doors open 7pm & show starts 7-30pm

Raffle & Bar



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Creative Looe: United by the Sea

Creative Looe's United by the Sea project is moving into an exciting new phase, with local schools, businesses and residents playing a central role in what is shaping up to be one of Looe's most collaborative community art initiatives.

From 20 January, children at Looe Primary Academy will begin taking part in hands-on workshops to make ceramic fish. These sessions will introduce pupils to clay work while contributing directly to the creation of a large-scale mural planned for the harbour-side.

Students at Looe Community Academy have already made are almost 200 ceramic fish with many more workshops planned over the coming months.



Our first "glazing party" where we glazed 61 ceramic fish made by Year 7 students from Looe Community Academy

The project received a major boost over the festive period with the success of **The 12 Days of Fishmas film** (<https://www.creativelooe.org>). Released on Christmas Eve featuring Looe Junior School singing, by Boxing Day nearly 6k views meant it had reached a bigger audience than the population of Looe.

Created to celebrate Looe's "unsung heroes", the film was also **featured on ITV West Country**.

<https://www.itv.com/watch/news/the-12-days-of-fishmas-a-short-film-celebrates-local-heroes-in-the-cornish-town-of-looe/p6zc30y>)

The response from the community and beyond has been overwhelmingly positive, helping to raise both awareness of the project and pride in the people who make Looe special.

Fundraising efforts continue to be vital in supporting the schools' workshops, particularly the making of larger ceramic fish for the mural.

Creative Looe would like to extend sincere thanks to the Co-op and Looe Library for selling *United by the Sea calendars* (based on The 12 Days of Fishmas), tea towels and small ceramic fish. Every penny raised goes directly towards enabling children and young people to take part in the project and see their work displayed in the town.

Looking ahead, Creative Looe is also developing an entirely new initiative: Looe's Illustrated Fish Cookbook. This forthcoming publication will feature fish recipes contributed by local chefs, residents and well-known supporters, alongside paintings of the finished dishes by students at Looe Community Academy.

Like United by the Sea, the cookbook aims to celebrate creativity, food and community while providing another opportunity for young people to showcase their talents.

With workshops beginning, fish piling up, and new projects on the horizon, United by the Sea, Creative Looe's first major project, continues to gather momentum — bringing together art, education and community pride at the heart of Looe.



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In January we launched our Crowdfunder to raise £300,000 to build the Edwina Hannaford Skatepark – and this is the closest Looe has ever been to making it happen.

If we want to cross the finish line, we need everyone who lives, works or holidays in Looe to back this project in any way they can.

The Crowdfunder is vital.

Why? Because every other funder asks us the same question first:

“What support have you had from your local community?”

This Crowdfunder campaign is how we prove to them that Looe really wants a skatepark – and is willing to help make it happen.

Previous attempts in 2003 and 2010 to build on the edge of the Millpool failed due to noise issues, but the £8,000 raised at the time has been safely held and will now go straight into this project. Grant funding was previously agreed in principle, but because the projects didn’t go ahead, the monies aren’t paid out so we’re starting again – with a big target and limited time.

How you can help now:

- ▶ **Donate** – pledge whatever you can on our Crowdfunder Share – spread the link and join our Facebook group for updates and rewards
- ▶ **Get involved** – give a few hours to fundraising with our Action Group
- ▶ **Businesses** – donate a reward (big or small!)
- ▶ **Local groups** – host an event and donate some or all proceeds (we’ll help promote it)

WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU

Thank you for your support.

Looe Development Trust, Looe Town Council, The Boundless Trust

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NEWS FROM EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST

East Looe Town Trust (ELTT) is a charity that is governed by a board of volunteer Trustees – and we are pleased to say that for 2026 we continue to be led by our Chair Andy Bishop and Vice-Chair Phil Gibson. There are formal Trustee board meetings every month for the Trustees to oversee the management of ELTT as well as all the day-to-day business, which is largely in the hands of our valued staff.

Of course, many of you know that the beach and seafront are owned by ELTT but some are surprised to hear that we also own and manage the Wooldown and various buildings around East Looe, including the (new) Guildhall, Rose Garden, The Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol, Market House, three carparks and our iconic buildings on the seafront. As with every organisation, costs are increasing and we have to balance the books carefully in order to be able to protect our heritage properties as well as maintain the seafront, beach and Wooldown for public use.

ELTT are part of the monitoring process for Bathing Water Quality and we are delighted that we have again retained the “good” rating for another year. It has been noticeable over the last few years that more people are swimming from the beach all year round which is lovely to see. We would encourage all users of the beach to be aware of weather conditions and follow all safety advice given on the signage on the seafront and by the RNLI.

As we look forward into 2026 – our Museum will be open from Easter. Despite the Museum being closed for the winter, our dedicated team of volunteers are continuing to work quietly in the background, working on ensuring all cataloguing of artefacts is up to date and working on new displays for the coming season. Look out for the football World Cup connection.

Looe has experienced lots of weather at the beginning of this year, but we look forward to the spring and then summer. We often get asked about the seaweed that washes up onto the beach (as well as various other items). Due to microplastics in the sea, we are not able to sell the seaweed (as has been suggested) but we do work closely with conservation organisations and control the seaweed. It is very important for the ecology of the beach and sea that seaweed exists and so the sharp-eyed amongst you will notice that we manage the seaweed so that enough stays on the beach and enough goes back into the sea so that the seaweed and humans are happy!

We are pleased to be involved in many community events, including working with Looe Lions, and various events happening on the beach and seafront.

If you need to contact ELTT, just a reminder that our office has moved from the Guildhall to the Watchtower on the seafront, our phone number remains the same 01503 263709 and we can be contacted on email info@eastlooe towntrust.co.uk



Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol, East Looe



The Museum is currently closed for our normal winter break. We are tidying, researching and creating a couple of new displays in readiness for when we re-open on the 30th March in time for Easter.

A question for you: What do you know about the Sun-dial Obelisk by the shelter on East Looe Seafront? You know, the big granite one with the inscription: "Presented by Capt. T. Narramore Were 1891." I have always thought it slightly strange, the good people of Looe didn't need a sun-dial in 1891. Many had pocket-watches and both Church Towers had clocks, so who was this man?

Thomas Narramore Were was born in Wellington, Somerset in 1806 to Nicholas and Frances. His father was from that area, an attorney & notary. His mother was born Frances Binns, to a long-established Looe family of Quakers. Nicholas was also a Quaker and they married at the East Looe Meeting House.

The family lived in Wellington with Thomas marrying there, but his parents later moved to Plymouth and for a period around 1841 his father lived in East Looe. Thomas himself became a Master Mariner and Sea-Captain and lived in London until his death in 1895, where he is buried. (His mother died in Plymouth in 1855 and his father in London in 1857)

The obelisk was presented to Looe in 1891 when Captain Thomas was 85.

I can only assume he had fond memories of the town. Although he didn't seem to ever have lived here, there were family members still around and maybe he made port often as a Sea-Captain. In his later years he was a Clerk for Trinity House; the sea was in his blood.

Here is where I need your help. I believe there is a Memorial Plaque in St. Martin's Church: "In Memory of Thomas Narramore Were, Captain in the East India Company, and for 43 years one of the Elder Brethren of Trinity House. Aug 16th, 1806 - 28th Feb 1895"

Where is this plaque? I would love to see it now I know a little more about this man who clearly cherished our lovely town.

Thanking you all in advance. Email: museum@eastlooe-towntrust.co.uk

Penny McHugh

Volunteer Curator Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol, East Looe



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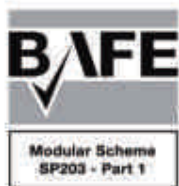
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LOOE IN BLOOM

Hello and a very Happy New Year from all the Looe in Bloomers. We hope you are surviving this wet, cold winter. We're glad to see that the evenings have already started to get lighter and signs of spring are on the way.

Thanks to the wonderful Looe Shedders, we have had all our tools sharpened by them and we will be ready to tackle the weeds in the spring.

We are all ready for our 'Name that Tune' event on Saturday 21st February. Get your team together and see the poster image on the right for details of how to obtain your tickets. We'd like to thank Hilary Wright and Peter Flukes for kindly offering their time to host this event for us.

We've contacted all our existing customers regarding summer planting and we're delighted that almost all are happy to continue supporting us. Don't forget, if you'd like a hanging basket or to discuss alternatives and you are in East Looe town, West Looe Quay/Square or Hannafore then do get in touch.

Our volunteers have been keeping in touch with a once a month coffee date and will be ready to start the work as usual in the spring.

Thanks as always to all our supporters old and new and to our funders – we so appreciate you. Continuing donations are all gratefully received to help keep Looe in Bloom on the road. This link will take you to the GoFundMe site: - <https://gofund.me/7517fff4> or scan the QR code:

If you are interested in volunteering or you wish to contact us, please email us at: looeinbloom@outlook.com

A pink-bordered poster for the 'Looe In Bloom' event. At the top left is a circular image of a flower basket. The text 'Looe In Bloom' is in a pink script font, followed by 'presents' in small blue text. Below this, 'NAME THAT TUNE' is written in large, colorful, blocky letters. To the right of the text are several musical notes and a treble clef. Below the title, it says 'on Saturday 21st February 2026 at The Millpool Centre from 7.30 pm to 10.30 pm'. A yellow box with the word 'RAFFLE' in black letters is below the time. Then, 'Cost: £10 per person includes Pasty Supper' is written in pink. Below that, in smaller text, '(Bar available to buy drink – NOT Bring your own)'. Then, 'BOOK IN ADVANCE' is in blue, followed by 'to avoid disappointment as there are restricted numbers'. At the bottom, contact information is listed: 'Contact: Jo Gale on 07967 410970' and 'Email: looeinbloom@outlook.com'. A small line at the very bottom reads 'All Profits made will go to Looe In Bloom so we can Keep Looe Blooming !'.

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LOOE LUGGER CLASSICS

LOOE its bracing itself for an invasion of baggywrinkles, bumpkins, carlins, gudgeons and ratlines... but it's something that needs neither pest control nor another weather warning (after all we've had enough of those already this winter!)

The boating world's varied, unusual and sometimes colourful lexicon is likely to fill the air around the quays of East and West Looe over the July 31 - August 2 weekend when the Looe Lugger Classics sailing regatta flows into port.

Organised as usual by the Looe-based Cornish Lugger Association, this once biennial event has now been added to the annual calendar and has expanded by welcoming yachts from the South West Old Gaffers Association to join those wooden-built former fishing luggers, many of whom are now more than 100 years old.



Fishing flashback: Built as the Eileen in 1920, the Curtis and Mitchell lugger worked out of Looe for the Toms family, and in latter years was owned by Edward Toms and then Paul Greenwood, the founder chairman of the Cornish Lugger Association.

The lugger committee is keen that Looe's maritime history should not be allowed to drift away on the oceans of time and its members are buoyed to know that the people of Looe and district and, especially authorities like the Looe Harbour Commissioners, West and East Looe Town Trusts, the Looe Town Council, Looe Sailing Club and the RNLI share those ideals; indeed, without the support of local organisations, especially the harbour's owners and custodians, the popular regatta would not be possible.



Yellow yarns: After almost 60 years of daily fishing the English Channel waters, the Eileen was later put back to sea as a leisure lugger, then owned by Penryn's Lorraine Harris
Picture: John Collings

This year's event will build on the outstanding success of the 2025 edition with sailing races in the bay and a Regatta Village at Mally's Shed (the West Looe Quayside Centre) full of music, food, pictorial memories, heritage talks and demonstrations.

Because of the size of the old luggers, the regatta has to be held on some of the highest tides of the year and that is the reason why this year's event has shifted slightly from its regular slot.

It also means that the Old Gaffers and some of the luggers will 'feed' into the event from Fowey Classics, rather than the other way around which was the case 12 months ago.

Unfortunately, though, the event now clashes with the start of the National Scorpion dinghy sailing championships, organised by the sailing club in the bay.



Colour change: The pink-hulled Demeter – her name comes from the ancient Greek goddess of agriculture, harvest, grain, and fertility, often referred to as the 'Earth Mother' – is planning a return to Looe this summer. New owner Dougal Bird restored the 106-year-old lugger at Falmouth where he "dedicated everything to rescuing this gorgeous ship from Looe."

Picture: Dougal Bird

And the sting in the tail there is that long-standing lugger race officer Brian Bowdler will be unavailable as he is on duty for the Scorpions, whose title races at Mount's Bay last summer attracted more than 50 boats and were won by Tom Gillard and his crew Rachael Gray.

The fact that Gillard is a professional sailmaker with the prestigious North Sails company and has won 37 major championships in ten different types of boats, tells you much about these high-ranking UK championships.

Bowdler's expertise will be much missed by the luggers but, fortunately, another experienced local sailor, David Juleff, is stepping in to oversee the regatta's three races over the weekend.

Classic boat owners throughout the South West of England, and even farther afield, have already pencilled in the Looe date – and one boat looks certain to turn heads on her return.

Not seen at Looe regattas for more than a decade, the Toms family's former 42-footer, Eileen, has now been re-named Demeter and new owner Dougal Bird has re-painted her in pink from bow to stern.

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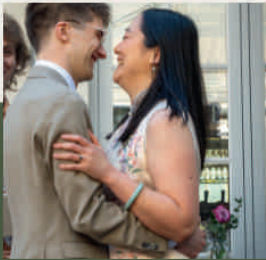

EMMA WILKINSON - CELEBRANT

Sometimes people hope to mark the important milestones in life in a very individual way. This includes birth, marriage, even death. As your independent celebrant, based in West Looe, I can help you to achieve your hopes for a unique and loving ceremony to become a reality. Whether you want to celebrate the life of a loved one; make or renew your vows in a location that is special to you; or welcome the safe arrival of a new little one into the world by celebrating the gift of their name - let me guide you.

To me, each ceremony is unique. Together we can weave personal stories, music, non-religious or religious elements together - whatever matters to you - so that each ceremony is as individual as the people who created it. From intimate gatherings to larger services, my wish for all these ceremonies is that they will be cherished in memories forever.

I also offer an advisory package for people who wish to make a 'living order of service' - so that loved ones have less to contemplate at their time of grief. You may have heard of a 'living will' - this is similar, but 'with a twist'. It is designed for those who wish to have an active voice, in advance, about what the content of their funeral will be. Favourite poems, readings, songs or hymns. I can capture all these wishes and record them in a document that is special and personal. This package also includes a 'Memory Journal' to help prompt you to think about your milestones and what is important to you in life.

Contact me via my website (see below) for more information.

Emma Wilkinson - Independent Celebrant	Inspirational Ceremonies...for all life events	Based in Looe. Happy to Travel.
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LOOE COMMUNITY TEA ROOM

The Community Tearoom in the Rose Garden is open from 10am until midday Monday to Saturday.

It is run by volunteers.

We also have two trips a year.

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Pat and her team

Looe Shedders

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Looe Shedders: Building More Than Projects in 2026

2026 promises to be a big year for Looe Shedders — not only because of progress towards a permanent, eco-friendly workshop at Sclerder Abbey, but also because of the diversity of community projects already under way and those being planned for the months ahead.

For anyone unfamiliar with us, a Shed is a community group that brings people together to share skills, creativity and companionship through practical and craft-based activities. Looe Shedders is a friendly group of local people — men and women — who meet regularly to enjoy making things and to support the wider community. The emphasis is as much on wellbeing and social connection as it is on the projects themselves, and that combination continues to deliver real benefits across the town.

Current Community Projects:

A Playhouse for Looe Primary School

One of our most substantial current projects is the repainting and re-assembly of a two-storey wooden playhouse destined for Looe Primary School. Carefully renovated by Shedders, it will soon be back in use, providing imaginative play opportunities for pupils for years to come.



Fire-Pit Benches for Looe Scouts

We are also busy making a set of robust timber benches to go around a new fire pit for Looe's Scouts. Designed with durability and safety in mind, the benches will support outdoor learning, campfire activities and social gatherings.

Renovation of a Rocking Motorcycle

A smaller but characterful project involves the renovation of a rocking motorcycle, restoring it to safe working order and giving it a new lease of life for the next generation.

Looking Ahead

Demand for the Shedders' time, skills and creativity continues to grow, and our waiting list reflects a wide range of community needs and ideas, including:

- A “friendship bench” for Duloe Primary School, intended to promote inclusion and wellbeing in the playground
- A possible train-shaped planter in the Mariner's Gardens, celebrating the heritage of the Looe Valley railway line, which once extended along the whole of the East Looe quay
- Renovation of an automaton from Donald Pink's puppet shop, for possible display in the Looe Museum, helping preserve a unique part of the town's cultural history

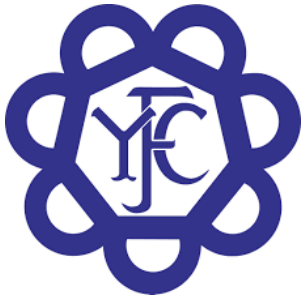
As capacity allows — and particularly as plans for a permanent workshop develop — Looe Shedders looks forward to taking on further projects that combine practical, craft and creative skills with clear community benefit.

New Members Welcome

Looe Shedders is always keen to hear from anyone who might like to join us, whether or not they consider themselves particularly “handy” or creative. Skills can be learned; good company is guaranteed. We are also happy to hear from local organisations with projects that might suit the Shedders' approach.

2026 is shaping up to be a year of progress, purpose and partnership — and Looe Shedders is proud to be playing its part in the life of the town.

email: contactus@looeshedders.co.uk Website: <https://www.looeshedders.co.uk>



Pelynt & District Young Farmers Club

Thank you so much for supporting our Tinsel Tractor Run. We raised an amazing £3700 for our brilliant charities, the Cornwall Air Ambulance, Cancer Research UK and club funds 🥰 The whole of Pelynt YFC can't thank you all enough for making this year's event such a success.

Special thanks to this year's sponsors- [D J Wills Forage](#) [The Tipsy Cow](#), [NFU Mutual](#), and the [Talland Bay hotel](#). To all businesses that stayed open throughout the event. To [Liskeard and Looe Radio](#) for the festive music and commentary. To [C360 Group Ltd](#) for providing first response and supporting us along the way. To [Looe Harbour Commissioners](#) and team for enabling us to use the whole carpark as well as your continued support and hard work before and on the day and to Polperro car park for allowing us to start there. To Chris at [CC Services Building & Groundworks Ltd](#) for leading the parade. [The Lions Club of Looe](#) for your wonderful support with the lead up and on the day. Helping us Marshall the event, sorting the road closure and much more. To Peter Friend at [Welcome To Looe & Polperro](#) for the incredible publicity and amazing posters, plus supporting us on the day and so much more. To all drivers and passengers that made another magical display in our community possible. And last but no means least to everyone that came along to support, watch and donated. You are all truly amazing.



In December members visited Hillcrest Care Home with two decorated tractors to show the residence and join together to sing some Christmas carols.

In January some of the members braved the rough weather and went out collecting Christmas Trees for our chosen charities.

Fun activities have included ice skating and laser tag, Christmas meals and parties.

Up and coming events in the community with Pelynt YFC:

21st February 2026 – Dung Run
(See Poster for details).

If you would like to join or get involved please contact Pelynt YFC club secretary Kensa (07977 239244) or check Pelynt YFC out on social media to find our programme of activities. We meet most Wednesday nights. You don't have to be a farmer to be a young farmer.

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A belated Happy New Year to you all from the Looe Branch of the Royal British Legion. We hope you all survived the storms and freezing weather without too many mishaps. Remember that the Royal British Legion (RBL) supports the entire UK Armed Forces community, including serving personnel, veterans, and their families, offering help from just one day of service onwards with financial aid, housing, employment, welfare, health (physical/mental), and support for carers, aiming to help them transition to civilian life and live independently. If you think you, or someone you know, qualifies for help from the 'Legion', then see the help details at the end of this article.

We do not have much to report in this hibernation period awaiting Spring, but sadly there was some mindless vandalism on the 'Silent Soldiers' at the Looe War Memorial. The memorial is in an area covered by security cameras, and the vandalism is now an ongoing police enquiry. Apart from that, all is quiet on the Looe Legion front.



Meetings: If you are interested or simply curious about the 'Legion' then please come along to one of our friendly meetings. They do not last long and then transcend into a social evening. We meet on the first Monday of each month in the ground floor bar of the Looe Social Club, starting sharp at 7.30pm. You do not have to be a member of the Social Club to attend and there is no pressure to join the Royal British Legion.

Help from the Royal British Legion: You can call them on 0808 802 8080 from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week. Calls are free from UK landlines and main mobile networks. Also available is an online chat service from 8am to 8pm every day or email on: info@britishlegion.org.uk. 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

Looe Royal British Legion [email: rbl.looe@gmail.com](mailto:rbl.looe@gmail.com)



LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

Our next talks are:

Saturday 14th February, Brian Oldham will talk about "Liskeard Iron Foundries"

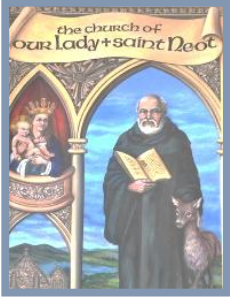
Saturday 14th March, AGM and local shanty group Miner Quay

Meetings are held at St Martin's Hall at 2.30 pm.

Admission is £2 for visitors, members free.

Come along and give us a try - you don't have to be old or Cornish.

More information from the Old Cornwall Society website <https://kernowgoth.org>



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**The Installation of Bishop
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Saturday 29th November 2025
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Cathedral of St Mary &
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Quay Wall Collapse Update

On Friday 18th July 2025, a section of Quay wall at West Looe collapsed. Emergency repairs were actioned immediately.

Shortly after the Quay wall collapse at West Looe, a bulging section of wall was discovered at East Looe, during one of our routine wall inspections.

Since then, the Project Team have been liaising with the Marine Management Organisation, legal advisors, Cornwall Council, marine specialists and potential contractors, to ensure that solutions were found which were acceptable (in terms of permissions etc.) and fit for purpose. Necessary permissions have now been secured, and a contractor (specialising in marine civil engineering) has been selected to complete the works.

Both the repair (West Looe) and stabilisation works (East Looe), will be completed simultaneously.

Works are due to commence on site week commencing 16th February 2026. It is hoped that works will be completed in early April, although this is subject to favourable weather conditions throughout the project, and no additional complications arising.

During the project, a compound will be set up on West Looe Quay, which will significantly reduce the number of parking spaces available to members of the public. A temporary walkway adjacent to the build site will be established to ensure pedestrians do not have to walk in the road.

The West Looe slip will remain unavailable until the works have been completed.

Businesses are asked to make customers aware of these works, and the possibility that alternative parking arrangements may need to be made.

No suitable funding opportunities have been identified and the Quays are 'non insurable'. Therefore, the repair and stabilisation work will be funded from Looe Harbour Commissioners reserves. The cost of these works is expected to be in the region of £400,000 + vat.

Every effort will be made to minimise disruption to businesses and residents that are in the close vicinity of the works.

Looe Harbour Commissioners request cooperation and patience whilst these essential works are being undertaken.

**Looe Harbour Commissioners
January 2026**



Looe Harbour Commissioners Car Parks Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What type of system is operating on the Buller Quay, East Looe car park?

An Automatic Number Plate Recognition System (ANPR) is now in place.

2. If I purchase a car park ticket, can I exit and re-enter within that period?

Yes, provided any 'overstay' is paid for before the vehicle leaves the car park (for the second time). Please note, Top ups are only available on the Buller Quay, East Looe car park.

3. Are the car park tickets transferable ie, If a Pay and Display ticket is purchased on Buller Quay, East Looe, can I use the same ticket on West Looe Quay (or vice versa)?

No. Tickets are not transferable between LHC East and West Looe car parks.

4. Can I extend the length of my parking before my time expires?

Yes.

(i) Buller Quay, East Looe car park – Top ups can be made via the P&D machine or the Parkonomy App

(ii) West Looe Quay car park – Top ups can only be made via the Parkonomy App.

5. If I overstay the time that I have purchased a P&D ticket for, can I Top-Up before I leave the car park?

(i) Buller Quay, East Looe Car park - Yes. Overstay top ups can be made via the Pay and display machines or by using the Parkonomy App.

(ii) West Looe Quay car park – No. Overstay top-ups cannot be made on the West Looe Quay car park. Please ensure that you purchase enough time for your visit.

6. Are there any concessions for disabled badge holders?

LHC provide 3 disabled badge holder spaces in Buller Quay, East Looe car park. However, the normal parking charges apply.

7. If there is an emergency and my parking time expires, what should I do?

Please contact the Harbour Patrol staff (07539 176 046) or Harbour office (01503 262839) as soon as possible.



8. If there is a hold-up to exit the Buller Quay car park (East Looe) and I am concerned that I have over-run the parking time that I have paid for, what should I do?

Please contact the Harbour Patrol staff (07539 176 046) or Harbour office (01503 262839).

Please note the ANPR cameras on the Buller Quay car park is linked to a CCTV system.

9. Is there free parking for short visits, for example collection of prescriptions?

No. Following requests from members of the public, a half-hour car park charge (50p) has been introduced. This can be purchased to cover short stays in LHC car parks. If there is an emergency and you cannot find a car park space, please contact the Harbour Patrol staff on 07539 176 046.

10. Why can I no longer purchase a £2 overnight ticket (6pm -> 8am)?

With the new car park system, it is no longer possible to do this. However, a local's yearly parking permit has been introduced (£100 + vat). This allows local residents to park on either of the LHC owned car parks for £0.33p per night from 6pm to 9am the following morning. Employees of local businesses that reside outside of the catchment area, may also qualify for a discounted yearly annual parking permit. This must be applied for by their employer. Application forms and further details are available from the Harbour office.

11. How Do I Raise an Enquiry with Alliance Parking?

Email: info@alliance-parking.co.uk

12. How do I Pay a Parking Charge (PCN)?

Visit: <https://www.alliance-parking.co.uk/payments> Or Call 0330 333 8427(option 1)

13. How do I Appeal a Parking Charge?

Visit: <https://www.alliance-parking.co.uk/appeals>

Please be advised Looe Harbour Commissioners cannot get involved with an Appeal.

14. How Do I Complain to Alliance Parking?

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GUNNERS KIDS CIC

Valentine's & Finance Workshop for Families Affected by Terminal Illness

Gunners Kids CIC, a Cornwall-based non-profit organisation dedicated to supporting families with children when a parent or caregiver is facing a terminal illness, is pleased to announce its upcoming Valentine's & Finance Workshop, a free and supportive event designed especially for families navigating incredibly challenging circumstances.

This unique workshop offers families the opportunity to come together in a warm, understanding environment, combining practical support (mortgages, insurance, wills & power of attorney) and creative Valentine's gift-making. Families are invited to attend for one activity or both, because love doesn't stop when life gets complicated.

The event takes place on Sunday 8th February from 11am to 1pm, Alexander Hall, St Blazey (next to Co-op).

The workshop is open to families affected by the terminal illness of a parent or caregiver, welcoming children, parents, carers, and support networks. Sessions are delivered in a compassionate, confidential setting by professionals who understand the complexities of anticipatory grief and family wellbeing.

Booking is required for this event please visit:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/valentines-and-finance-workshop-tickets-1980308760812

Gunners Kids CIC continues to deliver a range of services across Cornwall, including activity days, workshops, drop-in support sessions, and tailored support boxes for children. All services are designed to help families cope with anticipatory grief, strengthen family bonds, and make the most of their time together.

For further information please contact:

tamsin@gunnerskids.org

or visit www.gunnerskids.org

A pink-themed poster for a Valentine's & Finance Workshop. The title 'Valentine's & Finance Workshop' is in large white font at the top. Below it, 'SUNDAY 8 FEB' is in white font on a dark pink rectangular background. The location '11am to 1pm Alexander Hall, St Blazey (next to co op)' is in dark pink font. A circular badge on the right says 'For parents & carers navigating terminal illness' with a heart icon. Two heart icons precede the bullet points: 'Practical support (mortgages, insurance, wills & power of attorney)' and 'Creative Valentine's gift-making.' Below these, it says 'Come for one activity or both, because love doesn't stop when life gets complicated.' At the bottom left is the 'gunners kids' logo with a starburst, and at the bottom right is the website 'gunnerskids.org' in white on a dark pink background. The background of the poster is decorated with many small pink hearts and a glass jar filled with hearts on the right side.

Valentine's & Finance Workshop

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St Blazey (next to co op)

For parents & carers navigating terminal illness

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- ♥ Creative Valentine's gift-making.

Come for one activity or both, because love doesn't stop when life gets complicated.

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MILLPOOL CENTRE SOCIETIES DAY

Please get in touch if you would like to book a stall at this event.

There is no charge for the booking:

This invite is only for local to Looe clubs, organisations & societies...

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO FIND INFO ON CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS IN THE LOOE AREA

There will be a cafe selling hot drinks and cakes to stall holders and the public.

If you are interested in joining this event please let me know as soon as possible.

SATURDAY 28TH FEB 2026

From 11am to 2pm




Are you retired or semi-retired? Looking for some lively company, fun friendships and stimulating activities?

Then why not join Looe & district u3a.

We are a friendly organisation meeting once a month in St. Martin's Hall to listen to informative speakers covering a wide range of topics. We also have smaller interest groups: from Art to Wild swimming and everything in between! Enjoy social events? We arrange many trips, concerts, quizzes, lunches and teas.

The motto of the u3a organisation is **Learn, Laugh, Live** and that's what we do!

Check out our website on looeu3a.org



For more information, please contact the Chair, Alison Currah on chair@looeu3a.org or the Membership Secretary on membership@u3a.org

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CHILDMINDING

My name is lisha, and I am a qualified and Ofsted registered childminder based in West Looe. I have many years of experience working within childcare and educational settings.

My opening hours are from 7am - 6pm Monday – Friday

All families are welcome, including home-educated children.

If you require a childminder, and would like to find out more about

Calm-space Childminding

Please call or message me on: 07984017776

or email me at: ieware17@gmail.com

SCLERDER ABBEY: EVENTS FEBRUARY TO AUGUST 2026



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:

24th February, 12th May 2026, from 10am to 4pm.

Hot drinks and a simple lunch are provided.

There is no charge for the day, but donations are very welcome!

GREEN ABBEY RESIDENTIAL SESSION:

Friday 17th to Wednesday 22nd April 2026. A chance to explore how we can work with nature to grow food sustainably, how this links with care for our planet and the people within it, with an opportunity to experience community life and the spiritual rhythm of the Abbey during the session. The programme includes practical demonstrations and practice, with activities offered suitable for different ages and abilities.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES residential silent retreat:

Saturday 30th May to Saturday 6th June 2026 (from 6 pm 30th May, ending 10 am on 6th). An opportunity to be immersed in the quiet and peace of Sclerder Abbey to come closer to God and discern his will for you.

CANA WEEK FOR COUPLES AND FAMILIES.

Sunday 26th July to Saturday 1st August 2026. 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. This Winter we will start making beds ready for sowing spring and summer crops in the new year. We have construction projects to improve rainwater collection and irrigation. We will collect and turn material to make 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? Volunteers are also welcome to join the daily community life and prayer in the Abbey.

PERSONAL RETREATS: At times it is possible to do a personal retreat. Contact us to apply.

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/>

LOOE COMMUNITY PLAYERS SLEEPING BEAUTY



As Storm Ingrid did her very best to disrupt in real life, Looe Community Players successfully employed their own magic to dispel her effects and entertain the local community with four performances of 'Sleeping Beauty' on 22nd – 24th January at the Millpool Centre, Looe.

As usual the ladies-only troupe, directed by Marilyn King, and featuring the dancers from Sheila's School of Dancing, magnificently transported us to a

magical world where evil Witches and Dragons seek to disrupt the lives of Kings, Queens, and beautiful princesses.



Throw three good Fairies and the obligatory handsome Prince into the mix and we have the timeless pantomime story told through song, dance, fabulous costumes and props and plenty of enthusiastic audience participation. Another success!!

Many thanks to the Millpool Centre for their support and to the wonderful people of Looe and surrounding areas who helped us to achieve that.



AGE CONCERN

Age Concern meet every Tuesday afternoon between 1.30pm & 4pm in the bottom bar of the Looe Socia Club We play bingo, have a raffle and a cup of tea and a chat.

We also have trips out, plus a lot more

We look forward to seeing you
Pat

SAVE THE DATE

WELCOME TO
Looe & Polperro



FEB 27th
11am-2pm

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LOOE BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION



The Looe Boat Owners Association have the following events coming up.
All will take place in Looe Sailing Club.
Newcomers are always welcome.
Visit www.lboa.co.uk for further information or contact publicity@lboa.co.uk.

Tuesday February 17th. 7.30 pm - Skittles and Supper Night.
Tuesday March 17th. 7.30 pm - Karaoke Evening and Supper
Tuesday April 14th 7.30 pm - AGM and Quiz. Supper.



Make this the year you help make a difference! Get involved in protecting our wildlife and improving our marine environment in and around Looe?

Come and meet us at the Millpool Societies Day on **Saturday 28 February** or come along to one of our monthly meetings, held every **third Tuesday of the month** at 6.15pm at Hannafore Point Hotel. Learn about volunteering opportunities; our winter talks programme; help run our spring/summer/autumn calendar of events. Discover unique training opportunities. Share your skills and bring your own ideas!

Hope to see you at some of our upcoming events.

TALKS

‘Our Underwater Habitats and the importance of Seagrass’

Tuesday 17th February - 18:15 - Hannafore Point Hotel Ballroom

Bex Allen and Chloe James of Cornwall Wildlife Trust Marine Team will talk about Cornwall’s amazing underwater habitats, with a key focus on recent discoveries and research, seagrass restoration and community science work.



‘Hidden Helford: the life beneath the waves’

Tuesday 17th March - 18:15 - Hannafore Point Hotel Ballroom

Cathy and Chris Lewis have had the pleasure of diving the Helford river for over 15 years. Using their own photos and video footage, their illustrated talk will introduce us to the fascinating and varied marine life and habitats found beneath the Helford River.

‘Campaigning for an end to sewage pollution’

Tuesday 21st April - 18:15 - Hannafore Point Hotel Ballroom

Our speaker, Marcus Kern, is the Regional rep for Surfers Against Sewage - a grassroots environmental charity dedicated to the protection of the ocean, waves, beaches and wildlife. We’ll learn about their campaign for an end to sewage pollution through ambitious and radical reform of the water industry in England and Wales.

BEACH CLEANS

Sunday 15th Feb Meet 10:30 am -12.00 pm – ‘Love Your Beach Day’ – MILLENDREATH

What better way to show your love for the beaches than to join our friendly group to clean Millendreath Beach? All kit provided. Wear suitable clothing and footwear. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Check our Facebook page for updates.

Next Beach Clean date tbc Saturday 4th April at Hannafore Meet at 13:00

ROCKPOOL RAMBLES

Explore the fascinating rocky shore to learn about animals and plants that call it home

Friday 20th February - Half Term Rockpool Ramble: Meet 13.00 – 14.30

Friday 17th April - Easter Rockpool Ramble - Meet 12 noon

Held on Hannafore Beach below the Coastguard Station. Look out for our sailflags.

Further details on our [website www.looemarineconservation.org](http://www.looemarineconservation.org) and [Facebook page](#).

WELCOME TO WEDDINGS AT LOOE GUILDHALL

The impressive and historic Grade 11 listed Guildhall was built in 1877 – as can be seen on the weathervane that proudly stands at the top of the clocktower.

The Guildhall Chamber has been licenced to perform civil marriages.

Your wedding ceremony will take place in the first floor Guildhall Chamber with a high wooden ceiling, large oil paintings and of course, magnificent stained-glass windows. You will feel a total sense of grandeur as you stand together to exchange your vows.

Exchanging wedding vows is a special moment for all couples and such a memorable event deserves to take place in a historic building.

The Chamber gives a sense of occasion and can host elopement weddings with just the couple and two witnesses, or can comfortably seat 60 guests, or any number in between!

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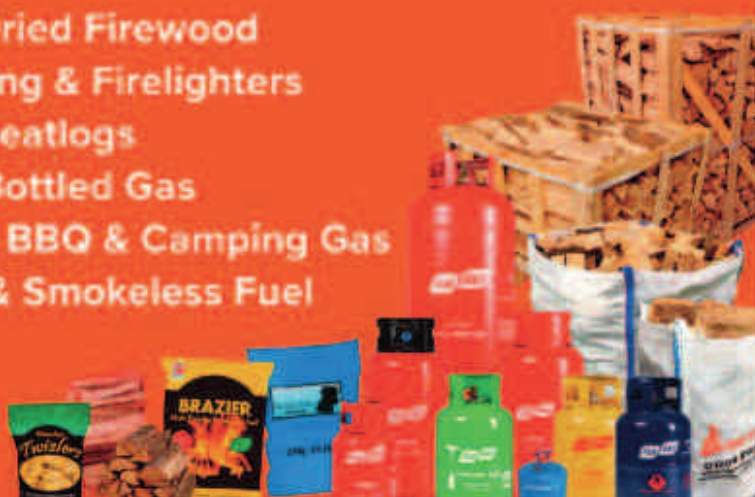
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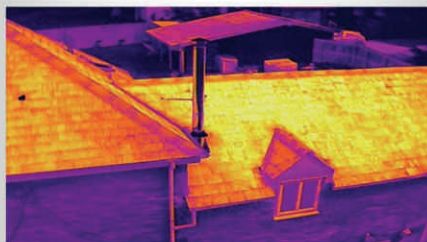


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LOOE SAILING CLUB

Club members have enjoyed a variety of activities over the festive period: a well-attended draw evening, an enjoyable Christmas Eve along with the music of Richard James and a pleasant get together of families in the Club on New Year's Eve after the early evening Firework display on the sea front.

Sailing activities commence again at the end of March. This will be preceded by a sailing members' meeting at the end of January and a registration evening in early March. It's time to get started on all those maintenance jobs to ensure the boats are in tip top condition ready for the first race.

Along with the weekly sailing programme the Club will be hosting several open meetings and championships during the spring and summer in addition to some social events for families to enjoy in the clubhouse.



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LOOE



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WEDDING RECEPTIONS

CHARITY EVENTS : PRIVATE PARTIES

The Millpool Centre is an idyllic setting for your DIY wedding reception, birthday party or a stress free child's birthday party.

Children's party rate is only £45 (up to 5hr session) for a weekend or day time booking;

We have a fully licensed bar, fantastic kitchen & everything you need for your event or party to hand. (Discounted rates for charity events). For children's parties we can accommodate all sorts of soft play, bouncy castles & activities.

Contact Wendy: 01503 265947



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Mon	8am– 9am 10.30am– 11.30 4pm - 8pm 7.30pm - 9pm	Yoga with Gocha: www.gochawellness.com Paracise: Exercise class with Lisa Gorman 1st floor 07890 381 516 Bond Dance company: contemporary & commercial age 3-young teens term time only contact: 07969 212 902 Looe Karate Club –Contact Dave - 07889 310 908 1st floor
Tue	8.30am & 9.45am 11am - 12pm 2pm - 3.30pm	Pilates with Barabara - 1st floor 50 Plus Dancercise with Sheila’s School of Dance 07866771429 Exercise Class with Looe Exercise Group - 01503 265947 1st floor
Wed	8am—9am 6pm - 7pm 7pm - 8pm 4.30pm—6pm	Yoga with Gocha 07539 178 840 1st floor (Check for term dates) Adult contemporary dance with Gocha wellness 1st floor Pilates: Gocha Wellness 1st floor Last Wednesday of each month - Community Meals - 07766 020 524
Thu	11am - 12pm 1.45pm-3.45pm 4pm - 8.30pm 7pm - 9pm	Sheila’s School of Dance Adult Dancercise - 07866 771 429 1st floor Cornwall Mind Community Café 2nd Thu of month Ballet & Tap classes, contemporary & street Child & Adult with Bond Dance Company: contact Rachel 07969 212 902 1st floor (TERM TIME ONLY) Ukulele Club (Ground Floor) contact Roger Lane: 01503 262775
Fri	4.30pm - 7.30pm 7.30pm - 9pm	Looe Youth Theatre - 07920 282 818 (Fiona) ground floor (Term time only) Looe Karate club 01503 264767 (Dave) 1st floor
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