

LOOE COMMUNITY NEWS

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Repair Café



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St. Martin's Community Hall, Looe

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Message from the Mayor, Stephen Remington:

Summer and the school holidays are here and we look forward to welcoming our visitors as always. The historic core of Looe will be crowded, fun and full of wonderful choices.

Our coastal and woodland paths offer quieter options.

Can we all work together to make our narrow streets easier to navigate? In the winter we aim to look yet again at options for making East Looe safer.

There's no simple solution and, until we find one, pedestrians (including pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters), motorists and businesses must co-exist thoughtfully and safely. Everyone take care and, businesses, please don't clutter the pavements with anything that forces pedestrians and vehicles even closer to each other.

If you were here at the May half-term week you will remember how hot and crowded it was. Most people had lots of fun, the beach was packed and ice cream sales soared.

Sadly a tiny minority lost their self-control and we had problems. Since then we have liaised closely with Devon and Cornwall Police and the Town Council are adding new CCTV cameras. With the Harbour Commission and most businesses also having their own camera coverage evidence is available for most parts of town.

The police cover a wide area but they are here to support our community. Don't hesitate to report problems. 999 for emergencies, 101 for less urgent incidents.

We are busy preparing for the revival of our town twinning with Quiberon in Brittany. It's the fiftieth anniversary of the original agreement this October and we will be welcoming the Mayor of Quiberon and his companions between 9th and 11th October. We're also looking to set up exchange visits between sports, cultural and social organisations in 2027. Fancy a trip to Brittany? If you'd like to know more please contact the Town Council – enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk Meanwhile, Looe's summer is packed with events and great things to do. Take a look at www.visitlooe.co.uk and www.welcometolooe.com Enjoy and stay safe!



Stephen Remington
Mayor of Looe



Looe Library & Community Hub Refurb

In the last few weeks, Looe Library & Community Hub has undergone a front desk transformation.

We are delighted with the results. The space is now much more open and welcoming, and we have moved the Tourist Information inside the library so visitors can ask for tips and advice at the same time as browsing leaflets and discovering what Looe has to offer. Why not pop in and see the changes for yourself?



Update on Mariners Garden

We were delighted to secure grant funding from GWR to support improvements to Mariners Garden.

Work has now begun, with the installation of new planters filled with fruit and vegetable plants, along with new picnic benches, including an accessible bench suitable for wheelchair users.

Thanks to Looe in Bloom, a beautiful boat planter has also been installed and planted with summer flowers. There is more to come, including a train and wagon planter designed and made for us by Looe Shedders. We look forward to seeing the garden continue to develop in the coming months.

Dates for Your Diary:

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 8th November, 10.30am – 12pm

Lantern Parade

Friday 27th November, 5pm – 7.30pm

To keep up to date with the latest news, events and projects from Looe Town Council:

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram, sign up to our newsletter at www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk, or pop into Looe Library & Community Hub for a chat!

Local Councillors:

To contact your local Councillor, please email enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk



LOOE LIBRARY



Summer 2026

Fantastic News !!!

Did you know, more and more people are reading and borrowing books from Looe Library.

Want the facts? A **20% increase** in the number of library books borrowed during May '26 compared to May '25... Congratulations to you!

'Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.'

Joseph Addison



Lots of exciting events lined up for the summer at your library: **3rd-8th August, Looe Library Festival Week.** The Reading Challenge for children began on **11th July.** Plus an opportunity to have your creative masterpiece on display with our **Draw & Explore Competition & Exhibition,** for all ages.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPLORERS
Looe Library Festival Week
3rd - 8th August 2026

Pick up your FREE 'Draw & Explore Pack' from Looe Library and enter our competition. Closing date Monday 31st August.

Mon 3 rd	10:30-11am Stories & Songs Fun for Under 5s
Tues 4 th	11:15am-12:15pm Reading Workshop with local author, Tom Palmer
Tues 4 th	10-11am Under the Sea Craft Craft Workshop
Thurs 6 th	10-11am Ready for a Challenge? Lego Workshop
Fri 7 th	10-11am Extraordinary Characters! Workshop with local author, JT Scott
Sat 8 th	11am-1pm Board Game Bonanza! Play games with friends & family

Events are FREE and priority places are for children registered for the SRC at Looe Library. Please phone 01903 262390 to book.

The Cornwall Reading Challenge
Extraordinary Explorers
FREE for children of all ages!
11th July - 12th Sept

Explore with Cornwall Libraries this summer!

GO ALL IN.

DRAW & EXPLORE
Looe Library Drawing Competition & Exhibition

Three Competitions

- Age 4-12
- Teenagers
- Over 18s

Pick up your FREE 'Draw & Explore Pack' from Looe Library & Community Hub
Closing date for entries - Mon 31st August

Best pieces will be displayed at Looe Library. Competition winners will be announced in September.

Catherine
Supervisor, Looe Library & Community Hub

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Stories & Songs

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EVERY WEEK 11AM-1PM

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THE LIBRARY

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Community Hub





LOOE DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT UPDATE – JULY 2026

Background

The Looe Defibrillator Project was established in 2018. Local organisations and members of the public, worked together to raise enough funds to install 12 defibs around the town. Since then, additional defibs have been added to the project, making a total of 16 project defibs, plus 3 Fleet defibs, (which operate outside of this project).

Many people will not be aware that the Looe defibrillators are tasked several times each month (particularly during peak season). Sometimes the units are used, sometimes they are taken to an incident 'just in case'. Either way, they have now become a vital resource for our local community.

Project Support

Since inception, this project has been supported by South Western Ambulance Service Trust (SWAST), in terms of providing community training sessions and replacement pads and batteries for the defibrillators, when they needed replacement. From September 2026, SWAST will no longer provide this service, and the Looe Defibrillator project will need to be self-sufficient.

There has also been support from the local Tri-service officer (who has acted as the Primary Guardian) completing monthly checks and reporting these to SWAST. This officer will also be withdrawing their services in September, due to pressure of work.

Since inception, Looe Harbour Commissioners (LHC) staff have filled the 'secondary guardian' role, ensuring that the units remain 'rescue ready', replacing pads when necessary, arranging community training sessions and raising funds to ensure the future of the project.

Proposed Way Forward

A member of the local Rotary Club has agreed to take on the Primary Guardian role and will complete the monthly checks of all defibrillators registered to the project. Looe Harbour Commissioners have agreed that the LHC staff members (who are already involved with the project) can remain as the Secondary Guardian. Their role will be expanded to include the recording and replacement of the G5 units, batteries and pads when they have reached their life expectancy.

The G5 units - have a 12-year life expectancy (with an 8 year warranty).

Imminent cost

21 pads and 13 batteries need replacement before the end of October 2026.

Quotes have been sought from independent suppliers.

A sum of £5,616.00 will need to be raised before October 2026 to keep the project afloat.

Future cost

The G5's are still considered to be very efficient units and continue to be used countrywide.

Quotes have not been sought at this time for replacement of the G5's, but indicative costs suggest that a complete G3 package would be circa £1,200 + vat. This will be researched in detail in 2029, when we will be looking to replace all 16 units plus the 3 Fleet units (to maintain consistency) ie, 19 in total.

Available Funds

There is a surplus of funds remaining from previous fund-raising campaigns. However, it is hoped that these funds can be kept ring fenced for use in October 2029, to replace the complete package for all 19 Looe defibrillators.

It is therefore hoped that the interim costs of £5,616 can be raised via a 2026 fund raising campaign. Any financial assistance that you can offer to this 'interim' fundraising plea, will be very gratefully received.

If you feel able to help with a donation, you can do so as follows;

Cheque:

Please send a cheque, payable to: Looe Development Trust (Defib Appeal):

C/O Tina Hicks
The Harbour Office
The Quay
East Looe
Cornwall.
PL13 1DX

Direct Payment into Bank:

Account Name: Looe Development Trust
Account Number: 27160068
Sort Code: 30-67-79
Ref: Defib

If you are able to 'Gift Aid' your donation, please contact the Harbour Office and we will arrange for a Gift Aid form to be sent to you.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me (Tina Hicks) via my usual Looe Harbour Commissioners (LHC) contact details:
Mobile – 07918728955
Email – ce@looeharbour.com



Free Defibrillator & Basic Life Saving Skills Training Sessions

Friday 6th November 2026
In the Heritage Centre, West Looe
10.00am (2 hours)&
1.00pm (2 hours)

Each session is limited to 12 persons.
If you would like to attend one of these sessions (please state which session) please contact:

Looe Harbour Office on 01503 262839 or
by email: reception@looeharbour.com

The sessions will be filled on
a first come, first served basis.

We look forward to hearing from you.

LOOE FESTIVAL OF WORDS



Looe Festival of Words Steering Group has been working around the clock continuing to organise a full programme of events, booking stallholders for our Bookfair, confirming details for speakers and venues, and applying for grants and sponsorship.

Here are some of the highlights of what we have in store:

Author Jason Mann will be running a creative writing workshop on The Power of Landscape and Setting. His book *The Silver Tide* was recently announced as the winner of the Holyer an Gof award for general fiction, so you know you will be in expert hands.

Paula Rooney will be talking about her latest travel memoir set in Morocco. You may have come across some of her previous books in West Looe Bookshop.

Anna Chorlton and Sue Field (of Mazed Tales) will be running a brand-new workshop in traditional Cornish droll telling (a combination of poetry and storytelling), called *The Spriggan's Child*.

We're delighted to welcome from Plymouth, **Andrew Martin and some of the poets of Shoals of Starlings Press**, who will not only be reading at the Valley Verse Poetry Night, but also running a performance poetry workshop beforehand, so you can learn some skills and gain some confidence for the evening.

And the authors of three new books, hot off the press this summer, will be featuring in our Festival Week:

Writers from Salt & Stone will be visiting Looe Bookish Club to answer all their short story questions and hear what they think of the book. **Jackie Taylor** will be hosting a Q&A with **Paul Taylor-McCartney** about his new book, *Cornwall Uncharted*, which explores the vibrant queer histories of the county. And Paul will be turning interviewer for **Luke Thompson** about *A Cornish Bestiary*, as he introduces us to the bizarre beasts of Cornwall through captivating stories of folklore, natural history, and curious animals.

Our Bookfair leads have been finalising the talks that will be taking place during the Bookfair: Angela Smith on historical fiction research, **Ed Buckingham** on climbing the Seven Peaks; and **Women Speaking Volumes** about their book (in)visibilities. There will also be a chance to hear our talented local youngsters read their own poetry.

And you'll be pleased to hear that the Festival Quiz will be back. If you are a local business who would like to donate a prize in return for some advertising, do get in touch.

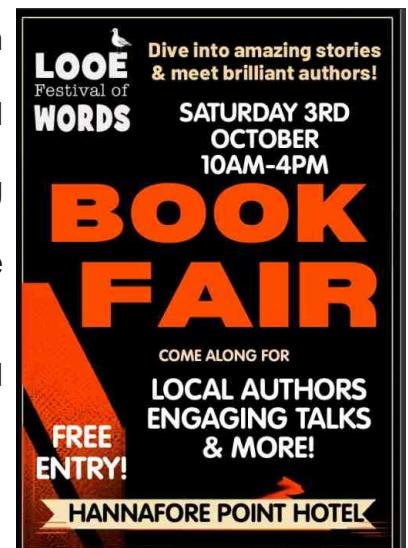
If you'd like to give a helping hand to the Festival generally, we're on the lookout for volunteers to join the team to:

- Distribute flyers and programmes in the run up to the Festival Week around Looe and neighbouring areas.
- Help set up venues and welcome attendees at the events during Festival Week.

If you would like to do either (or both!) or want to know more, please drop us an email at loofestivalofwords@outlook.com.

Lots more announcements will be appearing on our Facebook and Instagram pages so keep following us there.

We look forward to seeing you 28th September – 4th October!



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Shouts: Our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Between 13 May 2026 and 13 July 2026 our volunteer crews responded to 10 shouts.

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 for you to choose from.

Albatross Boathouse: Our boathouse is open daily to the public 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.**



Summer Hamper Raffle Draw: Our Looe and Liskeard RNLI fundraising team have organised a summer raffle, with the help of Ali from Purely Cornish, they are putting together a wonderful hamper filled with all sorts of treats and goodies. The total value of the contents will be £150. Raffle tickets are £1 each or £5 per book. They will be on sale during all of our summer events and concerts as well as in the RNLI's souvenir shop next to the lifeboat station. Please note - the attached photo gives an impression of the hamper. Once the draw takes place the hamper will be prepared with products that are 100% Cornish and will be as local as possible, including a bottle of Camel Valley sparkling wine, Cornish tea and Coffee, honey, chutney, and a beautiful St Eval candle. The draw will take place during the Stargazy concert in the Albatross boathouse on 22 September 2026, between 7.30pm and 9pm, after which the hamper will be prepared either for collection or posted on to the lucky recipient.

Keeping safe on the coast: RNLI lifeguard cover returned to Tregonhawke, Seaton, Tregantle and Sharrow beaches from 16 May when there will be daily patrols between 10 am and 6 pm. Patrols will return to Freathy beach for the summer holidays on 18 July. If you are on a lifeguarded beach please swim and bodyboard in the supervised areas marked out by red and yellow flags. When there are no lifeguards on duty or you visit a beach that is not lifeguarded, 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.

Paddleboarding in offshore winds: The prevailing winds on the south Cornish coast are predominantly south-westerly. Blowing directly off the Atlantic Ocean these winds blow onshore. However, with the current weather patterns we are experiencing long periods of easterly winds. By contrast, easterlies along our SE Cornwall coastline blow offshore i.e. out to sea and can be stronger than forecasted as they funnel down valleys towards the beaches.

Over the last few weeks RNLI lifeboat crews and lifeguards around the coast have been called out to paddleboarders who have been caught out in these strong offshore winds. The primary safety advice from the RNLI and Paddle UK is simple: never launch your paddleboard (or other inflatable craft) in offshore winds. Offshore winds (blowing from the land out to sea) can blow lightweight craft out to deep water faster than you can paddle, quickly exhausting you. If you are out on the water and are unable to paddle back to shore, do not stand on the board, as this acts like a sail. Instead: drop to your knees or lie prone (stomach-down) on the board. If you have the energy, prone paddling is the most effective way to make progress against the wind. Lie on your stomach and paddle with your arms (like a surfer). This lowers your profile and reduces wind resistance.

Remember to wear your buoyancy aid at all times, use a leash, and always carry a means of calling for help, keeping it close to hand.

In trouble **Dial 999** and ask for the coastguard

Float to live: How ever 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.

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. Tell the person in danger to float on their back and throw them something that floats, which they can use for buoyancy. #phone #float #throw Find out more at <https://respectthewater.com/>

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>

Lifeboats

The weather's **hot**
but the water's **cold**

If you get into difficulty,
FLOAT TO LIVE

If you see someone else in trouble, **Phone, Float, Throw**

- Phone **999** to get help
- Tell the casualty to **stay calm** and **float on their back**
- Throw **rescue equipment** or **something that floats** until help arrives

Lifeboats

HAVE FUN PADDLE SAFE

- WEAR A BUOYANCY AID
- CARRY A PHONE IN A WATERPROOF POUCH
- WEAR THE CORRECT LEASH
- AVOID OFFSHORE WINDS

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LOOE LUGGER CLASSICS

ALL eyes will be on the weather and the horizon as the Looe Lugger Classics returns to port over the July 31-August 2 weekend.

The weather will be so important in allowing the various fishing boats and yachts, many of them now more than 100 years old, to arrive back in their spiritual home while the horizon is where eagle eyes will start spotting the early arrivals.

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 classic South West Old Gaffers Association to join those wooden-built former fishing luggers.

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.

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.

The two music stages have been given their own names this year. The main stage will be known as The Blue Shark stage, recalling the 60th anniversary of the opening of Looe's original nightclub.

It was on the old Regent Cinema site just over Looe Bridge that is now occupied by the Amusement Arcade and which, coincidentally and fittingly, was once the home of Dick Pearce's boatbuilding yard – Dick Pearce being responsible for launching at least 17 of the famous old fishing luggers, including the Our Daddy, I.R.I.S and the Our Boys.



CENTRE STAGE: An early flyer for Looe's first nightclub, The Blue Shark, which opened its doors 60 years ago this summer and is now the site of the Amusement Arcade.

The other stage is the one situated within the Looe Sailing Club's bar area and is now known as the Redwing stage in honour of the 14-ft clinker-built sailing dinghies that were specifically designed for Looe Bay in 1938 by the legendary Uffa Fox.

Some 20 acts have been lined up to share those two stages over the three days. Full details of the regatta will be available on the Looe Lugger Classics' Facebook page and on the Welcome to Looe website.

Pictures: Andy Brice and Peter Carew

AGE CONCERN LOOE

Age Concern meet every Tuesday afternoon between 1.30pm and 4 pm
in the bottom bar of the Looe Social 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

A mix of fundraising events in aid of the RNLI and concerts organised by the RNLI's Looe and Liskeard Fundraising team



RNLI Looe

With your support, we save lives at sea

Come and enjoy our free

RNLI Boathouse Concerts 2026

at Looe Lifeboat Station, East Looe Seafront

Tuesday 11 August	7-30 pm	Whitsand Harmony
Tuesday 25 August	7-30 pm	Miner Quay
Tuesday 8 September	7-30 pm	Pelynt Male Voice Choir
Tuesday 22 September	7-30 pm	Stargazy

Collection in support of RNLI Looe

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Summer concerts

The RNLI's Looe and Liskeard fundraising team's summer concert programme is in full flow. We will advertise events closer to the date on social media and as ever they are all subject to operational commitments

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Summer Shanties

The 2026 Summer Shanties evening have proved to be popular again, and we would like to thank the teams at Welcome to Looe & Polperro and Portbyhan Hotel, together with Catch and Pengelly's Lobster shack for arranging 3 Fish, Chips & Fizz Fridays and 3 Seafood Saturdays. The final 2 dates in August are Friday 14 & Saturday 15- Tickets are priced at £45, with all profits from the six evenings being equally shared between Looe RNLI, Looe NYE Fireworks, Looe Defibrillator Appeal and Looe In Bloom for more information and to book please visit

<https://welcometolooe.com/summer-shanties-2026/>



In support of Looe RNLI

Lifeboats

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Sunday 2nd August 2026

A relaxed summer day celebrating local makers, creativity and community.
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Arts and Craft fair at Kilminorth Sunday 2 August 2026

Our fundraising team have organised an Arts and Crafts fair at Kilminorth. It promises to be a relaxed summer's day celebrating local craft makers, creativity and community. The fair is open from 11am to 4pm on Sunday 2 August 2026. As well as a kids play area, food and drinks from the bar can be found on site.

Tickets are £2.50 per adult, children go free.

Proms at Kilminorth returns Saturday 22 August 2026

The RNLI's Looe and Liskeard fundraisers are helping the team at Kilminorth, who are hosting a Proms evening along with St Pinnock Band and Liskeard & Looe Radio, for more information and tickets please visit <https://kilminorth.co.uk/event-rnli>

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RNLI
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PROMS
NIGHT AT
KILMINSTER

Summer in Full Swing!

Enjoy an uplifting evening of brass band music, feasting, and fireworks under the stars.

Saturday 23rd August 2025

TICKETS: PREMIUM OR VIP DINNER TICKET - £50.00 - INCLUDES SEATED 2 COURSE MEAL WITH WELCOME DRINK | PICO MICK - £15.00 - BRING A BLANKET AND GRAB | YOUR PICO | PROM ENTRY - £7.50 - NO FOOD
KIDS UNDER 12 GO FREE

Lifeboats

RNLI

Lee Quinney as Elton John returns Saturday 17 October 2026

The legend that is Lee Quinney aka Elton John Rocketman! is returning, by popular demand, to the Hannafore Point Hotel on Saturday 17 October 2026. His appearance last year was an electric, sell-out performance, talked about in Looe for weeks. Along with his band, Lee covers the greatest hits of Elton John encouraging audience participation both vocally and on the dancefloor.

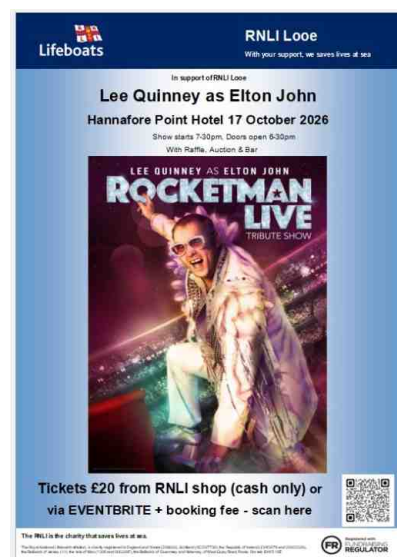
It's a night to let your hair down and enjoy the music of one of our finest singer songwriters, the fabulous Elton John.

During the interval, our fundraising team will hold an auction and draw the raffle (cash and card payments available).

There is a bar available in the ballroom, food available by arrangement with the hotel on 01503 263273 prior to the event.

Tickets – £20 from RNLI Shop (cash only) or online plus booking fee from

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rnli-looe-presents-lee-quinney-as-elton-john-rocketman-2026-tickets-1985581432515> +



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LOOE SAILING CLUB

This lovely summer rumbles on although it's not always kind to sailors.

Following being blown out several times in the early part of the season recently we have lost races through no wind at all. The one commodity you cannot sail without. When sailing has been possible good-sized fleets have been on the water, in particular, the Enterprise fleet with some very competitive racing.

Recently the Club has staged the National Redwing Championships, with the Tenby fleet joining Looe for a weekend of racing. Overall winner, retaining his title won at Tenby last year, was Robin Wood from Tenby sailing R244 Dragon built in Looe by Clifford Adams. In second place from Looe was Peter Kinver & Antoine Jones with Arthur Kinver & Chris Godbolt, also from Looe, third. Thanks go to the race team for organising things on the water and to the social team for feeding everyone when back ashore.

Final preparations are now being made for the Club to host the National Scorpion Championship in the first week of August, with an expected entry of nearly 70. It will be a busy week for all involved both on the water and in the clubhouse.

<https://www.looesailingclub.co.uk/events/>

Whilst all this has been happening junior sail training has been continuing on Saturday mornings; this is already paying dividends with more youngsters joining in with the racing in the afternoons.



NEWS FROM EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST

Summer in Looe is always busy as the population swells for the summer. East Looe Town Trust are happy to allow organisations to hold events on our land – some of which are happening this summer. This year we have the carnival and activities organised by Looe Lions, Regatta and races held by Looe Rowing Club and Looe Sailing Club and The Looe Lugger Regatta. If your organisation would like to hold an event on our land (seafront, beach, Rose Garden or Wooldown) then please get in touch with the office and complete a booking form.

East Looe Town Trust provide the litter, recycling and BBQ bins on the seafront. There is a significant financial cost to the charity in paying for the removal of the waste and so we ask for your co-operation in using the correct bins. We continue to provide the drinking water refill point on the seafront and this has proved popular – it is important for the humans to stay hydrated and to the environment that we reduce the use of single-use plastic.

We hope that many of you will have an enjoyable visit to our beach this summer. Please be considerate of other beach users and take a few minutes to read the signs on the entrance to the beach and note the orange windsock which will give information about the direction of the wind. The yellow buoys denoting the swim zone area of the beach are in place and no unauthorised craft are permitted in this area. Please be aware that no craft are to be launched from the beach without the express permission of East Looe Town Trust. Further sea safety information is provided by the RNLI.

Deckchairs, loungers and parasols are available from Looe Beach Hire and the Beach Café and Pier Café are there for refreshments and this summer are joined by Penrock Distillery if you want something stronger.



If you are around early in the mornings you may see our tractor and specialist surf rake in action.

It appears to be traditional to complain about the weather – not intending to do that now – BUT please be extra vigilant about the fire risk up on the Wooldown – we would request no BBQs at the moment and please be careful with cigarettes and litter (even a discarded bottle can start a fire). We do permit the use of BBQs on the beach and seafront but please only put disposable BBQs in the correct bin. It is surprising how long they take to cool down – so please do not leave them on the beach or seafront where they could cause injury.

Red Planet are back filming another series of Beyond Paradise – this popular TV show has made Looe (or Shipton Abbott) even more famous – look out for familiar faces and locations in the next series.....

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I wonder if you can help me? I seem to have mislaid a couple of pubs.

Allow me to explain, as I am missing one in East Looe and one in West Looe. As part of a research project I needed to record landlords and their establishments.

Here are my lists for both East and West, the dates are not necessarily when they first opened, merely the first time I found them listed during my research.

Bullers Arms - 1822.

Globe Inn - 1873.

Salutation- 1791.

Ship Inn - 1791 and

The Swan Inn - 1748,

Pier Inn - 1791 to c.1848, a property roughly where "Pier One Cafe" is today. Queen's later King's Head- a tentative 1670 to c.1849 (I believe it is the "Mountain Warehouse building).

And now my missing:

In the East: The Britannia, landlord William Ball, has a one and only listing in 1830. The Red Lion, which changed to The Fisherman's Arms by 1856, has its first listing in 1839. Is this the same pub or can someone prove The Britannia was another building?

Now for the West, a shorter list!

Cornish Arms- 1830 to early 1900s. Apparently this was originally The Duke's Head but I have no dates at the time of going to press

Jolly Sailor- 1830 ongoing. Yes, I know it goes way back further but this was my first named finding.

And now my missing in the West:

The Rose Inn, very confusing. It appears when John Sargent (a mason) died in 1873, leaving his wife Agnes a pauper, the "Trustees" allowed her to live there rent free until her death (1875) John and Agnes lived with their adult children on the 1861 and 1871 census next door or very near to The Jolly. It looks like The Jolly Sailor as we know it today was two buildings, was The Rose Inn that other building? I appreciate that seems unlikely.

Answers on the back of a beer-mat please and I'll buy you a pint if you can help!

Penny McHugh
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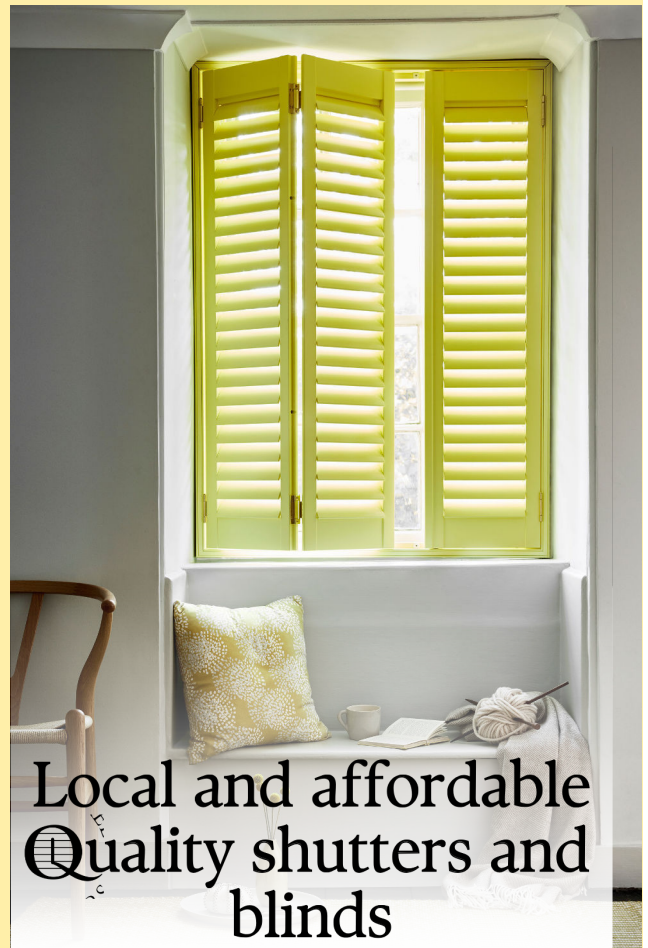


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We had a HUGE piece of good news regarding the project. Thanks to the hard work of our two Cornwall Councillors – Cllr Mark Gibbons and Cllr Jim Candy, the support of our MP Anna Gelderd, Looe Town Council and many others, we secured a time extension for the proposed site of our Wheeled Sports Facility. Instead of the deadline being August 2026 for the funding to be in place, it has now been extended to August 2028 giving us so much more time to raise the funds in what is proving to be a difficult funding landscape. We are so grateful to Cornwall Council for this lifeline and thank everyone for the time and effort that they put in to make this happen.

BUT – we aren't letting up in our Fundraising efforts because we want to see the WSF built as soon as possible. Applications to funders are flying out again this week and we continue to aim to start the build in early 2027.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone in the Town who has supported our fundraising efforts to date. We have now raised an amazing £120,000 towards the project cost of £250,000 plus VAT. From raffles to quiz evenings, from bingo to Looe and Liskeard Radio Business Awards evening and from sponge soaking the teachers to putting on a show (and lots more besides), every penny you raise and donate is going towards this project.

We have so many other great events in the pipeline but there is always room for more. If you want to support us with an event, please email Kim at looewsf@gmail.com

Our Crowdfunder campaign is open and active and if you want to make a donation please just click on the link.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/looeskatepark>

We put all of the information about fundraising events and funders on our Facebook pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/MillpoolCentre>

<https://www.facebook.com/Looeskatepark>

Thank you everyone and if you are free on the 4th September why not join in the fun at Hannaford Point Hotel with the Juliet Dawn Diva Roadshow? Tickets £14 from the Millpool Centre or plus booking fee via Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/juliet-dawn-diva-roadshow-tickets-1991739373081>

Community Event - Fundraiser for Looe Skatepark

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Summer is officially here! As you will all know by now, this summer has been very hot and dry, so everyone and everything that lives on the island has been spending a lot of their time resting and trying to keep cool and hydrated. The birds



Female blackbird cooling

cannot sweat instead 'panting' in a similar way to dogs. They leave their beaks open and breathe heavily to allow moisture to evaporate and cool them down, while rapidly fluttering the bones and muscles in their throats, known as 'gular fluttering'. Many birds also rest during the midday heat, instead choosing to feed and forage at dusk and dawn. The coastal birds have the added perk of being able to dip in the sea to refresh themselves!

This year we have had a breeding pair of barn swallows nest and hatch three chicks in our solar shed for the first time on the island! It has been amazing to see them diving in and out of the shed and they can be seen swooping overhead to catch insects to feed themselves and their young. Barn swallows typically nest in man-made structures, building intricate cup shaped nests out of mud pellets and grass. They line the nests with feathers, algae and other soft materials. We hope that the barn swallows will decide to return.



Two of the barn swallow chicks in the nest



Silver Y drinking Knapweed nectar

Over the last month the island has exploded with hundreds of butterflies, with 17 species of butterflies sighted on the island so far this year. We have also recently had a large number of day-flying moths, especially hummingbird hawkmoths and silver Ys. Both of these moths have a long 'proboscis', a tubular mouthpart that unfurls and is used to drink nectar. Hundreds of silver Ys are currently living in the wildflower meadow near the chapel site on the island and drink the nectar of black knapweed.

Moths and butterflies are very closely related to one another, belonging to the same order of flying insects called 'lepidoptera' which means 'membrane wing'. Most moths and butterflies have four wings: a pair of forewings and a pair of hindwings. In the picture opposite, a peacock butterfly is missing its right forewing, giving us a chance to see how intricate and beautifully patterned the sometimes-hidden hindwings can be. The patterns we can see are made up of thousands of microscopic scales that are pigmented or reflect light to create colour.



Peacock with missing forewing



Sleeping seal "bottling"

The grey seals are always a highlight of island life. This summer they have tended to sleep in the water in more sheltered areas as the sea around the island becomes busier with boats, kayaks and paddleboards. Seals need space and peace to build up fat reserves and conserve their energy. Seals are always fascinating to watch, but they should always be observed from a distance and left undisturbed. A resting seal is a happy seal!

If you want to find out more about what makes Looe Island special, then check out our pages on the Cornwall Wildlife Trust website. From there you'll also learn how you can book your visit with Looe Sea Safari: <https://bookeyo.com/looseasafari>

Rosie Salt-Fernandez
Residential Volunteer Warden, Looe Island Nature Reserve

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Together We Create - Help us build our future

Dancing Borders Away **A bold new contemporary dance programme for Looe**

Young dancers in South East Cornwall are about to gain opportunities normally found only in major cities thanks to Dancing Borders Away, an ambitious new CreativeLooe initiative that uses contemporary dance to connect people, cultures and ideas.

Created to overcome the barriers often faced by dancers in coastal communities, the project brings leading choreographers to Looe rather than expecting talented young people to travel elsewhere for high-level training and creative opportunities. Geographic isolation, different dance styles, language and cultural differences become starting points for collaboration rather than obstacles.



At its heart is a creative platform that will produce a series of original dance works, each exploring a different theme while giving local performers the opportunity to work alongside nationally and internationally recognised artists.

Learning from some of the best

The project is being led by contemporary dance practitioner and choreographer Gocha (Maria Mendible), working with an experienced team that includes Julie Felix MBE, Britain's first Black professional ballerina and an inspirational figure in British dance, together with Rachel Bond, Director of the Bond Dance Company.

The programme is rooted firmly in Looe through close collaboration with Sheila Brock, Director of Sheila's School of Dancing, and Sam Day, Head of Performance at Looe Community Academy.

The first stage of the initiative is a series of six masterclasses led by guest dance artists, giving local dancers the opportunity to learn from professionals with national and international experience without leaving Cornwall.

This year's series of six masterclasses boasts an exceptional lineup of top-tier educators:

*** Julie Felix MBE:**

Britain's first Black professional ballerina and a legendary figure in dance history.

*** Hannah Dilworth:**

Highly accomplished professional contemporary dancer and choreographer.

*** Izzy Gillespie:**

Renowned dance artist, community practitioner, and founder of the South West Artist project.

Both Hannah and Izzy are notable alumni of London's prestigious Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance, bringing elite national expertise back to Cornwall.

Following the masterclasses, participants will take part in an intensive creative workshop where they will work alongside the professional team to devise an original performance. The emphasis is not simply on dancing a choreography but on helping to create it.

The first production – onYon

Inspired by the historic onion trade between Brittany and Britain, onYon uses the themes of travel, exchange and human connection as the starting point for a contemporary dance work exploring how people, cultures and ideas move across borders. Rather than recreating history, it uses powerful imagery to tell a fresh, contemporary story.

Auditions have recently taken place, bringing together dancers from local schools and community groups. Over the coming months they will work with the creative team before presenting the finished piece in both, a traditional venue and in public spaces, making contemporary dance accessible to the whole community.



Although onYon is an independent production, its message of cultural exchange makes it a fitting contribution to the year in which Looe and Quiberon celebrate the 50th anniversary of their twinning. The finished performance will be filmed and shared with dancers in Quiberon as an invitation to collaborate in future Dancing Borders Away productions, opening the door to new creative partnerships between our communities.

Looking ahead

While onYon launches the programme, it is only the first in what is intended to become an annual series of productions. Each year will introduce a new theme, a new guest choreographer and fresh opportunities for local dancers to develop their skills through collaboration with leading artists.

CreativeLooe hopes Dancing Borders Away will become a permanent part of the town's cultural life—nurturing local talent, attracting outstanding creative practitioners to South East Cornwall and demonstrating that ambitious contemporary dance can flourish in coastal communities.



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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!
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For more information,
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LOOE IN BLOOM

Hello Looe – are we warm enough? Well, what a summer we are having so far.

We think the planting is exceptional this year, thanks to the wonderful care of Browns Nurseries amazing skills. The town is looking so colourful and luscious.

It is proving a lot of extra hard work for our wonderful watering team, who are having to carry out double watering duties to keep the plants suitably hydrated through these particularly hot times and we really appreciate them. It really is like living in the Mediterranean right now! Have you spotted our watering team sporting their fab new T-shirts yet?



We will be taking part in the Looe Carnival Procession this year and we are all really looking forward to it. Look out for our 'Flower Bed' and 'Bloomers' flag. Plus, lots of sunflowers, butterflies, mushrooms and a few more surprises!

Another reminder of our Quiz Night on Saturday 3rd October. Please hold the date and keep an eye out on our Facebook page regarding how to secure tickets.

The Summer Shanties have been in full swing with just the August dates of 14th and 15th August to go at that time of writing. We thank the organisers for nominating us as one of the organisations to benefit from the proceeds. These are wonderful events. Please do support them if you can. You can find details here: <https://www.facebook.com/SummerShanties> or email - info@welcometolooe.com

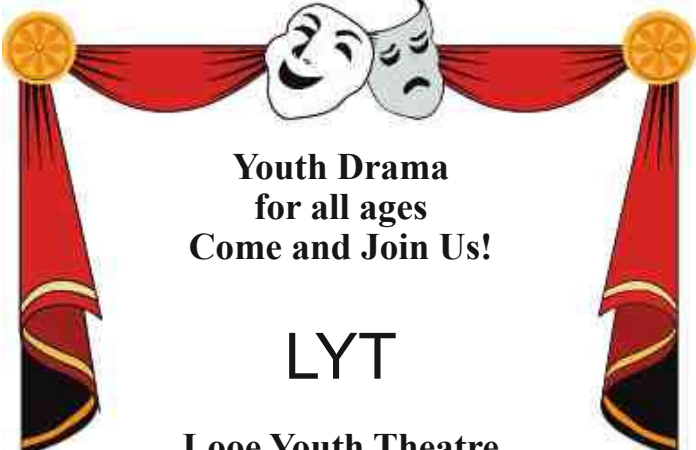
Thanks as always to all our supporters old and new and to our funders – we so appreciate you.

Continuing donations are all gratefully received to help keep Looe in Bloom on the road. We will be looking to replace our oldest van in the near future.

This link will take you to the GoFundMe site: - <https://gofund.me/7517fff4> or scan the QR code.



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Local Pet Specialist Named Regional Finalist in the 2026 Animal Star Awards!

We are thrilled to announce that Beth Giles, founder of Auntie Beth's Pets, has officially been named a Regional Finalist in the Cat Services of the Year category for the prestigious 2026 Animal Star Awards—adding to her incredible recognition as a Triple Small Business Awards Finalist 2026!



While this exciting nomination highlights her exceptional work with cats, Beth's expertise spans the entire spectrum of pet care. As a multi-skilled professional based right here in the local community, her comprehensive services include:

- **Certified Canine Expertise:** Holding a Level 4 IMDT Dog Training and Behaviourist qualification, alongside specialised services as a Dog Wedding Chaperone, Walker, and Sitter with a dedicated focus on nervous and muzzled dogs.
- **Nutrition & Industry Leadership:** A graduate of the Butternut Box Nutrition School and a trusted brand ambassador for multiple leading pet care companies.
- **Industry Standards & Regulation:** A proud advocate for professional pet industry regulation, working alongside leading organisational bodies such as PDBUK, DWSA, and MDWA to champion the highest standards of safety, ethics, and animal welfare.

"Being recognised as a Regional Finalist means the absolute world," says Beth. "I pour my heart into caring for local pets every single day, and I am so proud to represent Looe as we head toward the grand finals in September!"

Keep an eye out for pupdates as Beth prepares for the final judging phase later this year. <https://www.animalstarawards.com/>

To get in touch for training, behavioural consultations, or specialised pet care, find Auntie Beth's Pets on Facebook (Bethany's Cat in a Flat) and Instagram today!



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.

Do come along and have a tea or coffee and biscuits and a chat.

Everyone is welcome. We all look forward to seeing you all.

Pat and her team

Branch News: With summer in full swing and visitors arriving in numbers, the Looe Branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL) held its second fundraising event of the year on Saturday 27th June (Armed Forces Day), with a Stall in the Rose Garden. A total of £493 was raised from the stall and by the 'Poppy Man', so thanks to all that contributed. Particular thanks go to our volunteers for running the stall and to our Poppy Appeal Organiser (Annette) for the arrangements on the day. There are further organised Legion, armed forces and poppy appeal events to come, details below.

Our efforts to raise the profile of the Legion and our Branch continue and we've seen an uptick in membership. The 'refresh' of the Looe RBL website is complete:

<https://counties.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/looe/> and, for those that use Facebook, you may have noticed far greater use of the Group's pages.

If not, please take a look - <https://www.facebook.com/LooeBranchRBL/>.



Events: Armed Forces Week (20-27 June) and Armed Forces Day 27 June.

UK Armed Forces Week is an opportunity to recognise and thank the men and women who serve or have served in the Armed Forces. It celebrates the dedication and professionalism of Service personnel, reservists, veterans, cadets and their families. The week reminds us of the sacrifices they make to protect our country, support communities during emergencies, and contribute to peace and security around the world. It also encourages communities to come together to show appreciation for their commitment and service. Armed Forces week is a meaningful reminder that the freedoms and security we enjoy are supported by the dedication of those who wear the uniform and those that have served before them.

Forthcoming local and national events include:

Saturday 15th August – VJ Day (Looe RBL Stall)

Friday 23rd October – launch of the Poppy Day Appeal

Saturday 24th October – Poppy Day (Looe RBL Stall)

Branch Trips: For the benefit of members, Looe RBL Branch organises trips to various local and national military sites and, for example, the National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire.

Four imminent trips include: Jupiter Point Royal Navy Establishment on 21st July, a trip to Babcock's Devonport Open Day 24th July, and trips to RNAS Culdrose and RAF St Mawgan, dates TBC.

Trebah Garden Military Day Trip - Wednesday 30th May

As mentioned in the last newsletter, seven members of the Looe Branch deployed to Trebah Gardens (near Falmouth) for the 2026 Military Day. The event commemorated the 82nd anniversary of D-Day, marking the 1944 departure of over 7,500 men from the 29th US Infantry Division. The Day involved a US vintage military vehicle display, Pipes and Drums and a RN helicopter wreath-drop and flypast. Our Vice-Chair, Paul Allen, laid an RBL Looe Branch wreath to remember those that deployed from that beach some 80 years ago. The team participated in an enjoyable 'Battlefield tour' on the return journey.



About the Looe Branch of The Royal British Legion: For many veterans, leaving the Armed Forces can mean losing close bonds and the sense of belonging that military life provides. Joining your local RBL Branch can offer the opportunity to reconnect with that spirit of comradeship, friendship and mutual support. The RBL is built on values of service, collaboration, integrity and care. These values bring together people who understand the unique experiences of military life and who are committed to supporting one another in their communities. Our local Branch is more than just a meeting place; it is a welcoming community where veterans can make new friends, spin 'dits' over a beer, support charitable activities and continue serving others. Whether you have recently left the Forces, or served many years ago, you will find understanding, respect and companionship among fellow members.

Meetings: If you are interested then please come along to one of our 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 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 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 our 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)





KELTIQUE NEWS

After a busy Spring for Keltique there's no let-up in July and August!

Sunday 2 August at 5 pm

Made in Looe Concert, Luggers Day, West Looe Quay

Saturday 8 August at 3 pm

Outdoor Summer Concert, West Looe Quay

Monday 24 August at 7 pm

Summer Concert at Looe Harbour Heritage Centre, The Old Sardine Factory, West Looe



Keep an eye on social media, our website and on posters around Looe for updates.

And to anyone who would like to join Keltique – we always extend a warm welcome to women of all ages and musical capabilities who enjoy singing and having fun, so come and see us any Monday evening at the Millpool Centre in West Looe at 7.15 pm, you might just discover a voice you didn't think you had!

www.keltique.org.uk

A collage of four images: a harbor scene with boats, a seagull on a rock with books, a coastal town, and a beach scene.The logo for the Looe Festival of Words, featuring the text 'LOOE Festival of WORDS' in a bold, sans-serif font, with a small seagull icon above the word 'WORDS'.

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SUMMER WITH LOOE MARINE CONSERVATION GROUP

We are now well into our summer season, and it has been wonderful to see so much activity happening in and around Looe's coastline, harbour and beaches.

Over the winter and spring, we enjoyed a brilliant series of talks, covering a fantastic range of marine and coastal topics. A huge thank you to everyone who came along, to our speakers, and to the LMCG volunteers who helped organise such an inspiring programme. Our evening talks will now take a break for the summer while we move outside and focus on events, volunteering and community activity.

Crab Line Recycling and New Artwork

Some of you may already have spotted the fabulous new artwork next to Pengelly's created by Saltash marine debris artist Zillah Robertson. The artwork has been made using crab line materials collected by our brilliant Crab Line Recycling Team and highlights the issue of plastic in our oceans, as well as its impact on local seagrass and marine habitats. The artwork will be accompanied by signs explaining how people can crab safely and responsibly, helping to protect both crabs and the wider marine environment.



You may also have noticed our new crab line recycling signs appearing along the quay. These have been created by Clive Gardner from Clive's Cats in Looe and are bright, eye-catching reminders for locals and visitors about how to crab safely and how to dispose of crab lines afterwards. Please do say hello to our friendly Crab Line Recycling Team if you see them out and about. If anyone would like to join them in helping care for our local crabs and keeping plastic out of the sea, please get in touch - it is more fun than you might think!

Looe Island and Marine Wildlife

We continue to work on our marine wildlife disturbance project around Looe Island. Following the winter storms, one of our marker buoys went missing, and we have been asking the local community to help us track it down. These marker buoys are designed to guide water users and help reduce disturbance to seals and other marine wildlife. Thank you to everyone who has shared our posts, kept an eye out, or passed on information.

We are also supporting kayakers, paddleboarders and boat users with simple wildlife-awareness stickers and guidance to help visitors give seals and other marine life the space they need. Thank you to the local watersports hire companies for your fantastic support in adopting these stickers – such a great way to share the message.

National Marine Week – Saturday 1 August

Cornwall Wildlife Trust is running a National Marine Week event in Looe on Saturday 1 August, and Looe Marine Conservation Group will be there too. There will be lots going on, including our famous rockpool ramble, a silent disco beach clean, snorkel activities and the LMCG stall - hope to see you all there - no booking required, just come along and join in the fun!

Beach Cleans and Litter Picking

We are looking at ways to support more regular, informal beach cleans and litter-picking walks over the summer. The idea is simple: if you are heading out for a walk and would like to pick up litter along the way, we can help connect volunteers and share opportunities through our volunteer WhatsApp group. Do get in touch if this is something you would like to be involved in. Always more fun doing a beach clean with others!

Join Us

Membership costs just £8 a year and helps support our work protecting Looe's coastline, marine life and estuary.

Sign up here:

looemarineconservation.org/join-looe-marine-conservation-group/online-membership-form/

Find full details and updates on our website: www.looemarineconservation.org

Or follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/LooeMCG

Thank you, as always, for supporting Looe Marine Conservation Group and helping care for our beautiful local coast.

RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCH, WEST LOOE

Sunday worship every Sunday at 11am.

We are also available to hire for events and local community groups.

We have a large space and kitchen available to hire for children's parties and we can work in conjunction with Tweedle entertainments to have bouncy castles and other their equipment in the Church.



Cornish Choir Service
Riverside United Church
West Looe
Sunday 2nd August 2026
Community Hymn Singing 6:30pm
(Choose your favourite hymn)
Service 7pm
Featuring
Burraton Male Voice Chior
Conductor: Phil Taylor
Accompanist: Paul Fry
Preacher: Keith Mutton
All Welcome
Refreshments



Cafe @ Riverside
every Wednesday
during August
from 10am until 3pm
Lite Breakfast Bites
Jacket Potatoes
Teas & Coffees
Cakes
Raising funds for
Church Funds
& Roof
Repairs
Riverside Church
The Quay - West Looe

GUNNERS KIDS CIC

Local non-profit Gunners Kids CIC has launched a crowdfunding campaign to help expand its services by providing specialist therapeutic support for children and families affected by terminal illness.

The funding will be used to train members of the Gunners Kids team in specialist counselling skills, enabling the organisation to offer therapeutic support alongside its existing peer support services for families experiencing anticipatory grief.

Gunners Kids CIC was founded to address the lack of understanding and support available for children when a parent, carer or close family member is diagnosed with a terminal illness. The organisation currently provides support boxes, activity days, school support, outreach services, information sessions and drop-in groups, helping families feel less alone during one of the most challenging times in their lives.

The new project aims to bridge a significant gap in support. Access to counselling can involve long waiting lists or costly private sessions, yet families facing terminal illness often need help immediately. By investing in specialist training, Gunners Kids CIC will be able to provide timely, compassionate, person-centred therapeutic support when it matters most. The organisation also hopes to build a team of trained volunteer practitioners, allowing even more families across the county to access specialist emotional support without financial barriers.

A spokesperson for Gunners Kids CIC said: "When a parent or someone close to a child is living with a terminal illness, every day matters. Families shouldn't have to wait months for emotional support or struggle to afford private counselling. This campaign will help us provide professional therapeutic support alongside the trusted services we already offer, ensuring children and families receive the help they need at the time they need it most."

To encourage community support, the crowdfunding campaign includes a range of rewards for donors. These include vouchers from local businesses, a professional photography session with Elizabeth Melvin Photography, advertising opportunities for businesses, and entry into prize draws to win a Decathlon voucher or a Pamper & Prosecco evening. The charity is also inviting local businesses to donate rewards for supporters or sponsor the campaign, helping maximise the funds raised while showcasing their support for local families.

There are several ways the community can get involved:

Make a donation through the crowdfunding campaign.

Share the campaign on social media to help spread the word.

Donate rewards or prizes if you are a local business.

Organise your own fundraising event in support of Gunners Kids CIC.

Every contribution will help bring specialist therapeutic support to children and families navigating the emotional impact of terminal illness and anticipatory grief.

To donate or to support the campaign, visit: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/gunners-kids-1>

For more information on Gunners Kids CIC visit www.gunnerskids.org

or email tamsin@gunnerskids.org

For support, volunteering opportunities, or to learn more, contact: tamsin@gunnerskids.org or visit <https://www.gunnerskids.org/>. To donate, please visit: www.givengain.com/cause/gunners-kids-cic.

A GREAT START FOR THE FRIENDS OF LOOE COMMUNITY ACADEMY - FOLCA

It has been a busy and exciting first few months for the newly formed Friends of Looe Community Academy - FOLCA.

FOLCA was set up to support the school, provide enrichment opportunities for students and help strengthen links between Looe Community Academy and the wider community. So far, we have supported school events, organised a Year 7 disco, provided refreshments and second-hand uniforms at Parents' Evening, and helped with a community wide Bag2School clothing collection.

We are also supporting the school with their new Reading Wall, which will help transform the school's library area into a more welcoming and inspiring space for students. We are working with school staff, Looe Library and volunteers to sort books, gather donations and develop ideas for the area. Any book donations suitable for 11–14-year-olds, ideally less than 5 years old and in great condition would be very welcome, particularly non-fiction books - please get in touch to arrange drop off.

We have been delighted by the encouragement received from parents, staff, local businesses and community organisations. Thank you so much to everyone who has offered time, advice, donations or support.

There are plenty of exciting plans ahead, including more events, fundraising activities and projects to enhance school life.

Anyone who would like to get involved can follow Friends of LCA on Facebook or email folcalooe@gmail.com.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION





Boundless Trust News

Boundless Trust is always busy in our local community in and around Looe. This month we are proud to celebrate our **Place of Welcome** (which is now held at the Meeting Place next to Looe Library) It has been very well supported both by attendees and supporters who have provided us with baked goods, pastries, fruit, sandwiches and frozen veg (thank you Co- op!) as well as eggs and plenty of vegetables from our great local growers.

These are available to all our community so please do pop in for a cuppa if you have a free Monday or Thursday afternoon (2-4pm) everyone is welcome! We have had a very well behaved dog or two visiting as well as being serenaded by a lute and even a small celebration with local newlyweds! You never know what will happen or who will arrive with delicious baking for us all to sample!

Many thanks to all our volunteers and supporters who make this possible- we are always grateful for any donations as well as willing helpers - we have lots of opportunities for volunteers to get involved in Boundless's wide range of activities so please do get in touch.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1BUyWsfMEX/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

<https://localgiving.org/charity/boundlesstrust>



Do keep your eyes open for our next news round-up which will feature our Children's Club and Youth Club news!



Isla Sell
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LOOE GOLF CLUB LOOE LADIES' CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

In ideal golfing weather 24 Looe ladies competed in their annual Club Championship Day playing a singles medal acceptable score over 27 holes. The ladies were supplied with a selection of delicious home-made cakes on the 10th hole, made by the Lady Captain, Jill Westbrook. The prize table looked stunning with mixed coloured roses displayed around the prizes and vouchers. A good day with lovely summer weather was enjoyed by all.

Results: Scratch champion Alison Talling had lowest the gross score of 136 and received the Scratch Cup and a memento of an engraved LSA glass vase. The Handicap Champion Toni Stokes had lowest net 104 and also received a glass vase. The rest of the winners received club vouchers: 2nd Handicap winner Maria Turnbull net 106. 3rd Handicap Jaqui Vincent net 112. The Best 18 holes Pat Hodge net 69 and Best 9 holes Angela Barrett net 31. There were five 2's, Holly-Mae Straight had 2, Jax Wailes, Angela Barrett and Jan Vince.

There was a new 12-hole trophy this year for those ladies wishing to participate but not wanting to play 27 holes; that was won by Sheila Tilbrook with a net 52 who also received an LSA glass vase.

Any ladies wishing to know more about the ladies' section of Looe Golf Club please contact the Lady Secretary, Jenny Deacon via the Club on 01503 240239.



Left to right: Toni Stokes
Handicap Champion and
Alison Talling Scratch
Champion



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Mon	8am– 9am 10.30am– 11.30 5.30pm - 6.30pm 7pm—9pm 7.30pm - 9pm	Yoga with Gocha: www.gochawellness.com PARACISE: Exercise class with Lisa Gorman 1st floor 07890 381 516 Pilates : Barbara 07702 051 797(check term dates) Keltique Choir practice: 1st floor room : pennyweston@outlook.com: 07817456283 : www.keltique.org.uk/home (starts 3rd August 2026) Looe Karate Club –Contact Dave - 07889 310 908 Ground floor
Tue	8.30am & 9.45am 11am - 12pm 2pm - 3.30pm	Pilates with Barabara - 1st floor 07702 051 797 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
Sat & Sun Centre Available For Private Hire - 01503 265947 The Millpool Centre, West Looe. PL13 2AF : manager@millpoolcentre.org		

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