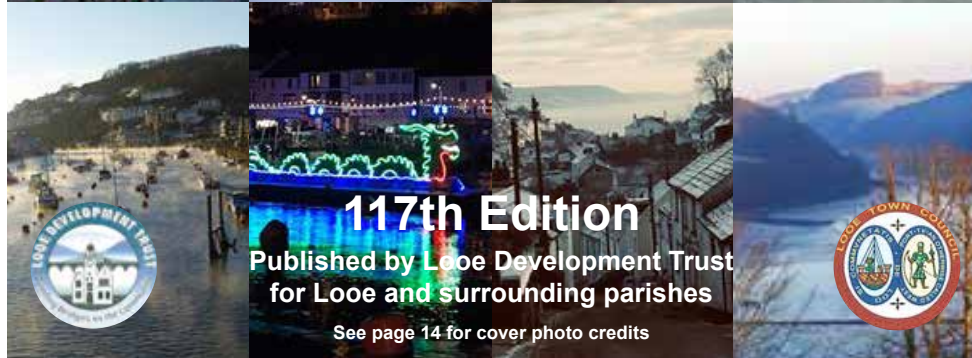


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NEWS FROM THE EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST



As the year advances it is customary to reflect on events throughout the year. One of the most visible changes is that the Trust has taken delivery of a new blue tractor to keep the beach clean and welcoming. After a social media campaign the tractor has been named Looe b'Lou – a name suggested by Cheryl Turner. The Trust are grateful to the financial donations towards the tractor from West Looe Town Trust and Looe Town Council.

You may also have seen our new water refill station on the seafront – which has proved very popular and the Trust are proud to be playing a part in reducing the use of plastic in the town. The cages on the beach for reusable beach items have proved very popular and the Trust are pleased to be working so closely with the Looe Marine Conservation Group who have assisted with this project.

We have continued to work with other members of the Looe Bathing Waters Project to improve the quality of bathing water in Looe. The vital support given to this from across the community continues to pay dividends and the Environment Agency have just announced our best ever rating of “good” for 2019. This is very impressive progress in a matter of a few years from poor, through sufficient to good and it will do a great deal to reinforce the town's reputation as an attractive tourist resort.

Trustees were pleased to be able to support organisations in the town by charitable donations of money or office support and look forward to continuing this support.

The Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol has had a very successful year and our wonderful team of volunteers are working on various projects for next year – including some very exciting new additions. Check for updates on our website and facebook page. Our volunteers work very hard – not only in the museum greeting and assisting visitors, but also helping to research and organise items both in the museum and from home. If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers, please contact the Trust Office on info@eastloometowntrust.co.uk or 01503 263709.

The 'New' Guildhall has been host to several weddings this year – local couples and visitors from further afield. The Guildhall Chamber is a lovely place for a wedding ceremony, with the stained-glass windows and the impressive vaulted ceiling. We have hosted small ceremonies with just two witnesses (and a dog) to large groups with 60 guests. We can vary the layout to make it a truly personal wedding so if you are thinking of popping the question over the festive season – then contact the office to book the Chamber for your special day.

As always, Looe will look fantastic at Christmas with the lights around the town. The Trust has a new lighting scheme to make the Rose Garden look festive and will be working with Looe Harbour Commissioners to welcome Santa to his grotto.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous 2020!

The Chairman and Trustees



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WELCOME TO LOOE COMMUNITY FORUM'S LOOE AREA ANNUAL FESTIVE SEASON CALENDAR CHRISTMAS 2019/NEW YEAR 2020

YOU can help the town with the festive appearance from 7th December (switch-on) to January 5th. Simply, all **YOU** need to do:

Residents: display outdoor decorative lighting in your garden or on your house (especially if you overlook the harbour or sea).

Businesses: illuminate a Christmas display in your windows for all ages to enjoy from Saturday 7th December to Saturday 5th January 2020.

Christmas is coming...Christmas is coming...Herewith a selection of dates, locations, music and entertainment. All by the local community for **your** enjoyment.

NOVEMBER

21st	8.30pm	Keltique Sing Christmas at the Portbyhan
25th	8.30pm	Keltique Sing Christmas at the Portbyhan
27th	6.30pm	Polperro Fishermen's Choir at Hillcrest Care Home
29th	8.30pm	Keltique Sing Christmas at the Portbyhan

DECEMBER

2nd	2-4pm	Tea Dance – Millpool Centre
	8.30pm	Keltique Sing Christmas at the Portbyhan
	8pm-11pm	Jolly Sailor Quiz Night
6th	7.30pm	Pelynt Male Choir, Carols for Looe RNLI – St Martin's Hall
	7.30pm	Dance with Jodie's Winter Show. Looe Bay Holiday Park. Tickets: Adults £5. Children under ten £4. Book tickets on 07584 428163.

Judging will take place in December (on and after the switch-on) to choose the Best Resident's property decorative outdoor lighting AND the Best Illuminated Shop Window Display...good luck to all.

7th	12noon-7.30pm	Santa's Arrival Event Santa Fun Run Looe Lantern Procession Looe Festive Lights switch-on Carol Service Santa's Grotto and much, much more...see page after this festive list.
	6.30pm	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop – Millpool Centre with Karen Brown
	7pm-9pm	Christmas Carol Concert with Valley Voices Riverside United Church. Tickets £5 (incl. refreshments) from Riverside (Mondays and Fridays 10am-12noon).
	7.30-11.55pm	Jolly Sailor – Christmas Party – Smokey's King Shufflers

8th	3.30pm	St Wenna's Morval – Christmas Tree Festival Dedication Service
	5pm	Christingle Service – St Martin's
	5.30pm	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop – Millpool Centre with Karen Brown
9th-15th	10am-4pm	Christmas Tree Festival – St Wenna's Church Morval (free entry, donations welcome refreshments available)
9th	4-7pm	Looe Lions' Christmas Tea Party for senior citizens Millpool Centre 01503 263028
	8pm-11pm	Jolly Sailor Quiz Night
	8.30pm	Keltique Sing Christmas at the Portbyhan
10th	7pm	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop – Millpool Centre with Karen Brown
11th	9-11pm	Jolly Sailor – Ross Kelly
13th	7pm	Pelynt Male Choir – Christian Aid Carols Pelynt Village Hall
13th&14th	7pm	"25 Years of Music and Dance" Sheila Brock's 25th Christmas Show. Charity: Motor Neurone Disease Assoc. Tickets 07866771429 or sheiladancing12@gmail.com £5.50 adults/ £4.00 children. Licensed bar/food.
14th	10am-2pm	Table Top Sale – Millpool Centre – crafts, previously owned, tea/coffee and more. Come along and bag a bargain! Sally 07765 000547
	6.30pm	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop – Millpool Centre with Karen Brown
	7.30pm	Pelynt Male Choir Carols – St Veep Church
	7.30pm	Polperro Fishermen's Choir Concert – Quayside Centre, West Looe
15th	2.30pm	<i>tbc</i> Christmas Wreath Making Workshop – Millpool Centre with Karen Brown
	4pm	Carol Service – St Wenna's Church, Morval
	8.30pm	Keltique Sing Christmas at the Portbyhan
16th	7.30pm	Keltique Carols by Candlelight St Nicholas Church, West Looe
18th	8pm-11pm	Jolly Sailor Quiz Night
	7.30pm	Polperro Fishermen's Choir Christmas Concert – St Keyne Church
20th	9-11.30pm	Jolly Sailor – Jaded Angel Rockin' Christmas atmosphere
21st	3-4.30pm	Christmas Carols – 10 piece Band – Co-op East Looe. Band Christmas Concert.
23rd	7.30pm	Polperro Fishermen's Choir Christmas Concert Polperro Methodist Chapel.
	8.30pm	Keltique Sing Christmas at the Portbyhan
	8pm-11pm	Jolly Sailor Quiz Night

Christmas Eve

4pm	Christingle – Riverside United Church, West Looe
5pm	Crib Service – St Martin's Church
10pm	Christmas Mass. Church of our Lady of Light, Sclerder Abbey
11pm	Holy Communion, St Martin's Church
11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion – Riverside United Church with Rev'd Chloe Jones
8.30-11.30pm	Jolly Sailor – Christmas Eve with Marley White

Christmas Day

9am	Christmas Mass – Church of Our Lady of Light, Sclerder Abbey
9.30am	Communion – St Nicholas
10am	Christmas Worship – Pelynt Methodist Chapel
11am	Communion St Wenna, Morval

30th 8-11pm Jolly Sailor Quiz Night

New Year's Eve – Fancy Dress Celebrations

6pm	Firework Display for children and families seafront, East Looe
Midnight	Firework Display to herald the New Year seafront, East Looe

Happy New Year!

New Year's Day

from 8.30am	JANUARY Seafront clean-up – volunteers needed to assist (please bring your own broom!) atoms@cornwall.gov.uk
11am	The Famous Looe New Year's Dip Register at the RNLI Station to take part in "The Annual RNLI Charity New Year's Day Swim" event...it's in the sea from the main beach...it's cold...but it's for a really good cause...and it's 'A Popular Tradition'. Refreshments will be served in the boathouse afterwards. Check for details on the official Facebook page: @TheFamousLooeNewYearsDayDip

AND the last festive event...The Looe Community Players 6th pantomime.

16th&17th	7.30pm	Jack and the Beanstalk
18th	2.30pm & 7.30pm	Jack and the Beanstalk The Millpool Centre, West Looe. (01503 265947) Tickets £6/children £3. Numbers will be limited, so please book early.

Church Websites

www.looechurchestogether.org.uk – Information for all churches in Looe and District Churches Together area which includes Pelynt, Lanreath and Polperro

www.anglicanchurcheslooe.weebly.com

www.gracecc.org.uk

www.looeversidechurch.org.uk

www.morvalwidegates.weebly.com/morval-church.html

<http://saltashrcparish.co.uk> (Looe and District is part of Saltash RC Parish)

www.liskeardcatholicchurch.org

The list for the festive period 2019/20 was compiled by Looe Community Forum aided by the organisers of the services and events to whom we are extremely grateful. These are by no means all the details, other events will be added as Christmas meanders even closer – look and listen for posters and news locally. The Looe Community Forum can only provide the lists from the information given to us... if it snows, if hurricanes blow or it rains...if it's wrong...or even if Santa's reindeer are a little slow...it's not our fault!

A Merry Christmas to all from the Looe Community Forum team

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What a great result to help our local feline friends, the marvellous sum of £625.98 plus £50 gift aid was raised by a great many loyal cat lovers at a Cats Protection Coffee morning held at Seythen, Barbican Road, East Looe recently. Grateful thanks go to Marian Pearce, Susan and Kevin Pearce (Cats Protection officials), Susan Rockley, Carole Day and all those who supported on the day or donated items.

LOOE'S SANTA'S ARRIVAL **INCLUDING SANTA FUN RUN, CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON,** **LANTERN PROCESSION AND CAROL SERVICE** **SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2019**

This year Looe will be hosting Santa's arrival by river on Saturday 7th December. There will be much more happening on the day too, starting with the annual Santa Fun Run from West Looe finishing in East Looe (approximately one mile).

Santa will be picked up by the Looe Lifeboat crew and, after a tour of the river, will find a safe place to land at the Ferryman's Steps in East Looe (near The Catch). Santa will be accompanied by Mother Christmas and by his helpers and will go on a tour of East Looe in his sleigh before heading to his grotto outside the Looe Harbour office to meet the children.

The Christmas lights will be turned on by the Mayor of Looe, Cllr Martin Gregory and Carnival Queen Lilly Reynolds in the Rose Garden and this year there will be a new special Christmas Tree. Following the turning on of the Christmas Lights, there will be the Lantern Procession through East Looe accompanied by Father and Mother Christmas. This will start from and finish at the Fish Market, where the Carol Service will be held.

Throughout the day there will be a covered Christmas market, food, bar, bouncy castle, children's entertainment, music and singing located in and around Looe Harbour. Parking in Looe Harbour Commissioners' car parks and the Cornwall Council car parks in Looe is free all day. The event finishes at 7.30pm, however other events will be happening at various pubs around Looe afterwards to allow the fun to carry on.

Timetable

12noon-7.30pm	Covered stalls, entertainment, food and drink etc – around Looe Harbour Office and the Fish market
12.30pm	Santa Fun Run – starting from West Looe Quayside Centre finishing East Looe, approximately one mile. £2 entry fee, minimum age of 5 years old. Followed by a shake/warm down by Sheila Brock outside the Fish Market.
1.45pm	Santa's Arrival at Ferryman's Steps in East Looe
2.30pm (approx.)	Santa's Grotto
5pm	Christmas Lights switch-on followed by Lantern Procession* through East Looe
5.45pm	Carol Service by the Fish Market accompanied by the wonderful St Pinnock Band
6.40-7.30pm	Musical entertainment – Fish Market
7.30pm	Finish

**Storage for lanterns will be provided during the afternoon ahead of the procession in the Old Boathouse Cafe, The Quay, East Looe.*

KELTIQUE NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

It's been a busy but exciting couple of months for Keltique. September ended with a joint concert with Rame Male Voice Choir and Hart Male Voice Choir, who were visiting from Odiham in Hampshire. A very enjoyable evening was had at St Martin's Church in Looe where there was an enthusiastic and well-informed audience.

The days that followed were taken up with getting ready for our trip to Brittany as well as getting ready for our usual Christmas singing concerts at The Portbyhan.

On 17th October an excited group of 20 choir members, with Jonathan Lewsey, our MD, and Liz Sidebotham, our pianist, plus various partners and friends, boarded the night crossing to Roscoff. We were met the next morning by our hosts from the French choir Entre Terre et Mer. What a fantastic time we had! The next few days were a blur of wonderful hospitality, superb food and wine, impromptu singing and dancing and spectacular scenery. The highlight of the visit was the concert on Sunday afternoon at the Espace Culturel Armorica in Plouguerneau, a fabulous venue, where the audience was greeted by two Breton pipers. In the first half, Paotred Sant Pabu, a male voice choir and Entre Terre et Mer, our hosts, sang to a packed audience. The second half was dedicated to Keltique's performance and, at least from our point of view, this was a spine tingling affair. You could have heard a pin drop during the performance and we were rewarded with a standing ovation,



so presumably the audience rather liked it as well! Dave Clarke, partner of one of our members, followed with an emotive and beautifully poignant rendition of a song commemorating his heroic actions on a sailing boat in the channel when he saved a life. This was followed with the finale, when Keltique were joined on stage by Entre Terre et Mer and we sang Je Ne Regrette Rien and Hallelujah together. We were rather

pleased with the local French news headline that followed which read: "Triomphe pour la chorale Keltique"; it was a trip that we will never forget and from which we have lots of happy memories.

Our thoughts now turn to the Christmas season and our Christmas singing at The Portbyhan starting 4th November, when, although we are entertaining guests enjoying festive breaks, everyone is welcome. Upcoming include 21st, 25th and 29th November and 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th and 23rd December.

On Monday 16th December we are looking forward to Carols by Candlelight at St Nicholas' Church, West Looe. We hope to see you there; singing carols has to be the best way to get into the Christmas mood!

For more information about Keltique, including event details, check out our website at www.keltique.org.uk, our Facebook page, or call Carole on 01503 262944.



LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Poppy Appeal: The Looe Royal British Legion 2018/19 Poppy Appeal, which ended in September, collected £16,582.71, another record year for the Branch. A big thank you to all who donated or helped with the appeal.

Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day: We greatly appreciate all the organisations, branch members and members of the public who attend the Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day service.

Meetings: The Looe Branch of the Royal British Legion meets on the first Monday of every month, starting at 7:30pm in the ground floor bar of the Looe Social Club, West Looe Quay. Everyone is welcome and **we need new members who are interested in being trained for the various RBL posts.**

Lest We Forget: The names on the Looe War Memorial are of those men that lost their lives in the defence of their country, but we also remember those that 'by the grace of God' survived the terrible ordeals of war. One such person was Robert (Robby) Clements, who lived in West Looe and was apprenticed to his father's shoe repair business. When WW2 started in 1939, Robby was not yet 17, but by 1944 was a Flight Sergeant wireless operator in a Halifax bomber crew with 102 Squadron, based at Pocklington in Yorkshire. His older brother, Ken, was also in the RAF, in a Lancaster bomber crew, flying from Italy to drop supplies to partisans in Poland. On 24th December 1944, Robby's squadron took off on a daylight raid against forward supply points for the German Ardennes offensive (Battle of the Bulge). Over the target, Robby's aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Five of the crew, including Robby, escaped by parachute; another is recorded as missing; the pilot died when the aircraft crashed. We now take up the story in Robby's own words:

"On landing in a large factory yard, I was severely kicked, and nearly lynched, by murder seeking German civilians. Eventually I was taken to a police station, where a German doctor rendered first aid to my badly sprained ankle. I was kept in a cell until after Christmas when I was sent to Frankfurt and put in solitary confinement for three days followed by endless periods of interrogation. Eventually I was detailed to go to Stalag NOLW7, near the Russian Front. Before I had recovered my strength the Russian advance brought about the most severe test of all upon my physical strength. The Germans decided to move us westward and for three weeks we marched through blizzard after blizzard for 12 to 14 hours per day. Sometimes the day's march would commence at 4am and carry on late into the night. The daily ration consisted of one slice of black bread, and half a pint of watery soup. No Red Cross parcels were available to supplement this starvation diet. We were sleeping fully clothed and crowded into barns and sheds without any beds or bedding and no sanitary arrangements. I, amongst others, soon added dysentery to the existing hardships. The eating of pig swill, and rough oats lashed up into a very crude porridge did nothing but aggravate the dysentery. At the end of three weeks marching, we were herded into cattle trucks and locked in for three days and nights.

No water, food or sanitation was available. By now, all who had so far survived were rotten with dysentery. On being let out of the truck, I collapsed."

Robbie was then sent to prison camp Stalag 111-A, south of Berlin, until being liberated by the Russians on 22nd April, 1945. After a period of convalescence, he rejoined his father's business, got married and started a family. Robbie died in 1990.

David Welch – Looe RBL Tel: 01503 265573 email: looe.rbl@rbllooe.com

Lions Club of Looe presents



CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY

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4 pm to 7 pm

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more info from Gail Lean 01503 263028

THE OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM

The Old Guildhall Museum, The Old Sardine Factory Heritage Centre and Looe Old Cornwall Society are going to hold a joint memory café on January 16th 11am to 3pm to collect memories of Looe in the Second World War. All are very welcome to come along and join in the recording of memories. Details to follow in the local press and on notices in Looe.

The staff at the museum are busy with their Winter work having packed up the museum for the building work on the roof. We are busy with our archiving work and continued accessioning of our artefacts. If you are interested in coming to see what we do and perhaps come and help us, we are in the New Guildhall on Monday mornings until December 9th and then we hope to move back to the Museum to unwrap all our cabinets and start the job of reorganising the museum for opening on April 6th 2020.

The Museum is always looking for more volunteers and for people to help with our research work. Please contact 01503 262709 for more details.



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Some of these areas may not be suitable for those with mobility issues.

To book go to our Events page on www.treargel.com,
our Facebook page or ring us on 01503 262 993

Breathe Deeply, Rest Quietly, Think Clearly

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LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

Looking for a new interest for the winter months? If you like Cornwall and its history, why not come along to one of our meetings? We meet at St Martin's Hall, at 2.30pm on the second Saturday of the month for a talk, raffle, tea and cake. Visitors are welcome, price £1.

Brian Oldham from Liskeard Museum is our speaker for 11th January, on "Memories of a 20th Century Caradon Miner". Brian loves walking on the moors, and has an extensive knowledge of the old mine workings, together with a knack of digging out interesting stories from the archives. Come along and give us a try – you don't have to be old or Cornish!



LOOE AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Christmas is approaching so everyone is thinking about Christmas door wreaths, table decorations, garlands and other floral decorations to celebrate the season.



If you are looking for ideas, join our club meeting on Tuesday 3rd December at 2pm at Pelynt Village Hall. Our demonstrator is the lovely Christine Harrington and her theme is "Christmas dreams are made of this." Come and be inspired, relax with a cuppa, raffle and a chat all for £5.

The Looe and District Flower Club is affiliated with the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies: NAFAS. <http://looeflowerclub.btck.co.uk/>
Find us on Facebook or contact Kathy Iles on 07747896050 if you have any questions.

LOOE VALLEY SINGERS

'Tis the season to be jolly and during the festivities the choir will be singing in various venues in and around Looe. Favourites include singing under the garland in the Great Hall at Cotehele and in Mount Edgcumbe House during the Christmas Fayre.

Several choir members will be taking part in the Cornish Diaspora carol services, which this year will be held in Lostwithiel, Gwennap Pit and the Miner's Chapel, St Just.

After Christmas, choir will resume on January 16th and new members are always welcome to join us at the Riverside Chapel where we meet on Thursdays at 7pm.

Contact Kathy 01503 272550 or Jill 01503 240768 for further information, or go to the website www.looevalleysingers.org.uk.



MAYOR'S REPORT

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL RETAINS LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICE FOR LOOE



The newly refurbished Library Community Hub and Town Council offices opened for the first time on the 5th November.

I am really pleased that we have saved the library and information service from closure and incredibly excited that we have not only kept these services for Looe but we are also enhancing them with more improvements being introduced over the next few months. We aim to have the library at the heart of the community and be much more accessible. The library and information service are all on the ground floor with much longer opening times being introduced. There will also be many community events held as well. You can expect the same high level of service that you have always received, but enhanced. We also have a great new team that will deliver these services. I would also like to invite everyone to our official opening on Saturday 30th November.

The Town Council have also now moved into the library and community hub building and continue to offer the services you have previously enjoyed. Please look out for more details on our official opening day.

Cllr Martin Gregory, Mayor of Looe

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LOOE TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING REPORT



We find ourselves at that very busy time of year with the preparations for Christmas well underway within our community. Even at this time of year the Planning Committee have a large number of applications to review. One very valuable resource is Cornwall Local Plan, a policy guide that complements our Neighbourhood Plan. A policy that we always find ourselves using is 'Policy 12: Design'. The basis for this is:

'Good quality design is about more than just how an individual building may look; it helps shape the way places work. It can help improve social wellbeing and quality of life by increasing opportunities for exercise, reduce crime, help in finding solutions to public health and transport issues, respond to climate change and assist in its mitigation and adaptation and can improve local environments.'

'The impact of new development on Cornwall's distinctiveness and character must be carefully managed through the design and planning processes. We expect proposals to demonstrate how local distinctiveness and the landscape character assessment process have informed and shaped the design of schemes. Buildings and places should be aesthetically pleasing and meet local needs and requirements.'

When reviewing any application, I would recommend you read Cornwall Local Plan and Looe Neighbourhood Plan before commenting on Cornwall Council's planning portal, as this will give you clear guidelines of what is considered during the planning process. Hopefully by following the guidelines we can help to protect and enhance Looe. Links to both of these documents can be found on Looe Town Council page.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you Looe Town Council Planning Committee meetings are held at least once a month in the Council Chamber, Library and Community Hub, The Millpool, West Looe PL13 2AF. All meeting dates together with the planning applications we are considering and the recommendations we have made, can be viewed on our website www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk/. You will also find a 'Planning Information' page with lots of useful information.

If you are interested in a particular planning application, you are very welcome to attend our planning meeting. Requests to attend a meeting must be submitted to Looe Town Council prior to the meeting, so that the most appropriate meeting venue can be arranged. If you are making a comment to Cornwall Council regarding an application, we ask that a copy is also submitted to Looe Town Council.

On a final note I would again like to thank all Planning Committee members for their ongoing time and continued dedication and a special thank you to Annette Keen who keeps everything and everyone in order.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone within the community a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Cllr James Lundy
Planning Chairman, Looe Town Council

LOOE VALLEY LINE REPORT

Coming in December – Hourly Looe trains and better Plymouth connections

December 15th is a very big day for the Looe Valley Line and Cornwall's railways generally. Cornwall's best ever train service starts that day and that means big improvements in South East Cornwall.

On the Looe Valley Line, there will be an hourly service Mondays to Saturdays meaning three extra round trips a day on the line.

Trains on the main line between Plymouth, Liskeard, St Austell, Truro and Penzance will see further improvements and there will be a train pretty much every half hour in each direction to and from Liskeard station, Mondays to Saturdays. This will mean more, and better, connections between Looe and Plymouth and Looe and Truro.

Cornwall Council are the prime movers behind the improvements and have helped to fund them.

2019 – another busy year on the Looe Valley Line

2019 has been another busy year on the Looe Valley Line with a total of 101,485 journeys made between January and October. This is 5.7% up on 2018; more than 5,000 extra journeys. This has been helped by the fact that the Looe Valley Line now has a two coach train all year round, rather than just the peak Summer months.

Award winning – Celebrating the History and Heritage of the Looe Valley Line

Our project to celebrate the rich history and heritage of the Looe Valley Line is now an award winning project having beaten off stiff competition to win Best Marketing or Communications Campaign at the national Community Rail Awards in October.

Visit **www.looerailheritage.com** to watch our series of films made by "All the Stations" team Geoff Marshall and Vicki Pipe and see interviews with local people about the line. From that page, you can also download our free app which acts as a heritage companion to a trip on the line.

If you visit Looe and other Looe Valley Line stations, we have interpretation boards with more information and photos too. The board at Looe tells the story of when Looe station itself starred in the movies, back in 1957. The line was taken over for the day to film sequences for one of Sean Connery's first films "Another Time, Another Place". You can use your phone to see the final scenes of the film where Hollywood star Lana Turner leaves Looe station by steam train.

Our next project is to turn three rooms on the Looe Valley Line Platform at Liskeard into a small year-round heritage centre, opening next Easter, all being well.

Both projects aim to encourage more people to visit South East Cornwall and take a trip on the line.

With grateful thanks to Richard Burningham for providing the report.

Cllr Chris Rose

Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership Representative for Looe Town Council

LOOE MARINE CONSERVATION GROUP

Our 2020 Calendar of Events is shaping up nicely including seven beach cleans, a rocky shore identification workshop and a takeover week at the Old Sardine Factory Heritage Centre for National Marine Week in August. Not forgetting the ever popular escorted rockpool rambles during all the key school holidays, supplemented with a snorkel safari, night rockpooling, and radical rockpooling. But for when it's not so good to be out on the rocky shore, we've got some great speakers lined up in our winter talks programme. Already confirmed are: Dr Caroline Palmer, a coral reef biologist from the National Marine Aquarium, Dr Brendan Godley, marine biologist from Exeter University, specialising in turtles and the threat from plastic pollution and Dr Nick Pope, estuarine ecologist from the Marine Biological Association.

Good news for the Looe Bathing Waters Project as the Looe & Liskeard Yellow Fish Project has recently secured more funding from the Environment Agency to continue the community engagement work on urban drainage in the catchment. There are some excellent volunteering opportunities to get involved as more RiverFly volunteers are needed to maintain reliable monitoring work. And we also need help on the plastics campaign with Plastic Free Looe so please do get in touch either via looevmca@gmail.com or plasticfreelooe@gmail.com.

All are welcome at our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month in the Crew Room upstairs at the RNLI Station in East Looe from 6.30pm. If you can't attend but want to support our volunteer effort, please take out membership of Looe Marine Conservation Group for just £8p.a. via www.looemarineconservation.org. Why not sign up someone for Christmas? You'll be giving to a great cause!

Next event: **January 4th at 2.30pm** – make a note in your diary to join us on our New Year Beach Clean and for the launch of our 2020 Calendar of Events with all dates and details revealed! Meet at the Coastguard Station at Hannafore where we clean the beach (all equipment provided but length of time is weather dependent) and then we retreat to the warmth and comfort of the Hannafore Point Hotel for drinks and a raffle of 'recycled' (unwanted) Christmas presents. Hope to see you there. And Merry Christmas!

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RNLI Dates to Remember

Don't miss RNLI Carols with Pelynt Male Choir in St Martin's Church Hall – **Friday 6th December**, 7.30pm. Tickets available in advance from our RNLI Shop at Looe Lifeboat Station, East Looe Seafront or at the door on the night.

Support us via the Co-op

Looe Lifeboats has been chosen to benefit from the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund (open now, closes 24th October 2020). During this funding phase, Co-op members will be able to choose Looe Lifeboats as their local cause, so every time a member buys selected own-brand products and services, **1% of the money spent goes to us**, so it's important we raise our profile and encourage members to choose Looe Lifeboats. We are now encouraging supporters, volunteers, friends and family to become Co-op members.

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LOOE ROWING CLUB

The Season has drawn to an end, and Looe Men's A finished the way they started – in style! – by being crowned County Champions at Newquay. After last year's disappointment following the cox missing one of the marks whilst leading, it was amazing to bounce back and win. A dominating performance saw them lead from start to finish, holding off Roseland and Caradon to take home the trophy, and complete the double. World and County Champs! Previous Newquay results include a 5th, three 3rds and a 6th. The crew was the same as the one that won the World Championships in May and completed a very successful season, also winning Three Rivers, and ending sitting pretty on top of the tribute rankings, first place for results over all regattas through the summer and now County Champions for the first time.

Cox and coach Emma Cox said "The crew have worked tirelessly all summer with an ergo programme that allowed them to race hard for over 20mins. A massive well done to them, and also to our two other crews. Men's B who finished 20th, their best result since 2011 and Men's C who narrowly missed it on a second round race".

The Ladies rowed the County Championships two weeks prior, and showing the huge popularity of the sport within Looe took four crews. With many rowing the event for the first time the Ladies C and D did themselves proud, Ladies B finished 42nd and Ladies A coming home 17th pushing hard but narrowly missing out on the final.

Looe Rowing Club would like to thank everyone for their continued support. This fantastic little community always comes up trumps! Special thank you to The Old Sail Loft for hosting another hilarious pig racing night and to all our sponsors.

As mentioned in an earlier issue, Looe Rowing Club's charity Round The Island Race back in the summer raised money for Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY). A donation of £1000 was presented to Ann and Andy Demaine, on behalf of CRY, by our Chair Lisa Clements. Thanks to everyone who made this possible.



After a massively successful season for Looe Rowing Club everyone is now having a small break before winter rowing resumes. However the training continues off the water on the ergos, "winter miles equals summer smiles" as one cox puts it! Only one more question...three in a row boys?

LOOE SAILING CLUB

Another great season for the club has now come to an end with a real blow for the final race that attracted only the real hardened sailors out. There were more capsizes than in any other race but they all enjoyed it. Racing was followed by the last race supper, cup presentations, Autumn Series prizes courtesy of Popes Estate Agents and live music in the clubhouse making for a grand end to proceedings.



Overall winners were: Mirrors: Hannah and Joselyn Staff; Redwing: Jack Pope and Peter Greenwood; Laser: Chris Iles; Enterprise: David and Chris Jackman. Congratulations to all.

Boats are now cleared away ready for some tender loving care in readiness for next year's activities which commence on the third weekend in March.

Future club activities include the annual Dinner and Dance at the Hannaford Point Hotel followed by a Thank You Party for all those who helped with the year's championships, and the usual club activities running up to Christmas.

Planning for next year will not be far away as the Enterprise fleet will be arriving in late July for their National Championships that will include a large number of home club entries.

Photo by Neil Richardson. Taken at the LSC Headquarters, East Looe and shows LSC Commodore, Enys Dan, presenting the Autumn Series Cup to Hannah and Joselyn Staff, who were the overall winners in the Mirror Class.

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December

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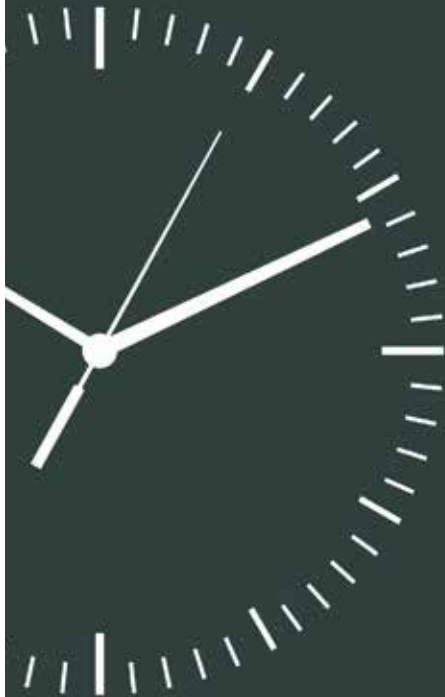
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