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NEWS FROM THE EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST



New ELTT Chairman

It was an honour to be appointed Chairman of the East Looe Town Trust for the coming year, and I pay tribute to the skill and hard work of Phil Gibson who steps down as Chairman after two years. He has agreed to take up the Vice Chairman role and I am grateful for his experienced back-up.

Christmas and New Year celebrations

The Trust was delighted to contribute again to Looe's Christmas lights and celebrations. This Christmas we invested in a new low energy catenary which created a cheerful canopy of lights above the Rose Garden. It was a great setting for seasonal events, choirs and bands. Trust staff and resources also supported the brilliant town display masterminded by the Harbour Commissioners and Looe's enthusiastic Christmas lights volunteers. Trust staff also pitched in to help with the excellent children's and midnight firework displays on New Year's Eve on the East Looe seafront. They had an early start next morning cleaning up broken glass and making the seafront clean and safe ready for the New Year's Day swim.

Old Guildhall Museum and Gaol

We salute the hard work of our volunteer museum team who have now moved the exhibits back into the museum which had been moved to allow for significant building works in the Old Guildhall Museum and Gaol. The listed building, which is in the care and ownership of the Trust, required internal wall trusses following structural engineering advice. The work was carefully done, and we think you will hardly notice it. Pop in when the museum reopens in the spring and check it out yourself.

Listed Building projects

Listed buildings are expensive to maintain. Our first priority project is the restoration of the Old Lifeboat Station and Watchtower, for which we are seeking funding. An early stage of the project is public involvement and consultation, which could feature events this Easter.

Second, the Guildhall Clocktower is again going to be clad in scaffolding, which will allow several things to happen. The displaced weathervane will be replaced, and the clock faces and mechanism will be inspected and repaired. A full survey of the clock tower structure and masonry will be completed by a specialist surveyor and specifications drawn up for work later in the year.

Dogs on East Looe Beach

Trustees have noted that Cornwall Council are reviewing their rules about dogs being allowed onto beaches controlled by them. But ELTT would like to make it clear that East Looe town beach, which is owned and maintained by them, will remain fully dog-free throughout the year.

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We recognise that every day of the year can be a sandcastle day on our beach and standards of hygiene and good behaviour will be maintained year-round. Second beach and Hannafore are dog-friendly.

New town-centre boutique

Finally, we are delighted that Q for Quirky has decided to open their new boutique in Looe. It will join their successful branch in Tavistock. You will find them in the Guildhall Rose Garden where the town council used to be – and will be amazed at the transformation.

Brian Galipeau, Chairman, on behalf of Trustees

LOOE JAZZ CLUB AT LOOE GOLF CLUB

Did you know that there is a Jazz Club at Looe Golf Club? Well now you do! We have a mix of local and travelling Jazz Bands one Saturday evening a month.

Our most recent event was an entertaining evening with the Magnolia Jazz Band, when more than 50 members enjoyed a varied selection of foot tapping traditional jazz together with a delicious meal and a well-funded raffle, including a donation to the winner's chosen charity.



We have bands booked for 2020 and into 2021 – the next few dates are:

February 8 th	Black Cat Jazz Band
March 14 th	Dart Valley Stompers
April 18 th	Savannah
May 9 th	Soprano's
June 13 th	Baby Jules

Admission by advance booking only – cost: £21 including supper. Why not give it a go? It's live music and a fun evening. What more could you want?

Contact Elaine Warne: ewarne18@btinternet.com or phone 01503263816 for more information or to book yourself a place.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: NEW YEAR'S EVE 2020

2020, the start of a new decade and the **21st Anniversary** of fireworks on the Seafront. Yes, 21 years since the first organised seafront fireworks display, to mark the Millennium.

Originally organised by the Looe Town Forum, the Town Council took over the displays, which had become a tradition, but eventually they had to cease their role. Luckily, they were followed by volunteers, and the New Year's Eve firework displays improved year upon year, with the 2019/2020 display being agreed as the best seen so far.

The Forum's original involvement in the plans, assessments, health and safety aspects, started what has become over the years, the genuinely **now traditional New Year's Eve fireworks** within the Fancy Dress night, (the permissions for the Fireworks location on the Banjo Pier and Beach being granted by the Harbour Commission and the East Looe Town Trust).

Gary and Michaela Powell took over, being instrumental in the role after the Town Council. In turn they were followed by **Armand Toms**, who introduced the idea of the extra 6pm display for the children (now appearing in other locations).

The past and existing organisers have quite a role, booking the Fireworks Company to put on the displays, administrative aspects, clarifying risk assessments, health and safety, obtaining the permissions, staffing, liaising with the police etc. It is a job well done annually, as the attending crowds show.

Fundraising is the major headache, but over the years various events have been organised and Barclays staff have traditionally "matched" the money raised.

Recently the organisation of the Firework displays has been taken up by **Richard Cross and Dave Fowler**, managers of the East Looe Co-op store. Successful bids have this year been made to the Co-op Community Fund to raise money for the next display to which Richard and Dave hope to add improvements for the 2020 'Anniversary' Display.

This can be massively aided IF the townsfolk can provide help to these two stalwarts. This one really special event of the year draws a massive audience to welcome the New Year in a very special Cornish Fishing Port. Looe needs additional volunteers:

- to help raise funds
- for each of us to donate to the funds (boxes already around the town)
- to assist during the year: promoting and running events, sponsorships etc.
- to help pay for the fireworks, and
- to assist on the evening of the event.

This year the date being...31st December! (Really?)

Can those of you who feel that you can be part of this fantastic event please provide your details to: Colin Tregear at: colin@tregarrick.co.uk or leave a message at the Millpool Centre 01503 265947.

Please see message below about a future Forum meeting – your suggestions for your town are required. (News about the New Year's Eve display could be announced that evening, with details of voluntary involvement included).

LOOE COMMUNITY FORUM

Your ideas?

The Looe Community Forum has been, over the years, a conduit channelling the public's suggestions and helping to promote them for the benefit of the town.

It's time again to ascertain what folks are seeking for the town. Who knows, there may be something that has been hiding quietly beneath the surface and is now ready to be stirred into life?

Please let the Forum know of any ideas that could be placed among any subject matter for discussion at a future public meeting.

By email: juicylooe@gmail.com

By letter to: **Looe Community Forum**,
Millpool Centre, The Millpool,
West Looe, PL13 2AF



LOOE BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Upcoming events:

March 7 th	9.30am	Harbour Clean	
March 26 th	7.30pm	Club Night and Quiz	Looe Sailing Club
April 16 th		A.G.M. and dinner	Portbyhan Hotel
May 7 th	7.30pm	Club Night and Wine Tasting	Looe Sailing Club
May 16 th	2pm	Spring Barbecue	West Quarries Picnic Area

POLPERRO FISHERMEN'S CHOIR

Polperro Fishermen's Choir enjoyed another very successful year in 2019, raising many thousands of pounds for local and national charities and good causes. Both the Choir and the Wreckers gave numerous free performances in a wide range of venues, from the lovely but dauntingly huge All Saint's Church in Porthcawl, South Wales (where a capacity audience raised over £1600 for a children's cancer charity), through halls, schools, farms, gardens, pubs and the excellent acoustics of Looe lifeboat station, to the old Coal Wharf in Polruan, where the sound of music and the smell of roasting pig drifting through the village on a lovely sunny bank holiday helped raise over £1000 for the lifeboats.

At a special event in Polperro, the President of the Choir, broadcaster and writer Richard Madeley, presented more than £500 to both the Cornwall Air Ambulance's new helicopter appeal, and the Stroke Association. The money was donated by audiences during the Choir's summer season of open-air performances 'at home' on the fish quay in Polperro. Congratulating the Choir on raising so much money, Madeley told members that he was very proud to be their President and hoped the relationship would continue for many years to come. There will be another full programme of fundraising performances in Polperro and Looe this year. Details of these are on our website at www.polperrofishermenschoir.co.uk.

New members are always made very welcome. If you would like to try us out, come along to a practice at 7.30pm on a Wednesday in Polperro Methodist Chapel, or contact the choir via the form on the website. We enjoy a wide variety of music and all members have the option of joining the Wreckers and singing for fun (and beer!) after the Wednesday rehearsal.



Richard Madeley presenting the cheque to Barbara Sharples, a trustee of Cornwall Air Ambulance and chair of the new helicopter appeal.

Cinema by the Sea

Wednesday 19th February - Honeyland (12A)

Doors open: 7pm. Starts 7.30pm. 87minutes.



In a deserted Macedonian village, Hatidze, a 50-something woman, trudges up a hillside to check her bee colonies nestled in the rocks. Serenading them with a secret chant, she gently manoeuvres the honeycomb without netting or gloves. Back at her homestead, Hatidze tends to her

handmade hives and her bedridden mother. One day, her peaceful kingdom gives way to roaring engines, seven shrieking children, and 150 cows. Hatidze welcomes her new neighbours, however soon the itinerant family's patriarch makes a series of decisions that could destroy her way of life forever.

The most awarded film out of this year's Sundance Film Festival, winning the World Cinema Grand Jury Prize, a Special Jury Award for Cinematography, and another Special Jury Award for Originality. HONEYLAND is a visually stunning portrait of the delicate balance between nature and humanity that has something sweet for everyone.

Wednesday 18th March - Bait (15)

Doors open: 7pm. Starts 7.30pm. 89 minutes.



Modern-day Cornish fisherman Martin (Ed Rowe) is struggling to buy a boat while coping with family rivalry and the influx of London money, Airbnb and stag parties to his harbour village. The Summer season brings simmering tensions between the locals and newcomers to boiling point, with tragic consequences.

Stunningly shot on a vintage 16mm camera using monochrome Kodak stock, BAIT is a timely and funny, yet poignant new film that gets to the heart of a community facing unwelcome change.

All films at: The Community Hall at Looe Children's Centre,
Trewint Crescent, Barbican, LOOE PL13 1ET
Tickets: on the night at the door or online at cinemabythesea.org.uk



LOOE AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB



We are a friendly group of floral enthusiasts who meet every first Tuesday of the month, 2pm at Pelynt Village Hall. Between us we have a wide range of expertise from the very experienced florist or flower arranger to the novice.

As a club we also support the development of skills through workshops, competitions, collaborative work and are inspired by visiting demonstrators. This year, in addition to demonstrators, we have a workshop in February to learn more about the “miniature” and “petite” flower arranging classes and also how to stage a large exhibit in a show. In the spring we have invited a speaker to give us ideas for hanging baskets.

Come and visit a meeting for £5. Our next meeting is on February 4th. This is a workshop – if you would like to attend please contact us on the number below as you will need to bring items with you to fully participate in the workshop.

The Looe and District Flower Club is affiliated with
the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies – NAFAS

[www. http://looeflowerclub.btck.co.uk/](http://looeflowerclub.btck.co.uk/)

Find us on Facebook
or contact Kathy Iles 07747896050 if you have any questions

LOOE VALLEY SINGERS

After a busy Christmas period singing for Children's Hospice SW, the choir members have been enjoying a well-earned rest.

Now it's time to start planning the year ahead and rehearsals started in earnest on Thursday January 16th at the Riverside Church.

New singers are always welcome to come along – there's no audition and we sing all types of music, from Mozart to Motown.

If you'd like to come along please contact
Kathy on 01503 272550
or Jill on 01503 240768
or see the website **www.looevalleysingers.org.uk**

KELTIQUE NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The last two months of the decade proved to be particularly busy ones for Keltique. Thirteen dates of seasonal singing at The Portbyhan were enjoyed by the guests and we were delighted by the enthusiasm of the audiences on many occasions. One such time was when, having completed our performance, we were entertained by the audience, who turned out to be members of choirs from Wales. It was a memorable evening!

Our annual Carols by Candlelight service took place on 16th December at St Nicholas Church, West Looe. As usual, it was a special evening which was well attended. We enjoyed mince pies at the Social Club afterwards.

On 20th December we enjoyed a wonderful evening entertaining at Scholars' Wine Bar and Restaurant. The evening was well attended by a very appreciative audience and we enjoyed it immensely. We sang a combination of Christmas songs, carols and music from our repertoire which was very well received. We hope we are able to return sometime in the future.

We are excited to be spending January and February learning some new songs to add to our already extensive repertoire and are looking forward to 2020 being even busier than 2019. We already have several dates in the pipeline. These include a concert on 28th March with our ex musical director, Jonathan Delbridge and his community choir from Somerset. More details about this can be found on our website, see below.

Keltique is extremely fortunate and grateful to have the very talented Jonathan Lewsey and Liz Sidebotham as the Musical Director and Accompanist and a group of highly committed choir members (also highly talented, of course!). All of these people turn out in force for every concert and rehearsal, no matter how often this proves to be, how they are feeling or what the weather is like.

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

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LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Meetings: The Looe Branch of the RBL meets on the first Monday of every month, starting prompt at 7.30pm, in the ground floor bar of Looe Social Club, West Looe Quay. Come along for a pleasant evening and find out more about us. We are always on the lookout for new members.

Fundraising and Donations: We must thank the Portbyhan Hotel for hosting a charity evening in December which raised over five hundred pounds for the branch. We must also thank St Martin's Church Hall Committee for a donation of £80. The Looe Poppy Appeal for this year has so far reached £7,483.59.

Lest We Forget: A tale of very two different Looe submariners: On 2nd December 1939 the British submarine H.M. Salmon set sail from Harwich for the North Sea on her second war patrol which turned out to be very memorable. Two days later they spotted and torpedoed the U-Boat U-36 which sank with no survivors. This was the first sinking of the war by a British submarine of a German U-Boat. On 12th December they sighted the German liner Bremen, which in 1929 had won the Blue Riband for the fastest Atlantic crossing. The Salmon surfaced and signalled the Bremen to stop but no notice was taken. A warning shot was about to be fired across the liners bows when a German aircraft appeared and forced the Salmon to submerge, allowing the liner to escape. The next day, the Salmon sighted two German light cruisers, the Nurnberg and Leipzig. From a distance the Salmon fired a spread of torpedoes which hit the Nurnberg in the bow and the Leipzig amidships. Then German destroyers appeared on the scene and carried out a depth charge attack on the Salmon for over an hour. Luckily, the submarine survived the attack but it did allow the two damaged cruisers to limp away.

On 14th December, another British submarine, the Ursula, was patrolling off the Elbe estuary when she spotted the damaged Leipzig, escorted by six destroyers. Although the waters of the estuary were shallow, with many sandbanks, the Ursula managed to dive beneath the outer destroyer escorts and fired a salvo of six torpedoes; the two resulting explosions were so close that Ursula herself was badly shaken. On returning to periscope depth there was no sign of the cruiser, but four of her escorting destroyers were closing in at high speed to attack. Again, risking the sandbanks, Ursula went deep and managed to evade the inevitable depth charges. It transpired that the torpedoes had narrowly missed the Leipzig and sank one of the escorting destroyers. Nevertheless, the initial damage to Leipzig was so severe that the ship was only used as a training ship after she was repaired.

The British Admiralty were very pleased with the conduct of both submarines, and a number of awards were made to selected members of the crews. On the Salmon, the Torpedo Officer, Lt. Robin Hugh Meliss Hancock, received the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC). Robin's father had served in the Royal Navy as a Commander and in WW1 had been awarded the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) before being killed in an accident in 1918. Robin was born in 1916 and, not long after, the family home became the Dinnick (now Crossways), Hannafore. Robin followed his father

into the Royal Navy and became a Midshipman in 1934.

One of the awards to the crew of the Ursula was a Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) to Leading Seaman Alfred James Mallet. The DSM was the naval ratings' equivalent of the Distinguished Service Medal awarded to officers. Alfred Mallett was born in Looe in 1912 and joined the Royal Navy in 1927 at the age of 15.

The luck of H.M. Salmon ran out on her 9th patrol. She departed Rosyth on 4th July, 1940, to patrol off SW Norway. She was radioed to return to base on 12th July but did not reply to the signal. She is believed to have run into an unknown German minefield. Five officers and 36 ratings were lost, including Robin Hancock. He is remembered on the Looe War Memorial. The wreck of HMS Salmon was located in April 2008 by a surveying vessel prospecting for a cable laying route.

Alfred Mallett was a bit luckier and served throughout the war in the Submarine Service, serving in another three submarines, the last one being in the Pacific against the Japanese. He was awarded a Mention in Despatches and added two bars to his DSM (the equivalent of two more awards of the DSM). He rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer and was the only member of the Submarine Service to be awarded a two bar DSM. When he retired from the Royal Navy, he became a joiner with a building firm in Looe. He died in 1985 and was laid to rest in his wife's family grave in the St Austell Cemetery. Included on the headstone's inscription is: Alfred James Mallet, C.P.O. Royal Navy, Submariner, D.S.M. Two Bar Group.

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LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

Our February meeting, on Saturday 8th, promises to be of interest to everyone in Looe and district, when Colin Crabb will talk about the development of the Sardine Factory, with the extensive works needed to stabilise the building and convert it for use by the restaurant and heritage centre.

In March, we have our AGM, with a short talk by Daniel Agee on the medieval chapel sites at Lammana and on Looe Island, followed by afternoon tea. Both meetings will be at St Martin's Hall, Looe, at 2.30pm. There is plenty of parking, and non-members are always welcome. Come and give us a try.

FOREST FOR CORNWALL

One of Cornwall Council's flagship projects from the 2019 Climate Change Plan is the Forest for Cornwall, creating new woodlands and planting trees in urban areas. The Forest for Cornwall is not just a single area of new forest but could equally be individual trees, groups of trees and small areas planted to create coppice.

In 10 years, the planted areas will cover around 32 square miles, about 2% of Cornwall's land mass. The forest will support wildlife and absorb carbon from the atmosphere. A new native woodland can capture 300-400 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent per hectare (tCO₂e/ha) by year 50, and 400-500 tCO₂e/ha by year 100. Over time, this forest will have the potential to consume around 1% of Cornwall's annual carbon footprint (as measured in 2016). As Cornwall's annual carbon footprint decreases, the carbon-absorbing properties of the forest will have a bigger impact. This will help us get closer to our zero carbon target. Younger trees absorb less carbon than older trees. So it is vital we plant trees as soon as possible.

The Council have prioritised £500,000 for the first phase of the Forest for Cornwall. We are also bidding for £500,000 in match funding from the Government's Urban Tree Challenge Fund. This will help reduce the cost of developing the forest.

The average UK resident consumes 12 trees a year in their everyday life for paper, packaging, wood, cardboard, toilet tissue and many other products. Woodland cover in Cornwall is 9-10% compared to a UK average of 13% and in Europe 37%.

The Looe Environmental Group with support from Looe Town Council have discussed and hope to find sites locally for 1000 trees. An approach has been made to East Looe Town Trust to plant trees on some of the land to the East of Barbican hill that leads up to the Wooldown. We have also approached Dave Peat to plant some trees in and around the picnic area at Kilminorth Woods. The challenge now is to find enough locations – so if you own land, know of land or have a garden large enough to accommodate a tree please get in touch.

There are various pots of money available for example, the Grow Nature Seed Fund, which could be applied to for assistance with this project and the Woodlands Trust. If you would like to become involved please do get in touch.

Simon Barker
Chairman, Looe Environmental Group



MAYOR'S REPORT



It has been a busy period since the last full council meeting in November, both representing the town and with the Council reorganisation.

Events Julie and I have attended include:

- 29th November Looe Community Academy fashion show
- 30th November Official opening of Looe's library
- 7th December Santa fun run, Santa's arrival, lantern parade and carol service
- 12th December Looe Primary Academy Nativity play
- 14th December Shelia's Dancing 25th Christmas Show
- 18th December Looe Community Academy Christmas concert
- 1st January Annual New Year's Day swim

Julie and I had the pleasure, although extremely difficult job, of judging the best Christmas displays for our local businesses and residents. There were some amazing displays yet again this year, but the best residence that stood out for us was the display created by Mally Gorgulu at Holt's Field, Barbican. Not only did Mally create this Christmas spectacle, but, with Mally providing hot chocolate, donations from the many visitors marvelling at the display raised money to provide much needed clothing for local homeless people.

The winning business category was equally as difficult and we deliberated over this one for quite a while, however to us the outstanding winner was the Ye Olde Salutation Inn. Owner Shaun Kenny pulled out, once again, all the stops and delivered another amazing display. Thank you to all residents and businesses who made our town look outstanding during the festive period. Thank you also to Cllr Armand Toms who created and donated the fabulous award plaques.



Saturday 7th December saw our first combined Christmas festivities day. This without a doubt proved extremely successful with the town being busy all day, with so much positive feedback. I would like to thank all those involved with making this happen, particularly Looe Lions, Looe Harbour Commission, and Looe Town Council.

Secondly, an update on the Council reorganisation and premises move. The official opening of the library very successfully took place on the 30th November. There was a constant stream of visitors to the library with many new and renewed memberships. Many thanks to Angela and her team. There have been so many good comments regarding the new library layout and facilities.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Trevor Crane who stood down as a Councillor after many valuable years. I would also like to thank Viv Sullivan, who although only a Councillor for a relatively short time, has also been invaluable, and has also had to stand down. Both of them will be missed. This means we have two vacancies for new Councillors.

Cllr Martin Gregory
Mayor of Looe

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www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk or by contacting us on 01503 262255.



INTRODUCING TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE LOOE TOWN COUNCIL TEAM



Mel Colton-Dyer, Commercial Strategy Director and Town Clerk

Mel joined us at the end of November having been the Chief Operating Officer of Cornwall Chamber of Commerce for the past five years, representing the Cornish business community at a local, regional and national level. She has a wide-ranging business background, mainly in business development and change management, which started with a Directorship in Theatre-in-Education at the age of 20. She has worked in senior hospitality and vocational/academic training roles (working for five years in France for the British Council and Education Nationale), and was the Business Development Manager for Truro & Penwith College for 12 years. She is the Chair of trustees for iSight Cornwall, and a Director of the Aspire Academy Trust amongst other volunteer positions. Mel is passionate about Cornwall, its people and its economic future.

Angela Conner, Library and Community Hub Manager for Looe Library and Information Service

Angela's background is public libraries and the community, starting her career as a Saturday Library Assistant and working her way upwards studying a degree in Information and Library Studies. She has been in post for four months and says "It has been lovely to meet so many members of the public from Looe. When I started at Looe Town Council it was when the library refurbishment was still taking place and then along with the Library Support Officer, moving in all of the books and equipment to get it ready for opening. We had a fantastic response to our Library Open Day and people are really positive about the new library layout. If you are not a member of the library or haven't visited us yet, please do pop in, say hello and why not join the library? You can take advantage of borrowing up to 18 books, use the computers for free and access a wealth of online resources such as e-books and e-audio books".

What's on at the Library?

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THE OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM AND GAOL

The volunteers continue with our winter work, which has included a Tea and Tech morning with the wAVE team. This was very useful as it introduced us all to new pieces of VR equipment and helped us to understand what would work best for our museum project. Once this has been decided and the Falmouth University team has produced a prototype, we will be inviting people in Looe to come and have a go and give us their views on the subject matter and the equipment.

The World War II Memory Café was an outstanding success and many thanks to Nick Bailey for heading the team with such consummate skill and compassion. It was a privilege to hear the memories of Roger Hoskins, Jim Welshman, Jeanne and Alan Dingle, and John and Nancy Joliffe, and our thanks to them all and also Rachel at the Old Sardine Heritage Centre for allowing us to use their space.

Museum Season starts on March 30th and ends on November 1st. The Museum is always looking for more volunteers and for people to help with our research work. Please contact 01503 262709 for more details.



LOOE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS

Our last class before Christmas was 9th December, when we stayed on to enjoy Christmas food, provided by our Treasurer Ann, and the usual friendly chat and laughter. We recommenced our dancing 6th January and enjoyed a special meal together at the Copley Arms to celebrate the 31st Anniversary of the Club.

We are fortunate to have a sprung floor at the Community Hall, Looe Family Hub, which gives a lovely spring to your step when dancing. We all enjoy the lovely patterns of the Scottish Country Dancing and the melodies and catchiness of the tunes. Some of the patterns are so intricate that your timing has to be perfect and it looks much harder than it actually is. Newcomers are always welcome, no partner required, please just phone Betty Attrill 01503 264862 or e-mail bettyattrill@gmail.com in advance so I can arrange a suitable program for you. It is so good for memory and fitness a fun way of exercise.



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LOOE ROWING CLUB

Whilst the winter sees the end of the season for the rowers, it also provides some time to try some new challenges and have a little fun along the way; an opportunity to team up with other clubs rowers and have a little bit of fun.

First up, the annual 28th Muiden Pampas Muiden saw six of LRCs finest men and women head to Holland to race 8km around Pampus Island. The MPM regatta, 15 miles south east of Amsterdam, is an inspiring and appealing gathering of open water rowing teams from the Netherlands and from abroad. For many teams in offshore rowing boats, MPM is the end of their rowing season, whereas for many men and women in gigs, MPM marks the beginning of a new training effort for the championships on the Isles of Scilly next spring.

With some great inter-club camaraderie, for the second year our boys, along with fellas from Bristol, Caradon and Mevagissey, took the title and brought the trophy home. This year was also the year that Talisman made its inaugural journey across the channel to race in Dutch waters and it was a delight to see her on the water in Muiden.

On 28th December eight men and women from LRC joined the Cornish Barbarians with around 50 other like-minded rowers to take part in the second Barbarians charity marathon row; this time from Gorran Haven to Falmouth. The sun shone and a fantastic effort saw them on the water for five hours. Whilst they were met with challenging conditions early on at Dodman Point – or ‘rather choppy’ to quote one rower! – that didn’t stop them smiling when they arrived to Falmouth, for a deserved pint or two! Initial estimates have seen them, along with the rest of the Cornish Barbarians, raising at least £5k for Man Down Cornwall.



There were four shouts between 30th October and 14th January. More information at www.looelifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts

RNLI Dates to Remember

Your Looe RNLI 2020 events calendar is out now.

More details at www.looelifeboats.co.uk/looernlievents

Events

The RNLI Christmas Carol concert with Pelynt Male Choir on 6th December was the usual roaring success. The Pelynt Male Choir, joined by their ladies' choir and our audience, were in fine voice, delivering a truly festive start to the Christmas season. Don't miss it next December.

Would you like to Join Us?

We still have a small number of volunteer opportunities for the following teams:

- Community Safety Advisors
- Boathouse Tour Guides
- Shop Volunteers
- Fundraisers or Occasional Volunteers

More information at www.looelifeboats.co.uk/volunteering

LOOE SAILING CLUB

Since the end of the sailing season, the action has moved indoors starting with the Club's annual Dinner and Dance at the Hannafore Point Hotel in November which was well attended and a good time had by all. This also included the presentation of the main trophies for last season.

December saw the Club running the bar on the Fish Market on the day of Santa's Arrival. The mulled wine in particular seemed to go down very well, with customers coming back for more. Other Christmas events included the children's party and the usual very sociable Christmas Eve with live music to keep everybody happy.

January events for members will include the Junior Sail Training Presentation Evening and the annual sailing members meeting to plan events for the new season, which is due to commence on the third weekend of March.

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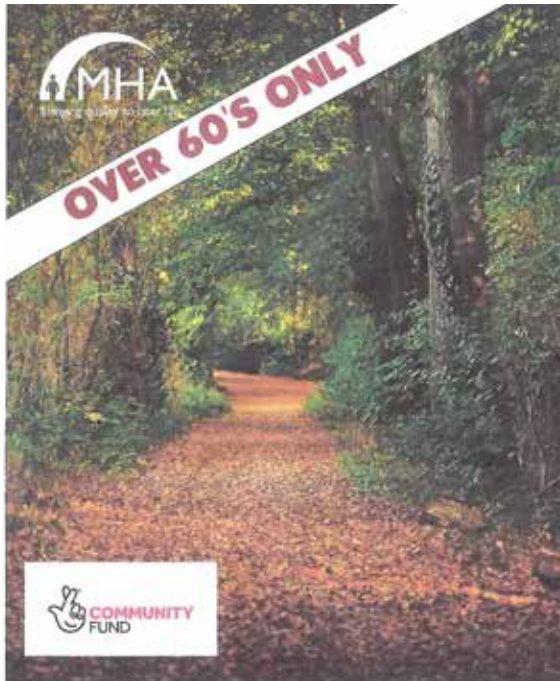
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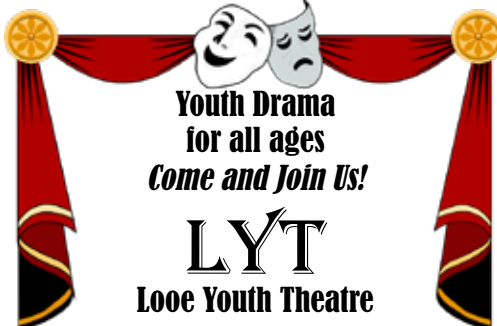
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