

Looe VMCA. Diary of events 2008

March

Wednesday 12th March Basking Sharks 'The Gentle Giants of the British Big Blue'

Time: 7.30pm
Meet: The Guildhall, East Looe
Cost: FREE
Learn all about the beautiful and majestic basking sharks. Suitable for all ages.

Monday 24th March Marine Pirate Treasure Hunt

Time: 1pm - 3pm
Meet: Coastguard Hut, Hannafore Point, West Looe
Cost: FREE
Did you know there are around 50 different shells to be found on our British beaches? This event is a chance to explore the strandline and find the natural treasures of the sea. Then we will use these treasures to create sculptures and shell mobiles, with prizes to be won! Suitable for all ages. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.



April

Wednesday 2nd April Cornwall's Marine Life and the SeaSearch Project

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm
Meet: The Guildhall, East Looe
Cost: FREE
SeaSearch is a national project for volunteer divers to help protect the marine environment. Come and find out more about the fantastic marine life in Looe and how SeaSearch works towards protecting it. Suitable for all ages.

Saturday 5th April Looe to Talland and back

Time: 10am. Walk will last 3 hrs approx
Meet: Start outside Looe Library
Cost: £2 (all proceeds to Stuart House Trust, Liskeard). Join Blue Badge Guide Mark Camp for a spring walk along the cliffs to Talland before returning along the lanes to Looe. Along the way take in views of Looe Island as well as the wonderful scenery of the South West Coast Path. Bring a drink and a snack.

Saturday 12th April Boat trip of St Georges Island!

Time: 11.30am - 12.30pm
Meet: at 11.15 outside the Lifeboat Station, East Looe Seafront.
Costs: £5/person
Enjoy the Looe wildlife scene on a boat trip along the coast and around the island with local experts.
Booking essential, call Abby on 07917 765581.
Cancellation may occur due to weather conditions.

May

Monday 5th May Exploring the Estuary

Time: 11.00am - 1.00pm
Meet: The Slipway, Millpool Carpark
Cost: £2
Up the river and into the mud, a chance to explore the Looe estuary through walking, scrambling and digging!
Suitable for all ages.
Booking essential, call Abby on 07917 765581.
Please wear suitable, waterproof and warm clothing and sensible shoes that can get muddy!

Thursday 29th May St George's Sea Birds

Time: 10am - 12.30pm
Meet: At 9.45am outside the Life Boat Station, East Looe seafront. Boat to leave 10am prompt.
Cost: £7.50 (£5 boat trip, £2.50 landing fee)
A talk and walk by a seabird expert on the wonderful and diverse bird life that lives and visits Looe Island.

Booking essential, call Abby on 07917 765581.

Please wear sensible and warm clothing. Bring food and drink as this is not available on the island.
Cancellation may occur due to weather conditions.

June

Sunday 8th June World Oceans Day

Time: 12pm - 5pm
Place: East Looe seafront
A day to celebrate the seas!
With the help of local organisations, we are offering an event with arts and crafts, games and talks, boat trips and an afternoon Rockpool Ramble. More information to follow nearer the date. Not a day to be missed.
Everyone welcome!

Wednesday 18th June Marine Mammals

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm
Meet: The Guildhall, East Looe
Cost: FREE
Each year, cetaceans face depletion in their numbers and even possible local extinction due to continuing threats such as capture and drowning in fishing gear, pollution, and climate change. Come and find out more about these incredible creatures and how we try to protect them from existing and pending threats.
Suitable for all ages.



July

Saturday 19th July Seashore Secrets

Time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Meet: Coastguard hut, Hannafore Point, West Looe.
Cost: FREE
A rockpool exploration with a difference; we will bring the rockpools to you!
Touch tanks and trays on the shore will let everyone get hands on experience in exploring this fantastic habitat without getting their feet wet!
Suitable for all ages. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

August

Wednesday 6th August Super Seals

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm
Meet: Guildhall, East Looe
Cost: FREE
Seal expert Sue Sayer, from the Cornwall Seal Group, will tell us all about these beautiful creatures that share our coastline in Cornwall. Suitable for all ages.

Sunday 10th August Guided Walk St George's Island

Time: 10am - 12.45pm
Meet: At 9.45 at the Cornwall Wildlife Trust Boat, West Looe.
Cost: £7.50
Join our St Georges Island Warden for a guided tour of the magical St George's Island, and see and hear about the work of Cornwall Wildlife Trust in conserving this incredible place. **Booking essential, call Abby on 07917 765581.** The event will involve walking. Cancellation may occur due to weather conditions.

Tuesday 12th August Snorkel Safari

Time: 12.00pm
Meet: Outside RNLI shop, East Looe
Cost: FREE
Join our trained marine experts from the Marine Biological Association and explore the incredible underwater world in Looe. Snorkel equipment provided, however please bring any wetsuits or personal snorkel equipment. **Booking essential, call Abby on 07917 765581.**
Suitable for children ages 10 and above.

Wednesday 13th August Snorkel Safari LW 1001 LW 1609.

Time: 1.00pm
Meet: Outside RNLI shop
Cost: FREE
A second chance to join our trained marine experts from the Marine Biological Association and explore the incredible underwater world in Looe. Snorkel equipment provided, however please bring any wetsuits or personal snorkel equipment.
Booking essential, call Abby on 07917 765581.
Suitable for children ages 10 and above.

Saturday 16th August Slimy Seaweeds

Time: 11.00am - 1.00pm
Meet: Coastguard Hut, Hannafore Point Cafe, West Looe
Cost: FREE
Join our marine experts, explore the reef and discover the hundreds of different and beautiful seaweeds, incredible creatures and micro monsters that live in them. Suitable for all ages but **all children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.** Please wear suitable, waterproof and warm clothing and sensible shoes that can get wet!

Wednesday 20th August Beneath the Waves

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm
Meet: The Guildhall, East Looe
Cost: FREE
Abigail Crosby, Marine Education Officer for Cornwall Wildlife Trust, will talk you through the marine wonders of Looe and St George's Island from the estuary to the open ocean.
Suitable for all ages.

Tuesday 26th August Snorkel Safari

Time: 12.00pm
Meet: On Kingsands Beach.
Cost: FREE
Join our trained marine experts from the Marine Biological Association and explore the incredible underwater world of Cornwall. Snorkel equipment provided, however please bring any wetsuits or personal snorkel equipment if you have your own. **Booking essential, call Abby on 07917 765581.**
Suitable for children ages 10 and above.

Wednesday 27th August Snorkel Safari

Time: 12.00pm
Meet: On Kingsands Beach.
Cost: FREE
A second chance to join our trained marine experts from the Marine Biological Association and explore the incredible underwater world of Cornwall. Snorkel equipment provided, however please bring any wetsuits or personal snorkel equipment. **Booking essential, call Abby on 07917 765581.**
Suitable for children ages 10 and above.

September

Saturday 20th September Beach Watch

Time: 1.00pm
Meet outside RNLI building on the seafront, East Looe
Beachwatch is a nation-wide beach clean-up and litter survey organised by the Marine Conservation Society (MCS). Thousands of volunteers from around the UK spend just a few hours of the Beachwatch weekend helping to clean up and survey our coastline, and we want to get involved in Looe. So come and help clean your beach, and have a nice cup of hot chocolate with marshmallows as a reward afterwards!
Suitable for all ages. Wear suitable outdoor warm and waterproof clothing.

Sept 20th to 24th Looe Valley Walking Festival

Five days of walks in and around the town of Looe, taking in the wonderful coast and river valleys.
For more details go to:
www.walkaboutwest.co.uk

