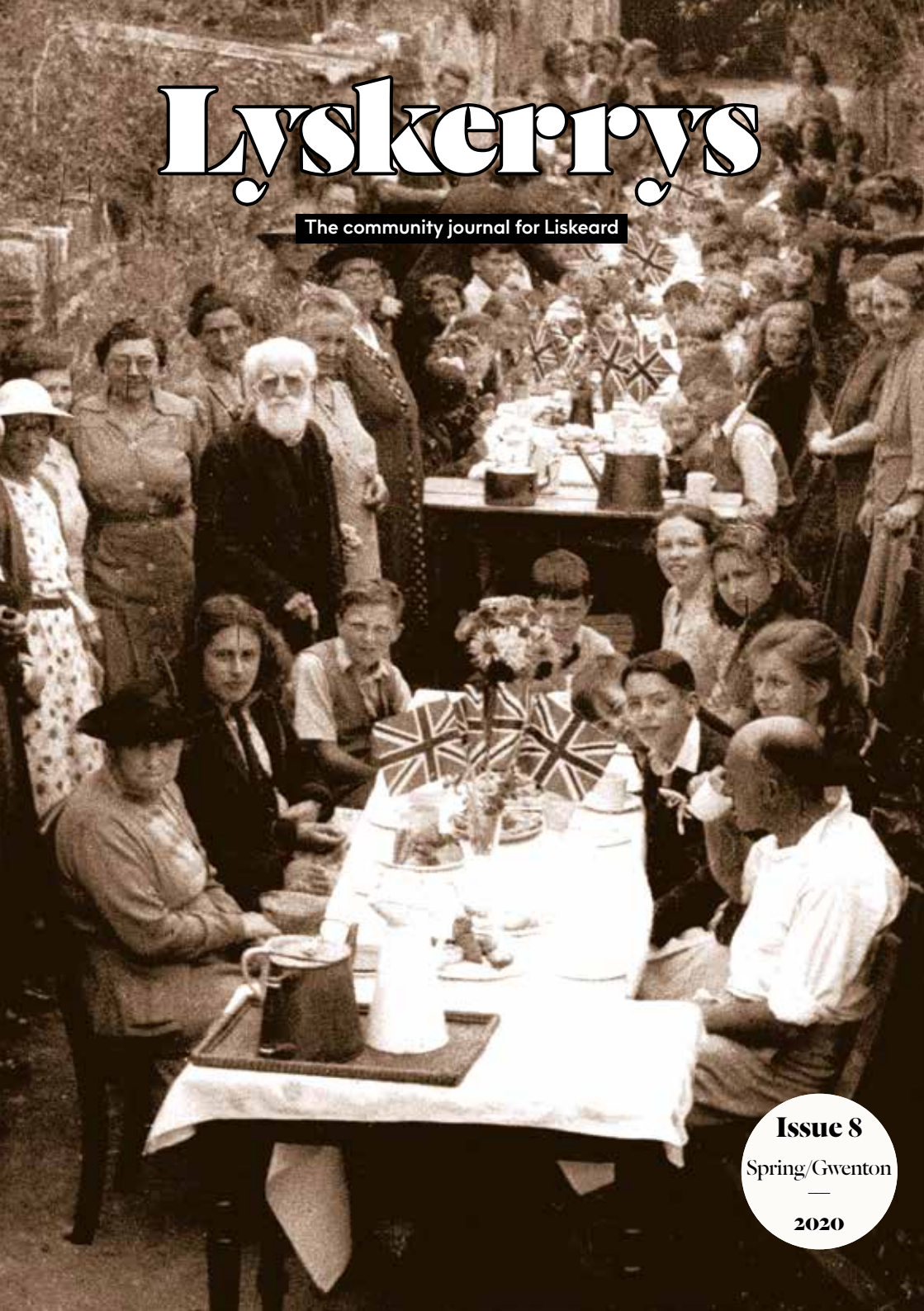


# Lyskerry's

The community journal for Liskeard



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# Connect and create

## (with a cuppa and cake)

Let us help you tell your story... and learn new skills



Do you have a tale to tell?  
Come and join our FREE, fun,  
informal, drop-in sessions with  
Lyskerrys editor Jackie Butler who  
can help you turn your thoughts and  
ideas into words and pictures.

You don't need any experience or  
qualifications to take part – just an  
interest in sharing stories about our  
town and its community.

It's a great opportunity to meet new  
people and, if you want to, there's  
a chance to pick up new skills or  
get support finding a new career

path, especially if you are currently  
unemployed.

The next Connect and Create  
sessions are at the Liskerrett Centre,  
Varley, Lane, Liskeard on Mondays:

- March 23, 6.30-8.30pm
- April 6, 10am-12pm
- April 20, 6.30-8.30pm
- April 27, 10am-12pm
- May 11, 6.30-8.30pm
- June 8, 10am-12pm

Please come and join us.

PS Did we mention there is cake?

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# Lyskerrys

## Welcome / Dynnargh

to the spring 2020 edition of Lyskerrys magazine which marks our second birthday. We'd like to thank you – our readers – for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Our front cover harks back to the end of the Second World War and VE Day celebrations in Liskeard in May 1945. The photo, from the Liskeard Museum archive, shows a street party for friends and neighbours in Manley Terrace. Perhaps you recognise someone in the picture?

Liskeard is preparing to make a big song and dance about the 75th anniversary of peace in Europe and you can find the details in this edition, as well as some poignant wartime memories from one of our residents.

With spring in the air, and outdoor pursuits in mind, it's great to share news of a fresh and delicious start at one of the most beautiful nature spots on our doorstep – Siblyback Lake.

Also in this edition we catch up with exciting progress on the cattle market site, we talk to the ethical owners of a new hub dedicated to zero waste, and ask if Liskeard needs a community pub.

One of the town's community champions tells us why he loves to volunteer and a gaming enthusiast tells us how he conquered his drink problem to follow his heart and open his own business in town.

There's lots of news from our schools, an invitation from the Scouts and a local walk to try... in Cornish.

You can also find out how talented young people are putting a fresh spin on a well-loved musical and check out the wealth of shows, gigs, talks, walks, screenings and other fun and informative events happening in and around town in our what's on guide.

## All the best / oll an gwella

Lyskerrys is dedicated to celebrating the positive initiatives and uplifting stories from in and around Liskeard.

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## Olive & Co push the boat out

The cafe at Siblyback reopens its doors at Easter with a new name, a total revamp and the promise of delicious, fresh, creative, top quality food and drink for walkers, campers and watersporters – or those who just want to savour the view.

The Boat House is the sister cafe to the award-winning Olive & Co in Liskeard town centre, run by Roxy and Lee Edwards. The couple have built up a terrific reputation over the past four years with an ethos that puts the customer experience first.



As well as Origin coffees and Brew teas, and a stunning selection of cakes and bakes – handmade by Roxy and helpers in the Bake House kitchen – they will start by offering Breton-style buckwheat galettes, soups, sandwiches, and jacket potatoes “with a twist” to eat in or take away. They are committed to using organic, locally sourced ingredients whenever possible and always seeking sustainable solutions.



Lee says: “This is a chance to grow in a way that enables us to create more with the business and employ more local people. We have a 100 per cent desire to keep that care and attention to detail and quality of produce.”

Opening 7 days a week, all year round, they will hold evening events, as well as occasion catering.



PHOTO: MARTYN BEHENNAH

# Lake finds a new horizon

One of the best loved and most beautiful outdoor recreation spots in this part of the world begins a fresh chapter this spring.

After doubts last year over the future of activities and facilities at Siblyback Lake on the southern edge of Bodmin Moor – and a groundswell of concern from local people – the reservoir will continue to be a great place to get out in nature and onto the water.

Operators South West Lakes Trust have announced that watersports will be operating on a “pay and play” basis, with equipment hire available between 24 May and 6 September. This will include stand up paddleboards, kayaks (single and double), canoes (pictured) and

rowing boats. Members and local clubs will be able to use the lake all year round.

Camping will also be back, with grass and hard standing pitches now available to book between 18 May and 6 September.



Siblyback is an amazing place to engage with the natural world – especially as it is part of the Bodmin Moor designated International Dark Sky Landscape

where the stars shine very brightly in a night sky without artificial light.

Events are going to be a major part of the forward plan, with a Siblyback open day on 24 May paving the way and showcasing what’s on offer. Visit [www.southwestlakes.co.uk/siblyback-lake](http://www.southwestlakes.co.uk/siblyback-lake)



Artist's impression of the site with workspace building and covered market

Ambitious plans to transform Liskeard's former cattle market are making good progress. The proposal to develop a modern hub for artists and high tech companies has taken another step forward with the submission of a planning application for an innovative workspace building on one part of the site. It details designs for 17 or so flexible letting units aimed at Cornwall's booming creative sector, plus the re-laying of the adjoining car park and the creation of a new covered market area.

Sally Hawken, Cornwall councillor for Liskeard East and chair of the Cattle Market Working Group, says: "This is such an important site, which we need to get right; we're doing our best to consult as widely as possible while also getting things moving. We should be able to meet a wide range of local needs on the site and it's great to be working in tandem with Rosedean Surgery to progress an expansion of their surgery."

For ongoing updates about the site

visit [www.cornwall.gov.uk/business/economic-development/liskeard-cattle-market/](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/business/economic-development/liskeard-cattle-market/)

More major plans will take some time to complete, and the aim is to make best use of the space and try out different options now. That includes an outdoor events area that can be used straight away. Cornwall Council offered Liskeard Town Council the chance to manage a small area of the Cattle Market closest to town for £1 a year and parking lines are being redrawn to exclude this area.

Mayor of Liskeard, Rachel Brooks says: "We're working hard to make things happen on the site, including establishing an outdoor events space. We're already hearing some great ideas for using it and would love to hear from you if you could make use of it for an event."

If you have ideas for using the space, contact Mandy Hancock in the Town Council office on [assistant@liskeard.gov.uk](mailto:assistant@liskeard.gov.uk)

# My Liskeard

With Danny Smith



**Q) What's your age and occupation?**

My name is Danny Smith. I'm 57 and a shoe repairer. I'm also a retained firefighter and station manager at Liskeard Fire Station. I live in town with my wife, Nikki.

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**Q) How long have you lived in Liskeard?**

I came down from Berkshire in 1987. It was on a whim, really. I wanted a better quality of life and to spend more time with my children. I bought a shop in Higher Lux Street, moving to Bay Tree Hill in 1998. All my four children – George, Edward, Arthur and Elsie – went to school here and three of them still live locally.

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**Q) What do you particularly like about Liskeard?**

I love it being a little market town with small shops. You can walk round town and there's always someone to say hello to. I know people's shopping habits have changed, but people do still come in from far and wide to see us because we offer a service. It's quite green to get your shoes repaired – we've fixed around 250,000 pairs in the 33 years we've been here!

**Q) How did you get involved with the Fire Service?**

My father was a firefighter in Berkshire. I joined here in Liskeard in 1988 and it was a great way to meet people in the town. It's a really worthwhile job and very interesting. When we get a shout I can just dash up the road because my son, George, works alongside me in the shop.

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**Q) Favourite event?**

I like the Lions carnival - we take the fire engine in the parade and we walk along and help collect money. The Ploughman's Festival in Westbourne Gardens is a great music event that gets the whole town involved and is really popular with children.

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**Q) Favourite shop?**

Goldsworthy's is one of those shops where you can get everything. I also like Beddoes for fruit and veg and Pengelly's for fish, and we get our work overalls at Gilberts Outfitters.

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**Q) Favourite eating place?**

We always order our lunch from the Bean Coffee Shop in Fore Street – I like their tuna on granary.

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**Q) Favourite walking place?**

I love the moors and Siblyback Lake.

# Can the Barley rise again?

By Zac Leon

Many Liskeard pubs have closed down in recent times; the Fountain, the Railway, the Cornish Ivy. The one that hit hardest for me was the Barley Sheaf opposite St Martin's Church which is currently closed and up for sale. It was my local; with a pool team, a pub quiz, a jukebox and live music, it was a proper town pub.

Other pubs are striving on. The White Horse has taken the Ivy's mantle for screen sports, the Albion has taken up the reins as the best pub for live music, and the Red Lion has kept the Sunday folk jam going.

And yet there is still a gaping hole, like a missing tooth. I can't shake the feeling that three pubs is not enough for a town this size, and that a night out in Liskeard is not as exciting as it used to be.

The Inn Liskeard community pub project is attracting a growing number of members. The goal is to



buy the Barley from St Austell Brewery and reopen it as a pub that is owned and run by locals, be they volunteers or buyers of shares. It would operate as a supportive social hub serving the people of the town, rather than as a competitive business trying to make big profits. They say it's about making Liskeard better and busier.

With the building recently listed as a Community Asset by Cornwall Council, there is a window to do this. Inn Liskeard is currently working to form relationships with existing clubs, pubs and groups, some of whom have concerns about it, as well as undertaking a community consultation. What do you think of the community pub idea? What would you like to see provided? Have your say by filling in the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KPBKHQ8>

The group is holding a public meeting in the Council Chamber at the Public Hall, 7.30pm on Thursday, March 26.







## Fill 'em up with zero plastic

Liskeard's campaign against unnecessary waste – particularly single-use plastics – takes another leap forward with the opening of the No Wrap No Crap zero waste hub in Pike Street.

The shop is packed full of loose everyday food and cleaning supplies, ready to fill up your own containers, reusable ones you can buy in store, or simple paper bags.

The brainchild of artist and author Laurie Scott and her husband, Alex (pictured above), the majority of what they stock is organic and British sourced. It is 100 per cent vegan and nothing has been genetically modified or tested on animals. Their ethos is: "There is no planet B – let's protect the one we already have".

You can get grains, cereals, pulses, legumes, pasta, sugars, herbs and spices, specialist oils and vinegars, local tea and Cornwall roasted coffees, washing products, wax food wraps, toothbrushes, reusable cups, steel glasses and sustainably produced toilet rolls.

"If a recipe needs just a small bit of something, for example, you can buy exactly what you need, rather than a 200g or 500g pack from the supermarket that could go to waste.

"We have forgotten how our grandparents lived. They were frugal and nothing was wasted. One small step is not a lot, but one small step made by a million people is a million steps and that can make a difference," says Alex.



# In the market for local food

Liskeard has a long history as a market town and there's still nothing quite like buying fresh produce close to home. Liskerrett Community Centre is celebrating that spirit with a new local food market on each second Saturday of the month.

It showcases Cornish farmers, cooks, gardeners and fresh produce enthusiasts. Among these is Polmarkyn Dairy, producing hand-made goats cheeses, kefir and yogurt from pure, unpasteurised goats milk from their own herd.





Liskerrett Community Centre





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Katie Woods and partner Glyn Thomas (pictured with some of their goat family) says: "The market is a great opportunity to meet and talk to customers. There are a lot of small producers around Liskeard and we need more of them to come to market and more people to know about it."

Other regular stallholders include Coppergon free range rare breed goat and pig meat, organic fruits and vegetables; Delea Fermented Foods; Home Farm chutneys; Alisha's Cakes and Bakes; honey from Kit Hill Beekeeping group and Callington Fresh Produce with farm-grown fruit and vegetables. If you are a local food producer and would like a stall at the market, please contact admin@liskerrett.co.uk

# Could you be a champion like Thomas?

Do you know someone who goes out of their way to help others or to back their town? If so, they could be in the running for Liskeard Town Council's 2020 Community Champion Awards.

Everyone in Liskeard is invited to put forward their nominations for the awards, which acknowledge the unsung heroes who make a real difference to life in the town. They can be individuals or groups, and there is an under-18s category.

Nominations can be for a wide range of endeavours including:

- Actions which bring the community together.
- Environmental or community service
- Helping others or a charity in their own time.
- Acts of neighbourliness.
- Gaining exceptional recognition for Liskeard.
- Someone who has battled against the odds for what they believe in.

Thomas Remnant, one of last year's award winners (pictured above) was nominated for his voluntary work over the past 12 years at Liskerrett Community Centre. Thomas, 33, is a familiar face behind reception.

"I like to be up front and show people where they are supposed to go. I can also do computers and answering phone calls, taking bookings for



events or room bookings. I organise things like the right tables and chairs for meetings, and at events I collect tickets," he explains. "I also signed us up for the Safe Places scheme for people with disabilities so they know they can come inside for help."

To nominate your chosen champion, forms are available from the town council offices at West Street, or download from [www.liskeard.gov.uk](http://www.liskeard.gov.uk). They must be handed in or emailed to [office1@liskeard.gov.uk](mailto:office1@liskeard.gov.uk) by 9am on Monday 30 March.

Applications will be assessed by a selection panel on Wednesday 1 April. Successful nominees will be invited to attend the Community Champion Awards ceremony at the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, 21 April.

## Harking back to VE Day 1945 and war-time Liskeard



A huge crowd gathers outside Webb's Hotel as the news of peace in Europe is confirmed

# The day the war ended

The day the Second World War ended in Europe, Di Smeeth remembers screaming with delight and jumping up and down on her bed at home in Old Road.

Now aged 84, Di was just nine years old at the time and half her young life had been spent in wartime conditions in Liskeard with her mother, father (an air raid warden), brother and sisters, with rationed food, cast-off clothes, night-time blackouts, the threat of air

raids and the absence of young men.

“When peace came what we children were thinking was that we could go to the shops and buy sweets, but, of course, that didn’t happen straight away,” says Di, a former teacher at Duloe School, whose maiden name was Lock.

She recalls her mother taking down the blackout curtains and putting the lights on in the house. “Out of the

window you could see all the lights going on in Old Road. They were only 30 watts but what joy it was to be illuminated,” says Di.

Although daily life carried on as normally as possible during the war years, she has clear memories of certain incidents. When the air raid sirens went off they would put on coat and shoes and go down to a shelter at the bottom of the garden with the neighbours, sleeping on bunk beds until the all clear.

One day came the terrifying vision of a whole fleet of planes flying overhead en route to bomb a German ship out in the Atlantic. “I can still see and hear those planes now.” She also recalls seeing the bright red flames of Plymouth on fire out of the window in the far distance.

The American GIs and London evacuees who came to Liskeard made a big impression: “We would walk up to the Parade and when a convoy of American soldiers came past they would wave and smile and throw chocolates,” says Di, who was a pupil at Liskeard Church School, now St Martin’s Primary. “There were lots of evacuees – one girl was called Vera Whippey; she could wolf whistle and yodel and did cartwheels all the way down the road.”

**Do you or your family members have memories of the Second World War in Liskeard? Please get in touch with Liskeard Museum who are recording stories for the town’s oral history archives. Call 01579 346087.**



An American soldier gives Liskeard children a ride in his jeep on Pike Street



American GIs with Liskeard WVS



WW2 supplies helpers at Hollywood Hospital



Liskeard's air raid wardens on parade

## JOIN IN THE VE75 CELEBRATIONS

Liskeard will be marking the 75th anniversary of VE Day in style with events for everyone to join in. For the latest information visit [www.visitliskeard.co.uk/ve-day-75](http://www.visitliskeard.co.uk/ve-day-75) or Liskeard TIC in Pike Street.

### FRIDAY, 8 MAY

**2.55pm** THE LAST POST & REVEILLE  
Bugler at Wetherspoons balcony on The Parade.

**3pm** THE BATTLE'S O'ER  
Piper at Wetherspoons balcony.

**THE NATION'S TOAST**  
The Royal British Legion Club and at Liskeard's public houses.

**STREET PARTY**  
The Cattle Market Car Park Event Space. War-time themed food from the Real Junk Food Project. Please also bring your own food to share if you can. In the Methodist Church Hall if the weather is wet.

**6.55pm** THE CRY FOR PEACE  
The Town Crier on The Parade outside Webbs House

**7pm** RINGING OUT FOR PEACE  
The church bells at St Martin's.

**7 for 7.30pm** VARIETY SHOW  
Public Hall, Liskeard. For your delectation and delight, a whirlpool of entertainment produced by Nic Early.



### SATURDAY, 9 MAY

**10am-1pm** LOCAL FOOD MARKET  
The Liskerrett Community Centre market will have a special 1940s theme for the occasion.

**LISKEARD TRADERS EVENTS**  
Details to be confirmed

**8pm** 1940s MUSIC NIGHT  
The Royal British Legion Club, Barn Street. Open to all.

### SUNDAY, 10 MAY

**CHURCH SERVICES**  
Celebrations and commemorations.

**2pm (TBC)** DRUMHEAD SERVICE  
The Parade outside Webbs House. If wet in the Methodist Church Hall. Reading of A Tribute to the Millions and playing of Last Post and Reveille.

**11am-4.30pm** THEMED OPEN GARDEN EVENT  
Penmilder, Lodge Hill, Liskeard  
£5 in aid of Cornwall Hospice Care.

# What's on Lyskerrys

Liskeard is buzzing with events to get involved with this spring, whether you enjoy talks, walks, music, drama, crafts, friendship or therapy groups or somewhere to share or learn skills. Here's a snapshot of what's going on around town. For details and updates see [www.visitliskeard.co.uk/whats-on/](http://www.visitliskeard.co.uk/whats-on/) or pop in to Liskeard Tourist Information Centre at the Museum in Pike Street.

## 18 MARCH

**Cornish Dance Workshops – Wonderful Wednesdays.** Each week until April 8, 7.30pm-9pm, Liskerrett Centre. With live music from community musicians and guests. For complete beginners and experienced dancers. With Carmen Hunt (pictured) of Scoots Kernow – email [scootskernow@gmail.com](mailto:scootskernow@gmail.com)



## 19 MARCH

**Bookstart Rhymetime,** from 10am every Thursday with Tracee Foot of Liskeard Library at RIO, 26 Fore Street. Songs, rhymes, rhythm and movement for babies and small children.

**Liskeard Knit n Natter,** 10.30am-12.30pm, Hub Cafe, Liskerrett Centre, every Thursday. A fun, friendly morning of knitting, crochet and natter. All welcome.

## 20 MARCH

**Pudding Night** in aid of Cancer Research UK, 7.30pm, the Royal British Legion in aid of Wilson's Walkers team for Liskeard's Relay for Life. Puddings from the Cornish Pudding Company, a Gin Fizz cocktail table, raffle, music bingo and bar.

**Caradon Amateur Geology Group** meeting, 7.30pm, Echo Centre, every third Friday.

## 20-22 MARCH

**Looe Blues, Rhythm and Rock Festival,** Tencreek Holiday Park. Three days of live music, including The Animals, Martin Turner (Wishbone Ash), and The Blockheads. See [www.solidentertainments.com/blues/looe/venue.html](http://www.solidentertainments.com/blues/looe/venue.html)

## 21 MARCH

**Liskeard Community Fair,** Liskeard Public Hall, 10am-1pm, Promoting local groups and charities. Free entry.

**Turn Up and Play Football Sessions,** 9-10am, every Saturday. St Cleer Playing Fields. For 5-12-year-olds, run by UEFA B/FA qualified staff. £2.50.

**22 MARCH**

**Plump Dead Thighs and Pretty Blue Eyes with Hamoaze Band**, Sterts, Upton Cross, 7.30pm. Part theatre, part storytelling. Box office: 01579 362382.

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**23 MARCH**

**Lighthouse Parent and Toddler Sessions**, 10am-12pm Eliot House Hotel. Every Monday. Free parking, £2 per child including a drink and snack.

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**Slow and Easy Folk Session**, Quimperle Room, Liskeard Public Hall, 7-9pm and every other Monday. For those new to folk or your instrument.

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**24 MARCH**

**Rosedean House Surgery Walking Group**. Second and fourth Tuesday of each month, meet 10am near toilets in Westbourne Car Park to start or car share to the walk. Contact Brian Oldham on 01579 340875.

**Chatterbox at Rumours**, 10.30-11.30am and every Tuesday. Friendship group that welcomes everyone, without pressure.

**Cocaine Anonymous**, Liskeard Methodist Church, 7-8pm, every Tuesday. Help to recover from drug and alcohol addiction.

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**25 MARCH**

**Make and Mingle** at The Chequered Flag, 6-8pm. Middle and last Wednesday of the month. Bring your craft hobby and make some friends.

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**26 MARCH**

**Liskeard Storytelling Cafe**, Liskeard

Public Hall, 7.30pm Fourth Thursday of the month. A friendly spoken word club in a relaxed cafe environment.

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**27 MARCH**

**Charity Skittles Night**, British Legion Club, Barn Street, 7pm Local Relay for Life team Mixed Allsorts night for Cancer Research. Entry £2.

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**28 MARCH**

**East Cornwall Bach Choir – Bach and Beethoven**, 7.30pm, St Martin's Church. Beethoven Mass in C Minor, JS Bach Cantata BWV 147, conductor Chris Howarth, organ Jonathan Delbridge. Tickets £12 from Liskeard TIC, online at [www.ecbc.co.uk](http://www.ecbc.co.uk).

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**30 MARCH**

**Lighthouse Inflatable Party**, Eliot House Hotel, 10am-3pm. Hourly sessions, £2 per child. Come and let your children burn off some energy with some bouncing fun and a ride on the Didi cars. Message Lighthouse Community Centre CIC on Facebook to book.

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**30 MARCH - 3 APRIL**

**Future Make holiday club**, Hillfort School. Real Ideas Organisation daily creative-techy-making clubs and activities for children aged 7-11. £35 per day or £150 for the whole week. Book your space online at <https://realideas.org/future-make/>

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**31 MARCH**

**Parent and toddler dance class**, Lux Park Leisure Centre, 10.30-11am, every Tuesday, with Move Dance School. Confident walkers to age 4. Cost £7.50. Phone:07891 899292.



**1 APRIL**

**My Life as an Opera Singer**, talk by William Shimmel, Liskeard and District U3A meeting and talk, 10am, Millennium House, Pensilva.

**Sticks, Stones and Dulcet Tones**, flower arranging demo by Barbara Clatworthy, Liskeard & District Flower Arrangement Society, Eliot House Hotel, 7.30pm, £5. Contact Kay Shepherd on 01579 345243 or Jill Orme on 01579 343406.

**1 to 4 APRIL**

**Jesus Christ Superstar** by Caradon Youth Theatre, Liskeard Public Hall. See page 19 for details.

**3 APRIL**

**Mabel Lucie Attwell**, talk on the artist by Di Lawer for Liskeard Old Cornwall Society, Liskeard Public Hall, 2.30pm. Non-members welcome for a small donation.



**Official Secrets (15)**, Liskerrett Community Cinema – Official Secrets (15), Liskerrett Community Centre, 2.30pm (subtitled) and 7.30pm, £4.

**5 APRIL**

**Acoustic Music Session**, Red Lion, Liskeard, 2pm, every first Sunday. Folk, Irish, Bluegrass, Old Timey, Skiffle etc. Singers, musicians and listeners welcome.

**7 APRIL**

**Easter Bingo** with Lions Club of Liskeard, Eliot House Hotel, doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

**Nevra Digoweth – ‘Never Alone’**, for those affected by bereavement, Beech Lawn Nursing Home, 2-3.30pm. **Every first Tuesday**. Book on 01872 266383.

**Oak Tree Surgery Walking for Health** group. Meets in surgery car park on the **first and third Tuesday** of each month at 10am. Contact Paul on 01579 342765 or Jill on 01579 340349.

**7 and 8 APRIL**

**Easter Inflatable Party**, Liskeard Public Hall, 11am-4.30pm, with Bounce-tastic Cornwall. Rodeo bull, adult castle, bungee run, gladiator joust, bouncy boxing, soft play, disco. Sessions £6 per child (2 children £10).

**10 APRIL**

**Churches Together in Liskeard** Good Friday service on The Parade, Liskeard, 12 noon.

**Local Food Market**, Liskerrett Community Centre, 10am-1pm, every second Saturday. See page 10.

**11 APRIL**

**Liskeard Radio 90s party night**, Eliot House Hotel, 8pm-late. Fundraiser for Liskeard’s community radio.

**Liskeard YFC Big Breakfast**, Menheniot Village Hall, 9am-8pm for Cornwall Air Ambulance & Liskeard YFC.

**14 APRIL**

**SS Great Britain: From Launch to Re-Launch**, talk by Ian Caskie for The Arts Society Liskeard, Public Hall, 7pm. Free for members, visitors £6.

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**17 APRIL**



**Charlie Louise, Sterts, Upton Cross**, 7.30pm. Talented young singer songwriter from Menheniot. Acoustic pop with country vibe. £10.

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**18 APRIL**

**AromAware Events Wellbeing Fair**, Liskerrett Centre, 10.30am-4.30pm. Free entry, talks and workshops, psychic readers. Hub Cafe open.

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**Strawbs Acoustic, 50th Anniversary Tour**, Carnglaze Caverns, 8pm.

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**21 APRIL**

**Annual Town Meeting and Community Champion Awards**, 7-10pm, Public Hall. Share your thoughts on the town, the events.

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**1 MAY**

**Sorry We Missed You (15)**, Liskerrett Community Cinema, Liskerrett Community Centre, 2.30pm (subtitled) and 7.30pm.

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**8 MAY**

**The Taming of the Brew** beer festival, Sterts, Upton Cross, starts 12 noon.

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**Gardens at Moyclare and Penmilder, Lodge Hill, Liskeard**, opening in aid of the National Gardens Scheme, 11am-5pm. Adults £7 for both gardens.

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**8-10 MAY**

**VE Day 75 Commemorations** – see page 14 for details.

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**12 MAY**

**The Age of Jazz**, talk by Sandy Burnett for The Arts Society Liskeard, Public Hall, 7pm. Free for members; for visitors/guests, £6 at the door.

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**22 to 24 MAY**

**Bodmin Moor Poetry Festival 2020** at Sterts, Upton Cross. An exciting line-up of poets and artists with readings, workshops, walks, exhibitions. Visit [www.sterts.co.uk](http://www.sterts.co.uk) for details.

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**23 to 24 MAY**

**Relay for Life Family Festival**, Lux Park Leisure Centre, Starts 12 noon. 24-hour relay around a track to show that together we will beat cancer.

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**27 to 30 MAY**

**The Little Mermaid** by Sterts Youth Theatre Company Juniors, Sterts, Upton Cross, 7.30pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 2pm Saturday. Based on the Disney film version.

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**31 MAY**

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# Expect superstar standards

Originally written as a rock-opera concept album 50 years ago, *Jesus Christ Superstar* is a global phenomenon. In April, Caradon Youth Theatre will bring this explosive musical to Liskeard.

The show is set against the backdrop of the last seven days of Christ's life, presenting the events through the eyes of Judas Iscariot. The cast of 20 local young people aged 13 to 18 bring an incredible energy to Andrew Lloyd Webber's evocative score.

"It is an ambitious show," says director Nic Early. "We are very excited for this cast of talented teenagers - they are ready for this challenge!"

Regardless of religious beliefs, this is a brutal tale of conflict, betrayal and

love. "Our aim is to forge a tight company with a professional outlook," says Nic. "We are re-imagining this popular classic to make it a very engaging production."

Musical director Kate Rogers will head up the five-piece rock band, which includes pianist Steven Luke Walker, who is a world-renowned vocal coach with West End credits including *Wicked*, *Waitress*, *BIG* and films *The Greatest Showman*, *Bohemian Rhapsody* and *Aladdin*. He is working closely with the cast to conquer this score's demanding vocals.

Liskeard Public Hall will have a traverse stage with the audience on either side of the action. Performances are on April 1, 2 and 3 at 7.30pm and April 4 at 8pm. Book tickets at [www.earlyenergy.co.uk/superstar](http://www.earlyenergy.co.uk/superstar)



## It's a cat and dog life at school..

by Toby the cat – (as told to Zowee Moore)

It's been a while since my last chat with Lyskerrys. Things have changed a lot but I'm still top cat at Hillfort Primary School, reporting for duty on a daily basis!

My whiskers were a little twisted last time we spoke because Ralph, the top dog, had joined the team. I won't deny it, I wasn't pleased but he's still here and we're starting to work through our differences. I've come to realise that this job is much too big for just one cat. Ralph and I help the staff here to implement a lovely approach called Thrive, which helps to support children with their emotional and social development. It's something our school is extremely proud of!

It's a big job, as I've admitted, so we've had to take on additional team members: Ant & Dec, who are two VERY pampered bunnies, as well as

several chickens. The fish are still here too. They've recently been treated to a refurb! I can't say much about the bunnies or chickens – for some reason, I'm not allowed to spend time with them. Mr Borlase isn't backing down on this matter – much to my disappointment!

My chief, Mrs Jane Truscott, is a fair and kind boss but a dog lover. Ralph is her number one and that's that. She says that by us being here, working as a team, we help reduce stress and anxiety for the children. Amazing, I know! We are also helping the children to become more responsible and develop animal care skills.

My duties have definitely increased but, overall, I can't complain. I'm still getting plenty of daydreaming in and keeping staff on their toes. I even sometimes get a treat from Mrs Greenaway for all my hard work!

# Stepping up to key staff roles

Pupils from Globetrotters and Buccaneers at St Martin's C of E Primary School had the chance to step into key school roles on Pupil Take Over day recently. Following demonstrations of persuasion, the school voted democratically to select pupils who applied to take on the following roles:

**Head of School** – Brandon S,  
**Deputy Head** – Kacy-May FH,  
**Caretaker** – Issac E,  
**Secretary** – Sophie S ,  
**Head of Early Years and Outdoor Learning** – Jack M.

Forty-eight hours later the pupils took on their roles for the day. The head and deputy patrolled lessons and helped the staff to solve their problems; the caretaker helped to put in fence posts, fix doors and take in deliveries, and the secretary helped to answer the phones, distribute magazines and messages and assist with shredding and stationery orders.

The Head of Early Years and Outdoor Education led some of the Reception children in their outdoor learning session including lots of bubble fun! At the end of the day these pupils talked about their role in Flock assemblies and considered how the tasks the staff members undertake every day contribute to the school's vision of "The Lost Sheep" – working together to support each other and make sure no one gets left behind.

## **Brandon – Head of School**

**'I was able to make people happy by giving them pen licences'**

## **Jack – Head of BYFS**

**'I like the responsibility of looking after the younger children in our school'**

## **Sophie – School Secretary**

**'The best part of my day was keeping the office tidy by shredding all the unwanted paper'**



## News from Liskeard School and Community College



# Just the job for networking

It is never too early to start thinking about your future. Year 7 students were challenged to do just that when they took part in an employer speed networking event recently.

In groups of six or seven, students had ten minutes to interview a professional with an interesting career to find out as much about their job as possible before the whistle blew and they moved on to the next person.

Questions ranged from “what qualifications do you need to do your job?” to “what is the most interesting thing that has ever happened to you at work?”, to “do you feel the media portrays your profession in an accurate way?”

Interviewees included a deep sea diver, a chiropractor, a physiotherapist, an accountant, a social worker, a building surveyor, and a care home manager.

Feedback from the event was tremendous: 86 per cent of the year group said it opened their eyes to jobs they never knew existed; 75 per cent said it made them realise that getting good qualifications is key to widening their opportunities in the world of work when they are older.

Added to this, a good time was had by all! Sienna said it was “amazing to learn about so many different jobs, how people make a living and how passionate they were about what they did”. Isabel reflected that “if you put your mind to something and work hard, you can do whatever you want”. Tean said he hadn’t realised “all the fun and interesting things that go on behind the scenes in the workplace”.

Thanks to all the visitors who gave up their time to come in and talk to students about their job. If you are in employment and willing to do the same we would love to hear from you.

# Students rise to courtroom challenge



Local magistrate Dr Lynne Behennah (pictured) visited school for a workshop with 25 students from Year 8 and 9 taking part in this year's Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition.

Running since 1994, it annually involves over 4,000 students from over 270 schools and 1,700 legal professional volunteers. It is part of the Young Citizens "citizenship experiences", helping to improve young people's life skills, their understanding of the justice and legal systems, comprehending that the law

touches every aspect of their lives.

Members of the Liskeard School & Community College team took on the various roles required in a trial. They are due to try a case against other schools in a local heat, where the teams are judged by real life magistrates, legal advisers, court staff and other legal professionals.

Dr Behennah said: "It was humbling to see how good the students were. The Mock Trial takes considerable commitment from students, but they were keen to learn about the court process and enthusiastic about their individual roles."

Jessica said the "competition is extremely enjoyable." Lili said she wanted to take part to "inspire other young girls by showing them they could become a lawyer and be part of an important team." Kerensa described it as "giving her the confidence to overcome barriers and challenge herself to try new things". Ewan said it had "enhanced his listening skills". Lily said it helped her to "think outside of the box".

Next step is a visit to Bodmin Magistrates Courts to witness how a real court room runs before the first heat of the national competition.





## Introducing the pre-loved prom solution

Making sure your son or daughter looks the part for the school prom can be an expensive and daunting business – especially for lower income families. Liskeard School's Parent, Teacher and Friends Association have hatched an initiative that does a lot more than cut prom-night costs.

Their pre-loved prom clothes pop-up shop not only flies the flag for textile recycling, supporting the Green Charter for Schools in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, it also helps the PTFA's volunteers raise funds for projects to benefit all the school's pupils.

An appeal for donations of formal clothes provided them with over 120 items for sale. These include dresses from size 4 to 26, in different colours and styles, some are brand new, with the tags still attached. They also have suits, shirts, shoes and bags. A first Prom for All evening selling the clothes for pay-as-you-can donations was a



great success; it also showcased local businesses' prom services, such as make-up demonstrations and handmade jewellery.

The pre-loved prom collection will be up for grabs again – along with LSCC uniforms – at the Liskeard School PTFA's Easter Fayre on Saturday 28 March, from 11am-3pm in the Old Hall. Everyone is welcome.





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# Helping our town to blossom

By John Hesketh

It's been rather stormy recently and it's a regular challenge to keep a watchful eye over the winter baskets, window boxes and tubs you see around the town. The day after any storms or high winds have blown into town, the Liskeard in Bloom team are out checking for damage. They make sure all the containers are secure and safe, and that damaged plants are restored or removed.

Every spring, our Gardeners' Group has a social get-together to plan out our work for the year ahead. One project going ahead is our work to support the regeneration of the Cattle Market. As part of the long-term development of that site, Liskeard Town Council has taken over part of the car park and is creating a space

for open air events. LIB was asked to do some planting in the car park to help mark out where the event space will be. With the support of Fred Champion, we should have six large concrete planters located alongside the sheds in the Cattle Market, making a clear division between the new parking area and the new public space.

Thanks to Cornwall Council's High Street Fund for extending the grant they gave us last year to buy in six beautiful bushy laurel trees, and our volunteer gardeners who planted them out, with a host of other flowers that we saved for the occasion. The Liskerrett Centre has contributed craft-made wooden troughs for us to put yet more plants in. And watch out for our new bunting around the town...

# Agwenton walk in Kernewek



*with*  
**Rod Sheaff**



First, go to the *boesti* Table-Table. The road from Liskeard suddenly stops here but we must carry on in the same direction, across the *parkow* to the stile in the opposite corner. *Kemmer with!* Note what the farmer's doing with the field at present. If there are *losowen-gegin* or other crops it's better to walk around the edges to reach the stile. *Ogas ha* Tencreek, follow the lane on the left and after two fields more cross the stile and follow the hedge to another stile and then a gate. Now we are *ogas ha* Pope's Mill. Turn left and cross the old stone bridge. By the next gate you'll see a *post-arwodh*. We want the path along the stream – it's the young *Avon Seythen*. After crossing a lane (two gates) there is soft ground but there are *meyn* there to help you across. After a stile there's another stone bridge to cross the *Seythen* again. A little wooden bridge (Bodgara Bridge) shows that we are coming to *Melyn Bodgara*. From the 14th to the 19th century the people of Liskeard brought their *heydh* and *gwaneth* here for milling. Now we go

up the *menna* by means of the lane on the left. Eventually it brings you to Charter Way and if you turn left here it's not far back to our starting-point again. Drink *sewenna* to the farmers!

## CORNISH TO ENGLISH

*boesti* – food house = restaurant  
*parkow* [Say: 'parko'] – fields  
*kemmer with!* – take care  
*losowen-gegin* – kitchen herbs = vegetables  
*ogas ha* – near (to)  
*post-arwodh* [Say: 'arwoth'] – signpost  
*avon* – river  
*Sethyn* – Seaton [it means: arrow]  
*meyn* – stones  
*Melyn Bodgara* – Bodgara Mill  
*heydh* [Say: 'hayth'] – barley  
*gwaneth* – wheat, so *baragwaneth* = wholemeal bread  
*menna* – hillside  
*sewenna* – success

Pick up a leaflet for this Countryside Walk 4 at the TIC or download a map at [www.visitliskeard.co.uk](http://www.visitliskeard.co.uk)

# Adrian's technical dream job



Becoming a father was the wake-up call Adrian Filmer needed, not only to get sober, but also to follow his heart and start his own business in Liskeard, doing what he loves.

Today you'll find the 33-year-old behind the counter at Tech Savvi in the Old Brewery premises on Bay Tree Hill. He buys, sells, recycles and swaps all sorts of computer, technical and gaming gear – nearly all pre-owned – as well as DVDs and video games, T-shirts and related paraphernalia. He has built up a loyal customer base, mostly local teenagers and young adults, who share his passion for gaming, and life is looking good.

“My family and my business are my life now,” says Adrian, who had an alcohol problem from the age of 13. He gave up drinking two years ago, 12 months

**“When Harry came along I knew I needed to straighten up my act... and here I am today”**

after his partner, Susanne gave birth to their son, Harry.



Through Hamoaze House in Plymouth, the centre that helped him stop drinking, he met Kirsty from Addaction who invited him to embark on a Positive People course to gain the skills he needed to run his own business. “I walked in with my plan in my head. I really wanted to change my life.

It was something I had to do,” says Adrian, who used to work in the care industry. “Kirsty and I worked together for a couple of months to found Tech

Savvi. It is hard work to set up a business, especially as a sole trader. It would have taken a lot longer if I was trying to do it on my own.”

# A silent struggle

by David Bray

“It is not manly to struggle, not cope, and need to turn for help”. That is the narrative that Man Down is hoping to change.

The organisation aims to reduce the number of men taking their own lives as well as the stigma around mental health. Men often struggle to talk and let things out, they find it hard to admit that they need help.

Man Down offers a safe, supportive and non-judgmental environment in Liskeard where they can talk about mental health issues.

The Liskeard branch of Man Down started last December and holds meetings every two weeks. There is no need to book, just turn up.

Group facilitator Andreas Thrussell says: “The good thing about our group is just how supportive the men

are of one another. Some men expected voices of shock when they got understanding, support, and compassion instead. We have had men that have never admitted to anyone in their lives that they have had experiences that led them to struggle with mental health.

The relief on their face, the change of tone of voice, and the sense of hope that they carry by the end of their first meet and into their second is pretty impressive. We aren't there to ‘cure’ or ‘fix’ anyone, we are there to listen.”

Man Down also arranges social events. They recently had a weekend breakfast and will be arranging more social activities like walks and adventure activities that will help the group to bond and share some new experiences.

The Man Down Liskeard group meets every second Thursday at TICTAC, The Bungalow, at Liskeard School & Community College from 7-9pm. For more details visit [www.mandown-cornwall.co.uk](http://www.mandown-cornwall.co.uk) or search for ManDown Cornwall on Facebook.





# Scout hut smartens up

There have been Scouts in Liskeard for nearly 60 years, and the group is still thriving, with more than 90 Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, and a waiting list to join. This year is the 50th anniversary of the building of the Scout group's meeting hut in Castle Park, and it's been given a makeover for the occasion.

The tired looking building now has a sparkling new look thanks to the help of volunteers, parents and local organisations. A smart new kitchen has been installed, complete with cooker and dishwasher, and there's a new boiler too. The smaller meeting room walls have been replastered, the ceiling mended and smart new flooring put down, making it a usable space once more. The main meeting room has been painted, fire extinguishers replaced and a new fire alarm system fitted. In the past 12 months a security system has been installed to combat vandalism.

The Scouts – who kindly help to deliver this magazine – are grateful for all the work and donations from



On the Scout hut site before the building went up in 1970

wellwishers including Howdens Kitchens, Jewsons, Liskeard Town Council, Paul Kemp of Cornwall Housing Ltd and Clive Peachey.

To celebrate the makeover and to look forward to the next 50 years, the Scouts are holding an open afternoon on Saturday, April 25, from 2-4pm, when everyone is invited to look around. Former Liskeard Scouts are especially welcome and it is hoped to hold an exhibition of pictures from Scout events through the years.

If you have any pictures of past Scout events please email them to [1stliskeardscouts@gmail.com](mailto:1stliskeardscouts@gmail.com)

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## Meet your town's councillors



**Tony Powell (North Ward)**

Tony joined the Town Council in 1995. Since then he has also served as a county and district councillor at various times and is a former leader of Caradon District Council.

Tony's family live in Liskeard and he has served as mayor on five occasions.

He is currently chair of the council's Planning Committee that has responsibility for co-ordinating the work of the Neighbourhood Plan.

For details of all your Liskeard Town councillors and how to contact them, please visit [www.liskeard.gov.uk/meet-your-councillors/councillors](http://www.liskeard.gov.uk/meet-your-councillors/councillors)



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