

# ST JUST'S ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY ARTS!



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# HELLO, AND WELCOME TO LAFROWDA 2024



Wow- that year went fast, welcome to Lafrowda Festival 2024. This year's theme, chosen at a community meeting in St Just WI Hall in September, is "Going Underground". Lots of topics to explore from Great Uncle Bulgaria to the French Resistance, The Jam to all things that make our soil, the Tube to the Underground Railway and our own mining heritage. Let's see what the processions bring.

The wonderful Withy Workshops start on Saturday 6th July at St Just Drill Hall, your chance to make an image/ effigy for the processions. The Festival starts on Sunday 14th July with Skate Jam at the Skate Park from midday, and then in Plen-an-Gwarry from 3pm, a stone drilling competition. If you've wondered about the holes in the stones, now's your chance to equal them! Followed by the ever popular Ceilidh in the early evening. During the week we have Pendeen Silver Band, Cape Players, Miracle Theatre, Storytelling, music, Tea Dance, films, performances and workshops in the town.

Buggy racing down Fore Street, the traffic can wait, on Lafrowda Eve, followed by music in Market Square. Saturday brings street performers, processions, bands, stalls, dancers and more in Market Square, Plen-an-Gwarry and anywhere we can fit them! Plen-an-Gwarry is a family friendly area on Saturday daytime, so no alcohol allowed in there until 6.00pm, and no glass at any time. Breakages happen too easily. Please consider whether to bring your dog along on the day - the festival is great fun for humans, but for our canine friends it is invariably hot, crowded and stressful, no matter how well behaved they are. Please come along and join in with the events and workshops of Lafrowda Week, Lafrowda Eve and Lafrowda Day.

Lafrowda Festival is a community-based charity and all money raised is ploughed back into the Festival. This year it will cost nearly £50K to put on. As an example, the

basics for a festival are; first aid, toilets, PA, fencing/pedestrian barriers etc, security, staging and scaffolding. This is over £12K just for one day, then there's theatre companies, withy workshops, bands, performers, licenses etc to take care of on top of that!

Our fundraising team do an amazing job putting on events throughout the year including 80's night, life-drawing class and bands, but we always need people and their ideas and support to continue Lafrowda. I would like to thank the people, businesses and Town Council of St Just for their support, sponsorship and enthusiasm in allowing us to take over the town yet again!

So, as a final plea to support Lafrowda, become a Friend of Lafrowda! Only £10 for a beautiful badge and a warm glow in your heart! (And your name in next year's programme!), My thanks to everyone who has made Lafrowda 2024 possible. Our website [www.lafrowda.co.uk](http://www.lafrowda.co.uk) has updates on what's happening. And last but not least - enjoy yourselves!

Have a good Lafrowda,

*Tony Snelson*  
Lafrowda Chair



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# THE FUNDRAISERS

Lafrowda relies on fundraising and it has been fantastic to see all hands on deck this year in a joint mission to raise funds. It shows how important the festival is to the St Just community.

Since October 2023 we have raised an incredible £2150 in donations and £8400 in events. Lafrowda couldn't happen without this money.

Food featured throughout the calendar (we love our cake!). Lafrowda now has a regular slot at the weekly St Just farmers market and many delicious cakes and savouries have been served up by our committee members over the year. Heather Pritchard's fantastic coffee mornings offered a great chance to catch up with friends over tasty cake and brought in £160.

Burns night, now a Lafrowda firm favourite, saw people donning their tartan and heading to the North Inn to indulge in Haggis and a wee dram. A braw time was had with a fantastic £637 being raised.

In December to coincide with the Christmas light switch on, the wonderful Sharon and Johnny at The Old Haberdashery café hosted a donation only Indian thali night with all proceeds going to Lafrowda. It was a sell out and all agreed the food was heavenly. An incredibly yummy £898 was raised.

After the success of last years Drink and Draw event, January saw budding artists heading to the town hall for an evening of Sip and Sketch. The prosecco flowed as our wonderful and very brave model bared ALL for the group. The talented Amy joined us once again to keep the group in order and offer some much needed tuition. Some fantastic work was produced, much fun was had and £270 was raised.

The annual Lafrowda film festival ran through February and showed a

wonderful mix of films this year including Gypsy Caravan and Persepolis. An amazing £625 was raised.

Music is always a big part of the Lafrowda calendar and in February despite the atrocious weather outside, Club Tropicana was shining brightly in the town hall. The place was awash with big hair and neon as people sipped (lumpy) pina colodas and vogued to Dj Kev's top playlist. A stonking £2670 was raised.

Other music events have included a vinyl only night which saw young and old dancing under the mirror ball in the WI and then more recently The Barbed choir and Joe Doyle.

Cape Cornwall golf club once again hosted their Lafrowda fundraising day on Good Friday raising £565. Despite the weather throwing everything it had at us, great numbers turned out for the 2 man scramble competition and much fun was had.

The annual May bank holiday buggy race day saw the addition of a fun dog show and car boot sale this year. Those with a need for speed turned out to show off their buggy skills whilst in the rugby club field 52 well turned out pooches strutted their stuff round the ring.

A tweed clad Johnny Mac judged and handed out rosettes, and a nifty £660 was raised.

The only requirement for attending the Lafrowda euchre drive is to know your left from your right! Keen players turned out in the hope to win and have Tony buy them a pint (maybe)! The evening raised £115. Other events have included a quiz night hosted by The Commercial Hotel raising £55, a virtual balloon race £250 and the wonderfully funny Near Ta theatre performance £260. Every penny counts and we are always

looking for new ideas. If you have one and would like to get involved raising the money we need to make sure Lafrowda can continue please give us a shout, we would love to hear from you.



# MARION KENNY

**Lafrowda will welcome outstanding musician and storyteller Marion Kenny, as resident artist of St. Just during Lafrowda week in July 2024.**

Marion is an Irish Brummy living in Edinburgh, whose dad was a tweed weaver from Donegal and grew up in the Gaeltacht with a strong tradition of oral storytelling and music. She will explore Lafrowda's theme 'Going Underground' for her performances. She will select stories of Celtic heritage, finding connections between Cornwall and Scotland - mining, Arthurian legends, people disappearing into the mountains and the underworld, stories of coastal mythical creatures, Selkies and ghosts. She accompanies her stories with her Chinese harp, interspersed with beautiful tunes on her flute.

During her week she will perform at local nursery, primary and secondary schools plus provision for older people, including the Benoni Nursing Home.

You can read about her here <https://marionkennystoryteller.com/> Her open public performance will be at St. Just Miners Chapel on Wednesday 17th July. The performance is 'pay what you can' event' - please book tickets via the QR code below and pay what you can.

**This project has been funded by FEAST in partnership with Cornwall Community Foundation.**



# GOING UNDERGROUND!

## THE COMMUNITY WILLOW WORKSHOP IS BACK!

**FREE!!  
OPEN TO ALL!**

**Everyone is welcome –  
just come along and  
drop in and get making.**

**Materials, encouragement  
and refreshments provided.**

**Open to everyone –  
Free to all**

**Where: The Drill Hall, St Just**

The witty artist team will be ready to welcome you from Saturday 6th July. The workshop will be open for 2 weeks. Guidance will be available to help you develop your ideas and practice the skills that are necessary to build giant processional withy sculptures and smaller lanterns.

### When:

**Saturday 6th July** 11.00 am - 5.00 pm

**Sunday 7th July** 11.00 am - 5.00 pm

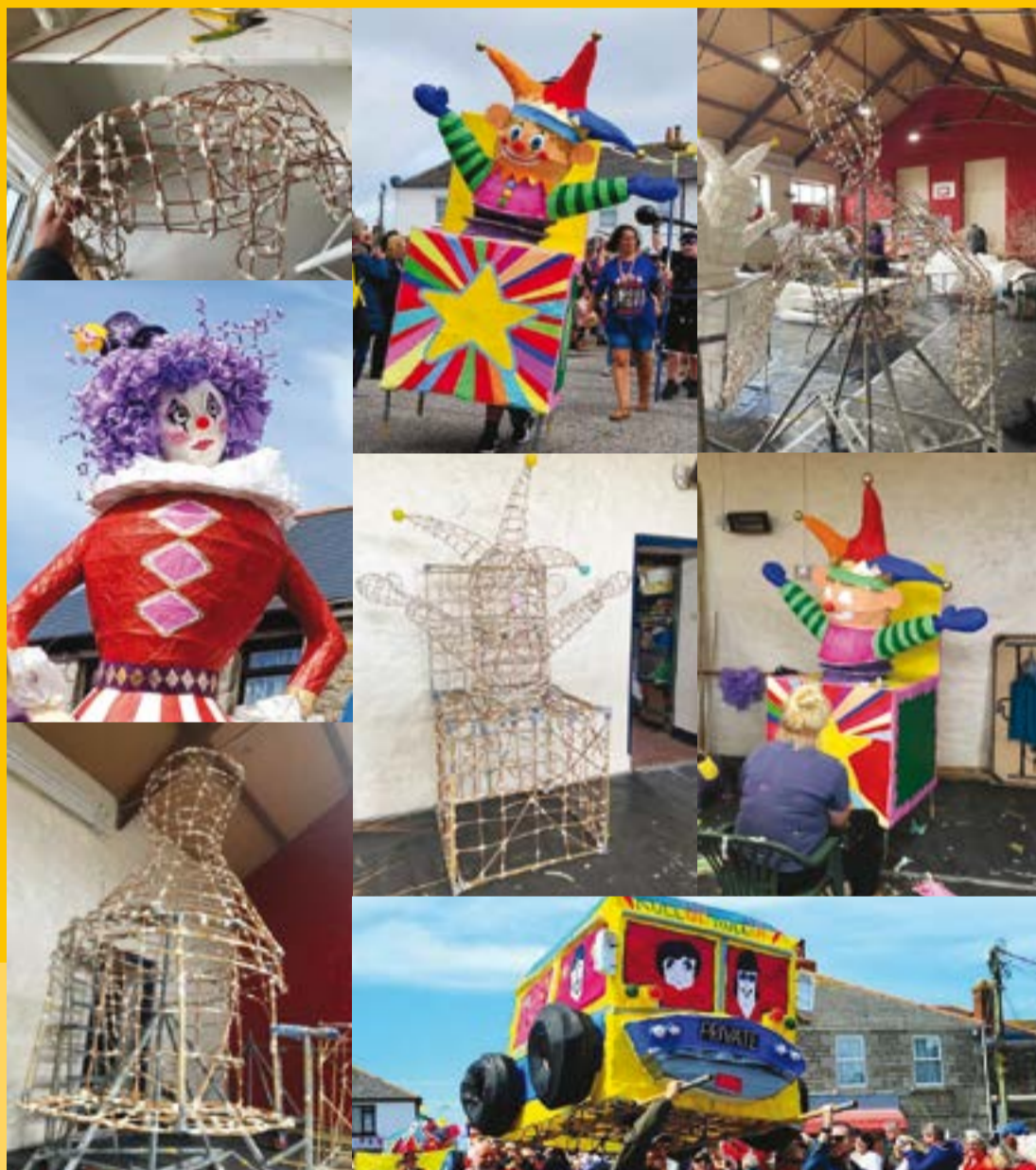
**Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July**  
11.00 am - 9.00 pm

**Saturday 13th July** 11.00 am - 5.00pm

**Sunday 14th July** 11.00 am - 5.00 pm

**Monday 15th July to Thursday 18th July**  
11.00 am - 9.00 pm

**Friday 19th July** 10.00 am - 2 pm



### Lantern making

We will be focusing on making beautiful lanterns for the night-time procession on Sunday 7th July from 11 pm – 5.00 pm but you can come and make them during also anytime during the 2 week workshop.

**Children of primary school age must be accompanied by an adult. 15 minutes before the end of each session will be set aside for clearing up – all hands on deck.**

# LAFROWDA WITHY ARTISTS

**This year we are proud to introduce some new faces to support you to create your own withy processional sculptures and lanterns. They will be at the Community Withy Workshop whilst the other artists support the local schools and nurseries. The new faces are people that have taken part in the workshop in past years and now are back to support you.**

Lafrowda would not be what it is without their magical skills and on behalf of everybody we would like to thank them and all the volunteers that support them. So who are the team this year ?

## JUSTINE EAST

"I've really enjoyed working at the withy workshops, it's a highlight to my year, an opportunity to meet and network with other creative people within the community and submerge myself completely within creative problem solving and working with my hands in 3D. I don't get a chance to work in 3D on a scale the size of the 12 foot withy puppets I've created at the workshops which is so exciting and rewarding.

"I think arts workshops like this serve as a catalyst for community cohesion and development, building and strengthening relationships. I see the workshops as a hub for working together towards a common cause – this sort of thing is hugely undervalued as a mechanism in communities that supports wellbeing for all ages. I love the cross age group work, you learn so much working and talking to people from different ages and backgrounds there, where else would you get the opportunity to do that? Lafrowda Festival and specifically the withy sculptures created for the parades celebrate an ancient craft of carnivals which are a dying art. For me, Lafrowda Festival and working in the withy workshops is the essence of St Just. It's my way of giving something back because being surrounded by so many people willing to give their time and passion into a common cause is very infectious."

## SUE CORFIELD

I love the buzz and I love the vibe. The smiles on faces and great music, alongside the images made make Lafrowda Festival magic. For me it started with a snail many moons ago and since then the Withy Workshop has been a crazy, creative collaboration with old and new faces each year. Long may it continue.

## KIM SHAWCROSS

I have grown up in St Just my whole life and have always loved this place and this community. I had my first experience in the Withy Workshop in 2012 when I was 5 years old ! I have always loved taking part and making every year since. I have helped to make the ketchup bottle, monolith, disc world and many other fantastic creations.

## MEG GRIFFITHS

I grew up being part of Lafrowda Festival and the Withy Workshops. Always spending those two weeks running up to Lafrowda Day making weird and wonderful creations. They were such important moments of my childhood and has definitely influenced the artist I am today. I am fascinated with the importance of playfulness and curiosity when it comes to art and this makes me excited to support people making their own withy creations.

## LIZ TYRRELL

Liz is a gifted artist who has made giants in the form of back pack puppets, large scale figurative processional sculptures, and large textile banners. She has worked on Golowan, Lafrowda and City of Lights community festivals in Cornwall, running processional sculpture and lantern workshops. She has produced large flags and art signs for events such as the Shoreditch Festival and the Notting Hill Carnival. She also has a degree in textiles from Liverpool University. Liz has been running or helping to run the community withy sculpture workshops for Lafrowda Day for several years. She loves the sparkle of fun, the deep concentration, the spirit of co-operation, the mutual help and encouragement as mad ideas come to life.



## ALICE KING

I am a maker / sculptor with over 40 years experience working in community arts , theatre design ,processional imagery, puppet making , and teaching . I've made for the Golowan festival, Truro city of lights , Womad and the Ordinalia to name a few

## BILLY WYNTER

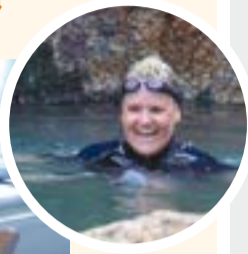
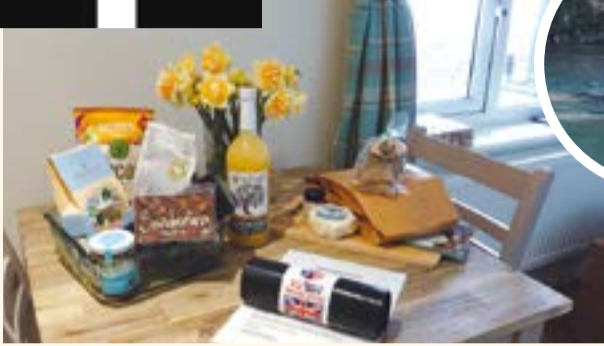
Billy lives and works in Penzance. Born in Zennor in 1962, Billy Wynter studied on the Foundation course at Falmouth College of Art, 1981 to 1982, and took a degree in Fine Art at Middlesex Polytechnic, 1982 to 1985. He worked as a painter, based in Penzance and exhibiting locally and nationally. From the early nineties he became involved with community art projects through the Cornwall-based Kneehigh Theatre, particularly in the making of large processional images for street festivals. He describes himself as a community artist who 'likes to explore less trodden paths.'

## MELISSA HAMPSON-SMITH

Melissa is a multidisciplinary environmental artist using natural & man made materials to create sculptures, environments, performances, paintings & wearable art pieces. She has sold, performed & exhibited both in Cornwall, nationally & internationally & online. Melissa can be found hammering metals with local stone out on the shore, carving found natural & manmade materials, collecting raw pigments & discarded materials. Her inspiration comes from the human history of Planet Earth, tribal cultures, explosion of Industry in the Machine Age & Space exploration out into the Cosmos & into our distant future. Melissa has over 10 years experience in community arts in schools, museums, youth clubs, adult education, parks, libraries, galleries, & even Glastonbury.



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I am Tanya Glomba and am lucky enough to now live in West Cornwall and run The Marigolds.

I initially came down to the far west of Cornwall more than 8 years ago just to have a 6 month break from my busy life back in Munich.

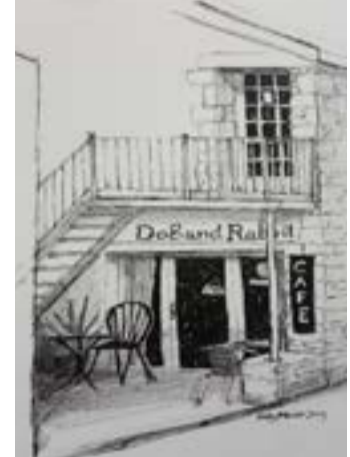
After 2 months of staying in Newlyn it was clear to me to give up my life in Germany and stay here by the sea forever.

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I put my previous experiences in customer services into the company and am passionate about wild swimming, the local community, being sustainable, plastic free and support other local businesses with providing Cornish hampers. Even dog walking if there's time for it.

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NICOLA BEALING

## DEAD-MAN'S FINGERS

NEWLYN ART GALLERY · 4 MAY – 2 NOV 2024

Image: Nicola Bealing, *Party Rock (with Bones)*, detail 2021. Photo credit, Steve Tanner

Nicola Bealing is represented by Matt's Gallery, London.

[newlynartgallery.co.uk](http://newlynartgallery.co.uk)



## Quiet Camping

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location



Bosean Croft is offering quiet camping for Lafrowda festival-goers  
£5 per head per night.

Half the proceeds go to next year's Lafrowda!

Gate opposite Bosean House, St Just

Tel. 07919 460627

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- > Ride or attraction
- > Stalls and refreshments
- > Information desk
- WC > Toilet
- DWC > Accessible toilet
- > Road closed
- DWP > Accessible Parking

Please don't park on the road in Tregeseal Valley. Additional Parking at St Just Rugby Club

**Rubbish**

- There will be additional bins for recycling and rubbish.
- Invest in a festival cup or bring your own to help reduce the single use plastic glasses.
- Take home all possessions, bin all your rubbish and leave St Just spotless. Thank you!

**Lost Property**

- Info desk open from 11am for handing in, reporting and retrieving lost items.
- After 6pm please hand lost property to Lafrowda Committee or volunteers (wearing dayglo Lafrowda waistcoats).
- Email [admin@lafrowda.co.uk](mailto:admin@lafrowda.co.uk) or leave a message on 07961939759 to find lost property.

**Dogs**

- Responsible dog owners need to carefully consider whether or not they bring their dog along on Festival Day.
- If you do bring your dog along they must be on the lead and under close control of their owner.
- The streets can be crowded and not everyone is comfortable around your dog.

**Staying Safe**

- If you feel unsafe please go to a committee member or volunteer and ask for "Angela" and they'll escort you to a safe place.
- There will be extra buses in operation at the end of the festival. This year our site security will be running an organised queuing system at the bus stop.
- Be safe: travel with a friend, make sure your mobile is charged and you have enough money for the journey home. Please be aware that this event will be recorded
- We request that this is a **drone free** event

## LOST CHILDREN

Children remain the responsibility of their parents, carers or guardians for the duration of the day. Although there will be a very wide range of activities for all ages, the activities are designed to be enjoyed together, rather than provided as childcare.

- On arrival at the Festival take a photo of your

child on your mobile phone.

- Tell your child to speak to Lafrowda committee member in purple hi-vis or security in case you do get separated.
- Tell/show your child where the information desk in Market Square is located. Time is of the essence with a lost child. Coming straight to the information desk means we can send out instructions to the Lafrowda team and professionals on site.

- Collect a festival band at the information desk for your child to wear, (your mobile phone number can be written on the inside of this band).

**Contacts:**  
**Kevin (Safeguarding) 07956612452**

# EVENTS & WORKSHOPS



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## LAFROWDA WEEK IS YOUR ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR UNDERGROUND ARTS ACTIVITIES!

We have something for everyone with concerts and competitions, dances, workshops, performances and tours. Come along to the Best Town in the West and have a go at something new!

The week's Events and Workshops are supported by FEAST, Geevor Tin Mine, Age Concern, and 13 Market Square.



### SUNDAY 14TH JULY

#### Lafrowda Community Churches Together Celebration

With refreshments after the Service - St Just Miners Chapel, 10.30am - Free and open to all, a collection will be made.



#### Rubbish Sculpture Competition

Emulate our favourite creatures that Go Underground by channelling your Inner Womble and Making Good Use of Bad Rubbish!

See Page 21 for more information



#### Skate Jam

Underground, overground, upside down, inside out... once again we are delighted to kick off this year's Lafrowda Festival with another open day at the St Just Skate Park. We will have the usual food, drink and comps running throughout the day, free and open to all. Sign up for some limited beginners coaching spaces running from 11am - 12pm before the main event; just email [stjustskateparkappeal@gmail.com](mailto:stjustskateparkappeal@gmail.com) with your name, age and contact number for a parent or guardian. **St Just Skate Park, 12pm - 3pm**  
See page 29 for further information.



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#### Drilling Competition

Sponsored by Geevor Tin Mine

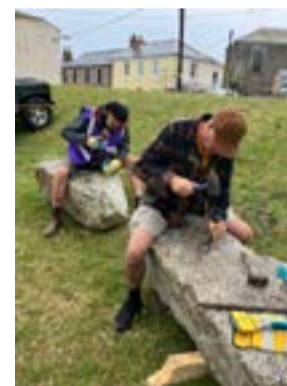
Test your Skill with a Drill! Come along and take part in a traditional hand-drilling competition in the Plen-an-Gwarry. Each competitor will have one chance to drill the deepest hole they can in five minutes. You will be provided with a hand drill and a hammer with which to drill the

deepest hole you can.

The maker of deepest hole wins the ultimate prize of £50 and will go down in hand-drilling history! Thank you to **Cornish Granite** for providing the Rocks!

**Plen-an-Gwarry, 3pm**

£5 per entry, £50 prize money. All other proceeds to Lafrowda.



#### Lafrowda Summer Ceilidh

Sponsored by 13 Market Square

Come along and Strip the Willow with the wonderful Tinnars Barn Dance Band led by Mike Pritchard, and the fabulous Mary Ann Bloomfield calling the dances. Always our favourite way to kick off Lafrowda Week!

**Plen-an-Gwarry,**

**5pm - 7pm**

Refreshments available



### MONDAY 15TH JULY

#### Palm Court Tea Dance

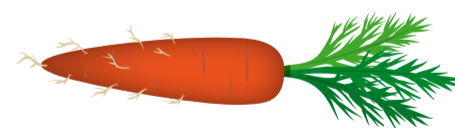
Sponsored by Age Concern

Lafrowda and the Miners Chapel are thrilled to co-host this highlight of Lafrowda Week, the Palm Court Tea Dance, along with the wonderful La Roulotte! Come for the tea and cake, stay for the glorious music and dancing!

**St Just Miners Chapel Rooms,**

**2pm - 4pm**

**Free** and open to all, generously sponsored by St Just Age Concern



## Diana Taylor's "Zennor, Spirit of Place" film showing

Zennor, Spirit of Place explores the personal and political dramas which followed the arrival of the disreputable writer D.H.Lawrence and his German wife Frieda von Richthofen in the ancient village of Zennor during the First World War. The wild landscape and remote cottages around Zennor became host to scores of infamous artists, poets, eccentrics and occultists who lived, loved and wreaked havoc in this mystical realm. Throughout the 20th century sublime art was created amid a backdrop of witchcraft, scandalous sexual intrigue, black magic rituals and Nazi spy rings.



**St Just Old Town Hall, 7pm**

£5 entry on the door, drinks available.

## Pendeen Silver Band

It just wouldn't be Lafrowda without the glorious sound of most Westerly brass band in the United Kingdom. Pop down to the Plain, get comfy on the grass and let them entertain you in true festival style.



**Plen-an-Gwarry, 7:30pm**

## TUESDAY 16TH JULY

### Cape Players "Down the Sinkhole"

CAPE present 'Down The Sinkhole', a comedy sketch show.

A mysterious hole in the ground has opened up just outside the town of St. Just. Council workers Anna Prentice and Arthur Job are sent to investigate but there's more things underground than the old mine workings they were expecting - grumpy dwarves, washed up mermaids, out of their depth smugglers, a nuclear bunker and the devil himself.

Not to mention an underground pasty factory where the pasties have some very interesting ingredients!



Do you dare to come along and follow Anna and Arthur as they boldly go down the sinkhole?

All tickets £5. Tickets available online via this red QR code or phone 0333 666 3366. General Enquiries: 07785 538507



**Old Town Hall, 7:30pm**, drinks available

## Awen Productions Film night

Come Join us for an evening of specially selected short documentaries, animations and archive film.

There will be new short films from artists Benjamin Wigley, Amanda Lorens, Ruby Ingleheart, Minnie Harrop, Janet McEwan and Barbara Santi. With short films made



# SUNDAY 14TH TO SATURDAY 20TH JULY

## SUNDAY 14TH JULY

- + **Community Celebration -Miners Chapel 10.30am**
- + **Skate Jam - St Just Skate Park, 12pm - 3pm**
- + **Drilling Competition, Plen-an-Gwarry 3pm**
- + **Lafrowda Ceilidh - Plen-an-Gwarry - 5pm-7pm**

## MONDAY 15TH JULY

- + **Palm Court Tea Dance - Miners Chapel 2pm-4pm**
- + **Diana Taylor's "Zennor, Spirit of Place" film - Old Town Hall 7pm**
- + **Pendeen Silver Band - Plen-an-Gwarry, 7:30pm**

## TUESDAY 16TH JULY

- + **Cape Players "Down the Sinkhole" Old Town hall 7.30pm**
- + **Awen Productions Film night film - WI - 7.30pm**

## WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY

- + **Free Zumba Taster Class with Abbie - Old Town Hall 5.30-6.30pm**
- + **Pottery and Linocut Workshops - St Just WI -6pm**
- + **Marion Kenny, Storyteller and Musician - Miners Chapel - 7.30pm**
- + **Jackson's Claret - Geevor Tin Mine - 7.30pm**

## THURSDAY 18TH JULY

- + **Mining Exhibition and Tour of the Free Church 10am - 4pm**
- + **"What's In the Box?!" St Just Library - 3.30-5.30pm**
- + **Pip Wright Singing Workshop - Lafrowda Club - 7pm**
- + **Miracle Theatre present "Love Riot" - Plen-an-Gwarry - 7.30pm**

## FRIDAY 19TH JULY

- + **Free Zumba Taster Class with Abbie - Old Town Hall 9-10am**
- + **Gravity Racing - Fore Street, 4:30pm**

## SATURDAY 20TH JULY

- + **St Just and Pendeen Old Cornwall Society 'Emigration from St Just and Pendeen' St Just WI - 10am**
- + **Cream Teas at St Just Parish Church 10am-4pm**
- + **Rubbish Sculpture Competition - The Judging! 1.30pm**

# LAFROWDA DAY HIGHLIGHTS

## 11AM 'TIL NOON

- + Jacky Garrett 11:00
- + Martha Woods 11:15
- + Vicky Abbot's Choir 11:30
- + **Ocean Town 11:00**
- + **La Roulotte 11:00**
- + **Double Pelican 11:30**

	Lafrowda Dance Stage
	Plen-an-Gwarry Stage
	Market Square stage
	Processions
	The Church

## 12NOON TO 2PM

- + Midday Procession: 12:00
- + **Cape Singers: 12.40**
- + **Men Are Singing 1pm**
- + Pipers choir 1-1.30
- + Shallal Dance Theatre 1.45-2.15
- + **Marion Kenny 2.30**
- + **Red Apple Honey's 1.55**

## 2-4PM

- + Barbed choir: 2.25-2.55
- + **Eva May 4:15**
- + **Toby Webb 2:50**
- + Big Dance Company 3.10-3.30
- + Community Procession: 15:30

## 4-6PM

- + **Strange Almond 4pm**
- + **Daisy Rickman 5.15**
- + Kammow 4.15-4.30
- + Shindig 4.30-5pm
- + An Gof 6pm
- + **Looper 5.30**

## 6-8PM

- + **Nell Davies and Hissyfit 6.30pm**
- + The Eyelids 7pm
- + **Du Glas 7:30**

## 8-12PM

- + **3 Daft Monkeys 8:45**
- + Tremoans 8:05
- + Dr SPLINK 9:15
- + Lantern Procession - 10:00
- + Pengelly ITA 10:20
- + **The Disappointments 10.20**



by Access Theatre, Growing Links, Carefree, Hayle Youth Group and Padstow young people and wonderful archive film from The Box on traditions and customs from the South-West.  
St Just W.I, 7:30pm, refreshments available  
£4 or pay what you can

**View Page 25 for further information**

## WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY

### Free Zumba Taster Class with Abbie

Try a Zumba class with Abbie. A music-based dance exercise class based on international rhythms such as salsa and reggaeton! No dance experience needed, just move and have fun. Free class, all abilities welcome. Please turn up 10 mins before class to register at the hall and wear comfortable clothes and trainers.



**Old Town Hall, 5:30 – 6:30pm Free**

### Pottery and Linocut Workshops

Come and make a pinch pot or try your hand at linocut printing. Learn some ceramics techniques with Lucy Hartles and Stef Gulliver or produce a simple linocut design with Miles Tebbutt. Please bring an apron or overalls, and tea/coffee will be provided.

**St Just W.I, 6pm**

£10 per person, limited places, first come first served. Please email [info@lafrowda.co.uk](mailto:info@lafrowda.co.uk) or call 07940 503875 to book your place (payment taken in advance)



### Marion Kenny, Storyteller and Musician

Funded by FEAST in partnership with Cornwall Community Foundation

An evening of enchanting Celtic tales and exquisite music in the beautiful surroundings and acoustics of the Miners Chapel in St. Just.

Lafrowda welcomes outstanding musician and storyteller Marion Kenny, as resident artist of St. Just during Lafrowda week in July 2024. Marion, a brummy living in Edinburgh, will explore Lafrowda's theme 'Going Underground' for her performances.

The performance is 'pay what you like' - **Visit page 5 to find out how to book and other performances.** There will be a few tickets on the door but please book in advance if possible!

**St Just Miners Chapel, 7:30pm**



## Jackson's Claret

These champions of Cornish music perform Cornish tunes and songs from the 1700s up until the present day. Come down to the Count House Cafe at Geevor Tin Mine and enjoy their traditional repertoire along with refreshments, pasties and a licensed bar. Tickets available online at [www.counthousecafe.com](http://www.counthousecafe.com) or on the door. A percentage of money raised will be donated to Pendeen Community Heritage.

**Geevor Tin Mine, 7:30pm (doors open 6:30pm)**

£12 online/£14 on the door



destiny and avoid a loveless future.

In this vibrant reimagining of Hannah Cowley's classic play, *The Belle's Stratagem*, audiences are transported to a world of scandal, matchmaking, and unexpected twists.

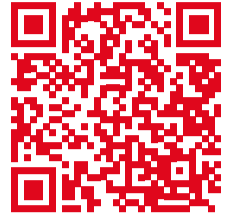
With Miracle's signature wit and charm, *Love Riot* promises an unforgettable evening of laughter and entertainment for audiences of all ages.

Tickets available online via the red QR code or on the door if not sold out.

**Plen-an-Gwarry, 7:30pm**

Love Miracle £22.50, adults £17.50, unwaged £15, children £12.50.

Refreshments available.



## THURSDAY 18TH JULY

### Mining Exhibition and Tour of the Free Church

St Just Mining and Mineral Museum is a production by a group of dedicated local enthusiasts, bringing heritage home. Come and absorb the richness of our unique area. Entrance through the main church doors.

St Just Free Church, Thursday to Saturday 10am - 4pm

Exhibition - £3 adults, £2 children. Church tours free.



### "What's In the Box?!"

A Mystery Box will be opened and the contents revealed - come along and find out what they are! Fun, games and storytelling (plus snacks of course). Friends of St Library with the help of The Royal Cornwall Museum

**St Just Library, 3:30 - 5:30pm**

Families and children under 11 free



### Pip Wright Singing Workshop

Singing workshop with local choir leader Pip Wright. All voices welcome for a joyful Summer Sing of beautiful, unaccompanied harmonies from around the world and closer to home. Songs will be taught by ear with words provided.

**The Lafrowda Club, 7pm**

£5 on the door



### Miracle Theatre present "Love Riot"

Sponsored by the Star Inn and Age Concern

Step into a world of enchanting romance and uproarious comedy with Miracle Theatre's latest outdoor production, *Love Riot*!

Letty's father has arranged for her to be married to a man who shows no interest in her. But she is a spirited young woman, determined to defy society's expectations, shape her own



## FRIDAY 19TH JULY (LAFROWDA EVE)

### Free Zumba Taster Class with Abbie

Try a Zumba class with Abbie. A music-based dance exercise class based on international rhythms such as salsa and reggaeton! No dance experience needed, just move and have fun. Free class, all abilities welcome. Please turn up 10 mins before class to register at the hall and wear comfortable clothes and trainers.

**Old Town Hall, 9am - 10am Free**

### Gravity Racing

Registration from 3:30pm, please bring all buggies to the square.

Fore Street, 4:30pm. £20 entry fee.



## SATURDAY 20TH JULY (LAFROWDA DAY)

### St Just and Pendeen Old Cornwall Society - 'Emigration from St Just and Pendeen'

Come along and see the stories of local people who went to far-off lands. Stories of hardship and despair and success and riches and all in between, from the St Just and Pendeen Old Cornwall Archive.

**St Just W.I. Hall, 10am onwards**

Tea and coffee available

### Cream Teas at St Just Parish Church

On Lafrowda Day volunteers from St Just Parish Church will be serving Cream Teas and other refreshments in the Church from 11am to 4pm. Funds raised will go towards a much-needed disabled access WC and kitchenette for St Just's historic Church. The new facilities will help to improve its welcome and broaden the range of church, concerts and local community and charitable events it can support throughout the year.

**St Just Parish Church, 11am - 4pm**

Refreshments and cream teas available (jam first)



### Rubbish Sculpture Competition - The Judging!

Have you Made Good Use of Bad Rubbish during Lafrowda Week? Come along to the Miners Chapel at 1:30pm on Lafrowda Day where St Just's own Kurt Jackson will pick the winning Rubbish Sculptures and present the awards!

**St Just Miners Chapel, 1:30pm**

# LAFROWDA EVE

## BUGGY RACE

Since being introduced to the Lafrowda Festival in 2016 the Buggy Race has become a popular attraction to the festival. There are two races held during the year, one on the May bank holiday weekend at St Just Rugby Club and one on Lafrowda Eve down Fore Street. The Buggies are all hand built and gravity powered. On Friday 19th July amateur teams will race down Fore Street in front of hundreds of spectators. Think you have the nerve, skills and charisma to win the race? Contestants will be judged on creativity, speed and showmanship. Speed demons are challenged to create the whackiest vehicle they can to take on the Lafrowda Buggy Race.

So grab yourself a good vantage point and prepare to be entertained.

The Buggy Team

**£20 per buggy to enter**

**Sponsored by ST Just RFC**



# LIVE MUSIC

sponsored for tonight by the Commercial Hotel

### JOE DOYLE: 18:50

Joe plays roots folk and traditional Irish songs. Influenced heavily by the Cornish coast and artists such as Van Morrison, The Bothy Brothers and The Dubliners to name but a few. Put them in a melting pot and Joe truly captures the essence of all with his powerful voice; he is, as the Irish say, Grand!



### GO GO SKANK: 21:10

Brass-led and up for a party, Go Go Skank mash up a mix of 80's classics and the occasional banger from another generation... and rain them down in our own inimitable style.!



### THE SANDY ACRE 7: 19:50

They were wafted onto the far South West Cornish shores on a balmy summers evening, carried ashore by a gentle Southerly Sirocco, carrying the musical echoes of whence they came..... the hard driving southern soul of the USA, the sway of Latin beat, a lilt of the Caribbean, all complimented by a biting British 60's backbeat..... The hair on their heads still flaxed by the sea salt and surfwax.... they stepped ashore and continued to Rock n Roll up the dunes, settling within the far west enclaves of groovers, rockers and stoners. Their name determined by the dunes of the bay on which their raft rolled ashore.... The Sandy Acre 7!!!!



### DJ DESCAFEINAT: 22:15

Following 15+ years of playing Afro Latin music with well-known bands in Cornwall, Greg Dyer has been DJing Afro Latin Grooves, Ibiza & Latin House, Tropical Tech & World Beats across the South West.



**SMALL ACTS - FACEBACK 1.30PM TO 4.30PM**  
**LAFROWDA EVE**

See opposite page 'on the streets' for further info...

# LAFROWDA DAY

## ON THE STREETS



### SMALL ACTS - FACEBACK 1.30pm to 4.30pm Lafrowda Eve 11am - 6pm Lafrowda Day

The tent outside Andrew Exelby's Estate Agent  
Join the FACEBACK community and meet real live people!  
Your FACE is turned into a badge and worn by someone you haven't met yet.  
**Your mission is to get your FACEBACK!**  
An antidote to online social networking, FACEBACK plays with ideas of community, face to face contact and control over our own images, creating a series of random encounters and conversations that unfold over Lafrowda Eve and Lafrowda Day.  
Since 2008 FACEBACK has connected 10,000's of people who wouldn't normally meet, going viral at arts festivals, community events, conferences, networking nights and even a wedding!  
Based in Penryn, Small Acts are Katie Etheridge and Simon Persighetti, artists and performance makers who create live participatory projects that explore the interrelationships between people and places.

"It is a game, a detective agency, a meeting point, a friendship circulation, a live Facebook, a socialising ... it gives people stuff to do, it connects them, there are wonderful moments of joy when people find their face or someone else's." Sue Palmer, Facebook at BAC.

### DESPERATE MEN - THE PIPE PEOPLE 12.30-1.30pm & 2.30-3.30pm

Half dance, half vaudeville, half loony, half art, but one hell of a whole presence. These strangely clad acolytes with hands on their heads congregate around a scaffolding pole in a kind of surreal dance. They'll be out and about...

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[www.small-acts.co.uk](http://www.small-acts.co.uk)



### CHOUGH AND TUMBLE

Keep your eyes peeled and catch our rare flock of Cornish national birds, bumbling and tumbling around the streets. You'll be choughed to see them!



### RUBBISH PHOTO BOOTH

From 1pm Open for business after the morning parade, we guarantee the worst photobooth portraits!  
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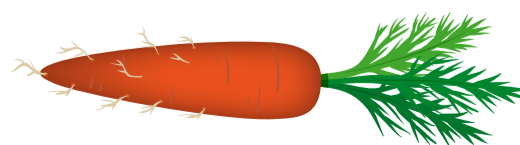
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# DANCE/CHOIR STAGE

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## 11AM JACKY GARRATT

will be compering this stage from 11 am. She is a poet and songwriter from St Just, playing her own material interspersed through the day and introducing the other acts



## 11.30AM VICKY ABBOTT AND CHOIR.

Singing alt-country and Americana. Surprisingly uplifting songs of tragedy and despair! Happy Lafrowda Day!



## 1PM PIPERS CHOIR

From St Buryan. Pipers are a mixed voice choir, singing a range of music



## 1.45PM SHALLAL DANCE THEATRE

Shallal are exploring spontaneous response performances, stretching the limits of improvisation, so they don't know who will be dancing and what they will be doing until it starts, as they make it up as they go along;

From past experience it aspires to be enjoyable, entertaining, moving and fun!



## 2.25PM BARBED CHOIR

an Explosion of song from Barbed Choir, a Penzance based community choir led by Penwith nutters Craig Berryman and Sophia Halling. Be amazed by our a cappella songs from a wide range of genres. People often ask what kind of songs we do, the answer is simple....songs that we LOVE singing.



## 3.10PM BIG DANCE COMPANY

BDC is a family run business, running for 21 years now in Cornwall and proudly made their mark in the dance industry not only Nationally but Internationally, delivering performances and



workshops all over the world, appearing on television shows such as Britain's Got Talent live semi Finals with Flava , Got To Dance, Just Dance, The One Show, This Morning, Toonattik, Making a Slave BBC music videos including Alesha Dixon and Phats and Small, featured in films and presented by Sir Trevor McDonald with the honorary Philip Lawrence

award from the home secretary. Numerous BDC students have gone on to incredible opportunities including, scholarships into top colleges and schools including Copenhagen Dance space, Young Americans California, Italia conti, London studios , London Contemporary, Wilkes Academy, Laban and Bodywork Cambridge, jobs such as dancers in Flava, Take That European tour, X- factor, The Voice UK, The West End, Cruise ships, Contemporary circus with Incandescence and performances in America, Malaysia , Bahrain, South Africa, Philippines, Hong kong, Korea, Abu Dhabi, Europe, Scotland and Ireland, and now have the first Cornish commercial dance Agency giving Cornish dancers paid local, national and International Work opportunities. With one of our students Luca Rainbow being the face of move it 2021.



## 4.15PM KAMMOW (CORNISH FOR FOOTSTEPS)

are a new music and dance collaboration between St Just dancers, Isobel Bloomfield and Laurie Huggett, and Lostwithiel based composer and dancer Martha Woods. Accompanied by other local musicians and dancers, Kammow use various step dancing styles, traditional and newly composed folk music, to create an uplifting and beautiful performance.



## 4.30PM SHINDIG

Home grown in St Just, Shindig Cloggers are a long-established Appalachian rhythmic dance troupe. Their joyous step dancing style and fantastic folk music is wild and wonderful. A regular to Lafrowda's dance stage, Shindig are guaranteed to have you tapping your toes along with the beat. Photo credit West Penwith Photography



# RUBBISH SCULPTURE COMPETITION



**Make Good Use of Bad Rubbish**



**Collect and recycle  
your bits and bobs  
and use them to  
make a sculpture of  
anything you choose.**

Bring your rubbish Sculpture along to the **St Just in Penwith Parish Church** between **10am & 4pm Sunday 14th to Friday 19th July** (make sure your sculpture has your name and contact number on!)

Then come along to the **Miners Chapel at 1.30pm on Lafrowda Day** where St Just's own Kurt Jackson will pick a winner and present them with their very own Womble! (categories are 15 and under and 16+. Sculpture need to be under 2ft high.

For more information, please email [info@lafrowda.co.uk](mailto:info@lafrowda.co.uk)

# THE PLEN FAMILY ZONE

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**11-5PM THE PLACE TO RELAX AND GET CREATIVE WITH FREE ACTIVITIES. GET THERE EARLY TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE DAY - GET YOUR FACE DONE AND MAKE A GARLAND FOR YOUR HAIR!**

## 12.30-5PM - HOTCH POTCH - CAFE PETITE -

Join Hotch Potch in their tiny tent for a tiny cup of tea. Sit and get lost in stories of little folk who live in trees high above, tunnel into soil below and fly on the backs of winged beasts. When we take the time to notice we can see that there are little people all around, helping our plants to grow, our bees to buzz and trees to make the air we breathe. Café Petite invites you into an extraordinary and intimate experience of charming table service and stories which inspire us to notice the smaller things in life.. Hotch Potch indulge in their very own style of Street Theatre in this unique theatrical storytelling show including a stilt walking waiter and live music. Hotch Potch are an Outdoor Arts company based in Cornwall, blending circus, street theatre and visual arts to create spectacular yet intimate works for all ages.



<https://www.hotchpotchperformance.co.uk/>

## 11AM-5PM GO POTTY! WITH BECKY ENGLISH

Have a go at handbuilding and throwing with our local favourite potter.

[www.rebeccaenglish.wixsite.com/ceramics](http://www.rebeccaenglish.wixsite.com/ceramics)



## 11-5PM FACE PAINTING WITH FUNNY FACES

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## ROUSTABOUTS CIRCUS WORKSHOPS

### 12.30-5PM

Roll up and join the circus with The Roustabouts Collective circus have-a-go on the Plen! Learn to juggle, spin plates, pull off diabolo and devil stick tricks, hula hoop, twirl gymnastics ribbons, gain a few inches on stilts and grab a poodle from a balloon modeller!

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## BABY CHILL OUT ZONE THE LAFROWDA CAFE

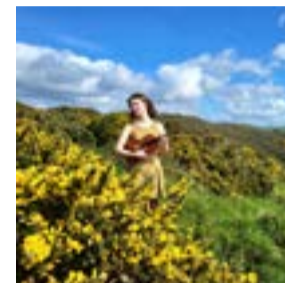
## PLEN-AN-GWARRY STAGE

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### 11:15 MARTHA WOODS

is a composer and multi-instrumentalist from Lostwithiel. She grew up immersed in Cornish folk music and dance, and is a recent graduate of Newcastle University's Folk and Traditional Music degree. She will play a set of up-beat original songs and tunes, combining fiddle and vocals with electronic backing.



### 1.05PM ST LEVAN SCHOOL CHOIR

-A small school with a lot of soul!



### 1.30PM ST JUST SCHOOL CHOIR

sing their hearts out!



### 2PM JUST UKES

Just Ukes is St Just's very own ukulele group which has played together since 2019. It plays a wide range of popular, classic and Cornish songs at local events and activities and with fun meet-ups every Monday morning in the Wesleyan Chapel. All uke players are welcome. It also runs an open Ukejam session on the first Thursday of the month in Sennen Parish Hall.



### 2.20PM THE DANCING FLEA ORCHESTRA

The Dancing Flea Orchestra, established in 2014 with players from all over West Cornwall, is a lively group based in Townshend. It regularly performs all over West Cornwall at a variety of gigs, celebrations and memory cafes and also produces a Ukejam session for all uke players every two months on a Wednesday at Hayle Rugby Club.



### 2.45 -3.30PM - CAPE CORNWALL SCHOOL BANDS

Cape Cornwall School presents a showcase of musical soloists, a dance performance, and a set by their choir who have learnt a song especially for Lafrowda's 'Going Underground' theme.



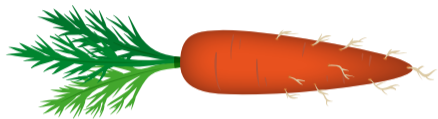
**4.30 THE DESPERATE MEN**

- The Great Balloon Toss St. Just attempts to beat the world record for water balloon tossing which currently stands at (Guinness Book of Records) 38.82m (that's about 204 pasties in length) - can we beat this record set in New York in 2012?! We will give it our best shot. Grab a partner and get tossing.



**5PM JOHN BROLLY**

Storytelling High energy and interactive storytelling from John Brolly. Brace yourselves for a fun and quirky take on some very old tales.



**NO ALCOHOL UNTIL 6PM**

**THE PLÊN IS A FAMILY ZONE UNTIL 6PM.**

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**PROCESSIONS**

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# LIVE MUSIC MARKET SQUARE

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## 11:00 OCEAN TOWN

Ocean Town are a group of lads from St Just that write their own music with a feel from lounge jazz to 90s grunge.



## 11:30 DOUBLE PELICAN

Free form, improvised folk trio, hailing from Bristol but with local roots.



## 12:40PM CAPE SINGERS

Cape Cornwall singers are ordinary people with ordinary lives, who sing with passion of the enduring traditions and extraordinary beauty of our homeland.



## 1:55PM RED APPLE HONEYS

Get ready to swing along to the fantastic Red Apple Honeys a close harmony singing group, 1940's Andrews Sisters style.



## 2:50PM TOBY WEBB

A local singer songwriter from Falmouth performs cover songs and songs he's written that are inspired by the Cornish Shanty/Folk scene.



## 4PM STRANGE ALMOND

Let's get retro and welcome this talented 80's Synth Pop Duo covering Depeche Mode, Erasure, Soft Cell, The Human League and many more.



## 5:30PM LOOPER

Are an up and coming Indie-Rock group.

Inspired by bands such as The Strokes or The Beatles, Looper formed in 2021 shortly after Ralph (Vocals and Bass) and Stan (Guitar and Vocals) began to write songs together during Covid. Now Joined by Isaac (guitar) and Jack (drums), the band keep to their indie rock routes while adding prog rock and Grunge influences to their setlist. The band may be based in London but grew up in Penzance and are delighted to return to Cornwall to play at Lafrowda! Their debut single 'Again and Again,' releases soon.



## 6:30PM NELL DAVIES AND HIS-SYFIT

Are a Penzance-based band playing post-punk indie rock with sarky lyrics. Nell started making music in lockdown, after reading Viv Albertine's autobiography inspired her to buy a guitar and write her first song. Her DIY songs, made in a pigsty in her garden, have been featured on BBC Introducing, Spotify New Music Friday and Amazing Radio, and have had nearly 400,000 Spotify streams.



## 7:30PM DU GLAS

Songs of miners, mutiny and murder; starvation, sirens and smugglers, that's what you get when you leave this bunch of Cornish renegades alone with a load of wood, strings and drum skins for too long!! Du Glas offer their own brand of original roots music, combining influences from Americana and British folk-rock (and whatever else takes their fancy at the time). Their energy, humour and love of gin has incited such madness that audiences have thrown away their pints, danced in a downpour and bounced on the bar like a Bruckheimer film (you know the one we mean) You'd be a fool to miss it!!



## 8:45PM 3 DAFT MONKEYS

A fiery helter-skelter blend of influences from East and West, 3 Daft Monkeys inject a unique wildness into their music, producing a symphonious cacophony of styles, Silvery vocal melodies soar above percussive global beats and rhythms, while passionate fiddle-driven tunes weave around animated guitar and bass, all presented with outstanding musicianship in their famously theatrical live performances.



## 10:20PM THE DISAPPOINTMENTS

A much loved local band bringing their own brand of FOLKABILLYBOOGIE. Known for their fun, high-energy performances and sure to get everyone up on their feet.



# PLEN-AN-GWARRY STAGE



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## 6PM AN GOF

"An Gof are a Penzance based post-punk band. They play fiercely independent original music. Uniquely DIY in their ethos and deeply rooted in their sense of place. All the while remaining acutely aware of their own irrelevance."



## 9:15PM DR SPLINK

Playing an original blend of ska, reggae, funk and punk, Dr Splink are everything you want a festival band to be, eccentric and engaging as well as musically excellent. Their tracks are well crafted, ingenious melody bombs that even get the walls bouncing and the whole crowd dancing.



## 7PM THE EYELIDS

The Eyelids are a 4 piece, women led, double-bass driven garage rock band from Cornwall. They take inspiration from the Cramps, PJ Harvey, The Slits and the Shangri-Las and have supported Imelda May, The Damned, Stiff Little Fingers and Pussy Riot. They have previously released an album and vinyl EP on Western Star records and a self released second album 'Cosmic Dust'. Lafrowda Festival is one of their favourite gigs to play and they are very excited to return in 2024.



## 10:20PM PENGELLY ITA

It's a father and son DJ set-up. The old man plays ol' skool dance tunes and the kid plays DnB. So how's that gonna work out? Well, there's one way to find out...



## 8:05PM TREMOANS

Are a pop-punk indie band from Penryn, delivering upbeat thought-provoking songs that are underpinned by catchy riffs with lyrics that will make you laugh, keep you guessing and get the room jumping! With a veritable smorgasbord of influences from The Velvet Underground to Fugazi, The Vaselines to Courtney Barnett (and of course the Ramones), they've been likened to bands such as The Lovely eggs, B-52s, Le Tigre and The Bug Club



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# LIVE MUSIC THE CHURCH

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## 11:00: LA ROULOTTE

Named after Django Reinhardt's Paris nightclub, popular St Just band La Roulotte play Paris swing and gypsy waltzes from the 1930s and 40s. The band features Karen Lewis (vocals), Joe Hemming (violin), Marc Manning (guitar and vocals) and Al Stirling (double bass).



## 4:15: EVA MAY

Eva May is a singer-songwriter from Bristol, writing ballads with intimate vocals and harmonies. Her cover of Nora Guthrie's Home Before Dark was released on 16th October as part of Dig That Treasure's latest compilation, DITTO.



## 1:00: MEN ARE SINGING

They're back – Cornwall's "beloved alternative male voice choir" (The Guardian) Singing, humour and positive masculinity explored by 35 singing men. Led by artist Seamas Carey.



## 5:15 DAISY RICKMAN

Daisy Rickman is a multidisciplinary Visual Artist and Musician from Cornwall, UK. Performing both solo and with her band, following the success of her self-released records 'Donsya a'n Loryow' & 'Howl' her live shows have expanded into a celestial space of acoustic psychedelic folklore. Merging these realms of Folk and Psychedelia, her music transmutes something between both an ode to her homeland and the cosmos that holds us.



## 2:30: MARION KENNY

Marion Kenny, our resident artist will be playing a short sharp additional set. See **page 5** to find out more.



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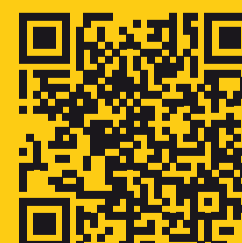
The church will be serving **cream teas** for a donation

## MAKE A DONATION

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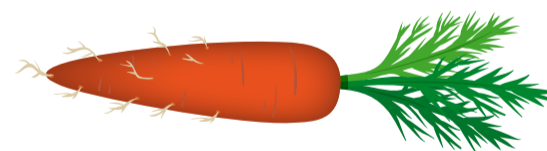
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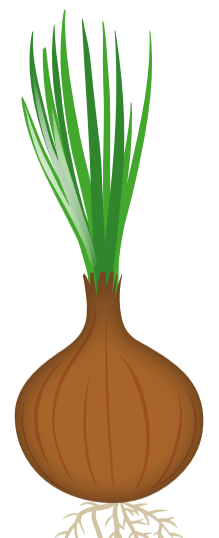
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# FILM FEST

The February Film Fest began way back in the mists of time, so far back, no one can remember but ten plus years, so we've probably screened about 50 films, plus trailers, every Saturday, more or less, during February at St Just WI hall. The idea was basically to show films that perhaps hadn't had huge exposure, foreign language films, women directors, local interest films, usually a documentary and a vintage film each year, mostly, but not always, vaguely inspired by the Lafrowda theme. It has been an eclectic ride with some unexpected pleasures, some thoughtful meditations, some plainly bonkers joyrides, and some sinister thrills.

With brilliant support from the Methodist Chapel Film club, and latterly the Plen Hut in lending us their projector kit, we've moved on from a sheet pegged up on the WI Hall stage (really) to something that looks a tiny bit more professional. We've been delighted to show Cornish work like Miracle Theatre's first film, Tin, the wonderful animation Black Dog, made by Alice de Vere and underground St Just masterpiece Living on The Edge.

Our trailers are really what the audience comes for, a scamper through youtube, the BFI archives and funny little DVDs we've found in charity shops offers a remarkably rich vein of oddness. You may remember such classics as the film of the 1930's sorting office, the Clangers, cheese rolling footage, a documentary about circus painting skills written by Angela Carter, an Esther Williams' technicolour aqua routine and a film about the last boiled sweet factory in Britain.

What we've loved doing is unearthing and rescreening films that we just fancy watching and we think others might too: Amy, The Artist, Blancanieves, Black Cat, White Cat, Breaking Away, Run Lola Run, The Station Agent, Wadja, Hell or High Water, The Young Offenders, Trapeze, The Big Sleep, Behind The Candelabra, A Royal Affair, Persepolis, Woman at War, Slow West, Searching for Sugarman, Senna, The Quiet Girl, The Third Man... What a line up! I mean ..... Viva Las Vegas!

So if you have your own suggestions for a film that will thrill, or you've made your own short, or perhaps you are a professional projectionist frustrated at our chaotic amateurishness, get in touch, c/o Lafrowda, and help us present The February Film Fest 2025 (theme yet to be decided)!



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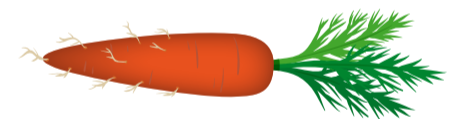
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# GEEVOR!

## GEEVOR TIN MINE

Mining is at the heart of our community in St Just, Pendeen, and the surrounding area. Our landscape is shaped by it and our community was built by those that worked above and below ground. For thousands of years it has defined this area and still is a vitally important aspect of our history, and perhaps our future. Geevor Tin Mine represents a crucial aspect of our incredible shared history.

### Early stages

During the period of the Boer War, at the turn of the 20th century, a group of Cornish miners returned from South Africa and took up a lease on the property to prospect the mine, which produced satisfactory results. In 1905 a new syndicate was granted a 50-year lease. In 1906 the mine was registered under the name of North Levant and Geevor Limited, formed by the West Australian Gold Fields Ltd.

In 1911 the Company became Geevor Tin Mines Limited with a capital of £150,000 to acquire and work 3 mines, North Levant, Geevor and and Wheal Carne. The mine was served mainly by the Wethered Shaft (named after the then chairman of the company), on which sinking had started around 1910, with ore also being obtained from the neighbouring Wheal Carne shaft and workings to the east.

### New opportunities

As workings were developed to the west of Wethered Shaft, it became apparent that the future of the mine lay in this direction. Accordingly, the sinking of Victory Shaft was commenced in 1919 at a point approximately 500 metres to the west of Wethered Shaft.

The series of tin-bearing lodes worked at the Victory section of the mine had been fully developed by the 1960's, and in order to continue production further reserves had to be found, and so the old mines adjoining the property were investigated. During this period, at Levant Mine, it was discovered that a breach had occurred from the seabed into the upper levels of the mine after its closure in 1930. A project was instigated to plug and seal the breach in the sea bed in order to assess the resources available in Levant.

Following exploration work a decision was taken to reopen Levant mine. Victory Shaft was deepened and a Sub-incline Shaft was developed from Victory Shaft into Levant so that mining under the sea bed was being carried out again. Sub Incline Shaft was opened by Her Majesty The Queen on November 28th 1980. The shaft eventually reached 21 level (2100 feet or 630m below the elevation of the surface at Victory Shaft).

### Tin Crisis and Closures

In October 1985 the sudden fall in the world price of tin resulted in 'the tin crisis'. The price for metallic tin plummeted overnight from £10,000 per tonne to £3,400. Without financial assistance no Cornish tin producer could survive the crisis. In April 1986 – in a blaze of publicity, protest and emotion – Geevor Tin Mine closed.

The closure was not without resistance. The community banded together and campaigned for government investment in the industry to

supplement the fall in price and keep the mines open. This community togetherness and spirit was demonstrated with a march in London to deliver a petition to the Houses of Parliament. The campaign gathered cross party support amongst local MP's but was ultimately unsuccessful. Other Cornish mines received funding but Geevor was not deemed to be viable and had to close.

The closure had a damaging effect on the community; Geevor was a significant employer in the area employing almost 400 people during more profitable times in the late 70's/early 80's. Geevor and its employees were not the only ones to suffer. Local businesses and industries relied upon the direct income from Geevor and its employees. Many of those working at Geevor earned a very good income, much higher than many other jobs available locally. To match this many miners moved to work abroad in areas such as Sudan, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Australia, and Canada, a drastically different experience for those that had spent most of their lives living and working in Pendeen!

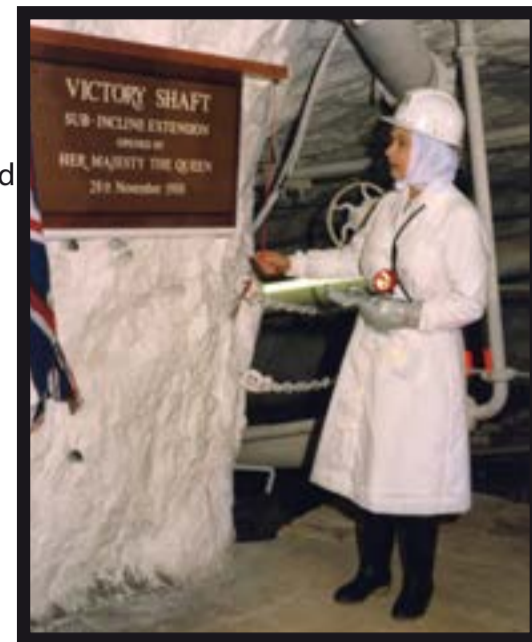
With the appointment of a new chairman in October 1987 a rescue programme was put into effect. The following months saw preparations begin for the re-opening of the mine for full production. On January 30th 1988, Geevor went back into production. With less than 100 miners and a weekly target of 2,000 tonnes of ore hoisted, it would not be an easy task. The tin price picked up, miners returned from Australia, the Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Canada, South Africa and several parts of this country. Production gradually increased, and by late autumn the mine was in profit. Subsequently, the tin price fluctuated rapidly rising to over £6,000 per tonne, before again dropping disastrously to well below £3,000.

On February 16th 1990, Geevor went onto a 'Care and Maintenance' programme with only a skeleton staff, and all the miners were laid off. Finally, with no sign in the improvement in the tin price, the underground pumps that had kept the mine dry were switched off in May 1991, and Geevor was allowed to flood.

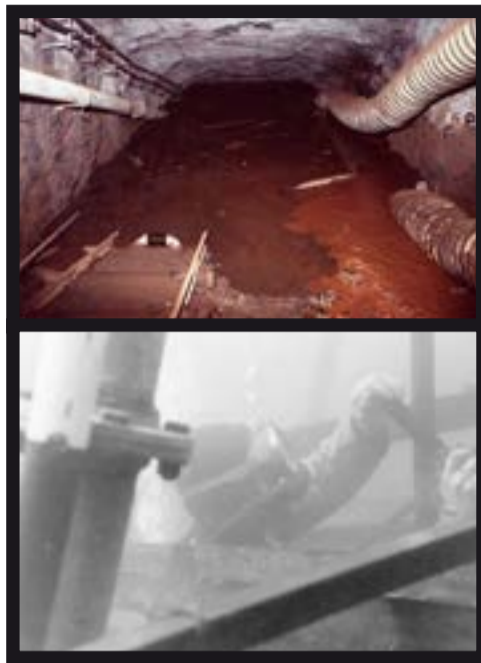
By 1992 Cornwall Council had purchased the site and by 1993 Geevor was reopened by a determined and resilient group of volunteers, mostly former Geevor employees. The site was initially operated by the Trevithick Trust until 2001 and since been operated by Pendeen Community Heritage (PCH) a local independent Charity.

### PCH Progress

The last 23 years have been full of great progress and exciting developments, bringing Geevor forward to be the award winning museum and attraction it is today. PCH now employs over 25 people, operating year round welcoming approximately 40,000 visitors a year. We have made huge strides forward to improve the site and make sure as much as possible is available to our visitors. Significant Heritage Lottery Funding and Objective One funding in 2007 enabled major conservation work and the creation of a modern Hard Rock Museum. An



extension to our 18th century mine Wheal Meixco followed in 2011 the excavation of more original workings created an even better underground experience. In more recent times one of the most significant projects has been the restoration of Victory Shaft headgear. The large metal structure the sits on top of the main shaft here at Geevor has been the iconic centre piece of our site since 1954. It had been maintained by Geevor during its time as a working mine but since its closure in 1990 maintenance had become much more difficult. After many years of planning Cornwall Council completed a programme of works on site to restore and repair the headgear to ensure its survival. The project was completed in late 2022 and we can now rest assured that's its future is secure.



We have our fantastic Count House Cafe run by Matt and Margaret Burford (I am sure many of you enjoy their breakfasts!) who we have an excellent relationship with. We know how valued the cafe is by locals and visitors alike and we have some really exciting plans for the future, so watch this space! Geevor also has an award winning learning programme with over 4000 students a year visiting Geevor, the majority of which are Cornish schools. It is vitally important that we offer this educational service to Cornwall and beyond. Engaging future generations in our history is incredibly important to us.

We believe it is essential that we breathe life back into the site. Whether this comes from our guides (many of whom are former Geevor miners) or from our wonderful volunteers who restore items of machinery, it all contributes to creating an engaging and memorable experience for everyone that visits us. Through the involvement of staff, trustees, but also through our interpretation, memories, stories, photos, videos, oral history recordings and archive material, our communities' voice remains as strong as ever.

#### **The future?**

Despite all of this great progress we know there is even more that can be achieved here, so that begs the question, what next?

As many of you may know PCH secured a new 99 year lease of Geevor Tin Mine from Cornwall Council in January 2024. This historic agreement comes with significant responsibility but also fantastic opportunity. We can now apply for large pots of external funding, previously we have been hampered by short term leases which do not offer funding organisations enough security. As a small charity we do not have significant funds to invest in projects but we can now pursue multiple funding opportunities to further our vision for the future. Exciting times!

We would like to bring more of our site buildings back into use either as visitor experiences or as rentable spaces. We have developed a great relationship with Lands End Cycle Hire who operate from the Wethered Winder House at the top of the Geevor site, we would like to create more opportunities like this. PCH is currently developing plans to create a new learning hub on site with a strong STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) focus working in collaboration with a range of partners. We would plan to make use of some of the existing disused buildings to house a new learning hub.

We have a great archive of resources from Geevor and the surrounding community that are currently not as accessible as we would like. We would like to revamp our archive space with a focus on research and educational opportunities to make sure some of the hidden gems in our collection are appreciated. We have a great group of volunteers at Geevor who have achieved an incredible amount over the last 5 years in particular. It would be really beneficial to build upon on our volunteer opportunities even further.

This is just a small example of what we would like to achieve moving forward. If you think you could help as a member, volunteer, or in any other capacity please contact us!



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St Just Miners' Chapel is the name for the charity, volunteers and supporters dedicated to ensuring the doors of the Chapel stay open.

Built for the benefit of the local tin and copper mining families in 1833, the Chapel has served as a cornerstone of the St Just community for almost 200 years! A rare example of important architectural and historic features, the Chapel is a testament to the strength and resilience of our townspeople and those who helped to build the community we know and love today.

With its long and proud history, and a future that could be just as bright, we need your help to stop the risk of this iconic building losing its community, cultural, heritage and spiritual purpose. Our first action is to buy the Chapel buildings. To do this we have a fundraising target of £250,000 to reach by the end of the year.

Through donations and fundraiser events we hope to raise £50,000.

We are also applying for assistance from grant funding organisations to bolster your generous donations so we can reach our initial goal of £250,000.

Reaching this target will put St Just Miners' Chapel charity in a position to buy the buildings and find the expertise and skills needed to plan for the Chapel's future repair and restoration costs. It will also provide much needed resource to support our volunteers in the day to day running.

So, if you visit the Chapel during this year's Lafrowda Festival, take a moment to appreciate its rich history and the important role it plays in the community, and join us in our determination to keep the doors open!

Come and join the Community Celebration on Sunday 14th July 10.30am that is the first event of the Festival. Taking as its theme, of course, 'Going Underground' Rev Karsten Wedgewood will be joined by Ben Sumpter of Cornwall Underground and the St Just Primary School Singers. Everyone is welcome for an entertaining time involving a mole, a fox and a horse amongst other creatures, refreshments afterwards. Information about our appeal and Charity can be found on our website [www.stjustminerschapel.com](http://www.stjustminerschapel.com) or by searching for St Just Miners Chapel on Instagram and Facebook. Alternatively, keep a look out around Town for information about our fundraising events and concerts.



# SKATE JAM @ ST JUST

## SKATE PARK, SUNDAY 14TH JULY 12-3PM

We are delighted to kick off this year's Lafrowda Festival with another open day at the St Just Skate Park, supported by Canvas and Sessions skate shop in Penzance. We will have the usual food, drink, comps, and coaching sessions running throughout the day, free and open to all. Sign up for some limited beginners coaching spaces running from 11-12 on the day- just email [stjustskateparkappeal@gmail.com](mailto:stjustskateparkappeal@gmail.com) with your name, age and contact number for parent or guardian.

Some of you will remember the fundraisers we had with mobile skate ramps in both the primary and secondary schools over the years, and we are delighted to have at last completed our brand new concrete park at the recreation ground, designed by you!

Since its completion by Canvas Spaces in July 2022 it has been enjoyed by many of you, and we still have a bit more to do. We will be providing bins (if they haven't already been installed at the time of going to press) and now have the funding in place for floodlights, that will be on a sensored timer, so will only go on when the parks is in use and will have an overriding cut off time of 9pm. This will mean that in those long winter months, we will all be able to use the skate park after school and work if it's not raining. Talking of water, we are also in discussion with Canvas about rectifying the flooding issues in the bottom corner of the park.

Also as part of our lottery bid we have been given money to offer beginners coaching sessions over three years. We had the first of these on Saturday 29th April at our open day, provided by coaches Caleb and Scarlett from Coach Frank's Skate School, and we hope to offer more of these this summer, so keep an eye out on the [st\\_just\\_skatepark](https://www.instagram.com/st_just_skatepark) instagram or email [stjustskateparkappeal@gmail.com](mailto:stjustskateparkappeal@gmail.com)

The Skate Park & Recreation Ground Committee are now setting their sights on the rest of the park, and will be putting together a preliminary funding bid this year. Please do share any ideas you have either on the day, or contact us on the insta or email- or better still join the committee! We are looking for enthusiastic new members ready to deliver the next phase of the project.

Finally, we are so delighted that so many people are having so much fun at the new skate park- and so proud that as a community we have raised the money for a top class facility in St Just for our young people to enjoy.

Please help keep it tidy, and pick up any litter if you see it and put it the bins, thank you.

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