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HELLO, AND WELCOME TO LAFROWDA 2026



Welcome to Lafrowda Festival, our very own arts and community celebration in St Just in Penwith. We are so pleased to be back after a year off in 2025. We decided in 2024 that due to the cost of holding the event we'd need more than 12 months to be in a financially secure place to go ahead. The amazing Lafrowda Committee and local community have been mega busy since 2024. I can't praise everyone enough for all of the effort put into fundraising for Lafrowda 2026, not just raising money, but also putting on an array of fantastic events that have been fun, all the while building the budget to bring back the magic.

The theme this year is "Lafrowda - It's a kind of Magic". Well, it is pretty magical down here and especially at Lafrowda! We live in an amazing, mystical and enchanting place and this theme fully reflects that.

So... we have put together a joyful week-long programme of events, including:

Ceilidh, Miracle Theatre, a magical mind reader and a youth string orchestra, and this is all before the buggy race and bands kickstart the festival weekend on Friday night! Lafrowda Day is set to be a magical affair, the wonderful parades, brilliant music line up, street entertainment, kids' activities and market stalls, as well as some lovely surprises. There is something for one and all of our community.

None of this would be possible without our incredible volunteers, support from St Just Town Council and all our valued sponsors, but most importantly, you. Please donate, become a Friend of Lafrowda or grab one of this year's T-shirts.

A heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your support. Lafrowda Festival, it's a kind of magic. Well, it is rather special, isn't it! Have a fabulous festival!

Martin Venning
Lafrowda Chairperson &
The Lafrowda Team 2026

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The Lafrowda committee would like to thank Patrick for his years of hard work and dedication, particularly in managing the complicated logistics of car parking. It would have been chaos without him! We rely on volunteers for all aspects of the festival, and Patrick has been a true stalwart - thank you, Patrick.



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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 or leave a message on 07703 789135 to find lost property.

DOGS

Please consider carefully whether you bring your dog along to Festival Day. The streets can get very crowded and may not be a suitable environment for all dogs.
 All dogs must be kept on a lead and under close control of their owner.

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 money for your journey home.
 Please be aware that this event will be recorded and we request that this is a drone free event.

 Camping & parking available at the bottom of Boswedden Rd

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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).

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THE FUNDRAISERS



Fundraising is an essential part of the committee's job and 2025 saw the volunteers rolling up their sleeves to deliver a varied and exciting programme of events. There was something for everyone and it was fantastic to see the community coming out in support.

The year kicked off with kilts and bagpipes at the annual Burns Night celebration in The North Inn. Much haggis and whiskey was consumed and a brow time was had by all.

The annual February Lafrowda Film Festival is a firm favourite in the calendar and this year saw a record number of people turning out to view a wide range of films including the mysterious thriller *The Lady Vanishes* and Tim Burton's fantasy *Big Fish*.

In March St Just headed straight back to the 1960s where flowers and flares joined together for the Lafrowda sixties night. The evening saw a mix of fantastic fancy dress, iconic music and colourful cocktails. The Lafrowda flash mob made a groovy appearance, followed by the popular catwalk which saw everything from presidents to pop stars and space men to sports icons.

Easter was busy, with Cape Cornwall Golf club once again hosting their Easter Lafrowda 2-man scramble event and the now annual "youngsters" rounders match. For the second year in a row the heavens opened but that didn't stop those eager to get a bit of sport in!

St Just Earth Day Celebration took place on 26th April 2025. It was a lovely day in the Plen-an-Gwari and across St Just. The weather was fine for the time of the year and lots of people came and enjoyed the entertainment including local musicians, singers and storytellers as well as nature orientated craft activities.

There was also a Food Trail linking cafes and shops in St Just with the local producers that supply them with fresh produce from the area. In the evening there was a Nos Lowen Cornish dance at St Just Old Town Hall that saw lots of people dancing to the wonderful folk music into the night. In 2026 Earth Day was celebrated on a sunny day at Bosavern Community Farm. Look out for more Earth Day celebrations in and around St Just in the coming years!

Thank you to the fabulous artists who came from far and wide to kindly donate their wonderful pieces for the May art auction. The Commercial hotel was packed with excited bidders hoping to bag one of the beautiful lots. "Scratch" McFadden kept up the pace with the bidding and a wonderful amount of money was raised.

May the 4th be with you (Star Wars fans will know!), saw the sun shining for the annual buggy race and dog show. The day included a Star Wars themed buggy attempting to reach light speed as well as a record number of dogs strutting their stuff and trying to impress Judge Michelle Burton.



2025 welcomed a new monthly fundraiser happening in the Star Inn. The Lafrowda meat raffle had punters throwing darts at pictures of the landlord in the hope of winning a chicken leg or some other meaty delight. Keep your eye out for new dates this year!

Other regular events included Jenny Pascoe's euchre drives and bingo, Heather Pritchard's social coffee and cake mornings, the annual jumble sale and the St Just café popping up at the farmers market. All of these bring a smile to people's faces, contribute a fantastic amount of money over the year and help keep Lafrowda in people's minds.

St Just was filled with the sound of music throughout the year, from the beautiful voices of the Barbed Choir and Cape Cornwall singers, to the beats of Indie vinyl and Sound Waves at Sennen, all tastes were catered for. A new collaboration between Lafrowda and the Cornish Bank in Falmouth gave the opportunity for some exciting new bands to head down west. Snapped Ankles, Flats and Sharps and the wonderful Daraa Tribes filled the town hall on 3 separate nights.

Although the festival had a fallow year the Lafrowda week Ceilidh went ahead and saw the debut appearance of the Bog Inn greasy pig!

It costs over £50,000 to put on the Lafrowda Festival, and a significant proportion of this is raised through our fundraising events. Every penny counts and we are always looking for new ideas and for new people to get involved. If you think you can help please give us a shout, we would love to hear from you.



LAFROWDA UNFRINGED

An unfringed event will be taking place at the Lafrowda Club on Saturday 18th of July bringing you a day of alternative acts from the South West and beyond. Watch out for further information or follow Lafrowda Unfringed on Instagram. All proceeds go to the Lafrowda Festival.



MYTHIC HEART OF WEST PENWITH



All artwork by Julia Kerrison

The Mythic Heart of West Penwith

Welcome to the edge of the world. As you leaf through this programme amidst the salt-spray and granite of St Just, you aren't just standing on a landscape; you are standing on a story. In Cornwall - and particularly here in our parish on the raggedy edge - the line between the history we record and the legends we whisper is as thin as the coastal mist.

The Sunken Kingdom and the High King

Look out from Cape Cornwall toward the Seven Stones reef. Beneath those restless Atlantic swells lies Lyonesse, a land of 140 churches lost in a single night of cataclysmic flooding. Legend tells us only one man escaped on a white horse to tell the tale, a haunting reminder of the fragility of our coastline. Some say the flood was caused by the ghost of Merlin, enraged by the death of his beloved Arthur at the hand of Mordred, demanding the seas rise up and drown the soldiers pursuing the remainder of King Arthur's men as they fled Westward.

Catch one of our local fishermen in a yarn-spinning mood, and he'll tell you that you can still hear the bells of Lyonesse under the water on still nights...

Giants and Mermaids

Our landscape was shaped by hands far larger than ours. Cormoran, the giant of St. Michael's Mount, supposedly built the island by hauling stones in his leather apron, working up an appetite and eating a lot of livestock and one or two Marazion villagers before eventually being defeated by Jack and his slingshot. Look carefully on your way up the cobbled path to the castle on the Mount and you may spot Cormoran's stony little heart embedded amongst the stones.

Down at sea level, the mood shifts from the colossal to the ethereal. In the nearby church of Zennor, a carving on a medieval bench depicts the Mermaid of Zennor. Drawn by the singing of a local chorister, Matthew Trewhella, she lured him into the deep and neither were ever seen again...

The Spirits of the Mines

St Just is a town built on tin and grit, and no place felt the presence of the supernatural more than the deep levels of Geevor and Levant. Miners shared the darkness with the Knockers - small, wizened subterranean spirits, the "people of the hill." They were heard tapping on the rock faces, often a benevolent warning of an impending collapse. To appease them, a "bucca" (a crust of a pasty) was always left behind.

Back on the surface, the moors belong to the Piskies. These mischievous folk delight in "piskie-leading" travellers, turning the familiar path into a labyrinth and leaving their victims thoroughly mazed. If you find yourself lost on the way back from the festival tonight, remember the old cure: turn your pockets inside out to break the spell.

The Darker Heights: Carn Kenidhek

Dominating our local skyline is Carn Kenidhek, the "Hooting Cairn." This is a place of ancient, heavy magic. It is said that the Witch of Carn Kenidhek still presides over the rocks, and on certain nights, the Old One himself joins the witches to oversee a wild, supernatural wrestling match. Even the most hardened locals tread carefully near the cairn after dusk, wary of the "Gump" and the spectral hunters that haunt the high ground.

Welcome to the festival and enjoy the magic! Just watch your step in the wild places...

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Caroline Walker, Suncream On [Detail], 2026

STAR WARS

Lafrowda are pleased to announce that there will be an appearance by members of the 501st Legion.

The 501st Legion is an international costuming organisation dedicated to celebrating STAR WARS™ through quality costumes that portray the villainous, morally ambiguous, or non-partisan characters from the STAR WARS™ universe.



TONY SNELSON

A quick thank you to one of our more reluctant heroes!

This seems like a good time to give a special mention to one of our longest-standing committee members. Tony Snelson has been with Lafrowda since far back in the mists of time, adding it to his already considerable community commitments (Christmas lights, Old Town Hall, pantomime, repair café - you name it, you'll find him there).



When lockdown hit, Lafrowda was in dire straits – we lost a considerable number of committee members, and those who were left were unable to fundraise in order to put on the festival when the world opened up again. The future of the festival was looking pretty uncertain. Tony stepped up from his long-held Infrastructure role and became our Chair, pulling everyone together, gathering new committee members and volunteers and leading us through two brilliant festivals. It was, and is, very much a team effort, but without him Lafrowda would not be back to entertain you all now and bring our lovely town together. Tony is now back in his happy place in the Infrastructure team, and we are brilliantly led by Martin Venning as our current Chair, but we wanted to say thank you to Tony for stepping up and bringing us back.

WITHY WORKSHOPS

This year our community and schools' workshops are being run by Tough Dough, an arts organisation based in West Cornwall who work with artists, communities and organisations to deliver creative projects that celebrate people, stories and the natural environment. They are experienced in constructing large scale willow sculptures as part of community events and festivals.

Join Tough Dough artists Alessandra Ausenda and John Keys in making and decorating Morgawr, (Cornish for "sea giant") a legendary sea serpent said to inhabit the seas around Cornwall. All ages and abilities are welcome for the whole day or for shorter sessions.



All sessions are **FREE**
Materials and equipment provided



Alongside Morgawr, there will be the opportunity for you to come and make your own processional image of your own design in response to this year's theme. There will be support from the artists and volunteers, so no experience is needed and all materials are free. Your withy image could range from a hand held item (remember the wriggly worm in 2024?), to a medium sized image that can be carried on your back or carried by you and your family/friends/ community group.

We will help you create a lantern for the 10pm lantern procession. This is a magical night-time procession that lights up the streets, and is a moment of creative awe and wonder amidst the festival merriment that is certain to be afoot!

Join Mary Ann, Bridget and Beccie on Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th July at The Lafrowda Club, 5-8pm with. All abilities welcome.

Our Community Withy Workshops will be held at Nancherrow Youth Project, Nancherrow Hill, St Just.

- **Saturday 4th July, Sunday 5th July 10-4pm - Workshops with Tough Dough**
- **Saturday 11th July, Sunday 12th July 10-4pm - Workshops with Tough Dough**
- **Monday 13th July - Friday 17th July - Open making-space for independent work**

For anyone who wants to continue working independently on larger structures the Nancherrow Centre will be available each day as a making space between Monday 13th and Friday 17th July. This is a chance to contribute your creativity to the Lafrowda processions and learn or improve your withy building skills in the process. We can also support you to build at home or at your own location using our withy building materials. Contact us at processions@lafrowda.co.uk or come along to the Nancherrow Centre with your ideas and we will make it work!

THE ARTISTS

Amanda Lorens

Amanda is a visual artist from Penzance and has been working in schools making giant processional images for Lafrowda for many years. She also works for many other festivals and arts organisations locally and nationally running children's carnival workshops and making giant processional imagery. She has worked at the WOMAD running the children's carnival workshops with a team of artists. She also runs sculpture and animation filmmaking workshops in schools all over Cornwall and is currently working on a lantern parade for Camborne. She learnt her 3D making skills through studying Fine Art and Sculpture at Winchester School of Art and Chelsea College of Art.



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.



Laylah Cook

Based in the heart of West Cornwall, Laylah Cook is a woven textile artist whose work thrives at the intersection of craftsmanship and community wellbeing. For Lafrowda Day 2026, Laylah is exploring the magic, myths and legends of Cornwall with the festival's youngest participants, collaborating with local nursery groups to bring to life their magical imaginings for this year's parade. Laylah holds a first-class BA in Textile Design (specialising in woven textiles) from Nottingham Trent University and a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design from Falmouth. Laylah has experience facilitating creative workshops for diverse and often vulnerable groups, from supporting those in recovery working with clay to tactile textile workshops for people affected by social isolation, mental health struggles and dementia.

Billy Wynter

Billy lives and works in Penzance. Born in Zennor, Billy studied on the Foundation course at Falmouth College of Art and took a degree in Fine Art at Middlesex Polytechnic. 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".

Alessandra and John will work with artists Amanda Lorens, Billy Wynter, Liz Tyrrell and Laylah Cook in all our local schools and nurseries. This year we have been able to provide all the artists and materials for free, so that there are no barriers to the children participating in the festival. For the first time there will also be workshops run by Tough Dough for the Memory Cafe and a number of workshops for the young people of the Nancherrow Youth Group. We are excited to be able include new opportunities for a wide range of people to enjoy making something for the afternoon parade.

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

Lafrowda: A Realm of Myth and Wonder

Step through the veil into Lafrowda Week, a week-long incantation of underground arts and ancient revelry! Within our hallowed grounds, a cornucopia of enchantments awaits seekers of all ages:

- Sonic Spells: Music to stir the soul and awaken the spirits.
- Craft & Conjuring: Hands-on workshops to master new mysteries.
- Legendary Lore: Captivating performances and guided quests through our storied structures.
- Sacred Sustenance: A bounty of cakes and cream teas fit for High Magic!

Journey to the Best Town in the West, where the mundane fades and the extraordinary begins. Whether you are a curious wanderer or a seasoned sorcerer, come forth and try your hand at something truly magical!

The events in this year's Lafrowda Week are sponsored by The Star Inn, St Just RFC, and Age Concern.

Friday 10th July

MAGICAL MOTHS WATCHING

Enter the twilight zone and discover the wondrous world of moths. Nick Taylor leads us in this fascinating journey, discovering what arrives out of the dark.

Bosavern Community Farm, 9pm – Midnight

(then 9am – 10am on Saturday 11th July)

£10 per person, or £15 for 2. Book by emailing:

info@bosaverncommunityfarm.org.uk

Saturday 11th July

MAGICAL MOTHS WATCHING (CONT)

A chance to return to look at the moths we magically enticed the night before! **Bosavern Community Farm, 9am – 10am. Included with tickets above.**



Sunday 12th July

CANDLE WORKSHOP

Learn how to make candles for your home, a thoughtful gift or the summoning of magic! Price includes all materials and two candles of your own creation to take home. **Geevor Tin Mine, 10am – 12pm**

£40 per person. To book, visit:

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COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Our favourite way to start the festival week – open to residents and visitors of all ages, full of fun and warmth and a true celebration of our lovely community.

St Just Miners Chapel, 11am. Free and open to all.



LAFROWDA SUMMER CEILIDH

Sponsored by The Star Inn

Can you dance a reel? Strip a willow? It doesn't matter, we'll teach you! Come down to the Plen and let the wonderful Tinnars Band and the expert tutelage of ceilidh caller extraordinaire Mary Ann Bloomfield take you through the steps. Let's dance up a storm!

Plen-an-Gwari, 5pm – 7pm. Refreshments available.



Monday 13th July
ARTS & CRAFT MORNING

Come along to the St Just Free Church for an arts and crafts morning – anyone can join in for a taster session.
St Just Free Church, 10am – 2pm. Free and open to all.



PALM COURT TEA DANCE
Sponsored by St Just Age Concern

Lafrowda and the Miners Chapel are thrilled to co-host this highlight of Lafrowda Week, the Palm Court Tea Dance, enlivened by the fabulous Blue Alvin playing jazz, funk and blues. Swinging tunes with laid back grooves and soulful blues, accompanied by the finest high tea this side of the Tamar! **St Just Miners Chapel Rooms, 2pm – 4pm. Free and open to all.**



LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP

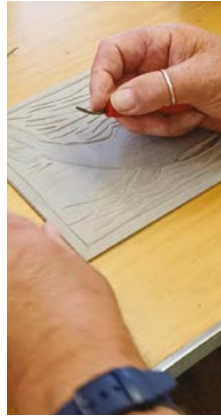
Mary Ann, Bridget and Beccie will help you make a magical lantern to carry in the 10pm procession. All abilities welcome. **Lafrowda Club, 5pm - 8pm. Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th July.**



LINOCUT AND MAGIC PAINTING WORKSHOPS

Sponsored by St Just Age Concern

Flex your creative muscles and produce a work of art as if by magic! Learn how to make a linocut design with Miles Tebbutt, or come and try out some truly magical painting effects with Julia Kerrison – learn how simple household materials can create the unexpected! No experience or ability needed. Please bring an apron or overalls, and all materials plus tea/coffee will be provided. **St Just W.I., 6:30pm – 9pm. £10 per person, limited places, first come first served. Please email info@lafrowda.co.uk or call 07940 503875 to book. (payment taken in advance).**



LAFROWDA MUSIC WARM UP

Some of our own myths and legends, getting the music started for Lafrowda Week. An eclectic acoustic line-up with a bit of poetry in the mix. Hosted by the brilliant Sandra Cox. Dance your socks off with Steffy Jeff to finish! **Lafrowda Club, 7pm – 11pm. Donations on the door.**



Monday 13th July (cont) PENDEEN SILVER BAND

The most westerly brass band in the United Kingdom are an absolute staple of Lafrowda Week, and we can't wait to hear them!

St Just Town Square, 7.30pm.



Tuesday 14th July CERAMICS WORKSHOP

Sponsored by St Just Age Concern

Come and try a variety of ceramic hand build techniques with Lucy Hartles and Stef Gulliver.

Please bring an apron/overall. Tea and coffee will be provided. W.I. Hall, 6pm – 8pm. £10 per person, limited places, first come first served. Please email info@lafrowda.co.uk or call 07940 503875 to book your place (payment taken in advance).



STRINGS ALOUD!

Sponsored by The Star Inn

Lafrowda is delighted to welcome Penzance Junior Strings, Band of West Strings and Truro Youth String Orchestra, led by the wonderful Tim Boulton of PYSO fame. These talented young musicians bring us a varied programme including Mozart, Purcell, Kathy & David Blackwell, and the world premiere of Andrew Wilson's *Hat Rack* among many more. **St Just Miners Chapel, 7pm.**

Free entry with a collection for the orchestra. Refreshments available.

Compelling music for strings performed by Cornwall's talented young string players, including music by Mozart, Purcell, the World Premiere of Andrew Wilson's *Hat Rack*, music by Kathy & David Blackwell and more...



Wednesday 15th July MIRACLE THEATRE 'PEER GYNT'

Peer Gynt – A Comedy of Terrors!
Adapted and directed by Bill Scott

Miracle Theatre bring their magical twist and love of laughter to the classic story of Peer Gynt. Young Peer is a lazy dreamer, who misinterprets Shakespeare's advice "To thine own self be true" to mean "Look after number one"! He chases after riches and pleasure and lives a life of moral failure and endless excuses. Surely, he will come to no good? Loosely based on Ibsen's epic comedy, this famous morality tale is perfect material for Miracle Theatre's highly visual style – physical, funny, surreal and deeply human – a journey through the dream-like world of Norse mythology, peopled with cranky characters, trolls and other bizarre creatures – a comedy of terrors!

Plen-an-Gwari, 7:30pm. Bring folding chairs and a picnic! Drinks available to purchase from the licensed bar. Tickets available direct from Miracle Theatre - <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/miracletheatre/2132108>



Thursday 16th July THE MAGICAL LIBRARY, Brought to you by the Friends of St Just Library

Magic and Wonder at the Library after school. Magic Circle conjuror Jon Martin will be materialising to thrill, bamboozle and delight us with his magic, and perhaps teach us a little magic for ourselves. We'll follow with a little enchanted craft activity, a story and a snack.

St Just Library, 3:30pm – 5pm

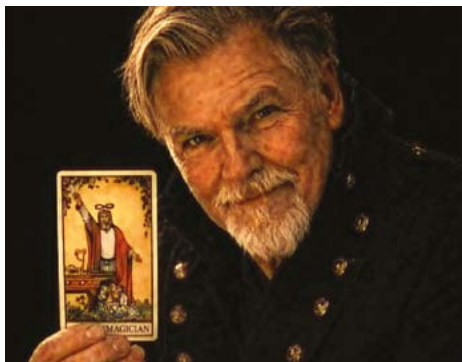
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St Just Old Town Hall, 7:30pm. £5 per ticket, available online at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lafrowdafestival1/2198741> or on the door. Drinks available from the bar.



Friday 17th July (Lafrowda Eve) SUNDANCE DANCE CLASS

Contemporary dance and exercise class for the over 50's.
W.I. Hall, 10am – 11am. £4.

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GRAVITY RACING

Sponsored by St Just RFC Registration from 4pm, please bring all buggies to the square.

Fore Street, 4:30pm. £20 entry fee.



IT'S A KIND OF MAGIC

Saturday 18th July (Lafrowda Day) ST JUST AND PENDEEN OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

60+ years of St Just and Pendeen Old Cornwall Society.
St Just and Pendeen Old Cornwall Archive presents:
Events and Archives from over the years.

St Just W.I. Hall, 10am – 4pm

Free entry. Tea, coffee and cake available.



CREAM TEAS AT ST JUST PARISH CHURCH

On Lafrowda Day volunteers from St Just Parish Church will be serving Cream Teas in the Church from 10am to 2pm. They look forward to seeing you!

St Just Parish Church, 10am - 2pm.



TOUR OF ST JUST FREE CHURCH

Visitors are welcome to come and take a look around the Historic Free Church Building. Light refreshments available. **St Just Free Church, 10am – 4pm.**



LAFROWDA EVE

BUGGY RACE

Sponsored by St Just RFC

Kicks off
Friday 17th
July at 16:30
in Fore Street
£20 entry fee



Spectators line the streets of St Just to watch daredevils race handmade buggies downhill in the fastest time possible. As part of the town's community festival, Lafrowda, the 'Gravity Buggy Race' takes place on Friday, Lafrowda Eve, ahead of the highlight of the festival, Lafrowda Day on Saturday.

The Buggy Race was first included as part of Lafrowda festival in 2016, and takes place twice a year - once in May on the quieter lanes of nearby Tregeseal, and once on Lafrowda Eve, down the much busier Fore Street in St Just in front of hundreds of spectators.

The rules are fairly simple. Buggies must be handmade, with three or more wheels, with some form of brake (only to be used if necessary) and can only be powered by gravity. You are allowed a push at the top of the hill, and then you're on your own.

However, whilst the rules may be straightforward, the course is anything but, with buggy drivers faced with a steep bend almost immediately at the top of the hill, before whizzing past the cheering spectators towards the finish line.

In 2024 with thick mizzle set in for the afternoon, visibility and road surface conditions were far from perfect, but there was no option of tyre changes for these homemade karts constructed from bits of old bikes, bins and bathtubs. 15 buggies were towed to the top of the hill, but only 13 made it down.

From start to finish, the course is approximately 0.3km, and according to AA Route Planner should take around 55 seconds to drive. The overall winner in 2024 was Ben Morgan from the band Sandy Acre 7, who flew down Fore Street in under 33 seconds - just slightly slower than Usain Bolt.

LIVE MUSIC

FRIDAY NIGHT MARKET SQUARE

Sponsored by The Commercial



**IT'S A KIND
OF MAGIC**

18:30 - 18:55 EMMET

Born and bred in East London, Emmet has lived in many places including London and Bristol. Now living in Cornwall, he finally feels like he belongs. Man of the people, spiritual seeker, and protector of animals and small children - join Emmet, as he shares his funny little ukulele songs with you...



20:30 - 21:40 KID EGO

Four seasoned Cornish musicians playing upbeat, classic covers and modern songs played with a twist. High energy, engaging with the crowd and keeping people on their feet.



19:10 - 20:10 END OF THE LINE BLUES BAND

The End of the Line Blues Band have a line up featuring guitar, harmonica, bass, drums and vocals. They play a mixture of rhythm and blues, gospel, soul, swing and rock 'n roll to create something fun and danceable with a gritty psychedelic edge.



22:00 - 23:30 MARMALADE SHED

Lively local band playing all your favourite rock and pop covers from across the decades; wear your dancing shoes! We are so excited to be back playing our local festival and can't wait to start Lafrowda weekend with you.



LAFROWDA HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY 10TH - SATURDAY 18TH JULY 2026

Thank you to all our sponsors, please see page 2 for more details.

Friday 10th July

21:00 - 00:00

Magical Moths Watching - Bosavern Community Farm

Saturday 11th July

09:00 - 10:00

Magical Moths Watching (part 2) - Bosavern Community Farm

10:00 - 16:00

Withy Workshops - Nancherrow Youth Project, Nancherrow Hill

Sunday 12th July

10:00 - 12:00

Candle Workshop - Geevor Tin Mine

10:00 - 16:00

Withy Workshops - Nancherrow Youth Project, Nancherrow Hill

From 11:00

Community Celebration - Miners Chapel

17:00 - 19:00

Lafrowda Summer Ceilidh - Plen-an-Gwari

Monday 13th July

10:00 - 14:00

Arts and Crafts Morning - St Just Free Church

14:00 - 16:00

Palm Court Tea Dance - Miners Chapel

17:00 - 20:00

Lantern Making Workshop - The Lafrowda Club

18:30 - 21:00

Lino-cutting/Magic Painting Workshop - W.I. Hall

19:00 - 23:00

Lafrowda Music Warm-Up - Lafrowda Club

From 19:30

Pendeen Silver Band - St Just Town Square

Tuesday 14th July

17:00 - 20:00

Lantern Making Workshop - The Lafrowda Club

18:00 - 20:00

Ceramics Workshop - W.I. Hall

From 19:00

Strings Aloud! - Miners Chapel

Wednesday 15th July

From 19:30

Miracle Theatre Peer Gynt - Plen-an-Gwari

Thursday 16th July

15:30 - 17:00

The Magical Library - St Just Library

From 19:30

Dr Alan Jones, Sleight of Mind - Old Town Hall

LAFROWDA EVE

Friday 17th July

10:00 - 11:00

Sundance Dance Class - W.I Hall

From 16:30

Gravity Buggy Racing - Fore Street

18:30 - 18:55

Emmet - Market Square

19:10 - 20:10

End of the Line Blues Band - Market Square

20:30 - 21:40

Kid Ego - Market Square

22:00 - 23:30

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LAFROWDA DAY

Saturday 18th July

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From 22:00

22:10 - 23:30
22:30 - 23:30

Cream Teas - St Just Parish Church
St Just and Pendeen Old Cornwall Society - W.I Hall
Tour of the Free Church - St Just Free Church
Pendeen School Choir - Plen Family Zone
Family activities - Plen Family Zone
Sandra, The Star Open Mic Showcase - Market Square
Just Ukes - Bank Square Stage
Cape School Dance & Drama Club - Plen Family Zone

Children's Procession

St Levan School Choir - Plen Family Zone
Cape Cornwall Singers - Market Square
Goldie Fiasco's Vegas Street Show - Bank Square Stage
St Just School Choir - Plen Family Zone
Red Herring's Silent Disco - Bank Square Stage
Qube Records - Plen Family Zone
Louella - Market Square
Pipers Choir - St Just Parish Church
Daka Doum - Bank Square Stage
Burning Embers - St Just Parish Church
The Offcuts - Market Square

Community Procession

True Foxes - Market Square
Global Jamming - Plen Family Zone
Shindig Cloggers - Bank Square Stage
Kessenyan - St Just Parish Church
The Legendary Balloon Toss - Plen Family Zone
Natasha Kozaily - St Just Parish Church
Delicious Patricia - Market Square
Flo Crowe & The Dilemmas - Plen-an-Gwari
Glad Band - Market Square
Still Hate Thatcher - Plen-an-Gwari
Diet Spangle - Market Square
Wild Oyo - Market Square
The Scribes - Plen-an-Gwari

Lantern Procession

DJ 5Baps - Plen-an-Gwari
Ez Dickens & The Rascal Malarkey - Market Square

LAFROWDA DAY

THE PLEN FAMILY ZONE

PLEN-AN-GWARI STAGE SATURDAY DAYTIME

Sponsored by The Star



11:00 - 11:15 PENDEEN SCHOOL CHOIR

11:30 - 12:00 CAPE SCHOOL DANCE AND DRAMA CLUB

Dance - Inspired by the mythical story of the Mermaid of Zennor and our ocean Cape Cornwall Dance Club bring you their original performance of "Love at Sea" choreographed in collaboration with Cape Dancers and Miss Smitham.



Drama Club - Cape Cornwall school Drama Club present a combination of Cornish tales and stories. Performing an Original devised performance exploring the Cornish pixies and extracts from Nick Darke plays 'The Body' and 'Hell's Mouth'.



12:30 - 12:55 ST LEVAN SCHOOL CHOIR

13:00 - 13:25 ST JUST SCHOOL CHOIR

13:35 - 15:30 QUBE RECORDS

Qube Records is Mounts Bay Academy's multi-award winning record label. We are so excited to once again bring our world leading original youth music to Lafrowda, fresh from returning from our European tour! Since our last performance at Cornwall's best festival we have played all over the country at prestigious venues like Birmingham Symphony Hall and the Royal Albert Hall! The Lafrowda set will showcase all the brand new music we've been performing on tour, including local festival favourites Playing Bruce and Lucy Care!



16:00 - 17:00 GLOBAL JAMMING

Sounds of diversity, songs of unity. Global Jamming will be leading join-in drumming and music workshops.

**NO ALCOHOL
TIL 6PM**

The Plen is a family zone until 6pm.

Please don't take alcohol into The Plen before 6pm... let's make it a safe environment for the kids!

THE PLEN FAMILY ZONE

PLEN-AN-GWARI SATURDAY DAYTIME

Sponsored by The Star

As well as the fantastic performances on the Plen Stage from local schools and community groups there is something for all the family in the Plen-an-Gwari on Lafrowda Day from 11am to 5pm. Don't miss the processions!

12:00 Children's Procession
Sponsored by Jackson Foundation

15:30 Community Procession
Sponsored by Age Concern

22:00 Lantern Procession
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HAVE A GO AT POTTERY

Get your hands on the clay and spin a pot on the wheel. You might surprise yourself and make something really magical.



BABY CHILL AREA

A space for those with babies and little ones to chill out somewhere a bit less hectic.

LAFROWDA CAFE

Get a refreshing drink, a piece of cake or home baked snack from our volunteer led café in the Plen. Yum yum!



FACE PAINTING

Come and get your face painted by **Funny Faces** and look magical on Lafrowda Day.



17:00 THE LEGENDARY BALLOON TOSS

They're back! Cap'n Cliché and Tremeneheere Jen will be running the legendary Balloon Toss Competition! Free entry to everyone, young or old - come with a friend and try to break the world record and be crowned Lafrowda Balloon Tossing Champions 2026!



CIRCUS WORKSHOPS

Hotch Potch will be bringing circus toys, including a tight rope for you to have a go. Trained tutors will help you brush up on your circus skills.



ON THE STREETS

SATURDAY DAY BANK SQUARE STAGE

Sponsored by Stimson & Ticken

On the Trailer Stage in Bank Square, we have some awesome acts to inspire, entertain and possibly make you gasp or laugh... Keep your eyes open for some wonderful visiting Morris Dancing troupes around the St Just streets throughout the day.

11:30 JUST UKES

Penwith's finest Ukelele group will kick start the proceedings on the stage with their enchanting strumming.



12:45 GOLDIE FIASCO'S VEGAS STREET SHOW

Annabelle Holland has performed as far afield as Australia in Perth and Adelaide Fringes, a bit closer in Edinburgh and Brighton Fringes, is regularly seen in West End Cabaret and has taken her outdoor and indoor shows to Switzerland, Ireland, Germany, Spain all over the UK and anywhere that will have her! Not only that but she has hosted the legendary 3,000 seater Circus Big Top at Glastonbury Festival, main stages, intimate cabarets, Spiegel tents in Denmark, community events and outdoor stages. Now she's bringing her irreverent (yet family friendly) humour and her glitz and stupidity to Lafrowda.



13:30 RED HERRING'S SILENT DISCO

Get your headset on and come and boogie. Join Red Herring and follow the steps or find your own rhythm. The Funky Chicken, The Mash Potato, The Hitchhiker – we've got all the classic moves and linked together, we will create some fun routines, to the delight of those taking part and to all the others watching as the Silent Disco dancers become a spectacle themselves. And of course, there are prizes to be won. It's a simple, joyous, winner of a format!



14:20 DAKA DOUM

Cornwall's colourful and vibrant Samba Band are here to get you dancing in the street. Daka Doum will bring their mighty boom!

16:15 SAX GEORGE

This talented local lad knows how to work his magic on the saxophone. With a great selection of tunes to entertain and enchant you, become bedazzled by Sax George's musical wizardry!

17:30 SHINDIG CLOGGERS

Shindig Cloggers are a dynamic community dance troupe based in St Just. They perform Appalachian Clogging accompanied by old time tunes and songs played by live musicians. Shindig have graced the stage at Golowan, The Great Estate, Little Orchard and even Glastonbury Festival. However, nothing fills the group's hearts more than playing at their home festival of Lafrowda!



LIVE MUSIC

SATURDAY DAY ST JUST PARISH CHURCH

Sponsored by Manser & Co Builders

14:00 - 14:30 PIPERS CHOIR

Pipers Choir is a friendly, non auditioning mixed voice choir who sing a wide variety of music. We practise on Wednesdays at St Buryan Methodist Church at 7.30pm and welcome new singers- especially Tenor and Bass voices. Full details can be found on our Facebook page, why not give us a try?

14:50 - 15:20 BURNING EMBERS

Led by Vicky Abbott, Burning Embers are an alt-country/ americana choir based in St Just. We sing surprisingly uplifting songs about heartbreak and despair. With a few happy ones thrown in.

16:15 - 16:45 KESSENYAN

Kessenyan (meaning harmony) are a young three-part vocal group based in Redruth, Cornwall. Inspired by generations of singers, they specialise in English, Irish and Scottish folk songs and sea shanties. As a trio they are becoming well known for putting their own unique spin on the songs they love and enjoying every moment of it! With fresh arrangements, rich vocals and a love of tradition, they are equally at home in a pub setting, intimate folk club or on the big stage.

Kessenyan's aim is to develop that perfect blend of harmony and tradition within their songs and to continue to share their passion with the aim of getting more young people singing!

17:00 - 18:00 NATASHA KOZAILY

An intimate evening of mermaid songs, original tunes and Kate Bush sing-a-longs with Natasha Kozaily.



SINGING WORKSHOPS

Burning Embers, led by Vicky Abbott. Do you fancy joining us for a couple of songs? Vicky is offering 2 workshops on **Sunday 5th and Sunday 12th July, 14:00 - 15:30** in the Miners chapel. Come and learn some songs with us, and join us to perform on Lafrowda day 14.50 - 15.20 in St Just Parish Church.



CREAM TEAS AT ST JUST PARISH CHURCH

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Donations welcome.

LIVE MUSIC

MARKET SQUARE SATURDAY

11:00 - 12:00 SANDRA COX

Penzance singer/songwriter Sandra Cox was raised on an eclectic background of classical music, stage shows and popular songs. Blossoming into a confident performer she has fronted bands, collaborated with local musicians and performed as a solo artist. Currently the reigning queen of West Penwith open mics, she also finds time to perform at care homes, play in the Wild Blue shanty band and co-present a weekly show on Coast FM! Her latest venture is a duo with Andy Milsom, who is a regular performer at The Star Inn Open Mic Night.



12:30 - 13:30 CAPE CORNWALL SINGERS

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



13:45 - 14:30 LOUELLA

An unforgettable, powerful songstress who plays a mean guitar. Diverse songs which lunge effortlessly through folk, blues, country and a sprinkling of grunge.



11:00 - 18:00 Sponsored by Age Concern

14:50 - 15:30 THE OFFCUTS

The Offcuts are a three piece band from St Ives splicing together, dub reggae, ska, rock and funk into a distinctive new sound. Originally formed at Penwith college calling themselves "The Payne Killers" playing alongside groups such as Flats and Sharps and performing around Cornwall. Reforming a decade later, they are back crafting upbeat original songs and creating catchy tunes that move your feet. Proudly homegrown in Penwith, they're delighted to be bringing their grooves back to where it began in St Just.



16:00 - 17:00 TRUE FOXES

True Foxes are an acclaimed alt-country/Americana cousin duo from St Just, rapidly gaining recognition across the UK and internationally. Led by Amie's powerful vocals and soulful songwriting, often compared to Laura Marling and Brandi Carlile, the duo blend acoustic guitar with Chloe's ethereal harmonies and melodic bass lines. Their honest storytelling, natural chemistry, and warm sisterly banter take audiences on an emotional journey. They will be joined by special guest Bo Payne on drums to bring the songs to life!



18:00 - 23:30 Sponsored by Celtic Turf

17:20 - 18:20 DELICIOUS PATRICIA

Delicious Patricia are three fine gentlemen from the shores of West Kernow playing instrumental surf rock. They play a mixture of original tunes plus old surf instrumentals and songs that aren't surf instrumentals but are now – think Deep Purple & Kraftwerk meet The Ventures. They released their debut album "Mordros – the Sound of the Surf" on Spinout Nuggets last year, receiving a 5* review from Louder Than War. They have recently received airplay from Gideon Coe on BBC 6 music.



18:40 - 19:20 GLAD BAND

The Glad Band are a local 8-piece band of experienced musicians specialising in happy Afro, Funk, Jazz, Klezmer, Latin & Ska music to help put a smile on your face and a skip in your step! Led by three saxophones and featuring the fabulous voice of Ella Turk-Richards.



19:35 - 20:20 DIET SPANGLE

Funky Punky Festy Folk for the un house trained... Seven-piece collective with wit, groove and a van full of instruments.



20:40 - 21:55 WILD OYO

Forged in the fog of West Cornwall, Wild Oyo have gained a reputation for their high-energy, off-kilter live performances. They create a collage of sound from influences both near and far, torn up and pasted back together as one giant dancey beast. Inspired by Afrobeat rhythms with Post-Punk delivery and an ear for a hook, Wild Oyo make music with energy, originality and spontaneity; it's something to be seen and felt live - in the wild.



22:30 - 23:30 EZ DICKENS & THE RASCAL MALARKEY

Ez Dickens, South-West solo artist and Alternative singer-songwriter, delivers a live show powered by rhythmic grooves, crafty lyrical content, soulful vocals and infectious energy. Having recently released her EP 'Words That Mean Nothing', with single 'Someone' surpassing 200,000 streams, Ez has been on the rise this past year going from strength to strength at UK festivals, headline shows and a support tour with The Undercover Hippy in Autumn '25. Ez's singer-songwriter roots pave the way for an engaging and personable performance, driven by her electric energy and relatable lyrics in an eclectic reggae/ska/dub/hiphop/gypsy-folk fusion.



SATURDAY NIGHT PLEN-AN-GWARI STAGE

Sponsored by The Star

18:00 - 19:00 FLO CROWE & THE DILEMMAS

Flo Crowe & The Dilemmas are a voice focused five-piece who deal in folk tinged layered harmonies over electro pop beats with a smattering of gritty guitar motifs. At an average age of 20, they are Flo Crowe (lead vocals and keys), Cerys Wilcox (soprano vocals), Paige Mullin (alto vocals) Grace C.G. (guitar and backing vocals) and Moses Seaber (E drums).



19:20 - 20:20 STILL HATE THATCHER

Jagged garage punk with a pop instinct and a British snarl. Raised on Ramones, rattled by reality, and ready to shout about it. Lo-fi, DIY, and making noise.



20:45 - 22:00 THE SCRIBES

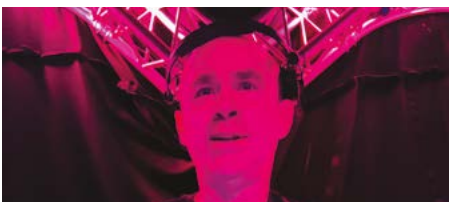
The Scribes are a multi-award-winning hip-hop act from Bristol whose unique talents have combined to make a trademark sound quite unlike any other, featuring a seamless blend of live instrumentation and sampling set against a backdrop of head nodding boom bap breaks. and incredible improvisation has created a critically acclaimed live show quite unlike any other on the scene today. Do not miss!

One of the most in demand touring acts in the UK today, the group are known for critically acclaimed performances full of energy, beatboxing, crowd participation and off the cuff freestyling. The Scribes have become festival favourites across the UK, recently gracing the stage at Glastonbury, Wireless, Isle Of Wight, Electric Picnic, Latitude, Wilderness, WOMAD, Boomtown, and many more.



22:10 - 23:30 DJ SBAPS

5baps is a house music DJ based in St. Just. He's the driving force behind Out The Blue - West Penwith's newest day party—and part of the Cornish house scene. 5baps is a regular at the legendary Bang Bang Club, headlined the Friday night of the Queen's Arms Beer Festival in 2025 and has played at parties all over West Cornwall. Described as the oldest new kid on the block, 5baps has a reputation for getting a dance floor moving. Playing mainly house, his sets often span multiple genres and sub-genres of dance music. Expect to hear new music alongside the familiar. 5baps last played Lafrowda Day in 2005 as the bass player in Caine and is very much looking forward to playing again in 2026. He was inspired to start DJing by his good friends Kevin Godden and Scotty Hodges and would like to dedicate his set to both of them.





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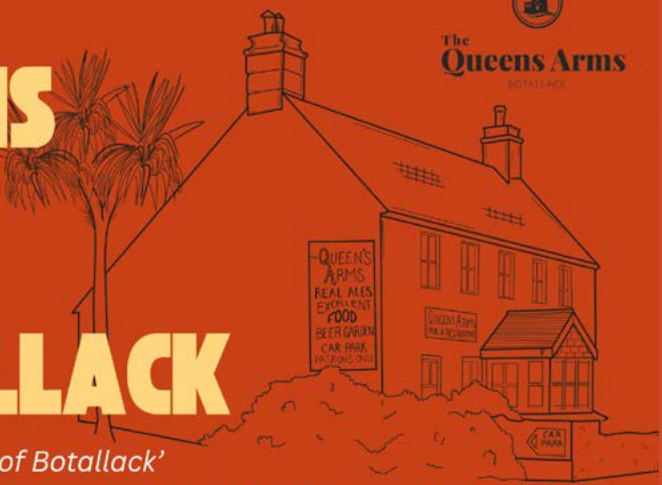
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FUN DOG SHOW



Third Year in a row, another successful dog show with over 50 dogs (and owners) attending. This was an amazing community event that always dovetails nicely with the aims of Lafrowda. Despite the weather forecast everyone showed willing and turned up for this event and even the weather was kind to us.

There were 10 classes from "Best Catcher" to "Most Appealing Eyes", we even had a "Best in Show" that our guest judge Brian "Clemo" decided was Ollie a Golden Retriever that also won "Best Puppy", a well-deserved winner. "Reserve Best in Show" was won by Herbie the Spaniel.

We would like to thank Brian for his time in being the Judge and for also supplying treats for the dogs. And lastly we would like to thank Boscarne Dog Walking Field for the generous donation of 10 walking sessions for the winners.



CLASS WINNERS

- Best Puppy – Ollie
- Golden Oldie – Skye
- Prettiest Bitch – Lottie
- Most Handsome Dog – Thorn
- Double Trouble – Cody & Bo
- Best Catcher – Leo
- Judges Choice – Maisy
- Best Condition – Herbie
- Most Appealing Eyes – Flash
- Waggiest Tail – Herbie

Please consider carefully whether you bring your dog along on Festival Day. If you do decide to, they must be on a lead and under close control. The streets can be very crowded and may not be a suitable environment for all dogs.

ST JUST RFC



St Just RFC was founded on 26 May 1967 at the Commercial Hotel with two elected presidents, Dr. Cambell and Mr W T Warren. Chairman was Mr D Woolcock and Vice Chair was Dr Brewer, whose dream was to form a rugby club at St Just. It was decided to play in an all-black strip and Culdrose donated a set of shirts. In September the shirts arrived but were the wrong colour and it was decided the shirts would be dyed. The first St Just rugby match took place on 6 September 1967 vs Penzance & Newlyn III team. Today, St Just RFC is still going strong and the club will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary in 2027.



St Just RFC is more than a Rugby Club – we're a family! Previous players still come down every week to watch the current team, the new players sing the old songs, and there is a real feeling of togetherness in everything we do. Rugby is played between the months of September and May (see our Facebook page for fixtures) plus National and International games shown on our big screen.

Situated in Tregeseal Valley, a short distance away from the main town centre, The Clubhouse provides a brilliant hub for social events, functions, themed evenings and so much more. The Clubhouse is open to everyone all year round five evenings a week from 5pm, plus every Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon onwards serving hot and cold drinks. They also provide free wi-fi, pool table, dartboard, patio area and children's play area. The Club offers camping and electric hook ups for anyone wishing to visit throughout the year with showers and toilets open 24/7.

St Just Rugby Club

Sponsors of Lafrowda & The Buggy Race

Open every weekday from 5:00pm and weekends from noon
The clubhouse is available to hire.

Tel: **01736 788593** or email:
enquiries@stjustRFC.co.uk

SAVING THE CHAPEL



Finally, the Miners' Chapel is Ours!

511 days ago, the future of St Just Miners' Chapel was uncertain. This landmark of our mining and Methodist heritage - a place of music, memory, and identity - was put up for sale.

We asked for your help to bring it into community ownership. And you didn't hesitate. From buskers to bakers, runners to raffle donors, from St Just to California and New South Wales - you showed up. You gave your time, your talents, your donations, and your stories.

Now, thanks to you, the keys are in our hands. The Chapel is safe. The Chapel is ours. And a bold new chapter begins.

How You Made It Happen

£50,000 raised, 17 hours of music and performance gifted, 1,000+ volunteer hours given. Support from across the globe, 230 volunteers - doubling as performers, bakers, stewards, first aiders, and fundraisers. Five fundraising events, one Human Fruit Machine, and one sell-out raffle. One match-funder and one vital Community Ownership Fund grant. From 22 UK counties, Wales, Jersey, and across oceans; the Chapel's importance reached 10,920 miles east as far as Tura Beach in New South Wales and 5,190 miles West as far as California.

What Happens Next

The real work begins now. Together, we will: Restore and repair this Grade II listed symbol of our Town, Cornwall and mining heritage. Fill it with music, memory, and meaning once again. Share the stories of miners, methodists, migration, and musicians. Create a vibrant cultural home for generations to come.

This will take time, dedication, and the same spirit that brought us here - but if the last 511 days have taught us anything, it's that our community can make what seemed impossible, possible!

Meur Ras. Thank you!

For every hour, every pound, every word of support - you've proved the Chapel still matters, deeply. Today, let's celebrate what we've done together.



JEREMY COLE



A tribute to Jeremy Cole 01/06/1971- 04/01/2026

Remember the Ukelele band? The Laftas? Funny portraits posted up round town? The glorious display of the eclectic on Victoria Row every year? Lafrowda has a proud tradition of funny, mildly eccentric, often weird, always entertaining happenings around town, and Jeremy Cole was very much at the heart of all this silliness.

Jeremy was a person simply bursting at the seams with creativity. Always curious, he experimented with all sorts of artforms from printmaking to filmmaking, and EVERYTHING in between.

A serious artist and a terrific teacher, he was one

of the key practitioners in Craft School at Newlyn Art Gallery in 2017 where his kind, off-beat and welcoming approach made spoon carving the hot ticket of the whole exhibition. He was also an alumnus of the Newlyn Art School mentoring programme. Arguably, however, he found his real calling in making and doing in St Just.

Jeremy's Panto dame for Cape Players was a thing of terrifying beauty. As with all things, he threw himself wholeheartedly into creating Widow Twankey's character from learning to wear high heels to her incredible wig... and what a voice!



He was also part of WildWorks 100: UnEarth in 2018. This performing talent also came to the fore with his on-screen performances as, among others, Rik from the Young Ones in the LAFTAs and on stage with a wonderful magic show he created with Kim Tilbrook for Lafrowda - how great it would be to see that again this year.

One year, Lafrowda had its own ukelele band, and there's a generation of St Justers whose party trick is to play Row, Row, Row Your Boat because of him. There's another group who know how to make sushi rolls because of a cookery class he ran.

A man of many talents, he created a whole school of crocheted sea creatures for a watery and magical shop window display: whales, octopus... was there a shark? He was always up for creative adventures and contributed enthusiastically to the Fanzine Library, the sculpture trails and the Wanted Poster Workshops and all the other outbursts of nonsense.

Jeremy was a wonderful and whole-hearted contributor and fan of Lafrowda, and we'll miss him so much, but the magic he brought to the Festival continues.

FRIENDS OF LAFROWDA

If you think Lafrowda is a pretty good thing and you like the parades, the music, the festival week and the year-round events...

Then, why not become a Friend of Lafrowda? Lafrowda costs about £50,000 a year and depends on year-long fundraising, collecting bottles, the sale of programme ads, stalls, wonderful sponsors, FEAST Cornwall, St Just Town Council and You! For a donation of £10, you will become a Friend of Lafrowda and know you are doing your part to help the festival continue.

As a show of appreciation for all of our new friends you will receive an amazing "Friend of Lafrowda" pin badge as well as a shout out in next year's programme and on our website.

OUR CURRENT FRIENDS OF LAFROWDA

Nikki Allen	Simon Dennis	Richard Gowan	Molly Moloney	Alison Short
Paul Allen	Vicky Derricutt	John Gray	Denise Morron	Jane Skillicorn
Sandy Angove	Robert Diamond	James Green	Joy Mouldsley	Barbara Smith
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To become a Friend of Lafrowda, fill out the form below, take it to the info desk on Lafrowda Day with your £10 and you'll be able to display your Friend of Lafrowda badge with pride.



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Signed Date/...../2026

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YOU COULD BE PART OF THE MAGIC!

If you love Lafrowda Festival week, the year-round events and want to see it happen again...then why not become part of the magic?

Simply **scan the QR below** and donate, whatever you can. We appreciate every penny that helps to support Lafrowda Festival.



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