



LOOE LIVE!

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From classical to rock and pop music, comedy to mass dance events – together with an awesome community vibe – get ready for Looe Live! 2019.

Organisers of this year's Looe Live! festival in September are promising the three day event will have the same amazing community feel as last year, and will showcase some incredible local talent as well as having headline acts and crowd pleasers.

The festival is taking place between Friday 20th and Sunday 22nd September and Festival Director Edwina Hannaford says that preparations are going fantastically well.

“As well as additional stages and more local acts and entertainers performing in pubs, restaurants and bars and on the streets throughout the town, this year there will be a new community zone on the seafront with workshops and other activities; a comedy stage; a classical music zone; dancing on the seafront and performances by local choirs.” she said. **“Add some awesome food and drink from local providers and why would anyone want to miss it. ”**

There will be three main stages at this year's festival: on the harbour car park at Buller Quay, the Beach Marquee (which will host the BBC Music Introducing in Devon and Cornwall programme) & the Quayside Centre, with a full programme of events on all the stages on each of the three days from 12noon to 10.30pm. Entrance to the Buller Quay and beach stages, which will host the main acts, are by ticket only.

As well as headline acts Level 42, The Shires, Trevor Nelson, Newton Faulkner and Fisherman's Friends, to name just a few of the performers who will be rocking the main stages, there will also be more than 30 local bands performing on the stages and in local venues across the town. Tickets for the whole weekend are available from the website priced £65 plus booking fee. Day tickets will be on sale from July.

“There will be an even bigger and better community feel this year with a special zone on the seafront showcasing the best of Looe’s groups and organisations” said explained Edwina Hannaford.

“From the Marine Conservation Society, Looe Film Society, Looe Sea Scouts, Ellie’s Haven, Talon’s Raptor and Reptile Show, Looe Memory Cafe , Looe Marine Conservation, Plastic Free Looe and Looe Community Players to singing and dancers with Sheila’s School of Dancing mass dance with a Grease theme, Dance with Jodie, Kings School of Dancing, Scottish Country Dancing, Looe Valley Singers, Looe Community Academy Rock Band and much, much more. – there will be something for everyone to enjoy. ”

New additions this year include a Classical Zone at the Riverside Church. Managed by former Classic FM presenter Nick Bailey, the programme will include performances by guitarist Craig Ogden; Anne Denholm, one of Britain’s leading young harpists and currently Official Harpist to the Prince of Wales; violinist Lana Trotovek; Boris Bizjak, former winner of the Slovenian National Chamber Music Competition three years running who will be performing a flute and piano recital; pianist John Wilson; organist Jonathan Delbridge and special performance by Lanreath Community Band and String Ensemble. This is a free event but organisers hope people will voluntarily contribute towards a similar event next year.

There will also be a Comedy Stage at the Guildhall, organised by David Gates, with performances taking place between 2pm and 8:30pm on all three days, and a RNLi sponsored Choir Zone sponsored by The Plough on the Quay Restaurant..

The organisers are also supporting the campaign to tackle climate change and are working with environmental campaigners Elie Jackson and Amelia Bridges of the Looe Marine Conservation Group to minimise the use of plastics and encourage recycling during the festival. They will be promoting the use of reusable mugs and supporting sustainable transport by encouraging people to use public transport to travel to the festival. They have also agreed with Biffa Environmental to provide street recycling points staffed by volunteer ‘Litter Guardians’ who will advise and encourage people to recycle their waste.

“We have been overwhelmed by the support we have received for this year’s festival ” said Edwina. **“As well as the local bands, venues and organisations taking part, we have received some amazing offers of sponsorship from individuals, and businesses.**

"Last year's Looe Saves the Day festival was a very special event and we did not think we would be able to top it this year but all the signs are that Looe Live! will be even bigger and better.

"We can't wait to welcome people to our town on 22 September - so make sure you don't miss out!"

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