

Liskeard Unlocked 2018 (13 - 16 September)

7pm Monday 26 March in the Mayor's Parlour

Present: Councillors Rachel Brooks (Chair), Sally Hawken, Sue Pike, Sue Shand and Christina Whitty, Brian Oldham (Museum/Cornwall Archaeological Society/OCS), Liz Wigley (Methodist Church) and Yvette Hayward (LTC)

Apologies:

Rachel Bennett (Stuart House)

1 Heritage Open Days developments nationally

Registration is now open. The Town Council will act as coordinator again and collect information to log all events. A revised local form for capturing required details will be circulated. Please aim to return registration forms to Mandy in the office by 1 May.

HODs are planning to hold a workshop event in Liskeard on Thursday 3 May from 1.30 – 5.30 pm. More details to follow.

2 School/children's involvement

Rachel and Sue P met with Mr Pollard, history teacher at Liskeard School. He is proposing to produce talking heads videos on WW1, involving Y8 & 9 students. Students could appear in costume presenting the views of different women. These could then be shown at different venues during the festival. A group of students will visit the museum in the summer term. Tony Ball is also happy to help.

Sue P will speak to Hillfort, and Christina will follow this up with St Martin's School. Yvette has contacted local home school groups who would also like to engage in possible workshop type activities. Activities to be planned after SATS in May or during the summer holidays, possibly involving Y5 & 6. They could follow themes of occupations i.e. women in service, land girls, nurses etc or trades in the town such as milliners, drapers, photographers, wool workers etc.

3 Workshops

Run shorter sessions or drop ins possibly at local events i.e. Party in the Park or the Ploughman's Festival.

Consider what we would expect the outputs to be, linked to a theme, to help decide on the format. We need to firm up plans quickly to start obtaining funding. Yvette to contact our 3 local CCs to request they earmark Community Chest funds for the project.

4 Buildings

Saturday is to be the core day – aim for as many buildings as possible open then.

- Council Chamber, Mayor's Parlour and Long Room (booked Friday (not LR) and Saturday) – focus on former lady mayors.
- Pendean – Brian has confirmed they are willing to take part again. Dates to be discussed. Could focus on life in service/household servants this year.
- Masonic Hall – Rachel Bennett in contact with Tony Ball about opening again this year
- Cornish Times – Mandy to contact. Could focus on own history (160th anniversary this year?) or records/stories of women running linked businesses in town i.e. printers/photographers
- Methodist Church – focus on early women ministers and school teachers.
- Museum - Thursday evening opening to link with walk
- Stuart House – focus on women owners and women in service
- Pipewell – to be open Saturday. New information panel will be installed by then.
- Trewithan and/or 3 Greenbank Lane – Brian making enquiries. Could also focus on women in service.
- Trevillis House (home of Dorothy Foster) – Sue Shand making enquiries
- Moyclare Garden – Sue P making enquiries
- Shops – could have window displays and possible activities relating to the trades previously carried on there and the women who ran them. Initial focus to include:
 - M & Co – drapers
 - Bradleys – Temperance Hotel
 - Liskeard Leisure Lounge – printers (possible link with Cornish Times)
 - HE Goldsworthy – milliner (check with Mrs Goldsworthy)
 - Dunamis – photographer (Mr Rapson is donating old photographic equipment to the museum; Sue S knows of information in the museum relating to a women photographer who worked there)
 - Shop in Fore street – contract knitters (Tina Barrett has information, traditional ganseys and equipment, and skills)

Consider how we capture the stories of people who visit

5 Other events/activities

- Thursday 13 Sept at 7pm National Heritage Weekend in Liskeard walk with Brian Oldham – start and finish at the museum late night opening
- Tina Hitchings contacting Calum Beeson about a geological walk
- Liskeard Heritage Quiz – possibly Friday evening in the Public Hall with bar and pasties (PH & RR provisionally booked)
- Alternative Liskeard Heritage Trail – The Drangeways of Liskeard – possible walk with Brian Oldham taking in the new murals (on the Sunday?)
- A shout at the Barley Sheaf (on Saturday 15th or after the Drangeways walk?)
- Knitting talk / display – Rachel to discuss with Tina Barrett

- Emily Hobhouse theatre piece – Sally to talk to Scary Little Girls and Wham Bam theatre group about what may be possible and costs. Could be held the weekend before or an evening. (*NB – Public hall already booked Sat 8 September*). This could link to other wider work involving Emily i.e. trails, St Ive museum, possible statue etc. We need to talk with the people working on these things.
- Appeal to the public, including via local Facebook pages, for pictures and stories related to the people and buildings we are focusing on
- Network with Looe – Sue P has briefly spoken to Armand Toms from Looe – follow this up with the workshop in May

6 Publicity

Continue to use the name Liskeard Unlocked – this is already an event people recognise and relate to.

Use photographs of door numbers for a countdown (and spot where they are) as part of the social media plan – Sue S will take these.

Use similar branding to the doors but maybe try windows this time. Yvette – talk to Rachel Bennett about taking the photographs and whether this could become an exhibition as per last year? Rachel Brooks could put the images together for the posters etc.

7 Next meeting

Monday 30 April at 7pm in the Mayor's Parlour