

Liskeard Unlocked 2024

Monday 19th February at 1.30pm at the Liskerrett Centre

Present: Councillor Rachel Brooks (Chair), Brian Oldham (OCS and Museum), Sally Hawken (Liskerrett Centre), Andy Stuart (Library), Carmen Hunt (Scoots Kernow), Iga Webb (Museum) and Mandy Hancock (LTC)

Festival dates Friday 6th – Sunday 15th September, 2024

Theme: Routes, Networks and Connections

1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Rachel Brooks welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Ann Kinahan (Market Makers), Rachel Bennett (Stuart House and Churches Together), Leanne Llewellyn (Library).</p>	
2	<p>Routes, Networks and Connections Theme</p> <p>All the discussions are initial thoughts at the minute and may not progress to fruition.</p> <p>A. Twinning with Quimperle in Brittany and Kopychyntsi in Ukraine</p> <p>The theme was Europe-wide and the feedback from our wash-up meeting highlighted twinning and mining links.</p> <p>Quimperle - Rachel had been in touch with Pascale Douineau, the Deputy Mayor of Quimperle, last week and she is keen to work with us, although their plans are well advanced for this year when they are focussing on WW2. They are also looking at a maritime theme as part of routes, networks and connections. We can perhaps have small scale links this year and talk about working together more fully in 2025. The Museum has some Quimperle artefacts that can create a temporary display.</p> <p>Kopychyntsi – Bogdan Kelichavyi, the Mayor, has indicated that they would like to take part. Simon Pascoe will talk to him this week, giving him examples of ideas from Rachel.</p> <p>Rachel will feed back further to the group via email when we get a fuller response from the twinned towns. Potential themes for collaboration are listed below:</p> <p>Traditional dance – one option would be a ceilidh, incorporating Cornish, Breton and Ukrainian dances. This could be preceded by a dance through the town (serpent dance or furry dance?) stopping at different places, including the Museum, Library, Stuart House and the Market Canopy. It would be good to give people guidance on the dances beforehand, including maybe a QR code to a short video. Carmen would be interested in leading on this.</p>	<p>RB</p> <p>IW</p> <p>RB</p> <p>RB</p> <p>CH</p>

	<p>The Cornish Gorsedth is being held in Callington 30th August to 8th September, we could possibly tie in with some events. The Quethiock festival following our event has a heritage focus and it may be possible to take some of our exhibitions there.</p> <p>Folk stories – these could feature at schools and the Library and Museum and could include stories from twinned towns. Anna Chorlton and Sue Field could be contacted. Liskeard Storytellers are a well set up group who meet weekly. Enabling people to rewrite stories with modern settings and references could make this more appealing to young people. The Museum could hold adult storytelling tours and creative writing events. They also have the ability to play videos.</p> <p>Textile Craft/Art – Our twinned towns would probably have more costumes than us. We have knitters and crocheters and embroiderers. The Museum has been focusing on textiles with its Threads exhibition and has been donated a Polish costume. The Liskerrett Centre could make things using traditional patterns (eg Ukrainian folk art) in a different way. It is hoped that displays will be possible on the bus shelters again this year, they had worked well last year.</p> <p>Farming Traditions – Crying the neck after the harvest could be held at the Cattle Market. Brian will confirm the date after the twinning groups have been spoken to. This could also join up with the dance around town and the Cornish Ceilidh.</p> <p>Language – Cornish and Breton are closely linked by those who travelled backwards and forwards. There could be some Cornish or English shared with the Ukrainians, and we could learn from them. The Museum could show videos of people speaking in the different languages. 26th September is European Day of Languages and material may be available through that.</p> <p>Food – What do people eat in the different countries? How can we tie food in with the events? This can be discussed further.</p> <p>Workshed – Mandy will add Daniel Sturrock to the distribution list and ask him to reserve the 14th/15th weekend for us, especially the eventing of Saturday 14th. Rachel will speak to Denise and Jenny as 14th will be the Food Market in the morning.</p> <p>B. Mining Routes, Networks and Connections</p> <p>Routes for ore, Canal and Railway to Looe – Brian advised that the railway opened in 1859. He could use the 1861 census to find out the impact and the houses that were built on Station Road due to the opening for a Sunday walk. He has railway walk photos which could be used for an exhibition. A new self-guided walk could be created.</p> <p>There are 2 canal locks, Lock 21 has been cleared. Possibly a working party clear the other? The Smugglers Way walk passes it. Brian will speak to Peter Murnaghan about a walk from</p>	<p>Library IW</p> <p>IW</p> <p>IW SH</p> <p>BO</p> <p>IW</p> <p></p> <p>MH RB</p> <p>BO</p> <p>BO</p>
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3	<p>Buildings Opening / Hosting Events</p> <p>Brian will speak to Hollywood, Trewithan and Westbourne about taking part and let them know that he won’t be around on Saturday 7th September. Depending on their response we’ll decide whether to make the 7th or 14th the main building opening day. Buildings that had opened several times weren’t as popular last year unless there was a particular draw, so a fresh approach is needed.</p>	<p>BO</p>

4	<p>Possible Funding Sources</p> <p>The Town Council has a small budget, Mandy will check the amount. Expressions of Interest for the European HOD Fund need to be in by 15th March, with the result in July. Grants can be up to £10,000. Feast and the Arts Society were also mentioned. Real Ideas will also check if they know of any funding sources.</p> <p>Mandy will send the HOD funding info to the group with the notes.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>Library</p> <p>MH</p>
5	<p>Publicity</p> <p>The publicity should also be shared with tourists and tourism groups. Mandy will set up a facebook event and share the dates with further info to come.</p>	<p>MH</p>
6	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meetings are:</p> <p>Monday 25th March at 2pm.</p> <p>Monday 29th April at 2pm. The venue for these meetings is to be confirmed with Sally.</p>	<p>SH</p>