

Polzeath Marine Discovery Day 2015

Thursday 28th May

Join us for our annual celebration of our local environments with an exciting day of fascinating marine activities in the marine centre and on Polzeath Beach to celebrate our seas, the wonderful Polzeath Voluntary Marine Conservation Area and the Padstow Bay and surrounds Marine Conservation Zone.

The event starts at 11am with various stands running activities until 4pm including, joining marine experts in learning about the amazing rockpool creatures of Polzeath. Why not meet the rubbish pirates on the BeachCare stand and find out about 2 minute beach cleans.

Join the Badger Forest School in their nature kitchen or do some beach art - making sand mandalas! Meet the baby lobsters from the National Lobster Hatchery. Learn about our amazing sharks, skates and rays and have a look at their egg cases with the Shark Trust. Find out about Cornwall's astonishing grey seals with Cornwall Seal Group. You could also bid on something fantastic in our silent auction (bidding closes at 3pm).

A full timetable can be found on our [website](#).

Hopefully see you there.



Meet the Crew—Rosie

If you don't know me already, I first volunteered for the Marine Centre as a Seasonal Warden in 2012 and absolutely loved it. The position was a joint one with the National Trust and the Wildlife Trust and I got so much invaluable experience from all of the organisations. For the Marine group this varied from running events, helping with surveys and even keeping an aquarium going! As the group is a small organisation there are always loads of different jobs that you can help with, from admin to fundraising, events and of course, running the marine centre itself so it is great if you want to focus on one area or gain experience in loads of different ones.

After the season was over I carried on with the National trust until Christmas and eventually said my goodbyes, which turned out not to be goodbyes at all. After a couple of years in which I squished a bit of travelling, lived in Cape Verde helping at a turtle project and did a very intense Masters course I returned... After a few months volunteering for the National Trust, helping with some marine group events, doing loads of scrub bashing and looking after a chunk of the South West Coast Path I eventually got an actual paid job!

I am now a very proud Park Ranger for Perran Sands Holiday Park, near Perranporth. I will be focusing on delivering wildlife and Bushcraft events for the owners and guests with occasional help from the Wildlife Trust who do a lot of habitat management work in the area. If you have never been to Penhale Dunes they are very beautiful and particularly important on a European level for plant and butterfly species, the Silver studded blue, not forgetting home to St Piran's Oratory. Well worth a visit.

Right now I am just back from two weeks training with a few days out in the woods completing a survival school (I have some stories but perhaps not newsletter material!). I am so happy to be in North Cornwall and doing something I love. I would like to thank everyone at the Marine centre for the great experience, support and well wishes. I couldn't have done it without you, volunteering was worth so much more than anything I could write down in a CV.

So, this definitely isn't another goodbye. Will see you all at an event whenever I have a day off, Polzeath still has the best rocky shore!

Rosie



Focus on the areas wildlife

Polzeath is an internationally renowned area for its sea life and rightly so, from Basking Sharks and Grey Seals to Starfish and everything in between. Out of the water a whole other world of animals exist from Birds to insects.

Of the insects, moths are very overlooked but at this time of year flying along the coast path during the day you may come across a small yellow species. The Speckled Yellow is easy to identify, being yellow with numerous black spots. You could help local experts in mapping their distribution. Please report your sightings of the flora and fauna you spot to the Marine Centre.



AGM 2015

A cute lil AGM was held on 8th April - we sadly said goodbye to Sarah as Vice Chair - Sarah has done a phenomenal amount of work during her year as VC and we are thrilled she will carry doing much of it this year despite stepping down from committee duties - thanks for everything Sarah.

We welcomed Jane as VC - our baking goddess :) and then the rest of the team are as before, super awesome and amazingly still full of energy and excitement for our plans for 2015.

Can You Help.

Can you spend a couple of hours a month or more to help man the Marine Centre or help the group in some other way, like leading walks, holding fund raising events etc., then please contact us. We are always on the look out for enthusiastic people. Your rewards will be many including the satisfaction of knowing you are making a difference as well as cake.



Centre Revamp

If you have visited the Marine Centre in the last few weeks, you could not fail to notice the fantastic work that has been carried out by some of our dedicated volunteers. The whole of the inside of the building has been given a new coat of environmentally friendly paint and the displays have been redone. Work on the outside of the building will start soon.

If you could help please contact the centre.

Well done everyone involved.

POLPIP Grey Seal Survey

POLPIP stands for Polzeath Photo Identification Project and has now been running for four years. Together with the Cornwall Seal Group, we conduct boat surveys along the coast, from Trevoze Head to Boscastle, of all Grey Seal encountered. As many Grey Seals are photographed so that individuals can be identified from the unique spot patterns. Whilst looking for the seals, all other sealife encountered is recorded and mapped.

If you can help with this survey please contact [Sarah Millward](#).

The next surveys are on June 3rd and July 1st.



Events

Tuesday 26th May:

Talk by **Lisa Woollett** - Author and Photographer - "Sea and Shore Cornwall: common and curious findings".

Telling the story of the making of her beautiful book "Sea and Shore Cornwall: common and curious findings".

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm.

Meet: Tubestation, Polzeath

Thursday 28th May:

Polzeath Marine Discovery Day.

CWT, NT and PMCG among others are joining forces to bring you a marine day you will never forget! Come and celebrate our seas in Polzeath, learn fun and fascinating facts about our amazing marine life; create beach sculptures, take part in an arts/crafts animation, learn to save dolphins with marine life rescue experts and much, much more.

Wednesday 17th June:

BeachCare clean.

Join Polzeath BeachCare team out on the beach for the monthly clean and survey.

Thursday 16th July:

Easy Access Rockpool Ramble.

For those finding the usual rambles a challenge, this rockpool discovery event will be easily accessible for all ages and abilities. You can be taken by National Trust 4x4 or beach wheelchair (if available) to a base near the rockpools where a table top laboratory will be set up enabling everyone to see what can be found on our rocky shore. BOOKING essential.

Friday 17th July:

BeachCare clean.

Join Polzeath BeachCare team out on the beach for the monthly clean and survey.

Tuesday 28th July:

Talk by RNLI and Polzeath Surf Life Saving Club.

This talk focuses on the roles of both charities at Polzeath, touching on their history. Including topics such as patrol and rescue, hazards encountered, beach water safety and their work with the community in training and education in water safety and lifesaving techniques.

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm.

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Wednesday 29th July:

Get Crafty!

Our popular marine themed arts and crafts are back by popular demand! From strandline creations to rockpool wonders, everyone can enjoy getting elbow deep in recycled craft creations.

Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm.

Meet: Polzeath Marine Centre.

Friday 31st July:

Rockpool Ramble

Time: 11:30pm - 1:30pm.

Meet: Polzeath Marine Centre.

BOOKING essential.

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