

Liskeard Unlocked 2024

Monday 25th March 2024 at 1.30pm at the Liskerrett Centre

Present: Councillor Rachel Brooks (Chair), Rachel Bennett (Stuart House and Churches Together), Brian Oldham (OCS and Museum), Jayne Mortimore, Sally Hawken (Liskerrett Centre), Leanne Llewellyn (Library), Ainsley Cocks (Cornish Mining), 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).</p>	
2	<p>Routes, Networks and Connections Theme</p> <p>All the discussions are work in progress and may not progress to fruition. Liskeard Unlocked will be unlocking stories as well as doors.</p> <p>A. Twinning with Quimperle in Brittany and Kopychyntsi in Ukraine</p> <p>Kopychyntsi are keen to be involved. They have a rich heritage and opportunities for linking together include dance with a possible video link on the night, song, traditional foods and folk art. There is also the possibility of puppetry story telling at either Liskeard Unlocked or Christmas.</p> <p>Dance - Carmen is happy to lead on dance/live music which can include Breton/Ukrainian dance. On Saturday 14 December we're planning a dance through the town, incorporating stops where possible. It will need to be adapted if it is wet. A video trailer of the dance can show the dance in advance. The route can include the Library, Museum, Stuart House and Cattle Market canopy and finish at the Public Hall for a Ceilidh which will also include singing and food (see below). Liskerrett and Carmen have received grant funding for 2 community dances in the summer and these can feed into the September event. (Check the You Tube video link at the end of this document.)</p> <p>Rachel Br to add Carmen to the Kopychyntsi Whatsapp group as the dance lead.</p> <p>The 75th anniversary of the Quimperle Bagad, a traditional music group, is in October and they are open to exchanging traditional music to feed into their event and our September event.</p> <p>Rachel Br to add Carmen to the Quimperle group to liaise with the bagad.</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>RBr / CH</p> <p>RBr / CH</p>

<p>Singing - Leanne will get in touch with her Ukrainian choir contact. Mandy will contact local choirs to check if they may be interested in principle to performing Cornish, Ukrainian and Breton music as part of the event at the Public Hall on 14th September. (Cornwall Choir Collective, Melodi Lyskerrys, ECBC, TICS, Rock Choir, Jane Warwick, Nick Hart – Sally will check the list).</p>	<p>LM MH SH</p>
<p>Food - Rachel Br will speak to some of the cafes about selling Breton/Ukrainian food during Liskeard Unlocked. This could be adding dishes to their menus for some or all of the period or it could be bringing food to sell at the event on the 14th. She will speak to Rumours, Fat Frog, Cornish Pudding Co, Hub Café, Bean, Hooked at Highwood and Café Fleur. Rachel Be will speak to Stuart House cafe. Sally will speak to the group running cookery classes at Liskerrett to see if they want to be involved. Leanne runs cooking sessions for young people at the Library and will look at how they could participate. Jayne could make a video of either the international food or a Cornish item being prepared.</p>	<p>RBr RBe SH LM JM</p>
<p>Rachel Br to add Leanne to the Kopychyntsi Whatsapp group as the initial food lead.</p>	<p>RBr / LM</p>
<p>Once we have more feedback from potential food providers we can agree whether the main food offer on the 14th will be food vans at the Cattle Market or food stalls in the Public hall. Liskerrett may be able to run a bar at the Public Hall.</p>	
<p>Puppets and Storytelling – Sally will speak to Sue and Anna from Mazed about the possibility of involvement either in September or pre-Christmas, linked to the Ukrainian puppet group. This could also tie in with lanterns at Christmas.</p>	<p>SH</p>
<p>Folk Stories – the Mazed Tales have animated versions and these could be a good basis for children writing their own stories both in Liskeard and Kopychyntsi. Sally will share the Mazed Tales and the animated versions. It will be checked if they are on any website. This could be in primary schools or in the Library over the summer. Leanne also suggested story swapping/pen pals between local and Kopychyntsi schools. Iga offered to show the animated tales at the Museum. At the next meeting we'll discuss activity we'd like to propose to schools so we can make a single approach. (Check the link at the end of this document.)</p>	<p>SH LM IW</p>
<p>Folk Art – There are many ways this can be linked, possibly costumes, textiles, print. Sally will talk to artists and confirm who to add to the Whatsapp group. There is potential for schools activities with this too.</p>	<p>SH BO</p>
<p>Crying the Neck – Brian confirmed that this would take place on 14th September and we will look for a Ukrainian harvest song.</p>	
<p>Language – Simple phrases can be weaved into other events and social media posts and the Visit Liskeard webpage. Jayne offered to produce short videos, we can ask the Ukrainians to send us similar.</p>	<p>JM</p>

<p>Workshed – Daniel is enthusiastic to take part. Denise and Jenny, whose market will be taking place on the morning of the 14th, are happy to work alongside Liskeard Unlocked. If any decorations are available they can be placed at the canopy the night before.</p> <p>Volunteers who offered to join the WhatsApp group to take their separate area forward for Ukrainian links:</p> <p>Dance and Bagad - Carmen Puppets and Storytelling – possibly Sue/Anna — Sally will ask Folk Art – To be confirmed Food and Library – Leanne Museum – Iga</p> <p>Quimperle are focussing on World War 2 which limits our options this year. As soon as the 2025 European and HOD theme is known Rachel Br will speak to them and possibly seek grant funding for next year. Iga will prepare a display about the history of twinning with Quimperle at the Museum.</p> <p>B. Mining Routes, Networks and Connections</p> <p>The route of the ore from the moors to Liskeard then the canal/railway to Looe, the route that the miners walked to work and the flow of money to the banks in Liskeard were mentioned and can either be incorporated into events in the summer with outputs to be showcased during Liskeard Unlocked or to events which take place in September.</p> <p>Smugglers Way -The Moor to Sea group is winding up but the soon to be established Looe Valley Heritage Forum will carry forward the Smugglers Way and other projects. They may be open to supporting a walking event between Liskeard and Looe in September. An option to assist with getting certification to lead walks had been offered. One option is that it is possible to use tramper scooters on an accessible part of the route a video of which could be made by Jayne. Rachel Br will speak to Stephen Horscroft to get a contact for the Rolling Ramblers.</p> <p>Walk up on the Moor – it would be good to include a walk linking to the mines and the route that the miners used from Liskeard to Menheniot was discussed for a walk along with the possible use of the Menheniot railway station. Any walk would need permission from the land owners, especially as the walks are becoming more popular. The possibility of a small amount of money being available to pay a walk leader was raised and Ainsley will speak to Sally Weston about funding. Brian will speak to Mark Camp about possibly leading a walk. Brian is happy to assist with information.</p> <p>Virtual Walk - Leanne will speak to Paul about the possibility of working with Brian to create 360° virtual walks with young people at the Library. This will be good to have a real brief for the young people to create walks which can be watched on the VR headsets.</p>	<p>CH SH</p> <p>LM IW</p> <p>RBr IW</p> <p>JM / RBr</p> <p>AC BO BO</p> <p>LM BO</p>
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	<p>The World Heritage Mining Site would like to be supportive and this could include helping publicise relevant activities via their social media. The WHS website education tab has 360° drone footage with detailed info on several sites in Cornwall.</p> <p>Brian will devise a walk in town to the Station.</p> <p>C Other Aspects of the Theme</p> <p>Talk – Brian will do a talk about the Liskeard diaspora to South Africa, Australia and the coal fields of north England. Where people came from and what they did. This could be held on the evening of Thursday 12th at the Library. Leanne to check availability. Iga offered to look at the links to the Threads exhibition. Rachel Be will pass her file on returners to Brian.</p> <p>Market Makers – Ann had confirmed that the Market Makers wish to take part and they will feature the mining theme.</p>	<p>BO</p> <p>BO</p> <p>LM IW RBe</p> <p>AK</p>
3	<p>Buildings Opening / Hosting Events</p> <p>Trewithan House will not be taking part.</p> <p>Hollywood have not been spoken to.</p> <p>Brian will speak to Wildanet about opening Westbourne House and the old Registry Office as these linked to connections and mining.</p> <p>Stuart House will feature information on communications and viaducts. Rachel Be will also create a “Guess Where it Is” exhibition for the build up 2 weeks.</p>	<p>BO</p> <p>RBe</p>
4	<p>Possible Funding Sources</p> <p>As other Feast applications may already under consideration others options including the Arts Society will be looked for. Leanne will look at Screen Cornwall for possible film funding.</p>	<p>LM</p>
5	<p>Publicity</p> <p>This will be discussed at the next meeting. Any events where all the details are known can be registered now as from April HOD work on their long lead press release. Mandy advised that photos will need to be sent to her with the Registration Form as the new HOD website didn’t have access to any previously used.</p>	
6	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meetings are:</p> <p>Monday 29th April at 2pm at the Liskerrett Centre.</p> <p>Monday 3rd June at 2pm. The venue for this meeting is to be confirmed.</p>	

Here's the You Tube link to one of the wonderful music and dance performances Alina from Kopychyntsi has sent us: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCuvcVmOVMw> . Check it out.

Here's the Mazed Tales link: <https://mazedtales.org/content/mazed->