

Dehwelans – the Homecoming key events

The Dehwelans festival, based in Looe has just published the full programme and features some exciting key events.

Noze Looan in the Millpool performance marquee, West Looe on Wednesday 3rd September from 4.30pm -11pm

Noze looan is a style of Cornish-Celtic dance, and associated music and events similar to the Breton Fest Noz. Noze Looan is late Cornish for "happy night". Noze looan is a relatively recent development in Cornish music and dance and may be a reaction to the more formal approaches of traditional dancing. It places greater emphasis on simpler dances, such as snake dances and furry dances, in order to increase participation and to remove the need for a caller. The movement has enjoyed a fair reception amongst the youth of the . While noze looan is essentially a dance style, an associated style of music has grown around it which is generally more progressive than many folk bands, possibly to appeal to a younger audience. It also places more emphasis on rhythms and longer songs in order to produce the tribal trance-like state associated with the repetitive dances. Exponents include Dalla.

The evening kicks off with a Children's Pirate Party with traditional games with Sheila's School of Dancing and a chance to meet the Pirates and Buccaneers of Looe.

Purely Cornish Deli and Cornish Orchards are organizing a hog roast and Skinner Brewery providing a Riverside bar. Cornish groups Dalla and Pentorr will be providing the music and leading the dancing.

Tressa – The Secret Smuggler is a specially written dance by Sheila's School of Dancing, Millpool Performance Marquee Tuesday 2nd September 7pm – 10pm

An intriguing yarn of Smugglers and Privateers set in and around the ancient fishing village of Polperro during the 18th century. The story is about a local girl Tressa (third born) and her struggle to be accepted as a 'real' smuggler told through the medium of dance. Hear how the good folk of Polperro avoid the revenue men.

Cornish Lads – Cornwall Songwriters, Millpool Performance marquee, West Looe Thursday 4th September 8pm -10pm

The musical drama-documentaries from Cornwall Songwriters have won the hearts of thousands of Cornish men and women, from the old country and from all round the world. Such was the impact of 'The Cry of Tin' that the World Heritage Trust asked the team to revisit the subject of Cornish Mining, and the result is a stunning new show. Already being lauded as 'the best yet', it's in the 'unmissable' category. A musical drama of hard rock mining. Directed by Mike OConnor. Celebrating the mining landscape of Cornwall & West Devon and the men and women who shaped it. Supported by World Heritage Site.

Sunday fun day & processional East Looe seafront Sunday 7th September from 12 noon.

As the title implies an afternoon and evening of dancing and fun for all the family.

Processional 4pm from bridge - seafront Service of celebration, popular hymns and Cornish songs in Cornish and English.

Dancing on the seafront and beach. Activities will include: Cornish Wrestling, Beach treasure hunt .

Miner Quay Shanty Group. Asteveryn simply means 'let us replenish, refill, pour back etc' within the context of replacing that which, for whatever reason, is missing.

Hevva is a group of experienced dancers and musicians who display, teach and promote the traditional dances and music of Cornwall.

Brass ensemble, St Pinnock Brass Band , Kernow Pipes and Drums Band, Crowders and Horners

To book tickets and for full programme visit www.dehwelanskernow.com

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Selection of photographs attached & programme summary