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Welcome



After an action-packed summer on the water, autumn finds us in a reflective mood

As we sent *Lifeboat* to print, the sun had been baking the UK and Ireland for weeks. And we weren't complaining! But warm weather draws crowds to the coast, and our volunteers were called away from barbecues, school sports days and a certain football tournament – to make sure summer didn't turn sour. We tell just a few of their stories from page 8.

And while they're still on call and ready to respond, autumn gives us a chance to draw breath. As we approach the 100th anniversary of the original Armistice Day, thoughts turn to the First World War. With so many of our young men away in the trenches, the make-up of RNLI lifeboat crews changed. As did the types of shouts they were called on – from torpedoed

liners to downed aircraft. Wartime heroism is redefined from page 18.

Autumn is also back-to-school time. But for our crews and lifeguards, learning and training is a year-round pursuit. We've done a number of features in previous issues about the intensive training offered at RNLI College here in Poole, Dorset – but so often it's local knowledge and trust in your fellow lifesavers that make the difference on a challenging mission. See the paces they put themselves through, week after week, from page 22.

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The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea. We do so by providing a rescue service, safety education, and supervision on beaches. We also influence other organisations, policy-makers and regulators. Our crews and lifeguards have saved over 142,200 lives since the RNLI was formed in 1824. We want to halve UK and Ireland coastal drowning by 2024 and reduce drowning around the world where it's a major risk. We are independent from government and rely on voluntary contributions and gifts in Wills for income. The RNLI is a charity registered in England and Wales (209603) and Scotland (SC037736). Registered charity number 20003326 in the Republic of Ireland



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SOUTH/MIDLANDS/EAST COMMUNITY NEWS

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Tower

GRENFELL FAMILIES VISIT STATION

The RNLI has been working alongside charity Cornwall Hugs Grenfell to help survivors, firefighters and those who've lost loved ones to create new memories and find some peace by the sea. One little boy, 4-year-old Salahadin ('DinDin'), visited Cornwall last year and was very taken with Penlee Lifeboat Station's 'big orange boat' and its Coxswain, Patch Harvey. And this year, crew at Tower Lifeboat Station were pleased to welcome him and other young visitors to see one of the lifeboats in their hometown.

After a talk from London Firefighter and volunteer Visits Team Member Jim Allen, Tower Duty Helm Craig Burn showed the children the E class lifeboat – and even let them have a look through the binoculars and night vision equipment. DinDin had Craig chuckling at his



DinDin presents Penlee's history book to Tower Duty Helm Craig Burn

Welcome to your community news for the South, Midlands and East. For the latest from where you are, head to RNLI.org/news



Alyasar (10), Qais (5), Yusra (8) and Joseph (2)

insistence that 'Patch's boat is bigger', to which he replied: 'Yes, but Craig's boat is faster!' Ten-year-old Alyasar, however, preferred the E class: 'It was very cool. I think I do want to be a lifeboat lady. It's actually fun saving people's lives but I would choose the fast boat!'

Jim showed the children the crew room and they got to try on the kit. DinDin enjoyed 'calling' to Patch over the headset: 'I'm on my way, Patch, I'm coming today!' And at the end of the visit, he presented Craig with a gift: a copy of Penlee's new history book – signed from one crew to another.

Craig reflects: 'It's just fantastic to see all the young kids come down with their families. They've been through a tough time and to put a smile on their faces and tell them about the lifeboats is brilliant. Hopefully there are some future crew in the group and we'll see them again onboard in a few years' time.'



Yusra, 8-year-old future crew



Joseph, aged 2, in the crew jacket

Penlee

KERNOW KREW RUN LONDON MARATHON

Sisters Louisa Nowell and Carly Byrne, along with best friend Katrina Tonkin, have been working tirelessly to help raise money for Penlee Lifeboat Station's new Shannon.

Within the space of a few months, they organised quiz nights, raffles, auctions and rugby match collections, as well as running the London Marathon. The Kernow Krew have raised a staggering £6,458.79, which was



presented to Coxswain Patch Harvey onboard the Severn class *Volunteer Spirit* in July.

Sheringham

20P LIFERING PROTOTYPE TESTED BY CHILDREN

In July, a lifering prototype was put to the test by children from Sheringham Primary School at Splash Sheringham. The prototype was in its second phase of development.

RNLI International Programmes Manager Stuart Thompson says: 'It seemed quite intuitive to them. They really enjoyed it and it was definitely useful from a testing point of view.'

Costing just 20p, and constructed using plastic bottles and a fabric 'sock', the lifering can be made easily and affordably – meaning it has the potential to save thousands of lives all around the world. Globally, an estimated

400,000 people drown every year – 90% of whom are children.

The next phase in the project is to produce a manufacturing instruction manual.



Year 4 children at Splash in Sheringham with members of the RNLI International Team

PLEASE SEND US YOUR NEWS AND EVENTS

Want to share your RNLI news and events with *Lifeboat* readers? By the time this issue lands on your doorstep, we'll be working on the winter issue, so please email supportercare@rnli.org.uk with anything you'd like considered.

WHAT'S ON

Fish Supper is back for 2018 from 5–21 October. To host your own visit RNLI.org/FishSupper, or see RNLI.org/events to find one near you.



BIG BOOK SALE

Saturday 20 October, 10am–4pm
TAAG Arts and Community Centre, Teignmouth
Browse the books and enjoy a slice of homemade cake.

TEA WITH SYMPHONY

Tuesday 23 October, 2.30–4.30pm
Petts Wood War Memorial Hall, Orpington
Tea with Frances Barrett on piano, raffle and an RNLI souvenirs stand. Tickets are £7.50 from Margaret on 01689 834896 or Frances on 01689 820944.

TIM CAFFELL TALK

Tuesday 31 October, 7.15pm
Ashted Peace Memorial Hall
Tim Caffell, CEO at the Leatherhead Theatre, will share stories about theatre life and the revival of this well-loved community theatre. His talk will be followed by a buffet with tea and coffee. Contact Ann Reynolds on earey33@gmail.com or 01372 277045.

REINDEER RUN

Sunday 25 November, 9.30am
Moors Valley Country Park, Ringwood
Sunday 16 December, 9.30am
Stansted Park, Havant
Join RNLI mascots Rookie and Stormy for a fantastically festive RNLI Reindeer Run. Choose 10K, 5K, or 1K Santa Saunter (for under 12s). Sign up at RNLI.org/ReindeerRun.

LIFEBOAT BALL

Saturday 12 January 2019
Ocean Rooms, Gorleston-on-Sea
Come along for the Great Yarmouth and Gorleston Guild's Lifeboat Ball with music from the Lee Vasey Band. Tickets £50. Contact Tricia Duffield on 07615 585864.

LIFEBOAT LOTTERY

SUMMER 2018 RESULTS

Congratulations to Miss A Prince from Essex who won our first prize of £5,000 cash.

OUR OTHER WINNERS WERE:

2ND PRIZE: £2,000	AND 5 PRIZES OF £100 EACH
Mr R Pollard, North Humberside	Mr J Gardiner, Surrey
3RD PRIZE: £500	Mr GD Oldfield, East Sussex
Mr G Downham, Cambridgeshire	Mr A Craven, West Yorkshire
4TH PRIZE: £250	Mrs J Hall, Staffordshire
Mr P Porter, Hertfordshire	Mr and Mrs JT Ormston, Lincolnshire

We'll report the winners of the autumn Lifeboat Lottery in our winter 2018–19 issue. The winter Lifeboat Lottery will mail on 19 October 2018. The closing date is 6 December 2018 and the draw date is 20 December 2018.

To take part, please call 0300 300 9990 or email your details to lottery@rnli.org.uk and request a lottery mailing.

Phone lines are open Monday–Friday, 8am–6pm.

Please note that, due to tax and gaming laws, Lifeboat Lottery tickets are only available in England, Scotland and Wales. Entrants must be aged 16 or over. For full details (including terms and conditions), please go to RNLI.org/lottery or see your lottery letter.

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or call us on: 0300 300 9990

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