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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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WALES

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Pendine



Shelley presents her donation to lifeguards at her local beach

3-PEAK SUMMIT FOR THE RNLI

In June, Shelley Phillips from Pendine raised an impressive £445 completing the National Three Peaks Challenge for the RNLI.

The challenge calls for mountaineers to summit the highest peaks of Wales, Scotland and England – Snowdon (1,085m), Ben Nevis (1,345m) and Scafell Pike (978m) – within 24 hours.

Shelley is a passionate supporter of the RNLI's work in Pembrokeshire, and went to present her donation to the lifeguards providing seasonal cover at her local beach.

Lifeguard Supervisor Oliver Davies-Scourfield says: 'Our thanks go out to Shelley for completing this momentous challenge and raising such a large amount of money for the RNLI.'

Welcome to your community news for Wales. For all the latest from where you are, head to RNLI.org/news

Rhyl



A summer of firsts

It's been a summer of firsts in Rhyl, with the station hosting the first ever Swim Safe event at a Welsh lifeboat station and volunteers organising their first music festival.

The Swim Safe session, run in joint partnership between the RNLI and Swim Wales, saw children from seven local schools learn about beach flags, how to perfect their floating skills, and how to call for help if they need to.

Ysgol Llewelyn PE Co-ordinator Emma Parry says: 'Swimming itself is an important life skill,

and to have the chance to swim safely in open water is great. The group thoroughly enjoyed themselves.'

The station's first music festival, held in July, saw five local bands donate time and talent to help raise money for the station's Shannon class lifeboat appeal. Despite an overcast and blustery day, almost £600 was raised, and music, raffle, cakes and mocktails were enjoyed by all.

To support Rhyl's Shannon appeal, visit RNLI.org/RhylAppeal.

Barmouth

Dog show interrupted

Visitors to Barmouth Lifeboat Station got to see the crew in action when the pagers went off during their annual dog show in June.

The dog show itself proved popular, with dogs of all kinds (and their humans) competing in a variety of classes. Best in Show was awarded to Storm and Storm's humans Issy and Joe Downing (pictured).



New Brighton

Egremont Primary pupils visit station

Earlier this year, 24 year-5 children from Egremont Primary School visited New Brighton Lifeboat Station to learn about the work of the RNLI and how to keep safe near open water.

Volunteer Deputy Launching Authority Andy Liston says: 'It was brilliant to see schoolchildren buzzing with excitement while learning what to do if they're in trouble in the water and how to spot if someone else is having difficulty.'

Pupils also had the opportunity to sit in the inshore lifeboat while Crew Member Steve Mole showed them the different parts and how they work.

Teacher Stephanie Merry says: 'Most of our children live very close to the water and this trip gave them an overall awareness of the RNLI and the important job they do.'



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 doorsteps, 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.

PENARTH FASHION WEEK
6–21 October

Venues throughout Penarth Events will include fashion shows and pampering evenings, as well as a special Fish Supper in Penarth Lifeboat Station. Early booking essential, visit penarthfashionweek.co.uk.

FLINT FIREWORKS

Friday 2 November, 7.15pm

Flint Lifeboat Station

Fireworks at 7.15pm and a funfair from 6pm. Admission £10 for a family, £4 for an adult, and £1 for a child.

LLANDUDNO AUCTION

Friday 16 November, 7pm

Llandudno Football Club

A fun auction in aid of the RNLI. Admission £1, including a free raffle. Call 07989 617676 for further details or to donate any unwanted Christmas presents, games, books and similar.

TREARDDUR BAY CAROL SERVICE

Friday 14 December, 7pm

St Ffraid's Church, Trearddur Bay

27th annual RNLI carol service, with music from the Menai Bridge Band followed by refreshments. Contact Trearddur Bay Lifeboat Station Chaplain Bill Rogerson on bill.rnli@btinternet.com.

PORTHCAWL RESCUE FESTIVITY 2018

Saturday 22 December, 4–7pm

Porthcawl Lifeboat Station

Bring the little ones along to see Father Christmas arrive by lifeboat (around 4pm), followed by an opportunity for the children to meet him in the boathouse, with music and craft stalls. No charge to meet Father Christmas, but donations gratefully received.

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

Mr R Pollard, North Humberside

3RD PRIZE: £500

Mr G Downham,
Cambridgeshire

4TH PRIZE: £250

Mr P Porter, Hertfordshire

AND 5 PRIZES OF £100 EACH

Mr J Gardiner, Surrey

Mr GD Oldfield, East Sussex

Mr A Craven, West Yorkshire

Mrs J Hall, Staffordshire

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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