



FUNDRAISERS HIGHLIGHT A YEAR OF SUCCESS

A change of name, nearly £67,000 raised for the charity last year and plans a for a better-than-ever Lifeboat Week in 2019. These were the highlights of the annual meeting of the Lyme Regis and Charmouth RNLI Guild.

After decades as a Guild the volunteers, who form the fundraising branch of the RNLI, are now members of the Lyme Regis and Charmouth Lifeboat Supporters Group. Chairman Ken Lavery said the title of RNLI Guild 'does not tell people what we are about.'

Members voted for the name change and now plan an open day at the lifeboat station in a bid to raise the profile of the group and attract new members. Mr. Lavery praised a 'superb' committee and said plans were now under way for a better than ever Lifeboat Week with many old favourites and new events. Treasurer Brian Cursley reported that the group had raised a total of

£66,806 for the life-saving charity during 2018, including £35,152 during Lifeboat Week. He said: "It has been an extremely good year, and all down to our volunteers." The meeting heard that takings at the lifeboat shop on the Cobb totalled £138,203 and it had been the best performing RNLI shop not attached to a museum or visitor experience centre.



Our Wellie Family are very popular

Come and join us...



Josh is an enthusiastic Lyme Lifeboat Supporter

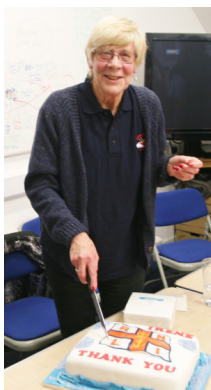
There's more to fundraising than collecting! Many skills (sense of humour advantageous) are needed to continue raising the amount we do annually in Lyme Regis for the RNLI... Preparations for Lifeboat Week 2019 are well under way so if you are interested in assisting the Lifeboat Supporters Group - even once a year is a great help and you don't have to live in Lyme. Please contact our Membership Secretary, Anne Marks: annemarks101@gmail.com

Irene loved Lifeboat Week

Members of her family received a posthumous award for Irene Roper, chairman of the Lyme Regis and Charmouth RNLI Guild who sadly died during last year's Lifeboat Week.

Irene's son, Daniel and sister Maggie Sullivan attended a RNLI reception where Irene's contribution to the charity was acknowledged.

Maggie said: "It was a lovely occasion to remember Irene's contribution to the RNLI and reflect on her all round commitment to the local community in so many ways. Irene received the gift of a limited edition book detailing the history of the RNLI which has become one of the family's most treasured memories."



NEW LIFEBOAT STATION

OPEN DAY

Fun for all

Meet The Crew

& Supporters

from 10am



followed by

BLESSING OF THE BOATS

3pm Sunday 26th May

All Welcome

2019 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lifeboat Station Open Day

10am onwards Fun for all the family
3pm **Blessing of the Boats**
Sunday 26th May, The Slipway, Lyme Regis

Flag Day: Lyme Regis and Charmouth

Saturday 1st June: helpers contact Gwyneth please

Lifeboat Week Lyme Regis

Saturday 27th July - Friday 2nd August
Helpers welcome

Fish suppers

October - dates & venues to be advised

Christmas Day Swim, Charmouth

11am 25th December

Lifeboat Shop Roadshow Venues

Uplyme Village Show, Uplyme
Saturday 8th June

Axe Vale Show, Axminster Showground
Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd June

Uplyme Horticultural Show, Uplyme
Saturday 13th July

Southleigh Show, Southleigh
Wednesday 14th August

Food Rocks, Lyme Regis
Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September

WANTED: KNITTED & CROCHETED GOODS



We are having our popular knitted/crocheted goods stall again in Lifeboat Week. If you are able to donate any of the following items we would be very grateful. Soft toys, premature baby size items, dolls clothes, babies and toddler size cardigans and jumpers, shawls/pram blankets. Please contact Marion on 0791 9966780 or call into the RNLI Shop on a Monday first thing to talk to Marion.

Fred Colebourne long-standing supporter of Lyme Regis Lifeboat

has sadly passed away. He took over from Ken Faragher as Chairman of the Lyme Regis Lifeboat Guild in 1998 and enjoyed working with the Guild and crew together. John Broom knew him well. He introduced Carys Lowe to working in the shop on Sunday afternoons and was instrumental in getting Carys to be minute Secretary in 2001. Carys said "Fred did a lot with keeping the fundraising going - a twice yearly jumble sale, Christmas day swim, blessing of the boats, volunteers dinner, lifeboat week and at the time a cheese and wine RNLI dinner." Fred retired to spend more time with his wife and handed over to Rob Michael.



A Lyme Regis Lifeboat Week website is being set up enabling Lifeboat Week programmes to be downloaded. Keep watching www.lymeregislifeboatweek.co.uk

Pat Day, lifeboat shop stalwart

Guild members were saddened by the news of the recent death of Pat Day, a long-serving volunteer in the Lyme Regis RNLI lifeboat shop. Pat ran the shop when it was a small kiosk next to the old lifeboat station which was then located on the harbour slipway. She later managed the current shop when it opened in 1997. Pat received an award from the RNLI after 20 years as a shop volunteer. Her husband, Fred, was honorary secretary of the lifeboat station from 1987 to 1994. He is a retired merchant navy chief engineer and presented the lifeboat station with a ship's bell which hangs to this day just inside the entrance.



Lyme Boathouse News



Lifeboat Operations Manager Nick Marks told the Annual General Meeting that the volunteer crew members had answered 40 emergency calls during the year. Analysis of the 'shouts' showed that most involved missing persons, people cut off by the tide, and broken down vessels.

Mr Marks said that because there were locations between Lyme Regis and Golden Cap where the lifeboat could not be beached crew members had to swim ashore to reach people in trouble. He said the question of getting an additional, much smaller boat for use in such situations was being investigated.

Volunteer Lifeboat Operations Manager: Nick Marks
Volunteer Press Officer for Lyme Regis RNLI: Richard Horobin

Supporters Group Who's Who

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