

# RNLI CHISWICK

## Summer 2011 Newsletter



**Lifeboats**

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### SOS Day



£8,500 pounds in cash was raised by Crews from Chiswick and Teddington Lifeboats on SOS day in January. The team "cycled" from The Shetlands to Guernsey and half way back again over 32 hours at Bentalls centre in Kingston. Chelsea Pensioners and many others gave their support. Online donations increased the total to £14,156.

### Mayoral support



The mayor of Hammersmith & Fulham, councillor Adronie Alford chose the RNLI as her charity for her year in office. The mayor enabled many fundraising events with Chiswick RNLI including an event at Lyric Square, the New Year's Day parade in central London, and an evening with a dozen London Mayors. The year finished with a collection at Chelsea's last home match of the season where £1837 was raised.

**For latest details of events and rescues log on to Chiswick RNLI on Facebook or the Website.**



**Lifeboats**

The **RNLI** depends on voluntary contributions and legacies for its income.

There are more than 4,600 volunteer lifeboat crew members at 235 lifeboat stations throughout the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

Since it started operations on the 2 January 2002, Chiswick lifeboat has attended over 1850 incidents and rescued over 900 people.

The four Thames lifeboats together have attended over 5800 incidents.



### Chiswick Lifeboat

2011 is proving to be a busy year, by the end of May Chiswick RNLI Lifeboat had attended over 100 calls; 3 weeks earlier than 2010.



### Fall on Foreshore

On 19 March 2011 Chiswick Lifeboat crews ferried Ambulance paramedics to treat and evacuate an injured photographer. The man had fallen down the bank and suffered a severe break to his ankle. RNLI crew had administered entenox for pain relief but the break was so severe that the paramedics administered morphine. The lifeboat was essential to evacuate the casualty safely at a spot on the towpath half a mile from the nearest road.



### Stricken barge rescued

Three days after the incident on the foreshore, Chiswick Lifeboat helmsman used all the power of the Lifeboat's twin turbo diesels to tow a 36 ton barge with engine failure. Prompt action prevented the barge from drifting towards Putney where there were many rowers out on the water on a fine day.

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