

RNLI CHISWICK BRANCH

Autumn 2009 Newsletter



Branch Activities

The RNLI Chiswick Branch works closely with Chiswick Lifeboat Station. The Branch runs many fundraising activities for the RNLI, through stalls at many local events, box collections and pub quizzes. If you would like to give time or money to this excellent cause, please contact Richard Millar on 020 8995 7021



Fundraising at Chiswick House Dog Show

Future Events

- **TREASURE HUNT** Get to know your area better by participating in the RNLI Chiswick Treasure Hunt on Sunday 1st November, starting at 11am at The Tabard pub (Bath Road) and finishing there with a buffet lunch. Teams of four may enter, at £50 per team. The entry fee includes all treasure hunt materials and the buffet lunch at The Tabard. To enter, please contact richardmillar@supanet.com with the words "RNLI treasure hunt" in the subject line
- **SETH LAKEMAN CONCERT** Collectors needed on 12 December at Shepherds Bush Empire - he is a great supporter of the RNLI. Contact Richard Millar as above.
- **CAROL SINGING** at Hammersmith Tube Station (Piccadilly/District). 18.00-19.00 on Tuesday 8 December. All singers and bucket carriers welcome.
- **LIFEBOAT SOS DAY** on 29 January 2009 involves schools and workplaces in a national fundraising initiative. The branch has contacts with a number of local schools; further suggestions would be welcome. The RNLI has a full pack of fundraising material.



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

There are more than 4,600 volunteer lifeboat crew members at 232 lifeboat stations throughout the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

Last year, lifeboats lunched over 8,200 times and rescued 7,612 people.

Since it started operations on the 2 January 2002, Chiswick lifeboat has attended over 1450 incidents and rescued over 720 people.

The four Thames lifeboats together have attended over 4500 incidents.



Chiswick Lifeboat

Busy Summer

By early October Chiswick Lifeboat had attended more incidents than during the whole of 2008. In mid October the number of calls stands at 153 with 38 people rescued. The surge in numbers is probably due to the better weather in the latter part of the summer which brought more people out on the river.



Chiswick Lifeboat Crew spreading the message on water safety.

Crew on message

Chiswick Lifeboat crews are used to spreading the water safety message to school groups on visits to the station or along the river. In the picture above they are running a lively discussion at Putney Pier with pupils from Fulham pre-Prep school. The 4 to 7 year olds presented a generous cheque to the crew after raising £2685 for the RNLI.



New Media

The RNLI is conscious of the explosive growth of social networking sites and sees these as a key tool to communicate the work of the charity, especially to younger people. Chiswick RNLI now has its own Facebook site with news of the station and the fundraising branch. Only one week after the launch, the site had attracted over 200 members. To join, search Facebook for Chiswick RNLI. The RNLI has official sites on Facebook and YouTube. The station website www.chiswicklifeboat.org.uk has links to these.