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NAMING CEREMONY AND SERVICE OF DEDICATION

of the Shannon class lifeboat

RNLB R and J Welburn
(ON-1310)

Exmouth Lifeboat Station
Saturday 9 May 2015
at 11am



Lifeboats

LIFEBOAT FUNDING

RAYMOND AND JOAN WELBURN



A quiet, homely and loving gentleman, Raymond Ernest Welburn was born on 11 November 1917, the youngest son of Ernest and Louisa.

It was while serving in the army during the Second World War that Raymond met Joan, a good looking Yorkshire lass who was a driver for army officers. They married one May in the 1940s. Raymond was discharged towards the end of the war on the grounds of poor health. His health went on to shape much of their married life, driving several career and house moves, firstly from the Kalamazoo factory in Birmingham to Chief Statistician at English Electric Stafford. When his health again became a problem, Raymond was advised to spend more time in the fresh air. He then moved to the village of Cranham in Gloucestershire and became National Farmers Union Secretary, before moving to the NFU in Somerset.

Following Raymond's death, Joan fulfilled her lifetime wish of living by the sea and moved to Sidmouth in Devon. Joan loved dogs and bred Cairn Terriers, including a Crufts award winner. Joan was very artistic and, as well as being an excellent cook, enjoyed painting, collage embroidery and pottery.

This lifeboat named *R and J Welburn* was mostly funded by Joan's legacy to the RNLI in remembrance of her late husband's relative, Captain Michael Hansley Welburn, who had been a coxswain at Spurn Point (now Humber) Lifeboat Station in South Yorkshire. Captain Welburn died in April 1853 at the age of 37 from exposure to cold weather while endeavouring to save lives at sea.

Joan and Raymond would have been delighted to know that their generosity has given Exmouth Lifeboat Station a Shannon class lifeboat that bears the Welburn name.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

The RNLI would also like to thank the following people for the additional funding for the Shannon class lifeboat and launch and recovery equipment:

Mr Terence and Alice Piper

Legacy of Miss Margaret Ross Pattison

WT Mattock Charitable Trust

Legacy of Mr John Trevor Willows

Legacy of Mr Colin James Baddeley

Legacy of Miss Kathleen Mary Rose

Exmouth Lifeboat Station Appeal

MV Hillhouse Trust

Legacy of Mr David Jackson and

Mrs Judith Jackson

Mr and Mrs PA Davis

Mrs Joyce Vickers

Legacy of Mr Henry William Laurence
Clatworthy

Legacy of Mr Donald Cecil Rayner

ORDER OF CEREMONY

PATRON

Her Majesty The Queen

PRESIDENT

His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent KC

CHAIRMAN OF THE ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

Charles Hunter-Pease OBE

1. **National Anthem**
2. **Tim Baker**, Chairman of Exmouth Lifeboat Management Group, welcomes guests and opens the proceedings.
3. **Annette Richardson** hands over the lifeboat to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.
4. **Charles Hunter-Pease OBE**, Chairman of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, accepts the lifeboat on behalf of the RNLI and hands her into the care of the lifeboat station.
5. **Kevin Riley MBE**, Exmouth Lifeboat Operations Manager, accepts the lifeboat on behalf of the station.
6. **Reverend James Hutchings**, Exmouth RNLI Chaplain, leads the Service of Dedication.
7. **Tim Baker** invites **Annette Richardson** to name the Shannon class lifeboat *R and J Welburn*.
8. **Tim Baker** closes the proceedings.

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

We come together before God to give thanks for the provision of this lifeboat *R and J Welburn* and dedicate her to His service, and to seek His protection for the lifeboat and crews who serve in her during her service in the RNLI.

HYMN

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.
 2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard,
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid the storm didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.
 3. O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.
 4. O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.
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READING Mark 4: verses 35–41, read by Guy Munnings, Volunteer Helmsman

MINISTER

Heavenly Father, we desire to express our grateful thanks for the provision of this lifeboat, the boathouse in which she will be housed and for the generosity of the donors. We give thanks too for the skills and dedication of those involved in her design and building and those who have the responsibility of maintaining her throughout her years of service. We pray especially for the protection of the crew who will serve in her, in whatever circumstances they may find themselves, that they may know Your saving power. We give You thanks in the name of Christ. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom, the power
and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

DEDICATION OF THE LIFEBOAT

In the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, we dedicate this lifeboat for the noble purpose of rescuing those in danger on the sea. We commend to His care all those who serve in her, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

THE LIFEBOAT PRAYER

Merciful Father, all things in heaven and earth are held within Your loving care, look with favour upon the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Protect and bless the crews of all our lifeboats, our lifeguards and all who risk their own safety to bring help to others.

Guide all who work for the Institution as volunteers, supporters or staff, that they may be faithful to the vision of its founders, so that it may always be seen as a beacon of hope and light to those who find themselves in peril on the seas. Through the same Jesus Christ, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

HYMN:

1. Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the
cables strain,
Will your anchor drift or firm remain?

Refrain

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love.*

2. It is safely moored, 'twill the storm withstand,
For 'tis well secured by the Saviour's hand;
And the cables passed from His heart
to mine,
Can defy the blast, through strength divine.

Refrain

3. It will firmly hold in the straits of fear,
When the breakers have told the reef
is near;
Though the tempest rave and the wild
winds blow,
Not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.

Refrain

4. It will surely hold in the floods of death,
When the waters cold chill our latest breath;
On the rising tide it can never fail,
While our hopes abide within the veil.

Refrain

THE BLESSING

SHANNON CLASS ALL-WEATHER LIFEBOAT



Photo: RNLI/Mike Powell

The Shannon class lifeboat is the first all-weather lifeboat to be propelled by twin waterjets instead of propellers, making it more manoeuvrable and safer to operate in shallow waters, reducing the risk of damage during launch and recovery.

Capable of 25 knots, the Shannon class is 50% faster than the Mersey she replaces. Able to cope with all weathers, she is inherently self-righting in the event of a capsizing.

The Shannon incorporates the very latest computer technology and is equipped with SIMS (Systems and Information Management System), which allows crew members to monitor and operate many of the boat's functions from the safety of their seats.

Designed in-house by RNLI naval architects, the Shannon class lifeboat was introduced to the RNLI's fleet in 2013.

SPECIFICATIONS

Crew: 6
Survivor capacity: 23 (self-righting)
79 (non self-righting)
Length: 13.6m
Beam: 4.5m
Max speed: 25 knots
Range: 250 nautical miles
Displacement: 18 tonnes (maximum)

Construction: composite materials,
with carbon fibre in areas
with high load
Endurance: 10 hours at 25 knots
Engines: two Scania D13 650hp
engines with twin Hamilton
HJ364 waterjets

SHANNON LAUNCH AND RECOVERY SYSTEM



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The Shannon launch and recovery system has been developed to launch and recover the 18-tonne Shannon class lifeboat in extremely rugged and harsh environments. The tractor and carriage can negotiate beaches with steep gradients and gullies, or travel long distances over flat, saturated sand or shingle.

Connected by a pivoting swan neck, hydraulic motors power both the tractor and the rear carriage. The system incorporates several unique and innovative features including a software-controlled four-track drive system that provides exceptional mobility.

The vehicle can be operated in calm water to a depth of 2.4m and shut down to withstand full submersion in water up to 9m deep if stranded on an incoming tide.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat can be launched and recovered bow first. The cradle that carries the lifeboat rotates through 180° using a unique turntable feature built into the carriage. This reduces the time and space needed to prepare for relaunch – a crucial factor if the Shannon receives more than one call out in a day.

SPECIFICATIONS

Length of tractor and carriage:	19.3m without lifeboat 20.3m with lifeboat	Engine:	Scania DC13 12.7-litre turbo-charged diesel, 331kW
Tractor width:	3.5m	Fuel:	300 litres
Tractor height:	4m	Max speed:	10mph
Weight:	37 tonnes		
Winch wire pull:	18.5 tonnes		

EXMOUTH LIFEBOAT STATION PERSONNEL

LIFEBOAT CREW

Coxswain	Steve Hockings-Thompson
Second Coxswain	Scott Ranft
Deputy Coxswains	Roger Jackson, Ian Taylor
Station Mechanic	Andy Williams
Deputy Mechanics	Mark Sansom, Robert Thompson
Helmsmen	Scott Ranft, Mark Champion, Roger Jackson, Guy Munnings, Chris Sims, Robert Thompson, Andrew Stott, Roy Stott, Ian Taylor
Crew Members	Charles Swales, Paul Balbi, David Preece, James Searle, Tim Barnes, Steve Satchell, Harry Griffin
Shore Crew	Neil Cannon, Peter Renouf, Justin Woodcock, Hedley Saunders, Henry Mock
Deputy Launching Authorities	Dave Ashman, Peter Thomas, Brian Abbott, Neil Hurlock, Neil Matson, Rachel Hughes

LIFEBOAT STATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND OPERATIONS TEAM

Lifeboat Operations Manager	Kevin Riley MBE
Station Medical Advisor	Dr Peter Aitken
Chairman of the Lifeboat Management Group	Tim Baker
Chairman of the Fundraising Team	Don Hodgkinson
Treasurer	Tina Burke
Lifeboat Press Officer	Emma Tarling
Lifeboats Visits Officer	Derek Scott-Cairns
Shop Managers	Pat Atkinson, Linda Cawsey

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