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THE EXMOUTH LIFEBOAT SUPPORTERS NETWORK

Exmouth Lifeboat Shouts:

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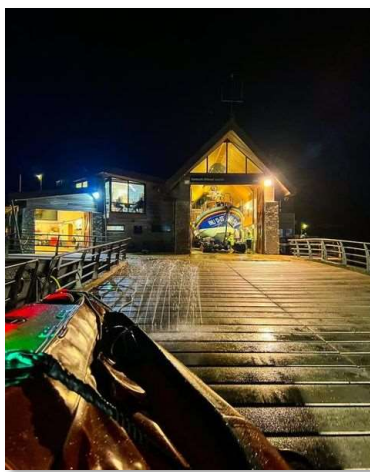
Lifeboat Operations

Operations update along with our crew and management. See page 9-10.

RNLI Fundraising, Exmouth Lifeboat Shop, Visits Team

All the latest from these teams. See pages 11-13 for details.

Welcome to the Summer 2023 edition of the newsletter for all our current and former supporters / helpers / crew / etc. of Exmouth Lifeboat Station. Of course, the paramount event from the last newsletter was the Coronation of our new Patron, King Charles, following from his mother Queen Elizabeth, passing away at the beginning of September a year ago.



Do check out the Station Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ExmouthRNLI/> where there are many more reports on activity round the station and videos of exercises. You will also find links to the fantastic fundraising efforts by Crew member Dougie Wright and his students at Bicton College, which are described later in the Newsletter.

Welcome again to our newsletter for all of you who have been supporters, helpers or crew at Exmouth Lifeboat Station. Our aim is to give a good insight into the workings of the lifeboat station.

Do get in touch if there are any items you would like to see covered in a future issue. As always there have been a number of developments and new faces to update you on, but first there follow the narratives of all the shouts we have attended since the last newsletter.

Ian Taylor

Exmouth Lifeboat Operations Manager

EXMOUTH LIFEBOAT SHOUTS

04/03/2023 – 23:49

Tasking request paged by Coastguard, to search for a young female reported on Dawlish beach West of Langstone Rock. The coastguard scrambled Coastguard helicopter and casualty was evacuated to the helicopter by lifeboat crew and coastguards at 01:20. ILB recovered 02:00.

14/03/2023 – 09:55

Coastguard paged for launch of ALB to assist search for reported sinking boat with 4 POB. ALB launched to assist Helo plus Teignmouth Atlantic and several fishing boats. ALB stood down and search cancelled after a period of 2 hours and ALB returned to station.

18/03/2023 – 14:40

Launch initiated by Coastguard for a man with cardiac arrest on Sandy Bay beach, ambulance, Coastguard, HART and helimed mobilised. First informant had run from the beach to summon help but when he returned the casualty had disappeared. None of the services nor our ILB could find a casualty. All were stood down when no casualty could be found.

06/04/2023 – 20:35

Five casualties cut off by the tide at Lymptone. ILB launched and casualties brought to shore safely.

Following the rescue of 5 casualties cut off by the tide the ILB was tasked to assist and tow a broken down vessel near Cockwood. The vessel was on a mooring and was towed to Cockwood Harbour. ILB returned to station 21:40.

08/04/2023 – 13:43

While on exercise ILB noticed that a wing boarder was in difficulty in the area of No. 4 buoy River Exe. Casualty rescued and brought to shore.

At 14:50, Coastguard requested ILB to extricate a 48 year old male from the base of Langstone Rock. He had fallen off and broken his ankle, the tide was rising and the paramedics and HART considered that he would best be removed by sea.

Helm of ILB requested ALB on standby as sea conditions looked too rough to bring casualty to Exmouth. Casualty collected from base of cliffs at 16:07 and landed ashore at Dawlish Warren beach at 16:32. ALB stood down..



19/04/2023 – 18:20

Coastguard requested launch of ILB to a kayaker in difficulty off Exmouth dock at the entrance to the Exe. ILB was launched but struck the propeller on the launching trolley, proceeded towards the dock entrance but lost way after about two cables and had to anchor in the strong spring flood. ALB was preparing to launch on exercise so proceeded to the area off the dock but found no casualty, it was known by this time that he had capsized 2 or 3 times in the spring race off the dock. He was then swept away upstream through Shelley Gutter towards Starcross. The ALB had to proceed via the main channel around Bull Hill to Starcross, returning to station when the boarding boat located the casualty. The boarding boat was launched and proceeded into the Bight where they spoke to the casualty now self-recovering and paddling back up the eddy on the west side of the estuary. The casualty refused to give his details and declined assistance. After ensuring the safety of the individual the

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boarding boat proceeded back towards the station to tow the ILB back to shore putting a crew member aboard the ILB to assist with recovery.

29/04/2023 – 09:00

Tasked to assist with male on seafront with a cardiac episode, CPR was in process by members of the public. Exmouth bravo had asked for assistance from ILB in the form of oxygen + extra cas care equipment as ETA of ambulance was unclear.

03/05/2023 – 19:00

Lifeguard supervisor Jake Butt fell and amputated his left little finger. ILB crew who were preparing to launch on exercise gave casualty care and drove him to hospital.

13/05/2023 – 18:22

Adult male had entered the water near the Edgewater sports centre. ILB launched and recovered casualty. Police helicopter also on station.

19/05/2022 – 11:30

Coastguard requested tasking to a vessel taking on water off Berry Head, 12nm SSE of Exmouth, with a mayday call received at 09:31 local time. Torbay lifeboat was reported en route and a Coastguard helicopter was also tasked. It was reported that one crew member from the vessel had been rescued and another unaccounted for. Lifeboat was launched promptly.

After arrival at the location, it was clear that the vessel, reported as an Orkney Pilot fishing dayboat, had sunk. Some debris was visible. Rescued casualty was transferred from Brixham lifeboat to Exmouth lifeboat and transferred as "walking wounded" to police care and subsequent ambulance at Exmouth Quay. A crew member remained with the casualty and another crew member took their place while the lifeboat returned to the reported vessel location to continue the search with other vessels, helicopter and Brixham lifeboat. A Coastguard fixed-wing aircraft was also tasked to the search location.



The rescued crewmember reported that his friend was trapped in the wheelhouse when the vessel sank. After some hours of search patterns under Coastguard instruction, the missing crewman had not been located. Lifeboats returned to base for refuel and crew refreshment. Search was called off by Coastguard at c.19:45 local time. ALB was then tasked to another alert in Topsham area with ILB, returning to base c.21:00 local time.

19/05/2023 – 19:19

Coastguard requested the launch of ILB to investigate multiple unresponsive DSC alerts from the Topsham area. ALB was available in marina awaiting clearance to stand down from an earlier shout and was also tasked for support.

On arrival in Topsham area, it was clear that there was a Topsham SC race in progress. Alerts were resolved to a faulty VHF set on a boat participating in the race. The culprit was somewhat uncooperative. Boats returned to base c.21:00 local time.

21/05/2023 – 17:50

Black and white jetski reported half a mile S of Orcombe Point not moving for about an hour. ILB launched, proceeded to the jetski and ascertained that all was well with the rider. ILB returned to the station.

27/05/2023 – 19:57

Male said to being swept out to sea by ebbing tide. Immediate launch by Coastguard of ILB. ILB found casualty to be ashore but very cold. Cas Care given and left with our blanket.

27/05/2023 – 20:29

Rescued paddleboarder in difficulty off the beach east of lifeboat station. Subsequently, ILB was tasked to three individuals on one paddleboard fell off and were reported as being in difficulty. ILB launched and by the time the ILB arrived on scene the three individuals were ashore with their paddleboard.

28/05/2023 – 12:49

A tasking request was received from the Coastguard to assist with a search for a missing 4 year old boy. The missing person was located at 13:01 by a member of the shore crew.

29/05/2023 – 10:53

Coastguard paged for launch request. DLA responded and after discussion authorized launch of ALB to 32 foot yacht approximately 6 km off Holcombe/ Dawlish. Mayday signal received from yacht from a lady saying that her husband (yacht skipper) had fallen, banged his head and was unable to sail the yacht, she also couldn't helm the vessel and was panicking, both casualties were suffering from sea sickness. Also saying the vessel was taking water.

ALB launched and attended stricken vessel. Two ALB crew transferred to the vessel, assessed the situation and took control of the vessel. Teignmouth Atlantic launch was requested to evac the casualty while the Exmouth ALB took the vessel under tow to Torbay marina where it was handed into the care of Torbay harbour master. The ALB then returned to station. Female passenger was left in the care of the harbour master and husband was taken by ambulance to Torbay Hospital for observation after being taken ashore by Teignmouth lifeboat.

01/06/2022 – 17:19

Coastguard paged an immediate launch to assist a young man buried up to his neck in sand at the water's edge and was at high risk of drowning. The ILB was launched and the shore crew used the minibus to go to the scene to assist along with the ILB crew. This was a challenging rescue for those involved. The casualty was unable to help himself and relied on the excellent teamwork of the RNLI to save his life. A snorkel and breathing apparatus were used to help him breathe. Once rescued he was taken to hospital for checks and the tool track was used to fill up the hole.

05/06/2023 – 18:40

Tasking request was received at 18.39 from the Coastguard. A boat had run aground near Sidmouth and was being supported by the Sidmouth lifeboat. The vessel couldn't use its engine and Exmouth RNLI was tasked to tow the boat to Exmouth and a safe mooring. At 18.42 the ALB was paged to launch. It arrived on scene at 19.15. It took the boat, the Bianca Maria, under tow. The ILB was launched at 20.40 to support the ALB and escort the boat into Exmouth marina.

07/06/2023 – 18:00

ILB launched at 1800BST for routine exercise and responded immediately to attend a yacht issuing a PAN PAN call at entrance into the River Exe at approx 1930 BST. 30ft long-keel yacht with engine failure was caught in flooding tide and jeopardising moored craft to north of Exmouth Marina entrance. Yacht with two souls onboard was taken under immediate stern tow to prevent collisions. ILB helm sought support of the ALB, also exercising at the time, and the yacht was taken under alongside tow to safety of Exmouth Marina.

11/06/2022 – 13:55

Whilst heading back to station following an Exercise. D-793 received a call from the Boathouse saying there was a dismasted yacht close to the station. at 1355 as the ILB got close to the Yacht the persons onboard waved for assistance and requested a tow to less tidal waters. The ILB helm assessed the situation and it was agreed a tow was the safest means of rescue. a stern tow was set and the vessel was towed to the lifeboat mooring, where the owner managed to refuel his main engine and secure the fallen mast.

20/06/2023 - 10:45

Coastguard requested ILB tasking to a recreational fishing vessel 10nm SSE of Exmouth for casualty evacuation. Reported a 55-year old male, part of a fishing trip, with pins & needles in left arm, feeling sick and faint. Casualty reported as having suffered a heart attack 4 weeks previously and a separate broken collarbone in March. Casualty reported conscious and stable. DLA advised launch of ALB, which was paged at 10:30 local time.

ALB met fishing vessel and transferred casualty at 10:56, returning to Exmouth marina at 11:15 to meet with ambulance. Casualty conscious at all points of rescue. ALB returned to base 11:45.

24/06/2023 – 22:42

Red flares sighted at Starcross, 5 999 calls. Not the firework display at CTCRM Lympstone, photographed from there. ILB D805 launched at 2242, Starcross 2255. Nothing seen, shoreline search no result. Red parachute flare said to have landed 0.5mls inland at Starcross. Almost still breeze, ILB sent up white parachute flare which only drifted 0.1ml. Presumed false alarm, possible hoax. ILB stood down by Coastguard.

01/07/2023 – 17:48

16 year old boy stuck on cliff at Orcombe Point. Rescued from the cliff into the water and carried to ILB. Taken to the station to await collection by parents coming from Paignton. Superficial injuries to arms and knees.

02/07/2023 – 03:07

Missing person search requested by Coastguard. Thought to possibly be on the cliffs between Orcombe Point and Budleigh Salterton beach. ILB launched and later ALB sent to assist. nothing found after an hour's search, stood down by Coastguard.

02/07/2023 – 13:25

While preparing to launch for a PR event at Beer (Devon) the Lifeboat picked up a PAN PAN call from a yacht dismasted in Lyme Bay. After liaising with Coastguard, Lifeboat arrived and assisted crew to cut mast free, set on bottom in 4m water and buoy. Yacht proceeded with Harbourmaster escort back to Exmouth.

Coastguard advised that yacht owner would arrange to recover the mast on 4th July. Notice to Mariners advised by Harbourmaster. Lifeboat left scene and proceeded to PR event.

06/07/2023 – 01:28

The MOC (at 01:15 06/06/23) requested that both lifeboats be readied for launch, following a request from Devon and Cornwall Police. ILB was launched and made for the general direction of the casualty's believed location. Soon after launching a new correct location of the casualty was given by the police. Both lifeboats were stood down at 01:48 by coastguards.

08/07/2023 – 14:52

Tide Drifter reported engine failure due to overheating and had ceased making headway against the current at 1430 off Exmouth Beach. Tide was ebbing and current would not be slack until 1700. Boats Officers observing from station advised assist by alongside tow as stern D ring broken. Towline connected at 1454 and proceeded to yacht mooring in Shelley Gutter arriving at 1524. Unfortunately, the bow fairlead was ripped off during the tow.

10/07/2023 – 14:05

1357, Coastguard requested use of RNLI lifesaving assets to locate and support a missing individual reported on boat in marina. ILB launched and located craft at anchor with single male on board at 1415. ILB recovered casualty to lifeboat station.

13/07/2023 – 20:06

The MOC requested the launch of the ALB lifeboat following a Mayday call. About 10 boats were taking part in an RNLI fund raiser, race night. The skipper of a 21ft sports yacht fell overboard. A following boat saw this and made the Mayday call as per club protocol. The ALB was launched and arrived on scene to find the casualty had been recovered and transferred back to his boat by another competitor. The ALB made contact with the vessel, to confirm he was safe and well, and not needing medical care. At this point the lifeboat was stood down by the coastguard and returned to station.

16/07/2023 – 14:39

Coastguard requested launch of ILB to an exhausted oarsman unable to row to his mooring from Starcross Fishing and Cruising Club. The gentleman had called the watertaxi who called Exmouth Marina who called Coastguard.

ILB launched and, on the way to the described casualty position near No 18 channel buoy. He had dropped his outboard into the mud, upside down, before leaving SFCC pontoon but decided to continue under oars, running out of strength before reaching his moored yacht and calling for help. It was decided best not to continue to his yacht but deliver him to SFCC pontoon. On the way it was noted that his lifejacket did not have an inflation cylinder in it. Advice was given to correctly update his lifejacket and appreciate the strength of a spring flood and breeze before setting out again.

23/07/2023 – 02:42

At 0236 BST, Coastguard requested launch of ILB to conduct shoreline search for female reported missing and believed to be on the beach at Exmouth.

Shore crew conducted local shore search of the Maer and cricket club. Nil found. Multi-agency search involving multiple Coastguard, police and fire service search teams. Coastguard Helo 924 conducted search to west but again nil found. All assets stood down by Coastguard circa 0630.

23/07/2023 – 07:40

At 0730 BST, Coastguard paged immediate launch of ILB to person reported in the water and seen to be struggling.

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At approx 0740, ILB was pushed down for immediate launch but a crewman already on scene was already assisting a member of the public and a police officer in the recovery of a casualty from the water in close proximity to Maer Rocks in front of the lifeboat station. Casualty care was provided at lifeboat station, with police in attendance, until arrival of ambulance service.

Remarkable intervention of member of the public, police officer and crew member undoubtedly were instrumental to a "life saved." Crewman should be commended for his immediate actions conducted in the aftermath of an extended earlier tasking. Police positively identified the casualty as the reported missing person and responsibility for casualty care was passed to ambulance service circa 0800.

06/08/2023 – 21:45

Initial call from Coastguard at 21:18 of a vessel broken down 2 miles South of Straight Point. Vessel was 31ft yacht, 'John Silver', suffering with a broken impeller. 2 PoB, no navigation lights showing, anchor deployed, but still dragging with the ebbing current. In view of failing light and outgoing tide, DLA has decided to launch ALB to locate and assist vessel.

Casualty vessel located, anchor appears to be lodged, efforts being made to release anchor and get the casualty vessel under tow; 22:37 casualty vessel safely under tow by Exmouth ALB, heading to own mooring in river Exe, in the vicinity of Starcross. Casualty vessel towed upriver and secured on mooring,

09/08/2023 – 21:16

At the end of our evening training session a concerned member of the public informed one of our shore crew that they had seen a tent and personal contents on the beach at Rodney Bay with no sign of anyone present. The MOC ask for the IL B to carry out a shoreline search for the welfare of the person

The ILB was launched and found the person walking back to his tent. He asked to be left alone to enjoy nature and the beach. The crew, happy with his well-being and safety, bid him a good night and were stood down by coastguards and returned to station.

13/03/2023 – 23:32

Coastguard paged DLA at 2320BST and requested assistance with ongoing Coastguard and police search for missing person reported last seen in vicinity of Exmouth Lifeboat Station. Immediate launch of ILB approved for Coastguard coordinated S&R tasking in same vicinity. ILB launched at 2325BST and was subsequently joined by ALB at 2348 BST on reciprocal coastline search, 2 cables out, between Exmouth Marina and Orcombe Point. Search conditions poor in squally rain showers. Missing person located ashore by police at ~ 0008 and all assets stood down 0010 by Coastguard.

17/08/2023 – 17:50

Whilst on exercise on the 17th August the ILB was tasked to respond to a Pan Pan call at 17:50; 2 persons were aboard a tender that had become swamped and had made it back to their yacht but needed to get to Starcross. The ILB arrived on scene at 17:55 and towed the tender to Starcross Fishing and Cruising Club. The task was completed 18:15 when the ILB was tasked to a floating mussel farm that was a potential hazard to navigation. The ILB towed the farm to Exmouth marina and were released at 18:30.

18/08/2023 – 16:15

1602 Tasking Request from Solent Coastguard. Report via Police (Dawlish) of male seen / thought to have walked onto the top of Langstone Rock, no report of his coming off the rock do possibility he could be in the sea. Coastguard request immediate readiness ILB while they sought to clarify situation. DLA requested Immediate readiness both boats as conditions marginal for the ILB as support could be required.

Both lifeboats conducted shoreline search. Approach limited to 50m from shore because of breaking surf. ILB made immediate search of the vicinity of Langstone rock. Both boats then commenced a shoreline search north from Langstone rock to Dawlish Warren RNLI lifeguard station to 500m south of Langstone Rock. Nothing found. 1705 Both boats released by Coastguard and left scene.

19/08/2023 – 09:00

Inshore lifeboat D-805 George Bearman II was on exercise on the River Exe when they encountered a 19 foot Bayliner boat near buoy 21 drifting with engine failure at 11:53. The vessel had two persons on board, neither of whom had a lifejacket.

The lifeboat crew assessed the situation, established that the engine could not be restarted and so they took the boat in tow to the safety of shore at Topsham, arriving there at 12.28pm. Crew resumed exercise, arriving back at the lifeboat Station at 13:07.

21/08/2023 – 16:33

Coastguard paged for launch to assist 27 foot yacht that had fouled its propeller of a mooring in the Exe estuary, Harbour Master vessel unable to assist nor was water taxi so ILB tasked. Crew attended, removed rope from around prop and helped vessel to safely reach its mooring. ILB then returned to station.

28/08/2023 – 13:25

On the 28th August at 13:18 we received a tasking request from the Coastguard to support other services and lifeboats in the search for a missing diver off Portland. At 13:19 the ALB crew was paged to launch. The ALB arrived on scene at 14:30 and joined the search for 90 minutes to SW of Portland. The diver was found by the dive boat and at 16:00 the ALB stood down.

28/08/2023 – 15:45

Tasking Request from Solent Coastguard. Two Paddle boards reported drifting out to sea approx. 500m off the NE end of Budleigh Salterton Beach. 2 persons on each board reported to be 2 adults two children. 1535 DLA authorised immediate Launch ILB

1555 ILB on scene. 2 paddle boards located and safely returned to Budleigh beach. Coastguard mobile on scene and spoke to the paddleboarders giving sea safety advice.

02/09/2023 – 20:11

While launching on exercise the spoken words 'hello' were heard on VHF 16. Falmouth proceeded to call back with nothing heard. After ILB gained contact with Solent ILB was tasked to a pilot house 550 in the River Exe, rough area was Cockwood but unsure. ILB proceeded upriver and found 3 persons onboard a 5.5 metre vessel with engine difficulties in the vicinity of number 13 buoy. It was decided to take the vessel under tow to their mooring in the 01 area of the River Exe. Once successfully secured to their mooring, it was decided to take the casualties ashore via the ILB rather than their small tender which would have struggled against the flood spring tide. Only 1 person had a lifejacket, and they had limited experience of boating or the local area. Suitable safety advice was given.

LIFEBOAT OPERATIONS

TEAM NEWS

Long serving Exmouth RNLI crew volunteer, Chris Sims, has been awarded the bar to his 20 year RNLI service medal having completed 30 years' service to the lifesaving charity.

Chris, who first joined Exmouth RNLI as a volunteer 30 years ago in August 1993, has served in numerous lifesaving roles during his exemplary career as RNLI crew. These included a fully qualified inshore and all weather lifeboat crew member, inshore and all weather lifeboat navigator, inshore lifeboat mechanic as well as qualified first aider and casualty care operative. He was presented with the RNLI 20 year exemplary service medal in 2013.

Presenting the medal bar and silver pin badge to Chris at a volunteer event at Exmouth Lifeboat Station last weekend, Deputy Coxswain Roger Jackson described him as a very popular member of the crew, thanked him for his outstanding service and said that he could describe Chris in one word – 'dependable', meaning reliable, steady, and trustworthy.

In reply, Chris recognised the many volunteers at Exmouth Lifeboat Station, all of whom played a role in keeping the local lifeboat charity at the fore of the organisation.

Chris, 56, is married to Karen and has an 18 year old daughter, Elizabeth, and 16 year old son, Matthew. He said "Crew families are so important and I'm very grateful to have had the support of mine over the whole period I have been a lifeboat volunteer. It's sometimes not all that easy when you elect to respond to an emergency in the middle of a family outing, so a very special thank you must go to them. I have thoroughly enjoyed my RNLI volunteering and look forward to many more years of service."



CREW DEVELOPMENT

To ensure we plan well for future succession and development of the station needs, we regularly take on new crew. Over the period since our last newsletter, we have taken on 4 new potential crew. Henry Thomas, Pete (Taff) Woodham, Tim Thorn and Ted Wignall. Henry and Taff started with us last April, and Tim and Ted have just now started their training. They all start with a training program for shore crew. Ensuring that they can be a useful part of the team that launches and recovers our lifeboats.

Driving the £1.8M tractor unit that carries our lifeboat to the water's edge and protecting the public from getting too close to the heavy machinery in operation. What many do not realise about the lifeboat service is the level of training that goes on continuously. For the station to run effectively and safely we need to ensure that all our crew can do the tasks required in a safe manner. Regular exercises both afloat and ashore are the mainstay of activity for our crew. This is all tracked through a comprehensive record keeping system that identifies every lifeboat crew in the country for the competencies they have achieved and how recently this was completed. Our 4 new starters will concentrate on the shore crew elements first, before we begin to introduce them to the ILB crew training in about 6 months from their start date.

Other recent notable landmarks in training have included **Paul Viner** passing out as a head Launcher – managing how the lifeboat is launched and recovered. **Ed Steele** is now an All Weather Lifeboat Navigator and

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an Inshore Lifeboat Navigator. Along with **Ed Thomas, Geoff Mills and Dougie Wright** who also passed their ILB Navigator unit.

Fortunately, with all the exercising and training going on, Exmouth Lifeboat Station has enjoyed a period of relative calm with regards to how our operations have been going. We are still 1 of the busiest stations in the Southwest and there has been no letup in how many shouts we are required for. But the beach level has remained fairly constant now, and there have been no significant difficulties with the lifeboat or station that have impacted on us being ready all day every day. Long may this continue.

The RNLI has been working on substantial changes to the training structure, and how volunteers are assessed and developed. Exmouth has been one of a few trial stations for the new systems. This has meant using the new structure and formats for training and development over the last couple of years and giving feedback on what is working and what isn't. It is nearly there now for roll out to the rest of the country. Hence the new navigator for ILB role and the substantive crew role, or Tier 2 as it is also termed. The new training system has proved very popular and a distinct improvement on what was there before.

Crew member **Dougie Wright** ran for the RNLI in the TCS London Marathon and finished in a fantastic time of 3.24.20 and raised £4,161 for the RNLI. This included funds raised with his students at Bicton TCS: here's what Dougie says about this:

"This year as part of the wider fundraising campaign, I asked the students from Bicton College Military and Protective Services Academy to help plan, deliver and execute a physical challenge to help raise funds. They did not disappoint.



At 15:00 on Tuesday 28 February 2023, the academy executed the grueling 4x4x48 challenge, created by former Navy Seal, David Goggins. This involves running 4 miles, every 4 hours, for 48 hours. This is simplistic in nature but immensely difficult. The challenge took place from 15:00 on Tuesday 28 February, with the final run leaving at 11:00 on Thursday 02 March."



RNLI FUNDRAISING & EVENTS

In the past 6 months since the last Newsletter we have had a wide variety of excellent Fundraising Events and marvellous donations; many thanks to everyone who contributed to these amazing events, raising over £20,000.

In March Crew Member Dougie Wright raised approx. £4,000 with the students at Bicton College Military & Protective Services Academy undertaking a gruelling 4x4x48 challenge (running 4 miles every 4 hours for 48 hours) and we collected over £150 when we had a number of collection boxes on the checkouts at the Mole Valley Farmers Store in Cullompton.

In April Roger Jackson organised a superb Boat Jumble at the Boathouse where over £2,600 was raised.

Ollie Bainbridge from the Grapevine pub supported Exmouth RNLI by organising the 2023 ExeFest in Manor Gardens where we collected over £500 in donations from the public and Ollie donated a very generous £800 to Exmouth RNLI.



During May Joe Sansom from local company MPS Windows ran in Exeter's Great West Run finishing in 1.35.11 and he collected over £1,500 for Exmouth RNLI. We also organised a MayDay Mile on the Seafront where we collected over £400.



June saw us attend the Budleigh Coffee Morning and the Topsham Sailing Club Coffee & BBQ where over £650 was raised. The Events team put on another marvellous event called "Not the Ball" with Not the Cowboys playing a mix of thigh-slapping music & songs at the Ocean that raised an amazing £3,933.

In July we had the Lifeboats blessed by Rev. Tom James at the Boathouse as part of the Sea Sunday Service accompanied by the Budleigh Salterton Male Voice Choir and the Exmouth Town Concert Band and we had our first session of Summer collections at the Exmouth Tesco Store in Salterton Road.



The popular Starcross Fishing and Cruising Club raised £1,000 for us following a series of fundraising events. We also had a very generous donation of £300 from Tiverton's centenarian Winifred Kerslake who asked her family and friends to donate to Exmouth RNLI instead of birthday presents for her.



At our Open Day in August we were presented with a cheque for £500 from long-time supporter Brenda Bridge from Bromsgrove plus over £500 was raised by Budleigh Runners & Exmouth Harriers in their RuN for LIfe with another £476 raised in donations on the day. We had a second summer session of collecting at the Exmouth Tesco Store in Salterton Road which brought our overall Tesco total for 2023 so far to over £200 (we have another session booked for the Christmas period) and the Exeter British Motorcycle Club presented us with a cheque for

£100 with 12 historic Motorbikes (aged between 85 and 41 years old) lined up in front of the Boathouse.



We have some great events lined up for the rest of 2023 including collecting at the Royal Marines Concert in the Exmouth Pavilion on Saturday 27th September, the Fireworks Display at the Exmouth Rugby Club on Friday 3rd November, the Christmas Carol Service at Holy Trinity on Saturday 9th December and a 5km Reindeer Run on the seafront on Sunday 17th December.

Des White

Chairman, Exmouth Fundraising Group

LMG Chairman

The RNLI has appointed Tim Baker as Chair of the Exmouth Lifeboat Management Group. Tim is a resident of Topsham. He has been involved with the RNLI for the last 15 years or so, having previously held the position of Chair between 2010 and 2016.



Tim is a keen sailor. He knows the rivers and seas around Exmouth well.

Tim said "I've always been a keen supporter of the RNLI ever since my then, little brother was rescued by the inshore lifeboat about 50 years ago.

I have the greatest admiration for the team at Exmouth and look forward to working with them again."

EXMOUTH LIFEBOAT SHOP

As we all know, July had awful weather which, as a seafront shop, had an impact on our figures. Despite this however, we still took £14,059.97, a considerable achievement by the team.

We have several outside events coming up which should help to considerably boost our figures. They are:

28th August Budleigh Lions on the seafront

2nd September Organ donors on the Strand

16th September Royal Marines family day

23rd September Sidmouth classic car show

Although outside events are lots of fun, they're also very hard work, and I thank all the volunteers that go the extra mile to man our stalls.

Dave Britten
Shop Manager

EXMOUTH VISITS TEAM

Numbers of guides were reduced in the second quarter due to long term medical issues and moving away so we launched a campaign to recruit new guides. To date we have recruited 12 new guides with 10 still in training, so we are back to full strength. Tour numbers are up 12% vs this time last year, almost 3,000 visitors to date.

The collection boxes have already collected over 90% so far this year compared to last year, £8,000 to date in total.

Visitor numbers are slightly up on last year with the collection boxes well up on last year despite problems with the contactless machine. Hopefully that issue will be resolved in September with an upgraded system.

Ian Rick
Lifeboat Visits Officer

COMMUNITY PRESENTERS

For those who didn't know, Exmouth Station now has a dedicated Speaker (Volunteer Community Presenter), George Hislop, who is available to give talks about the RNLI to groups who would like to hear more about us than is shown on Saving Lives at Sea. Talks are free and usually last for 30-45 minutes at a venue of your choice.

To book, go to talks@exmouthlifeboat.org.uk. Tell your friends too!