

Newbiggin Lifeboat Station

**NEWBIGGIN'S 155TH
YEAR OF LIFESAVING**

Lives Saved Since 1851 638 + 4 DOGS

Launches Since 1851 543

This Month's Headlines

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Boathouse Floor St George's Day

And Finally....

Weather Almanac for April 2006

A cool unsettled start for April was not welcome and this was accompanied by a fresh northerly wind with showers some of which were heavy with hail. By the 8th there was a light covering of snow inland which reminded us we were not out of the winter yet, the remnants of which lasted for three days. Fresh to strong south west winds prevailed over the middle of the month easing by the 20th. The latter part of the month became much milder even to be described as warm – was this a taste of summer?

Exercises

Exercises were held on the 2nd and 23rd.

Photographs showing the exercises can be viewed on the RNLI web page and go to the Newbiggin Gallery.

Services

There were no service calls during the month.

Beach Clean

Volunteers from our station and the wider community got together on the 9th to carry out the first community beach clean of the summer. Further beach cleans are planned on 2nd July and 13th August. Full details of these working mornings will follow in the June 2006 report.

Round Britain Tour

Fundraisers carrying out a Round Britain Tour of RNLI Lifeboat Stations made a brief visit to the station on Monday 10th April. Whilst they only were on station for around 15 minutes they used their time to have a look around and take a few photographs. We wish them luck with this venture.

Boathouse Floor Works

With work to improve the boathouse floor planned for early May 2006 preparations were put in hand at the end of April to clear the main boathouse area of stored gear including recovery equipment and lifting appliances. More news on this project in our next report.

St George's Day

Our traditional support to show our support of St. George's Day took place on Sunday 23rd April, 2006 when the St. George flag was hoisted. The hoisting of the flag was reported on the local BBC Radio Station and continues to provide positive coverage for the station.

And Finally.....

It was a case of love blossoming in the tractor cab this month when two of our tractor drivers got engaged. Jill Carr and Alan Armstrong are part of our vital shore support team who turn out whenever the pagers go off. Now their shared enthusiasm for the lifeboat service has led to an engagement. Best wishes to you both from the team at Newbiggin.

Richard Martin

30th April, 2006.