

On Monday 10th February the Science Meeting talk was given by Malcolm Vincent President of the RNLI. This talk immediately followed storm Ciara and in the news headlines that weekend was the mission the Hastings Lifeboat undertook to attempt the rescue of a person on a surfboard. In so doing the lifeboat very nearly capsized but it manage to recover and carry on.

During the talk we were given detailed information on the Shannon class lifeboat (the same as the Hastings craft), its self-righting capability and other design details that enable such craft to operate in the most severe conditions.

Our members were suitably impressed and in recognition of the voluntary nature of RNLI generously contributed to their funds in recognition of the work they carry out. The letter of thanks is shown below.



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Mr B Ruffles
Sevenoaks U3A Science Group

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Dear Mr Ruffles

On behalf of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution may I thank you all for the generous donation of £242.00 received as a result of a talk given by our vice-president Malcolm Vincent. Please convey the thanks of the RNLI to all members concerned for their kind support, which is most sincerely appreciated.

The RNLI is funded by voluntary contributions and it is only through kind gifts such as this that we are able to provide our volunteer lifeboat crews with the best boats, equipment and training that are needed to save lives at sea.

Last year we launched our lifeboat service a total of 8,964 times, rescuing 9,412 people and saving 211 lives. Our courageous lifeboat crews rescued an average of twenty-six people every day. Your generous contribution will help ensure our lifesaving work continues.

Please accept this letter as our official receipt and, on behalf of our lifeboat crews, may I offer my renewed thanks for your support and interest in the lifeboat service.

Yours sincerely

Karen Wills (Mrs)
Supporter Experience Assistant

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