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RNLI Events Volunteering Newsletter January 2009

Welcome to the first RNLI Events Volunteering newsletter of 2009! Thanks to your support, 2008 was a fantastic year for active fundraising in the North – you helped us to look after 250 runners at the Great North Run (including some well earned sports massage, see below!), 60 bungee jumpers at the Dracula Drop in Whitby and 630 Reindeer Runners, all raising well over £100,000 to support our volunteer lifeboat crews! The RNLI exists because of our volunteers, not just the crew members, but the thousands of fundraising volunteers who help to run our events, and who organise their own. We can't thank you enough for your time and effort, and hope that you'll consider giving a few hours of your time again in 2009.....



RNLI Reindeer Run – Sunday 30 November 08

60 volunteers gave up their beds on one of the coldest mornings of the year, to make the RNLI Reindeer Run at Knowsley Hall possible. Volunteers did everything from manning the car park to marshalling the course and dressing up at Rooky the Reindeer! Over 630 runners and walkers took part on the day, and everyone enjoyed the festive fun with Christmas songs, fancy dress, mince pies and hot chocolate.

So far the event has raised over £12,000 for the Hoylake appeal, which aims to raise £2 million by the end of 2009 for the new lifeboat station and lifeboat at Hoylake. Hoylake coxwain Dave Whiteley joined in the fun by coming down the start the 10km, 5km and Santa Saunter events off.

As with all of our events, the volunteers really made the day a success and we are delighted that so many of you were kind enough to offer your time. Watch this space for details of the 2009 event!

Magical Manchester!

2009 looks set to be a busy year for the RNLI in Manchester..... We're kicking off the year with a 'Skiing or Snowballs' event at the Chill Factor, Europe's biggest indoor ski slope, to celebrate RNLI SOS Day on the evening of Friday 30 January. We will be looking for volunteers to give up a couple of hours for street collections during Manchester Flag Week in May, which will culminate with one of Britain's most prestigious 10km races, the BUPA Great Manchester Run on Sunday 17 May. We need volunteers to cheer our runners along, get photos of them en route and help us to man our marquee in the Charity Village where we provide them with food, drinks, sports massage and lots of support!



RNLI Liver Buildings Abseil

Also in May, 150 intrepid souls will get the chance of a lifetime, to abseil one of Liverpool's most iconic buildings to raise money for the RNLI Hoylake Appeal. Crew members will join them on 9 & 10 May; if you don't fancy the abseil why not volunteer to help us welcome participants, escort them to the roof and calm their nerves?!



Take the plunge in Whitby!

The third annual RNLI Dracula Drop bungee jump will take place in Whitby on Saturday 25 April – we need volunteers to get action shots of the bungee jumpers in action, as well as help out with street collections in the event area.

Urgent appeal!

If you are able to spare a few hours, either as a one off or on a regular basis, to come to our office in Eccles in Manchester, we are looking for volunteers to help out with event planning and admin.

For more information on volunteering, or participating in any of the events featured, please contact Lisa: lrutter@rnli.org.uk, 0161 787 8779; www.rnli.org.uk/events