



Care is required when setting of a flare

Bankies Avoid Being Tangoed

CLYDEBANK BRANCH of ScotSAC has had its new boat for around 6 months now, so we thought that it was about time to have it checked out by the experts (writes Keith Waugh).

The RNLI run a scheme called 'Sea Check'. The aim of which is to advise anyone with a boat about the right gear to make it, and you, as safe as possible when at sea.

In May Mike. Avril and Jim Forrest from the RNLI visited Clydebank Branch's club hut and gave our boat a thorough going over. They checked everything - the anchor, chain and line, spares kit, spare lines, tool kit, flares kit etc. They also checked that we knew how to use all this equipment, including the radio and GPS, but in particular how to

safely deploy distress flares.

Mike and Jim also gave us some very good advice regarding anchoring, rescue procedures, towing and being towed.

The evening culminated in a demonstration of firing distress flares when we were amusingly warned about being up-wind of an orange smoke flare which can result in looking as though you have been 'tango-ed'!

For more information about the RNLI Sea Check scheme please go to the RNLI website. They are not going

to criticise your boat or you. What they will do is give you some great advice and help about being safe at sea.

The RNLI crews like playing with boats. They don't like bringing bodies home!



The RNLI is happy to assess your boat for good safety practice

Kelso SAC Raises Funds For Duns

ALISON FULLER-SHAPCOTT and her friends at Kelso branch recently ran a fund-raiser for Duns District Lifeboats.

They organised a spectacular six projector audio-vision presentation by Glenn Jones entitled Le Vercors. Vercors is a region in south west France with fabulous mountain scenery with dramatic escarpments rising from tree covered slopes.

Glenn's photography made the most of this and his dedication to be on top of the mountain for dawn certainly made for impressive photographs.

However Glenn is also a member of DSS, Devon Speleological Society, people who explore caves to you and me. Great pictures of Glenn and his team abseiling down

waterfalls and into caves. The interior shots showed the caves to be more caverns as some of them were huge; again his photography was fantastic using others to take lights to remote parts of the cavern to give a sense of depth and scale.

All in all a great night's entertainment enjoyed by about a hundred people - some cavers, some divers but mostly villagers from Ednam where it was held.

£400 was raised from entrance fees and the raffle and Alison and the branch would like to thank everyone who donated prizes and everyone who came, and I'm sure the Duns and District Lifeboats would like to thank her and the branch for their fund-raising efforts.



Glenn Jones gives his presentation



CONGRATS

CONGRATULATIONS AND well done to the following members of Ullapool and Scourie clubs who attended the last O2/HeartStart course at Scourie.

Ullapool Club - Dan Holland, Andy Holbrow, Andy Vanter, Phil Saughnesy, Debbie Marris, Scourie Club - Russell Pursey, Bridie Pursey. Mathew Richards, Duncan May, Georgina Robinson, Hazel Wade, Jane Forsyth and Jim Lucas.

And a big thank you to Russell for organising the course.



Congratulations to the recent O2/Heart Start pupils

Volunteer Vacancy: Webmaster

THE SCOTTISH Sub Aqua Club are currently looking for a Volunteer to fill the post of Webmaster. The role involves managing the content of www.scotsac.com and designing the site and communi-

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