

# THAT'LL BE THE DAY - July 15th and 16th Raising money for the

## 10 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES ACROSS PEMBROKESHIRE...

In 2011 Wales Air Ambulance celebrates its 10th Birthday! Why not come along to **That'll Be The Day!** and help it celebrate 10 years of saving lives across Wales.



"THE charity was launched on St David's day in 2001 and initially operated with just one helicopter which was based in Swansea. We now operate 3 helicopters which are based in Swansea, Caernarvon and Welshpool. Each crew has one pilot and two advanced life support paramedics who are trained in the latest techniques in pre hospital emergency care ensure the patient receives the most effective treatment.

"The helicopters can be launched within 3 minutes of receiving an emergency call and from the three airbases, our dedicated crews can be anywhere in Wales within just 20 minutes. That means seriously injured and ill people in Pembrokeshire can be treated and then transferred to the appropriate medical centre well within 60 minutes. For

example, a flight from Pembrokeshire to Morriston Hospital usually takes just 20 minutes. Think how long the same journey would take by road!

"Pembrokeshire is served by the Swansea based helicopter and our bright red helicopter is a frequent sight around the county, especially during the summer months. The rural nature of Pembrokeshire combined with the oil and gas industries mean that the Air Ambulance has come to be seen as an essential emergency service in the county.

"Since it was formed, the emergency teams of Wales Air Ambulance have flown over 14,000 missions. In the summer months, each helicopter will fly on average 3 to 4 times per day during the week and 7-8 times per day at the weekends. 2011 is proving to be our busiest year ever and this level of work places a strain on our budget with each mission costing £1,500 on average.

"All of our work relies upon public generosity. The cost of operating this air ambulance service is approximately £5million per annum. This money is raised through charitable donations, fundraising events, and membership of our lifesaving lottery. For this reason, **That'll Be The Day!** is a vitally important fundraising event for us."

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# Wales Air Ambulance and the RNLI

**Lifeboats**

## THE RNLI ON THE PEMBROKESHIRE COAST



THE coastal waters of Pembrokeshire have been provided with an RNLI rescue service since 1822 when a station was set up in Fishguard.

Lifeboat stations were then established along the coast over the next 46 years and the service has grown to what it is today. The RNLI provides a nationwide coastal rescue service and protects inland waterways too. The RNLI now has an active fleet of 300 lifeboats based at 235 lifeboat stations around the coast of UK and Northern Ireland.

The boats are manned by highly trained cox and crews from all walks of life, very special people who risk their lives to save others.

The organisation is funded by the income from charitable events arranged by volunteers and by donations and legacies. The support of business people and the public in Pembrokeshire is outstanding. In 2006, the Tamar class lifeboat – the most advanced in the world – the RNLB *The Haydn Miller* was launched in

Tenby, totally funded by the legacy of the late Haydn Gustav Miller. In 2009, the second Tamar class lifeboat in the county was launched at Angle, by Prince Michael of Kent, the grand master of the Grand Lodge Of Mark Masons, named the RNLB 'Mark Mason'. Pembrokeshire people and Angle lifeboat supporters from Birmingham made important financial contributions to the purchase of the lifeboat, with the final £1.6 million being given by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. It is a great achievement to have acquired two Tamar Class lifeboats in Pembrokeshire — the first two in Wales.

Supporters must take credit for this and to know that future funds raised help the RNLI'S research and development into new boats.

This year there are over 65 lifeguards covering 13 beaches in Pembrokeshire. In Wales Lifeguards patrol a total of 28 beaches.

The cost of running the RNLI is £378,000 per day and this is only made possible by loyal supporters and fundraising members of branches and Lifeboat guilds in Pembrokeshire and beyond, for which the RNLI is extremely grateful.




In aid of the  **Lifeboats**

# That'll Be The Day


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**HELPING HOME:** The Pembrokeshire Japan Society and college students present the cheque to Penny Drew, of the British Red Cross.

# Local Japan society helps out homeland

**FUNDRAISERS in Pembrokeshire have collected £4,193.43 for those living with the devastation caused by Japan's tsunami.**

The Pembrokeshire Japan Society raised the money with the support of Pembrokeshire College students.

Yoriko Omae, Pembrokeshire College's international student welfare officer, said: "The earthquake and subsequent tsunami which hit Japan in March shook us all here as well.

"Our hearts flew to Japan, our home country, and our fellow Japanese.

"Living thousands of miles away from home, the only thing we could do was to raise money for Japan, and we

immediately started fundraising."

The society organised raffles and collected money throughout the county.

A fundraising event at Pembrokeshire College raised £1,500 and included a speech by local firefighter Paul Dyson, who was part of a search and rescue team that went out to help after the disaster.

Yoriko added: "People's generosity, kindness, humanity and action will make a difference to those who were affected by the disaster. Without them we would not have made it this far."

Messages of support have also been written on a banner to be sent to the tsunami-struck country.

# Inspirational people needed for iconic role

**THE call has gone out for Pembrokeshire people to be put forward for a chance to carry the iconic Olympic Torch.**

The Olympic Flame will start its 70-day journey on May 18th, 2012 during which some 8,000 torchbearers will carry the torch around the UK.

At present, the flame is not due to visit Pembrokeshire, although further details on the route are still to be announced.

Preseli Pembrokeshire MP Stephen Crabb, encouraged his constituents to nominate people who have gone beyond their 'personal best' in any walk of life.

"The 2012 Olympic Games will be an opportunity to showcase the best of the whole of the UK – including Wales – and I would like the good work of those living in Pembrokeshire to be highlighted as part of this event," he said.

"The Olympic committee is looking

**By Telegraph Reporter**

for truly incredible individuals whose personal stories will inspire millions of people watching the Olympic torch relay – in their community, across the UK and around the world.

"I am certain that each of us is aware of an individual living in our own community in Pembrokeshire who fits this bill and I ask that you put their name forward for nomination."

To nominate individuals to act as torchbearers go to [www.london2012.com/olympictorchrelay](http://www.london2012.com/olympictorchrelay).

Online nominations will close on June 29th and those wishing to make a nomination via Stephen Crabb's office will need to send details, along with at least 150 words on why the nominee is inspirational, to [stephen.crabb.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:stephen.crabb.mp@parliament.uk) by June 17th.

[wtnews@westerntelegraph.co.uk](mailto:wtnews@westerntelegraph.co.uk)

# On a rollercoaster journey

**A GROUP of rollercoaster enthusiasts from Belgium travelled to Pembrokeshire to take a ride at Oakwood Theme Park, after organisers launched a poll on Facebook to**

**find out which European ride members most wanted to visit. For more information about Oakwood visit its Facebook page or the website.**