

THE SOS Supporters of SARA



L-R: Rob Jervis, Richard Dainty, Craig Wilson, Ryan Hewitt, Vicky McKenzie, Tim Carter, Hazel Trott, Janine Lyford and Mark Carwardine

Due to the extreme weather and IT failings this month's newsletter is an edition behind, but so that you don't miss out here's a round up of what we've been up to over the last month. As you can see above crew from Beachley and Tewkesbury went up to RAF Chivenor for some stage one helicopter training organised by Beachley training manager Mark Carwardine.

BEACHLY BID FAREWELL TO CHEPSTOW HOTEL



The Chepstow Hotel will close later this year meaning we have

seen the last SARA Beachley ball to be held there.

The Hotel has been fantastic to us over the years and has seen many amazing balls, this year was no exception – everybody had a great evening raising money for the station.

I think all would agree this year's highlight was the singing of Happy Birthday to Richard Dainty

Chepstow Remembrance Sunday Parade



SARA crew have a lot of respect for the men and women of the armed forces, to show this we

take part in the Remembrance Sunday services and this year was no exception.

With Beachley crew being stationed so close to Beachley Barracks, home of 1 Battalion the Rifles it is a day that we are proud to be part of, with valued members Dean Paget and Rod Davies serving with the Rifles.

A Good Measure generates cash for Beachley

SARA Beachley received an amazing cheque for £4,500 from the Good Measure pub in Caldicot this month.

The money was raised by a new pub lottery game TabBOXX which is currently being trailed in South Wales'

pubs; SARA was nominated as the charity by the pub.

We will use the money to assist us with the day to day running of the station.

Many thanks to everyone that was involved in the scheme.

BEACHLEY AND TEWKESBURY CREW ARE SWEPT OFF THEIR FEET IN JOINT TRAINING



As a land search team and life-boat service SARA volunteers are regularly working with helicopters in rescue situations, it is imperative that the crews both end know what is going to happen and that they can trust each other.

This is one of the many reasons that helicopter training is so important, when Mark Carwardine took over the role of Beachley training manager he vowed to ensure that essential training sessions were not forgotten.

As promised, Mark organised for crews to undertake stage one helicopter training, which

would be familiarisation with the helicopters for those crew that hadn't been before.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the eleven crew members to go down to RAF Chivenor and have a look at how they run the station – being winched into the Sea King wasn't all that bad either!

On behalf of all the crew who attended the session I would like to thank Mark for organising the training for us, and the guys at RAF Chivenor for a great day out.

Hopefully we can return the favour one day with a trip out on the water in SARA 1.