**Laryngectomy Club 11th July 2019**

**Faenol Fawr**

**In attendance:**

Peter Benton – Head of Education – RNLI.

**Members Meeting:**

We are trying to organize a meeting with the Health Board, Medical Director, Pharmacy advisors and Countrywide re the difficulties in getting prescriptions from Practices.

Need to update all addresses and e mail for the 999 service.

Details of Tenovus Course and Collective Voices Conference 2019 issued

Fundraising – Afternoon Tea will be held on 14th August 2019. Presentation of the equipment bought through the fundraising (£3000).

Aiming to purchase 7 nebulisers and 5 Tru Tone and 6 Boogie Boards

Letters of thanks to

Richard Williams £250

New Edition £200

Countrywide £300

Sheila and Richard Tandy £100

Audi are also giving a raffle prize.

NALC – membership and donation paid.

Sadly – a member – Raymond Pierce Jones passed away – 1 minute silence held as a mark of respect.

Mark Williams is unwell awaiting treatment – our thoughts and well wishes are with him and his family.

Raffle costs – now £3 per ticket

**Rhyl Lifeboats** – presentation by Peter Benton

Volunteer crews 95%

Funded by voluntary donations

Cost 2017 - £485,000 per day

285 lifeboats = maintenance and training

To launch costs £800 for the inshore boat but £6,000 for the offshore boat.

Commenced in 1852 as the shipwreck mariner society.

Rhyl first boat – Gwylan Y Mor – rowed by 8 men

Memorial on Rhyl prom to 6 men lost at sea.

A list of boats followed – need regular updates and refitting during a boat’s lifetime.

Newer inshore lifeboats – 2 men for minor incidents – wear dry suits and helmets – speed 30 mph – latest May Maxwell

999 Centre is Holyhead – delegates calls to local Area who decide on launch depending on weather conditions – then page members

Not members of Coastguard but coordinate with them.

Current boat Lil Cunningham – crew 7 – speed 20 mph – cost £750,000. New boat today would cost £2.5 M and the tractor to launch is a similar price.

Flood rescue teams have been created – based at St. Asaph Business Park

Members need a flexible work practice

RNLI Lifeguards are paid – 50% Council, 50% RNLI funding

New lifeboats are built at the off shore centre Lymington.

New boat – Shannon – capable of 25 knots – water jet boat – stops and turns 180 degrees in 30 seconds – very maneuverable

A short film on the work of the RNLI followed

No salvage rights – as too complicated

Fundraising events throughout the year – raft race, Rhyl Air show, Shops and sponsorship.

Lary Club members invited to visit over the Summer

**Next meeting** afternoon tea – 14th August2019 – Faenol Fawr 1.30 pm