

APRIL



A shaken Bernard Van den Brink with winchman Eric Ainslie after the rescue.

Sinking trawler towed to safety

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FLT LT CLARK

MALM AINSLIE



Mr. MIKE BROWN

'It was terrible'

A STRICKEN trawler was towed to safety after coming perilously close to sinking yesterday.

The 50ft. Haven, with a crew of three experienced fishermen and a boy, was said to be within two hours of going down in Bridlington Bay when rescue services reached her.

Bridlington lifeboats raced to the vessel, which was stranded about 1½ miles out to sea, and an RAF helicopter from Leconfield, near Beverley, flew out.

A winchman, Master Air Load Master, Eric Ainslie, was lowered on to the Haven's deck and decided to lift to safety Bernard Van den Brink, 15, of Windsor Crescent, Bridlington.

It was his first time at sea aboard a trawler.

He said after being put down by the helicopter at the North Beach Coastguard lookout point: "I don't think I'll go out again."

He was said to be very shaken by the incident.

The Haven, an old, black painted vessel, had just spent two weeks in Bridlington Harbour undergoing repairs to her bow. She was on her trial voyage when her engine and pump broke down.

One of the crew, Mr. Mike Brown, 30, of East Road, Bridlington, said as he stepped on to the quayside: "It was terrible, especially for the boy. The engine and pump just failed and we began to take in water through the bows."

"I would guess we had about one or two hours before she would have gone down for good. Fortunately, we were close to shore and help came fairly quickly."

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They're on guard again

WITHERNSEA inshore lifeboat was officially "on guard" as from yesterday. Like all part-time lifeboats, it is just on station for the summer season, which in this part of the world last six months.

The crew warmed up for the season with an exercise involving an air sea rescue helicopter from RAF Leconfield. Their craft was also examined as to its seaworthiness by a divisional inspector from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Last year the Withernsea crew continually hit the headlines with their efforts to raise money for a new boathouse and hopefully work will begin on the building sooner rather than later.

Lifeboat secretary Mr Barry Brigham says that the cost of the boathouse is likely to be £100,000, of which they have collected half through the generosity of people from all corners of North Humber-side.

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Lifeboat-copter exercise

Scarborough's inshore lifeboat yesterday carried out exercises with an RAF search-and-rescue helicopter from Leconfield in the South Bay.

The helicopter, which spent some time over the bay, lifted inshore-lifeboatmen from the boat and from the sea and put them back on the boat.

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Holiday brings spate of accidents

THE first major holiday of the year brought a series of accidents.

At Whitby, the body of a woman who fell from the pier into rough seas was recovered by an RAF helicopter.

The identity of the middle aged woman has not been released.

Peter Webster, aged 18, of Longford Lane, Kingsteignton, near Newton Abbot, Devon, died from head injuries after a rockface accident. He had been climbing with friends near Manorbier, Dyfed.

At Tremadoc Bay, North Wales, the body of Dr. Geraint Griffiths, aged 38, was recovered by an inshore lifeboat. His empty canoe had been found earlier.

Holidaymakers rescued four people whose cabin cruiser overturned on Lake Windermere while turning at speed in rough water.

Pleasure cruisers plucked the four from the water. They were taken to hospital where they were treated for shock and cold.

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Blaze on fishing boat

Flamborough and Filey lifeboats were launched today to go to the assistance of the Bridlington fishing boat, Mary Allison, which caught fire eight miles north east of Flamborough Head.

A helicopter from RAF Leconfield also went to assist. The fire is

reported to be out and the fishing boat making for Bridlington.

The boat has a crew of five. There are no injuries.

AIRMAN HELPS FIGHT FIRE ON FISHING BOAT

Lifeboats from Flamborough and Filey and an RAF helicopter from Leconfield with RAF firemen on board went to the help of a Bridlington fishing boat, Mary Allison, when she caught fire eight miles north east of Flamborough Head yesterday.

Members of the crew of five fought the fire, which was in the crew's quarters, with sea water assisted by an airman lowered from the helicopter.

Mr Joe Bayes, secretary of the Flamborough lifeboat said the fire was mainly smoke from the crew's quarters. The lifeboat escorted the fishing boat to Bridlington harbour.

Fishing boat hit by fire

Lifeboats from Flamborough and Filey and an RAF helicopter from Leconfield went to help the Bridlington fishing boat Mary Allison when she caught fire eight miles off Flamborough Head yesterday.

The crew fought the fire in the crew's quarters with sea water, helped by a fire-trained airman lowered from the helicopter.

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FLT LT CLARK

MALM DAVIES

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Rescue services keep in trim

About 100 people took part in the two-day annual exercise organised by Flamborough Coastguard last weekend.

After three months of preparations and keeping "secrets" from his auxiliaries, coastguard-in-charge Vic Crosthwaite organised an "incident" involving a sunken passenger vessel off Thornwick.

On Saturday, Flamborough coastguard auxiliaries, lifeboat crew, Edale mountain rescue company, RAF Leconfield, and air cadets from Driffield took part in the exercise, with Speeton auxiliaries involved on Sunday.

The men were told the vessel had sailed into the cave, hit a snag, and sunk. Those aboard had

managed to scramble ashore to the back of the cave, and rescuers had to use local knowledge to find a tunnel leading to them.

They had to find five dummies, labelled with their "injuries", report back, and then bring out the "casualties", helped by the helicopter, lifeboat, and mountain rescue team.

Standing by during the exercise were police and ambulancemen — and there were many spectators.

In the picture left, an RAF search-and-rescue helicopter from Leconfield lifts two of the "casualties" to safety. Below, one of the "casualties" is moved from the cliff ledge by breeches buoy to the safety of Flamborough lifeboat.

