

ANNUAL REPORT 1995

Windsor Runner (Civil Service No 42) at Blyth, Northumberland.



*(photographer Tony Barrington Hill,
photograph provided courtesy of the Ministry of Defence)*

CISPOTEL continues to work towards purchasing
its 43rd boat for the RNLI.

Founded 1866 - Registered charity number 248421

THE CIVIL SERVICE, POST OFFICE AND BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS LIFEBOAT FUND

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The Civil Service, Post Office and British Telecommunications Lifeboat Fund (also known as the CISPOTEL Lifeboat Fund) is the biggest single supporter of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI). Since its foundation in 1866, the Fund has provided 42 lifeboats for the RNLI which have saved over 4,400 lives.

The Fund is a charity and operates by collecting from both serving and retired Gvill Servants, Post Office and British Telecommunications employees and from employees of other bodies as listed in the Civil Service Year Book. The money collected is used specifically to buy lifeboats.

There are 4 CISPOTEL boats in the RNLI active fleet; these are the Richard Evans at Portrush, St. Cybi II at Holyhead, the Princess Royal at St. Ives and Windsor Runner at Blyth. The 5th boat, Eric Seal which was stationed at Eyemouth, transferred to the relief fleet in April 1996. During 1995 our Lifeboats were launched 78 times and 24 lives and 41 vessels were saved.

Three other CISPOTEL lifeboats are in a unique RNLI museum open now. The Edward Bridges which was at Torbay until 1994, St. Cybi which was at Holyhead until 1980 and North Foreland which was at Margate until 1978, are on display at the Lifeboat! Gallery at the Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution is a voluntary organisation whose sole aim is the saving of life at sea. It is the world's oldest lifeboat society and since its foundation in 1824, more than 128,000 people have been saved. Sir William Hillary, the founder was, himself, a member of the lifeboat crew at Douglas in the Isle of Man.

The lifeboat fleet is stationed around the entire coast of Britain and Ireland with 289 lifeboats on active service and 140 in the reserve. In 1995 the lifeboats were launched 7,312 times and 1,632 lives were saved. Lifeboat men and women are volunteers who earn their living in other ways. There are over 100 women in the crews from more than 4,000 volunteer crew members throughout the country. There is a full-time mechanic in each all-weather lifeboat crew. The volunteers receive a few pounds each time they are called out to cover their expenses.

The RNLI is a charity which depends entirely on voluntary contributions and in 1996 the annual cost of the lifeboat service was expected to be around £63.3m.

The Civil Service, Post Office and British Telecommunications
Lifeboat Fund - Established 1866

PATRON: Her Majesty the Queen

CHAIRMAN: Sir Angus Fraser, K.C.B., T.D.

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The Chairman, Deputy Chairmen, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

The Chairman is also a member of the RNLI's Committee of Management and Executive Committee and is Chairman of the RNLI's Establishment Committee.

BANKERS:

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The Council of the Fund comprises representatives from Department of the Civil Service, the Post Office and British Telecommunication pie, and from other organisations as listed in the Civil Service Year Book.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 18 MARCH 1996

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 18 March at 2.30 pm in the Board Room of the Crown Estate Office, 16 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1. The Guest Speaker was Mr Michael Vlasto, Sea Safety Liaison Officer, RNLI.

Chairman's opening remarks:

The Chairman greeted and thanked everyone for attending. He welcomed the visitors from RNLI, Ms Jennifer Bush and, the guest speaker, Mr Michael Vlasto.

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Sir John Bourn.

NAMING CEREMONY FOR FUND'S NEW BOAT STATIONED AT BLYTH

The Chairman advised everyone that the Fund's 42nd lifeboat for RNLI which went into service at Blyth, Northumberland on 1 December 1995, was to be formally named Windsor Runner at Blyth on Saturday 13th July. Lady Butler, accompanied by Sir Robin, was to perform the Naming Ceremony. He said it was appropriate to commemorate the major fundraising achievements of the Half Marathon races by so naming the lifeboat. It would be an important day for CISPOTEL and he hoped many supporters would be there on the day.

FUNDING OF FUTURE LIFEBOATS

The Chairman explained that new lifeboats were becoming ever more expensive which, coupled with CISPOTEL employee numbers reducing, had made it increasingly difficult to maintain the target of purchasing a new lifeboat every three to four years. Windsor Runner was the first boat to be partially funded by CISPOTEL. The Fund provided about 75% of the cost of this boat but still retained the right to choose its name.

For future lifeboats, RNLI had agreed that if CISPOTEL provided at least 51% of the cost, then the Fund could still choose the name of the boat and so CISPOTEL was looking to provide 51% of a second Trent class lifeboat which currently cost £1,025,000. The hope would be to provide the necessary funds for the 43rd boat in the next three to four years but, thereafter, CISPOTEL might need to look at other options, including a smaller boat or inshore facilities, taking into account the needs of the Institution.

RNLI MUSEUM AT HISTORIC DOCKYARD, CHATHAM

The Chairman announced that Edward Bridges, previously at Torbay, had been taken out of service but was to be on display at the new Lifeboat! Gallery at the Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent. This lifeboat was presented to the RNLI on the occasion of the Institution's 150th anniversary. There would be a permanent reminder about CISPOTEL activities at the museum which would also provide a fitting home for Edward Bridges and two other CISPOTEL boats (see inside cover).

Report by the Deputy Chairman (Half Marathon)

Charles Henn had, sadly, a disappointing report to make. He said the 1995 race which had taken place on 30 September over the usual course in Windsor Great Park had been an enjoyable occasion. However, there had been a substantial fall in the number of runners, 317 compared with 453 in 1994 and 499 in 1993. The total amount raised from sponsors had fallen more steeply, £3,407 up to March 1996 with little more anticipated. This compared with £8,000 in 1994 and £12,000 in 1993.

In addition, there had been an increase in expenses notably because, for the first time, the costs of printing undertaken by RNLI on the Fund's behalf were, quite properly, charged to the race account. In previous years, the cost of mounting the race had been broadly covered by the entry fees which left *the* sponsorship money available for the charity. This was not so in 1995 and the net yield was likely to be no more than £1,800. The Half Marathon Committee had decided that the outcome would not justify the effort involved in mounting another race on the usual basis, especially as any future downward trend could lead to an actual loss.

Consideration had been given to merging with the, expensive to mount, Building Industries' race which took place on the day following CISPOTEL's. It was thought that the loss of atmosphere and identity with a merged race would lead to reduced entries and, consequently, sponsorship. It was, therefore, with regret that the Half Marathon Committee had decided to discontinue the series of races.

The Half Marathon races had, over the twelve years, raised over £213,000 which reflected enormous credit on Alistair Jaffray (the previous Deputy Chairman (**HM**)) and his co-workers - Wally Heels, Vic Reeves and Peter Chapman; on the many who had regularly helped on the day; and on the runners whose persuasive efforts to collect from friends and colleagues had yielded that sum.

The Chairman echoed the remarks of Charles Henn when he acknowledged the achievements of the twelve races and said that there had been a long roll of honour including Committee members, their wives and supporters.

Results of the 1995 Half Marathon race

First Five Runners

Position	Time	Name	Race No.	Age	Department
1.	1 14 08	Roath R	773	41	Post Office
2.	1 17 01	Dooley J	935	NIK	Post Office
3.	1 17 30	Truepenny D	885	<i>NIK</i>	Unknown
4.	1 18 14	Price C	817	34	Unknown
5.	1 18 32	PlattG	976	37	ORA

First Five Ladies

Position	Time	Name	Race No	Age	Department
1.	1 30 34	Storey J	47	31	Emp. Serv
2.	1 34 41	Caplan L	60	26	Post Office
3.	1 39 10	Brighton C	56	40	Unknown
4.	1 39 12	Lippitt A	28	40	Unknown
5.	1 40 02	Woodhouse M	37	28	BT

First Five Teams

Place	Team	Points
1st	Hounslow Job Centre	82
2nd	ORA	146
3rd	Sapeur Pompier	449
4th	Hook Street Runners	486
5th	Copenacre Sports	518

Treasurer's Report

The Honorary Treasurer reported that during the year ended 31 December 1995 the Fund had received £87,547 in subscriptions which was an increase over 1994 but it included an amount of £31,500 from retired supporters by means of pension payroll giving, the first full year of such support which was greatly appreciated. The Fund was seeking permission from the Paymaster for a further mailshot to pensioners. The Half Marathon net receipts amounted to £4,668 in the year.

The balance in hand with RNLI at year end was £265,793 which had taken two years to accrue. This meant that at the current rate of progress the Fund would be looking to provide its 43rd lifeboat in about four years time.

The receipts and payment account, statement of account with RNLI and summary of contributions are annexed.

Secretary's report

The Honorary Secretary said how much she had enjoyed her first year. She was pleased to have spoken to most of the representatives in the various Departments and organisations and had learned about "extra" events held in aid of CISPOTEL such as the sponsored walk by HMSO. She referred to the brave men and women of the volunteer lifeboat crews and, in particular, those involved with the 5 CISPOTEL lifeboats in RNLI's active fleet who had been involved in 78 launches last year which meant that 24 lives had been saved. (Full details of CISPOTEL lifelxx1ts are given on the inside cover.)

Special mention was made of the Fund's 42nd lifeboat for RNLI, "Windsor Runner" which, since it had become operational at Blyth, Northumberland on 1 December 1995, had been launched twice. The Honorary Secretary invited nonunations for tickets to the Naming Ceremony to be held on Saturday 13th July.

1996 ANNUAL APPEAL

The Honorary Secretary said that, for 1996, the Fund would be continuing to raise money for its 43rd lifeboat for RNLI. She confirmed that the aim would be to contribute towards a second Trent class boat and the hoped would be to achieve the necessary funds in three to four years. A lot of effort would be needed to raise the money and she called on everyone to help as much as they could. There had been some encouraging results in 1995 with the Inland Revenue and Department of Education in Northern Ireland greatly increasing their contributions and the Department of Social Security had collected well over £13,000. These were only examples but highlighted really good results being achieved in often difficult circumstances.

The Honorary Secretary said she would be distributing the 1996 Appeal literature shortly and encouraged everyone to continue their support and try to persuade new

colleagues to join the Fund. She reminded everyone about give as you earn through payroll giving and pension payroll giving which was a valuable addition to the Annual Appeal collections. She thanked all the CISPOTEL representatives for the tremendous work they did and wished them a very successful Annual Appeal. Finally, she extended a very warm thank you to everyone who had contributed to the Fund last year.

Election of Officers

The Chairman advised that he would reach the age of 70 in two years time and had decided that that would be the time to stand down. He also said that although the Deputy Chairman (Half Marathon) post was no longer required, he had asked Charles Henn to stay on the Executive Committee and Charles Henn had agreed. Mrs Valerie Strachan (Chairman, HM Customs and Excise) had been approached and was willing to stand as a second Deputy Chairman.

The Chairman, Deputy Chairman (Sir John Bourn) and Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary were re-elected into office for a further year. Mrs Valerie Strachan was elected as Deputy Chairman.

Confirmation of Executive Committee

The Chairman announced the retirement of Keith Game, Home Office representative for 25 years. Keith Game was warmly thanked for his enthusiastic support of the Fund over such a long period; he was wished a very happy retirement.

Nigel Ponsford, Social Security representative was to take early retirement. Best wishes were extended for a happy retirement with grateful thanks for his efforts for the Fund.

Messrs. Dixon, Screeche-Powell, Walls and Miss McGuinness were re-elected for the next year. Mr John Morrison was elected in place of Mr Jim Symes, who had retired, to represent the Post Office. Miss Clare Ringshaw-Dowle was elected to represent the Home Office. Mr Charles Henn was elected to continue as Executive Committee Member. A representative for the Department of Social Security was to be announced shortly.

Guest Speaker

MR KM VLASTO, FRIN MNI, SEA SAFETY LIAISON OFFICER, RNLI

The Chairman introduced the guest speaker from RNLI, Mr Mike Vlasto, who was overseeing RNLI's new sea safety initiative. Mr Vlasto advised that RNLI launched this initiative in January 1994 in order to take a more proactive approach to sea safety. This had become increasingly important as launches by lifeboats increased every year. RNLI was convinced that educating the commercial and recreational users of the sea in basic safety procedures would prevent incidents occurring and save lives. He advised that RNLI's Sea Safety Liaison Working Group brought together the RNLI, the

Coastguard Agency, Marine Safety Agency, the Royal Yachting Association, the Royal Life Saving Society and others to give advice on the safe use of machinery, craft and equipment as well as safety in the sea.

A unique contribution would be the development of the first national database of sea related emergencies (SEAREM) which would bring together for the first time the separate statistics maintained by all the different search and rescue organisations. It was hoped that the system would "go live" in June 1996. RNLI were very much the leaders in this initiative and were proud of fostering improved relations with the various factions involved with search and rescue.

Close of Annual General Meeting

The Chairman drew the AGM to a close by thanking everyone for all their support throughout the year. Grateful thanks went to Keith Game and Nigel Ponsford. A special thank you went to Mike Vlasto and every encouragement for the sea safety initiative. Mike Vlasto wished every success to CISPOTEL's 1996 Annual Appeal.

Special Thanks

In addition, thanks went to each and everyone, both serving and retired, for their generous contributions which enabled the Fund to continue to support the work of the RNLI.

Civil Service, Post Office and
British Telecommunications Lifeboat Fund

Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31 December 1995

	1995		1994	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Subscriptions	87,547		65,774	
Half Marathon	4,668		9,531	
Sale of ties			29	
Donations received direct from RNLI	20,694		8,306	
Printing and other expenses incurred direct by RNLI	3,793		3,985	
Interest on bank account	290		452	
		116,992		88,077
Payments				
Payments to RNLI	90,118		77,478	
Payment made direct to RNLI	20,694		8,306	
		110,812		85,784
Administration expenses				
Accountants' fee			35	
Postage, stationery & telephone	164		110	
Travelling	251		153	
Office equipment & repairs	185		242	
Printing etc by RNLI	3,793		3,985	
		4,393		4,525
Excess of receipts over payments		1,787		(2,232)
Cash balances at start of year		1,508		3,740
Cash balances at end of year		3,295		1,508
Represented by:				
Midland account	11		11	
Girobank account	3,261		1,491	
Petty cash	23		6	
		3,295		1,508

(signed)	A Barker	Hon.Treasurer
(signed)	Sir Angus Fraser	Chairman
(signed)	CH Henn	Member of Council
(signed)	KG Game	Member of Council
(signed)	N Ponsford	Member of Council

We have examined the foregoing receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 1995 in conjunction with the books and records of the Civil Service, Post Office and British Telecommunications Lifeboat Fund, together with information and explanations supplied, and we certify that it is in accordance therewith.

Reeves and Neylan
Chartered Accountant
Canterbury
11 March 1995

CIVIL SERVICE, POST OFFICE AND BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS LIFEBOAT FUND ('CISPOTEL')

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT WITH THE ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995

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<u>Balance in Hand</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
1 January 1995	841,730	Printing and other costs	3,793
<u>Moneys received by RNLI</u>		Final payment for Trent Lifeboat for Blyth ON12D4	<u>693,698</u>
Remittances from CISPOTEL (Schedule 1)	90,118		697,491
Donations and Legacies (Schedule 2)	<u>20,694</u>		
	110,812		
		<u>Balance in Hand</u>	
<u>Interest on unexpended balances</u> {at UK clearing bank base lending rate}	10,742	31 December 1995	265,793
	963,284		963,284

I certify the above to be a true record of the remittances received by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution from the Civil Service, Post Office and British Telecommunications Lifeboat Fund, and the use of those funds during the year ended 31 December 1995 and the balance in hand at that date.

J. Q. Davidson

EA Q Davidson
Head of Finance
Royal National Lifeboat Institution

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND
Recorded during the year ended 31st December 1995

	£
Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ministry of.....	1,433.03
Central Office of Information	261.11
Customs and Excise, HM.....	5,851.72
Defence, Ministry of.....	724.00
Environment and Transport Departments of.....	3,507.00
GCHQ	848.40
Health, Department of.....	802.20
HMSO	1,132.35
Home Office	1,098.93
House of Lords	210.05
Inland Revenue	7,637.98
Land Registry, HM	1,072.97
National Audit Office.....	259.00
National Investment and Loans Office.....	23.00
National Savings Department.....	313.46
Ordnance Survey.....	526.27
Overseas Development Administration	8.00
Paymaster.....	159.57
Population, Censuses and Surveys, Office of	259.98
Post Office	1,811.64
Social Security, Department of	13,165.90

SCOTLAND

Scottish Office	1,440.87
Crown Office	736.12

NORTHERN IRELAND

Agriculture, Department of	975.16
Economic Development, Department of	482.66
Education, Department of	22.25
Environment, Department of	4,050.51
Finance and Personnel, Department of.....	793.74
Northern Ireland Court Service	22.00
Northern Ireland Office	190.50
Northern Ireland Royal Mail	14.00
Northern Ireland Social Security Agency	1,373.59

PAYROLL GIVING (including £4,592.74 from BT) 10,486.62

PENSIONERS' PAYROLL GIVING 31,520.72

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Legacy (R. H. Griffiths)	14,225.23
Others (including donations in memory of Sir Ronald Radford, and of Edna Heels)	535.84

THE CIVIL SERVICE BENEVOLENT FUND

The Fund gives financial help to staff, both serving and retired together with their dependents, of the Civil Service and Associated Organisations.

WHEN IN NEED THE FUND HELPS:

- Serving and retired staff who suffer unforeseen misfortune
- Serving staff on sick leave at reduced pay
- Staff prematurely retired on health grounds
- Widows and financial dependants of serving and retired staff

Financial help totalling over £2 million was given to over 8,000 staff and their dependant in 1995.

In addition, the Fund has Homes covering the UK which provide residential and respite care for the disabled, elderly and infirm with convalescent care at Wessex House, Bournemouth, Lammermuir House at Dunbar in Scotland and Osborne House on the Isle of Wight.

The Fund is supported by voluntary contributions so please become a contributor and help us to help those in need.

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THE ROWLAND HILL FUND

THE ROWLAND HILL FUND exists to relieve distress of Post Office staff, past and present, and their dependants. In 1995/96 £29,464 was expended by grants and loans in some 1,578 individual awards. The assistance that the RHF can give makes a great difference to financially distressed beneficiaries' happiness and comfort. In addition, the Fund gives assistance towards nursing home fees for Post Office pensioners and their widows.

Will you please help? • The RHF could do so much more if it had more cash. There are many former colleagues or their dependants who are much worse off than you are. A subscription of a few pence a week is all that is required. Subscribers' forms can be obtained from your local RHF representative or direct from the Secretary, Rowland Hill Fund, 49 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8SY. Tel: 0171 3204285. Individual donations are also welcome.

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