



Photographer: Graham Harding

The Fund's first Trent class lifeboat
"RNLB Windsor Runner" (Civil Service No. 42)
which is in service at Blyth, Northumberland.

CISPOTEL is now working towards
purchasing its 43rd boat for the RNLI.

ANNUAL REPORT

1994

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 4200 lives.

The Fund is a charity and operates by collecting from both serving and retired Civil 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 Eric Seal stationed at Eyemouth, Richard Evans at Portrush, St. Cybi II at Holyhead and the Princess Royal at St. Ives. During 1994 our Lifeboats were launched 67 times and 38 lives and 8 vessels were saved. In addition, 10 people were landed (that is taken off the lifeboat by helicopter).

*The 5th boat, Edward Bridges previously at Torbay, was taken out of service in 1994 and is to be on display at the RNLI Museum at the historic Chatham Dockyard.

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 126,000 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 281 lifeboats on active service and 100 in the reserve. In 1994 the lifeboats were launched 6119 times and 1624 lives were saved. Lifeboatmen and women are volunteers who earn their living in other ways. There are over 100 women in the crews from more than 3,500 volunteer crew members throughout the country. One full-time member of the crews, the mechanic, keeps the all-weather lifeboats in a constant state of readiness.

The **RNLI** is a charity which depends entirely on voluntary contributions and in 1995 the annual cost of the lifeboat service was expected to be around £62m.

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.

DEPUTY CHAIRMEN: Sir John Bourn, K.C.B.
C. Henn

HONORARY SECRETARY: Mrs L Jones
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K. G. Game Home Office
Miss C. McGuinness British Telecommunications
J. Morrison Post Office
N. Ponsford Department of Social Security
D. J. Screeche-Powell Ministry of Defence
P. Walls HM Customs and Excise

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:

Midland Bank Plc., Seven Dials Branch, Hove BN3 1TX
National Girobank, Bootle, Merseyside

AUDITORS:

Messrs. Reeves and Neylan, Chartered Accountants, Canterbury

COUNCIL:

The Council of the Fund comprises representatives from Departments 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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Miss A. Boyd, Northern Ireland Social Security Agency

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 20 MARCH 1995

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 20 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 Dave Kennett, RNLI, ex-coxswain of the Yarmouth Lifeboat, Isle of Wight.

Chairman's opening remarks:

The Chairman greeted and thanked everyone for attending. He welcomed the visitors from RNLI, Ms Jenny Davison and, the guest speaker, Mr David Kennett.

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Sir John Bourn, Mr Jim Syme, and Miss P Morris.

NEW HONORARY SECRETARY

The Chairman was pleased to announce that the search for a successor to Peter Sims had now ended and he introduced Mrs Jones who was on a five year secondment from the Department of Transport. The Chairman expressed his thanks to the Department of Transport for providing the services of Mrs Jones.

The Chairman, on behalf of everyone, warmly thanked Peter Sims for all his work as Honorary Secretary over the past eleven years. The Fund greatly appreciated his services but noted, with regret, that business and family commitments meant that he had had to stand down. Peter had been awarded the silver badge from RNLI which was a fitting climax to his Cispotel career.

NAMING CEREMONY FOR FUND'S NEW BOAT TO BE STATIONED AT BLYTH

The Chairman reported that, unfortunately, the Naming Ceremony for Cispotel's 42nd lifeboat, one of the new design Trent class lifeboats, had been delayed because RNLI had identified a technical problem on all the Trent boats. It was hoped that the Naming Ceremony would take place later in the year but no later than the spring of 1996. The Chairman reminded everyone that the name of the new boat, decided at last year's AGM, was to be "Windsor Runner" to reflect the importance of the half marathon to the Fund's activities.

The lifeboat was to be stationed at Blyth, Northumberland where the Naming Ceremony was to take place and it was hoped that many civil servants, Post Office and BT employees from that area would attend. Cispotel representatives in the northeast would be informed about the event and encouraged to invite friends and colleagues.

STATUS OF CISPOTEL

The Chairman explained that during the search for a new Honorary Secretary, the status of Cispotel as a separate charity had been questioned, with RNLI making the offer that the Fund should become an autonomous branch of the Institution. The chairman was grateful for RNLI's offer but reflected the view of everyone in the Fund when he concluded that Cispotel should remain an independent charity.

PAYROLL GIVING BY PENSIONERS

The Chairman advised that there was now a sizeable amount being raised by pensioners with payroll giving. He hoped that more could be done to encourage new supporters both retired or approaching retirement. He undertook to write again to the Assistant Paymaster General to thank him for earlier help and enlist his support for the future.

RETIREMENT OF ALISTAIR JAFFRAY

The Chairman extended the warmest thanks to Alistair Jaffray for all his hard work for the Fund; Sir Angus explained that it was he who was instrumental in finding and persuading Alistair to take on the task. Alistair had served the Fund well, previously as the Deputy Chairman and, later, as Deputy Chairman (Half Marathon).

WELCOME TO CHARLES HENN (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN (HALF MARATHON))

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Charles Henn who was to succeed Alistair Jaffray as Deputy Chairman (Half Marathon). Thanks were extended to everyone involved in organising and running the half marathon, with particular note to Vic Reeves, Wally Heels and Peter Chapman. There was a considerable amount of detail in arranging and executing such an event and tribute was paid to everyone involved for the event's continued success.

Report by the Deputy Chairman (Half marathon)

Alistair Jaffray thanked the Chairman for his remarks and said that he had had the greatest of fun working for the Fund and especially with such a highly dedicated team.

There had been 453 runners last year but the financial result had been a bit disappointing. A smaller proportion of those sponsored actually supported Cispotel; 60 in 1994 compared with 80 in 1983, but the 1994 half marathon had netted over £8,000 (more than 10% of the annual Cispotel subscriptions) and so was still an important part of the Fund's revenue .

The 1995 half marathon was to take place in Windsor Great Park on Saturday 30 September. Good relations had been established with the new Deputy Park Ranger and there was now an annual slot for this event.

The Deputy Chairman (Half Marathon) pointed out that printing costs undertaken for Cispotel by RNLI were now shown as a charge to the Fund and assistance provided by

the Post Office might not be available this year. As such , everyone had to redouble their efforts to ensure the success of the event. He hoped that posters would be displayed prominently to advertise the race and the right people were being informed. For their part, the half marathon committee were approaching Sports Association representatives, aswell as the Welfare reps, to enlist their support.

It was hoped that a greater proportion of sponsorship could be achieved this year and in years to come. This is one of the tasks for Charles Henn and Alistair wished him every success in this and every aspect of the half marathon .

Results of the 1994 Half Marathon race

First Five Runners

Position	Time	Name	Race No.	Age	Department
1.	1 08 58	Snow S	187	27	DOE
2.	1 14 33	AdamsW	486	47	Post Office
3.	1 15 31	Roath R	300	40	Unknown
4.	1 16 16	Oakley K	375	28	Post Office
5.	1 16 41	Russell A	440	39	Post Office

First Five Ladies

Position*	Time	Name	Race No	Age	Department
1.	12414	Storey J	1138	30	Emp . Serv
2.	13228	Lambert S	1116	53	Lord Chancellors
3.	13344	Mitchell J	1132	29	Unknown
4.	13709	McPaul C	1140	29	Relative
5.	14004	Slupinski F	1135		Unknown

*in relation to all 51 ladies

First Five Teams

Place	Team	Department
1st	Reading Post Office	Post Office
2nd	TUPE	DOE
3rd	Kingston Job Centre	Employment Service
4th	Aquila	MOD
5th	Stragglers 'A'	BT/MOD{fransport

Treasurer's Report

The Honorary Treasurer reported that during the year ended 31 December 1994 the Fund had received £65,774.01 in subscriptions which included an amount of £13,132.39 from the new system of pension payroll giving. Although it was pleasing to see such a response from retired employees, it did highlight the fall in subscriptions overall compared with previous years. It appeared that Departments were experiencing difficulty in dealing with the usual subscription giving; this could be due, in part, to the overall reductions of staff in many Departments. The Half Marathon net receipts amounted to £9,530.93 in the year.

Direct receipts by RNLI were noticeably lower than for 1993, which had included a substantial legacy for the use of Cispotel. The new policy to show a cost to the Fund of printing and other work undertaken for Cispotel by RNLI was now reflected in the Accounts but Cispotel would no longer be charged with the costs of lifeboat call-out allowances and maintenance. The Fund's expenses amounted to £4,524.68. At the end of the year the Cispotel's balance in hand with the RNLI was £841,730 which covered the 42nd boat for RNLI; funding was now for the 43rd boat.

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

Secretary's report

The new Honorary Secretary said how glad she was to be working for the Cispotel Lifeboat Fund (two days a week from home) and briefly commented on her previous civil service posts which included front line Social Security work and Parliamentary Clerk for the Department of Transport.

The Secretary reported that there were still 5 Cispotel lifeboats in operation (see inside front page) and during 1994 these boats were launched 67 times, saving 38 lives. The Fund looked forward to when the 42nd boat joined the active fleet and could continue to support the valuable work of the RNLI.

1995 ANNUAL APPEAL

She hoped that she could rely on everyone to take an active part in the Fund's Annual Appeal and try to raise the money for a second 14 metre Trent class boat that would cost £1,060,000. The aim for 1995 was to raise at least £150,000 towards this boat and meet the target of providing a new boat every 5 years or so. The Secretary enlisted everyone's support for a successful Appeal.

On behalf of the Chairman, Deputy Chairmen and all the Officers of the Fund, the Honorary Secretary said that there were many people who worked enthusiastically to help raise funds and she thanked them warmly for all their past work and support. She urged everyone to continue this valuable work and to help the Fund to help RNLI to save lives at sea.

Election of Officers:

The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Honorary Treasurer were re-elected into office for a further year. Mr Charles Henn was elected as Deputy Chairman (Half Marathon), and Mrs Lynda Jones was elected as the new Honorary Secretary.

Confirmation of Executive Committee:

Messrs. Game, Ponsford, Dixon, Screeche-Powell and Syme and Miss McGuinness were re-elected for the next year. Mr Peter Walls was elected in place of Mr David Trathen, who had retired, to represent HM Customs and Excise.

Guest Speaker

Dave Kennett (Ex-Coxswain, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight) RNLI

The Chairman introduced the guest speaker from RNLI, Mr David Kennett, who, until December 1994, was the coxswain at Yarmouth, Isle of Wight and who holds both the silver and bronze RNLI gallantry awards, an outstanding achievement. The service for which he received the bronze award - in hurricane force winds - was captured on film, (a first for RNLI) and shown at the AGM .

Dave Kennett gave a stirring address saying that he had been with the RNLI at Yarmouth for 27 years and coxswain since 1971; he believed that he had probably missed only about 10 launches in all that time because of his great love of the sea. He never went on holidays; he was always available for the lifeboat.

He described the lifeboat at Yarmouth which was an Arun class, 54ft long, displacing about 31.5 tons and having a comprehensive range of communications and navigation equipment. The six man crew were volunteers, drawn from all walks of life, who went to sea in any weather because they wanted to save lives; generally trained by Dave Kennett, they were highly skilled and dedicated.

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 Alistair Jaffray and Peter Sims for all their past work and to David Trathen who retired from the Executive Committee. **A** special thank you went to Dave Kennett for his informative and very moving address.

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.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND
Recorded during the year ended 31st December 1994

	£
Agriculture , Fisheries and Food, Ministry of.....	1,983.50
British Telecom (including £4,000 Payroll Giving).....	4,594.45
Central Office of Information.....	267.27
Customs and Excise, HM.....	6,748.75
Defence, Ministry of (including £2,274.57 Payroll Giving).....	3,730.57
Employment Department Group (includ ing £1,161.67Payroll Giving).....	1,180.67
Environment and Transport.Departments of.....	2,388.56
GCHQ.....	824.00
Health, Department of.....	858.35
HMSO.....	1,501.33
Home Office (including £34.90 Payroll Giving).....	1,744.83
Inland Revenue.....	4,521.59
Land Registry, HM.....	921.69
National Audit Office.....	329.00
National Investment and Loans Office.....	28.50
National Savings Department.....	301.75
Ordnance Survey.....	562.48
Parliamentary Commissioners' Office.....	27.30
Paymaster General's Office.....	169.68
Population, Censuses and Surveys, Office of.....	207.59
Post Office (includrng £91.76 Payroll Giving).....	1,091.76
Public Record Office.....	13.92
Social Security, Department of.....	10,967.27
 SCOTLAND	
Scottish Office.....	3,626.10
 NORTHERN IRELAND	
Agriculture, Department of.....	772.92
British Telecom.....	373.50
Economic Development, Department of.....	947.25
Environment, Department of.....	1,700.00
Finance and Personnel, Department of.....	809.70
Health and Social Services, Department of.....	482.62
Northern Ireland Office.....	214.42
Northern Ireland Royal Mail.....	12.00
Northern Ireland Social Security Agency.....	795.80
 PAYROLL GIVING (of which £7,562.90 is included above).....	 8,068.90
 PENSIONERS' PAYROLL GIVING	 13,132.39
 SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	
Legacy (Miss Burley).....	2,645.47
Royal Hospital School.....	710.00
In memory of Colin Withers.....	395.00
Others.....	382.72

CIVIL SERVICE, POST OFFICE AND BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS
LIFEBOAT FUND
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

1993	RECEIPTS	1994
	13,110.18 Balance brought forward, 1st January 1994	3,739.82
	60,472.10 Subscriptions	65,774.01
	11,574.60 Half Marathon	9,530.93
	87.00 Sale of Ties	29.00
	44,340.00 Direct Receipts by RNLI	8,306.53
	Contra for Expenditure by RNLI	3,984.67
	616.53 Interest on Bank Accounts	452.00
	20.00 Donations for 125th Anniversary Booklet	
£130,220.41		£91,816.96

PAYMENTS		
	81,501.81 Payments to RNLI	77,478.00
	44,340.00 Payments made direct to RNLI	8,306.53
Administration Expenses		
(15.00)	Bank Charges	
35.25	Accountants' Fee	35.25
237.89	Postage, Stationery & Telephone	110.27
70.50	Photographs	
219.28	Travelling	152.90
90.86	Office Equipment & Repairs	241.59
	Printing etc. by RNLI	<u>3,984.67</u>
	638.78	4,524.68

Balances on 31 December		
1994		
	0.23 Midland Account	10.79
	3,725.44 Girobank Accounts	1,491.27
	<u>14.15</u> Petty Cash	<u>5.69</u>
	<u>3,739.82</u>	<u>1,507.75</u>
	£130,220.41	£91,816.96

(signed)	A Barker	Hon. Treasurer
(signed)	Sir Angus Fraser	Chairman
(signed)	A. R. M. Jaffray	Deputy Chairman.HM
(signed)	D. Trathen	Member of Council
(signed)	J. Dixon	Member of Council

We have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 1994 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.

Canterbury
10 MARCH 1995

REEVES & NEYLAN
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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 1994

	£	£		£	£
<u>Balance in Hand</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>		
January 1994		767,785	Printing and other costs	3,985	
			Part payment towards Trent		
			Lifeboat for Blyth, ON1204	<u>73,440</u>	77,425
<u>Moneys received by RNLI</u>					
Remittances from CISPOTEL (Schedule 1)	77,478				
Donations and Legacies (Schedule 2)	8,307				
Sale of Old Civil Service Boats	<u>16,300</u>	102,085			
			<u>Balance in Hand</u>		
<u>Interest on unexpended balances</u>		49,285	31 December 1994		841,730
(at UK clearing bank base lending rate)					
		919,155			919,155

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 1994 and the balance in hand at that date.

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1 March 1995

EA Q Davidson
Head of Finance
Royal National Lifeboat Institution

THE CIVIL SERVICE BENEVOLENT FUND

The Fund exists to help dependants and staff, both serving and retired, 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 dependants in 1994 .

In addition, the Fund provides residential and respite care for the disabled, elderly and infirm throughout the UK 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.

For further information on any aspect of the Fund's work please write to:

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SM3 8DY

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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 1994/95 £278,298 was expended by grants and interest-free loans in helping some 1,644 individuals. The assistance that the RHF can give these cases makes a great difference to their 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, 5th Floor, Palmerston House, 80/86 Old Street, London EC1Y 9PP. Tel: 0171320 7525. Individual donations are also welcome.

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