

The annual Report of the Civil Service and Post Office Lifeboat Fund



The £430,000 Tyne Class Lifeboat is the next target of the Fund

1982

CIVIL SERVICE AND POST OFFICE LIFEBOATS IN SERVICE

13 lifeboats out of 39 boats and one ILB, the cost of which has been defrayed by the contributions of Civil Servants and Officers of the Post Office and Telecommunication establishments at home and abroad, remain in service at various stations in the British Isles. The list of Civil Service boats and the number of launchings and lives saved in 1982 is as follows:

Station	Name of Boat	Type of Lifeboat	When Built	Launches	Lives Saved	Vessels Saved
BEAUMARIS	Greater London II (Civil Service No. 30)	Watson	1955			
MUMBLES	Pentland (Civil Service No. 31)	Watson	1957	10	10	4
LIZARD -CADGWITH	The Duke of Cornwall (Civil Service No . 33)	Barnett	1960	7		
ST. DAVID 'S	Joseph Soar (Civil Service No. 34)	Watson	1963	3		
EYEMOUTH	EricSeal (Civil Service No. 36)	Waveney	1973	5		
TORBAY	Edward Bridges (Civil Service No. 37)	Aron	1975	18	12	6
MARGATE	Silver Jubilee (Civil Service No. 38)	Rother	1977	13		
PORTRUSH	Richard Evans (Civil Service No. 39)	Aron	1981	8	7	2
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA	Percy Garon	Atlantic21	-	22	3	2
Relief Fleet						
Formerly stationed at:						
PORTRUSH	Lady Scott (Civil Service No. 4)	Watson	1949	5		1
BLYTH	Winston Churchill (Civil Service No. 8)	Watson	1948	6	4	1
HOLYHEAD	St. Cybi (Civil Service No. 9)	Barnett	1950	2		
ALDEBURGH	Charles Dibdin (Civil Service No. 32)	Beach	1959	2		
CLOVELLY	Charles H. Barrett (Civil Service No. 35)	Clyde	1965	26	15	4
			TOTAL	127	51	21

The Fund contributes £5,000 per annum towards the maintenance of these boats and also refunds to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution the allowances on service paid to the crews.

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REPORT FOR 1982

The COUNCIL have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1982 of the Civil Service and Post Office Lifeboat Fund.

Contributions

The Fund's appeal for 1982 resulted in the inspiring total of subscriptions of £121,231.11 which was not only 40% higher than in 1981 but broke the £100,000 barrier by a handsome margin. In addition RNLI received direct the following - from Fund's subscribers £2,021.83 (including Deeds of Covenant and the related tax refunds); proceeds of sale of Civil Service No. 10 "SAINT ANDREW" £5,300; and interest on funds transferred to RNLI and not spent by them in the year £2,406.69. Administrative expenses amounted to £3,041.86 (2.5% of subscriptions) and a total of £115,138.10 was transferred to RNLI in the year. After deduction of £10,496.35 on service allowances and maintenance on the Fund's lifeboats, and payment of the balance of £29,154.39 due for Civil Service No. 39 "RICHARD EVANS", £85,215.88 was left in hand towards the next target - a most encouraging start.

News of our Lifeboats

The Fund's Lifeboats were launched 127 times. 51 lives and 21 vessels were saved. The Fund has now been responsible for boats which have rescued over 3.750 lives.

Among the more dramatic rescues last year were:

(1) GREATER LONDON II (Civil Service No. 30)- Watson type boat stationed at Beaumaris. A bronze medal was awarded and presented to COXSWAIN DAYID GALLICHAN at the Presentation of Awards in May 1982. The Greater London II was launched to go to the help of the 35ft angling launch Wygyr in difficulties in the Menai Straits. A strong gale, force 9, was blowing from south south east, there was driving snow and it was freezing. An exceptionally high tide combined with the gales had flooded a large proportion of the town. Seas were breaking freely over the sea wall. The windscreen iced up almost immediately and Coxswain had to post lookouts. After a search, the launch was found and taken in tow, the towline doubled up. One line parted, however, and with the possibility of the other line parting in restricted waters COXSWAIN GALLICHAN, with great skill, took off the two men by hauling in the tow.

(2) PENTLAND (Civil Service No. 31) Watson type boat stationed at Mumbles. This lifeboat was used for the television series "ENNAL'S POINT" shown on BBC in January.

After a long and splendid record ST. ANDREW (Civil Service No. 10) has been finally retired. A Watson type boat built in 1952 for the Lifeboat Station at Whitehalls and served there until 1960. Service at Girvan from 1961 until 1968, and at Arklow between 1969 and 1973, before transferring to the Relief Fleet. This boat has fulfilled many valuable years service with the Lifeboat Fleet but could no longer be economically maintained to the high standard required for the conditions which lifeboats must be able to endure. In all, launched on 82 separate services saving 21 lives.

Visits

- (1) With the help of the Deputy Chairman's Land Rover, a number of Representatives from the Fund visited the RNLI Headquarters at Poole in August. They were privileged to have the Deputy Director as their guide and were able to take a closer look at the lifeboat service and to see both the staff and the facilities which provide the essential back-up for both lifeboat stations and fund-raisers. An exhibition of models and pictures traced the RNLI's history and development. We visited the central operations/information room, design office, fund-raising and publicity areas, workshops and stores and last but not least saw what it was like to sail in a modern lifeboat. This peep behind the scenes and the opportunity to meet so man Y. of the people involved in keeping the lifeboat service operational (including a few very blue-eyed lifeboatmen) was an inspiration to us all.
- (2) It was only last year that the RNLI held the first of what we understand will be a series of Open Days. These will now become a feature of the RNLI Headquarters and the next will be held during the summer months of 1984. Anyone in the vicinity will be welcome and on our experience will find the time well and most interestingly spent.
- (3) A visit was made to the Welsh Office on the occasion of the opening of their RNLI week by Rachael Thomas of the "Ennal's Point" Television Series. A detailed exhibition waslaid on in the main hall which included an inshore 21ft Atlantic lifeboat and the set from the production of "Ennal's Point". A different event was organised for each day and this special fund-raising week generated an amount of interest in the Fund both in and outside the Welsh Office and enabled them usefully to increase their contribution to the Fund.

Planning and Publicity

REPRESENTATION - We believe that we have been able to see that the Fund now has representatives in all Departments including the smaller ones. In a few instances larger Departments have been asked to widen their nets to cover some small organisations. Now that the full contribution list for the year is available a complete check is being carried out. ARTICLES and DISPLAY MATERIAL- With the help of the Publicity Officer of the RNLI articles appeared in Departmental Staff Journals, News Letters and other Civil Service Journals. Representatives were encouraged to approach the Publicity Officer for Display and Publicity Material and Fund-raising Aids and the wide variety of material provided has been used effectively in many Departments. RESCUES - Requests for "Rescues" where offices have a particular interest in boats have increased over the year. A reminder has encouraged more representatives to widen the interest in the Fund by including these vivid accounts of launches of our Lifeboats in their publicity material. LIFEBOAT JOURNAL - All representatives have been circulated about their requirements for additional copies of the Journal which gives not only fascinating and stimulating accounts of the numerous ways in which money is raised, but also describes some of the more dramatic recent rescues. It is an expensive publication to produce so care has been exercised in increasing additional copies to Departments; but it has been a useful guide for all those willing to undertake extra fund-raising activities.

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN again held some informal meetings with Representatives and the Executive Committee. Ideas were pooled about smaller fund-raising activities but discussion also included the possibility of undertaking some larger scale events in which all Departments could participate. One particular scheme is already in mind for 1984.

Results of the 1982 Campaign

It was hoped that 1982 would be the year when the magical figure of £100,000 was reached. To have passed this amount by over £21,000 was a splendid achievement by one and all. The distressing Penlee disaster could not fail to inspire a particular interest in the RNLI during this period; but this does not detract from the very real extra efforts of our Representatives who rose to the Deputy-Chairman's challenge not only to cope with inflation but to recover some of the falling back in real money terms. It was met by the surprising amount of a 40% increase in contributions. Watching this amount build up over the year has made it an exciting one for the Fund. It is realised that it will be a mammoth task to maintain this increase but it is hoped that the discussions which took place with the **RNLI** to identify the next target for the Fund (outlined below) will be a fu(ther challenge to you all.

Objectives

It has been decided that our next aim should be a FAST SLIPWAY LIFEBOAT. This type of new lifeboat is intended to replace some of the Institution's 46ft and 47th Watson housed lifeboats when they reach the end

of their station lives. It was specified that she should retain the traditional shallow draught, long straight keel and protected propellers which make it possible to house the boat ashore and to undertake rescue work in shoal waters; that she should attain a speed of at least 15 knots; that she should be self-righting; and that her overall dimensions and weight should be such that she would fit into existing boathouses and could be launched from existing slipways. The new design has met all these requirements, and the first two prototypes, built in steel, are now on extensive trials. The boats, called the Tyne class, cost £430,000 each.

£430,000- a formidable fi&ure. We are already over £85,000 on the way (from this year's contributions). We ought to have enough by 1985, if we can keep up this year's rate; and that is what we must try to see we do. The timing would fit in well with the building and launching programme for the class. A new Fast Slipway boat will be a worthy bearer of our No. 40 slogan. And what better way to back upthe Director of the RNLI when hesays "We pride ourselves on being able to put into the hands of our lifeboatmen the

best possible tools for the job".

In conclusion SOME WORDS OF APPRECIATION. The Council would like to thank all the Representatives who have retired this year, including particularly DICK BRALL our Treasurer who has given such sterling support over many years. Also the Council would like to assure our contributors, Representatives and all Collectors in the Departments, Post Office and British Telecommunications establishments that it is their combined efforts that make it possible for us to remain the biggest single contributor to the RNLI-something of which we can be extremely proud. so to you all our very grateful thanks for the invaluable time and effort you have put in throughout 1982.

> Signed on behalf of the Council Ronald Radford, Chairman Connie Henry, Honorary Secretary

Dated March 1983.

The COUNCIL was honoured by the presence of the Divisional Inspector of Lifeboats for Eastern England, Mr. Michael G. K. Pennell who addressed us on recent developments in the RNLI.

Mr. Pennell opened by thanking the Fund and its members for their magnificent total of monies raised in 1982. He then mentioned the Penlee enquiry and requested that no questions be asked on the subject as the

Official DTI enquiry had now opened.

The development of the Medina class lifeboat was described and the fact that four of the 33ft Brede class were now on station, with more building. The 47ft Fast Slipway boat, the Tyne class, was detailed and the fact that the first boat had been allocated to Selsey station, to be there sometime later in the vear.

Reference was made to the Southend Atlantic 21 medal service (which was carried out in a Relief lifeboat). This service to two fishermen in May 1982 was effected in heavy seas and was an example of two stations working together since Sheerness lifeboat had brought the survivors home after the rescue by the Atlantic 21.

The duties of a Divisional Inspector were mentioned and the broad organisation of the Division at staff level.

Expenditure of money on Upkeep and Maintainence of stations was an example of funds being used for other purposes than building boats and the new training function detailed; one caravan being now used for Communications and the other to house the donated Radar Simulator; both were now taking a training function to the crews on the coast.

Finally, reference was made to visits by Fund supporters and Mr. Pennell suggested that the RNLI PRO might re-issue an advice to lifeboat stations to brief them on the likely visits by Post Office or Telecom personnel from

their area.

The Deputy-Chairman, Mr. J. M. MOORE, C.B., D.S.C. who because of his retirement from the Civil Service was relinquishing the position, said that of course the programme for the year was perhaps more a matter for his successor, Mr. Jaffray, than for himself. But born of experience, there would be a good deal to be said for "the mixture as before". The continuing association with the Fund of the Post Office and British Telecom had happily been assured. So the way was clear for the usual pattern of collection by Subscription List which had long served the Fund so well. There would be a continuing need to see that all possible contributors were reached. Publicity for the activities of the Fund and the RNLI was important, so that supporters were given a clear view of the benefits which came from their contributions. The myriad ways in which supporters of the **RNLI** countrywide raised money for the lifeboats suggested that there was more we might do in the same direction. Some Departments had already shown what could be done. The only requirements were initiative and organisation. The idea of a Civil Service Marathon, in aid of the Fund, was already being examined. And provincial offices contributing to the Fund could often make arrangements for visits to Lifeboat Stations, where they would always be welcome.

As to the target for the Fund's collection, traditionally the aim has always been to be in the van of lifeboat activity. The latest important development was of course the fast slipway boat. Such a sophisticated craft was expensive - about £430,000 at present. That was a lot of money- but the Fund had shown last year what could be done. With the money already in hand since paying for our last boat, it would be realistic to think of paying for a fast slipway boat in 1985. There could hardly be a better target.

CIVIL SERVICE AND POST OFFICE LIFEBOAT FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1982

1981		RECEIPTS	19	1982		
	10,193 86,317 2 £96,512	Balance brought forward, 1st January 1982 Subscriptions Interest on Deposit Account		14,582.90 121,231.11 0.02 £135,814.03		
PAYMENTS						
2,275 40 111 35 600 52	78,816	Payments to RNLI Administration Expenses Printing and Stationery Postage Travelling Audit Fee Office Accommodation Honorary Secretary's Expenses	2,345.93 56.83 4.60 34.50 600.00	115,138.10		
	3,113		1	3,041.86		
13,791 756 36		Balances on 31st December 1982 Bank Accounts Cheques in Transit Petty Cash	13,737.99 3,871.32 24.76			
	14,583			17,634.07		
	£96,512			£135,814.03		

§igned A Barker, Hon. Treasurer
Signed Ronald Radford, Chairman
Signed J. M. Moore, Deputy Chairman
Signed C.H. Henry, (Miss) Hon. Secretary
■ Signed J. J. Allen, Member of Council

We have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 1982 and we certify that in our opinion it records correctly transactions of the Civil Service and Post Office Lifeboat Fund for the year under review as disclosed by the books and information and explanations supplied to us.

3rd February 1983

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

CIVIL SERVICE AND POST OFFICE LIFEBOAT FUND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT WITH THE ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1982

Moneys received by RNLI January February March April May	15,810.00 8,977.00 9,506.00 8,739.00 1,620.00		Expenditure by RN LI Revenue Accowd:- Service Allowances Maintenance 1982	5,4%.35 5,000.00	10,496.35
June August September October November December	2,535.00 292.10 1,822.00 15,651.00 20,752.00		Capital Account for Arun ON/070 Portrush (Civil Service No. 39) "RICHARD EVANS")		
Beelmen			Balance from 1981 Received from 1982	243,067.32 29,154.39	29,154.39
ProceedsonsaleofC.S. No.			Recorded costs	272,221.71 272,221.71	
IO" SAINT ANDREW "	5,300.00		Fully funded	NIL	
Interest Allowed on Unex nded Balances Cable hip 'Alert' Post Office Windsor British Embassy Baghdad Customs and Excise VAT South Shields Crawley Post Office MOD Harrogate Luton Tel ExchanJe BT International x- change, Kelvin House PO Eng Union London Testing BR Cambridge Post Office Kelvin House Bazaar Fund DHSS Aberystwyth Basildon Sorting Office Union of Post Office Workers Bromley Sorting Office Romford Tel Exchanie British Embassy Club onn Preston Tel Area Sports &Social Maidstone Tel Exch. Night Staff Norton Tel. Lab. Staff Deedsof Covenant and Sundry Items Covenant Tax Refunds	268.00 207.00 205.00 200.00 105.00 65.00 65.00 50.00 43.20 40.90 35.25 35.00 25.00 20.00 20.00	2,406.69 2,021.83	Balance in Hand		85,215.88
Co-chain Tax Refullus	27.04	124,866.62			124,866.62

I certify the above to be a true record of the remittances received by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution from the Civil Service and Post Office Lifeboat Fund, and the allocation of those funds during the year ended 31st December, 1982.

25th February, 1983

R.M.S. PRIESTLEY , F.C. A. CHIEF ACCOUNTANT, ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND

Received during the year ended 31st December 1982

Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ministry of	1,749.64
Agriculture Research Council	671.92
British Telecom (including the following)	8,430.57
Data Processing Executive	
Research Laboratories, Martlesham Heath	-3
Procurement Executive, Factories Division	50
Preston Area	26
Headquarters	
Central Office of Information	178.30
Charity Commission	100.00
Crown Estate Office	43.50
HM Customs and Excise	7,129.97
Defence, Ministry of	14,659.03
Education and Science	1,150.00
Employment, Department of	9,031.36
Energy, Department of	154.09
Environment, Department of the	6,579.91
Exchequer and Audit Department	385.82
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	103.50
Friendly Societies Registry	31.64
Government Communication Headquarters	555.32
Health and Social Security, Department of	17,044.63
Home Office	3,509.82
House of Lords	49.00
Industry, Trade and PCP, Departments of	2,932.58
Inland Revenue	10,174.84
Land Registry, HM	1,142.31
Lord Chancellor's Office	1,663.91
Management & Personnel Office	346.11
National Investment and Loans Office	25.74
National Savings Department	489.55
Ordnance Survey	525.08
Overseas Development, Ministry of	342.00
Parliamentary Commissioner, Office of	40.00
Paymaster General's Office	93.00
Population Censuses and Surveys, Office of	228.13
Post Office	13,290.04
Public Record Office	129.35
Science and Engineering Research Council	203.60
HMSO	351.76

WALES Welsh Office 934.05 SCOTLAND Scottish Office 4,229.03 Scottish Courts Administration 171.19 Crown Office, Scotland 320.00 Post Office in Scotland 3.228.09 Aberdeen Telephone Area, Benevolent Fund 30.00 Dundee Telephone Area, Benevolent Fund 50.00 Registers of Scotland, Department of 109.65 Scottish Record Office 52.67 NORTHERN IRELAND Agriculture, Department of 698.61);3ritish Telecom 2.341.14 Commissioner for Complaints, Office of 23.50 Economic Development, Department of 1,104.74 Education, Department of 131.00 Environment, Housing, Local Government and Planning, Department of 1.382.24 Finance, Department of 658.94 Northern Ireland Office 201.00 Health and Social Services, Department of 1,227,40 Police Authority for Northern Ireland 175.40 SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS 14.63 Crawley HPO. "In Memory of Crew of Penlee Lifeboat" 31.60 7.50 7.00 33.31 Department of Employment, N.W. Staff Training Social Club British Telecom, Fore Street "Sponsored Slim" 40.00 British Telecom, Birmingham Test Centre 264.00 Haverhill Townswomen's Guild 5.00 MOD Procurement Executive, Shoeburyness (for Widows and Orphans 15.50 Lincoln Telephone Area (Danesgate House Counter Customers) 4.00 Waddon Skill Centre 10.00 The Post Office and Civil Service Sanatorium Society 100.00 35.00 Sir R. and Lady Radford 55.00 5.00 E. **J.** Lenegh an Esq. ... 70.00 15.00 12 RSME Regiment, Rochester 8.70

5.00

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To keep up this level of assistance and to maintain our Convalescent Centre at Bournemouth and our Residential Homes for the elderly and infirm, we must keep up the value of our income. New members are authorising at least 15p per week (70p per month) to be deducted from their pay and sent to us.

If you are contributing less than this (or not at all) will you please help us by getting a form from your Local CSBF Representative; your Welfare Officer or from the National Publicity Officer, CSBF; Watermead House, Sutton Court Road, Sutton, Surrey, SMI 4TF. Your help will be gratefully received by so many who are in need.

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