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The annual Report of the Civil Service and Post Office
Life-Boat Fund

1981

#### CIVIL SERVICE AND POST OFFICE LIFE-BOATS IN SERVICE

15 life-boats out of 39 boats and one I.LB. 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, at the time Of going to press, is as follows:

Civil Service No.	Station	Boat	Launches	Lives Saved
30	Beaumaris	The "Greater London 11"	2	2
31	The Mumbles	The "Pentland"	14	5
32	Aldeburgh	The "Charles Dibdin"	3	
33	Lizard/Cadgwith	The "Duke of Cornwall"	5	
34	St. Davids	The " JosephSoar"		
36	Eyemouth	The "Eric Seal"	4	
37	Torbay	The "Edward Bridges"	13	8
38	Margate	The "Silver Jubilee"	18	6
40	Portrush	The "Richard Evans"	13	3
39	Southend-on-Sea	The "Percy Garron"	80	29
8	On relief at Exrnouth	The "Winston Churchill"	11	2
4	On relief at Portpatrick	The "Lady Scott"		
9	On relief at Fishguard	The "St. Cybi"		
10	On emergency relief	The "St. Andrew"		
35 11	On relief at Clovelly Now at the Bristol Lifeboat Museum but on the sale list	The "Charles H. Barrett" The "North Foreland"	1 2	
	,	Totals	168	-55

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

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#### **REPORT FOR 1981**

The COUNCIL have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1981 of the Civil Service and Post Offiice Life-boat Fund.

#### **Contributions**

The response to the Fund's appeal for 1981 and subscriptions received by the Honorary Treasurer and the Midland Bank (on behalf of the Fund) totalled £86,317.47, just a little higher than the equivalent figure for 1980. Additionally, payments sent direct to the RNLI by the Fund's subscribers totalled £1,541,90p, including Deeds of Covenant and the related tax refunds. Thus an overall total of £87,859.37p was subscribed, of which approximately 3.5% was used for administrative purposes, enabling substantial payments to be sent throughout the year towards the cost of the Fund's latest lifeboat, the **RICHARD** EVANS now on station at Portrush. This must be regarded as a very satisfactory outcome to everybody's efforts but the fact remains that the collection did not keep pace with inflation and the payments to the RNLI, in real terms, have fallen.

A small number of donations received towards the end of the year were directed by the donors to the Penlee Relief Fund. Thus they cannot be shown in the Civil Service and Post Office Fund's account but your Council is pleased to record these further generous efforts by its members.

#### News of our Lifeboats

RICHARD EVANS (Civil Service No. 39). On June 27th lifeboat people came from all over Northern Ireland to be present at the naming ceremony. Portrush, built on a promontory, was a beautiful setting on a brilliant sunshiny day for this ceremony. Our Chairman accompanied by Lady Radford and supported by the Honorary Secretary was there to present the lifeboat to the RNLI. The 52 ft Arun Class lifeboat - the Institution's most modem and fastest lifeboat was received by Admiral Hezlet and following a service of dedication the boat was named the RICHARD EVANS by Lady Hezlet. Unusually (but why not?) not champagne to break over the bows on this occasion but the "wine of the country', a bottle of Irish whiskey presented by a distillery founded in 1608. Mr. Richard Evans, SGM, BEM after whom the boat was named was present with his wife and family. He is the retired Coxswain of the Moelfre (Anglesey) lifeboat and the most decorated lifeboatman alive today. So the 39th Civil Service & Post Office Lifeboat is indeed worthily named. It was a very proud moment as the lifeboat went down the slip. The only regret would be that more of the people who had

contributed to the boat were not present to see the result of their efforts.

NORTH FORELAND (Civil Service No. 11). This lifeboat had to be placed on the sale list - it being no longer economically practicable to maintain her to the high standard required for the service conditions which lifeboats must be able to endure. With the ongoing process of development and modernisation to cope with present conditions - old lifeboats have to leave the fleet to be replaced with new ones like the RICHARD EVANS. The retirement of the North Foreland boat concludes a magnificent record - launched on 404 occasions and saving no less than 223 lives.

#### Rescues

The fund's lifeboats were launched in 1981 on 168 occasions and rescued 55 lives. The Fund has now been responsible for rescuing over 3600 lives.

#### **Publicity and Planning**

ARTICLES - With the help of the Publicity Officer of the RNLI articles appeared in Departmental Staff Journals, News Letters and other Civil Service Journals. DISPLAY MATERIAL- Representatives were made aware of Publicity and Display Material and Fund-Raising Aids and the wide variety of items have been used effectively in many Departments. RESCUES - Reports of these make lively reading and where our lifeboats are stationed within the vicinity of local offices, accounts of launchings have been made availablefor the use of Representatives. Plans are in hand to speed up the distribution of this very valuable publicity material and it is hoped that more Departments will take advantage of using it in their Journals. A knowledge of the varying rescues carried out by our boats throughout the year must stimulate a wider interest in the Fund.

In addition the format of the standard departmental sheet was revised in an endeavour to make greater impact and the collection machinery tightened up. A close look to ensure that representation existed in all Departments including the smaller ones was completed. Small informal meetings were held by the Deputy Chairman to promote an interest and pool ideas on extra fund raising activities which will be a special feature in 1982.

It is some what disappointing to record that the special efforts made by many of the Fund's supporters have not resulted in our overcoming the problem of inflation which has continued to lower the real value of our contributions. But at least, we collected as much in 1981 as in 1980. This is quite creditable taking into account that (1) it was a highly competitive year for Fund raising (2) it has been a

particularly difficult year for the Civil Service generally and (3) the reduction in the total number of Civil Servants is in the region of 25,000.

#### **Objectives**

The Council will set about its task of inflation-proofing its contribution to the RNLI- it appears simple. It is simple. If everyone who gave lOp last year would make it llp, we should be just about there. If they recklessly made it an extra 2p we should be able actually to give the Lifeboats more in real terms than we ever have in the past. Remembering Penlee, that seems a worthy goal- and indeed an open one.

In conclusion SOME WORDS OF APPRECIATION. The Council would like to assure our contributors, Representatives - a number who have retired this year - and all Collectors in the Departments and Post Office and Telecommunication establishments that it is their combined efforts that make it possible for us to remain the biggest single contributor to the RNLI- something to be proud of. So to you all our very grateful thanks for the invaluable time and effort you have put in throughout 1981.

Dated March 1982

Signed on behalf of the Council Ronald Radford, Chairman Connie Henry, Hon. Secretary

The Council was honoured by the presence of the Deputy Director of the RNLI, Commander Brian Miles, RN who addressed us on recent developments in the RNLI.

Commander Miles began by expressing his thanks for the invitation to address the meeting. He had always known the Fund since joining the Institution in 1964 and when a Divisional Inspector on the coast frequently quoted the Fund's record as an example to encourage other fund raisers.

He expressed the Institution's appreciation to the Fund for all that had been achieved during last year. These thanks had been preemted by the Prime Minister at a lifeboat exhibition in the House of Commons when she expressed her personal appreciation to Mr. Moore and Miss Henry for all the Fund had achieved.

Commander Miles spoke briefly about the Penlee lifeboat disaster and put the record straight on matters such as the disaster funds. He went on to mention new lifeboat developments: two fast slipway boats were being built, with the naming ceremony of the first one in the City of London on 1st October; three Brede class boats were being built and four more had been ordered, and two Medina class boats were now on trials but there was some delay in completing

evaluation of this exciting new class because of drive problems.

Commander Miles gave a brief explanation to illustrate why different classes of lifebol).ts are required:

The UK and Ireland have an extensive and varied coastline with over 5,000 miles to cover. The RNLI has declared the facility guaranteeing that its boats can reach positions 30 miles offshore within 4 hours of steaming and maintain a capability to search for at least 4 hours. To illustrate how varied UK/Ireland coastline is he made reference to the problems of providing lifeboat coverage in, say, the deep water Port of Lerwick where large distances for services are common, Wells in Norfolk with shallow water offshore banks and Trevose Head in North Cornwall with no suitable harbours and the slipway launch the only possible method. Basically there are three types of launch. At present 70 boats lie afloat, 23 boats launch from carriages, 38 launch from slipway. These factors present a constant challenge to planners and coastal coverage is being reviewed constantly.

Commander Miles talked of the International Lifeboat Conference for which the RNLI provides the secretariat. The next Conference is to be held at Gothenburg in 1983. Exchanges of ideas are regular and free but there are opportunities for the Institution to gain financially from passing on expertise. For example during the last twelve months West Germany, Holland, Spain, Portugal, Algeria, New Zealand and Chile have had contacts with the Institution.

Commander Miles reported that RNLI work increases constantly with nearly 3,000 launches in 1981 and over 1,000 lives saved. Financially the challenge grows greater every year. The Director and his staff do the very best to keep administrative expenses to the minimum and in 1981 nearly one-third of expenditure was on capital items and nearly one-half was recurrent expenditure in maintaining the service on the coast. In 1982 the Institution would need to raise £16m to run the lifeboat service which includes £4m for capital expenditure programme. This was an indication of the challenge presented to everyone.

In conclusion, Commander Miles expressed thanks again for the support received from the Fund. He gave a brief report on certain of the Fund's boats. ON 1070, the Arnn at Portrush, was now fully paid for, The coxswain of **ON** 921 at Beaumaris had recently received a bronze medal for bravery. **ON** 940 at Mumbles was used in the recent "Ennals Point" BBC TV programme and ON 888 was recently lent by the RNLI for display in the new National Museum at Bristol.

PRO/OW 20.5.82

The Deputy-Chairman Mr J. M. Moore, CB DSC outlined the plan of campaign for the 1982 appeal. Although the 1981 results were by no means unsatisfactory in difficult circumstances, the Fund had to do better yet. The main element of the campaign ought still to be the use of the tried and tested (and recently overhauled) machinery which had served so well for many years. In addition, he hoped all departmental representatives, whose contribution was, as always, qmte vital, would see what could be done in each department by way of extra fund raising activity. The Life-Boat Journal always gave a fascinating account of the many and varied ways in which money had been raised. This kind of activity in support of the Civil Service Fund was conspicuously rare. He hoped more could be done. Small sums of money were no less welcome than large.

The Deputy Chairman said that he would hope to continue to be able to consult closely with departmental representatives, on whom fell the main burden. He was keen to see that any departmental or local initiative got as much help and support as possible. The additional publicity for the activity of the Funds' Life-Boats would continue, so as to show contributors what their money made possible.

The Fund would soon be able to make its last necessary payment on the Portrush boat. There would be discussions with the RNLI to identify the next target for the Fund. He thought it would be right to choose to provide another boat, since this provided a clear and tangible target for fund-raising. But it ought to be a boat whose delivery would coincide reasonably with the Fund's ability to raise the total purchase price by then. The new breed of fast slipway boats offered an obvious challenge, provided the timetable was right.

Finally, the Deputy Chairman referred to the keen interest which the Prime Minister had taken in the Civil Service's contribution to the Life-Boat Institution when she attended a small exhibition in the Palace of Westminster. It was clear that Mrs. Thatcher had not previously realised the extent of the Fund's help, and she went out of her way to comment with much admiration on it. "39 Boats" had clearly made a considerable impression on her.

#### CIVIL SERVICE AND POST OFFICE LIFEBOAT FUND RECEIPTSANDPAYMENTSACCOUNTFORTHE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1981

1980		1981		
	9,236 86,158 8,324	Subscriptions		10,193.08 86,317.47
	128	Interest on Deposit Account		1.85
	£103,846			96.512.40
		PAYMENTS		
	89,900	Payments to RNLI		78,816.00
3,065		Administrative Expenses Printing & Stationery	2,275.31	
40		Postage	40.25	
10		Hon. Secretary's Clerical Expenses	52.00 111.44	
19 29		Travelling Expenses Audit Fee	34.50	
600		Provision of Office Accommodation, etc.	600.00	
	3,753			3,113.50
		Balances on 31st December 1981		
7,543		Bank Accounts	13,791.06	
2,646 4		Cheques in transit Petty Cash	755.65 36.19	
•	10,193			14,582.90
	£103,846			£96,512.40
	€105,040			270,312.40

Signed R. A. Brall, Hon. Treasurer
Signed Ronald Radford, Chairman
Signed J.M. Moore, Deputy Chairman
Signed D.P. Trathen, Member of Council Signed G.W. Brown, Member of Council

We have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 1981 and we certify that in our opinion it records correctly the 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, 1982

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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, 1981

Moni es received by RNL I			Expel1dit11re by RNL/		
Fe bruary	20.000.00		Rel·ellu e Accollm -		
March	5.372.00				
April	3.302.00		Service Allowances 19 80	5.483.70	
May	834.00		Se rvic e A llowa nces 19 8 1	6. 076.10	
June	2,405,00		Maintenance 19 8 1	5,000,00	16.559.80
Se ptember	4,000.00				
Oc tobe r	8,027,00				
November	13.3 41.00		C apital Acco1111r		
December	21.535.00	78.816.00	for Aru, 1 O N 1070 Portm sh		
			Bala nce from 1980	179. 269.22	
Head Post Office. Binn ingha m	550.00		Rece ived 198 1	63.798.10	63.798 . 10
Daniel House. Bootle	265.00				
Diplo ma tic Service Wives. Ankara	80.50		Available 19 8 1	243.067.32	
Foreign Office. London	73.00		Recorded cos1 to date	266.486.41	
MOD. Harrogate	70.77				
Ke Ivin Ho use Bazaar Fund	60.00		Balance unfunded as at 1 12.81	23.419.09	
C.S. Sailing Associatio n - Fleet	50.00				
DOE. Fareha m	50.00				
MOD. RARDE. Sevenoaks	50.00				
Hayes Reposito ry. Inl and Revenue	39.00				
MOD.Bath	30.60				
Post Office. Wimbledon	22.00				
Presto n Te le phone Area	20.00				
D.C. Wassell	15.00				
MOD. Ordnance Board	13. 30				
Post Office. Becken ham	10.50				
Alliance Pensione rs	10.00				
A.E. Smith	10.00				
Miss W. I. Batchelo r	10.00				
P.O. Eng. Liverpool External	10.00				
Deeds of Covenant and Sund ry items	82.92				
Tax Refunds	19.3 1	1.541.90			
		£80.357.90			£80.357.90

I certify the above to be a tru e record of the remittance s received by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution from the Civil Service and Post Office Life boat Fund, and the allcica tio n of those funds during the year ended 31st December. 1981.

R.M.S. PRI ESTLEY. F.C.A.. CHIEF ACCOUNTANT. ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOA T INSTI11J1I 0 N

#### SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND

Received during the year ended 31st December , 1981

Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ministry of	1 .479. 00			
Agriculture Research Council				
British Telecom (including the following)	7 . 603.33			
Data Processing Executive				
Research Laboratories, Martlesham Heath . 350.79				
Procurement Executive, Factories Division 310.76				
Preston Area 150.50				
Headquarters				
Cabinet Office	15 2. 12			
Cent ral Office of Information				
Charity Co mm iss io n	100.00			
Civil Service Department	657.00			
Crown Es tate Office	116.75			
HMCustoms and Excise	6.638.00			
Defence, Ministry of	8.988.97			
Employment, Department of	1 1.242.74			
Energy, Department of	123.72			
Environment, Department of the	4.499.00			
Exchequer and Audit Department				
Export Credits Guarantee Department				
Foreign and Co mmonwe alth Office	630.00			
Friendly Societies Registry	25.35			
Government Actuary's Departme nt	18.00			
Health and Social Security, Department of	8.669.62			
Home Office	2.483.00			
House of Lords	38.74			
Indu stry . Trade and PCP, Departments of	25.57			
Inland Revenue	8.568.00			
Intervention Board for Agricultural Products	46.33			
Land Registry. HM	608.09			
Lord Chancellor's Office	121.00			
National Investment and Loans Office	22.07			
Nationa 1 Savings Department	426.03			
Ordnance Survey	456.74			
Overseas Develo pment. Ministry of				
Parliamentary Commissio ne r, Office of				
Paymaster General's Office				
Population Censuses and Surveys, Office of				
Post Office				
Public Record Office				
Science and Engineering Research Council				
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Treasury Solicitor's Office	56. 1 9			
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19.50

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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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WILL YOU HELP PLEASE- The RHBF 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 per week is all that is required. Subscribers' forms can be obtained from your local Post Office. RHBF representative or direct from the Secretary, Rowland Hill Benevolent Fund. Room 305, Armour House, St. Martin's- le- Grand, London ECI:A. IAR. Tel: 01-432 1234. Individual donations are also welcome.

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