



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

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1973

# The Civil Service and Post Office Life-Boat Fund

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 are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee .

# The Report for 1973



The Council have pleasure in presenting the annual report for 1973 of the Civil Service and Post Office Life-Boat Fund.

For the fourth year in succession a record collection has been made. Receipts during the year amounted to £45,428, an increase of £9,233 over 1972. As is usual, this does not represent the final picture, since £16,656 of the receipts must be attributed to the 1972 appeal, raising the total response to that appeal to £41,594 (£1,700 more than 1971). The final figure for 1973 will not be known until later in 1974.

The special appeal sent out this year by your Council for the Life-boat to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Royal National Life-boat Institution produced a particularly marked response in the Post Office, which contributed £2,327 more than in the previous year. The response from other departments was various, but across the board the increased donations were very encouraging.

The late Miss E. Ashforth, formerly of the Inland Revenue, left a Fund legacy of £250, and the usual £15 was received from the estate of the late Miss E. A. Close. A number of special donations were received including donations in memory of deceased officers.

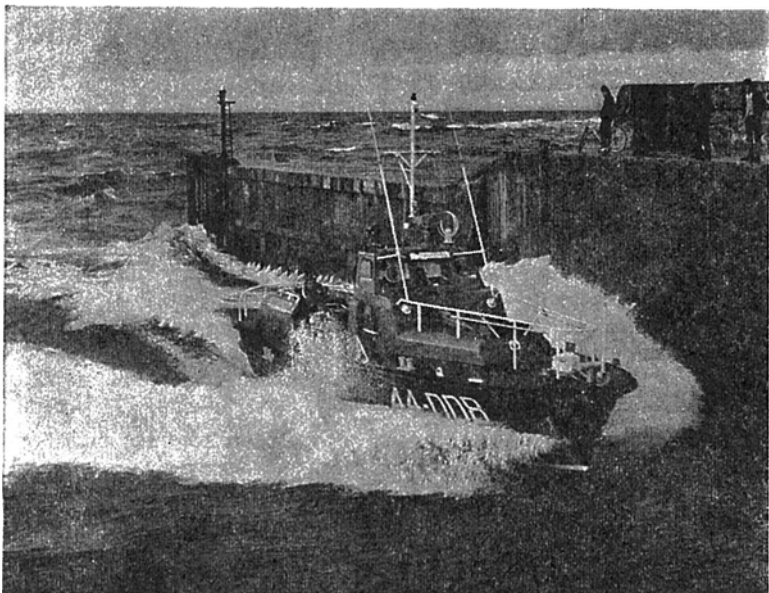
While the Council has a good story to tell in the matter of receipts, they would like to impress upon all members the growing demands on the Royal National Life-boat Institution's cash resources. Both the cost of new life-boats and that of conversions, repairs and maintenance rises at a fantastic rate in these inflationary times and it is vital that contributions should at least keep pace with the drop in values.

It has been the practice to deposit sums with the Royal National Life-boat Institution against the purchase of new boats, and it has been arranged with the Royal National Life-boat Institution that they will credit us with interest half-yearly and that this interest may be used towards the maintenance of our boats.

During the year we have had twelve boats in commission. They have been launched 67 times and they have saved 55 lives.

Civil Service No. 36, the "Eric Seal," has been completed and is now on station at Eyemouth in Scotland. The naming ceremony by Lady Seal will take place at 14.30 on Saturday, August 3rd, and it is hoped that as many members as possible will be able to attend. A number of members were able to go out in the boat before she was accepted, and your Secretary had the pleasure of a coastal passage when she was on her way from Cowes to Eyemouth. During this passage it blew a force 9 gale and was extremely rough, but the "Eric Seal" behaved extremely well and proved herself beyond doubt to be a first class craft. On arrival at Eyemouth a great deal of interest was shown including Border T.V. and the local press, and the T.V. film was very good and impressive. The "Eric Seal" was the life-boat that appeared on the "Blue Peter" television programme.

The photograph below shows the boat on arrival as it appeared in the  
· *otsman*.



*D. M. Smith, Berwick*

The Inspector of Life-boats No. 2 Division has written saying that the people of Eyemouth are thrilled with the Boat.

Because 1974 is the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Royal National Life-boat Institution, your Council decided that a new Life-boat of the latest type should be purchased by the Fund and presented to the Institution to celebrate this event. Civil Service No. 37, which is to be an Arun Mark III, costing approximately £120,000 is being built at Littlehampton; it should be launched in May 1974, and completed for the Life-boat Exhibition at Plymouth from the 20th July to 31st August 1974. The Fund has already paid £47,438 towards the cost of the "Eric Seal" and £65,782 towards Civil Service No. 37. The Royal National Life-boat Institution estimate that a further £20,000 will be needed to complete payment for the "Eric Seal" and some £60,000 for Civil Service No. 37 - a total outstanding of about £80,000. Towards this amount the Royal National Life-boat Institution already holds £40,700 deposited by the Fund. Thus about £40,000 is now needed to complete payment for both life-boats and at the present rate of contributions this should be possible at the end of 1974. Since in the same period a sum of £18,000 has been found for modifications to the "Pentland" (Civil Service No. 31), the Council consider that the whole is an achievement of which the Civil Service and Post Office might well be proud.

The Council wish to record the debt which they owe to all **thosa** departmental representatives who devote so much time and effort to t:: appeals and collections and thus ensure the success of the fund.

Signed on behalf of the Council

Louis Petch, *Chairman*

J. S. Chapman, *Hon. Secretary*

*Dated 21 March, 1974.*

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

Thirteen life-boats out of 36 boats, the cost of which has been defrayed by the contributions of Civil Servants and Officers of the Post Office at home and abroad, remain in service at various stations in the British Isles. The list of Civil Service boats, at the time of going to press, is as follows:

- Civil Service No. 4 The "Lady Scott"  
*Portrush, Co. Antrim*
- 7 The "Princess Royal"  
*Ark/ow*
- 8 The "Winston Churchill"  
*Blyth, Northumberland*
- 9 The "St. Cybi"  
*Holyhead, Anglesey*
- 10 The "St. Andrew"  
*/11 reserve*
- 11 The "North Foreland"  
*Margate, Kent*
- 30 The "Greater London II"  
*Southend-on-Sea*
- 31 The "Pentland"  
*In reserve*
- 32 The "Charles Dibdin"  
*Walmer, Kent*
- 33 The "Duke of Cornwall"  
*Lizard/Cadgwith, Cornwall*
- 34 The "Joseph Soar"  
*St. David's, Pembrokeshire*
- 35 The "Charles H. Barrett"  
*Clovelly*
- 36 The "Eric Seal"  
*Eyemouth*

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.



# The Record of the Civil Service\* and Post Office Life-Boats

during the year ended 31st December, 1973

Station	Life-boat	Number of launches	Lives* rescued	Vessels saved and assisted
Blyth	<i>Winston Churchill</i> (C.S. No. 8)	-	-	-
Reserve Fleet	<i>St. Andrew</i> (C.S. No. 10)	4	-	-
Arklow	<i>Princess Royal</i> (C.S. No. 7)	1	-	-
Holyhead	<i>St. Cybi</i> (C.S. No. 9)	14	15	5
Lizard/Cadgwith	<i>Duke of Cornwall</i> (C.S. No. 33)	4	5	1
Margate	<i>North Fore/and</i> (C.S. No. 11)	-	-	-
Portrush	<i>Lady Scott</i> (C.S. No. 4)	1	-	-
St. David's	<i>Joseph Soar</i> (C.S. No. 34)	8	9	3
Southend-on-Sea	<i>Greater London II</i> (C.S. No. 30)	7	7	3
Reserve Fleet	<i>Pentland</i> (C.S. No. 31)	3	-	-
Walmer	<i>Charles Dibdin</i> (C.S. No. 32)	5	2	1
Clovelly	<i>Charles H. Barrett</i> (C.S. No. 35)	20	17	1
TOTAL		67	55	14

This brings the total of lives rescued since the foundation of the Fund to 3,347

\*Lives are not claimed as "rescued" unless there is strong probability that they would have been lost had no rescue been effected.

# ML SERVICE AND POST OFFICE LIFE-BOAT FUND

## Receipts and Payment Account, 1 January 1973 to 31 December 1973

### RECEIPTS

<i>1972</i>		<i>1973</i>
<i>9,510</i>	Balance brought forward, 1st January 1973	9,250.69
<i>36,185</i>	Subscriptions	45,428.61
<i>1,394</i>	Legacies ...	264.90
<i>381</i>	Interest on Deposit Account	895.26
	Advertisements in Report	10.00
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<i>£47,470</i>		<i>£55,849.46</i>

We have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 1973 with the books and vouchers. We have received all the information and explanations we have required.

We certify that in our opinion it records correctly the transactions of the Civil Service and Post Office Life-Boat Fund for the year under review as disclosed by the books and in accordance with the information and explanations furnished to us.

(Signed) REEVES & NEYLAN  
Chartered Accountants

29th January 1974  
37 St. Margaret's Street,  
Canterbury

1972			1973
£		£p	£p
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
	<i>Payments to R.N.L.I.</i>		
5,000	Maintenance of Civil Service Life-boats	5,000.00	
1,981	Allowances on Service 1972 ... ..	1,522.82	
30,000	Advance Payment for 'Civil Service		
	No. 37' ... ..	38,000.00	
36,981			44,522.82
	<i>Administrative Expenses</i>		
928	Printing, Duplicating and Stationery	919.45	
28	Postage, etc. ...	23.93	
13	Travelling Expenses	4.18	
265	Audit Fee	262.00	
	Provision of Office Accommodation, etc.		
1,238			1,214.81
	<b>Balances on 31st December 1973</b>		
6,500	Deposit Account	1,745.95	
202	Current Account ...	8,083.74	
2,297	Charges i. tran'. on 31st Decemb.	97.47	
	Subscriptions received direct by <b>R.N.L.I.</b>		
248	in year ended 30th September 1973	175.22	
4	Petty Cash	9.45	
9,251			10,111.83
<u>£47,470</u>			<u>£55,849.46</u>

(Signed) R. L. Osborn, *Hon. Treasurer*

(Signed) L. Petch, *Chairman*

(Signed) S. Forth, *Member of Council*

(Signed) W. D. Florence, *Member of Council*

#### Statement of Deposits with Royal National Life-boat Institution

Date	Details	Deposits	Expended
31/12/70	Deposit	£70,000	
31/12/71	Deposit	£30,000	
29/12/72	Deposit ...	£30,000	
20/2/73	Sale of CS No. 6 ... ..	£2,050	
31/12/73	Deposit ... ..	£38,000	
31/12/73	Interest (1973) ... ..	1,879	
31/12/73	CS No. 31 (Modification of ON 940 ex Thurso)		£18,000
31/12/73	CS No. 36 (ON 1026 Eric Seal)		£47,438
31/12/73	CS No. 37		£65,782
31/12/73	Balance in hand		£40,709
		<u>£171,929</u>	<u>£171,929</u>

Certified correct:

J. R. Barnett, *Finance Secretary*

21st March. 1974.



# Summary of Contributions to the Fund

*Received during the year ended 31st December, 1973,  
from the Departments listed below.*

	£
Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ministry of	772.84
Agricultural Research Council	218.06
Cabinet Office	58.47
Central Office of Information ...	99.41
Charity Commission	30.50
Civil Service Department	7.30
Crown Agents for Overseas Governments & Administrations	53.19
Crown Estate Commission	34.00
<b>H.M.</b> Customs and Excise (excluding £1.72 received direct by <b>R.N.L.I.</b> )	1,968.92
Defence, Ministry of	8,066.85
Education and Science, Department of	304.94
Employment, Department of ...	2,874.93
Environment, Department of the (excluding £14.11 received direct by <b>R.N.L.I.</b> ) ...	3,161.15
Exchequer and Audit Department	115.80
Export Credits Guarantee Department	120.29
Foreign and Commonwealth Office (excluding £30.37 received direct by <b>R.N.L.I.</b> ) ...	341.15
Friendly Societies Registry	9.50
Government Actuary's Department ...	6.50
Health and Social Security, Department of	3,844.96
Home Office	1,084.53
House of Lords ...	16.50
Inland Revenue Department ...	3,960.70
H.M. Land Registry	183.70
Lord Chancellor's Department	650.48
National Debt Office	24.20
National Savings, Department for	296.81
Ordnance Survey	608.92
Overseas Development Administration	109.59
Paymaster General's Office	42.00
Patent Office	190.65
Population Censuses and Surveys, Office of	127.00
Post Office (excluding £38.62 received direct by <b>R.N.L.I.</b> ) ...	9,224.93
Posts and Telecommunications, Ministry of (excluding £3.50 received direct by <b>R.N.L.I.</b> ) ...	48.50
Public Record Office	18.50
Public Trustee	50.00
Royal Courts of Justice, Admiralty Marshal's Office	121.85
Royal Mint	15.50
Science Research Council	75.25
<b>H.M.</b> Stationery Office	342.30
Trade and Industry, Department of	923.55
Treasury Solicitor's Office	49.64
 <b>Wales</b>	
Welsh Office	76.45
Post Office	293.85

## Scotland

Accountant of Court, Edinburgh	3.25
Crown Office, Edinburgh	6.00

Inland Revenue Scotland:	£
Chief Inspector of Taxes ... ..	202.99
Comptroller of Stamps & Taxes (including Collection Service)	79.39
Valuation Department	51.00
Justiciary Office, Edinburgh	2.80
National Galleries, Scotland	6.71
National Library of Scotland	9.80
National Museum of Antiquities, Scotland	7.35
National Savings Committee for Scotland	12.00
Post Office in Scotland ...	1,208.28
<b>H.M.</b> Register House, Edinburgh	33.77
Scottish Land Court	4.00
Scottish Office ...	1,626.85
Scottish Prison Service .. .	65.60
Scottish Record Office ...	10.00
Sheriff's Courts, Scotland (all Sheriffs Clerks and Procurators Fiscal and their staffs)	105.26
Teinds Office, Edinburgh	1.00
 <b>Northern Ireland</b>	
Commerce, Ministry of...	68.71
Community Relations, Ministry of	9.60
Community Relations Commission	1.60
Education, Ministry of ...	50.08
Finance, Ministry of, and Central Secretariat	407.89
Health and Social Services, Ministry of	584.80
Northern Ireland Assembly, Offices of the ...	10.60
Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints, Office of the	5.98
 <b>Special Contributions</b>	
Subscriptions received direct by R.N.L.I.	160.32
Anonymous Donations	37.55
Mrs. J. C. Butcher	6.60
Cadet Valuers in Valuation Office, Leeds	1.00
Miss O. Pappalardo	2.00
Prebond Angling Society	2.57
Alan Thiele, Esq.	1.00
Lt.-Col. C. N. Ward	8.10
 Legacies	
Miss E. A. Close	14.90
Miss E. Ashford (formerly Inland Revenue) ...	250.00
Donation in memory of J. W. Meller, Esq.	10.00
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	£45,693.51
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Requests have been received from certain branches of the contributing offices to show separately the amounts collected by them. These amounts, which are stated below, are included in the total of £45,693.51 shown in the Summary of Contributions received during the year ended 31st December, 1973.

	£
Birmingham Telephone Area ...	358.00
The Sheriff's, Glasgow ...	7.00
Principal Registry of the Family Division	78.03

*Inland Revenue:*

Chief Inspector's Office	2,300.00
Accountant and Comptroller General (Collection Service)	476.80
Valuation Office	594.34

*Royal Courts of Justice per Admiralty Marshal:*

Mr. P. Bucknill, Q.C. Chambers	3.15
Mr. B. C. Sheen, Q.C. Chambers ...	3.00
Mr. J. F. Willmer, Q.C. Chambers	7.50
Mr. D. H. Hene, Barrister ...	2.50
Holman, Fenwick and Willan	5.25
Norton, Rose, Botterell and Roche	25.00
Middleton, Lewis and Co. ...	5.00
Sinclair, Roche and Temperley	5.00
Richards, Butler and Co.	5.25
Ingledew, Brown, Bennison and Garrett	5.00
Hill, Dickinson and Co.	10.00
Ince and Co. ...	10.00
Parker, Garrett and Co.	3.15
Clyde and Co.	12.00
Constant and Constant	5.25
Bentleys, Stokes and Lawless	5.00
Andrew M. Jackson & Co....	5.00
Office Staff	4.80

**Appendix**

The contributions recorded below were received in the period from 1st January to 31st March, 1974, in response to the 1973 Appeal and will be included in the Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1974.

Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ministry of..•	10.91
Agricultural Research Council	13.48
British Museum (Natural History)	54.00
Charity Commission	12.60
Civil Service Department	327.67
Crown Estate Commission	31.00
H.M. Customs and Excise	103.40
Defence, Ministry of	989.86
Employment, Department of	1,958.63
Environment, Department of the	806.69
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	95.91
Health and Social Security, Department of	8.09
Home Office	110.75
Lord Chancellor's Office	37.59
Overseas Development Administration	107.25
Post Office	1,795.48
Royal Mint	18.25
Treasury Solicitor's Office	53.00

*Northern Ireland*

Environment, Housing, Local Government & Planning, Dept. of..•	114.33
Home Affairs, Ministry of (former) ...	75.68
Northern Ireland Postal and Telecommunications Board	448.73

<i>Special Contributions</i>		£
..	10E, PSA Reading Travana Sports Club	5.00
	roup Captain A. H. Jackson ...	3.15
	Messengers in the Patent Office, Xmas Party	10.00
Legacies, etc.		
	Donations in memory of W. Hodges, Esq. (DH&SS)	61.05
	Donation in memory of Mrs. E. J. Whitbread	7.50
Total		<hr/> £7,260.00 <hr/>



# The Civil Service Benevolent **4t** Fund

**The CMI Service Benevolent Fund** spent over £216,000 in 1973 helping more than 2,700 widows and dependants of **civil** servants, and more than 1,700 sick and disabled civil servants.

**The Fund** is managed by a **Committee of serving civil servants** helped by over 5,000 voluntary representatives and 100 local committees in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

Are YOU helpina ? You can do so by simply completing a form authorising the deduction of only a few pence each week from your pay. Forms can **be** obtained from the Fund's local agents or direct from the Civil Service Benevolent Fund, Abbey House, 2 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

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**THE ROWLAND HILL BENEVOLENT FUND** exists to relieve distress of Post Office operational staff and their dependants. In 1972/73 almost 1,000 individuals were assisted by means of free grants or interest-free loans. The majority of these were the widows of former Post Office staff whose only income was that provided by the Department of Health and Social Security. The assistance that the RHBF can give in these cases makes quite a difference to their happiness and comfort.

**WILL YOU HELP** to provide the cash to enable the RHBF to continue to do its job. 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 113, Armour House, St Martin's-le-Grand, London EC1A 1HQ. Individual donations are also welcome.

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