



The annual Report of CISPOTEL,  
the Civil Service, Post Office  
& British Telecom  
Lifeboat Fund



The £360,000 Mersey class lifeboat; the Fund still needs to complete payment on 12-009 "RNLB THE PRINCESS ROYAL (Civil Service No.41)" before it goes into service in late 1990 at St. Ives, Cornwall.

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## CIVIL SERVICE, POST OFFICE AND BRITISH TELECOM LIFEBOATS IN SERVICE

11 lifeboats out of 40 boats: plus one Atlantic 21 and one inflatable, the cost of which has been defrayed by the contributions of Civil Servants and Officers of the Post Office and British Telecom establishments at home and abroad, remain in service at various stations in the British Isles. The list of CISPOTEL boats and the number of launchings and lives saved in 1988 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	2		
WORKINGTON	Pentland (Civil Service No.31)	Watson	1957	10		
SHOREHAM						
HARBOUR	Joseph Soar (Civil Service No.34)	Watson	1963	4		
EYEMOUTH	Eric Seal (Civil Service No.36)	Waveney	1973	9	0	0
TORBAY	Edward Bridges (Civil Service No.37)	Arun	1975	25	21	7
MARGATE	Silver Jubilee (Civil Service No.38)	Rother	1977	10	5	2
PORTRUSH	Richard Evans (Civil Service No.39)	Arun	1981	19	5	1
HOLYHEAD	St Cybi II (Civil Service No.40)	Tyne	1985	18	9	4
VARIOUS	Percy Garon	Atlantic 21	-	4	1	1
		* 1/F 'D' Class		5	1	
<b>Relief Fleet</b>						
Formerly stationed at						
ALDEBURGH	Charles Dibdin (Civil Service No.32)	Beach	1959	2		
LIZARD -CADGWITH	The Duke of Cornwall (Civil Service No.33)	Barnett	1960			
CLOVELLY	Charles H Barrett (Civil Service No.35)	Clyde	1965			
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TOTAL				110	42	15

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.

\*In flatable

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

## REPORT FOR 1988

The Council have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1988 of CISPOTEL, the Civil Service, Post Office and British Telecom Lifeboat Fund.

### Contributions

During the year ending 31 December 1988 the Fund had received £84,779.27 through donations and subscriptions. £16,842.82 was also received during the year from sponsorship of individuals in the 1987 and 1988 Half Marathons, £96 from the sale of CISPOTEL ties and £457.49 from interest on the Fund's Giro Bank Account. In addition RNLi credited the following additional sums to CISPOTEL: from Fund's subscribers £3,020.09; and interest on sums transferred to the RNLi and not expended by them in the year £22,488.28. Expenses amounted to £218.28. The net contribution to the RNLi for the year therefore amounted to £127,465.67.

### New Lifeboat Allocated to Fund

The RNLi issued a Press Release on 6 December announcing that it had allocated a new 12 metre (38 feet) Mersey class lifeboat to St. Ives, Cornwall and that the boat was being funded by CISPOTEL. This will be the Fund's 41st boat for the RNLi. The lifeboat, which is currently being built at Aluminium Shipbuilders, Portsmouth, is due on station in late 1990. This new Mersey class "Fast Carriage" lifeboat has been designed for stations where the lifeboat has to be launched into the sea from a carriage. There are 22 such stations around the coast. With a speed of 17 knots, double the speed of the Oakley and Rother class lifeboats she will be replacing, the £360,000 Mersey class lifeboat has been designed and developed entirely by RNLi staff, and is the first British lifeboat to be built with an aluminium hull. She is self-righting, has twin 285hp Caterpillar 3208T turbo-charged diesel engines, carries a crew of six and is fitted with the latest communication and navigational equipment.

### Name for the New Lifeboat

#### *Fund Receives Royal Assent*

At the end of 1988 the Executive Committee was still exploring ideas for a name for the Fund's new Mersey class lifeboat. There was one particular idea which had been suggested but it would have been inappropriate to mention it here prior to the necessary consultations taking place. However, at the time of writing this Annual Report for 1988 we are now in a position to announce that, following an approach to Buckingham Palace, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal has graciously consented to our proposal that CISPOTEL's new Mersey class boat should be named "RNLB THE PRINCESS ROYAL (Civil Service No.41)". A former CISPOTEL lifeboat, stationed at Hartlepool from 1939-1968, has borne this name.

### News of our Lifeboats

The Fund's Lifeboats were launched 110 times in 1988, 3 less than in 1987. Forty two lives and 15 vessels were saved, and 8 persons landed.

### Operational Changes

The following change of the Fund's operational lifeboats was made during 1988:

JOSEPH SOAR (Civil Service No.34), 47ft Watson class, was replaced at Dunbar on 28 October 1988 by RNLB Hugh William Viscount Gough.

JOSEPH SOAR served for three years at Dunbar and has now been re-allocated to the relief fleet and placed on service at Shoreham as relief fleet lifeboat on temporary station duty.

### **Lifeboat Services**

Readers may be interested in some of the incidents in which the Fund's lifeboats were involved (with acknowledgment to RNLI Rescue reports):-

ST CYBII II (Civil Service No.40): At 1218 on Tuesday 1 March 1988, the coastguard informed the Honorary Secretary at Holyhead that the Fishing Vessel OCEAN GAIN was taking water and was in danger of sinking 5 miles south of Stack. The Ferry ST. COLUMBA and Fishing Vessel LUANA were standing by, and a helicopter was taking off three crew, leaving one person onboard, trying to reach harbour before sinking. The tide was ebbing, it was fine, with a near gale from north east making the sea choppy, when at 1230 the lifeboat was launched and proceeded at full speed to the area, arriving at the casualty at the same time as the tug AVON, at 1258. The lifeboat stood by while the tow rope was connected. The lifeboat then passed a pump from the tug to the casualty, but it could not cope with the leak. The lifeboat also passed a lifejacket to the man remaining onboard, and he then agreed to abandon his ship, and the lifeboat took him off. The tug let go of the tow and the casualty sank a few minutes later. The lifeboat retrieved a liferaft and lifebelts, and then returned to her station at Holyhead, arriving at 1520. The lifeboat was rehousing at 1523.

EDWARD BRIDGES (Civil Service No.37): At 0320 on Monday 9 May 1988 the Coastguards had a radio call from the barge FORTUNA reporting that their engine had repeatedly failed and was uncontrollable in a shipping lane near Channel Light Vessel in poor visibility, with three persons on board. The owner and his wife were very concerned and requested a commercial tow, and this was arranged with the tug PORPOISE. At 0530 the Coastguards contacted the Honorary Secretary of the lifeboat station at Torbay to say that they were now concerned for the safety of the barge and for the condition of the owner's wife, and requested the lifeboat to launch. The tide was ebbing, it was misty with a strong north westerly breeze making the sea rough, when at 0610 the lifeboat left her moorings and proceeded to come up with the barge at 0858, 43½ miles south south east of Berry Head. The owner and his wife were taken off into the lifeboat, leaving the skipper on board, and a towline was passed, and the barge taken in tow at about 4 knots to rendezvous with the tug PORPOISE, on its way. They met at 1100 and as the skipper was unable to lift up the tug's towing strop on his own, two lifeboat crew members were put on board and successfully made fast the stop. The tug and barge then proceeded to Dartmouth and the lifeboat returned to Brixham where the two survivors were landed at 1430 and given hot food. The lifeboat was refuelled and was back on her moorings, ready for service, at 1500.

RICHARD EVANS (Civil Service No.39): At 1912 on Saturday 25 June 1988 the Coastguard informed the Deputy Launching Authority II at Portrush, Co. Antrim that the fishing vessel FLORIAGE, which had been overdue three days, had been located by an RAF Nimrod aircraft drifting 25 miles west of Islay and a Royal Naval vessel was proceeding to stand by until the arrival of a lifeboat. The tide was ebbing, it was partly cloudy with northerly light airs leaving a calm sea, when at 1927 the lifeboat left her moorings and proceeded to come up with the casualty, which had four persons on board, at 2200, 34½ miles north west by north of station. She was taken in tow to Rathmullan, in Lough Swilly, and secured at the Pier at

0415. After the crew had had a hot meal, the lifeboat left Rathmullan at 0600 and returned to station, arriving at 0930. She was refuelled and back on her moorings, ready for service, at 1003.

### **RNLI Facts and Figures**

During 1988:

The RNLI's lifeboats were launched 4,197 times (an average of more than 11 launches a day).

More than 1,338 lives were saved (an average of 3.7 people rescued each day).

More than 43% of all services carried out by the RNLI's lifeboats were in winds Force 5 and above.

More than 56% of all services were to pleasure craft.

There are 263 lifeboats on station, with a further 104 in the relief fleet.

117,879 lives have been saved since the RNLI was founded in 1824.

### **RNLI Costs**

The cost of running the RNLI in 1988 was £34m. The approximate cost of building a lifeboat is:

16ft D class inflatable - £9,000  
21ft Atlantic rigid inflatable - £42,000  
38ft 6 in Mersey - £360,000  
47ft Tyne - £590,000  
52ft Arun - £600,000

### **Representations and Publicity**

**REPRESENTATION** - As usual we take this opportunity to welcome any new representatives who have joined us during 1988 and wish you every success in your fund raising activities. We do not get a 100% response from all areas where there are representatives so please publicise the Fund, circulate information widely and help us to ensure that our long established annual Appeal receives the best support we can encourage.

**DISPLAY MATERIAL**, (other than collection sheets, info sheet and annual Reports), such as posters available in several different sizes and formats, is available from:

Regional Administrator  
**RNLI**  
West Quay Road  
Poole  
Dorset BH15 1HZ (Tel: 0202 671133)

**VIDEO** - ST CYBI II, our 40th lifeboat, is featured in an RNLI publicity film narrated by Raymond Baxter. The RNLI have kindly given CISPOTEL two videos of the film and they can be borrowed from the Honorary Secretary (see address on page 4). Several representatives have borrowed these videos and have found them very useful in helping to raise funds. So if you think the video will help you to raise more money please do contact the Honorary Secretary.

**TIES** - Two ties are now available. Maroon or navy polyester with a single underknot motif depicting the RNLI motif in full colour with CISPOTEL lettering below in white. The cost of each tie is still only £4.00 (including

postage and packing) and they are available from the Honorary Secretary. Please state which colour is required. Cheques should be made out to CISPOTEL with *name and address printed clearly on the reverse*.

### Meetings

Several meetings of both the Half Marathon 88 Committee and the Executive Committee were held during the year.

### Visits

The Fund's new Deputy Chairman, John Bourn and his wife visited RNLi HQ on 1 August 1988, together with the Deputy Chairman (Half Marathon) and his wife, the Honorary Treasurer and his wife and the Honorary Secretary.

### Payroll Giving

The Payroll Giving scheme has not developed as envisaged by the Treasury a few years ago. It seems that most of the people that contribute to the Fund still prefer to do so through the annual Appeal. In fact we never envisaged that the scheme would replace our annual Appeal but we did feel that some people might prefer to donate a fixed sum each month direct from their salary. Sadly very few have decided to do so and this is mirrored up and down the country. Do please consider this method of contributing.

### Special Fund Raising

#### 1988 Half Marathon

Yet another successful Half Marathon was held in Windsor Great Park on Saturday 1 October 1988. This was the second year that the event took place on a Saturday, which seems to suit most of the entrants. Whilst the actual number of runners on the day was, at 743, lower than in previous years, it did not detract from the field. The winner was Mr. G. R. Whellams from H.M. Customs and Excise, who is certainly distinguishing himself in these events. In 1986 he was also the winner, and last year he was beaten into second place. His time this year was 1 hour 10 minutes and 23 seconds - 1 minute 34 seconds faster than last year's winner. The first lady across the finishing line was Mrs. A. H. Taplin from the Ministry of Defence, in 1 hour 33 minutes and 30 seconds. For the first time this year we also held a children's fun run, which proved to be very popular. The whole event raised nearly £17,000 towards the cost of our forty-first lifeboat through entry fees and sponsorship of entrants.

The Council would like to take this opportunity to thank once more the small organising group led by Alistair Jaffray, who worked so tirelessly and enthusiastically on the 1988 Half Marathon, and whose efforts made it such a fine success.

#### Results:-

#### First Five Runners

<i>Position</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Race No.</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Department</i>
1	11023	WhellamsGR	297	26	HM Customs and Excise
2	11106	Bell JD	871	41	DHSS
3	11145	BeagleyM	749	31	Post Office
4	11445	Steptoe CF	890	38	Post Office
5	11510	CooperT	513	31	Met. Police





The first three male runners, Mr. G. R. Whellams  
(No.297 - Customs & Excise), Mr. J. D. Bell (No.871- DHSS) and  
Mr. M. Beagley (No.749 - Post Office).

**Results:-**

**First Five Lady Runners**

<i>Position*</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Race No.</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Department</i>
1	13330	Taplin AH	1723	26	MOD
2	13634	DownerP	1665	33	British Telecom
3	14040	KendrickP	1706	45	DOEPSA
4	14621	Borthwick GF	1670	31	<b>DTI</b>
5	14714	RoulanadRA	1662	32	

\*in relation to all 53 ladies.

**Results:-****First Five Teams**

<i>Place</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>First 4 to finish</i>	<i>Race No.</i>
1st	Mornington Chasers (Post Office)	McGuinness ME CreggJJ SmithJ	915 916 209
2nd	Team750'A' (British Telecom)	HarraghyPM BrownP CollinsMJ CullenR	787 191 193 192
3rd	Customs & Excise 'B'	DownerMsP Barr J KempP StatherJM	1665 785 315 264
4th	Milton Keynes Post Office Runners	Lanning MD DraperDL PickupDM Carr <b>KV</b>	398 322 243 245
5th	London City (British Telecom)	ThomasJ LoneraganN NewvellDE RookJ CookJ A	247 660 267 573 554

**1989 Half Marathon**

We are returning once more to Windsor Great Park for our sixth Half Marathon, to take place in the Autumn of 1989. As last year, the event will be held on a Saturday. So make a note of Saturday 30th September 1989 and tell your colleagues and friends about this great event! The entry fee will remain at £5.00 and we need as many entrants as possible and, of course, generous sponsorship of all the runners to make the event a success. Entry forms are available either from your Departmental representative or from Wally Heels, 16 Larchwood Gardens, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9NE (Answerphone 0277 372649).

**1991 - 125th Anniversary of the Fund**

1991 sees the Fund reaching its 125th anniversary. The Executive Committee is considering how best to celebrate this achievement but has already decided that we should aim to provide another boat to the RNLI in this year. So please bear this in mind when contributing to our Annual Appeals.

**Thanks**

Finally, the Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Departmental representatives, and not least all the contributors, for their hard work, continued support and generosity over the past year on behalf of the Fund and the **RNLI**. A special thank you to our supporters across the water in Northern Ireland who continue to contribute significantly to the Fund (nearly £12,500 in 1988).

Signed on behalf of the Council  
Sir Angus Fraser, Chairman  
Peter Sims, Honorary Secretary

March 1989

## Annual General Meeting - 8 March 1989

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 8 March 1989 in the Board Room, National Audit office, 159-197 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 9SP.

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the guest speaker, Anthony Oliver, RNLI Head of Fund Raising to address the AGM. His address is reproduced below:

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, first of all, thank you for the warm welcome for this my first CISPOTEL AGM - it's nice to be with you. I know the Treasurer is obviously going to talk about figures later so I hope he won't shoot me down if I mention one or two during the course of my few remarks: that comes of having the guest speaker on first.

"I think that you have again done fantastically well. The figures before you show that, and as the Chairman has already said, you are the largest single organisation with the largest contribution. Over the years, now well over one hundred, the Civil Service, Post Office and British Telecom Lifeboat Fund, as the title now is, has supported the RNLI through thick and thin, and for that I express to you all here today a big thank you from Head Office and hope that you will take that back to all those that continue to support the Service.

"Last year, the thirteen lifeboats that are still in the fleet today, funded by your Fund, launched 110 times and saved 42 lives. A pretty impressive record, bringing the total number of launches to over 5,000 by the number of boats that you have, and over the years a fantastic number of lives saved as well. The Chairman has also mentioned that you are eagerly looking forward to that date next year when the Mersey class lifeboat enters service at St. Ives. A press notice to that effect was issued in December. It will be the ninth of the Mersey class. The Institution has come a long way since the first lifeboat that the Civil Service funded. It's actually quite interesting looking down the list because I see that it wasn't until about the No.30 boat that we actually began to call the boats Civil Service No.30, 31, 32. Some of those before that had all sorts of numbers and it is nice that we can now keep them in absolute running order so that we know that this next one is No.41.

"The Institution then had steam lifeboats, in 1904 we had petrol driven lifeboats and in 1932 we finally had diesel powered boats. Since then we have come a long way further. It was 25 years ago last year that the Institution realised that there was a need to have a fast lifeboat on the coast. Up until that time the majority of lifeboats were 7, 8 knot boats. But there was a large increase in boat building. People were putting up boats in their back yards and whizzing off to sea and then requiring to be saved. I suppose it is one of the few things left in this country that you still don't have to have a licence for. So the Institution decided that we had to have some faster lifeboats in the fleet, and they brought out in 1963 what was then known as the Inshore Rescue Boat, "the rubber duck". Those of you who have children may have watched the Blue Peter TV programmes. There was the famous appeal in 1966 when the Blue Peter programme decided to support as its first charity the RNLI. They said that the thing to save was paperback books, and the books flooded in and eventually we managed to sell them. Instead of paying for one boat, they paid for three and a half, and we gathered the

rest of the money at the Earls Court Boat Show that year . That was the introduction to the fast boats. At the same time the Institution looked at its larger boats, what we now call the over 10 metre lifeboats. In 1963 we had the International Lifeboat Conference in Edinburgh . The Institution is the secretariat of what is now called the International Lifeboat Federation. The very first of the conferences was held in London in our centenary year in 1924, but in 1963 the Americans brought over what they called the United States Coast Guard cutter and this was seen and liked by the **RNLI** hierarchy of the day. Eventually we bought one of those boats from the Americans. It was sent to trial all round our coast and accepted by the crews and the first six of those were designed in our own offices here and built in Lowestoft and called the Waveney class lifeboat. And that was, if you like, the introduction of fast lifeboats on the coast of the over 10 metre variety. Since that time of course we have gone on to the Arnn class, the Tyne class, and finally the last piece of the jigsaw, as you have heard from the Chairman, the fast carriage boat, now called the Mersey. I'm not sure if you all know the reasons for the class name. Originally they were named after the designer of the boat: we had Mr. Watson who designed boats, we had Mr. Oakley who designed boats, but perhaps we were running out of our own internal designers and it was decided to name them after rivers. And so we had a Thames class, because it was designed when our Head Office was just down the road from here, and what better than the river Thames. The Mersey class not only replaces the Rother and Oakley boats but also the Liverpool. We thought it was appropriate to have again a name associated with that area and that great river. The first two of these lifeboats entered service in the last four months. Bridlington had the first, and thesecond one isat Hastings. The ninth boat will bethe Civil Service No.41.

"I am sure that we are all eagerly looking forward to its arrival next year and I hope that many of you will be able to go down to the naming ceremony at St. Ives. As for the rest of the fleet, 203 lifeboat stations now have two types of lifeboat - the large one and the small one. The busiest time for the lifeboats is the summer months, July to September, when there is a need to rescue those trapped at the bottom of cliffs, overturned yachts, drifting lilos. Although our Annual Meeting is not until May, I have seen the figuresd for 1988 and it seems to me that for the first time ever there were over 4,000 launchings by lifeboat last year and well over 1,000 lives saved. We cannot stand still, and the costs to run the Lifeboat service go up and up. This year it will cost £36 million to run the lifeboat service. A new 'D' class lifeboat costs£9,000 today. The most expensive of the lifeboats , the Arnn, costs £600,000. All the time we have got to keep abreast of modern technology and obviously the Institution is now looking for the replacements for the Waveney and Arnn class lifeboats. We call them FAB 3 and FAB 4 - Fast Afloat Boats. These are boats that will take us into the next century in order that we can continue with that all importarit task of saving lives at sea.

"So I would like to come back to the CISPOTEL fund itself and say again to you that you play a most important part in our fund raising, whether it be with the collection box around the offices, whether it be with the annual appeal or raffles or special events, such as the Half Marathon, which are all splendid contributions to the funds. The Institution is of course supported entirely by voluntary contributions and legacies. Last year, we ended on an even keel, with a small surplus, and this is thanks to the wond erful support of people like your good

selves. It might not just rest with collections round the office, because more than half the Institution's income comes from legacies and special gifts, and we know that it is because of the good works carried out by our voluntary workers that we have been supported very well by legacies throughout the year. The RNLI membership scheme of course is another big fund raiser right across the country, now with 138,000 members and these **will** be paying an annual subscription of £6 for an ordinary member, £9 for the family, £20 for a Governor and one lump sum of £200 for life membership. And that is certainly one of the best ways of keeping the RNLI on an even keel, because this is money coming in generally throughout the year. We also do extremely well with the Souvenir and Gift Sales side.

"All I think I must finish with saying is, long may CISPOTEL Fund play its important part with the RNLI, ensuring Ladies and Gentlemen that we can continue to provide our lifeboatmen with the best boats and equipment that money can buy. Thank you for the part you play in raising this splendid sum of money every year. Thank you to all your supporters in all the various departments up and down the country, and thank you particularly to the Officers too for keeping it going. I think Peter Sims is probably the one that we have the most to do with and thank you Peter for the part that you particularly play and I hope that we are able to give you the support from our Head Office that you need. So to one and all, thank you for your support, and best wishes for your fund raising this year."

#### **Address by the Deputy Chairman (Half Marathon):**

In his address the Deputy Chairman (Half Marathon) reported on the Fund's fifth Half Marathon which was held in Windsor Great Park in October, and was started by Sir Robin Butler, the Head of the Civil Service. Whilst everyone had enjoyed themselves the Deputy Chairman (Half Marathon) expressed his disappointment that out of a field of 750 runners, only 270 of them had actually raised sponsorship, although they had managed to do so at a rate of £50 a head. He hoped that in future years everyone would follow their example. So far £14,400 had been raised from the event and he reported that the organising committee had decided that provided they continued to raise over £10,000 then the events were worthwhile running.

The Deputy Chairman (Half Marathon) confirmed that another event would be run in 1989, on 30 September, again in Windsor Great Park. He stressed that it was important that publicity for the event was disseminated as widely as possible. He also mentioned that the Half Marathon Committee had considered opening up entry to the event, which at the moment was restricted and members of the public were not allowed to enter, although this was slightly loosely interpreted. The Deputy Chairman (Half Marathon) explained that this had been envisaged as a Half Marathon race by the members for the members. Of course there was no reason why the entry should not be thrown open. The Deputy Chairman (Half Marathon) said that the Committee had looked at two possibilities - firstly a completely open entry and then an entry widened to include the Armed Forces. But the Committee concluded that the difficulties of both ideas would probably outweigh any advantages that might come from them. So far as a totally open entry was concerned, the Committee recalled that the Spastics race, which takes place at Windsor on the day after CISPOTEL's event, was just such an open entry race and their numbers

had been declining a little in the last couple of years . The Committee thought that it was unlikely that the public at large would find CISPOTEL's Half Marathon any more attractive than theirs. Furthermore the Committee was reluctant to upset the Spastics Society and appear to be entering into any type of competition for runners, and also noted that the level of sponsorship by Spastics runners was a good deal poorer than CISPOTEL's. The Spastics made their profit almost entirely by a vast entry paying a vast number of entry fees. Their level of sponsorship was very poor indeed, so even if CISPOTEL's event did manage to attract any outsiders the chances of getting them to sponsor the RNLI or indeed anything was probably fairly slim. So far as the Armed Forces were concerned, the Committee felt that that was much more attractive because in a way they were part of the family. But the Committee concluded that there might be some quite serious security difficulties over bringing the Armed Forces into the Park in any great numbers. They were -infact sadly a very real target for the IRA. So the Committee ,concluded that for the time being CISPOTEL should retain a closed entry and hoped that the Fund could go on raising around £15,000 - £20,000 from each event.

#### **Re-election of Officers:**

Following Reports by the Secretary and Treasurer, the Deputy Chairman, Deputy Chairman (Half Marathon), Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected into office for a further year.

#### **Confirmation of Executive Committee:**

Mrs P. McQuillan was elected to the Committee as the Department of Social Security representative in place of Peter Higgins. The remaining members were all confirmed for another year.

#### **The Deputy Chairman's Address:**

The Deputy Chairman addressed the AGM for the first time since taking office and welcomed members to his Department, the National Audit Office. He thanked members and their colleagues for the fund-raising efforts and also expressed thanks to Alistair Jaffray and the Half Marathon Organising Committee.

The Deputy Chairman said that whilst there was no risk that the Fund would not have enough money to pay for the new boat, the Fund's next venture needed to be considered and he suggested that it would be ideal if the Fund could provide a new boat for 1991, CISPOTEL's 125th anniversary. This would mean raising at least £300,000 over the next two years or so. He acknowledged that this would not be easy, with so many good causes brought to people's attention, and that he was not yet experienced enough in these matters to have an enormous number of ideas, but he felt that any fund-raising ideas should be shared. He encouraged members who thought of any good ways to raise money to share it with him or the Secretary, so that they could be considered for use throughout the Fund.

Finally, the Deputy Chairman thanked the representatives for their hard work and said he looked forward to meeting all of them at future meetings.

**CIVIL SERVICE, POST OFFICE AND BRITISH TELECOM  
LIFEBOAT FUND  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1988**

1987	RECEIPTS	1988
	7,120.24 Balance brought forward, 1st January 1988	24,208.54
	88,598.51 Subscriptions	84,779.27
	18,874.26 Half-marathon	16,842.82
	133.00 Sale of ties	96.00
	3,163.60 Direct Receipts by <b>R.N.L.I.</b>	3,020.09
	241.46 Interest on Giro Bank Account	457.49
	<u>£118,131.07</u>	<u>£129,404.21</u>

**PAYMENTS**

	88,180.75 Payments to R.N.L.I.	88,745.80
	3,163.60 Payments made direct to R.N.L.I.	3,020.09
	<i>Administration Expenses</i>	
2,520.08	Bank Charges	127.32
34.50	Audit Fee	34.50
14.28	Postage & Stationery	31.36
9.32	Annual Report Photographs	
	Travelling	25.10
	2,578.18	218.28
	<i>Balances on 31st December 1988</i>	
	Midland Account	53.85
24,199.16	Girobank	37,357.86
9.38	Petty Cash	8.33
	24,208.54	37,420.04
	<u>£118,131.07</u>	<u>£129,404.21</u>

(Signed) A Barke r, *Hon. Treasurer*  
 (Signed) Sir Angus Fraser, *Chairman*  
 (Signed) J.B. Bourne, *Deputy Chairman*  
 (Signed) D. P. Trathen, *Member of Council*  
 (Signed) J. Syme, *Member of Council*

We have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 1988 and we certify that in our opinion it records correctly the transactions of the Civil Service, Post Office and British Telecom Lifeboat Fund for the year under review as disclosed by the books and information and explanations supplied to us.

1st March 1989  
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REEVES & NEYLAN  
 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**CIVIL SERVICE, POST OFFICE AND BRITISH TELECOM  
LIFEBOAT FUND**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT WITH THE ROYAL NATIONAL  
LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31st DECEMBER 1988**

	£	£		£	£
Balance B/Fwd					
1st January 1988		191,464.77	<i>Expenditure by RNLI</i>		
<i>Moneys received by RNLI</i>			<i>Service Allowances</i>		
From Central Funds	89,911.22		1988 Services:	7,775.97	
Direct	3,020.09	92,931.31	Maintenance	5,000.00	
Interest allowed on unexpended balances		22,488.28	Portrush - Expenditure	1,233.23	14,009.20
			Balance in Hand,		
			31st December 1988		292,875.16
		306,884.36			306,884.36

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 Telecom Lifeboat Fund, and the allocation of those funds during the year ended 31st December, 1988.

27th January, 1989

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 1988

	£
Agriculture, Fisheries & Food, Ministry of .....	1,664.00
Agricultural and Food Research Council.....	10.00
British Telecom .....	8,088.58
Cabinet Office.....	136.62
Central Office of Information.....	241.69
Crown Estate Office .....	42.00
Customs & Excise, HM .....	3,897.06
Defence, Ministry of .....	6,267.95
Employment, Department of .....	9,578.50
Environment and Transport, Department of .....	5,870.77
Foreign and Commonwealth Office .....	130.00
Friendly Societies Registry .....	50.00
GCHQ .....	322.10
Health & Social Security, Department of .....	12,350.87
Home Office .....	1,885.30
House of Lords.....	84.45
Inland Revenue .....	11,418.28
Land Registry, HM .....	1,444.28
Lord Chancellor's Office.....	49.00
National Audit Office.....	205.00
National Savings Department .....	407.54
Ordnance Survey .....	861.86
Overseas Development Administration .....	304.86
Paymaster General's Office.....	237.35
Population, Censuses & Surveys, Office of.....	44.00
Post Office .....	413.18
Public Record Office .....	86.90
Stationery Office, HM .....	1,016.40
Trade & Industry, Department of .....	1,895.27

### SCOTLAND

Scottish Office .....	3,052.30
Scottish Courts Administration .....	73.20
Post Office in Scotland .....	2,524.40

**NORTHERN IRELAND**

Agriculture, Department of .....	1,115.25
British Telecom .....	1,233.23
Economic Development, Department of .....	1,080.18
Education, Department of .....	14.00
Environment, Department of .....	4,300.00
Finance and Personnel, Department of.....	891.15
Health and Social Services, Department of .....	1,936.22
Northern Ireland Office .....	363.81
Northern Ireland Postal Board .....	1,55.74

**SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

London Business School.....	50.00
Others .....	1,204.15

# THE CIVIL SERVICE BENEVOLENT FUND

*"Without Fund help it would not have been possible for my wife and mother to stay near me during my operations and recovery".*

Nigel Milton, Assistant Cook CISCO

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Lillian & Sadie Green, ex HMSO Nottingham, from their letter to us after the installation of a shower, both sisters having hip problems.

This is the sort of help we gave during 1988. Each year the Fund assists over 6,000 staff and their dependants with cash grants and allowances to relieve financial hardship, and provides residential care for the disabled, elderly and infirm at 10 locations throughout the UK. Convalescent care is also provided at Wessex House, Bournemouth; Lammermuir House, Dunbar, Scotland and at Osborne House on the Isle of Wight.

If you would like more information about the Fund please write and let us know. Our address is: Fund House, Anne Boleyn's Walk, Cheam, Sutton, Surrey SM3 8DY. Telephone: 01-642 8511.

## THE ROWLAND HILL MEMORIAL AND BENEVOLENT FUND

**THE ROWLAND HILL BENEVOLENT FUND** exists to relieve distress of Post Office staff and their dependants. In 1987/88 almost £185,200 was expended by grants and interest-free loans in helping 890 individuals. 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 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 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 511, Alder House, Aldersgate Street, London EC1A 1AL. Tel: 01-245 1837. Individual donations are also welcome.

# THE POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE SANATORIUM SOCIETY

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MEMBERSHIP is open to EVERYONE in the Post Office, British Telecom and the Civil Service under 60 years of age on enrolment. Spouse, children and dependants under 60 can be included.

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BENEFITS are free after six months membership.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION about the Society write to the Secretary at the above address.