



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

1980

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

Thirteen life-boats out of 38 boats and one I.L.B. 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:

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| Civil Service No. 4 | The "Lady Scott"
<i>Portrush, Co. Antrim</i> |
| 8 | The "Winston Churchill"
<i>Blyth, Northumberland</i> |
| 9 | The "St. Cybi"
<i>Holyhead</i> |
| 11 | The "North Foreland"
<i>In reserve</i> |
| 30 | The "Greater London II"
<i>Beaumaris</i> |
| 31 | The "Pentland"
<i>Mumbles</i> |
| 32 | The "Charles Dibdin"
<i>Aldburgh</i> |
| 33 | The "Duke of Cornwall"
<i>Lizard-Cadgwith, Cornwall</i> |
| 34 | The "Joseph Soar"
<i>St. David's Pembrokeshire</i> |
| 35 | The "Charles H. Barrett"
<i>In reserve</i> |
| 36 | The "Eric Seal"
<i>Eyemouth</i> |
| 37 | The "Edward Bridges"
<i>Torbay</i> |
| 38 | The "Silver Jubilee"
<i>Margate</i> |
| | The "Percy Garron"
<i>/LB Southend-on-Sea</i> |

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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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

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

REPORT FOR 1980

The COUNCIL have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1980 of the Civil Service and Post Office Life-boat Fund.

Contributions

Donations received by the Fund during the year 1980 totalled £94,481.95 including excellent contributions from most Government Departments, Post Office and Telecommunication establishments, private subscribers and one substantial legacy from the estate of the late Miss Amy Elizabeth Hicks who, it is understood, was an executive officer in the former Ministry of Housing and Local Government in Cambridge. Additionally, a sum of £1,139.22 was sent by the Fund's subscribers directly to the **RNLI**, including a small but increasing number of subscriptions by Deeds of Covenant. This brought the overall collection for 1980 to the fine total of £95,621.17, an increase of about 14% over the previous year's record figure, reflecting great credit on the subscribers and organisers but still, regretfully, not keeping pace with the national rate of inflation. Administrative costs represented approximately 4% of the total collection and all the remainder of the money collected is sent to the RNLI toward the purchase of the new lifeboat and maintenance and service allowances of the existing Civil Service and Post Office Fund's fleet.

New Lifeboat (Civil Service No. 39)

The new lifeboat stationed at Portrush will be handed over by our Chairman in August. It is to be a 52 ft. Arun class lifeboat - the Institution's most modern and fastest lifeboat - and is the 39th lifeboat to be provided by the Fund. Our Vice-Chairman was offered a trial trip in the new boat. Although he had hoped for sterner weather conditions to see how this wonderful craft behaved in the conditions for which she was built, the weather on the day was quite perfect so that the trip was a veritable pleasure cruise. The boat is to be named after the most decorated lifeboatman alive today, **Richard Evans**, S.G.M., B.E.M., retired coxswain of the Moelfre (Anglesey) Lifeboat. Dick Evans, now 75 years old, won the RNLI's bronze medal in 1943, the gold medal Oifeboatmen's equivalent of the VC) in 1959 and again in 1966 and the silver medal in 1961. Since retiring in 1970 he has devoted his time to giving talks on behalf of the Institution, including a visit to Northern Ireland in 1979, proving himself a popular speaker and he was awarded the RNLI's Public Relations statuette in 1978 for his work in this field.

Rescues

The Fund's lifeboats were launched in 1980 on 160 occasions and rescued 62 lives. The Fund has now been responsible for rescuing over 3600 lives. The launchings make stimulating reading and our future plans include circulating those of particular interest to Departments and to offer them for inclusion in Departmental House Journals, News Letters and other Civil Service journals.

Visits

During the spring the Vice-Chairman and Honorary Secretary visited the RNLI Headquarters at Poole. They were very warmly received and spent an interesting and instructive day and were much impressed by what they saw. It included the design for the new fast slipway lifeboat and also the manuscript handwritten in 1869 of the first occasion a Civil Service lifeboat was launched.

Planning

The Council was conscious of the need to increase its efforts not only to cope with inflation but to recover some of the falling back - in real money terms - which it has imposed on our contributions in recent years. Moreover, our boats have been getting more complex and hence more expensive. A close look has been given to our house-keeping - our representation in Departments and collection machinery - and plans have been laid for an extensive and intensive campaign to step up the Fund's annual contributions in the coming year. A greater degree of publicity for the work done by the Fund's boats will form an important part of this campaign.

The Council was honoured by the presence of the Director of the RNLI, **Admiral W.J. Graham**, C.B., M.N.I. who addressed us on recent developments in the RNLI.

The Director said how pleased he was to be present. He reported that the latest lifeboat bought by the Fund had recently gone to her station at Portrush, Co. Down. The new lifeboat was named 'Richard Evans (Civil Service No. 39)' after the famous coxswain, the only man to have won two gold medals for bravery. Admiral Graham said that the Civil Service Lifeboat Fund, set up over 100 years ago, had become the biggest single supporter of the **RNLI**, having provided 39 lifeboats since its foundation in 1866. By setting up and consistently supporting this voluntary Fund civil servants had 'dispelled the myth of faceless bureaucracy'.

Admiral Graham reviewed the vast changes in lifeboat design over the years. Lifeboats were originally built in wood and powered by oars

and sails. The latest Arun class lifeboats are now built in glass fibre and have powerful diesel engines. They are stationed right around the country and have proved themselves in gold medal services at Humber and Torbay, the latter station being the one that has a Civil Service funded lifeboat. One problem faced by the **RNLI** was the rapid technological improvements which could be incorporated into new boats but which meant that boats built to last 30 years could become obsolescent before their time. The technological changes have been particularly noticeable since 1960.

Regarding the cover provided by the **RNLI**, Admiral Graham said that it was only necessary to look at a map of lifeboat stations in Britain and Ireland to see that a complete rescue service was provided. There are 200 lifeboat stations, 50 of which operate a large lifeboat and an inflatable. A range of different lifeboats was needed to deal with the different coastal conditions and casualties and to work within a reasonable financial limit different types of lifeboats would be provided. Naturally, each lifeboat station considered itself the best in the country but the **RNLI** had to review the need for stations based on the casualties, types of lifeboat available and other considerations.

Admiral Graham affirmed the Institution's intention to maintain its voluntary status, which he said made the **RNLI** extremely efficient and cost-effective. He told the meeting that lifeboats worked closely with the helicopter rescue services and that the combined operation they provided was extremely good. However, each rescue vehicle had its advantages and disadvantages and both were essential.

In conclusion, Admiral Graham once again thanked the Fund for 115 years of solid support and looked forward to this support continuing and increasing.

The Deputy-Chairman **Mr J.M. Moore, C.B., D.S.C.** outlined the plan of campaign for 1981 for the coming year's appeal.

He said that the main aim would be to counteract the effect that inflation had had on the purchasing power of the Funds annual contributions , which, though the yseemed to have been growing, had in real money terms actually fallen somewhat over the last decade. As central elements in the campaign, the list of departments and bodies making up the Fund had been overhauled to make sure none was missed. The roll of Departmental Representatives had also been checked, and meetings had taken place with nearly all of them to outline the proposals for this years work and to encourage them to try to make sure that possible contributors in departments were approached. Plans had been laid to give greater publicityto the efforts of the Funds boats, especially via House Journals of departments and the Journals of the Civil Service Trade Unions. Display and other material used for backing up individual departmental appeals was being assembled, and a Catalogue of what was available would be sent to all Departmental Representatives. The meetings with these Representatives had produced a number of additional valuable ideas and these would be followed up.

Finally, the Deputy Chairman invited all present to join with the Central Management of the Fund in rising vigorously to the challenge of beating off the effect of inflation on the amount of support which the Fund was able to give to the RNLI. That support was long standing and ought not to be allowed to diminish. The task was stem, but so was the Fund's resolve.

In conclusion the Council would like not only to thank all those who contributed to the Fund in 1980 but all the Collectors in the Departments and Post Office and Telecommunication establishments who gave their invaluable time and effort throughout the year. The entire success of the Fund depends on them and the Council is happy to acknowledge this most gratefully.

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

Dated 14th March 1981

**CIVIL SERVICE AND POST OFFICE LIFEBOAT FUND
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1980**

1979	RECEIPTS	1980
	9,754 Balance brought forward, 1st January 1980	9,236.29
	82,570 Subscriptions	86,157.53
	Legacies	8,324.42
	497 Interest on Deposit Account	<u>127.67</u>

£92,821		<u>£103,845.91</u>

PAYMENTS

	80,084 Payments to RNLI	89,900.00
	<i>Administrative Expenses</i>	
2,843	Printing & Stationery	3,064.74
32	Postage	39.72
4	Travelling Expenses	19.62
22	Audit Fee	28.75
600	Provision of Office Accommodation, etc.	<u>600.00</u>
3,501		3,752.83
	<i>Balances on 31st December 1980</i>	
8,349	Bank Accounts	7,543.30
851	Cheques in transit	2,645.40
36	Petty Cash	<u>4.38</u>
9,236		10,193.08
£92,821		£103,845.91

(Signed) **R.A. Brall**, *Hon. Treasurer*
 (Signed) Ronald Radford, *Chairman*
 (Signed) J.M. Moore, *Deputy Chairman*
 (Signed) S.B. Bench, *Member of Council*
 (Signed) L.J. Stevens, *Member of Council*

We have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December, 1980 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.

21st January, 1981

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CANTERBURY

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

CIVIL SERVICE AND POST OFFICE LIFEBOAT FUND
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT WITH THE ROYAL NATIONAL
LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st DECEMBER 1980

	£	£		£	£
<i>Monies received by RNLI</i>			<i>Expenditure by RNLI</i>		
Remittance 3.1.80			<i>Revenue Account -</i>		
in transit at previous year end		45,000.00			
Remittances - February	11,000.00		Service Allowances	3,281.00	
April	12,000.00		Maintenance	5,000.00	
July	10,000.00			<hr style="width: 100%;"/>	8,281.00
September	10,000.00		<i>Capital Account</i>		
November	9,500.00		<i>for Arun ON1070 Portrush</i>		
December	<u>37,400.00</u>	89,900.00	Balance from 1979	51,511.00	
Head Post Office, Birmingham	484.50		Received 1980	<u>127,758.22</u>	127,758.22
Overseas Development Admin.	209.00		Available 1980	179,269.22	
Post HQ Room G23, London	68.50		Recorded cost to date	<u>254,766.47</u>	
D.O.E., Maidstone (E. Staff Restaurant)	40.55		Balance unfunded as at 31.12.80	75,497.25	
Bromley Post Office	47.20				
Hayes Repository, Inland Revenue	31.00				
Miss P.S. Carver, deceased	50.00				
C.S. Sea Angling Club	36.86				
Tax Refunds	18.03				
Deeds of Covenant and Sundry items	<u>153.58</u>	1,139.22			
		<u>£136,039.22</u>			<u>£136,039.22</u>

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 1980.

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

23rd February, 1981.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND

Received during the year ended 31st December 1980

Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ministry of	1,390.28
Agricultural Research Council.....	556.13
Cabinet Office	251.26
Central Office of Information.....	168.84
Charity Commission.....	63.59
Civil Service Department	731.74
Crown Estate Office.....	42.55
H.M. Customs and Excise	6,104.71
Defence, Ministry of	11,689.41
Employment, Department of	6,360.22
Energy, Department of	145.53
Environment, Department of the	5,532.50
Exchequer and Audit Department.....	333.75
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	663.06
Friendly Societies Registry.....	28.50
Health and Safety Executive	5.00
Health and Social Security, Department of	7,072.37
Home Office	1,651.70
House of Lords.....	58.16
Industry, Trade and PCP, Departments of	1,126.74
Inland Revenue	8,100.00
Land Registry, H.M.....	360.17
Lord Chancellor's Office	1,545.58
National Investment and Loans Office.....	21.21
National Savings Department	408.13
Ordnance Survey	407.56
Parliamentary Commissioner, Office of.....	40.00
Paymaster General's Office	83.52
Population Censuses and Surveys, Office of	233.21
Post Office	15,967.00
Post Office Data Processing	491.67
Public Record Office.	74.36
Public Trustee Office	59.28
Royal Mint	110.00
Science Research Council.....	202.85
H.M.S.O	630.24
Treasury H.M.....	356.00

WALES

Post Office	415.13
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SCOTLAND

Scottish Office	1,955.33
Scottish Courts Administration	20.43
Crown Office, Scotland	217.00

General Register Office for Scotland.....	65.00
Post Office in Scotland	3,109.29
Aberdeen Telephone Area, Benevolent Fund	30.00
Dundee Telephone Area, Benevolent Fund.....	10.00
Scottish Record Office.....	13.91
Registers of Scotland, Department of.....	75.20

NORTHERN IRELAND

Agriculture, Department of (main collection will show in 1981 account).....	31.55
Commissioner for Complaints, Office of	13.30
Education, Department of	106.00
Exchequer and Audit Department	25.00
Finance, Department of	746.74
Civil Service for Northern Ireland, Department of, Central Secretariat and Information Services.....	122.40
Environment, Housing, Local Government and Planning, Department of ..	2,782.99
Manpower Services, Department of	484.00
Northern Ireland Office.....	162.19
Offices of the Northern Ireland Assembly	9.00
Health and Social Services, Department of	996.23
Commerce, Department of	103.55
Postal and Telecommunications Board.....	982.83

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Royal Artillery, Woolwich	6.05
D.E. Roberts, Esq	10.00
R.F.A . Green Rover.....	18.38
Civil Service Sailing Association.....	78.00
Miss M. Tuffill	10.00
R.A.F. Officers' Mess, Kemble	10.00
P.J. Lund, Esq	5.00
Semi-skilled Stewards Social Association, Woolwich Arsenal	100.00
Hockley Village Townswomens Guild	10.00
Ministry of Defence, Hayes.....	11.00
In Memory of Mr. K.D.M. Malik (late Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food)	7.30
FM.D. Savings Club, Inland Revenue, Worcester	20.00
Sir Ronald and Lady Radford.....	25.00
In Memory of Mrs Eva Kydwell (late H.M. Customs and Excise, Southend on Sea.....	13.85
Post Office Technical Training College, Yarnfield.....	32.66
Chilwell C.O.D.....	71.30
Mrs E. Painter, (Croxley Green).....	1.00
In Memory of George Hardwidge (late M.O .D., Aston Down)	11.55
Devonport Joint Drake/ Naval Base Fair	100.00
L. Schubert, Esq. (West Drayton Post Office).....	13.37
Ashford Post Office Holiday Fund	45.03
Anonymous Contributions	14.15

LEGACY

Amy Elizabeth Hicks (late Ministry of Housing and Local Government, Cambridge)	8,324.42
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DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE RNLI

Monies sent directly to the RNLI by Civil Servants, Post Office staff and various organisations included donations from the following:

Kentish Town Sorting Office
C.S. Sea Angling Club (Horfield)
C.S. Sea Angling Club
Head Post Office, Birmingham
Overseas Development Administration
Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Belgrade)
Preston Telephone Area
Tooting Civil Service Club
Miss Z.M. Hawson
Inland Revenue, Hayes Repository
H.M. Inspector of Taxes, Woodford Green
Department of Employment, Maidstone (Staff Restaurant)
C.S. Motoring Association, Hull
Home Office Immigration - Nationality Department
Department of Health and Social Security, London South Region
Department of Health and Social Security, Sports and Social Club, Doncaster
Post Headquarters, London, Room G23
Bromley Post Office
British Telecom. Research Laboratories, Martlesham (for the Aldburgh Lifeboat)
A.S. Whitmore (British Embassy, Montevideo)
Mrs W.M. Spilman
D.C. Wassell
Miss W.I. Batchelor
A.J. Brown
R.F. Muston
G.W. Bews
M.P. Coney
Miss D.O. Tutt
Miss E.A. Close (deceased)
Miss P.S. Carver (deceased)
Miss M.E. Baker
Covenant Tax Refunds

The Civil Service Benevolent Fund

The Civil Service Benevolent Fund spent over £450,000 in 1980, helping in excess of 4,300 serving and retired Civil Servants and their dependants.

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

Are YOU helping? You can do so by simply completing a form authorising the deduction of only a few pence each week or month from your pay. Forms can be obtained from the Fund's local representatives or direct from the Civil Service Benevolent Fund, Watermead House, Sutton Court Road, Sutton, Surrey. (Tel.01-6428511).

THE ROWLAND HILL MEMORIAL AND B.BENEVOLENT FUND

THE ROWLAND HILL BENEVOLENT FUND exists to relieve distress of Post Office operational staff and their dependants. In 1978/79 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 a great difference to their happiness and comfort. In addition, the fund is now able to assist Post Office pensioners to obtain sheltered accommodation.

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, EC1A 1AR. Tel: 01-4321234. Individual donations are also welcome.

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