

Royal Humane Society Annual Report 2012



Recognising bravery



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In 2012, 454
awards were made
to people whose
actions saved
over 250 lives.

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MEDAL & IN MEMORIAM TESTIMONIAL RECIPIENTS 2012

STANHOPE GOLD MEDAL

David Kelly

Nominated by Royal Humane Society

POLICE MEDAL

Police Constable Jo Cosser

Avon & Somerset Constabulary

SILVER MEDAL

Steven Barnard

David Kelly

BRONZE MEDAL

Ruairi Bradley

Darren Fletcher

Hannah Gillespie

PC Jared McIntosh

Lynn Pickett

Richard Stanton

John Volanthen

IN MEMORIAM TESTIMONIAL

Plamen Petkov



Norma Probert and Ruairi Bradley

Foreword by HRH Princess Alexandra



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During 2012 I have had the good fortune to meet a number of recipients of awards from the Royal Humane Society. All have saved, or attempted to save, the lives of other people who have found themselves in life threatening situations. They have done so at great risk to themselves, usually for complete strangers. I have also met some of those whose lives have been saved and know from them that they will always feel a great bond with their rescuer.

The people we recognise do not usually have any training for the deeds they perform. Driven, perhaps, by compassion and a desire to help others, they run into fires, dive into dangerous waters or onto railway tracks. I hope that the public recognition of these brave people serves to encourage others.

As President of the Society I look forward to supporting them in 2013.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alexandra".



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Message from the Chairman

Recognising the saving of human life since 1774

2012 was the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Accession of our Patron, Her Majesty The Queen, to the throne and we sent our loyal greetings. She has also been our Patron for 60 years. It has been an exceptional year for us with more awards than any recent year. This may be due, in part, to the advertising campaign by the British Heart Foundation which has done a great deal to bring knowledge of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation to the general public. A number of our nominees have mentioned that seeing that advertisement gave them the basic knowledge to try CPR. We congratulate them on their success. Perhaps it is appropriate to remember that we were,

from 1774 to 1776, “The Institution for affording immediate relief to persons apparently dead from drowning” and our purpose was not only to resuscitate but to develop technique and disseminate information about same.

In spite of a busy programme caused by the Diamond Jubilee, our President, Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, was again able to present awards at our Annual General Court (AGC), in May, and at Buckingham Palace, in October. Among the awards presented were a Silver Medal and Stanhope Medal to Ian Wood for saving the life of a man, despite the danger of exploding gas

cylinders. Descriptions of other acts of bravery, for which presentations were made at these two events, can be found detailed in the pages of this report. Princess Alexandra also presided at our meeting to select the Stanhope Gold Medal recipient for 2012, David Kelly. This meeting was hosted by the Canadian High Commission and we thank the High Commissioner, Gordon Campbell, and his representative, Vera Alexander, for their generosity.

I should like to record my thanks, once again, to the Master and Wardens of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers for generously granting us the use of

their hall for our AGC. I would also like to congratulate the Immediate Past Master, Deborah Knight, who was the first female Master in the history of the Great Twelve Livery Companies. We had the great honour of having General the Lord Dannatt as guest speaker, a man of proven gallantry himself, who was able to speak authoritatively on the subject of bravery. We are also grateful to the Master and Wardens of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London, whose hall we use for our committee meetings.

We are very grateful to Simon Ash, Chief Constable of Suffolk Constabulary, who was police advisor to the Committee. He was the Association of Chief Police Officers lead on Reward & Recognition and actively encouraged ACPO members to support us. Some 80% of our cases are referred to us by the police and without their help many life saving actions would go unremarked. This

year we have received an exceptional £26,000 from police charitable funds and a list of those forces contributing to that total can be found in the report. We were very sorry to hear Simon retired from the Police in February and we are pleased to announce that he will be succeeded, as Police Advisor to the Society, by Francis Habgood, who is Deputy Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police.

Julian Spicer, our past Chairman, has now retired from the Committee, after 38 years as a member, of which 7 were as Chairman. He is a descendent of one of our founders, Dr William Hawes, and I am pleased to report that the family connection has been maintained. Charles Spicer, Julian's son, joined us this year and we welcome him.

We are, as ever, very grateful to all who contribute financially towards our running costs. We have again, this year,

recruited a number of Governors and their number now stands at over 100. They and other regular donors provide a predictable income for the Society. Our thanks also go to the people and organisations who give us financial support.

**Richard Titley
March 2013**



Aims of the Society

The Royal Humane Society makes awards for acts of bravery in the saving of human life and for the restoration of life by resuscitation.

Nominees must have done one or more of the following:

- **put their own life at risk in saving or attempting to save another person**
- **made a significant contribution to the saving of a life, even without any risk to themselves**
- **carried out a successful resuscitation**

THE AWARDS

Stanhope Gold Medal (annual award)

Police Medal (annual award)

Silver Medal

Bronze Medal

In Memoriam Testimonial

Testimonial on Vellum

Testimonial on Parchment

Certificate of Commendation

Resuscitation Certificate

Our aim is to recognise brave and selfless people who put others before themselves, despite the risk.

By bringing their deeds of bravery to public notice, we believe that a single act of humanity becomes both an example and an inspiration.

Bravery awards are made according to the level of risk taken. A committee of 17 people assesses nominations four times a year: in January, April, July and October.

How to make a nomination

Do you know someone who has put his or her life at risk to save, or attempt to save, another person?

Or someone who has carried out a successful resuscitation?

Anyone can make a nomination to us and we would like to hear from you, whether you work for the emergency services or are a member of the public.

After we have received your nomination, the Committee will decide, at its next quarterly meeting, which level of award should be made.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from our website:
www.royalhumanesociety.org.uk

Click the 'Making a Nomination' button on the home page of the website.

Download the nomination form. Having completed it, email it to: secretary@royalhumanesociety.org.uk

Please make sure that you read our guidelines, available on the website, before submitting your nomination.

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STANHOPE GOLD MEDAL 2012

The Stanhope Medal was introduced in 1873 in memory of Chandos Scudamore Scudamore Stanhope (1823-71). The first recipient was Captain Matthew Webb for his attempted rescue of a man who had fallen into the Atlantic Ocean from the rigging of a ship. In 1875, Captain Webb achieved fame as the first person to swim the English Channel.

In 1962, it was decided that the award should be open to all kindred Commonwealth Humane Societies, so nominations from the UK, New Zealand, Australia and Canada are now eligible. David Kelly, who was granted a Silver Medal by the Royal Humane Society in July 2012, was, also, the Society's successful candidate for the 2012 Stanhope Gold Medal.

DAVID KELLY

David Kelly has been awarded the Stanhope Medal 2012 for his outstanding bravery in saving the life of James Young, who had fallen under a Docklands Light Railway train at West Silvertown, on the evening of 18th May 2012.

A group of six young people, three men and three women, was standing on the platform chatting. As the train pulled into the station, James turned and put his hand out to push the button to open the doors. The train had not stopped and the momentum of the moving train caused him to spin and lose his balance. He fell from the platform between two carriages and was dragged underneath, disappearing

into the darkness. One of the party boarded the train and pulled the emergency cord to prevent it pulling out, the remainder went to summon help and to try and locate James.

There was no answer to calls and it was pitch black under the train. David Kelly decided to climb down under the train to try and locate him. At this stage and for about eight minutes more, the track was still live. David crawled along the track for about 50 metres with only a height of between 2 and 3 feet in which to manoeuvre. He did not know which track was live. The track was oily and gritty and there was a considerable amount of blood from James's injuries. He eventually found the injured man,

who was unconscious, lying face up under the protruding edge of the platform and completely hidden from view from the platform. It was clear he would not have been found for some time had David not taken this action. One of the party, a fourth-year medical student, called instructions to David, who, calmly and gently, managed to get James awake. He then kept talking to him to keep him awake and to reassure him and assisted him to keep his airways clear. David remained where he was, following the arrival of the paramedics, who asked him to keep talking to James. David, finally, assisted the helicopter medical team. In total he was under the train for 30 minutes.

James had lost his lower left leg, his left arm was almost severed (and was later medically amputated) and he had severe compression injuries to his chest and multiple injuries to his head and body. There is no doubt that, if David had not taken the immediate and decisive action he did, James would have died from loss of blood or a compromised airway.

David Kelly was awarded the Society's Silver Medal.

The Stanhope Gold Medal and the Society's Silver Medal will be presented to David by Princess Alexandra at the Annual General Court in May 2013.



Police Medal 2012

At a Committee Meeting on 8 August 2000, having obtained the agreement of the Association of Chief Police Officers, it was resolved that there should be a new Royal Humane Society medal, in silver gilt, given annually 'for the case of greatest gallantry by a Police Officer of the United Kingdom during the year.'. This year marks the presentation of the 13th Police Medal award.

Jo Cosser of Avon & Somerset Constabulary was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal for her outstanding bravery in saving the life of a woman trapped in her first floor flat by a fire on 8th September 2012. The Committee later assessed this as the most courageous action by a police officer during 2012.

Police were called to a fire in a block of flats. Flames and thick black smoke

from the ground floor were reaching the flat above, trapping a woman resident. The fire service had not arrived and one person had already climbed a ladder but been beaten back by smoke and heat. PC Jo Cosser arrived just after two o'clock in the early hours of the morning. She climbed the ladder and then went through a small side ventilation window which was open. The route through the flat hallway, which led to the communal stairs, was unusable due to the fire and smoke. Jo then tried to lift the elderly woman onto the window ledge but the woman was panicking and resisting. The woman then said she had a fused spine. The main window was a large, panoramic, fixed toughened pane. Jo hammered this with a heavy wooden speaker until the pane broke. She then broke off the jagged edges and put sofa cushions over the sill. At that time, the Fire Service arrived and put out the

fire below the window. Jo helped the woman over the ledge and through the window



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Ruairi Bradley is the owner of a yacht club in Vlikho Harbour, Levkas, Greece. On 20th September 2011, Dr Clive Probert and his wife Norma were on board their catamaran anchored 100 metres off the town dock. They were down below when they heard the

sudden increase in wind. Clive went to the cockpit and started the engine. Norma was just inside the saloon, where she noted the wind speed was 75 knots. Suddenly the yacht lurched to port and almost capsized. The yacht started to right herself but a



second wave capsized her. Norma was thrown into the port hull and became trapped. Clive swam free and climbed onto the hull via the stern. There he managed to establish contact with his wife, although it was difficult because of the noise of the wind. Ruairi, who had been working on his yacht in the dock, saw what had happened and jumped into his RIB and came to the stricken boat at full speed. He took off his jacket, handed his painter to Clive

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and got into the water. He had already asked where the entrances were, so he dived down to check the forward hatches. He could find no way in and swam round to the stern and dived under the guard rails. He swam through the submerged cockpit, through the saloon door and found Norma in a small air pocket. Norma was a non-swimmer and needed calming before the rescue. Ruairi told her to take a breath and to hold onto the back of his oilskin bib. He then swam out with her. Visibility was very poor in the water under the vessel and Ruairi, an experienced yachtsman, would have known there would be a danger of becoming entangled in rigging.

Ruairi Bradley was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal, which was presented by HRH Princess Alexandra at Buckingham Palace in October 2012.



Darren Fletcher of Wareham in Dorset was in nearby Wool, on 20th January 2012, when a man drove a fully laden tanker into his marital home, occupied by his wife of 31 years, following their separation. The tanker, laden with 2000 litres of kerosene, crashed through the wall and the driver then

left the scene. The woman inside called the emergency services. Though Darren did not know whether anyone was inside the house, he got into the tanker, the front of which was engulfed in flames, and reversed it out. By his action he prevented the fire in the bungalow worsening. Another man, Andrew Neal, unsure whether there was anyone inside, went into the bungalow and, finding no-one there, brought out a dog. He then returned and checked every room for occupants. The woman inside had already made her escape through the back of the premises. Darren was later treated for smoke inhalation.

Darren Fletcher was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal, which will be presented by HRH Princess Alexandra at the Annual General Court in May 2013. Andrew Neal was awarded the Testimonial on Vellum.



Hannah Gillespie lives about a mile from the shore of Lough MacNea in County Fermanagh. The lough is a freshwater lake and, although the weather was quite warm, the water was very cold. In the early afternoon of 25th March 2012, she was at home when she heard shouting for help coming from the direction of the lough. Her aunt drove her to the lough, where she could see two people clinging to an upturned kayak about

¼ mile out. The man was shouting for help. Hannah went into the water fully clothed and swam out to the couple. She went under the kayak and rolled it over. She then got into the kayak and pulled the two people into it. The woman appeared very shocked and was not speaking. Hannah then got out of the kayak, swam to the paddle and returned it to the boat. During this time Delphine Leonard had been alerted by neighbours that two people were in the

water. She ran to the nearby activity centre, which is owned by her parents. She could see the distressed couple on the opposite side of the bay. She put on a wetsuit and launched one of the canoes. She paddled towards the couple and was seen by Hannah, who started to tow the kayak towards her. When they met, Delphine secured the two boats together and the two girls paddled back to the activity centre. They had to reassure the woman, who was possibly suffering from hypothermia. Hannah herself had been in the water for over 45 minutes. When they reached the shore, they helped the woman to a nearby holiday cottage to dry off and to be checked by ambulance staff, who had now arrived.

Hannah Gillespie was awarded the Society's Bronze Medal, which will be presented by HRH Princess Alexandra. Delphine Leonard was awarded the Testimonial on Parchment.

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Jared McIntosh is an officer in the Royal Gibraltar Police. On 31st May 2011, he was at the port in Gibraltar, providing security cover for a cruise ship docked at the terminal. From inside the building, he heard an explosion and he made his way to the pier. There he found an oil tank on fire and went straight to the area to assist people evacuating the area. He was

told that two men had been injured and were trapped near the top part of an adjacent tank. The cruise ship was put to sea for safety. Jared ran against the flow of escaping people to the tank where the men were. He climbed the external ladder to the two men. One was only slightly injured and, instead of saving himself, had stayed to try and help his colleague but was unable to do so. Jared concentrated on the badly injured man, who had 72% of his body seriously burnt. Jared could not get a firm grip on him because of his injuries and resorted to dragging him down the external stairway using his belt. As he went down the stairs, he realized the staircase and body of the tank were getting hotter and was concerned this tank could explode as well. It was only afterwards that it was discovered this tank had already exploded and the heat was probably gas still burning. Jared carried the injured man from



the bottom of the ladder to the safety of the boundary wall, some 20 metres away.

Police Constable Jared McIntosh of the Royal Gibraltar Police was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal, which was presented at the Annual General Court in May 2012.

Plamen Petkov was on West Wittering Beach, on 26th May 2012. It was midday and warm and sunny with good visibility. The tide was out, at 100 to 150 metres from the shore. A child was playing in the shallow water with a rubber ring. Her mother was watching from a few feet away. The mother was briefly distracted as she folded her daughter's dress and turned to put it on the ground. When she turned round,



the girl had started to drift away. Her mother followed but was unable to keep up, so started to call for help. Plamen was walking nearby and, hearing the calls for help, went straight into the water. He reached the girl, who jumped into his arms and put her arms tightly round his neck. This caused him to keep going under water but he still managed to swim against the strong current, towards the shore. Nikki Howkins saw what was happening, went into the water, took the child from Plamen and handed her to her mother. She then turned to help Plamen. During those few moments, a friend had seen Plamen lying motionless in the water and had pulled him out. Nikki performed CPR on him for 45 minutes. An air ambulance arrived at the scene but Plamen was pronounced dead on the beach. Plamen Petkov was awarded the Royal Humane Society's In Memoriam Testimonial, which will be presented to his family.

Lynn Pickett was sitting in her car in Littleover, Derby, on 2nd November 2011 at 9.15 pm, when she heard a loud bang. Thinking there had been a crash, she got out to investigate. She could see a lorry on fire close to a petrol station and only about 9 metres from the pumps. She ran the 50 yards to the scene to find that a motor cyclist had crashed and the rider was trapped up to his waist by



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the lorry's wheels, underneath which flames could be seen. His legs were on fire from the waist down. Taking control of the incident, she directed the driver to reverse the vehicle off the trapped man.

She then extinguished the flames by beating them with her jacket. She then shouted for someone to call for an ambulance and for a fire extinguisher. Once the flames were out, Lynn found the man was not breathing. She commenced mouth to mouth resuscitation until she was relieved by a paramedic. She then continued to assist until the man was pronounced dead.

Lynn Pickett was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal, which will be presented by HRH Princess Alexandra at the Annual General Court in May 2013.

Richard Stanton and John Volanthen are cave rescue experts who took part in the attempted rescue of a French cave diver in Dragonnière de Gaud (a cave) in the Ardèche Gorge, France, between 3rd and 14th October 2010. The site of the attempted rescue is a cave passage completely filled with water (a sump), over one kilometre long. Once a diver enters the sump, it is only possible to breathe without diving equipment by returning to the start. The sump, due to its length and extreme variations in depth, requires the use of specialist diving equipment and lengthy, planned, decompression stops. The French diver was the only person to have explored the sump beyond 700 metres. He became overdue whilst diving alone in an attempt to progress beyond the previous limit. The French cave rescue service were optimistic that he may have reached the other end, wherever



John Volanthen (on the left) and Richard Stanton

that was, and had been unable to return due to injury or equipment failure. Few cave divers in the world have the skills and equipment to follow this man and the nearest were Richard and John. On request, they willingly volunteered and were flown to France by the RAF. When they dived to a point about 800 metres in, they found their way blocked due to a collapse



of gravel and silt from the slope above and behind them. John made an unsuccessful attempt to squeeze through but was able to recover a piece of equipment left by the missing diver. They concluded that digging through was not feasible and may precipitate a further collapse. Two days later a Swiss and an Italian diver descended to the same spot and confirmed what

had been found on the first dive. Richard and John then dived again to the blockage to carry out a survey that would enable the point of the blockage to be accurately related to a point on the surface, as drilling was being considered. They also investigated a known but unexplored passage above the collapse in the hope of by-passing the blockage. They could not get

through this with their equipment but thought they may be able to do so if differently equipped. This they did a couple of days later, after rest and preparation. Eventually they were able to get through into the open passage beyond the blockage and swam on, hoping to find the missing diver alive but it was his body they found, 140 metres beyond the blockage. It was not possible to recover the body. Richard and John knew that the entire rescue depended on them and that, should anything go wrong, there was little chance of being rescued. John felt unwell after the final dive and spent time in a decompression chamber.

Richard Stanton and John Volanthen were each awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal, which was presented by HRH Princess Alexandra at Buckingham Palace in October 2012.

Historical notes

- 1774** Dr William Hawes (1736-1808) and Dr Thomas Cogan (1736-1818) founded the “Humane Society for the recovery of persons apparently drowned”.
- 1783** King George III becomes Patron and in 1787 permits the Humane Society to style itself “Royal”.
- 1794** Old farmhouse in Hyde Park is used as a Receiving House for the “apparently dead”.
- 1806** Alexander I, Tsar of all the Russias, is awarded a Gold Medal for saving the life of a peasant.
- 1828** Isambard Kingdom Brunel is awarded a Silver Medal for his part in rescuing five men during the building of the Thames Tunnel.
- 1835** A new Receiving House is built in Hyde Park. The first Duke of Wellington lays the foundation stone.
- 1837** The Bronze Medal is introduced.
- 1838** Grace Darling and her father, William, received specially minted Gold Medals for rescuing the survivors of a shipwreck off the Farne Islands.
- 1873** The Stanhope Gold Medal is introduced. The first recipient (1874) was Captain Matthew Webb for the attempted rescue of a sailor from the Atlantic Ocean.
- 1882** Bram Stoker, whose novel, ‘Dracula’, was published in 1897, was awarded a Bronze Medal for rescuing a man from drowning in the River Thames, London.
- 1954** The Hyde Park Receiving House, which had suffered wartime damage, is demolished.
- 1959** The Society is incorporated by Royal Charter.
- 1974** 200th anniversary of the founding of the Society is marked by a Thanksgiving Service at St Paul’s Cathedral. HRH Princess Alexandra becomes President. Reception, held at Haberdashers’ Hall, was attended by Her Majesty The Queen.
- 2000** The first Police Medal is awarded to PC Wayne Martin of Bedfordshire Police.
- 2008** The Society’s archive was gifted to London Metropolitan Archives to ensure its future safekeeping and enable proper cataloguing.
- 2011** The 2010 police medal, the 10th awarded, was presented by our President, HRH Princess Alexandra, at the ACPO conference in Harrogate.
- 2012** In October, the number of cases reviewed since the Society began reached 86,423.
- 2012** HM the Queen celebrates her Diamond Jubilee and we celebrate her 60 years as Patron of the Royal Humane Society.

Committee and Officers

Trustees of the Royal Humane Society
during 2012

CHAIRMAN & TREASURER

Mr Richard Titley

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Mr John Grandy

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Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Birdwood

Mr Richard Corfield

Colonel Giles Crisp

Mr Mark Dumas

Mrs Didy Grahame OBE MVO

Mr Rupert Novis

Mrs Jennie Peel

Mrs Lynda Rose MBE

Sir Nigel Southward KCVO

Mr Charles Spicer
(from 17th April 2012)

Mr Julian Spicer OBE
(until 23rd May 2012)

The Lady Louisa Spicer

Mr George Staple CB QC

Mr Rupert Uloth

Mr Tom Walduck

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Chief Constable Simon Ash, Suffolk

Constabulary

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Hertfordshire Constabulary

SECRETARY

Mr Dick Wilkinson TD

AWARDS ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs Mary Nayler

HONORARY ADVISER

Dr Roger Willoughby PhD

Committee Biographies

Lt Col Gordon Birdwood (1999) served in the Blues and Royals from 1969-92 and now works for a facilities management company. He is a Member of the Royal Household and Gentleman Usher to Her Majesty The Queen. He is a member of the Order of St John. He enjoys all country sports and is a very keen skier.

Richard Corfield (2008) is chairman of CFC Underwriting, an insurance business in the City. He is married with three children and lives in Gloucestershire. His interests are art, wine, skiing, shooting and fishing.

Colonel Giles Crisp (2001) served in the Coldstream Guards and now runs a small herd of Red Poll cattle in Suffolk. He is married, has two children and his interests are shooting, fishing and dendrology.

Mark Dumas (2010) worked for commodity trader ED & F Man. He then worked in the commercial and residential property markets and is currently on the supervisory Board of a publicly quoted

Polish house builder. He works in the CAB as an advisor and has recently become a financial capability trainer. He was a trustee of the Parkinson's Disease Society for eight years and its Chairman from 2004-2009. He was a trustee of the Prostate Cancer Research Centre and serves on the board of the Meath Epilepsy Trust.

Didy Grahame OBE MVO (1997) has been Secretary to the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association since 1970. She is also involved with the Royal Green Jackets Museum, Winchester, the World Pheasant Association, the Royal Geographical Society and the Commanderie de Bordeaux. Interests include ornithology, travel, music, family and friends.

John Grandy (1987) has a background in army and civil helicopters. He is semi-retired and works part-time for Westland. He has a consultancy business which advises clients on yacht racing and recently retired as Chairman of Cowes Week. He is married and lives in Dorset.

Other interests are golf and shooting. He became Deputy Chairman in May 2009.

Rupert Novis (2008) received the Stanhope Gold Medal in 1988. He served in the Coldstream Guards and now has a career in commodities trading, focused on the Middle East. He has three children and lives in London and Hampshire. His interests include ball games, water sports, winter sports through to country sports.

Jennie Peel (1997) was a Governor of Ashdown House School for 7 years, assisted with a Riding for the Disabled group, in Buckingham Palace Mews and, subsequently, Knightsbridge Barracks for 15 years, was on the Committee for the HomeStart carol service at Guards Chapel for 6 years and has been on various other charity committees for one-off events. At present, she is a trustee for PAPAA, which is a charity she founded to research a cure for and help psoriasis sufferers. She has eight grandchildren.

Committee Biographies

Lynda Rose MBE (2008) was Commandant of the FANY (Princess Royal's Volunteer Corps) from 1998 until the end of the Centenary Year, 2007. She is a governor of a local school in Dorset. As well as a husband and two married daughters, her interests include riding, sailing and opera.

Sir Nigel Southward KCVO (2006) was formerly Apothecary to the Queen and other members of the Royal Household. He retired in 2003 to spend more time sailing. His other interests are golf and skiing. He is married with three children.

Charles Spicer (2012) His great uncle, R T Hawes (a past chairman), was a direct descendent of Dr William Hawes, one of the founders of the Society. He works as a strategic adviser to a number of healthcare companies. He is Chair of the Department of Health's Invention for Innovation Funding Panel and a panel member on the Health Innovation Challenge Fund, a joint venture between the Department of Health and the Wellcome Trust. He is a governor of

Gresham's School in Norfolk and Deputy Chair of Governors at Marion Richardson School in Stepney.

Lady Louisa Spicer (2002) has previously served as a visitor at Winchester prison. She has also been a SSAFA case worker and a volunteer with the Cancer Care Trust.

George Staple CB QC (2007) was a partner in a leading City law firm and Director of the Serious Fraud Office 1992-1997. He is a member of a number of professional and regulatory bodies. His interests are cricket, walking and gardening.

Richard Titley (1989) is currently on the Board of Glencairn (insurance) companies. He has a keen interest in shooting, fishing and golf. He is married to Nancy (Canadian). He became Deputy Chairman in 2002 and Chairman in May 2009.

Rupert Uloth (2010) is Deputy Editor of Country Life magazine. He served in The Life Guards for six years. He has written for the Daily Telegraph, Sunday Telegraph, Evening Standard and the Literary Review. He is on the council of the Royal Bath and West of England Society and lives in West Sussex with his wife Louisa and their three children. He hunts, shoots, skis and travels widely.

Tom Walduck (1995) Executive Director and Joint Managing Director of Imperial London Hotels Limited and has a number of other directorships. He is married with two sons and a daughter and his interests include skiing, shooting, historic rallying and cruising.

Inspector Rob Gurney Has acted as police advisor on behalf of CC Simon Ash. Inspector Gurney has been with Hertfordshire Constabulary for some years and has held many appointments including Staff Officer to the Chief and Deputy Chief Constables. He is involved in fund raising for a number of charities.

Out of the Archives

Bram Stoker (1847-1912)

2012 was the 165th anniversary of the birth of Bram Stoker and the 100th anniversary of his death. It was also 130 years since he became a holder of the Bronze Medal of the Royal Humane Society. The following is a report of the event taken from The Times of 18th September 1882.

“On Saturday Dr Diplock held an enquiry at the Hope Tavern, Arthur Street, Chelsea, as to the death of a man, not yet identified, who jumped off a steamboat on Thursday evening. Mr Bram Stoker said he lived at 27, Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, and was acting manager of the Lyceum Theatre. On Thursday evening he was on a steamer which was going from Chelsea to London Bridge. He saw the deceased, who was also on the boat, deliberately jump off into the water. Witness threw off his coat and jumped overboard after him, grappled with him, and eventually brought him to the steamer. The deceased, who appeared to have some life in him, was placed on the deck, and means were

taken to resuscitate him, but to no effect. Henry Trumpfield, a Waterman, said he was left in charge of the steamer Twilight on Thursday. He noticed the deceased, who was standing aft, got over the rails of the vessel and jump into the river. He thought the deceased was only in the river five minutes. Police Sergeant George Ross, 5T, said that a description of the deceased had been circulated, but no one had claimed the body. He appeared to have been a soldier, as he was branded with a “D”. His age was between 60 and 70. He had lost one finger, and was bald. In reply to the coroner, the sergeant said that Mr Stoker had the body of the deceased taken to his house in Cheyne Walk, and called medical aid. The jury returned a verdict “the deceased committed suicide, but that there was no evidence to show his state of mind.”

In fact, Stoker carried the body to 27 Cheyne Walk, where his brother, Dr George Stoker, tried to revive him, but his efforts failed to bring the man to life. The Royal Humane Society met on 17th October 1882 and awarded Bram Stoker



the Bronze Medal. The case was number 21,808.

Stoker wrote many novels both for children and for adults but his most famous remains Dracula, which was published in 1897.

Bram Stoker
1908

Annual General Court 2012



The 238th Annual General Court was held at Haberdashers' Hall, London EC1, on Wednesday, 17th May 2012. Mr Julian Spicer OBE, Past Chairman and Honorary Treasurer, was in the Chair. He also retired from the Committee following the meeting.

The guest speaker (pictured left) was General the Lord Dannatt GCB CBE MC DL, former Chief of the General Staff, who gave a very interesting and inspiring speech about gallantry from his own experience in battle.

Mr Richard Titley and Mr John Grandy were re-elected as Chairman and Deputy Chairman and Lt Col Gordon Birdwood, Mrs Didy Grahame, Sir Nigel Southward, Mr Charles Spicer and Mr George Staple were re-elected as Trustees of the Society.

Messrs Ridley, Marreco and Co were appointed as the Society's Independent Examiner, having previously served as Auditors.

HRH Princess Alexandra presented awards to the following:

STANHOPE GOLD MEDAL 2011

Ian Wood

SILVER MEDAL

Ian Wood

POLICE MEDAL 2011

PC Matthew Hammill

BRONZE MEDALS

Gavin Bonner

PC Jared McIntosh

James Pout

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How to become a Governor

The Royal Humane Society is run by a Committee, who are the Trustees of the charity. Becoming a Governor of the Society provides an opportunity for those who are supporters of the Society to become a little more involved.

Governors are invited to the Annual General Court, where they will meet Committee Members and fellow Governors as well as some of the Society's award recipients whose awards are being presented. Governors' names are printed in the Annual Report, of which they will be sent a copy, in recognition of their interest. Governors also receive priority invitations to our biennial fundraising event.

Our Royal Charter, granted in 1959, stipulated a subscription of one guinea a year to become a Governor or ten guineas for a Life Governor. Unfortunately we now have to charge a little more, as follows:-

Life Governor	£1,000
Joint Life Governors (for a couple)	£1,500
Governor (per annum)	£80
Joint Governor (per annum)	£120

You may pay by cheque but please consider paying by Standing Order. There is a form for this on page 31.

If you'd like to become a Governor please complete the Standing Order on page 31 or you may pay by cheque. Whether you are becoming a Governor or simply making a donation, please complete the Gift Aid Declaration section of the form on page 32. This will enable us to claim a further 25 pence in tax for each pound.

Financial overview

Incoming resources for the year 2012 amounted to £72,106. In 2011 incoming resources amounted to £108,443.

Adjusting for income from the fundraising event and the legacies in 2011 compared with the lack of these for 2012 incoming resources increased by £9,076 for the year under review as a result of an increase in donations received. Expenditure was £88,599 (compared with £101,970). Adjusting for the event costs of £13,710 in 2011, there was an increase of £339 in expenditure during the year.

The market value of our investments increased by £21,015 during the year and now stand at £958,634. This was due to a continued recovery in the

SUMMARY OF INCOME	This Year 2012		Last Year 2011	
	£	%	£	%
Investment income	29,295	41	30,275	28
Donations	42,475	59	32,582	30
Legacies received	-	0	3,845	3
Bank and other interest	16	0	26	0
Income from events	-	0	41,568	38
Other sundry income	320	0	147	0
Totals	72,106	100	108,443	100

financial markets and effective decision making by trustees. The general fund, which is unrestricted, increased by £16,687 over the year. Included in this figure is an unrealised profit on

revaluation of investment assets at the year end.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE	This Year 2012		Last Year 2011	
	£	%	£	%
Awards and presentations	3,507	4	3,609	4
Cost of staging events	-	0	13,710	13
Rent and rates	9,960	11	10,776	10
Salaries	61,427	69	58,571	58
Management and administration	9,388	11	10,441	10
Investment management	3,417	4	4,047	4
Public relations and media	900	1	816	1
Total	88,599	100	101,970	100
Net incoming (outgoing) resources	(16,493)		6,473	
Realised and unrealised (loss)/gain on investments	33,180		25,472	
Increase (decrease) in funds	16,687		31,945	

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2012 AWARD YEAR IN FIGURES

In 2012, 454 awards were made to people whose brave deeds saved a total of more than 250 lives:

2 Silver Medals

7 Bronze Medals

1 In Memoriam Testimonial

38 Testimonials on Vellum

92 Testimonials on Parchment

126 Certificates of Commendation

188 Resuscitation Certificates

The awards were made as follows:

277 to members of the public

177 to police officers

We also gave two annual awards:

The Stanhope Gold Medal

The Police Medal

Ways of donating to the Society

Please support us, by making a donation, in our work of honouring brave people who put the lives of others before their own.

CHEQUE

A cheque should be made out to “Royal Humane Society”.

BANK STANDING ORDER

If you would like to commit to regular payments, a Standing Order form is on page 31. This should be returned to the Society.

GIFT AID

Under the Gift Aid Scheme, we can claim back tax at the standard rate. This means that every pound you donate is actually worth £1.25 to us. Just complete the Gift Aid form and return it to us.

CHARITY AID FOUNDATION

As a registered charity we can accept CAF vouchers as long as they are a donation and not a payment for goods or services.

LEGACIES

All gifts and bequests to the Society by Will are exempt from Inheritance Tax and gifts of assets (shares, works of art etc) are not liable to Capital Gains Tax.

BY TEXT

You can now donate by sending a text message. For example, if you want to give £10 then send a text message: “**HUMA01 £10**” to **70070**.

DONATION IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Supporters frequently ask family and friends for donations to charity, in place of flowers or other gifts, at a funeral. If you wish, your funeral director will be happy to collect the donations on your behalf and forward them to us.

BECOME A GOVERNOR

If you do decide to become a regular donor you may like to become a Governor. Please see page 27, where you will find information about Governors’ privileges.

Standing Order

To: The Manager

Bank _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Please pay the sum of £ _____

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To the Royal Humane Society,
Drummonds at Royal Bank of Scotland,
49 Charing Cross, London SW1A 2DX

Sort Code 160038

Account 10321074

From my Account No.

Sort Code

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Starting on (date)

Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____

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I am a UK taxpayer and would like the Royal Humane Society to treat all donations in the four years prior to today's date and in future as Gift Aid donations. If I cease to be a taxpayer, or the amount of tax I pay falls below the amount reclaimed by the Society and other charities, I will inform you accordingly. I understand the Society will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Full name including forenames:

Address _____

Postcode (Essential) _____

Signed _____ **Date** _____

The illustration is of a button worn on the uniform of the Society's staff. There were safety officers working in Hyde Park from approximately 1825 until 1954.

The emblem of the Society shows a cherub blowing a torch in an attempt to re-kindle it. The Latin inscription reads 'Lateat scintillula forsan', meaning 'Perhaps a tiny spark lies therein'.



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