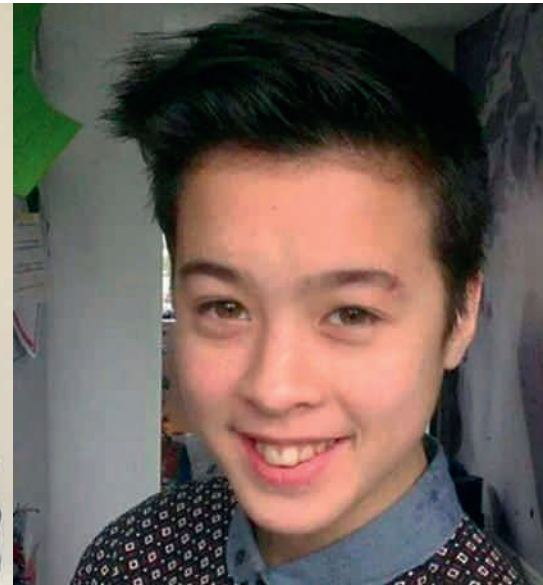


Royal Humane Society Annual Report 2014



Recognising bravery



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were made to people
whose actions
saved a total of
more than 240
lives.**



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MEDAL & IN MEMORIAM TESTIMONIAL RECIPIENTS 2014

STANHOPE GOLD MEDAL

Andrew Cochran

Nominated by The Royal Humane
Society of New South Wales

POLICE MEDAL

PCSO Jonathan Bintlcliffe

Avon and Somerset Constabulary

SILVER MEDAL

Glenn Holmes

BRONZE MEDAL

Major Simon Guest

Brian Keane

Clive Schaaf

Karin Williams

IN MEMORIAM TESTIMONIAL

Jasmyn Chan

Colin Polland



In Victorian times, there was an Annual Festival when all governors of the Society and their guests had dinner at the Freemasons' Hall. All whose lives had been saved from drowning during the past year processed around the hall. This print depicts the event.

In the Society's Annual Report of 1852, the Chairman, B B Cabball Esq MP, says:-

“At the Annual Dinner of the Royal Humane Society, such of the individuals whom it has been the means of saving from a watery grave as can be brought together, walk in procession round the hall, preceded by officers of the society, and a banner on which is inscribed the words “WE PRAISE GOD AND THANK YOU”. Each of the saved persons in the procession carries a bible; they are of all conditions of life, for people in better circumstances are not unconscious of the value of their existence, and are to be found not ashamed of mingling with their poorer fellow creatures in testifying publicly to the exertions of the Royal Humane Society; there is no dressing for the occasion, each appearing in the apparel commonly worn, or suitable to the condition of life: the maidservant, the charity-school child, the lawyer's clerk, the gentleman, and the labourer, are all to be seen walking round the hall. During the procession appropriate music is played.”

Foreword by HRH Princess Alexandra



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This year marked 40 years for me as President of the Royal Humane Society. During this time some 12,000 cases have been heard by the committee. Each of those cases represents one or more lives saved, with the exception of a small number of cases where valiant attempts were made. Each case represents an act of humanity towards a fellow human being, who is often unknown to the savior.

Many of these awards I have been able to sign personally and some I have had the opportunity to present. It has been a privilege to meet those recognised by the Society for their bravery. We must also remember those who have lost their lives in the act of helping those in peril.

At the Annual General Court I was pleased to meet The Lord Mayor and the many friends and supporters of the Society and, as always, I wish the Society well for the future.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Alexandra', with a horizontal line underneath.



PHOTO: HUGO BURMAN

Message from the Chairman

Recognising the saving of human life since 1774

I am greatly honoured to have been elected Chairman of the Society, after 27 years on the Committee. Serving as Deputy Chairman for the past five years under the Chairmanship of Richard Titley has been a great privilege. Richard served the Society for 25 years, a steady hand on the helm, contributing wise counsel to our debates and donating most generously. We wish him well in retirement and thank him for his commitment to the Society.

On the 31st December, one of our Vice Presidents, His Grace The Duke of Wellington, died aged 99. Sadly, he was unable to fulfil his wish to be on the battlefield of Waterloo on 18th June 2015 to commemorate the success of his ancestor 200 years ago. The 1st Duke

was our President from 1856-1858. He had previously laid the first stone of our receiving house in Hyde Park on 8th August 1834. In 2014, we elected Julian Spicer, Chairman from 2002-2009, to join our small company of Vice Presidents in recognition of his work for the Society. This honour is only awarded to those who have given exceptional service to the Society.

We were very pleased and honoured to secure the Lord Mayor, Alderman Fiona Woolf CBE, as guest speaker at our Annual General Court (AGC), in May. She generously left a conference of world leaders that she was hosting to attend and to address us. It is the first time for many years we have been so privileged. The Lord Mayor is, ex officio, a Vice

President. There is a short summary of her address later in this report.

Our President, Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, presented the awards at the AGC, amongst which was a Silver Medal to Glenn Holmes for rescuing two people, from Himalayan mountainsides, in separate incidents. He achieved this as a volunteer, using untested ropes, dangling from an unfamiliar helicopter. Her Royal Highness also presided at our meeting to select the Stanhope Gold Medal recipient for 2014, awarded to Andrew Cochran, of New South Wales. Andrew saved the lives of two people in a horrendous accident involving a petrol tanker. This meeting, held at Australia House and hosted by the High Commissioner, Mr Alexander Downer, was

preceded by a most generous lunch in the Downer Room, named after his father, a previous High Commissioner.

The Royal Humane Society was an early pioneer in encouraging the giving of “relief to persons apparently dead from drowning”. Over the last 240 years, we have been joined by many other organisations keen to acknowledge, in their own way, the humanity of those who go to the aid of others. Many publications, magazines such as Pluck, Answers and Quiver, instituted their own medals in the late 19th Century. Bravery is celebrated now with television events but the work of our Society is less in the public eye than it has been in the past. Thus each year is a new challenge to raise the funds necessary to maintain our profile and continue our operation. Methods of helping us financially are shown at the back of this report and all donations are most gratefully received.

The emergency services are often present during or soon after a life threatening event. We are grateful to police constabularies throughout the United Kingdom for providing nominations to our Secretary, which become cases for review by the Committee. Of the 484 awards

granted this year, 394 were sponsored by police forces. Half the awards went to police officers, themselves, who had acted above and beyond the call of duty in saving a life. We also keenly encourage nominations from members of the public, so may I ask you never to miss an opportunity to spread the word about our work. Our website www.royalhumanesociety.org.uk shows you how to make a nomination.

Our next major fundraising event, for which we look forward to a full house, is expected to take place at the Royal Geographic Society in October 2016. Ben Macintyre, the acclaimed author and historian, has kindly agreed to be our guest speaker.

I would like to record our 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 Annual General Court. We are also most grateful to the Master and Wardens of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London, who give us their hall for our committee meetings.

Finally may I thank all our Governors, donors, individuals, charitable trusts and

police trusts, who by their generosity enable us to continue our mission to recognise the selfless bravery of individuals saving human life.



**John Grandy - Chairman
March 2015**



Aims of the Society

The Royal Humane Society makes awards for 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. By bringing their deeds to public notice, we believe that a single act of humanity becomes both an example and an inspiration.

All awards, other than Resuscitation Certificates, 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:
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STANHOPE GOLD MEDAL 2014

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, Canada and Sri Lanka are now eligible.

ANDREW COCHRAN

Andrew Cochran has been awarded the Stanhope Medal 2014 for his outstanding bravery in saving the lives of two women and attempting to rescue two men, from a car on fire, on 1st October 2013, at Mona Vale Road, Mona Vale, New South Wales.

A fully laden petrol tanker collided with a number of vehicles. It then rolled onto its side, spilling petrol that ignited, causing explosions and a running, fuel fire. In the path of the running fire, was a vehicle containing four people.

Local residents, Andrew Cochran and Maria Tosone, heard the crash, jumped the back fence and ran towards the car. Petrol was flowing downhill under the car but had not yet ignited. They successfully released the two women, whom Maria Tosone led to a safer area.

Andrew returned to the vehicle and attempted to rescue the two men but, whilst they were inside the car, there

was a loud explosion, as the fuel tanker, about 150 metres uphill, exploded into flames. In that area, flames were more than 30 metres high and 3 metre high flames started to run along the flowing fuel towards the car. Andrew had to jump away to safety as flames reached the car and engulfed it, with the two men still inside. Maria Tosone was watching the events unfold from nearby, where she was comforting the women, and feared Andrew would also be engulfed by the flames. Both Andrew and Maria were severely traumatised.

Maria Tosone was awarded The Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Silver Medal.

Andrew Cochran was awarded The Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Gold Medal and the Galleghan Award. This is the first time that society's gold medal has been awarded since 1952.



Police Medal 2014

At a Committee Meeting on 8th 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 15th Police Medal award and the first time it has been granted to a Police Community Support Officer.

Jonathan Bintcliffe of Avon & Somerset Constabulary was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal for his outstanding bravery in attempting to save the life of a man in a burning car, near Melksham in Wiltshire, on 29th April 2014. The Committee later assessed this as the most courageous action by a police officer of those reviewed during 2014.

Jonathan Bintcliffe was off duty when he saw a car with smoke pouring from it. He stopped and approached the car carrying

his car jack and ordering onlookers away. He could see nothing but smoke and flames inside the car, the windows of which were black. There were also flames under the car. He smashed the windows with his car jack, to check for occupants. Jonathan saw a man inside, so he pulled on the door lock, which melted in his fingers, but he was able to reach in and open the door. The man inside was barely conscious and badly burned, with the skin on his head bubbling. Jonathan dragged the man from the car and took him 10 to 15 metres away. The car started to explode. The man was not conscious but breathing, so Jonathan put him in the recovery position. At this point, he was joined by Laura Banks, who had called 999 and provided information to the operator. She came to assist and Jonathan moved his own car, which was 5 or 6 metres from the burning car, to prevent it catching alight and exacerbating the situation. Then, he and Laura moved the man to a position behind a van, where he would be

protected if the fuel tank exploded, which it did. Jonathan, then, took two pairs of latex gloves from his duty day bag as well as a CPR mouth guard to be ready in case the man stopped breathing. Laura had been about 10 metres from the burning car, when components were exploding. Her assistance was vital, especially since Jonathan had inhaled a lot of fumes and smoke and it would have been difficult for him to move the man without her help. The man died, in hospital, two days later. PCSO Bintcliffe had to take two weeks to recover from chest and lung pains and back problems. For her part in the attempted rescue, Laura Banks was awarded the Society's Testimonial on Vellum.



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Glenn Holmes Glenn Holmes is a former RAF Helicopter rescue crewman and medic now employed in a similar capacity by a civilian company. He was on a paragliding holiday in Dharmasala in the Himalayas in October 2013 whilst a paragliding competition was taking place in the area. Towards the end of the event, two paragliding crashes were reported. There was a Bell 407 helicopter, which was for use for medical evacuation purposes and which could be used to attempt a rescue but which had no crew, so Glenn Holmes offered to act as crew and did so in both rescue attempts.

In the first incident, on 30 October, a Russian was reported to have crashed into the mountainside and sustained broken ribs and spinal injuries. After half an hour's search, and just before dark, they found him and landed some 180 yards away, which was as close



Glenn Holmes

as they could in dwindling light. The only way a rescue could be achieved was for Glenn to tie one end of an untested 100ft rope to a skid on the helicopter and the other to himself, under his armpits. He was then flown

to the injured man, swinging freely on the line. He was put down near the casualty and he clipped himself to the man with a karabiner. They were then lifted to a safer area. They had to be lowered carefully to the ground, where

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Glenn could stabilize the man, before he was put in the helicopter and taken to safety. Thus two men were supported on an untested rope, with the full weight under Glenn's arms. Glenn was unable to talk to the pilot and unable to disconnect in case of any further emergency.

In the second instance, on 31 October, a Dutch paraglider crashed at about the same height, about 25 miles away from the scene of the first. The man had serious injuries, including two broken legs. He had been stranded on the mountain overnight and was suffering from exposure. Glenn and the helicopter pilot dropped off three mountaineers at 1000 feet below the casualty. The mountaineers then climbed up and prepared the man to be lifted off. The helicopter returned and Glenn guided the pilot over the casualty. He then lowered a rope tied

to the skid, to the rock face. Having briefed the mountaineers over the radio, he instructed the pilot to lift one of the mountaineers and take him to a safe ledge 1000ft below. They then used the same means to pick up and lower the casualty and, subsequently, land and take both casualty and mountaineer on board to evacuate.

Glenn himself was only secured to the helicopter by a makeshift harness throughout both rescues.

Glenn Holmes was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Silver Medal which was presented by HRH Princess Alexandra, at Haberdashers' Hall, on 27 May 2014.

Major Simon Guest was employed as the Regimental Medical Officer of 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery. He is an experienced and competitive

Major Simon Guest



skydiver and was Combined Service champion for four-way relative work. On 14 July 2013, whilst undertaking a skydive at Netheravon Military Parachute Centre, he was caught in a freak incident in the air during which his actions saved the life of a fellow skydiver. A twelve-man team, including Simon, was undertaking a relative formation training jump from a 12,500 feet altitude. Shortly after a close group exit from the aircraft,

the team's cameraman was involved in a mid-air collision with a fellow skydiver. Initially unnoticed by the team, the collision had caused the skydiver to lose consciousness and he was left falling uncontrollably and in a dangerously unstable, inverted position, posing a severe hazard to those in close proximity to him. Noticing, instinctively, that something was wrong, Simon manoeuvred directly towards him to investigate. Although in freefall at over 120 mph and with only seconds in which to act, Simon immediately diagnosed a complete concussion and reached out to stabilise the skydiver. Checking their altitude and rapidly assessing his options, he signalled for another teammate (and fellow soldier), Andy Myers, to assist on the other side and wrestled the unconscious skydiver into a stable position as he fell with him. Acting together, the pair were able to signal

to other skydivers to steer clear and ensured the stricken skydiver's safety throughout an emergency parachute deployment. On seeing a good chute appear, he then delayed the opening of his own chute to ensure he reached the ground in time to respond immediately with medical attention. By this time, the skydiver had regained consciousness to find himself under a parachute with no recollection of the dramatic events but able to land safely.

All of this occurred in just a few moments, during which any rash decision or panic could have ended in tragedy. Simon made no mention of these events on return to his unit. However, the whole incident had been captured by the stricken skydiver's own helmet-mounted camera. It was only when the incident received intense media attention by international press some months later that Simon's

courageous action was revealed. The saved man was taken to hospital for a check-up and treated for concussion.

Major Simon Guest was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal, which will be presented by HRH Princess Alexandra, at Haberdashers' Hall, on 6 May 2015.

Andy Myers was awarded the Society's Testimonial on Parchment.

Brian Keane was travelling, with his wife and son, along the West Stafford Bypass near Dorchester, on 23 June 2013. They saw, in front of them, a large plume of smoke, so Brian slowed down, as he came to a bend. On rounding the bend, they were confronted by the results of a head on crash. Andrew Bilton, in another car, also stopped to help. Brian went straight to the scene, whilst his wife,

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Brian and Joanne Keane

Joanne, contacted the emergency services. Brian saw, in the first car, a man who had slipped under the steering wheel and appeared dead. Andrew went to the other car and tried to douse the flames with water, whilst Brian opened the door and helped the driver swing his legs out of the car. This man had a fractured ankle but was, otherwise, relatively unhurt. Brian went back to the first car and tried to open the door, having realized the driver was still breathing. Joanne approached the car and then shouted that the other, now empty car, was on fire, with flames coming from the bonnet. The cars appeared to be fused together. The Keanes escorted the man with the fractured ankle and his dog to safety and Joanne stayed with him until someone took over and she could return to her young son. Brian went back to the trapped man and, in his attempt to open the door, tore off

the handle. He then got into the back of the car, even though both engines were well alight, and tried to force the driver's door from the inside. He was being encouraged to get away, as the whole scene was in danger of explosion and onlookers believed the man was already dead. However, he managed to get the door open a few inches and then, with Andrew's help, pulled it open from the outside. They then got the man to safety. Within minutes, there was an explosion from the other car and a fireball went into the air. The smoke now reduced visibility to almost nothing and Brian and the rescued man were hit by falling debris and completely engulfed in smoke. The injured man had head injuries, a collapsed lung and badly broken legs. He had not been expected to live.

Brian Keane was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal and

Joanne the Testimonial on Vellum, which were presented by HRH Princess Alexandra, at Haberdashers' Hall, on 27 May 2014.

Clive Schaaf was returning to his home in Sunbury-on-Thames, on 4th January 2013, when he saw an orange glow coming from the window of a neighbour's house. He went to investigate and saw there was a fire in the kitchen. He ran home, instructed his wife to call 999 and returned immediately. He kicked open a side door to gain access to the kitchen, which was the source and hottest part of the fire. He went in and found the occupant, an elderly woman, stuck in a stair lift in the hallway and unable to free herself. He tried to pull her out but was unsuccessful. He went out to get some air and then made a further attempt. He repeated this process three



Clive Schaaf

times before he was successful. He then carried her outside and, with the help of his wife, moved her to a place of safety. As he did so, the kitchen window exploded in the heat.

Clive was treated for smoke inhalation in hospital and released. The woman was also treated but detained overnight.

Clive Schaaf was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal, which was presented by HRH Princess Alexandra, at Haberdashers' Hall, on 27 May 2014.

Karin Williams had been a school crossing attendant at Rhoose, South Wales for ten years. On 20th June 2013, she was on duty on the opposite side of the road to the school and, seeing a group of parents and children approaching, walked across to assist them. She saw a car coming towards her at a normal speed but it suddenly accelerated. It then crossed to the wrong side of the road and was coming at an angle towards Karin and the children waiting to cross. As it hit a bollard next to the crossing, Karin realised it would then hit the children.

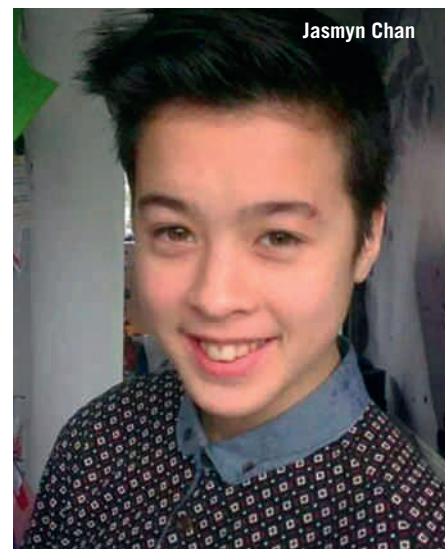
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She shouted a warning and ran in front of the car to a position in between the oncoming car and the children, holding out her arms in what looked like an attempt to stop it. The car hit Karin and the children before overturning.

Five children and four adults were injured including Karin herself. She woke up under the vehicle in a great deal of pain. She was treated for a broken left knee cap, broken left tibia, smashed right kneecap and right elbow and left shoulder shattered into five pieces. Karin Williams was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal, which will be presented by HRH Princess Alexandra, at Haberdashers' Hall, on 6 May 2015.

Jasmyn Chan aged 14, was with four of her friends, on Normanton Hill, Sheffield, on 9 May 2014, when they crossed the road. Jasmyn and Tia Tucker were slightly apart from the others, when a car collided with them. At the last moment, Jasmyn pushed Tia away from the car and took the full impact herself. Jasmyn died of her injuries but it is thought that her



actions prevented Tia, who had serious injuries to her legs, from being more seriously, or fatally, injured. Tia has, since, made a good recovery.

Jasmyn Chan was awarded the Royal Humane Society's In Memoriam Testimonial, which will be presented to her parents by HRH Princess Alexandra, at Haberdashers' Hall, on 6 May 2015.

Colin Polland



Colin Polland and his wife Adele were at a disused cottage near Paul's Quarry at Annalong, County Down on the 1 June 2014. Two brothers and their cousin had gone to the quarry and two decided to go for a swim. The third was a non swimmer and did not enter the water. When the two boys went in, one of them panicked immediately and started to shout for help. One got out but, seeing his cousin still in difficulty,

he went back in and tried to get hold of him. Unable to do so, he got out, suffering from cold and exhaustion. The brother had been shouting for help and Colin Polland, hearing the cries, came to the lake, stripped off and swam several metres to the boy. Adele watched as Colin reached the boy and brought him to the surface. He, then, swam with one hand, holding the boy with the other. Then, Adele saw Colin go under the water and lose his grip on the boy. She ran to the cottage to get a rope. When she returned, she could not see her husband but, when he was pointed out, she stripped off and jumped in. She was unable to reach him, as he was too deep, and she had to get out. Emergency services arrived and a police officer went in and dived a number of times but was unable to reach either person. He had to swim to the side, between each attempt, to recover his breath. He was in the water

for between 5 and 10 minutes but had to get out because cold was affecting his breathing and movement.

Colin Polland was awarded the Royal Humane Society's In Memoriam Testimonial and Adele Polland a Testimonial on Parchment. They were presented to Adele by HRH Princess Alexandra, at Haberdashers' Hall, on 27 May 2014.



Jess, Adele and Cora Polland

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 HM the Queen celebrates her Diamond Jubilee and we celebrate her 60 years as Patron of the Royal Humane Society.
- 2014 HRH Princess Alexandra celebrates 40 years as President of the Society and the Society reaches its 240th anniversary.

Committee and Officers

Trustees of the Royal Humane Society
during 2014

CHAIRMAN & TREASURER

Mr Richard Titley (to 14 October)
Mr John Grandy (from 14 October)

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Mr John Grandy (to 14 October)
Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Birdwood
(from 14 October)

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Mrs Jennie Peel
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The Lady Louisa Spicer (to 14 October)
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Mr Tom Walduck

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Mrs Mary Nayler

HONORARY ADVISER

Dr Roger Willoughby PhD

Committee Biographies

Lt Col Gordon Birdwood (1999) served in the Blues and Royals and has been with Workman LLP since 1992 - a leading property consultant firm. He is a Member of the Royal Household and Senior Gentleman Usher to Her Majesty The Queen. He is a member of the Order of St John. He is Chairman of the Gallipoli 100 Committee responsible for the 100th Anniversary Commemorations of the Gallipoli Campaign. 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 worked in the CAB as an adviser 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) was Secretary to the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association from 1970 and now serves as a Trustee. She is also involved with several organisations including the World Pheasant Association, the Royal Geographical Society, the Knights of the Round Table and the Commanderie de Bordeaux. Interests include ornithology, travel and music.

John Grandy (1987) has a background in army and civil helicopters. He retired from Westland after 32 years in 2014. 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 and was elected Chairman in October 2014.

Rupert Novis (2008) received the Stanhope Gold Medal in 1988. He served in the Coldstream Guards, worked in the commodity derivative trading business and now has a career as a consultant to Family Offices. He has three children and lives in London. He is a keen sportsman and enjoys travel and international culture.

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 Home Start Carol Concert at Guards Chapel for several years and is now involved in fund raising for one off charitable events. She is a trustee for PAPAA, which is a charity she founded to research a cure for and

Committee Biographies

help psoriasis sufferers. She also has 10 grandchildren, under 12.

Lynda Rose MBE (2008) was Commandant of the FANY (Princess Royal's Volunteer Corps) from 1998 until the end of the Centenary Year, 2007. Her current commitments include being a trustee of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Endowment Trust, Patron and fundraiser of The Dorset Festival Opera and a number of other charities. Her other interests include her husband, two married daughters, 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) is the great nephew of R T Hawes (a past chairman) who was a direct descendent of Dr William Hawes, one of the founders of the Society. He is Chair of the Department of Health's Invention for

Innovation Funding Panel, a panel member on the Health Innovation Challenge Fund and a director of a number of medical technology companies. He is a governor of Gresham's School in Norfolk.

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

Commodore Philip Thicknesse RN (2013) is Clerk to the Haberdashers' Company, having previously served in the Royal Navy and Fleet Air Arm for 35 years. He is married with three sons and lives on Exmoor.

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) is 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 acts as police adviser to the Society, on behalf of DCC Francis Habgood. 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 fundraising for a number of charities.

Out of the Archives

In our 2011 Annual Report, I wrote about the Victoria Cross and the Royal Humane Society Medal and those instances in which a VC and an RHS medal were awarded for the same deed. The following three men also received VC and RHS awards, although in no case for the same deed that earned their VC. I am indebted to Dr Roger Willoughby, our Honorary Adviser, who has given me permission to reprint his words from the Life Saving Awards Research Society journal and provided the pictures.

Paul Aloysius Kenna (1864-1915)

While serving as a captain in the 21st Lancers, Kenna won his VC on 2nd September 1898 at Khartoum, saving the life of Major Wyndham and later assisting Lieutenant De Montmorency in endeavouring to rescue the body of Lieutenant Grenfell. Kenna received an RHS testimonial in 1895 for jumping off Carlisle Bridge into the Liffey in Dublin, to rescue a drowning man, J Brennan, (RHS case 28,139).

His award was approved by the Society



at their committee meeting on 16th December 1895. Subsequently, it appears that Kenna unsuccessfully petitioned the Society for a medal rather than a testimonial. He renewed



his application in September 1902, his application being considered by the committee, who, in absence of further evidence and considering the fact that the case had already been reconsidered within a few months of the original award', were unable to reopen the case. Kenna's VC is held by the Queen's Royal Lancers Museum, Nottinghamshire.

Charles John Mellis (1862-1936)

Mellis was awarded the RHS bronze medal on 11th May 1899 when he rescued a trimmer who had jumped overboard when drunk from the SS Sokoto off Cape Coast Castle, (RHS case 30,000). Mellis won the VC in the Ashanti campaign on 30th September 1900 when he organised stray men and led a successful charge. His VC is in Wellington College, Berkshire.



Thomas Joseph Crean (1873-1923)

Thomas Crean was awarded an RHS Testimonial on Vellum on 11th September 1891 when, while he was swimming with fellow students near Blackrock, Dublin, he helped to rescue a 20 year old art student, William Ahern, (RHS case 25,610). Later, as a Surgeon Captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps, he won the VC during the Boer War, for treating the wounded under heavy fire on 18th December 1901 at Tygerskloof. Crean's VC is held by the Royal Army Medical Corps Museum, Keogh Barracks, Aldershot.



Annual General Court 2014

The 240th Annual General Court was held at Haberdashers' Hall, London EC1, on Tuesday, 27th May 2014. Mr Richard Titley, Chairman and Honorary Treasurer, was in the Chair.

The guest speaker was The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor, Fiona Woolf CBE, a Vice President of the Society, ex officio. She spoke about the City connection to the Society and alluded to Sir Frederick Bull, Lord Mayor in 1773, and the Society's first President. She also mentioned the only previous woman Lord Mayor, Dame Mary Donaldson, who was a member of our committee for many years. The Lord Mayor also spoke about Postman's Park, in the City of London, where there are memorials to men and women who lost their lives saving the lives of others. She warmly congratulated those recipients of our awards who were present.

Mr Richard Titley and Mr John Grandy were re-elected as Chairman and Deputy Chairman and Colonel Giles Crisp, Mrs Jennie Peel, the Lady Louisa Spicer, Commodore Philip Thicknesse and Mr Tom Walduck were re-elected as Trustees of the Society.

HRH Princess Alexandra was warmly thanked for her 40 years as President of the Society and presented with a bouquet, on behalf of the Committee. She responded graciously saying it had been a privilege to serve the Society as President and that she looked forward to many more years in the appointment.

Messrs Ridley, Marreco and Co were re-appointed as the Society's Independent Examiner.

HRH Princess Alexandra presented awards to the following:



SILVER MEDAL

Glenn Holmes

POLICE MEDAL 2013

PC Joel Forrester

BRONZE MEDALS

Clive Schaaf

Brian Keane

TESTIMONIAL ON VELLUM

Joanne Keane

TESTIMONIAL ON PARCHMENT

Adele Polland

IN MEMORIAM TESTIMONIAL

Colin Polland

Presented to his widow, Adele Polland

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We are most grateful to the following individuals, companies, charitable trusts and police forces for their generous donations and support:

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The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries
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Orders and Medals Research Society
T J P Ramsden Esq DL
The Hon John Rous DL
J A Swire Charities
Dr Tim Watts
White Oak Charitable Trust
Peter R Wilby (in memoriam George
Wilby - Bronze Medallist)

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Association of Chief Police
Officers
Avon & Somerset Constabulary
British Transport Police
City of London Police
Cumbria Constabulary
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
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Governors

We should like to thank the following for their generous donations:

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Mr William Shelford
Mr James Shepherd-Cross
Sir Nigel Southward KCVO
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Mr Julian Spicer OBE
The Lady Louisa Spicer
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Mr Rupert Uloth
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Mr Richard Wilkin LVO MBE
Dr Roger Willoughby
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Mr J B Woodd-Walker

How to become a Governor

Becoming a Governor of the Society provides an opportunity for those who are supporters of the Society to become a little more involved.

The Royal Humane Society is run by a Committee, who are the Trustees of the charity. 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)	£100
Joint Governor (per annum)	£150

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 you donate.

Financial overview

Incoming resources for the year amounted to £71,418. Last year incoming resources amounted to £104,060. Adjusting for income from the fundraising event in 2013 and the increase in legacies in 2014 incoming resources decreased by £22,409 for the year under review as a result of a decrease in donations received of £17,268 & investment income of £3,969. Expenditure was £89,027 (compared with £102,274). Adjusting for the event costs of £10,643 in 2013, there was an decrease of £2,604 in expenditure during the year.

The market value of our investments at 31 December 2014 stands at £948,132 compared with £1,013,031 at 31 December 2013: the apparent disparity arises because the investment managers held short-term deposits

SUMMARY OF INCOME	This Year 2014		Last Year 2013	
	£	%	£	%
Investment income	23,871	33	27,835	27
Donations	27,102	38	44,370	43
Legacies received	20,445	29	1,172	1
Bank and other interest	-	0	5	0
Income from events	-	0	30,678	29
Other sundry income	-	0	-	0
Totals	71,418	100	104,060	100

of £95,898 at 31 December 2014 compared with £15,700 at 31 December 2013. The general fund, which is unrestricted, increased by £11,416 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 2014		Last Year 2013	
	£	%	£	%
Awards and presentations	4,002	4	3,359	3
Cost of staging events	-	0	10,643	11
Rent and rates	7,839	9	11,170	11
Salaries	63,063	71	63,385	62
Management and administration	9,494	11	9,166	9
Investment management	3,692	4	3,641	3
Public relations and media	937	1	910	1
Total	89,027	100	102,274	100

Net incoming (outgoing) resources	(17,609)	1,786
Realised and unrealised (loss)/gain on investments	29,025	66,857
Increase (decrease) in funds	11,416	68,643

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2014 AWARD YEAR IN FIGURES

In 2014, 484 awards were made to people whose actions saved a total of more than 240 lives:

- 1 Silver Medal
- 4 Bronze Medals
- 2 In Memorium Testimonials
- 36 Testimonials on Vellum
- 86 Testimonials on Parchment
- 137 Certificates of Commendation
- 218 Resuscitation Certificates

The awards were made as follows:

- 243 to members of the public
- 241 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 those who save another's life.

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 "HUMA01 £nn" 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 Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Please pay the sum of £ _____

each ☐ month ☐ quarter ☐ year

To the Royal Humane Society,
Drummonds at Royal Bank of Scotland,
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Sort Code 160038

Account 10321074

From my Account No.

Sort Code

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Starting on (date)

Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Gift Aid Declaration

When you have chosen in which way you would like to support us, please complete the relevant section and return the form to us, with your payment, if appropriate.

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'.

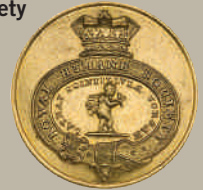


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