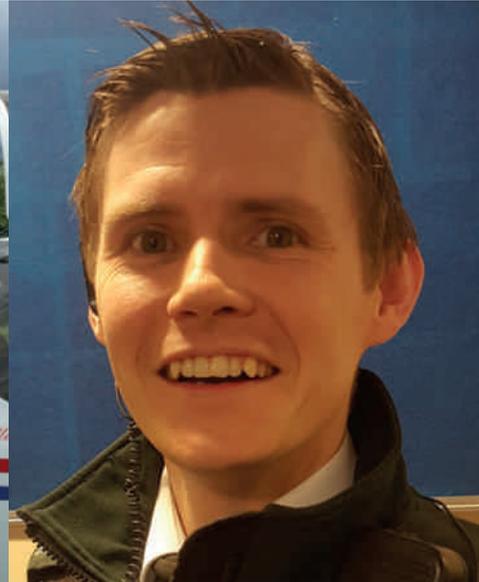
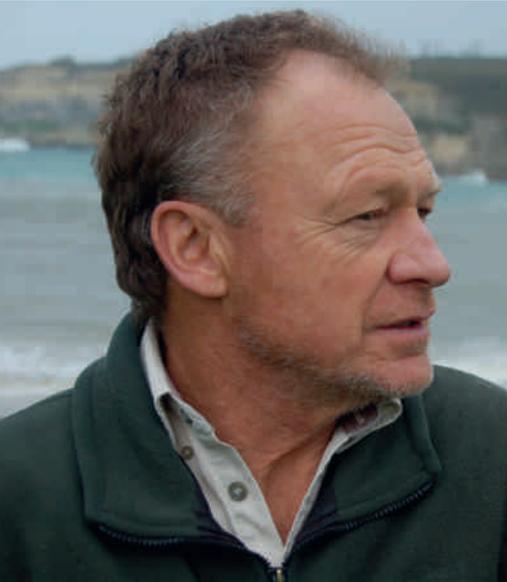


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were made to people
whose actions
saved a total of
more than 260
lives.**

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**MEDAL & IN MEMORIAM
TESTIMONIAL
RECIPIENTS 2015**

STANHOPE GOLD MEDAL

Murray Barnewall

Nominated by The Royal Humane
Society of Australasia

POLICE MEDAL

PC Sean Cannon

West Yorkshire Police

BRONZE MEDAL

Charlie Aleksander

PCSO Jonathan Bintcliffe

PC Sean Cannon

Foreword by HRH Princess Alexandra



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Again it has been a very busy year for the Society with well over five hundred awards made. It is encouraging to see more nominations coming from members of the public who have heard about the work of the Royal Humane Society.

Remembering that our roots are in the encouragement of non-medically trained people to carry out resuscitation of the apparently lifeless, it is noteworthy that almost half our awards are in this category. This complements the work of the British Heart Foundation and others in making the public aware that they can save lives. There have been a number of cases where the restorer simply carried out what he had seen in a television advertisement. Saving the life of another is something most deserving of celebration.

It remains a great pleasure for me to be involved with the Society and to meet so many selfless individuals. I look forward to another successful year.

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



PHOTO: HUGO BURMAND

Message from the Chairman

Recognising the saving of human life since 1774

2015 has again been a very busy year for awards. Although we made fewer awards at the top end of our bravery scale, we saw very many instances of praiseworthy action where people going about their everyday business, intervened to save a person's life. These actions can also be life changing for the salvor and are deserving of public recognition. It is heart warming that so many come to our attention and we encourage everyone to seek out those worthy life savers, and put them forward for a Royal Humane Society Award.

At our Annual General Court (AGC), in May, our guest speaker was Sir Joe French, retired Air Chief Marshal, former Chief of Defence Intelligence and currently Vice-Chairman of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. In this latter capacity he was, and still is, very busy with events commemorating the Great War. We were very grateful to him for finding time to address



us. Our President, HRH Princess Alexandra graciously presented the awards, including an In Memoriam Testimonial, to the parents of Jasmyn Chan, who lost her life when she pushed her friend out of the way of an oncoming car. Other awards presented included a Bronze Medal for Karin Williams,

school crossing attendant, who stood in the way of a speeding car in an attempt to save a number of adults and children from being hit. She was, herself, severely injured. There was also a bronze medal for Major Simon Guest RAMC who in mid free fall descent and with only seconds to spare stabilised an unconscious skydiver, whose parachute had failed, and managed to open the emergency chute. These are a small cross section of the humbling acts of bravery that we see every year.

We were very sorry to lose two long serving, experienced members of our committee in 2015. Diddy Grahame retired after 18 years. As Secretary of the VC and GC Association she brought a unique insight into the understanding of gallantry to the Society. She also had a wide experience of charity trusteeship and was instrumental in initiating our biennial fundraising events at the Royal Geographical Society. Jennie Peel

also served the Society for 18 years and gave a lot of her time working with Didy on the fundraising team, taking over as Chairman in recent years. She too had a background in trusteeship and as a school governor. We are most grateful to them both for their hard work and dedication to the Society.

One of our aims is for the Society to have a wide range of experience among its committee so that opinions about levels of bravery can be debated from different points of view, with the aim of achieving a consistent standard in the level of award from year to year. It is also important to have a medical opinion, particularly in the frequent cases of resuscitation that are put forward.

We were delighted in 2015 to welcome some new committee members whose life experience will complement those of the existing members. Dr Michael McCaldin is a respected GP and member of the medical fraternity in Bristol and joins Sir Nigel Southward as our second medical expert. George Hawkins is a former Army officer with operational experience and is a management consultant with a wide range of interests. Rowena Osborne and Anna Blaxland, both keen on outdoor sports, bring their marketing and PR skills. Lastly we are particularly pleased to welcome Diane Duke to the committee. Diane knows the Society well as Private Secretary to our President. As a member of HRH's staff for over 10 years she has been a part of many of our events and privy to the debates when the annual Stanhope Gold Medal is awarded. Brief

biographies of all our committee members can be found elsewhere in this report. I am pleased to report that all the new committee members are fully IT literate which will help us to raise our profile via modern social media.

Mary Nayler, who has been our awards administrator for over ten years, retired at the end of the year. She has contributed much in her time with the Society including the electronic production of award certificates. We will miss Mary and wish her well in her new home in Lincolnshire. Her replacement John Wilson, is a recently retired quality manager in the pharmaceutical industry. More important to us is that he is the Editor of the Life Saving Awards Society's Journal and a published author on the subject of life saving awards. We welcome John to his important new role with the Royal Humane Society.

Our thanks and appreciation again go to our Secretary Dick Wilkinson. Very little of the above would run smoothly without his enthusiasm and unstinting hard work.

I am most grateful to all who help us financially, with professional expertise or by assistance in kind. I look forward to meeting Governors, representatives of police forces and other donors at our Annual General Court on 25th May, which takes place as usual at the Haberdasher's Hall. You will see from our accounts that donors have been generous in 2015, but with low returns on investments our 2015 income did not match our

outgoings. We are reviewing our longer term costs and in the short term intend to make up the short fall as a result of a fund raising lecture at the Royal Geographical Society currently planned for the 12th October.



**John Grandy - Chairman
March 2016**



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 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 2015

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.

MURRAY BARNEWALL

Murray Barnewall has been awarded the Stanhope Medal 2015 for his outstanding bravery in saving the life of a ten year old girl who had been washed into the sea by a huge wave which swept over the upper deck of a jetty at Port Campbell, Victoria, Australia on the 19th April 2014.

At the time of the incident there was a “king” tide and a huge swell which caused many waves to crash onto the cliffs and over the jetty. The jetty was exposed to the full force of the Southern Ocean and the lower deck of the jetty and some coastal paths and access had been closed off due to the sea conditions. A family, including a 10 year old girl, walked onto the jetty. Almost immediately a huge wave crashed onto the upper deck of the jetty sweeping the girl over the handrail and into the sea. Murray Barnewall saw the father of the girl climb over the handrail and walk to the edge of the ledge. Murray followed, threw his keys from his pocket and dived in, still

fully clothed in jeans and boots. He was swept out close to the girl and grabbed her arm. He waited for the next wave when he and the girl were swept under the jetty, past concrete pylons and out of the other side towards a rock shelf. As they approached he saw the father ready to help. Using another wave, he threw the girl towards the shelf. This was unsuccessful and she fell back into the water. They were both washed out again but Murray held onto the girl and managed to get a foothold on a rock until the next wave again swept them under the jetty. This time he was able to throw the girl onto the shelf. Despite being exhausted, Murray clung onto the rocks for some time to regain his breath, and was then able to get out of the water. He suffered superficial cuts and abrasions to the inside of his forearms during the rescue.

For his actions that day Murray Barnewall was awarded the Royal Humane Society of Australasia's Clarke Silver Medal.



Police Medal 2015

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 16th Police Medal.

Sean Cannon of the West Yorkshire Police was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal for his outstanding bravery in saving the lives of five children and a woman from a house fire in Bradford on 27th June 2015. The Committee later assessed this as the most courageous action, by a police officer, of those reviewed during 2015, and he was additionally awarded the Police Medal.

PC Sean Cannon was on duty with PCSO Simon Meakin, when they were alerted by shouting and screaming nearby. They saw smoke coming from a house and went to

investigate. They were met by a number of non-English speakers in a state of panic. They managed to find out there were still people in the house, including small children but that there were none left on the ground floor, where the fire had started. Sean entered the smoke and flame filled hallway and went to the first floor. There, he found two young children in the first floor bedroom. He picked them up and returned by the same route. Simon took them and found out about others in the house. Sean went in again and this time returned, again past the flames in the hall, with two more children he had found in the back bedroom. Again Simon took them to safety. During this time an 11 year old boy had jumped from the first floor, injuring his ankle, and Simon gave him assistance. Sean was told there was an adult with medical problems in a second floor attic. He again went back into the burning house, stopped on the first floor to take in air via a window, and continued to the second floor. There, he found a woman whom he



had to persuade to leave. He half carried her down two flights and got her out. Simon went to their car at the end of the street and collected a fire extinguisher. Sean took it from him, went back into the house, discovered the source of the fire in the ground floor hallway, and put it out. Sean Cannon was given oxygen, first by the fire service and, subsequently, by a paramedic. For his part in the rescue, PCSO Simon Meakin was awarded the Society's Certificate of Commendation.

2015 Award recipients

Charlie Aleksander, aged 16 at the time, was travelling in the rear off side passenger seat of a car near Glastonbury on 20th July 2014. It was mid afternoon on a fine day. A boy aged 8, was in the front passenger seat and a girl in the rear nearside seat. The driver lost control of the car, which rolled several times, before coming to rest in the River Brue. The river was about 2 metres deep and 7 metres wide at the top of the bank. During the rolling, the girl was thrown out of the car and sustained a broken femur and the driver, also thrown out, sustained life threatening injuries. Charlie and the boy were strapped in the vehicle, which was starting to submerge, but Charlie managed to get out of the car and helped the boy out into the water. He then helped the boy, who cannot swim, onto the roof of the sinking car. The boy slid off into the water on the other side. Charlie worked his way round the car to prevent the boy from drowning and swam, pulling the boy into the shallows, where he could stand. Charlie then saw

the driver, who was sliding down the embankment, unconscious and face down. He managed to get him into his lap, where he turned his face upwards to keep it out of the water. He then roused him. Having made sure the driver was conscious and safe Charlie then went to look for the girl and found she was being

looked after by a member of the public. The man had sustained multiple life-threatening injuries and only had a 10% chance of coming through emergency surgery. Charlie was admitted to hospital himself and treated for secondary drowning and cuts to his hands.



2015 Award recipients



Charlie Aleksander with Sue Mountstevens, Police & Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset Constabulary

Charlie Aleksander was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal which will be presented by HRH Princess Alexandra, at Haberdashers' Hall, on 25 May 2016.

Jonathan Bintcliffe of Avon and Somerset Constabulary was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal in

January 2015 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 during 2014 and he was awarded the Police Medal for that year. He was presented with both medals by HRH Princess Alexandra, at Haberdashers' Hall, on 6th May 2015. His case was reported fully in the 2014 report.

Remzi Dorunay was walking along Marylebone High Street on 18th June 2014 when an accident happened, leaving a car on its side in the road. He ran to the vehicle and began talking to the driver, who was in severe shock. There was fuel leaking onto the ground and it was clear there was a significant risk that the car could catch light, so Remzi, who could not get to the driver through the door, got the driver to release the boot lock. Remzi then went



Gordon Birdwood, Deputy Charirman RHS, Remzi Dorunay, Dr Paul Knapman DL, John Petter CEO BT Consumer

into the car via the boot. He remained, for three or four minutes, calming the driver, and removed the seat headrest, which enabled him to pull the driver out through the boot.

Remzi Dorunay was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Testimonial on Vellum which was presented to him by the Representative Deputy Lieutenant for the City of Westminster Dr Paul Knapman DL at the Post Office Tower on 3rd March 2015.

Charlotte Purcell was at her home near Churt in Surrey on the evening of the 16th August 2014 when she heard an aircraft which she then saw crash into the trees nearby. She alerted her husband, who called the emergency services, whilst she went to help. The aircraft had come to rest, upside down, on the ground, amongst the trees. The pilot had been thrown out of his harness and had suffered various serious injuries. His head had struck the instrument panel and he was unconscious. When Charlotte



2015 Award recipients



William Dewey pictured with Charlotte Purcell who was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Testimonial on Vellum

found the man, he was trapped in the cockpit. She found the first aid kit, which had been thrown clear, and dressed the man's wounds, in situ. She had to remove broken perspex to do so and was on her

knees or lying on the ground much of the time. The area was soaked in fuel and, when the pilot regained consciousness, he shouted to her to get away in case the site caught fire. The man was attended to

by air ambulance paramedics, who were lowered by ropes. He was, eventually, cut free and arrived in hospital five hours after the crash. Charlotte Purcell had remained with him until he was taken away. The man has no memory of events, due to head injuries. He also suffered 6 fractured vertebrae, broken ribs and a punctured lung. A hospital consultant said that it was the immediate, post crash treatment that had saved his life. Following a nomination by the man she saved, William Dewey, Charlotte Purcell was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Testimonial on Vellum which was presented privately.

PC Mark Brooks and **PS Derek Rutter** of the Norfolk Constabulary, were called to an incident on a farm in North Walsham, Norfolk on 29th April 2014.

A man had been operating a mobile well drilling rig from the ground. The top of the rig came into contact with overhead cables and the man received a shock. This knocked him unconscious and



Mark Brooks & Derek Rutter with Chief Constable Simon Bailey

threw him under the vehicle. He had a head injury and was going in and out of consciousness. All emergency services were present but medical and fire crews would not approach the man until the



power cables had been switched off. At one point, the man rolled out from under the vehicle. It was clear he needed urgent treatment, so Brooks and Rutter moved quickly forward, seized the man's legs and dragged him 30 feet from the scene. Ambulance staff, who had originally thought the man was dead, assessed his injuries as life changing/life threatening. An Air Ambulance attended and conveyed him to an intensive treatment and specialist burns unit.

Mark Brooks and Derek Rutter were each awarded the Royal Humane Society's Testimonial on Vellum on 14th January 2015. These were presented at a Norfolk Constabulary ceremony.

Luke Fieder was in Castle Park, Bristol on the 27th September 2014. There is a floating harbour in the River Avon where the water remains three or four metres deep regardless of tide. There is a pontoon platform for ferries but quite a long drop from the bank to the water. The water is murky and there were three

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Luke Fielder receives his award from Dr Ros Kennedy, High Sheriff

pleasure boats or ferries moving around at the time. Luke became aware that a man had jumped into the water. Only the top of the man's head was visible above the water and he was motionless.

Someone had thrown in a life ring but had not attached the tether to it, so it could not be recovered. Luke immediately undressed and dived into the water. By this time, the man had disappeared so Luke swam five or ten metres to where he had last been seen, and dived. The water was so dirty he could see nothing. He then looked around and saw a stream of bubbles, so dived at that spot and located the man's head. He was completely inert, so Luke had to dive deeper to get a better purchase. He was concerned all the time that he might surface under one of the boats. He came up alongside a boat and they dropped a short ladder. This finished six inches above the water and Luke had great difficulty holding the man high enough for the crew to reach him. Eventually, they were able to take him on board the vessel, where someone began CPR. An ambulance arrived soon afterwards. Luke Fielder was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Testimonial on Vellum on 14th April 2015. It was presented

at an Avon and Somerset Constabulary ceremony.

Josy Taylor was at Wadhurst Railway Station, East Sussex on 6th October 2014. It was raining heavily and dusk was approaching. A young woman with severe learning difficulties, including autism and communication problems, had run from her care home. She has no concept or understanding of danger. Josie was on the platform when she saw the woman run onto the railway line, so she followed. The young woman's carers had followed her to the station and told the staff what was happening, resulting in a warning to oncoming trains to proceed with caution. Josy chased the woman for about a mile before she caught her. The woman was now in a confused and frightened state and Josy gave her coat to the woman to protect her from the pouring rain. By this time, a passenger train had come to a halt nearby and the driver and guard helped keep the woman secure on the verge by the track. When



Josy Taylor with the Chief Constable, Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff - all of Sussex

police arrived, they helped the woman onto the train. She was returned to her carers at the station. Josy had not stopped to report what she was doing as she set off in pursuit, so did not know if railway staff were aware of her presence near electrified tracks and without high visibility clothing.

Josy Taylor was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Testimonial on Vellum on 14th April 2015. It was presented at a Sussex Constabulary ceremony

Constable David Fisher and a colleague were the first to arrive at Eisenhower Pier, Bangor, Co Down 13th May 2014, following a report that a man had contacted a family member to say he was going to jump into the water. It was after 11.00 pm and it was dark and very cold. When they got there, they heard a woman shouting to a

man to get out of the water. The officers ran to the area where they could see the man, who was swimming away from the fishing pier. They shouted to him several times to come back but were ignored. David Fisher went into the water and swam 40 feet or so out to the man. He spoke to him and was, eventually, able to guide him back to the shore. There, his colleague was able to pull them both to safety, using a life ring. The man was detained under the Mental Health Act.

Both he and David Fisher were treated for mild hypothermia. HM Coastguard, RNLI and Fire & Rescue all attended but were too late to assist in the rescue. Constable David Fisher was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Testimonial on Vellum



Constable David Fisher

2015 Award recipients

Jason Hingley and **David Pengelly** were out running with club colleagues near the Tamar Bridge, Plymouth on the 27th January 2015 at 8.00 pm. They saw a man standing on the narrow ledge outside the safety barrier on the bridge. It was clear the man was in some danger and may be intending to jump. It was quite dark with no moon. There had been showers, so the river bank was wet and slippery. The flood tide was running at 1.5 knots. The mud flats are risky to cross as it is easy to get stuck. Jason and David decided to put themselves in the best position to help, should the man decide to jump. They ran down from the bridge to the Plymouth side of Saltash Passage waterfront. Whilst watching the man, they found a lifebuoy floatation aid. As they watched, the man jumped. They called to him and, keeping him in sight, entered the water from a slipway on the Devon side, about 50 yards downstream from the bridge. They swam to the man and held him afloat, using the lifebuoy. They were, then, swept by the current, to

a point about 200 yards upstream from the bridge, where an MOD police barge found them and took them on board. They were out of their depth all this time and in the water for about 15 minutes. Jason Hingley and David Pengelly were each awarded the Royal Humane Society's Testimonial on Vellum which was presented at a Devon & Cornwall Constabulary ceremony on the 18th March 2016.



Jason Hingley and
David Pengelly

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Mr Richard Corfield

Colonel Giles Crisp

Mrs Diana Duke LVO DL
(from July 2015)

Mr Mark Dumas

Mrs Didy Grahame OBE MVO
(to Jan 2015)

Mr George Hawkins (from Jan 2015)

Dr Michael McCaldin (from Jan 2015)

Mr Rupert Novis

Mrs Rowena Osborne (from Jan 2015)

Mrs Jennie Peel (to July 2015)

Mrs Lynda Rose MBE

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Mr Rupert Uloth

Mr Tom Walduck

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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.

Anna Blaxland (2015) is currently responsible for the furniture arm of Nina Campbell Ltd. She ran Sales and Marketing for Foreign & Colonial Emerging Markets before taking a break to have a family in 1999. In between children she set up a 'lifestyle workshop' business and worked with the BBC on cookery programmes. She lives between London and Hampshire with Rob, her husband, and three teenage children. She is passionate about skiing, Cornwall and her family.

Richard Corfield (2008) is chairman of CFC Underwriting, an insurance business in the City of London. 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.

Diane Duke LVO DL (2015) is Private Secretary and Comptroller to HRH Princess Alexandra. She has previously worked for the World Health Organisation and Lancaster University. She has volunteered for a number of charities and served as a school governor. She has two adult daughters and her interests include walking, swimming and choral singing. She was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire in 2012 and Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order in 2013.

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.

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.

George Hawkins (2015) served for eight years in the Light Dragoons and has since leaving the forces joined Ernst & Young where he advises clients delivering large internal construction and procurement programmes. George is married with two children, lives in Wiltshire and enjoys cricket, shooting and learning more about gardening.

Dr Michael McCaldin (2015) is a General Practitioner in Bristol. He is a trustee of The Anchor Society, a charity supporting the elderly and Chairman of the Bristol Orthopaedic Trust. He is a member of the Commanderie de Bordeaux à Bristol, a printmaker and has an interest in the history of art and enjoys walking and skiing. He is married with two daughters

Committee Biographies

Rupert Novis (2008) received the Stanhope Gold Medal in 1988. He served in the Coldstream Guards, worked in the commodity derivative trading business for 14 years and now runs a single Family Office, Kinled Holding Ltd which focuses on venture capital investments. He has three children and lives in London. He is a keen sportsman, enjoys travel and international culture.

Rowena Osborne (2015) runs Macaroon Cooks, a cooking agency providing cooks for all occasions to private clients in the UK and abroad. She also manages the PR for Nourbel & Le Cavalier, a Swiss master jeweller, based in the Burlington Arcade, specialising in hand-made, mostly one-of-a-kind jewels. She enjoys skiing and all country pursuits. She was born and bred in Scotland and loves being outdoors in the Highlands.

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 member of the Court of the Fishmongers' Company, a trustee of the Billingsgate Seafood School and a director of a number of medical technology companies.

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 Deputy Chief Constable 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: family actions

Over the almost 250 years since the Society was instituted, we have made awards to tens of thousands of people for lifesaving bravery in Britain and across the world. A few of these people have gained repeated recognition from the Society for what we might term 'serial lifesaving'. In other cases, which we will illustrate here, lifesaving has run in families, with Society recognition following suit.

Most of these cases have been the result of several family members being in the same place at the same time. Perhaps the most famous instance of this was when, following the wreck of the Forfarshire on the Northumberland coast in 1838, William Darling and his daughter Grace rescued nine survivors from the Harcar Rock. Both were awarded the Society's medal in gold. Similar instances found within the Society's Case Books include brothers James and Joseph Wickham, who rescued a woman from drowning in Limerick in 1840, and duly received silver medals from the Society; sisters Kate and Mary Kane, who saved



Wickham RHS medal reverse

two women from drowning in the sea at Bundoran in 1850, both again getting the Society's silver medal; and brothers Samuel and the Reverend Joseph Lee, who won bronze medals for saving a student from drowning in the sea at Kilkee, Co Clare, in 1889.

This last case is more unusual however in that a third brother, Richard Lee, had earlier – in 1881 – won the Society's silver medal for rescuing a nine year old boy from drowning in the Shannon at Limerick. Such distinctly separate rescues and allied Society recognition are rare, but the Lee brothers are by no means a unique instance. The brothers James and Richard Pratt, for example, both gained Society bronze medals, the first for the rescue of a teenager from drowning at Kinsale in 1880 and the latter for the rescue of a policeman at the same place nine years later.

At least two Victoria Cross related cases fall into this same pattern. Charles Craufurd Fraser won his VC during the Indian Mutiny for saving the lives of



Joseph, Richard and Samuel Lee

five soldiers from drowning in the River Raptree, accomplishing his rescue despite the river being in flood and being under heavy enemy fire. The Society awarded him a special medal in silver-gilt to



**James Arthur Pratt
(c.1911)**



**Richard Charles Pratt
(c.1911)**

go alongside his VC. Thirty years later Fraser's nephew, Hugh Fraser, won the Society's bronze medal for a rescue in Dogmersfield, Hants. The other case relates to John Sullivan, who having won his VC in the Crimean War as Boatswain's Mate attached to HMS Roxbury, received the Society's silver medal for rescuing an intoxicated seaman who had fallen overboard in the harbour at Halifax, Nova Scotia, in September 1858. His younger brother, Dennis Sullivan, also joined the RN and saved the life of a shipmate who

had fallen overboard from HMS Edgar at Cobh in October 1865. The Society awarded him a bronze medal for his efforts.

While culture, temperament, skill, and motivation all play some part in such family actions, being familiar with the concept of an award and the nuances of the nomination processes has a hand in gaining recognition. We will finish this retrospective on family actions with brief mention of a different pattern which may be illustrated through the case of George Lendrum and his son James. George saved a retired policeman from drowning in the sea at Bundoran in 1887, for which action he was awarded the Society's bronze medal. Two years later, in August 1889, seven-year-old James fell off the pier into the sea at the same place and was rescued by Corrie Rafferty, who was granted the Society's Testimonial on Vellum following George Lendrum bringing the case to our attention.

Roger Willoughby

Annual General Court 2015

The 241st Annual General Court was held at Haberdashers' Hall, London EC1, on Wednesday, 6th May 2015. Mr John Grandy, Chairman and Honorary Treasurer, was in the Chair.

The guest speaker was Air Chief Marshal Sir Joseph French KCB, CBE, a former Commander-in-Chief Strike Command, responsible for all the RAF's operational forces including deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq, a Patron of Blind Veterans UK and Vice Chairman of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission since 1st July 2013. He warmly congratulated those recipients of our awards who were present.

Mr John Grandy and Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Birdwood were re-elected as Chairman and Deputy Chairman respectively and Mr George Hawkins,

Mr Michael McCaldin, Mrs Rowena Osborne, Sir Nigel Southward, Mr Charles Spicer and Mr George Staple were re-elected as Trustees of the Society.

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



HRH is greeted by the Master Haberdasher Audley Twiston-Davies

Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Birdwood thanked the guest speaker for his time and his wise words.

HRH Princess Alexandra presented awards to the following:

POLICE MEDAL 2013

PCSO Jonathan Bintcliffe

BRONZE MEDALS

PCSO Jonathan Bintcliffe
Major Simon Guest
Karin Williams

TESTIMONIAL ON VELLUM

Laura Banks

IN MEMORIAM TESTIMONIAL

Jasmyn Chan
presented to her parents, Paula McCullie and Peter Chan

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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

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 you donate.

Financial overview

Incoming resources for the year amounted to £55,885. Last year, incoming resources amounted to £71,418. Resources expended were £90,304 (2014 £89,027). The market value of our investments increased by £47,183 during the year. The general fund, which is unrestricted, decreased by £7,696 over the year. Included in this figure is an unrealised loss of £75,578 on revaluation of investment assets at the year end.

SUMMARY OF INCOME	This Year 2015		Last Year 2014	
	£	%	£	%
Investment income	17,064	31	23,871	33
Donations	38,821	69	27,102	38
Legacies received	-	0	20,445	29
Bank and other interest	-	0	-	0
Income from events	-	0	-	0
Other sundry income	-	0	-	0
Totals	55,885	100	71,418	100

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE	This Year 2015		Last Year 2014	
	£	%	£	%
Awards and presentation costs	1,780	2	4,002	4
Cost of staging events	-	0	-	0
Rent and rates	10,176	11	7,839	9
Salaries	63,319	71	63,063	71
Management and administration	10,366	11	9,494	11
Investment management	3,753	4	3,692	4
Public relations and media	910	1	937	1
Total	90,304	100	89,027	100
Net (outgoing) resources	(34,419)		(17,609)	
Realised and unrealised gain on investments	26,723		29,025	
(Decrease)/Increase in funds	(7,696)		11,416	

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2015 AWARD YEAR IN FIGURES

In 2015, 532 awards were made to people whose actions saved a total of more than 260 lives.

3 Bronze Medals

41 Testimonials on Vellum

83 Testimonials on Parchment

161 Certificates of Commendation

244 Resuscitation Certificates

The awards were made as follows:

192 to members of the public

340 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 payable 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,
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 _____

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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