

JULY 1987

- 3rd F/L Sandford, F/L Clark, F/S Wakeman.  
Medevac of Bends case from Scarborough to Yarmouth.
- 12th F/L Firmston-Williams, F/L Clark, F/S Wakeman.  
Medevac of a child plus mother from Hull RI to Boulmer for onward transfer to Aberdeen for a Kidney transplant.
- 13th F/L Sandford, F/L Boothby, F/S Wakeman.  
A tractor driver who had driven over a 70' cliff south of Hornsea was stretcher lifted after landing on and taken to Hull RI. Advised to stick to leaping over buses on his motorbike in future.
- 15th F/L Sandford, F/L Clark, F/S Wakeman.  
The skipper of a vessel in the Humber was transferred to Hull RI after collapsing in an epileptic fit.
- 19th F/L Best, F/L Whittaker, MACR Samwell.  
Youth suffering an epileptic fit was taken off a day fishing boat at Thornwick Bay and taken to Scarborough hospital.
- 27th F/L Kirkup, F/L Whittaker, F/S Wakeman.  
Another Tornado bites the dust! Crew got underway to crash site whilst in contact with a second Tornado orbiting overhead. Both survivors had been taken to Scarborough Hospital by civilian ambulance. After photographing the crash site, Walter took the survivors from Scarborough to Leconfield for onward transfer to Ely by Sea King.
- 29th F/L Kirkup, F/L Boothby, F/S Wakeman.  
Scrambled to 2 people trapped by incoming tide at the base of a 250' cliff SE of Whitby. When Walter arrived, IRB had managed to put one man ashore with the survivors but was unable to recover them due to the sea state. 3 people were then strop lifted from the shore, one IRB crewman to Whitby lifeboat & 2 people to ambulance at top of the cliff.
- 30th F/L Firmston-Williamson, S/L Corby, Sgt Williamson.  
Search for two boys missing from home after 3 hours from Aldeburgh to Withernsea. Search curtailed by failing light. Nothing found.

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# Miracle esca in tractor fa

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By MAIL REPORTER

**A TEENAGE farmworker, who plunged over a 40 ft cliff on his tractor, said today: "I don't know how I'm still here."**

Seventeen-year-old Rod Hall said college training probably saved his life in the bizarre accident at Aldbrough.

He plunged over the drop when his foot slipped off the tractor brake while he tipped waste pig food over the cliff at Ringbrough Farm.

At Hull Royal Infirmary — where he is being treated for injuries to his spine and legs — Rod said: "I was taught to keep hold of the steering wheel at all times . . . and I did."

## Running

"I was still in the tractor when it landed on the beach, the windscreen smashed and I was thrown through it onto the sand."

"I managed to stand up and heard the engine was still running so I went back to the tractor and switched it off. I then must have laid down but I can't remember that too clearly," said the YTS trainee, of Burstall Villas, Skeffling.

"I don't know how my foot slipped as I have been driving tractors for a while. It was just one of those things."

Doctors say that the teenager, described as "comfortable" today, should make a full recovery.

A full-scale emergency operation was launched after the accident, which left the tractor a write-off.

A Hornsea ambulance was called



**Rod Hall . . . recovering in Hull Royal Infirmary today. Picture by Graham Corney.**

to the scene, along with a doctor and paramedics.

## RAF

But a rescue helicopter from RAF Leconfield was scrambled because it was impossible for the emergency team to bring the injured farm worker back up the steep cliff.

A spokesman at Leconfield said: "This would usually be a job for the

coastguard but the tide was out and we were able to land on the beach to reach him."

The helicopter flew Rodney on a stretcher to The Circle in Anlaby Road, Hull, before he was transferred to the hospital.

## Lying

The owner of Ringbrough Farm, East Newton Road, who did not

wish to be named, said he found Rodney lying on the beach.

"I have employed him for about a year," he said. "He is quite used to driving, in fact he is a very good driver. I have no idea what happened."

Rodney's father, Mr Michael Hall, said his son was semi-conscious when he went to see him at the infirmary last night.

- 7 AUG 1987

# Helicopter A3421<sup>c</sup> in hospital mercy lift

**LINCOLN** emergency services mounted a helicopter mercy dash today to take a seriously ill county girl to hospital in London.

Liver patient Anne-Marie Horsburgh (13) of Stow Road, Willingham, was too ill to face the ambulance ride to King's College Hospital in the capital.

So county emergency services arranged for a helicopter from RAF Leconfield in Humberside to airlift Anne-Marie, her mother Margaret, and a medical team to London.

Anne-Marie was today in a stable condition in the hospital's specialist liver unit.

"She is a little girl with serious liver problems," said King's deputy administrator Mary Currie.

## Thanks

She said Anne-Marie had been ill for several years and her parents had been involved, over the last six years, in raising money for the Michael McGough Foundation to help finance liver disease research and treatment.

"Anne-Marie arrived here safely and her parents said they wanted to extend their thanks to all those who have been concerned with her treatment and involved in her transfer," Miss Currie said.

Anne-Marie has been a regular

## Anne-Marie taken to liver unit



● Anne-Marie . . . Too ill for ambulance ride.

by  
Sarah Jeacock

patient at the London specialist unit, Lincoln County Hospital spokeswoman Miss Sarah Skelton said.

She was at King's last week and after returning home to Willingham was taken ill again yesterday. It was decided she should return to London.

"Because of her condition, it was inappropriate for her to undergo a

lengthy ambulance ride," Miss Skelton said.

The county ambulance service arranged for the North Humberside-based helicopter to pick-up Anne-Marie, her mother, Dr Timothy Sheehan and a nurse from Lincoln County Hospital.

## Firemen

"They left here at 1 am and the journey took about an hour. The medical team returned via RAF Waddington and were back at about 6.30 am," she said.

Miss Skelton said she believed today's helicopter lift was only the second in the past 12 months. "It is not a regular occurrence," she said.

The procedure followed before the airlift involved hospital, ambulance, fire and police services.

A spokesman for the county ambulance service described the procedure as "big" and said it took a long time for arrangements to be completed. He said he could not go into the details of what happened.

## Routine

Fire engines stood by at the helicopter take-off spot in case they were needed. "This is routine with helicopter landings and is a service we offer free of charge," a brigade spokesman said.

A King's College Hospital spokesman said it was not known how long Anne-Marie would have to remain with them.



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## Airlift for fisherman

A Dutch fisherman was airlifted from his boat a mile off Whitby to Scarborough Hospital yesterday, after being injured in a fall.

The fisherman, who suffered a gashed leg, was taken by a helicopter from RAF Leconfield to the Hospital, where he received stitches to the wound.

He was later picked up by his trawler at Bridlington.

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# Swim for charity ends in rescue

Yorkshire Post Correspondent

A CHARITY swimmer's efforts to raise cash for a new Yorkshire lifeboat floundered yesterday after a helicopter and a lifeboat were called out to rescue him.

The long-distance swimmer, Ian Richardson, set off from Scarborough alone to complete a 20-mile sponsored swim to Bridlington in aid of the £300,000 City of Sheffield Lifeboat Appeal.

But after he had been in the water only 90 minutes coastguards called out an inshore lifeboat and an air-sea rescue helicopter from RAF Leconfield when they lost sight of him.

He was picked up by the lifeboat about four miles along the coast and landed ashore uninjured.

Later at his home in Blenheim Terrace, Scarborough, Mr Richardson, 37, who was forced to give up a similar charity swim after 18 miles last year, said: "I didn't mean to be negligent in setting off without an escort safety boat.

"But, because I was about 45 minutes late in setting off, the escort boat got stuck on a sandbank as it left the harbour so I decided to set off alone, hoping it would catch me up after the tide turned.

"But in the meantime the rescue services were called out and persuaded me to give up my attempt."

He plans to have another go today. If successful the swim will raise several thousand pounds for the new lifeboat.

SIX young Scarborough swimmers who created a new record by becoming the youngest relay team to swim the Channel two ways are tonight to be given a VIP civic reception by the resort's Mayor and Mayoress, Coun and Mrs Bernard Bosomworth.

The six, aged between 10 and 15, are members of the Scarborough Long Distance Swimming Club and completed the double in just under 27 hours.



Mr Richardson in a confident mood as he set off on his abortive long-distance swim yesterday.

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ABOVE: The new Humber lifeboat stands off the ketch Marique, as the Cleethorpes inshore rescue boat circles the scene BELOW: Mrs Yvonne Nairn and her daughter Amy, with coxswain Mr Brian Bevan, safe aboard the new lifeboat. Yorkshire Post pictures by TERRY CARROTT.



## Dramatic debut for lifeboat

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Yorkshire Post Reporter

THE new Humber lifeboat was diverted en route to its Spurn Point station yesterday afternoon to take part in a dramatic sea rescue.

The £4m Kenneth Thelwall broke its homeward journey just after 1pm to answer a Mayday call from a yacht in trouble at Haile Sand Buoy, four miles off the Spurn coastline.

The 52ft boat was joined by the Cleethorpes inshore lifeboat and the City of Bradford IV, which it is replacing, plus a helicopter from RAF Leconfield. The inshore lifeboat had come to see the arrival of the new offshore vessel. The yacht, the Marique, was taking in water and a woman and her four-year-old daughter were taken on board the Kenneth Thelwall.

Mrs Yvonne Nairn and her daughter Amy were not injured but Amy was suffering from seasickness.

The owner of the wooden ketch, Mr Andrew Nairn, stayed on board, baling out, while the vessel was towed back to Grimsby by the City of Bradford.

The Nairn family, from Nottingham, were on their way back to Boston from Hull when their 36-year-old boat started leaking.

Mrs Nairn explained that their pump had broken down. "We radioed for help and in three minutes not just one but three lifeboats had turned up. It was so good to see them all," she said.

The much decorated coxswain of the Humber lifeboat, Mr Brian Bevan, said the rescue was a good start for the Kenneth Thelwall. "It is a good way to come into Spurn, with two survivors on board," he said.

The lifeboat, which was built with money left by Mr Kenneth Thelwall, of Walkington, near Beverley. He left £3m to the RNLI, its largest legacy.

The lifeboat sailed from Poole, the RNLI headquarters, on Monday and was on its way from Lowestoft to Spurn yesterday when it took part in the

