

- 13th. Flt.Lt. Paul Longden, Master Nav Ron Dedmen. Sgt Terry Williamson.
Report of a ship on fire and explosions about 20 miles from Ottringham Beacon. Nothing was found and this was considered to be a report from a civvy aircraft on Blue One perhaps with an inquisitive passenger, who had in fact seen a rig under tow in the area.
- 20th. Flt.Lt. John Sutherland. Master Nav Ron Dedmen. Master ALM Gordon Davies.
Shriek of 'Mayday' on 243 as a Jet Provost came up with an engine flame-out. He actually managed to relight it - but landed at Holme on Spalding Moor.
- 21st. Sqn.Ldr. Jeff Whitehead. Flt.Lt. Andy Miller. Master ALM Eric Ainslie.
Late one Saturday evening this chap on this fishing smack lit the gas under a saucepan of water, and when it boiled, he tipped it down his front. One way of getting (more than with the average rapidity) from a position 8 miles off the Humber Light Vessel to the Hull R.I.
- 25th. Same Crew. Small boat off Saltfleet wh2ch was having trouble getting into harbour in a strong northerly and a choppy sea. He eventually decided that discretion was very definitely the better part of valour and went home for the night on Mablethorpe ILB, coming back the next day to take the boat in.
- 27th. Flt.Lt. Paul Longden. Master Nav Ron Dedmen. Flt.Sgt. Warwick Laken.
Tasked to take fire fighting chemicals to HMS Orkney from Finningley - except that they were no longer required. One must assume the Navy put their own fire out.
- 29th. Flt.Lt. Paul Longden. Flt.Lt. Andy Miller. Flt.Sgt. Steve Lynch.
Despite the advice of Humber Coastguard to this bunch of amateur divers, they insisted on having a go - promptly got their inflatable swamped and were all picked up by Humber Lifeboat. No action required from us - we just got beaten to the pick-up.

Five led to safety from cave

FIVE youths, cut off by the tide at North Landing, Flamborough, were rescued by coastguards while an RAF helicopter stood by.

The youths, from Hull, had sought shelter in a cave.

Mr Vic Crosthwaite, coastguard in charge at Flamborough and two auxiliaries, George Riley and Alan Lyme, went into the cave and led the youths to safety through waist-deep water.

At Thornwick Bay, a 15-year-old boy from Rotherham was cut off by the tide and was pulled to the cliff top by coastguards.

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Divers hit by wave

SEVEN divers from South Humberside had to be rescued by the Humber lifeboat after their craft was swamped by a wave.

The helicopter responded after the lifeboat temporarily lost radio contact with the divers.

A spokesman at Leconfield said: "We were called just in case they were in real trouble. We just hung around to make sure. But the lifeboat had it under control."

A helicopter from RAF Leconfield also went to the scene but its services were not required.

The divers, from the Grimsby and Cleethorpes Sub Aqua Club, got into difficulty about 500 yards offshore from Easington, south Withernsea, yesterday.

A spokesman for the Humber lifeboat said the divers' outboard motor had been swamped by a wave and could not be restarted.

The lifeboat got the vessel in tow and took it back to Spurn. The engine was dried out and the divers were able to return to Cleethorpes under their own power.

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SOME FIRE !!

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FLT SGT	WARWICK	LAKEN



(UN)FORTUNATELY WE DIDN'T GO NEAR IT!!

'Copters in yacht call out

AIR-SEA rescue services were called to help a yacht struggling without engine or radio to reach the sanctuary of Saltfleet

Haven in choppy seas.

Mr. Clive Lond (38), of Milton Road, Grimsby, was on his way round the coast from Grimsby to Saltfleet. But a combination of heavy swells and teacherous tides meant Mr. Lond could not sail his 20ft. boat, Zephyr, into safety.

Saltfleet fisherman Mr. Paul West saw the Zephyr struggling about a mile out to sea and alerted the auxiliary coastguard, which began a chain of rescue attempts at about 4 p.m. yesterday.

The Humber lifeboat was launched, but because the sea was too shallow off Saltfleet Haven, was unable to get close enough to take Mr. Lond off.

RAF Leconfield sent out a helicopter, but according to a spokesman for the ship-to-shore radio relay station, Humber Radio, Mr. Lond was very reluctant to leave his yacht.

Short of fuel, the Leconfield helicopter was forced back to base at about the same time the Humber lifeboat realised it could not approach the Zephyr.

Humber coastguard then decided to launch the Mablethorpe inshore lifeboat, which, with protection from a Wessex helicopter from Norfolk, managed to get alongside the stricken yacht.

Mr. Lond later said he initially felt he was not in difficulty or unduly worried, but was apprehensive by the time the inshore lifeboat came alongside.

Mr. Lond successfully managed to anchor his boat and today went to try to bring her in to harbour.

Yachtsman saved in sea drama



Mr C. Lond

HUMBER lifeboat, an RAF helicopter and Mablethorpe's inshore rescue boat were all involved in the rescue of a Grimsby yachtsman who got into difficulties off the Lincolnshire coast on Wednesday.

The inshore boat, after battling its way for nearly six miles along the coast into strong headwinds, finally took Mr C. Lond, of 21 Milton Road, Grimsby, off his yacht, which was drifting dangerously close to the surf line and back to

Mablethorpe, escorted by the helicopter.

Mr Lond, who is a member of Saltfleet Boat Club, had been waiting for fine weather to sail back from Grimsby to his mooring in The Haven in his 20ft Zephyr class yacht, which has no auxiliary engine.

Force six

The weather was fine when he left the port, but conditions deteriorated rapidly as the northerly wind increased to Force Six, with a heavy swell and successive surges of very big waves.

He was unable to get into Saltfleet and dropped three anchors, but was still in difficulties.

The helicopter was called out at 2.30 pm. The winchman was lowered to the yacht and spoke to Mr Lond, but he refused to leave his vessel.

Humber lifeboat was launched, but returned to base after hearing all the circumstances.

The Mablethorpe boat went on standby at 3.45 pm and was launched 11 minutes later. They reached the scene at 4.30 pm, after what one crew member described as "a rare old buffeting".

The helicopter had waited until the inshore boat arrived, and after Mr Lond was taken aboard they escorted the small rubber rescue boat back to Mablethorpe's central beach.

Soaked, but otherwise unharmed, Mr Lond was given hot drinks in the lifeboat house then travelled back to Grimsby.

The yacht was abandoned to its anchor, in the hope it would ride out the surf as the tide receded.

LONE SAILOR TALKED INTO RESCUE

A LONE sailor was rescued off the Lincolnshire coast last night when his 20ft. dinghy ran into heavy seas.

Mr. Clive Lond (38), of Milton Road, Grimsby, at first refused help when an RAF helicopter lowered a winchman.

But he was told later that conditions were too bad for him to get into Saltfleet Haven and he agreed to be picked up by Mablethorpe inshore lifeboat. His yacht was anchored overnight.

25 MAY 83

S/LDR JEFF WHITEHEAD
P/LT ANDY MILLER
MALM ERIC AINSUE

Chopper work

FOUR experienced members of Bolton Mountain Rescue are spending the whole of today on Widdop Moor, near Hebden Bridge, for a training course with a difference.

Along with members of four other Pennine rescue teams they are meeting up with a crew from RAF Leconfield near Hull, to learn advanced helicopter rescue techniques.

Exercises will include winching up and co-ordinating with the chopper in a search of remote areas.

The four Bolton men are equipment officer Bob Hutchinson, team leader Howard Hill, treasurer Ken Carroll and Ian Leigh.

On the weekend of June 25-26, the Bolton team will be providing the safety back up to one of the country's premier orienteering events, the

international Capricorn meeting which is being held this year in the Yorkshire Dales.

Around 1,200 of Europe's top orienteers will be competing.

PAUL LONGDEN'S
EFFORT TO
IMPROVE MRT
LIAISON SHOW
DISTINCT PROMISE!!

RESCUE TEAM DRIVE

THE mountain rescue team in the town with no mountains has launched a publicity drive to get across to the public the kind of work it does and raise some badly needed cash.

Bolton Mountain Rescue members look on themselves as being a little bit like house insurance.

You are never really likely to appreciate them — or even hear much about them — until something goes wrong.

Since it became fully operational in 1968, the team has maintained a low profile, not so much because it has shunned publicity but because it has only rarely been involved in the headline-grabbing rescues that are almost the weekly "norm" for teams in high risk spots like Lakeland.

Yet members of the Bolton rescue team are just as highly trained as their peakland counterparts and most of their active service is spent helping in major rescues in the high risk areas.

And the Bolton team relies just as much on public help to keep vital equipment in tip top condition and their Land Rover on the road.

Besides its publicity drive, the team hopes to step up its

already busy round of talks to local organisations and safety courses for youth and other outdoor groups.

"At present, in common with other voluntary organisations, we are finding things a little difficult," said team leader Howard Hill, of Scholes Bank, Horwich. "All rescue teams are funded largely by public donation and we have decided to try to bring to the public's attention our aims and activities much more than in the past."

Since its formation, the team has had up to seven rescue call-outs a year, but those amount to only a fraction of the team's year-round activities.

There's an almost continuous programme of training events, both theoretical and in the rugged terrain of the Pennines and national parks.

Members often join in exercises with other groups, including RAF helicopter crews and police.

And they are kept busy providing safety cover on a whole range of activities in the hills, like the Fellsman Hike in the Yorkshire Dales, and the Capricorn two day orienteering competition in the Lake District.

Mercy dash for deckie

A GRIMSBY deckhand was flown to hospital after being scalded in an accident on his vessel.

A helicopter dashed from RAF Leconfield to lift Mr. Peter Currie by stretcher from the Grimsby gill netter White Bank, which was 15 miles off the Humber.

Mr. Currie, of Montague Street, Cleethorpes, was taken to Hull Royal Infirmary, in a shocked condition, and he was treated and later discharged.

He was scrubbing the ship's deck before coming into dock when he slipped and fell under boiling water on Saturday evening.

Other members of the crew immediately hosed Mr. Currie with cold water.

His skipper, Mr. Peter Sands, today paid tribute to the response of the emergency services.

"It took less than 20 minutes from an action call to the doctor until the helicopter arrived to take him off.

"The coastguard and Humber Radio services are under threat, but without them it would have been impossible," he added.

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S/LDR JEFF WHITEHEAD

F/LT ANDY MILLER

MALM ERIC AINSHE

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Diver dies

A North Sea diver died yesterday in an incident off the Easington gas terminal, north of the Humber.

He was picked up by a helicopter from RAF Leconfield, but a doctor on board certified him dead.

The dead man was Rodney Wallace, aged about 30, of Appledram, Chichester, Sussex.

He was working for Mobell Marine Limited of Havant, Hampshire, doing a survey for British Gas for a seabed gas pipe to the Easington terminal.

When he failed to surface, another diver went down and found him unconscious near the seabed.

Mr Wallace was brought to the surface and artificial respiration given until the helicopter arrived.

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Pipeline diver killed

A DIVER, brought to the surface unconscious from a North Sea gas pipeline, yesterday, was found to be dead on arrival at Hull Royal Infirmary.

Mr. Rodney McLeod Wallace of Apple Dram, Chichester, Sussex was working off the North Humberside coast at Easington.

He was given artificial resuscitation and heart massage before being winched aboard a rescue helicopter from RAF Leconfield and flown to the hospital.

Mr. Wallace is the second diver to die while working on the pipeline.

Last October, Mr. Derek Phillips, 24, of Washington, Co. Durham, was lost when his lifeline was severed. His body was never found.

Reunion ends in rescue drama

A FAMILY reunion ended with a helicopter rescue for Mrs Lilian Riley of Thistlemount Avenue, Waterfoot, on Saturday.

Mrs Riley (67) was air-lifted to safety after an eight-hour moorland search in North Yorkshire.

Her husband, Arthur, said: "She had got stuck in a bog up to her waist, and managed to free herself, but she was scratched from climbing walls and fences.

"We are just thankful that it was a fine sunny day, or else it would have been much more serious."

The drama unfolded when Mr and Mrs Riley went to Buckden in Yorkshire to meet relatives for a picnic.

But they arrived early and became separated. Mrs Riley wandered on to the moors alone, and when her husband was unable to trace her, he contacted the police, who in turn called out Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Team.

When the team finally found Mrs Riley, she was suffering from exposure, and an RAF helicopter took her to Airedale General Hospital for treatment before she was allowed to travel home.

The couple have sent a card and donation to the Fell Rescue team to thank the members.

Sheep call sparks search

A farmer calling his sheep sparked off a major police and rescue team search of the fog-shrouded Upper Wharfedale moors yesterday.

The alert was sounded after a member of the public reported to police that he had heard a cry for help on the moors near Buckden.

Police and search-and-rescue teams turned out in strength to comb the moorland area.

A North Yorkshire Police spokesman said later, however, a farmer who was working in the area at the time had told searchers he had been calling his sheep.

The search was called off when would-be rescuers were satisfied that the "cry for help" was the farmer calling his flock.

Woman rescued

Meanwhile a 64-year-old woman was flown to hospital by helicopter after she was missing for eight hours on the moors near Buckden.

Mrs. Constance Riley, of Waterfoot, Rossendale, Lanes, was treated for exposure, then discharged from Airedale Hospital after her ordeal.

A North Yorkshire Police spokesman said that Mrs. Riley was on a day trip to Buckden with her husband when she wandered off.

The spokesman said: "We heard from someone who had seen a woman fitting Mrs. Riley's description walking towards Kettlewell. Then we received a report that she had been found, but was unable to walk," he said.

Police called RAF Leconfield, near Beverley, and a helicopter from there landed on the moors to collect Mrs. Riley.

It dropped her near Airedale Hospital where an ambulance was waiting.

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FLT LT ANDY KIRKUP

FLT LT MARK HEWITT

FLT SGT WARWICK LAKEN

RESCUE OF OLD MOTHER RILEY.



An RAF rescue helicopter from Leconfield makes a gentle touch down in the grounds of Grimsby's new District General Hospital yesterday. The Wessex helicopter will become a

regular visitor to the £24-million hospital complex, which has now replaced the old General as the major accident and emergency centre for much of South Humberside and North Lin-

colnshire. The helicopters' main role is rescue, but, when necessary, they are used as flying ambulances to transfer sick patients to other hospitals with specialist facilities.

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JEFF WHITEHEAD

MARK HEWITT

TERRY WILLIAMSON

Riddle of body floating in sea

POLICE at Bridlington were today trying to solve the mystery of a man's body found floating eight miles out at sea.

The man was found by a Bridlington trawler and plucked from the water by an RAF Leconfield helicopter to be flown to Hull Royal Infirmary, where he was certified dead.

Coastguards at the resort are puzzled as to how the man came to be in the sea, when there was no sign of nearby boats or wreckage.

The man was found by the trawler Betty in an area to the south-east of the resort.

Despite a sea and shore search by coastguards, the lifeboat and the rescue helicopter until night, no clues as to how the man came to be in the water have been found.

A crewman on the Betty, Mr David Jewitt, of Viking Road, Bridlington, said: "We couldn't believe it when one of the crew said he had seen a man floating in the water.

"The skipper scanned the sea with binoculars and sure enough there was a man wearing a purple and white striped shirt and dark trousers floating face down.

"We pulled him aboard, not knowing whether he was alive or dead.

"We gave him artificial respiration and mouth to mouth resuscitation but he did not revive."

Meanwhile skipper Mr Brian Jewitt radioed Bridlington Harbour who got in touch with the Coastguard and alerted RAF Leconfield.

"The last thing we expected to find was a man in the water so far from land, when there was no sign of any boats or shipping in the area," added Mr Jewitt.

"It was a fine afternoon, the visibility was good and the sea was calm. If there had been any kind of craft within miles, we would have spotted it."

PAUL LONGDEN

MARK HEWITT

DAVE ALLEN

DAVE GETS

HIS FIRST

JOB !!

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Mr Keith Cattermole, coastguard in charge at Bridlington, said that it was a complete mystery how the man came to be in the sea.

"To make any guesses would be pure speculation because if he had simply fallen from a passing boat then we would have expected someone to have reported him missing and there have been no such reports," he said.

The man was described as aged between 30 and 40, 5ft. 10in. in height with black curly hair which was balding.

He was wearing an Everite wrist watch with a black leather strap and had suede shoes with brass buckles.

A spokesman for Bridlington police said: "We want anyone who may know something about this man to contact us."