

SEPTEMBER 1982

1st. Flt.Lt. John Sutherland. Master Nav Ron Dedmen. Master ALM Eric Ainslie.

A Medivac from Scarborough to Cambridge of a lady from St Austell in Cornwall who was suffering from liver failure.. A day out for the boys.

1st. Flt.Lt. Andy Kirkup. Flt.Lt. Graham Clark. Flt Sgt. Warwick Laken.

Late in the evening and all but dark - and there was this overdue boat off Aldborough. On the second sweep of a creeping line ahead the lads found the boat, and stayed overhead for a further 25 minutes until the lifeboat came and towed her home.

5th. Same Crew. Someone set off up the Creek (Stone) off the Humber and didn't turn up the night of the 4th., so this happy lot were dragged out of bed at 5 to go a looking. They found it alright - nicely moored thank you and all asleep. Seems as though he got stuck in the mud and waited to be refloated on the tide.

11th. Flt.Lt. Andy Kirkup. Flt.Lt. Andy Miller. Master Nav Ron Dedmen. (acting unpaid).

This 'ere yacht ran aground on this fine evening in the Humber Estuary. So Andy landed on the sandbank to join them and ask them what they were doing flashing SOS on a torch but they denied it. So they left them and came home.

13th. Steve Lynch took Rons place - this time to an unconscious chap lying across the bows of a speedboat off Filey. He was taken to Scarborough Hospital.

27th. Flt.Lt. John Sutherland. Flt.Lt. Adrian Rule. Master Nav Ron Dedmen (ever-willing).

There was this yacht (again) run aground in the Humber Estuary. When we arrived in the middle of the morning they had been stuck for fourteen hours - so we did the nice thing and lifted all four occupants back to the yacht club. Don't ask me what happened to the yacht.

# Counting cost of manhunt

THE cost of the Barry Prudom manhunt could be more than £1m.

One item alone — overtime by North Yorkshire Police — is £135,000.

So many other accounts have to be considered that no official estimate of the total is yet available.

The massive operation ended with the death of the triple killer.

Hundreds of officers from other forces, many of them armed, worked alongside North Yorkshire Police in the Malton area.

Helicopters from the Army, the RAF and the Metropolitan Police were on duty day and night.

Body armour was supplied to the police at no cost by firms at Daventry and Manchester.

Lighting equipment was shipped in from Civil Defence Supply of Lincoln.

Much help was given free. Mr Eddie McGee, a survival expert, and Mr Eric Longden volunteered their tracking services. Mr Harry Cooper, a civilian employed at York divisional police headquarters, worked during his own time.

"I cannot express too highly my gratitude to these public-spirited people," said the Chief Constable. Mr Kenneth Henshaw.

The inquest on Prudom will be held at Scarborough next month, and it will be after that before a figure is put on the manhunt.

A full report on the operation is likely to be presented to the county police committee after the inquest.

"It would have been inappropriate for the Chief Constable to present a report now," said Coun Michael Wrigley, vice-chairman of the committee. "I believe Mr Henshaw may convene a special meeting of the committee in October."

## CRASH VICTIM FLOWN TO SPECIALIST HOSPITAL

A 43-year-old woman patient has been flown from Scarborough Hospital to a teaching hospital at Cambridge.

Mrs Janet Coggan is suffering from serious internal injuries sustained in a road crash on the Sledmere-Bridlington road on Tuesday. Today her condition was said to be "stable" at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

She was taken there yesterday by a Wessex helicopter from RAF Leconfield. Addenbrooke's has many specialists on its staff and is connected with Cambridge University.

Mrs Coggan, who comes from Holmbush, St Austell (Cornwall), was described as being extremely ill at Scarborough Hospital yesterday. She was travelling in a car driven by her husband, David (42), when it was involved in a collision at a crossroads with a lorry driven by a Sherburn man. Mr Coggan is still detained in Scarborough Hospital. The couple's sons, aged 12 and 10, escaped with only shock.

John Sutherland  
Ron Hedmen  
Eric Ainslie

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## Man is found unconscious in speedboat

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A Leeds man was picked up unconscious from a drifting speedboat off the Yorkshire coast last night after a search by coastguards and a lifeboat.

And it was revealed today that he came within moments of losing his life when his heart stopped.

Bridlington, Filey and Flamborough coastguards were alerted after a report that the boat, the Gloria Jean, was missing and it was spotted by Filey coastguards drifting on the north side of Bampton Cliffs.

Filey inshore lifeboat found the sole occupant Gary Marsden, 25, of Victoria Road, Morley, unconscious.

A helicopter from RAF Leconfield lifted him to Scarborough hospital. The speedboat was towed back to Filey.

A Filey coastguard spokesman said Mr Marsden had been with three friends, using two boats on a water skiing trip.

He had been in one boat and should have returned to Bridlington. It was thought that it had run out of petrol.

Coastguards saw him trying to paddle it with his hands, and he waved to the lifeboat when he saw it coming.

But when they arrived they found Mr Marsden

unconscious, believed to be suffering from hypothermia. After treatment he was discharged from hospital today.

Mr Marsden confirmed today that he had run out of petrol while returning to shore and had then tried to paddle his way back.

He had set off two flares which went unnoticed by his companions, the second flare failed to ignite.

"I tried to paddle my way back but stopped through sheer exhaustion. I was out there for four - and - a - half hours just paddling."

In hospital he was told he had come within moments of losing his life when his heart stopped.



MUST HAVE BEEN  
A SLACK NEWS  
DAY !!

ANDY KIRKUP  
ANDY MILLER  
STEVE LYNCH.

## POLICE CHIEF'S THANKS

People who helped North Yorkshire police in their massive search for triple killer Barry Prudom have been publicly thanked by Mr. Kenneth Henshaw, the county's Chief Constable.

He says in a report to North Yorkshire Police Committee that considerable assistance was given in the operation mounted in the Pickering and Malton areas by police officers from surrounding forces, and helicopters were made available by the Army, RAF and Metropolitan Police Force.

Unsolicited supplies of body armour were made available at no cost by Lightweight Body Armour Ltd., Daventry, and Armourshield, Ltd., Manchester, and lighting equipment by Civil Defence Supply, Lincoln.

Mr. Eddie McGee and Mr. Eric Longden, volunteered their services without charge to act as trackers, as well as Mr. Harry Cooper, a civilian employee at the York Divisional headquarters, who performed this service during his own time.

The search ended on July 4 when Prudom was shot dead at Malton Tennis Club. An inquest into the circumstances of his death is expected to be held at Scarborough next month.

## Boat man saved by seconds

Yorkshire Post Correspondent

A MAN rescued unconscious from a drifting speedboat said later that he had been within moments of losing his life.

A crew from Filey inshore lifeboat found Mr. Gary Marsden, 25, of Victoria Road, Morley, unconscious, after his boat was spotted drifting out to sea near Bempton cliffs.

He was airlifted by an RAF helicopter to Scarborough Hospital suffering from hypothermia.

Mr. Marsden, said later that his boat ran out of petrol while returning to Bridlington, and he had paddled with his hands for 4½ hours before collapsing.

"I was told in hospital that my heart had stopped at one point and I came within moments of losing my life," he added.

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## RAF lift yachtmen to safety

AN RAF helicopter from Leconfield airlifted to safety four people from a yacht on a River Humber mud bank today after they had been stranded overnight without food and water.

The yacht's crew, from the Doncaster and Retford area, were winched clear of the stricken vessel, stuck near Read's Island, shortly before mid-day and were put down at Wintringham Haven Yacht Club, where they were met by police and coastguards.

Leconfield helicopter pilot, Flt. Lt. John Sutherland, said: "We were scrambled by the coastguard at 11.25 am and lifted the crew clear at about 11.45 after they had sheepishly appeared at the cockpit when we arrived on the scene.

"I understand someone had spotted the yacht from the shore with its flag at half-mast and alerted the emergency services."

Flt. Lt. Sutherland and his navigator Flt. Lt. Adrian Rule and winchman Master Navigator Ron Deadman, took just 40 minutes to complete the rescue.

The yacht became grounded last night.

No one was hurt and it was hoped to refloat the yacht at high tide.

JOHN SUTHERLAND

ADRIAN RULE

RON DEADMAN

(DUAL TRADE!!!)

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JEFF WHITEHEAD

GRAHAM CLARK

STEVE LYNCH.

## Girl hurt in cliff fall

A GIRL who slipped at the base of a cliff at Thornwick Bay while on a visit to Flamborough Head with a school party from Hornsea was airlifted to Hull Royal Infirmary by helicopter this afternoon.

Coastguards said the girl had injured her back in the fall and rain made it too slippery for her to be carried up the cliff to a waiting ambulance. A helicopter from RAF Leconfield carried out the rescue operation.

She was later named as Joanne Collett (14), a pupil at Hornsea School.