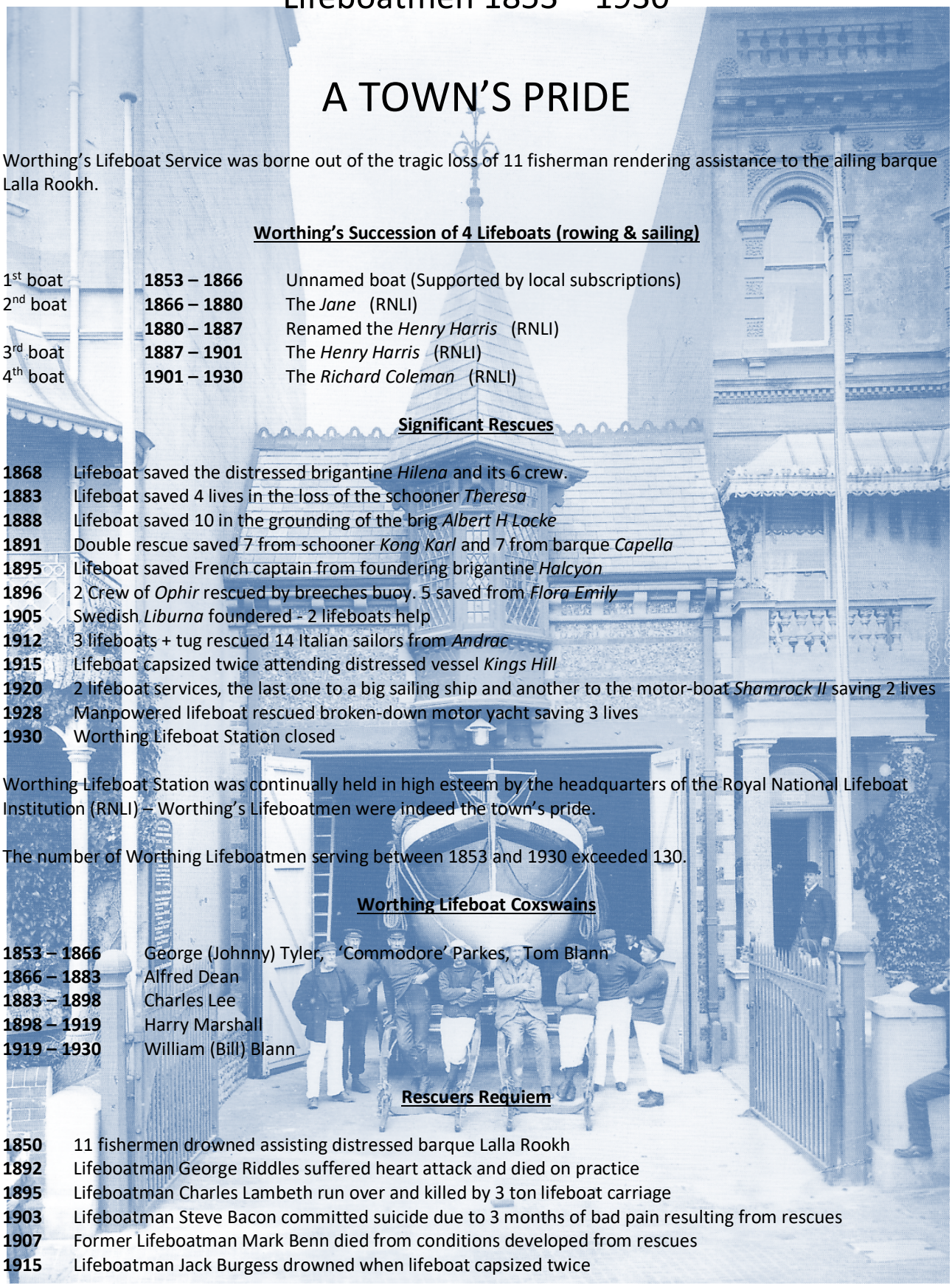
In Recognition of the Bravery of Worthing's Heroic Lifeboatmen 1853 – 1930



A TOWN'S PRIDE

Worthing's Lifeboat Service was borne out of the tragic loss of 11 fisherman rendering assistance to the ailing barque Lalla Rookh.

Worthing's Succession of 4 Lifeboats (rowing & sailing)

1st boat	**1853 – 1866**	Unnamed boat (Supported by local subscriptions)
2nd boat	**1866 – 1880**	The *Jane* (RNLI)
	1880 – 1887	Renamed the *Henry Harris* (RNLI)
3rd boat	**1887 – 1901**	The *Henry Harris* (RNLI)
4th boat	**1901 – 1930**	The *Richard Coleman* (RNLI)

Significant Rescues

1868	Lifeboat saved the distressed brigantine *Hilena* and its 6 crew.
1883	Lifeboat saved 4 lives in the loss of the schooner *Theresa*
1888	Lifeboat saved 10 in the grounding of the brig *Albert H Locke*
1891	Double rescue saved 7 from schooner *Kong Karl* and 7 from barque *Capella*
1895	Lifeboat saved French captain from foundering brigantine *Halcyon*
1896	2 Crew of *Ophir* rescued by breeches buoy. 5 saved from *Flora Emily*
1905	Swedish *Liburna* foundered - 2 lifeboats help
1912	3 lifeboats + tug rescued 14 Italian sailors from *Andrac*
1915	Lifeboat capsized twice attending distressed vessel *Kings Hill*
1920	2 lifeboat services, the last one to a big sailing ship and another to the motor-boat *Shamrock II* saving 2 lives
1928	Manpowered lifeboat rescued broken-down motor yacht saving 3 lives
1930	Worthing Lifeboat Station closed

Worthing Lifeboat Station was continually held in high esteem by the headquarters of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) – Worthing's Lifeboatmen were indeed the town's pride.

The number of Worthing Lifeboatmen serving between 1853 and 1930 exceeded 130.

Worthing Lifeboat Coxswains

1853 – 1866	George (Johnny) Tyler, 'Commodore' Parkes, Tom Blann
1866 – 1883	Alfred Dean
1883 – 1898	Charles Lee
1898 – 1919	Harry Marshall
1919 – 1930	William (Bill) Blann

Rescuers Requiem

1850	11 fishermen drowned assisting distressed barque Lalla Rookh
1892	Lifeboatman George Riddles suffered heart attack and died on practice
1895	Lifeboatman Charles Lambeth run over and killed by 3 ton lifeboat carriage
1903	Lifeboatman Steve Bacon committed suicide due to 3 months of bad pain resulting from rescues
1907	Former Lifeboatman Mark Benn died from conditions developed from rescues
1915	Lifeboatman Jack Burgess drowned when lifeboat capsized twice