



2018 King Edward VII Cup

HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCVO

Across a span of (almost) 40 years, Prince Michael has provided steadfast leadership and support to the Society and the cause of Commonwealth Drowning Prevention

He takes a keen interest in the Society's activities and is updated through briefing documents and regular meetings and takes opportunities to make introductions.

HRH has visited the Society's Headquarters on numerous occasions: to Mountbatten House in 1980, 1981, 1984 and 1991 and to River House in 2008. During many overseas trips he has visited our member branches including Australia (1981, 1993, 1994, 1997), Antigua (1984), Canada (2001 and 2009), Hong Kong (1981 and 2008), India (2009), Jamaica (1998), Malaysia (2008), New Zealand (1996 and 1999), Singapore (2008), and South Africa (1997). During these visits HRH met with Branch Members and observed the work of the branches and presented various awards.

He has attended many RLSS events including: RLSS Commonwealth Conferences and Championships in 1991, 1994, 2001, 2006 and 2009; the launch of the Commonwealth Life Saving Development Project sponsored by Laerdal Medical which was attended by representatives of 28 Commonwealth Countries including High Commissioner from 10 nations; official receptions for the Society for its various Centenary celebrations; business lunches at Coutts & Co to meet with potential supporters of the Society and the RLSS seminar in Warwick hosted by the High Sheriff of Warwickshire.

In 1998, he inaugurated the Commonwealth President's Award to recognise exceptional contributions or service to the Society by organisations. In 2003 to mark his Silver Jubilee as President he launched the Prince Michael Certificate of Merit and in 2016 kindly agreed to award a special version of this certificate to mark the 125th Anniversary of the Society.