

**Police Constable Frederick Kendall
Guildford Borough Police
Served 1927-1958**



Photographs from John Ewence and Tony Collman



Frederick Kendall's medals



PC Kendal in 1926 before he joined the Guildford Borough Police



PC Kendall in Guildford High Street



**The funeral procession of Chief Constable Nichols, Guildford Borough 1929
North Street, Guildford The photograph may include PC Kendall but in any
case shows the uniform and the crowds that indicate the respect shown**



PC Fred Kendall wearing a winter uniform.



1934 PC Kendall:¹ In 1934 with the passing of the Road Traffic Act it was necessary to enforce it but Mr Nicholas the Chief Constable was dead against motor transport of any sort however we had to do something and a Ford Model 8 was purchased and PC Kendall became the first driver with PC Rook. “We had another officer with us as observer and worked 0900-1700 and no night duties. We did not have to make any “rings” but we were restricted to the Borough and called in at the station when passing to check if we were required as there were no radios.”

The total strength of the force was 30 the Chief Constable being number 1 and so on down the ranks.

There were no ambulances so the police kept a hand ambulance at the station for carrying injured people, suicides etc.

¹ Note from PC Kendall biography

One of the conditions of service was that an officer had to be able to swim and had to qualify as a lifesaver along with first aid training.

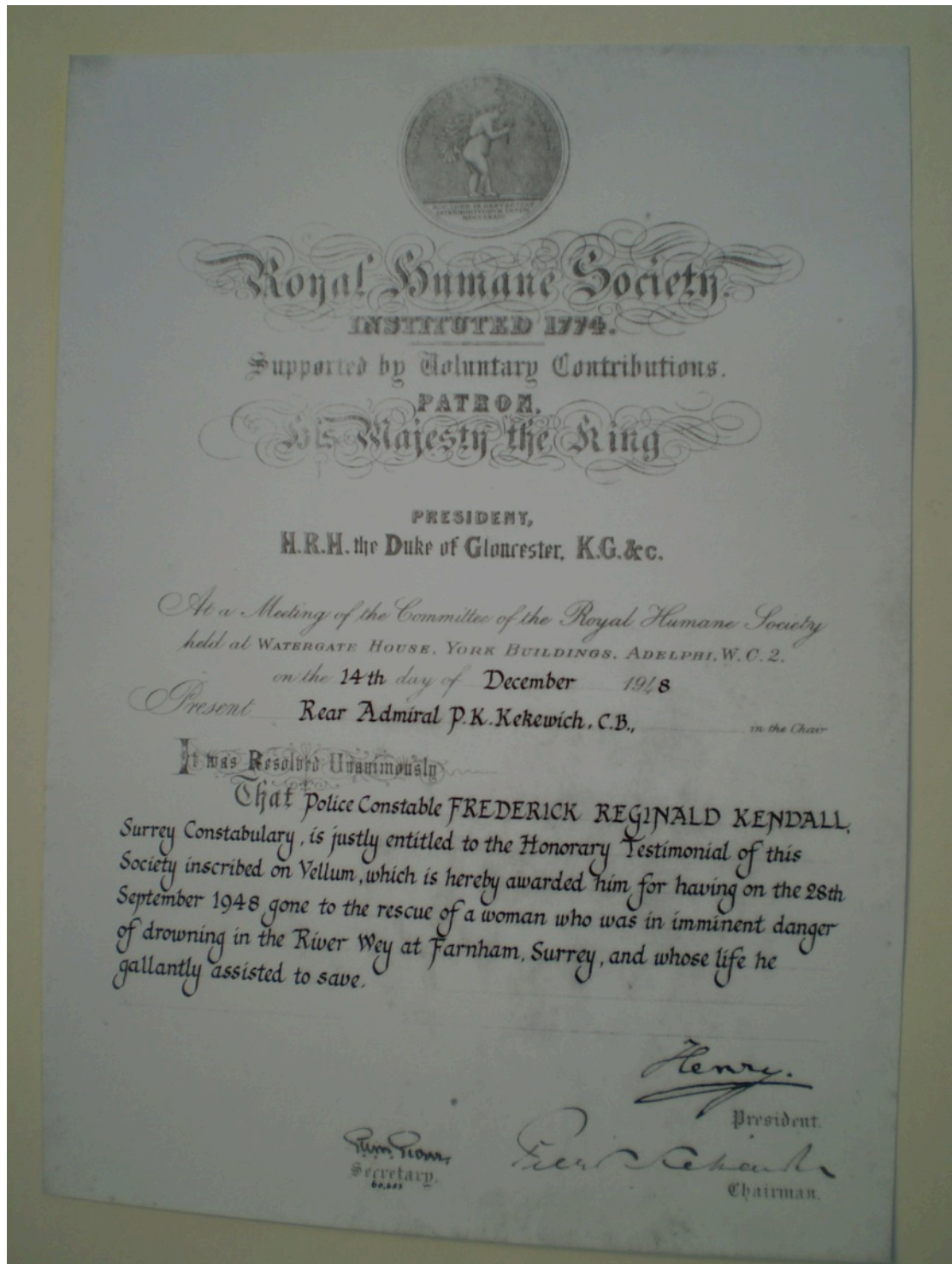
There was no wireless in use in the Borough before the War and when the first sets were used one was fitted to a Sunbeam Talbot patrol car and PC Kendall responded to the first emergency call, which was to a suspected housebreaking at Old Woking.

1945 PC Sivill² was sent to Preston on an advanced driver's course run by the Lancashire Constabulary and was subsequently posted to the County Traffic Department with PC Kendall. After a varied career in the Constabulary he returned to Guildford from where he retired in 1967

1948 28 September PC Kendall now an ex-Borough officer was on night duty and called to a woman suffering from the after effects of childbirth and who was reported at 0100 to be in the River Wey at Farnham. Along with another officer he was able to save the woman from drowning. For this action PC Kendall was awarded a Royal Humane Society Award on Vellum.³

² Biographical note from Mr Sivill early 1980s

³ Notes from www.surrey-constabulary.com



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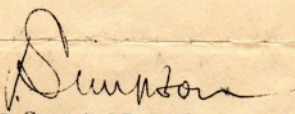
It is with very great pleasure that I have to inform the Force that the Royal Humane Society has conferred on members of the Force awards as under:-

P.C. 455 Frederick Reginald KENDALL - The Society's Testimonial on Vellum.

P.S. 163 Harry James FOREHEAD } - The Society's Testimonial
P.C. 208 William BRUCE } on Parchment.

The circumstances are that at 11.20 pm. on the 28th September, 1948, Sgt. Forehead was informed that a lady had jumped out of a window of a house at Waverley, Farnham, and disappeared. She was in her night attire and it was feared some ill might befall her. Sgt. Forehead organised a search party and at midnight a faint call was heard coming from the direction of the river. To reach the river it was necessary to cross a swamp, which they had previously been warned was very treacherous, and which was some 30 yards wide with deep holes. Without hesitation the men waded in and although their only light was from torches, and at times they were waist deep in mud, they succeeded in reaching the river and found the lady clinging to the bank. Owing to the bog they were unable to lift the lady out but P.C. Kendall entered the river, some five feet deep at this point, and lifted her out. In view of the nature of the area these officers undoubtedly risked their lives and their action reflects the greatest credit on themselves and the Force.

Sgt. 163 Forehead and P.Cs 455 Kendall and 208 Bruce are commended in the First Class for their courage and devotion to duty.


Chief Constable of Surrey.

S.C. (HQ) 313

SURREY CONSTABULARY

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

Age 51
 Height: 6 ft. 1 ins.
 Hair Brown
 Eyes Brown
 Marks or Scars
Nil

This is to Certify that Frederick Reginald KENDALL
 joined the Surrey Constabulary as Constable on the 24th * day of
December 1927 (Nineteen Hundred & Twenty seven) and left the Force as
Constable on the 22nd day of February
 1958 (Nineteen Hundred & fifty eight) under the following conditions :-

PENSIONED ON COMPLETION OF SERVICE

His conduct was

exemplary

* after previous service from 15th January, 1927 until 23rd September, 1927



Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Surrey Constabulary, this 4th day of March 1958, at Guildford, in the County of Surrey. Certificate issued without alteration or erasure.

[Signature]
 Chief Constable of Surrey.