



# BRIGHTON & DISTRICT NEWS LETTER JANUARY 2010



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## Happy New Year!

A very happy new year to you all from your committee. As usual we will be planning events through out the year although this year we have decided to reduce the number of events. We feel that the recession will have an impact upon us all and we have taken that into consideration when planning our programme.

Our first event of 2010 is a night at the dogs in Hove during March. We haven't been to the stadium for some time and this promises to be a very enjoyable event. There is more information later in this news letter so please come and join us.

We are also keeping a very close eye on ill health pension reviews and the development of welfare within NARPO. Needless to say we will keep you informed of any developments.

We hope that you all have a happy and prosperous 2010 and look forward to seeing you at one of our events or meetings during 2010.

## National Geographic documentary on history of British police

ITN Factual is making a documentary on the relationship between British policing and technology. We're looking for officers who remember using important pieces of technology/kit from the 50s onwards, as well officers who were involved in certain iconic events. Please get in touch if you can remember anything about the following events or old policing techniques:

1955 formation of central traffic squad 1962 commissioner urges the need for more men on the beat 1963 first police computer 1980 introduction of first MET air support unit

1975 Spaghetti House Siege 1965 Balcombe Street  
1980 Iranian Embassy Siege

1968 Grosvenor Square riots 1985 Broadwater Farm riot 1980s Poll Tax riots 1981 Brixton riots 1976 Notting Hill riots 1974 Red Lion Square demos 1987 Pitchfork rape-murder case 1987 conviction of Robert Melias through DNA

Please get in touch if you have any relevant memories or contacts. We are not necessarily asking to interview you on screen – any helpful information you could give would be much appreciated. However, we will be interviewing ex-officers and would also like to speak to anyone happy to appear in the programme.

Contact Toby Roebuck on 0207 430 4861 or [toby.roebuck@itn.co.uk](mailto:toby.roebuck@itn.co.uk) or write to Toby Roebuck, ITN Factual, Mortimer Street, London W1T 3JL'

## Nearly 65?

If you are a member of NARPO, on an ill health pension and approaching 65 years of age then you could become subject to a review. Please don't wait until the review takes place, let your secretary Peter Burrows know that you are approaching 65 and we can be better prepared to support you when it happens.

We have published many articles on this subject over the last year and there will no doubt be many more as we continue to address the issues to get a better deal for our members.

## And finally .....

A mother took her five-year-old son with her to the bank on a busy lunchtime.

They got behind a very fat woman wearing a business suit complete with pager.

As they waited patiently, the little boy said loudly, 'Gee, she's fat!'

The mother bent down and whispered in the little boy's ear to be quiet.

A couple of minutes passed by and the little boy spread his hands as far as they would go and announced; 'I'll bet her butt is this wide!'

The fat woman turns around and glares at the little boy.

The mother gave him a good telling off, and told him to be quiet. After a brief lull, the large woman reached the front of the line. Just then, her pager began to emit a beep, beep, beep.

The little boy yells out, 'Run for your life, she's backing up!!'

(Remember pagers!!)

### Social

#### A Night at the Races. Coral Greyhound Stadium Hove Thursday 11th March

We have reserved the best tables in the Restaurant, which are in line with the finish, for this fun evening. There will be 10 races the first at 7.30pm the last at 10pm, you can have a flutter on all or any of the races without leaving your seat. Doors open at 6.30pm your ticket will be at the door when you arrive, there is a 3 course A la Carte Meal for £17.50p per head guest welcome. THIS PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE DRINKS. There is ample free parking, closing date for booking Tuesday 26th February.

#### Social Booking Slip

To: **Mr D Walker, 1 The Meads, Coldean, Brighton, BN1 9BA Tel: 01273 688456**  
(All cheques to be made payable to 'NARPO Brighton & District Branch')

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please reserve me:**

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I will join the coach at the Marina / Black Lion (Delete as appropriate and make a note for yourself!)  
One cheque is Ok for several events. Always check that your cheques have been presented to your bank as this is the only guarantee that Dennis has received it! Cheques are usually banked fortnightly, if in doubt ring Dennis.

### Obituaries

I regret to inform you of the death on 27/11/2009 of **John Richard Alderson** aged 79 years. He leaves a widow Shirley,

I regret to inform you of the death on 21/12/09 of **Eric Edward McIntosh** aged 65 years. He leaves a widow Patricia.