



# BRIGHTON & DISTRICT NEWS LETTER AUGUST 2009



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## August Patrol

There will be no Patrol this month. The reason they tell us is because they are busy preparing the annual report and reorganising. They will however be back in print in September.

## Golf- The Ray Bridger Cup!

This event is our annual tribute to the life of Ray Bridger and as in previous years Ray's wife Marina will be at the dinner in the evening to present the cup. Please note that collar and tie are required for the dinner! The cup was originally presented to the 'Pyecombe Golf Club Police Block' by Ray's wife Marina following his death in 1996. Originally the cup was a team event played for between retired Sussex Police Officers and serving members of the 'Pyecombe Police Block'. However as serving numbers dwindled it became an individual stableford competition for both serving and retired Sussex Police Staff and their guests. The cost of the event is £38, the same as last year but we now get coffee and bacon rolls as well! The price includes coffee and bacon roll on arrival (1230), 18 holes of golf, prizes and a 2 course dinner. The menu is deep fried brie with cranberry sauce and steak and ale pie. The first tee off time will be at 1pm. Please let your chairman know if you want to join us or have more information.

**Guests are welcome.**

## National Police Memorial Day

Arrangements are in hand to hold the National Police Memorial Day Service in Cardiff on Sunday, 27th of September, 2009. The service is to be held in the St David's Hall Cardiff, commencing at 2.00pm. Tickets for the service can be obtained from the Deputy Co-ordinator Ann Merkel by telephone 07843 293958 or at [www.nationalpolicememorialday@polfed.org](http://www.nationalpolicememorialday@polfed.org)

## Considering going to Cyprus?

(Kevin Claxton)

At a discounted price for NARPO members, please see the 5-star 2-bed and studio apartments near Paphos at <http://www.ownersdirect.co.uk/cyprus/cy2230.htm>

## Old Cells Police Museum Brighton

(Mike Welch)



The museum has recently benefited from a donation of £400 from the proceeds of last year's Brighton Police Reunion. The Chairman of the Reunion Organising Committee, Mike Welch, explains.

"The Committee knew that the museum was strapped for cash and agreed that to help with its upkeep and insurance costs it should receive the proceeds from the raffle and the sale of John Coleman's DVD, together with the balance of the reunion administration fund." The Museum Committee warmly welcomed the donation which the Treasurer said had arrived at a most opportune moment, he asked us to thank everybody for this most generous a contribution. The photograph shows Mike in the Mayors Parlour at Brighton Town Hall, handing the cheque to Carol Pople, the Chair of the Museum Committee, with Cllr. Mrs Pat Drake, the driving force behind the establishment of the Museum,

## Brighton Police Station

(Alex Durie)

Alex Durie is looking at the possibility of arranging a conducted tour of Brighton Police Station to see how policing and the building have changed over the years. The tour would take place in the early evening sometime later this year. If you are interested please contact Alex on 01273 305356

## And finally .....

One day a housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweat-shirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to his wife, 'What setting do I use on the washing machine?' 'It depends,' she replied. 'What does it say on your shirt?' He yelled back, 'Blackburn Rovers.' And they say blondes are dumb...

**Social**

**Half Yearly Meeting—18 October—Roedean School**

Many of you will already have been to the venue at Roedean and if you haven't then this is another opportunity to join us. This is our half yearly meeting and we have decided that this year we would hold it on a Sunday afternoon instead of a Friday evening. There will be no buffet but we will be making a **considerable subsidy** on the cost of Sunday Lunch! The programme is that we will hold the meeting at 1200. Business will take no longer than 30 minutes but there will be an opportunity to speak to your Chairman and members of the committee over lunch. Lunch will commence at 1245. The menu is: roast beef or roast chicken or vegetarian nut roast with all the trimmings, followed by fruit pavlova or rhubarb pie followed by coffee at a cost of £12.50p per person. Drinks can also be ordered from your table at your own expense! Guests are welcome at the meeting as always but I would remind you that if there is a need to vote **none members cannot vote!** If you wish to attend the meeting and not have lunch that is fine and if you want to attend the lunch but not the meeting that is also fine!

This is a break with our normal tradition but hopefully it will give an opportunity to those who can not attend the AGM on a Friday evening to come and join us for lunch as well as giving some variety to those who normally attend, not to mention a damned good lunch!

Bookings should be made in the normal way through Dennis using the 'Social Booking Slip' **Please state your food choices and if there is anyone you wish to sit with!**

**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.

**Milestones Museum and Watercress Line**  
**Wednesday 23rd Sept 2009**

We will leave Brighton Marina 9am & the Black Lion 9.15am and travel Milestones Museum in Basinstoke ([www.milestonesmuseum](http://www.milestonesmuseum)) which is undercover in East Hants Park. We will have ample time to relive the past and also have lunch either in the Cafe/Pub or to enjoy a picnic in the Park. Approx 2pm travel to Alresford where we board the 3pm train on the Watercress Line for a 2 hour steam train ride and cream tea, leave Alresford approx 5pm return to Brighton approx 7.30pm £25 per head guests welcome, as yet we have plenty of places so please book a.s.a.p if you are thinking of going as we do not wish to cancel this trip.

**Ceremony of the Garter**

There has been a good response so far to the suggestion of trying to obtain tickets for this event in 2010, with a few more members indicating an interest it will be worth pursuing, so please if you are considering showing interest please let Dennis know, it will not commit you to anything, he just need some idea whether or not to continue with this

**Obituaries**

**William (Bill) Sansom** aged 79, he leaves a widow Jeanette. Bill was a Brighton Borough man and even after amalgamation remained at Brighton.

**Peter Clark** aged 59 years he leaves a partner Barbara Grainger and two daughters - Rachel Sikora and Sally Mutter. Peter served at Brighton for most of his career.