

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS



## NORTH SUSSEX BRANCH

JANUARY 2010

### OBITUARIES

I regret to report the deaths of the following retired Sussex Police Officers:

**Brian (Digger) Graves** who died on 8 December 2009. He was a member of Hastings and Rother NARPO and was a serving Sussex Police civilian employee. He leaves a widow Carol, two daughters and a number of grandchildren. Donations in memory of "Digger" can be made to The Alzheimer's Society via the Funeral Directors, Mummery and Sons, Bexhill on Sea.

**Eric Edward McIntosh** aged 65 years who passed away on 21 December 2009. He leaves a widow Patricia to whom all letters of condolence may be sent via the Funeral Director - Richard Green, 28 Western Road, Lewes, BN7 1RP, telephone number 01273 488121.

Donations to Sussex Air Ambulance in memory of Eric may be sent c/o the Funeral Director, details as above.

**David Sydney Perrin** aged 64 years who passed away on 6 December 2009. He leaves a widow Sheila Perrin to whom all letters of condolence may be sent via the Funeral Directors; Ian Hart, 92-94 Broadwater Street West, Worthing, BN14 9DE. Telephone Number 01903 693669.

Donations to St Barnabas Hospice in memory of David may be sent c/o the Funeral Director, details as above.

**William (Bill) Harrison** aged 93 yrs. Bill was a former member of Glasgow Police CID, and on retirement came to Brighton where he was employed a clerk in the CID Enquiry Office. I regret that no further information is available.

**Charles "Charlie" Edwards**, who died at his home address at Brighton on 19 January 2010. Charlie was a highly respected former Traffic Inspector at Brighton/Shoreham who, after retirement, became a Coroner's Officer at Worthing.

He retained his highly professional status as a Coroner's Officer and retired several years ago.

**David Broadbent** aged 66 years who passed away in November 2009. No other details provided by Sussex Police.

**Hugh Anthony Bland** who was a Chichester NARPO member but who served at Horsham and retired as a Sergeant at Billingshurst has passed away peacefully after a short illness, at St Richard's Hospital, Chichester on 8th January 2010, aged 84. Our condolences will be sent to his widow Joan and family.

**Colin Knight** who passed away on 20 January 2010. No further details have been circulated by Sussex Police. The family has requested no contact at the moment. Further details can be obtained from Les Mann the Chichester NARPO Branch Secretary.

**David Rowe** who died at Hurstwood Park, Hospital, Haywards Heath, at 20.15hrs on Saturday 23rd January 2010, following a brief stay and treatment for a substantial brain haemorrhage. He retired as a Superintendent/Chief Superintendent and spent his latter years with the Traffic Division at Headquarters and then at the Home Office on secondment. The information comes from his partner Marion Shorthouse (who also worked at Headquarters Traffic office for many years as civilian support).

**Derek Steele** who died on 27 January 2010 aged 80 years. He leaves a widow Marjorie to whom all letters of condolence may be sent via the Funeral Director: Arthur C Towner, 19 Market Square, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 0DS. Telephone Number 01424 775515.

The Funeral will be a private service and the family have requested no flowers or donations.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 10 May 2010 at Three Bridges Cricket Club, Crawley commencing at 7.30pm**. A light buffet will be provided and the AGM will as normal be followed by a branch meeting. Please note that all the committee's posts are up for re-election including those of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Anyone interested in any of these posts or serving on the Committee should notify the Branch Secretary Adam Christie as soon as possible and in any event before Friday 7 May 2010.

The current committee members and branch officers except for Roy Field, who is standing down from the committee, are prepared to stand again for this coming tri-annual period but additional volunteers are always welcome.

## **CRIME MUSEUM VISIT**

There are still places available for the proposed trip to visit the Metropolitan Police Crime Museum in May 2010. Unfortunately I have only one other person interested in visiting the London Dungeon and then participating in the evening “Jack the Ripper” walk so that part of the days planned events has had to be cancelled.

Anyone interested in visiting the Crime Museum should contact Ahmed Ramiz via email on: [ahmed.ramiz@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:ahmed.ramiz@horsham.gov.uk) or telephone 01403 259854.

## **SUPPORT OUR FORCES DEPLOYED OVERSEAS**

Recently there was a National petition to the Government to save the British Forces Post Office Services to which a number of you signed up to.

### **THE GOVERNMENTS RESPONSE**

The Government remains fully committed to providing efficient and effective postal service to our armed forces, especially those serving on operations.

The Ministry of Defence is making some changes to the way BFPO services operate in order to ensure we make best use of military manpower and to ensure the service is delivered in the most efficient way possible. The drawdown of the BFPO personnel supporting the UK military in the NATO headquarters in SHAPE, Brussels, Brunssum, Ramstein, Stavanger, Karup, Rome, Milan, Lisbon, Valencia and Norfolk Virginia should achieve a saving in excess of £1M per annum. The drawdown is scheduled to be completed by September 2010, by which time we aim to have in place alternative arrangements.

These changes relate to the BFPO personnel supporting the UK military population in a limited number of non-operational locations and all in countries with efficient domestic postal services. In order to minimise the impact on personnel and their dependants stationed at affected locations, the BFPO numbers, which are useful for administrative purposes such as proving status, banking and internet shopping, will be retained.

In addition, having taken into account the administrative disadvantages that the changes to the BFPO service could have on personnel and their dependants, some British Forces Post Office services will now be retained in a number of other NATO HQs. While Armed Forces personnel will no longer fulfil these functions and some counter services will cease from September 2010, the changes will enable civilians and, in some cases, Service dependants to take up local employment running a basic postal receipt and despatch facility.

These changes will have no impact on postal services to troops deployed on operations. In particular, the Enduring Free Mail Service out to operational theatres will not be affected.

## **GOLF OFFER**

The following from Colin Bailey Secretary of the Sussex Police Piltdown Golf Society (SPPGS).

Recently the Board of Piltdown Golf Club have agreed Sussex Police officers and what used to be Support Staff, may now be considered for membership to the SPPGS. Formerly, only those who were already a member of the Society on retirement were eligible.

We currently have members living in Crawley, Crowborough, Hailsham, Haywards Heath, Burgess Hill, Ringmer and Lewes.

Anyone interested in hearing more should contact Colin on 01444 454811 or email [cjnjc.bailey@talktalk.net](mailto:cjnjc.bailey@talktalk.net)

## **THE SECRETARY'S BIT**



## **NEW MEMBERS**

A warm welcome is extended to Ian SHAW and Steve SCOTT who have recently joined our branch. For your information, our Branch now has 236 Full Members, 11 Widow Members, 2 Associate Members and 1 Additional Member. Not bad from our humble beginnings in 1991.

## **VALUE OF NARPO CONTACTS**

I recently have had two requests to try and trace former Police Officers. One was from a branch member who was trying to trace a former Kent Officer and the second was from a lady in New Zealand who was trying to contact a former Sussex Officer. I am pleased to say that by circulating the appeals to NARPO colleagues in Sussex and Kent both former officers were traced within days and details passed to the appellants. So it pays to be in NARPO.

## **AGM AGENDA**

If anyone has any items for the AGM Agenda or nominations for Branch Officers or Committee, can they please contact me on 01403 262440 or email me on [adam.christie@sky.com](mailto:adam.christie@sky.com)

Don't forget the date **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010** at 7.30pm at Three Bridges Cricket Club, Crawley.

## SERVICE RECORDS

In conjunction with the following item from Ahmed in respect of the lack of Service History in circulations from Sussex Welfare Department, some time ago I circulated a pro-forma to members asking that if they wished they could complete it and return it to me. I would hold the details in our database which could then be added to Welfare circulations where there was little or no information. I have had only a moderate response.

Adam Christie  
Branch Secretary

## IN THE CHAIR



The third Branch Annual Burns Night Supper was held at the Hickstead Hotel on Saturday 23 January 2010. Although the numbers were again sadly reduced all those who attended commented on the success of the evening and expressed the hope that we would continue hosting the event.

The 2011 Burns Night Supper will be held on Saturday 22 January at the same venue. Further details will be published nearer to the event.

Once again I find myself having to comment on the failure of the Sussex Police to notify NARPO branches of the death of retired officers in a timely fashion or to provide service details. I am well aware that in these financially challenging times money is short but is the force so desperate for funds that they can not find the time for some one to call up a retired officer's personal record and provide some details of their service. Most officers in receipt of a pension gave twenty five or thirty plus years to the service. Their families often suffered hardship when fathers, mothers, families and/or partners missed important family events due to duty commitments and I for one do not think it is unreasonable for the force to acknowledge that service when they sadly depart this life.

*“Though they are gone they will not be forgotten  
they have gone their way never to return*

*Things they've done for the greater good  
should not be forgotten”*

As always the contents and views expressed in this newsletter are mine alone and do not necessarily reflect the views of the committee, the branch or its members. In other words the buck stops here.

**Ahmed Ramiz**  
**Branch Chairman**

**31 January 2010**