

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS



NORTH SUSSEX BRANCH

OBITUARIES

I regret to inform you of the death of:

Douglas Newton aged 87 years who died on 27 April 2009. He leaves a brother Bob Newton to whom letters of condolence may be sent via the Funeral Director.

Donations to Friends of Eastbourne Hospital in memory of Douglas may be sent c/o the Funeral Directors: Adela Funeral Homes, South Street, Eastbourne, BN21 4UT. Telephone Number 01323 643999.

Frank Sloggett aged 84 years who died on 4 May 2009. He leaves a Daughter Jane Mosby to whom all letters of condolence may be sent via the Funeral Director - Reynolds Funeral Service, 31 High Street, Bognor Regis, PO21 1RR. Telephone Number 01243 864745.

Donations to St Wilfrids Hospice in memory of Frank, may be sent c/o the Funeral Director as detailed above.

Eric William Noble aged 73 years who died on 1 May 2009. Eric is survived by his wife June to whom all letters of condolence should be sent via the Funeral Director - R A Brooks & Son, Ravenoak, Allington Road, Newick BN8 4NB Tel: 01825 722895.

Donations can be made to The Martlets Hospice via the funeral directors.

Ronald (Chalky) White. Chalky passed away at St Barnabas Hospice on Saturday 23 May 2009.

Ernie Sweeney the Secretary of the Worthing Branch has been able to provide the following information about Chalky's service and life before the Police Force.

Chalky served in the Royal Navy and in consequence was very keen on Naval History. He had implemented a memorial to HMS Broadwater at Broadwater Church.

In the Police Force the only record of service I have is Littlehampton and Arundel. Two of our members speak highly of him during the time they served with him at Littlehampton.

Whilst serving at Arundel he earned the nickname of 'The Chief Constable of Arundel,' and to this end it was the Duke of Norfolk himself who had requested that he lead the procession for the said Duke's Funeral.

This man was obviously held in high esteem by the Public and his colleagues alike.

DEATH OF SERVING OFFICER

Inspector Andy Parr aged 42.

The father-of-three joined Sussex Police in 1991 after beginning his career with the Metropolitan Police in 1988 and gained national fame when he suggested there was a link between late-night crime and the full moon. The Chief Constable Martin Richards said: "It is with great sadness I have to tell colleagues of the sudden and tragic death of Inspector Andy Parr. Andy was a popular and valued member of our team. My thoughts and condolences go to his family, as well as his many friends and colleagues."

Insp Parr's career in Sussex included stints in the North Downs division, covering Crawley, Horsham and Mid Sussex, and at Gatwick and Bognor. He spent several years in Brighton and Hove running the support team and in 2008 he was posted to West Downs where he was serving at the time of his death.

The family have asked that their privacy is respected at this difficult time.

A funeral service will be held at St Wilfrid's Church, Ellasdale Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 2SG on Friday 5th June at 2.15pm. All colleagues and friends are welcome to attend the service, in or out of uniform. This will be followed by a private cremation for the family members only.

The family would then be happy to meet with friends and colleagues at the Bognor Police Station social club to remember Andy and say farewell.

A request has been made for family flowers only and for donations to be made to 'Winstons Wish' (which is a charity for young people who have been bereaved).

Donations can be made via the undertakers who are; Kevin Holland Funeral Service, 246 Chichester Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 5BA.

GOOD NEWS

Commutation

Derek Marjoram sent me the following good news: *".... re the above, the authority has in fact contacted me and has told me they short falled my commutation by £21K, they will be putting it in the bank this month with the 2K interest as well. Thank you for your efforts and work on behalf of the members, I am sure there will be a lot of happy faces around over the next few days."*

What more needs to be said other than to thank the Police Federation for the support it gave to its members past and present.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen & Families Association.

The following request for assistance has been passed on to this branch by Julie Sweeney the Hon Secretary of the Worthing Branch, srs@falcon650.plus.com:

When I worked for the above charity I recruited very successfully volunteers through National NARPO. Now retired I recruit for our Branch in Sussex. and that many of your members are ex-forces. Would it be possible to have a short article in your Branch newsletter? SSAFA throughout the UK have well over 1000 retired Police Officers doing voluntary work for us. So we know that a retired Police officer likes our unique work. We are a welfare charity looking after the Armed Forces and the ex-Armed Forces and their Families. Over 50,000 call on us every year, both in the UK and Overseas. The volunteers obtain over £20 million every year for the clients from a variety of Civilian and Military charities.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Ann Needle, MBE peterbragg1@btinternet.com

APRIL COMPETITION WINNERS

Well done Cliff Holman and Graham Rowley who both got the answer right, a Ten Pound book token has been sent to you.

The Answer?

Well if you really want to know

The red lamp is still situated above the front entrance to Horsham's third police station in Hurst Road which opened in 1973.

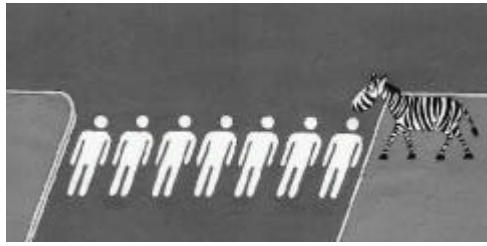
Prior to that date the red lamp was at Horsham's second police station in Barttelot Road which was built and opened in 1894 and was used for 79 years until closing in 1973, then moving to Hurst Road.

In 1897 West Sussex Constabulary HQ moved from Petworth to Horsham and a photo taken of the outside of Barttelot Road shows the red police lamp in situ at that time. It therefore indicates that the lamp was used at the second police station for 76 years. It is not known if the red lamp was displayed at Petworth HQ prior to the move in 1897.

It is therefore believed the red lamp denoted the building in Barttelot Road with the status of Force HQ. It is also thought the lamp is a unique item. As to whether Horsham remained as HQ between 1897 and 1910 is uncertain but records indicate that it certainly was HQ between 1910 and 1922 so it is likely to have been HQ from 1897 to 1922. In 1922 West Sussex HQ moved to Chichester but the lamp remained behind at Horsham.

As a matter of interest the first police station in Horsham was located at 21 Queen Street next to the site of the last County Gaol.

THIS MONTHS COMPETION



“I have received an application to keep a zebra. If anyone has licensed zebra I will really appreciate it if you can share your conditions with me.” Real question posed by a local council and circulated via the www.

Which leads nicely into the following question:

Zebra crossings - the only type of uncontrolled crossing used in Britain - have their roots in pre-war days. The Transport Minister introduced the practice of marking crossing places with orange beacons on top of striped poles. Motorists were expected to stop for people wishing to cross the road when they came across the new signs.

By what name were they officially known?

Why were they given that name?

In what year were the White Stripes, which led to the change of name introduced?

The first correct answer received via email and the first correct answer sent to Adam Christie by post win a Ten Pound book token.

THE SECRETARY'S BIT



I received the below advice from David O'Connor one of our members and thought it worth circulating!!! PUN intended.

Car Air Conditioning - Health and Safety Advice

Please do not turn on A/C as soon as you enter the car. Open the windows after you enter your car and turn ON the air-conditioning after a couple of minutes.

Here's why: According to a research, the car dashboard, sofa, air freshener emit Benzene, a Cancer causing toxin (carcinogen – take time to observe the smell of heated plastic in your car). In addition to causing cancer, Benzene poisons your bones, causes anaemia and reduces white blood cells. Prolonged exposure may cause Leukaemia, increasing the risk of cancer and there is some evidence to suggest that prolonged exposure May also cause a miscarriage to occur. Acceptable Benzene level indoors is 50 mg per square foot. A car parked indoors

with windows closed will contain 400-800 mg of Benzene. If parked outdoors under the sun at a temperature above 60 degrees F, the Benzene level goes up to 2000-4000 mg, 40 times the acceptable level... People who get into the car, keeping windows closed will inevitably inhale, in quick succession excessive amounts of the toxin. Benzene is a toxin that affects your kidney and liver. What's worse, it is extremely difficult for your body to expel this toxic stuff.

The advice is to open the windows and door of your car, give time for interior to air out and dispel the deadly stuff before you enter.

New Members: A warm welcome is extended to Ann Rattray and Sue Sidebotham who have recently joined our branch.

Members Service History: following our last newsletter I have attached a Member's Service History Form and would ask each member to complete it and return to me either by email adam.christie@sky.com or post to 18 Reynard Close, Horsham RH12 4GX. I have kept the form to one page and all that is required is a précis of your service history. There is no need for listing Courses attended etc. The form can be downloaded and saved by those on email and then completed and returned to me as an attachment to an email. I will then store the information on computer.

Cenotaph Parade and Service 22009: I have attached Branch Circular 18/09 which outlines details for those who would like to take part in the Cenotaph Parade in November. If anyone is interested in attending please contact me and I will pass the names on to NARPO HQ in Wakefield.

Sussex Police Federation Website

The Sussex Police Federation webpage is now accessible to NARPO members. Access is gained by using the following link <http://www.sussexpolfed.org/about/narpo.htm> The page has been reformatted so as to accommodate our newsletters or for that matter, small items of information specific to our branches. I have to emphasise - small items

Brighton & Hove and North Sussex branches lead the way, as their newsletters are now loaded onto the site. Our newsletters will be added to the site by Colin Moules as and when they are published.

The website also has a 'Member Services' area that carries certain offers, some of which are specific to serving officers, but most of which are available to all serving and retired officers. The area requires a username and password to access it. The Joint Branch Board has agreed that retired officers should have access to this part of the website on the understanding that a degree of security over the distribution and use of the 'username' and 'password' is exercised. Branch Secretaries will be updated as and when these change and I will provide the 'username' and 'password' to members who require it with the message about retaining the integrity of the access.

Adam Christie
Branch Secretary

IN THE CHAIR



May has not been a good month for our elected representatives. Regardless of political persuasion it appears that many “honourable members” of the house of commons have been milking the system to claim vast amounts of public money.

Individuals who were elected to represent the views of their constituents have, in many cases put themselves first. The excuse being that they have only taken monies allowed them by the rules. Don't forget that the rules that they refer to are relatively new having been brought in and approved by this Parliament under this Government.

Having been found out there is a lot of back peddling, apologies from all three main party leaders and promises to reform the system. A great deal of time, money and effort was being spent on trying to find out who dared to shine the light on the murky workings of some of these so called “politicians”.

We need a new breed of Parliamentary representative. Individuals who are prepared to put their constituents before themselves, party or politics. Parliament has become a very profitable career I know of no other employment where you are compensated for failure. Lose your seat in an election or resign and you receive a substantial payment from the public purse. Misbehave as a Police Officer and the consequences can be very serious including in extreme cases the loss of you employment and in rare cases your pension.

At a time when many of their constituents are having serious financial difficulties the scandal of the “honourable members” expenses will not go away until we, the electorate have a right to express our democratic will through the ballot box.

There is nothing honourable in the way some members of this Parliament have acted and the excuse that it was within the rules is a shameful response to the righteous anger of the people.

Until we have a newly elected Parliament with members working for the benefit of their constituents I fear that the next scandal is just waiting for the right time come out.

What we need are less “honourable members” and more noble members. The European Elections are due to take place on Thursday 4 June 2009 this is the first opportunity that we, the electorate have of voicing our opinion. Don't waste the opportunity – **VOTE**.

"A noble man compares and estimates himself by an idea which is higher than himself; and a mean man, by one lower than himself. The one produces aspiration; the other ambition, which is the way in which a vulgar man aspires."

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

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