

WORTHING & DISTRICT NARPO

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FANTASTIC RESPONSE TO OUR CHARITY RAFFLE

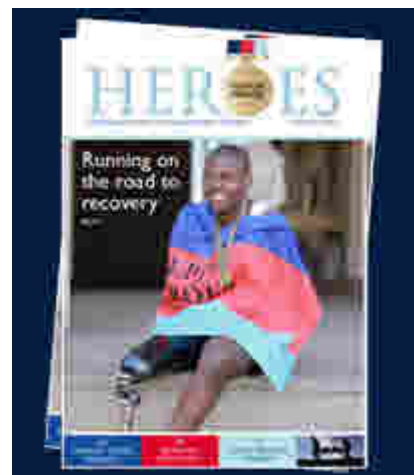
When we asked if you would donate prizes to the AGM raffle in aid of the Help for Heroes charity, we had no idea that you would go completely overboard. Not only donating the prizes but then buying enormous numbers of tickets to win the prizes you had already donated. What can we say but a great big THANK YOU for making the event both enjoyable and very well worth while for the charity. Vicky Sharp, the raffle Queen, (I often call her Queen Victoria,) was bowled over by the number of prizes donated, 81 in all. This included 6 litre bottles of whisky! Vicky decided that it would be to the charity's advantage if the bottles were auctioned separately to maximise the income. The auction was conducted by Chris Snell, our new committee member. The resulting take from the raffle and auction meant that Vicky was able to hand over £426 to our treasurer Sue Lines who issued a cheque to the Help for Heroes charity.

Julie Sweeney sent off the cheque and received a letter of thanks from Help for Heroes. The letter concludes;-
"Your donation will go towards the provision of services and facilities that will help the wounded launch back into the next phase of their lives. Already we have been able to fund the Headley Court Rehabilitation Complex, assist both Combat Stress and SSAFA in their excellent work and helped fund adaptive sports through the Battle Back programme. We have recently announced a further £20million to fund the individual recovery plans of those injured on duty. Our work is by no means over, there is a great deal to do but your contribution will make a very great difference to the lives of some very special people. On behalf of all of us at H4H and all those who we will help, thank you."

The committee want to thank you most sincerely for pulling out all the stops when it really matters. It is so encouraging to be able to do something for young men and women severely injured on service to the Country.

After this successful function, the committee may well make the AGM raffle a charity event every year. If you object to this proposal, please let the secretary know so that it may be discussed by the committee.

This was Vicky's last raffle and she would like to say thank you to everyone who brought prizes to our functions, always bought lots of tickets and to those helpful souls willing to tear up raffle tickets. Incidentally, I used to stir the tickets, honest. Brian and Marilyn Martin have kindly agreed to run the raffles from now on and there was a ceremonial handing over of the drum at the end of the AGM.



NEW COMMITTEE

The committee voted in at the AGM is as follows:-

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| Ernie SWEENEY | Chairman |
| (Vacant) | Vice Chairman |
| Julie SWEENEY | Secretary |
| Maureen CHARMAN | Assistant Secretary |
| Sue LINES | Treasurer |
| Carolyn JONES | Assistant Treasurer |
| Peter LINES | Social Secretary |
| Brian CHARMAN | Assistant Social Secretary |
| Brian MARTIN | Committee member |
| Marilyn MARTIN | Committee member |
| Chris SNELL | Committee member |
| Esther HARDIE | Committee member |

NEW MEMBERS

We have 5 new members this quarter, David HALL, Mark GEER, Jeffrey HIDE who were all Sussex Officers. Also Margaret Templeman and Dorothy (Dolly) Gibbs. Welcome to all of you and we hope to meet you at one of our future functions.

NEWSLETTER PRINT QUALITY

The last newsletter was, as always, printed by NARPO HQ in Wakefield who then send it out using our membership address list.. This is cheaper than we can do it ourselves, both for postal costs and photocopying. Previously we have sent a hard copy to them by post but because we can now publish online, we sent it to them by email. Your Secretary is not happy with the quality. If you have any complaints about the print quality of this newsletter, let us know so that we can take it up with HQ in Wakefield.

WIN SOME, LOSE SOME

We gained 5 new members this month but then we lost one. Bevan MOSS an Ex Met friend who used to act as one of our auditors, has moved down to the West Country and joined his local NARPO branch there. We are always sorry to lose members but we quite understand that it would be a bit of a trek to get to the AGM or annual dinner. All the best Bevan.

OBITUARIES

Les TEMPLEMAN on the 27th March aged 68 years. He leaves a widow Margaret. Les was a member of our branch. On leaving school he was a fireman on the railway, but later decided to become a 'proper' fireman and joined East Sussex Fire Service, later transferring to West Sussex Fire Service on promotion to Sub-Officer. He joined the East Sussex Police in 1966 and served at Hove, both uniform and CID. He moved to Bognor in 1975 on promotion to Det Sgt. He served as Inspector at Worthing and Petworth, during which time he was involved with the S.O.G (firearms). In 1986 he became Staff-Officer to the Chief Supt (West) at Chichester until joining the Force Drug Unit at Hove as Detective Inspector in 1990 where he stayed until his retirement in 1992. After retiring Les continued to be active in both the Force Golf and Fishing sections.

Harry GIBBS on the 21st April aged 84 years. He left school in 1939 and was apprenticed to a firm in Worthing as an electrician. During this time he took part in wiring the old Police Station in Union Place. His RAF service included 4 years in the Military Police. He served at Shoreham, Midhurst, Cocking and Worthing. Harry was Secretary of the Worthing Police Choir from its inception in the early 1950's until amalgamation in 1968. He also served as Secretary of this Branch of NARPO from 1978 until 1983. He leaves a widow Dorothy (Dolly).

Nicholas (Nick) John WILLIAMS on the 14th March 2010 aged 66 years. He was a retired Police Sergeant and a member of Hastings & Rother District Branch of NARPO. He served throughout the County of Sussex, notably as an instructor at the driving school at Chichester and as a traffic sergeant at Hastings traffic. He leaves a wife - Jo and a grown up son & daughter. For some years he and Jo have lived in Northallerton, North Yorkshire, where Jo is a serving Major in the Army Nursing Corps.

Walter (Wally) WEATHERLY aged 86 years. He joined West Sussex Constabulary and served at Horsham and Crawley before being posted to Shoreham in 1964 as coroners officer and scenes of crime officer. He remained as coroners officer until he retired in 1976. He was then a counter clerk at Steyning Police Station until his retirement. He has been a widower living on his own for several years. There are no children.

Richard (Dick) CLAY on the 11th April aged 89 years. He served in the Royal Navy before joining the Brighton Borough Force at the end of war. He retired in the rank of Chief Inspector. He served in Brighton and latterly at the Police Training School at Ashford. He was Secretary of the Brighton & District Branch of NARPO for 12 years. Dick was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1959 for disarming a gunman when he was a PC in Brighton.

George ERNSHAW on 13th April aged 92 years. He was a member of Exeter Branch of NARPO. George joined the West Sussex Constabulary in 1939 served at Littlehampton and then joined the Royal Navy in 1942. After the war he rejoined the Force and served at West Chiltington, Westbourne and, on promotion to Sergeant, was posted to Petworth and retired in that posting. He leaves a nephew, Charles Hibbert.

Brian SHEPPARD aged 79 years. He joined the former Brighton County Borough Force in 1951 and retired in the rank of Sergeant in 1981. He was then employed in a supervisory position in the Prosecutions Dept at Brighton. Brian leaves a widow Shirley,

John TURNER (AKA Bosun) on 30th April aged 78 years. He was a Brighton Branch Narpo member. He was formerly a member of Brighton County Borough Police. In 1968 he transferred to the Force HQs Operations Room, where he served until retirement in about 1983. He leaves a daughter Rebecca Trott

In respect of the following entries, regrettably we have no details of Police service history.

Terry WASS on 9th March aged 72 years. He leaves a widow Lesley.

Ronald MARSHALL aged 80 years. He leaves a widow Mary.

Walter Sydney (Wally) HUNT on 18th April aged 90 years. He leaves a son Michael

Harold HOWE on 6th April aged 95 years. He leaves a daughter Christine.

LEST WE FORGET



Her Majesty The Queen unveiled The National Police Memorial on the corner of The Mall and Horse Guards at a ceremony on Tuesday April 26th 2005. A book of remembrance is displayed and the pages are changed regularly to show the anniversaries of the deaths of our colleagues who died in service to the public. Last month, the following entry was displayed.

"On the 24th April 1999, Jeffrey Barry James TOOLEY, a constable of the Sussex Police, was fatally injured when he was run down by a speeding van which he was trying to stop in Shoreham. He was 26 years of age."

A memorial to PC Tooley was erected at the scene by the Police Memorial Trust. (The memorial is approximately 200 yards to the east of the B&Q store, A259 at Shoreham.)



Tommy Cooper

I was reading this book today.
"The history of glue" I couldn't put it down.

WHO DID YOU VOTE FOR?

An MP dies and is waiting outside the gates of heaven when a shadowy figure approaches him and says that he must spend a day in hell and a day in heaven before he chooses where to remain for eternity. The MP gets in the lift down to hell. When the doors open, there are many of his



Parliamentarian friends, gorging and sluicing on lobsters and champagne. He is very pleasantly surprised and enjoys a high old time all day

Then, he goes up in the lift to heaven. He doesn't know anybody there and they just sit around placidly plucking at harps. To be candid, the MP is bored out of his mind. When, at the end of the day, the shadowy figure reappears and asks him where he wants to spend eternity, the MP replies: "I am rather surprised to say I would rather be in hell."

Down he goes in the lift. When the doors open, the scene is horribly changed; anguished figures stagger around in the bitter cold, carrying huge burdens as the rain lashes them. Shocked, the MP asks what has happened to the idyll he enjoyed 24 hours before. To which the shadowy figure replies: "That was yesterday, when we were campaigning. Today, you voted."

AXA NARPO TRAVEL GROUP INSURANCE

If you have been thinking about travel insurance this scheme takes some beating, according to a number of you who found it in Narpo News. As its name implies, it is a group insurance and it runs from 1st May each year. If you buy now, your renewal date will be 1st May 2011. If you buy in December, your renewal date will still be 1st May 2011.

I can now tell you they have extended the upper age limit to 85 but once you join, there is no age limit. That is very rare these days. The price? Singles for £80. Couples for £115 and family cover for £120.

Ring FREE on
0800 3308 575
and they will send you
an application form.



"WELLER RETIRES"

If you were at the AGM you may have taken a copy of "Police Life" from the pile which Ernie obtained from the publisher. Police Life is a national paper for Police Officers, rather along the lines of our old "Patrol" but with adverts. One of the items was headlined, "WELLER RETIRES". I thought that it was very good of them to acknowledge our treasurer's retirement from the committee but, reading on, I realised my mistake. The item referred to Weller, the 17 year old policehorse of the Greater Manchester Police, who was hanging up his horseshoes after a distinguished career. Just in case you read the article and were similarly confused, I have reprinted pictures of both "Wellers" for clarification.

All the best Fred and thank you for your professionalism as our treasurer. And to think, you weren't even a full member of our branch! What could you have achieved if you had been?



WELLER THE HORSE



FRED WELLER

CHRIS SNELL & ESTHER HARDIE

You will have noticed 2 new committee members who stood up to be counted and were voted in at the AGM without opposition! You may want to know a bit more about them. It doesn't take long for us oldies to lose touch with who's who in the police force (sorry! - service).

Esther HARDIE joined Sussex Police aged 19 in 1974. (That makes her er....2010 minus 1974.. no..er .. add) Anyway, she did 30 years serving at Gatwick & Brighton & communications at Brighton as a WPC. She prefers the title and so do we Esther. Then to HQ comms and computers where she did a course in 'web' creation. (We'll have to call you 'Spider'.) She was the manager of SPEED which you all know about. (It's the Sussex Police Easy Entry Database.) Later on she instigated the creation of the Sports & Social web site on the intranet. She studied for a degree and diploma during her service. All that computer background - a newsletter editor in the making if ever I've seen one!

Chris SNELL joined as a cadet (hooray!) in 1972 and the big job in 1974. Served at, are you ready for this? Crawley, Hove, Gatwick, East Grinstead, Shoreham, Littlehampton, Shoreham. (How come I've never met you before?) From East Grinstead on, it looks like Chris was in traffic. Ah, there's your answer. He retired in 2004 but came back in 2005 to work as a technician with the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership. He is married to Hazel, lives in Rustington, has 2 grown up children, is a Chairman of Governors at the local C of E school, runs the catering on school field trips and attends St Margarets Church in Angmering. Chris likes to keep busy. Now the NARPO committee. Just as well!
Welcome to you both.





I wonder if this one has been subject of a recall for a sticky accelerator cable. Probably a sticky something or other with all those cows!

CHARITY APPEAL

Do you know what Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) is? It is currently an incurable complex genetic condition caused by an alteration in a gene. People with TSC have growths in different organs of the body (brain, heart, eyes, skin, kidneys, lungs) and may have epilepsy, learning disabilities, autism spectrum disorder and kidney problems. Our member Alan Trussler has a grandson, Scott, who has the condition.



Alan is doing a Big Bike Ride to raise funds for research into the condition and hopes to raise £500 towards a cure which is being developed. If you would like to give you can do so online at this address.

<http://www.justgiving.com/AlanTrussler-TheBigRide>
Alternatively, if you wish to contact Alan by post or phone, you will find him at

10, Courtlands Close, Worthing, BN12 4BT
Telephone:- 01903 502513

Good luck Alan and best wishes to Scott.



SUSSEX POLICE LOTTERY

The Sussex Police Sports Association runs a monthly lottery. The purpose of the lottery is to raise funds, in particular, for sports and social activities undertaken by members of the Association. This includes serving personnel and retired members. Currently, as of March 2010, the monthly first prize is £1500 followed by a second prize of £500 and then prizes of £100, £50 and £25 dependent on the lottery monies raised that month. Tickets are £1 each per month and £5 pledged will buy six lottery chances and £10 pledged will buy thirteen lottery chances. Each lottery member can hold a maximum of £10 per month in lottery draw numbers.

If you are a retired member of Sussex Police and wish to take part in the lottery you can do so:-

1. Decide how much your monthly payment will be and arrange a standing order through your bank for that monthly amount to be paid to:

Barclays Bank account Sussex Police Sports Association number one account, sort code 20 – 49 – 76 and account number 708 498 39.

2. Then email David Gaylor (contact details below) or send a letter containing the following information:

- Your Name
- Your Address
- Amount pledged

3. I will then forward to you your allocated lottery numbers which do not change. It is not possible to select specific numbers.

4. If you wish to discontinue your membership of the lottery all you need to do is cancel the standing order and let me know either by email or letter.

Regards
David Gaylor

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JOB OPPORTUNITY



For those of you looking for work G4S Policing Solutions is a company you might like to contact.

They urgently require a large number of Overseas Detainee Custody Officers to work from Gatwick Airport on both part time and ad-hoc contracts.

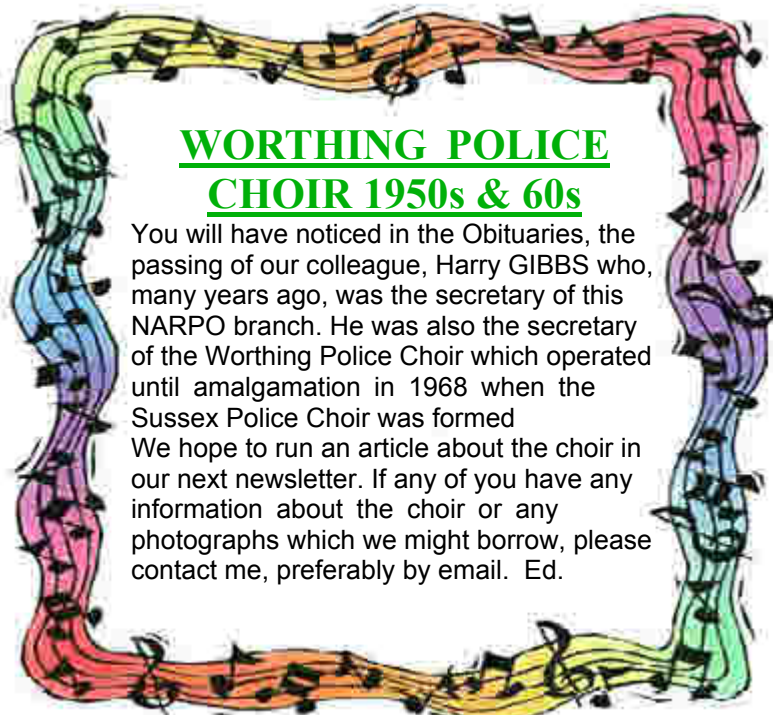
PURPOSE OF THE ROLE:

To undertake the safe and secure transportation of detainees and their dependant children from Immigration Removal Centres and other places of detention to the port of exit and their continued supervision to the location specified by the Authority as required by the Immigration and Nationality Directorate. Salary £9.27 per hour.

Contact:- James Skudder on Telephone: 020 8461 6622
Or on email james.skudder@policingsolutions.co.uk ASAP.

WORTHING POLICE CHOIR 1950s & 60s

You will have noticed in the Obituaries, the passing of our colleague, Harry GIBBS who, many years ago, was the secretary of this NARPO branch. He was also the secretary of the Worthing Police Choir which operated until amalgamation in 1968 when the Sussex Police Choir was formed. We hope to run an article about the choir in our next newsletter. If any of you have any information about the choir or any photographs which we might borrow, please contact me, preferably by email. Ed.



Past times

from the sentinel

1892 Worthing Magistrates rewarded PC Woodland with 15/- (75 pence) for apprehending a deserter from the Royal Artillery who lived in Lyndhurst Road. (A constable's wage at this time was about 4/- or 20 pence a day, so 75 pence was nearly 4 days pay or £400 at today's rate. Blimey. Ed)

1917 A 20 year old domestic servant from Worthing was fined 10/- (50 pence) by Shoreham Magistrates after being found insensible through drink. Superintendent Avis of Shoreham Police said: "We are infested with these young girls since the Canadian troops have been here."

1920 George Sharp of Tarring Road, was fined 5/- (25 pence) by Worthing Magistrates for driving a horse and carriage without a rear red light. Police said the candle had burned out. (Same name but it wasn't my Dad. Ed.)

1959 Seventeen year old bank clerk Marilyn Buckley was crowned Miss Worthing at the Lido. Her father, Det Insp Arthur Buckley, head of Worthing CID, did not want her to enter but relented after she gave him one of her "cheeky" smiles.

1961 Jaguar police cars used by the West Sussex Constabulary were fitted with seat belts. (Which was just as well if you were being driven by Jim "Lead Boot" Braby! Ed.)

1970 Chief Superintendent Kevin Summers was asked at a meeting of Worthing Boys' Club why police didn't give violent skinheads a good clip round the ear. "Policing methods had changed", he replied.

THE SENTINEL

You will have noticed that the historical items published as 'Past Times' are attributed to 'The Sentinel'. I have been asked about these news items by members who have not seen the original publication. For those of you who are unaware, The Sentinel is a free advertising paper published only in the Worthing area by the Brighton Evening Argus Group. It also incorporates Property Weekly. It has just printed its 200th edition and due to its popularity it has grown from a monthly to a weekly paper. It is revered by its many readers and contributors and, in my experience, the layout is unique. Each page contains letters from correspondents or the editor's take about subjects of local interest. (Currently the things causing the biggest response seems to be the price of parking charged by NCP in the town's multi storey car parks and the Councils decision to allow cycling on the promenade.) Then each page has an outer column with historical news items in brief. The editor, Paul Holden, has an enormous treasury of interesting snippets originally published in the Brighton Evening Argus over the last 130 years. I search each copy for Police or Court related items to bring to your attention. I hope you are as interested in them as I am. If you haven't read the paper, I commend it to you and urge that you grab a copy when you see them outside Worthing shops and estate agents, provided that is, that you can afford to park in Worthing!

TRIP TO NORWAY MAY 2010

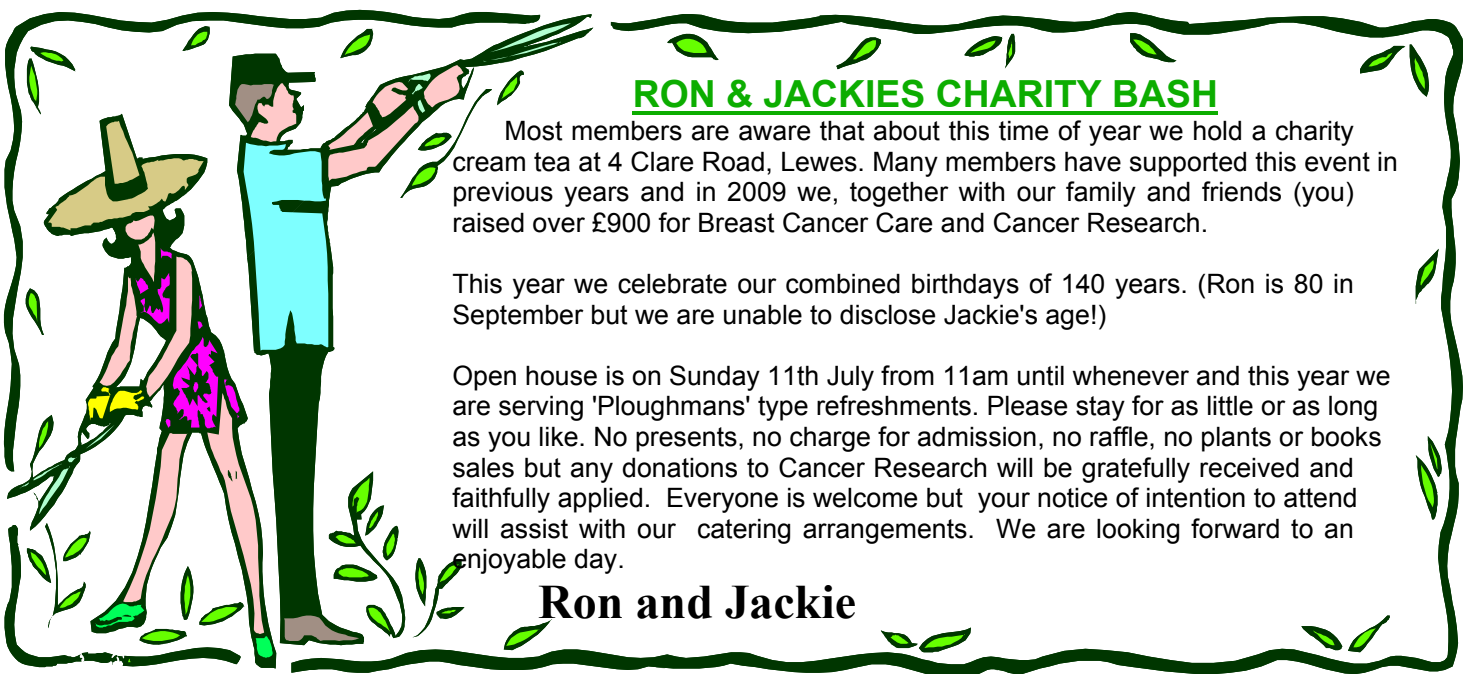


Ernie and I together with Brian & Eslie Thomas and Maurice & Sylvia Bennett, all from our branch, have just returned from a most enjoyable trip to Norway. The trip was organised by Chichester Branch. There were 40 of us altogether mostly NARPO members. The cruise was of 6 nights' duration on the 'Marco Polo' sailing out of Tilbury Docks. When we left it was raining and the wind was blowing a 'hooley', not a good prospect for the North Sea! The crossing was a little choppy but not too bad. Some of our party were a little poorly. When we arrived at Ulvik, the weather was lovely, bright sunshine but very cold. The fjord was spectacular. We then sailed on to Eidfjord, picture shows the 'Marco Polo' at anchor. We then took a stroll around the little town. Very pretty but everything is so expensive. The Norwegians live well and earn a good salary but believe me they need it. £12.00 for two cups of coffee. VAT is set at 25% and the lowest level of income tax is 28%. (A cleaner can earn £17.00 per hour.) We then cruised on to Vik and tendered in to join an excursion for the day 'Norway in a Nutshell', drove into the mountains and visited a Stave Church and saw wild reindeer. The snow is still very deep in the mountains. Their season appears to be about 6 weeks behind ours. We had lunch at Voss and then took the train to Myrdal and then the famous Flam railway. On rejoining the ship we set sail for Bergen, a very pretty town. There is a World Heritage Site where they are rebuilding and restoring the old quarter of the town. The fish market was a site to behold. Every type of fish you could imagine and also whale meat. There were also seal pelts and reindeer hides for sale. The funicular railway took us up to the top of the mountain it was bitterly cold and snowing up there. The views were fantastic. Later that evening the ship started to make its way home, a much smoother crossing coming home. The ship was spotless and the crew attentive. Our cabins were well appointed with plenty of good quality storage space. All in all a very pleasant trip, well organised and the company was superb.

Julie Sweeney



'Well, this explains why the cruise was so cheap!'



RON & JACKIES CHARITY BASH

Most members are aware that about this time of year we hold a charity cream tea at 4 Clare Road, Lewes. Many members have supported this event in previous years and in 2009 we, together with our family and friends (you) raised over £900 for Breast Cancer Care and Cancer Research.

This year we celebrate our combined birthdays of 140 years. (Ron is 80 in September but we are unable to disclose Jackie's age!)

Open house is on Sunday 11th July from 11am until whenever and this year we are serving 'Ploughmans' type refreshments. Please stay for as little or as long as you like. No presents, no charge for admission, no raffle, no plants or books sales but any donations to Cancer Research will be gratefully received and faithfully applied. Everyone is welcome but your notice of intention to attend will assist with our catering arrangements. We are looking forward to an enjoyable day.

Ron and Jackie

SAME OLD SAME OLD!

I know you get fed up with the same old appeals in every newsletter but in this case it is vitally important and effects the running of this branch of NARPO.

At the AGM we gained 2 new committee members but we lost 3 including our Vice Chairman Neal Clarke who stood down for personal reasons. Our Chairman Ernie Sweeney and Secretary Julie Sweeney gave us all fair warning that they would be standing down from their posts at the AGM in 2011. So currently they are in their 'Best Before Date' mode.

We are not asking for a potential Chairman/woman or Secretary to take over next April but we would like a few interested members to join the committee and assist in the general running of branch affairs. It is not something that is going to take over your life (unless you edit the newsletter. Now that is a hard job!). Please help us out in our time of need. Applications to Julie or Ernie.

SOCIAL DIARY DATES

From Pete Lines our Social Secretary. Two dates to remember

Thursday 14th October 2010 Annual Dinner

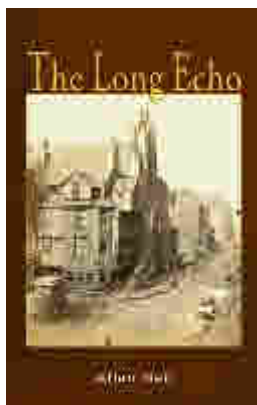
Thursday 16th December 2010 Christmas Buffet Lunch.

PERSONAL DETAILS OF POLICE DUTY

To those of you who responded to the Federation & NARPO request included with your P60 to furnish your Police duty details, a message from Colin Moules.

Just a quick update on progress so far. As of this morning we have received just over 800 replies to the contact form that was sent out. If you are sending out a newsletter would you thank those that have replied and remind others to take five minutes to complete the form and send it in please.

Kind regards,
Colin Moules



THE LONG ECHO

Allan NEIL, one of our members, is just recovering from a two year nightmare of medical maladministration in getting a hip replacement operation. He has clearly been using his time well in writing a novel 'The Long Echo' which has just been published. It is a fictional story based on a meeting he had many years ago with a young girl in Edinburgh. It is about her and a young boy and their tribulations as

they form a relationship despite the vast gulf of their social class and the appalling conditions in which she was growing up. The tale spans their lifetime and their extremely different paths in life with a very poignant ending.

It is available from Amazon and good bookshops published by Arima Publishing at £7.99

THIN BLUE LINE?

The thin blue line is becoming thinner by the day. In fact it has become the thin black line for Police Officers and the blue line for PCSO's. A new uniform issued to Sussex Police Officers now consists of a black, zip necked, shirt and cargo style trousers. CPSO's have a similar uniform but with a blue zip necked shirt. This is so that you can tell them apart. Any comments? PLEASE let me know.

FROM THE PRESS

1000's of Police Officers could be replaced by civilian staff to save money according to a Home Office report. Moves to "change the mix of police officers & civilians" may mean a fall in officer numbers. (You don't say?) A leaked document from the Surrey Chief Constable raised the prospect of 28,000 (!) Police Officers being replaced by civilian staff. (Aren't you glad you joined and then retired when you did?) The report was discussed by the National Policing Improvement Agency (?) a Home Office funded body.