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Chairman Dave's thoughts

Happy New Year everyone and welcome to 2017.

I hope that you had a pleasant holiday period although some of you will have had sadder thoughts and to you I extend my condolences. I also want to thank those over 85 year old members who have contacted "your committee" to express thanks for their Tesco voucher. It is much appreciated.

What does this New Year bring? Hope, expectations, concern, peace, and that's before we have seen what Mr Trump can do for or to the world or the Brexit issue.

Now to a more local issue. You will recall that I have mentioned on more than one occasion that we as a Branch need to consider our future as a single entity or as part of an amalgamated single Sussex Branch. At the October half yearly meeting no-one wanted to amalgamate and in the last Newsletter every one of our 484 members was asked to let us know their thoughts. Well done and thanks to the *THREE* members who replied to the question. I can only assume that overwhelmingly you want to stay as Brighton District. However, for this to happen we do need some new blood on the committee.

I know.... You retire and take on a second career and I did too, but what your Branch needs is an injection of new committee members, not particularly as Office Holders, but just some who are prepared to volunteer to give the Branch as much as **a whole 12 hours a year** spread over an average of 4 committee evenings plus the AGM and half yearly. National rules require 6 committee members for a quorum and without them there is no meeting and then the next stage is NO BRANCH. Our President, Peter Burrows, tells me that when he became Secretary in the 1990's there were 43 committee members and I don't think we need to aim that high!

I am sorry to keep bleating on and times are changing as Bob Dylan sang but if we all want our Branch to continue independently then we do need to see some of our newer/younger members continuing that now very old fashioned virtue of "public or community service". Please give it some thought and feel free to contact me or any of the committee for more information. Without this support you know what the outcome WILL BE vote or no vote.

Finally, on a brighter note, I hope that you will be pleased with the varied and interesting number of outings that our Social Secretary has arranged for the coming year and will support them.

Take care everyone and I hope to see you at the AGM on 21 April at Blind Veterans, Saltdean or in "old speak" St Dunstan's.

New Members

We extend a warm welcome to Simon Morley on transfer from elsewhere in Sussex! Brendan and Melinda Levitt, and from the Met, Timothy and Maureen Reardon. I hope to see you at some of our social events.

Keep it in the 'Family'

The idea of sharing our skills, as suggested in the last newsletter, met with a single response; thanks Frank M. In Burgess Hill there's the following advert:- 'Retired Police Handyman, trusted and reliable handyman services, free quotes 0800 255 0 255 www.trustinblue.com May be worth looking at this site.

NARPO Membership Fee 2017

Your subscription for 2017 will be the bargain basement sum of £20.04p per annum. Worth it for the newsletter alone, I hear you say!

Personal Message from the Editor

I would like to thank those members who sent me Christmas and New Year Good Wishes. Much appreciated.

‡Obituaries‡

It is with regret that I advise you of the deaths of:-

Bernard HAMMOND, at the age of 96. He enlisted into the Surrey and Sussex Yeomanry in 1939 and his war service started with the expeditionary force, and onto Dunkirk, North Africa, Italy, Belgium and Germany. On leaving the army in 1945-46 he joined the Sussex Constabulary, the Territorials and Air Training Corps. Bernard served in Chichester as a patrol car driver working with Sergeant Morris and PC Wally Standard. He was in the force and based in Chichester for 10 years.

Rita CORRY, passed away on the 30th of November 2016. Rita was married to the late Superintendent Roland Corry
Ernie AUCOTT, on the 16th of December. He was 89 years of age. He joined Brighton Borough Police in 1949 and served on uniform patrol for 30 years before retiring in 1979.

John BERRIE, 82 years, on 22nd December. He served for 25 years. He joined the Force in 1961, the same year he married his wife Kath. He served in Littlehampton and Worthing and later became a sergeant. He was involved in the miners' strike and the aftermath of the Grand Hotel.

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Join us on Facebook. People have asked how to get more up to date offers so I have set up a closed Facebook page, go to : Travel with NARPO and request to join first, then once accepted you can see the deals and up to date information. Remember the 'supplier offer prices' are usually improved upon for NARPO members.

This month's offers include Sandals Caribbean; villas, Orient Express and other. See the web-site for full details.

Channel 4's Hunted is returning

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SOCIAL

ADELPHI THEATRE London, 'KINKY BOOTS' a musical, on Wednesday 19th April at 2.30 pm.

The coach will depart from Brighton Marina at 10.00 am with an additional pick up at the Black Lion, Patcham at 10.15 am. There will be a 'comfort stop' at Pease Pottage. I anticipate arrival in Strand, for a set down near the theatre, about 12.30 pm. This will allow you to have free time to arrange to take lunch wherever you wish and then make your way to the Adelphi for the show. The cost for your travel and show will be £37.50. per person.

Parking at the Marina will be arranged for you at the WESTERN end of the multi-storey car park. We will probably arrive back in Brighton about 7 – 7.30 pm.

SOCIAL BOOKING FORM

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Name(s).....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Telephone.....Email address.....

Please reserve for meplaces for 'Kinky Boots' on Wednesday 19th April 2017 for the matinee show.

I will join the coach at the Marina/Black Lion (Please delete as applicable). My car number for free Marina parking is..... I enclose a cheque payable to NARPO Brighton District Branch for £

Please write Kinky Boots on the reverse of your cheque. Thank you – Ray.

Date for the diary... June 7th. French Bros. Windsor Thames Riverboat trip. More to follow, no booking yet!

And finally.....Allegedly..... Quotes from British Military annual personnel reports

1. His men would follow him anywhere, but only out of curiosity. 2. I would not breed from this Officer.

3. This man is depriving a village, somewhere, of its idiot. 4. Since my last report he has reached rock bottom, and has started to dig. 5. Couldn't organise 50% leave in a 2 man submarine.