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Decision of the Information Commissioners Office regarding the use of questionnaires in relation to Injury on Duty Award Reviews.

Northumbria Police Federation (P.F.) was unhappy about the depth of information that the local Police Authority (P.A.) was demanding of officers who are in receipt of an injury on duty pension. In brief, the P.A. was seeking access to the officer's entire medical history. The P.F. took their case to The Information Commissioner (I.C.) for a ruling under the Data Protection Act. The I.C. decided that the P.A. were requiring an excessive amount of information and were in breach of the Data Protection Act. The I.C. went on to give their reasons and details of their advice to the Police Authority for future enquiries. The full decision is too long to reproduce here but a copy may be obtained from the newsletter editor; details above; or by visiting the National or our own NARPO web site.

‡ Obituaries ‡

I regret to inform you of the deaths of:-

Derek Thomas BASHFORD, 90 years, on 25th November. He joined the East Sussex Constabulary in 1953 and served at Hove until 1954, when he moved to Mark Cross. He served both there and Crowborough until 1958, when he was posted to East Dean. He was at East Dean until 1960, when he was promoted to Sergeant and then served at Hove until 1964, Haywards Heath from 1964 to 1965 and then Battle where he served from 1965 until his retirement in 1978. He retired in the rank of Sergeant.

Jean YOUNG, 85 years, the wife of Brian Young, who is a member of Hastings & Rother District NARPO.

Barry George CARDY, 70 years on the 10th of December. Barry was a British Rail apprentice until he joined the RAF Military Police, serving between 1965 – 1970. He then joined Sussex Police, and served at Bognor Regis, Gatwick (including as Crime Prevention Officer), Crawley and Horsham retiring on medical grounds in 1997.

Ralph TWINCH, 81 years, on 6th December. He joined the police service in March 1961 after military service in the Royal Navy which he had joined as a boy sailor. Ralph served at Worthing, Crawley and Chichester before transferring to HQ from where he retired in 1985. He was then re-employed at HQ in Admin services and latterly in the Post Room where again he retired in 2001. Finally, he then took up part time employment with the Police Federation at HQ, continuing to be part of the furniture at HQ. Ralph finally retired for good in February 2016 at the age of 80.

Robert JOHNSON, 92yrs, on the 13th December. Bob was a Brighton Borough officer, at one time the Chief Inspector of Admin in the old Town Hall Police Station. He then moved and helped set up SUSCRO at the new Police Station in John Street. He finished his career at HQ D/Supt in charge of personnel. Bob was a loyal and active supporter of Brighton NARPO and delivered this newsletter around the Hassocks area until very recently.

Brian BRINKHURST, at the age of 89 years at his home in Peacehaven. Brian retired as a Sergeant at the Haywards Heath Traffic base in 1983. I have no other information on Brian's service.

Melvyn Ian BATCHELER, known to all as Mel, on 23rd December. He was 76. Mel worked as the rural beat officer in Broad Oak Brede during the mid-1970's and then moved to C.I.D in the Hastings & Rother area.

I had the pleasure of working with him on Rye sub-division for several years.

Richard (Dick) WILLIAMS, aged 71, on 29th December. Dick joined Sussex Police in 1966 and served at Haywards Heath, Henfield as the village PC, Crowborough as a sergeant and Crawley as a custody sergeant. He retired in 1997. As Dick lived in the Philippines it is intended that a funeral and cremation service will take place there followed by a 'Celebration of Life' event in the UK at a later date.

Over 75 T.V. Licence

Anyone aged 75 or over is eligible for a free T.V. licence. The free licence will cover all the equipment in the home address, including that of resident carers. Anyone over the age of 74 can apply for a short term licence to cover until their 75 birthday. This is NOT awarded automatically; you have to apply for it. A new licence will then be issued, free of charge, every three years. To apply go to www.tvlicensing.co.uk or phone 0300 790 6073.

Passports and European Health Insurance Cards.

If you're planning your oversea holiday, don't forget that both the above have expiry dates! The EHIC is still in use, despite Brexit and needs to be renewed every 5 years. For passports go to your nearest Post Office, take a picnic, and queue for a renewal form. For the EHIC you can go to www.nhs.uk/healthabroad or telephone 0300 330 1350. (Queued for half an hour for stamps in my local P.O. just before Christmas. Oh joy!!!!!!)

Newsletter by e-mail

This month I will post over 100 copies of the newsletter by Royal Mail and a further 34 will be hand delivered to members. If you receive the newsletter in this way, and have an e-mail address, please let me know if you would prefer to have your copy by e-mail in future. If your e-mail provider is 'aol.com' I regret that I am unable to get the newsletter to you. I have tried many times, but have now given up. I think the problem is at my end, but I can't identify it. Any ideas anyone? Thank you, Peter p.dacey@btinternet.com

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BRIGHTON REUNION

(Celebrating 50 years since amalgamation)

Saturday 30th June 2018 from 12.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

at Ovingdean Village Hall, Ovingdean Road, Ovingdean, Brighton BN2 7BB

All members, their Spouses, Partners and widows are invited to attend.

A finger buffet with tea/coffee will be served. A bar will be provided.

Disabled access and toilet plus free parking available.

The cost, a give-away, at just £12.50 per person.

Please complete the application form at the end of this newsletter.

Please spread the word to those who are eligible but not Brighton NARPO members

Your organiser is Alex Durie, 19, Millyard Crescent, Woodingdean, Brighton BN2 6LJ.

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If, like me, you haven't got round to booking, PLEASE do so soon.

And finally.....especially for the ladies

WIFE V. HUSBAND

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word.

An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position.

As they passed a farmyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, 'Relatives of yours?'

'Yep,' the wife replied, 'in-laws'

CREATION

A man said to his wife one day, 'I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time.

'The wife responded, 'Allow me to explain. God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me;

God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!!

THE SILENT TREATMENT

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment.

Suddenly, the man realized that the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 AM for an early morning business flight. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper,

'Please wake me at 5:00 AM. He left it where he knew she would find it.

The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 AM and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed.

The paper said, 'It is 5:00 AM. Wake up.'

Men are not equipped for these kinds of contests.

County Borough of Brighton Reunion

Name.....

Address.....

Post Code..... e-mail..... telephone.....

Accompanied by, (please include first name).....

Send the application form and a cheque for £12.50 p.h., payable to 'Brighton Police Re-union' to

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