



# National Association Of Retired Police Officers



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE BRANCH A.G.M. WILL BE HELD AT 7.00 PM FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018  
AT THE BLIND VETERANS HOME, SALTDEAN.**

ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO TRY AND ATTEND IN ORDER TO VOTE FOR YOUR COMMITTEE AND HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE RUNNING OF NARPO BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY. THERE IS AMPLE PARKING WITH SPACES FOR DISABLED DRIVERS OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND AT THE TOP OF THE APPROACH ROAD.

**GUEST SPEAKER IS INSP PAUL RANSOME (THE ONLY INSP IN BTON?) WHO IS RETIRING THIS YEAR.  
HE WILL TELL US JUST HOW CURRENT POLICING IS GOING. SHOULD BE AN EYE OPENER!!!**

## Claim a power of attorney refund

You can get part of your application fee back if you applied to register a power attorney from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2017. This applies to lasting powers of attorney (LPA) and enduring powers of attorney (EPA).

You can only claim a refund if you made the power of attorney in England or Wales.

You can make a claim if you're: a) the 'donor' - the person who made the power of attorney

b) an 'attorney' - appointed by the donor in an LPA or EPA

The refund must be paid to the donor.

You only need to make one claim per donor, even if you made more than one power of attorney.

How much you get depends on when you paid the fees. You'll also get 0.5% interest.

You can still claim a refund even if you don't know when you paid the fees. The refund varies between £34 and £54 for each P.O.A.. You'll get half the refund if you paid a reduced fee ('remission').

It takes about 10 minutes to claim online. You'll need the donor's UK bank account number and sort code.

*You must claim by phone* if: a) the donor doesn't have a UK bank account b) the donor has died

c) you're a court-appointed deputy

You can also claim by phone if you don't have a computer or can't use one easily.

Visit [www.gov.uk/power-of-attorney-refund](http://www.gov.uk/power-of-attorney-refund) or e-mail [poarefunds@justice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:poarefunds@justice.gsi.gov.uk)

or phone 0300 456 0300 Claims take up to 12 weeks to finalise.

## The East Sussex Constabulary Reunion Saturday 1st September 2018

**Taking place between 12 noon and 4 pm at Barnsgate Manor, Herons Ghyll, Uckfield, TN22 4DB.**

Excellent buffet and payment bar. £18.50 per person. Cheques to Terry Edgeler, 48 College Road, Ardingly RH17 6 TY. Tel. 01444892704 or e-mail [terry.edgeler@googlemail.com](mailto:terry.edgeler@googlemail.com).

Cheques made payable to East Sussex Reunion to be received no later than August 31st 2018

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sussex Police.

Lucy Paffett is looking for retired police and staff members with more than 20 years' experience of working for Sussex Police to contribute by a short article or filmed for a piece to camera to compliment the planned activity taking place throughout the year. Six themes are being used:- Technology; Our culture: Uniform and equipment; Police dogs; Diversity and Vehicles/fleet. For further details and to contribute contact Lucy by e-mail on [commsrequests@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:commsrequests@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

## REFLEXOLOGY OFFER (BY A MEMBERS WIFE)

Colin Knight's wife Stella is a fully trained, qualified and insured recognised Member of the Association of Reflexologists, living and practicing in Catsfield, Battle. Reflexology is a drug free, gentle, non-invasive therapy that encourages the body to balance and deeply relax. It can improve mood and sleep, reduce anxiety and tension and increase well-being. To find out how reflexology could help you please do contact her on 01424 892446 and have a look at her website: [stellamacraereflexology.com](http://stellamacraereflexology.com) Your first treatment will be a special price of £20; subsequent treatments are a discounted £30 for an hour's session.

## IMPORTANT PENSION NEWS WIDOWS PENSION ENTITLEMENT

Were you a serving officer in 1972 or 1990? If so you will have been given the opportunity to uprate your widow[er] pension. We (NARPO H.Q.) have recently been made aware of an issue in relation to the inadequate retention of important pension records around the election made by Officers in 1972, when an option was given to uprate their widows pension entitlement from a third to a half.

This record keeping issue could also affect those female officers serving in 1990, when an opportunity was given for them to 'buy back' previous service so that it attracted a half rate widower's pension. This should be recorded on their pension records. If you suspect that you are not receiving your full pension entitlement you are advised to contact your pension administrator to make sure they still have a record of your election

Much fuller details on this issue can be found on the NARPO web site [hq@narpo.org](mailto:hq@narpo.org)

### New Members

We welcome Nigel Andrews (Met); Mark and Marion Gorringe, Laurence and Julie Hobbs and Neil Pye.

### ‡ Obituaries ‡

I regret to inform you of the passing of

**Phillip HALL**, on 28<sup>th</sup> December. Phillip served in Hove, Burwash and Camber, and then Haywards Heath in 1962. He then moved on to Lewes around 1963/64 where he remained as a PC for the rest of his career. His last 13 years before retirement, in 1984 were spent as Schools Liaison Officer for the Lewes area and several generations of children in the area will remember PC Hall visiting their schools to talk about road safety and 'don't go with strangers'. He also ran the local cycle proficiency scheme and assisted with the Duke of Edinburgh award challenges. After leaving Sussex Police, he worked for twelve years as custodian of the Old Clergy House, the National Trust property in Alfriston.

**David ASTILL** on Saturday 6th January, at the age of 76. David joined East Sussex in 1967 after returning from a short spell in Toronto Police and was at training school at Nuffield when the five Sussex forces amalgamated. He served at Crawley and then became village PC at Hartfield for a few years. He was then on C.I.D at Crowborough and East Grinstead and after promotion in 1983 served at East Grinstead and Crowborough again. Dave retired on 30.4.95.

**John BURNIE**, on Wednesday the 3rd of January after a long illness. John was a Divisional Trainer and a Trainer in the Communications Department at HQ. He was also involved with the Sussex Police Choir, organising many events for them. On his retirement John moved to South Africa and returned to the UK some months ago.

**Ron BETTERIDGE**, on 2<sup>nd</sup> January at the age of 82. Ron joined Brighton Borough in 1958 and retired in 1987. He served on A Division in uniform and also spent time in the C.I.D. I believe that his last years were in the Brighton Control Room. Ron had a very distinctive voice, a great sense of humour and attracted many words of praise on the Sussex Police Friends site following the announcement of his passing.

**Ivy Irene KENNET**, the widow of Henry George Kennett, formerly a traffic Sergeant based at Chichester for many years. George died in 2009.

**Phil OWERS** on the 29th of January. Phil was 70 years old and retired from Sussex Police in October 2000 and I understand he came back in a Police Support Staff role but those are all the details I have at present.

**Raymond John MURPHY** 84yrs on 28<sup>th</sup> January. Raymond transferred from the Edinburgh Police to Sussex in 1968, where he served in Arundel and Horsham on uniform duties, he then joined the firearms department as an instructor at Brighton and then Lewes HQ. He retired in 1986

**Brenda HUNT**, 89 years, the widow of Ben Hunt, a Traffic Inspector at Hastings before his retirement.

### WANTED (A Job / Hobby Opportunity)

Retired Police Officers for occasional part time work, of an interesting nature, carrying out historical research in your local area. (Tracing family trees etc) For further details please text or email John Tompkins (NARPO member) on 07506 998599 or [johntompkins549@gmail.com](mailto:johntompkins549@gmail.com) Please use the title "Researcher" and your name and contact details in order to be sent further information

### OFFERS / SURVEYS / AUTHOR WANTING INTERVIEWEES

All details can be found on the Branch and National NARPO web sites. Too many to include here.



And finally.....

"My parade will be bigger than your parade!"