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"NARPO CENTENARY DINNER 13th June 2019" at the TOWER of LONDON.

The following has been received from Mr Steve Edwards (NARPO Chief Executive):

“HRH The Princess Royal has very kindly agreed to be our Patron in our Centenary year of 2019.

The Patronage will be for 2019 only and I would add that NARPO is extremely proud and delighted to have secured Royal Patronage as NARPO celebrates its Centenary. Planning is well underway for our Centenary events which include a Centenary Dinner at The Tower of London on Thursday 13th June 2019.”

This branch has been allocated 4 tickets only. The function has been circulated on the Brighton District website, where you can find the full details of the event, the cost per person is £25. Should this attract more than the 4 applications, we will have to decide the attendee's by way of a ballot/draw. If you are interested please reply to Graham Cosham via e mail as soon as possible and in any event no later than the 21st April as the closing date for applications is the 1st May.

Police Dependants Trust (letter from Mark White)

I have recently become a Volunteer Ambassador for the Police Dependants Trust (PDT) which is a national charity that cares for those injured or killed on duty and their loved ones. One of things that the charity is trying to do is to ensure that anyone who may be entitled to apply for a grant from the charity is registered with them. To apply to the PDT for assistance, they must be registered and this is a simple online process which can be done at <https://www.pdtrust.org/> I am trying to encourage anyone who may qualify for assistance to register now as if the need arose later, the fact that they are already known to the charity would expedite the process. There may be officers who could avail themselves of the PDT's assistance who are not shown on our records because they were injured prior to our records existing. If anyone has any queries about this I would be happy to speak with them.

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Police Dependants Trust Needs Your Help

The Police Dependants' Trust was formed by the public over fifty years ago with a clear mission: to provide a lifeline to officers injured on duty and to take care of loved ones left behind when killed on duty. 71% of those who have left the police service because of an injury on duty said they were still receiving ongoing support. The Police Dependants' Trust exists to aid those seriously injured due to the hazards of police work and we need volunteers to help us raise awareness of how we can help and provide a local, personalised service to those in need. We currently have two Ambassadors in Sussex but we need more. You would be our local representatives; raising awareness about the Trust by conducting presentations, holding stands and helping us reach more officers affected by injury.

We also need to recruit for a new role. Support volunteers will make contact and visit those registered with us, helping them apply for grants, being a listening ear and signposting to other organisations. Full training and support will be provided and once inducted volunteering times will be flexible ranging from 2 – 8 hours a month. If you are interested please contact us at Volunteer@PDTrust.org or check out our website: <https://www.pdtrust.org/support-us/volunteer/ambassador/> Closing date for applications is 30th April 2018

"Sussex Police reunion on Saturday 23rd June 2018 at the Sportsman's Bar, Withdean Stadium.12 Midday start. Open to all officers, retired or serving from any Force, including support staff, partners and families."

New Members

We welcome Robin Aspin and Mrs Barbara Johnson to our Branch.

Offers, surveys and other goodies are yours to view on our Branch and National web site.

These include cars; old and new; Hotpoint white furniture etc.

‡ Obituaries ‡

I regret to inform you of the passing of

Raymond John MURPHY 84yrs on the 28th January 2018. Ray 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

Kenneth Christopher (Chris) SPARKES, 71 yrs, who died on the 6 February. Chris will be known to many from his time on Hastings Traffic and subsequently as a Sergeant on the Force Motor Cycle Team. He then served in the East Area Control room until his retirement.

Peter HARDING on the 28th December 2017. Peter was a member of Brighton & District NARPO and served in the West Midlands Police.

Mrs Beryl PERRETT. Beryl's husband, Mike was a member of Devon & Cornwall Police and joined Brighton NARPO when they moved to Brighton after his retirement about 10 years ago. Beryl attended many NARPO trips with members of Brighton & District until her health failed

Michael HOGAN aged 77 who passed away on Tuesday 6th March 2018. Michael joined Eastbourne Borough in 1961 and then moved to West Sussex in 1967 working at Worthing; he was promoted to Sergeant at Shoreham and then worked at Steyning before finishing his career at Storrington and retiring in 1995.

Eric JACKSON, a member of North Sussex NARPO. He joined Sussex Police in 1970 transferring to the Cumbria Constabulary in 1972, where he joined the traffic team. In 1976 Eric returned to Sussex stationed first at Gatwick then Horsham Traffic until retiring in 1983.

Receiving this newsletter by E mail

My thanks to those who have now switched to receiving the newsletter by e-mail rather than through the post. If you've not switched it couldn't be easier, just contact Peter Dacey. (Address at top of this newsletter)

Re a.o.l Despite contacting a.o.l I have been unable to resolve the problem with sending this newsletter to a.o.l. customers by e-mail. I tried to use a new server last month and asked for a.o.l recipients to tell me if they got it. Just one replied! I will try again this month, and if you are using a.o.l and receive this newsletter, PLEASE tell me. If I hear nothing I will continue to send to you by post.

NARPO Circular

NARPO Circular 13/18 outlines a change to the Police Injury [Benefit] Regulations 2006 which changes the circumstances in which Employment and Support Allowance is deducted from an Injury Pension, which rectifies what in our view was an unfairness created by the previous amendment.

Please note this change comes into effect on 30th March 2018 but is retrospective to take effect from 10th February 2017. *This is too long to reproduce here, but contact the Branch Sec or Peter Dacey for a copy.*

And finally... ..

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Tea is more dangerous than beer. Please avoid drinking tea. I discovered this last night; I had 14 beers, stayed out till 3am at the pub while my wife was just drinking tea at home. You should have seen how violent and angry she was when I got home. I was peaceful, silent and headed to bed as she shouted at me all night and even into the next morning.

Please ladies, if you can't handle your tea, don't drink it

A visit to Savill Gardens on Thursday 7th June 2018.

The Gardens are part of Windsor Great Park. You will be able to explore the gardens at your leisure before having lunch in the Savill Gardens Restaurant. After lunch there will be a short coach ride to the Runnymede Boat House; there we will board a boat for a 2 hrs cruise on the Thames, during which a cream tea will be served before our journey home. The all-inclusive cost is £42.00.

Itinerary for the day

08.00 a.m. the coach will depart from Brighton Marina. At 08.25 a.m. the coach will pick up at Withdean Park & Ride. There will be a comfort stop at Pease Pottage. We arrive at Savill Gardens at 10.00 a.m. You visit the Gardens at your own pace. 12.30 p.m. Lunch at the Savill Garden Restaurant. 14.15 p.m. depart from the restaurant for the Runnymede Boat House. At 14.45 p.m. a 2 hrs boat trip begins on the river Thames that includes afternoon tea. 17.00 p.m. depart Runnymede. Anticipated arrival time in Brighton 19.30 p.m.

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Names and addresses of all passengers Inc. Post Code.....

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Tel No.....Mobile.....e-mail.....

I will join the coach at Brighton Marina/Withdean. (Delete as appropriate) Car Number if using the Marina car park (West end please)..... Please reserve me.....places for the Savill Gardens trip.

I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to 'NARPO' Brighton and District Branch. Please write 'gardens' on the reverse.