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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.00 p.m. Friday 22nd April 2016, at the Blind Veterans' Home, Ovingdean.

Please try to attend this meeting and show your support for the Committee and offer your ideas and observations on the working of the Branch. Elections will be held for the Committee for 2016-17. The agenda is:-

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| 1) Welcome by Chairman | 9) Conference. |
| 2) Apologies | 10) Election of Officers and committee |
| 3) Obituaries | 11) Welcome to new members. |
| 4) Read the minutes of last meeting | 12) Out of Pocket Expenses. |
| 5) Matters arising | 13) Any other business |
| 6) Treasurers report. | 14) Light refreshments |
| 7) Social activities | |
| 8) Website update. | |

To meet new security arrangements at the Home, please bring your NARPO membership card or other identification and see Peter Burrows who will be at the entrance.

Assistant Treasurer

Following consultations, it has been decided that it would be advantageous to have an assistant Treasurer in our Branch. If you would like to be considered for this position, or to have more information, please contact our Chairman, Dave Medhurst, whose details are listed above.

‡ Obituaries ‡

I regret to inform you of the deaths of:-

Kathleen Barnes aged 91 years, on Wednesday the 2nd March. Kathleen was the widow of Ronald Barnes, a member of North Branch, who passed away some years ago.

Bert Simmons, 84years. Bert joined Brighton Borough Police in 1954, and spent many years in C.I.D. He retired as an Inspector in Sussex Police in 1979. He then worked for a period of time within security at Selfridges and also as a civilian member of staff with Essex Police.

Peter Gibson, we have no other confirmed details about Peter. I do remember that he was a member of the Brighton Police Dog section for many years and that on retirement he worked for Hove Town Council.

George Kennard passed away earlier this month. He was 88 years of age. George joined Eastbourne Borough Police in June 1948 and was promoted to Sergeant in 1968. He retired in May 1977.

Keith David Joyce, on 26th March, he was 76. He joined Surrey Police in 1962, before transferring to Sussex Police in 1971. He served at Shoreham, Lancing, Steyning, and Rye, before taking over as the local 'bobby' at Camber. He retired in 1992, having served a total of 30 years. (I had the pleasure of working with Keith for many years at Rye.)

Lyndon Filer MBE, after a period of illness. He was CEO of Flint House and The Police Rehabilitation Centre in Goring, from 1988 until he retired in 2011. He oversaw and led the many changes and people involved in his 24 years as the Chief Executive. Lyndon masterminded the three extensions to Flint House, the building of Flint Fold and the last 25 bed extension programme completed in 2012. Under his leadership the Centre became a "centre of excellence" for the treatment and care of sick and injured police officers.

Telephone Ring Round System

This is your last chance to join the revamped system for notifications of deaths of former colleagues. Please write to our Chairman, with your full details, if you wish to continue to be notified in this manner. Dave's details are at the top of this page. Those on e mail need do nothing.

Retired police officers working, voluntarily, in police stations.

NARPO HQ recently undertook a survey of retired officers' attitudes towards the above subject. Unfortunately they gave insufficient time for this to be brought to your notice! However the initial report is now available for your perusal on our Branch web page. (No prizes, I suspect, for the replies).

NARPO NEWS READER SURVEY

The message reads, "In an effort to better understand the requirements of our readers and improve our advertising within the magazine, please encourage your members to complete the very short survey therein. The results will hopefully give us and our media partner some indication of how we can provide relevant products and services for our members."
www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NNEWSurvey

Employment Opportunity

Police Skills is currently recruiting for experienced HOLMES 2 trained Reader/Receivers to work within the MIR of a high-profile inquiry based in the South West of England. This is a long-term, temporary contract paying up to £24.69 p/h LTD and £18.82 p/h PAYE. For more details please send your CV to emma.palmer@redsnappergroup.co.uk or call on 0203 119 3343 if you would like to discuss this opportunity.

Message from NARPO HQ

Please see the precis of the Chancellors budget announcements made last week provided as part of our Later Life Ambitions agenda. This is on our Branch Web Site. It is far too long to reproduce here. If you do not have access to the Web, Peter Dacey will copy and post you a copy if requested. Contact him on 01273 471292.

The Summer Reunion Saturday 11th June from 1pm to 5pm. at the Sportsman's Bar next to Withdean Stadium.

Open to all retired and serving officers, support staff and families. The Sportsman is a carvery and does excellent food and beverages. Any questions to me, Paul Smith at smithpo992@gmail.com"

NARPO Lunch Wednesday 18th May 12 noon for 12.30 p.m. Seattle Hotel, Brighton Marina.

Bookings for this lunch are rather disappointing at present and we are short of the numbers required to avoid the dreaded 'Hire of Room' charge. The full menu will be sent as an attachment to this Newsletter for e-mail recipients and for non-internet users, will be posted or read to you, upon request, if you contact Peter Dacey. 01273 471292.

Please do try to support this and the other events which are organised by our hard working Social Secretary. If we can't meet the 50 guest minimum then the Committee will have to consider whether we continue with this sort of event. Its end would be a sad reflection on a Branch with over 450 members but less than 50 are prepared to support a social lunch.

Police Roll of Honour Trust

The Trust works to identify police officers who have died in service and either erect or arrange memorial services as appropriate. They are asking for donations to help fund their work. Although they have no employees, all work being undertaken by volunteers, expenses still accrue. If you would like to make a donation or obtain further information:-
E-Mail: policememorial.org.uk Post: Police Roll of Honour Trust, PO Box 999, Preston, PR4 5WW
Telephone: 0141 300 4100. You can search **policememorial** on the web for more details.

DON'T FORGET THAT DEREK SMITH WILL APPRECIATE ANY FEEDBACK ON THE BRANCH WEB SITE AND TRY TO HELP IF YOU'RE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH ACCESS. writewheel@btinternet.com

And finally..... (Slightly adapted from the American version)

Charley, a new retiree-greeter at ASDA, just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp-minded and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating the company "Older Person Friendly" policies.

One day the boss called him into the office for a talk.

"Charley, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang-up job when you finally get here; but you being late so often is quite bothersome."

"Yes, I know boss and I am sorry and am working on it."

"Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear."

"Yes sir, I understand your concern and I will try harder."

Seeming puzzled, the manager went on to comment,

"I know you're retired from the police. What did they say to you there if you showed up late in the morning so often?"
The old man looked down at the floor, then he smiled. He chuckled quietly, and said with a grin,

"They usually saluted and said, "Good morning, Chief Constable, can I get your coffee, sir?"