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Notes on the A.G.M.

Our Chairman and Secretary gave notice that they will NOT be standing for re-election next year. The chairman has been in post for 7 years and feels that a new and younger face is required. He went on to say that about 12 hours a year were required from Committee members, with Officers giving somewhat more. He begged for younger members to come forward to keep the Branch running as an independent entity, something which members had voted in favour of in 2016! (*'Younger' in NARPO is governed by a retirement age around 50!!*)

The Chairman welcomed Ahmed Ramiz a member of the Executive Committee to the meeting.

The Secretary stated that he had established a good working relationship with the Sussex Police Charitable Trust and had been able to assist members with welfare and respite issues. Later members voted in favour of donating £500 to the Trust, marginally over £1 per member.

The Treasurer presented his report which showed a healthy situation and his report was accepted by members. Members agreed to donate £100 to the fund set up to assist the family of Pc Palmer who was murdered outside Parliament in the recent attack. Members can obviously make personal donations via the Met Police Federation.

The Social Secretary also reported on the past year. Whilst several events had been arranged, the level of support from members was disappointing and only the attendance of guests had prevented some running at a loss. He then outlined future plans. (More under 'Social' over the next few months)

The Committee:- Paul Smith resigned; all other current members plus George Divall, (returning); John Coleman, and Mike Fitzgerald were elected.

The Chairman then asked Mr Ramiz to present Life Membership Certificates "In recognition of many years Loyal and Valuable Service" to the Branch, to Pam and Alex Durie and Maureen and Peter Dacey. Both were accompanied by kind words of praise from the Chairman. Alex and Peter thanked members for the unexpected honour given to them and their wives.

The Chairman congratulated Eve and John Coleman, who were present, on celebrating 59 years of marriage earlier in the week. Applause and a variety of comments followed!!

Mr Ramiz then addressed the meeting briefly on the NEC and the Sussex Police Charitable Trust of which he is a Trustee. He encouraged members to take an interest in the action re Widows Pensions for Life. NARPO had lobbied MPs at Parliament on this issue. Sadly not one Sussex MP attended to speak to our representatives. The moves to bring pensions for life into law are now suspended due to the General Election. More on this subject and many others can be found on the NARPO web site.

Frank Morgan

Some of you have commented on the photo of Frank which appeared in last month's newsletter. I can only say that it looked better when I sent it for printing. As we get the newsletter printed on a 'special arrangement', I couldn't go back. However, I have asked Frank to let me have a few words re this military and Police experiences and when I have them I will try to get the photo more in focus. Over 90 years old, he made the A.G.M. under his own steam.

Brighton Reunion 2017

The next gathering will be at The Withdean Sportsman on Saturday 17th June from 12.00 md onwards.

Later Life Ambitions - policy positions

A copy of the updated Policy Position document for NARPO LLA Campaign which will be used in the forthcoming election process is available on the NARPO website at: <http://www.narpo.org/index.php/notices.html> or from the newsletter Editor upon request.

National Pensioners Convention Election Manifesto

This document can be found on our Branch web site and is available from the newsletter Editor upon request

⚭ Obituaries ⚭

I regret to inform you of the passing of

Dinke (Dinks) WILLIAMS on 24th March. Wife of Michael, a former Sussex Officer. I have no other information.

James Henry CROSS, aged 89 years. James joined West Sussex Constabulary on 15th March 1948. He was stationed at Chichester. In 1952 he transferred to Crawley and again in 1959 he moved to Petworth. James was promoted to Sergeant in 1967 and remained at Petworth until his retirement on 31st December 1977.

Donald KEY (aged 92) and his wife **June** who both passed away on the 12th April. June died in the early hours and Donald passed away later the same day. Donald was a native of Staffordshire and served in the Royal Navy submarine branch before joining West Sussex Constabulary in November 1950 and then subsequently Sussex Police. He served at Horsham, Steyning, Shoreham and Worthing. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1967 and retired in 1982.

George (Roy) MILLAR on the 19 April. Roy was born in 1946 and was a retired Sussex Police Officer. His last posting was at Hastings. Prior to joining the Police, Roy was a professional footballer in the Scottish Premier League.

John Frederick WHITE aged 83 on 25th April. Prior to joining West Sussex Constabulary in 1959 John served in the Merchant Navy. He served at Worthing, Petworth, Lancing and Brighton before retiring in 1985.

NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL DAY - SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER ST DAVIDS HALL CARDIFF

The registration process is open for those wishing to attend this years' service in Cardiff. Full details can be found at: <http://www.nationalpolicememorialday.org/register.htm>

'Summon the Heroes' 14th and 15th June on Horse Guards Parade at 8.00 pm

Described as "A Patriotic celebration of British Army endeavour" and "The Household Division Beating Retreat, a traditional musical extravaganza, showcasing the very best of British military music, ceremonial and pageantry in the heart of London." Tickets from £15.00 Tel 08448440444 more info. at householddivision.org.uk

Employment Support Allowance

Please see the latest update on this issue on our website. Some members may now be having this deducted from their pension. Visit <http://www.narpo.org.uk/index.php/pensions/injury-pensions.html> if you think you are affected.

Injury Pension Reviews and Funding

Please see the latest update and advice at <http://www.narpo.org.uk/index.php/pensions/injury-pensions.html>

Offers from Fred Olsen; Toyota; Motorsource; Motor Infinity; Voice Mobile and Latest Hotpoint

These can be found on the NARPO and Branch web sites or from the Editor if you can't access them online.

Viewber

Extract from an e-mail "I work for the company below which outsources viewings for estate agents/auction houses etc. We have an urgent need for Viewbers in your area. All information relating to Viewber can be found at www.viewber.co.uk. We have had good success with NARPO members and have found them to make excellent and reliable Viewbers always receiving 5 star ratings from the estate agent they represent. We pay £20 per 15 minute viewing & mileage, more for open house viewings up to £135 for a full day. Any interested people should ideally just register on the website, or contact registrations@viewber.co.uk for more information

SOCIAL

THAMES FOUR HOUR RIVER CRUISE AND ON BOARD BBQ RUNNYMEDE TO MAIDENHEAD 7TH JUNE 2017.

There were a few places left for this trip at £39 per head at the AGM. Contact Ray on ray.castle1@yahoo.co.uk or 01273 551349 to confirm current availability and how to pay etc.

In **September** we hope to visit the **Watercress Line in Hampshire** for a steam train ride, followed by a pub lunch and then a visit to the **Bombay Gin Distillery**. (Bring your own tonic!) £40.00 p.h. More soon.

We are looking to hold the Christmas Lunch at the Royal Albion Hotel, in, 'surprise, surprise' December!! More later.

And finally....

A married couple in their early 60s are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary in a quiet, romantic restaurant. Suddenly, a tiny yet beautiful fairy appeared on their table. She said, 'For being such an exemplary married couple and for being loving to each other for all this time, I will grant you each a wish.' The wife answered, 'Oh, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband.' The fairy waved her magic wand and - poof! - two tickets for the Queen Mary II appeared in her hands. The husband thought for a moment: 'Well, this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never come again. I'm sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me. The wife and the fairy were deeply disappointed, but a wish is a wish! So the fairy waved her magic wand and poof!... The husband became 92 years old.

The moral of this story: Men who are ungrateful so and so's should remember..... *fairies are female.*