



# National Association Of Retired Police Officers



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## Brighton and District Branch Newsletter May 2018

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY

49 members attended on a pretty miserable night. Our Chairman opened the meeting and paid tribute to our late treasurer Bruce Clowser. Members then stood in remembrance of all Branch members who have passed away in the last year. The Chairman then thanked our retiring Secretary Graham Cosham for all his commitment and work for the Branch. In his turn the Secretary thanked all the Committee for their support during his term of office and offered to remain on the Committee. (See later) The Chairman gave an outline of the Branch finances as of 1<sup>st</sup> January, which had been prepared by himself and Bruce. There was £9,000.12p in the coffers on that date. The Social Secretary gave a report on the past year's activities and then outlined those in the pipeline. *There are vacancies for the trip to Savill Gardens and a trip on the Thames on 7<sup>th</sup> June.*

Dates for the diary are:- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September Blenheim Palace. (Birth place of Winston Churchill)

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, Matinee performance of 'The Classical Spectacular'. (Always a great show.)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Christmas lunch at The Royal Albion hotel, Brighton.

Derek Smith gave an update on the Branch web site. Some changes have been which it is hoped will make access easier. To obtain the code to enter the site you must contact Derek by e-mail; identify yourself sufficiently for him to be sure you are a NARPO member and he will send you what's needed. If you encounter problems logging in, again contact him by e-mail and he will try to assist you. Derek is ensuring that all matters relating to the web site meet the new laws regarding Data Protection.

His E-mail is webmaster@bdnarpo.co.uk

The meeting agreed to make a donation of £1 per member head (rounded to £500) to the Sussex Police Charitable Trust. Members may approach the Trust for assistance either by advice or financial aid if they are experiencing welfare or financial problems. For further details contact one of the Branch Welfare Officers. (Their contact details are below)

Your New Committee for 2018/19

President. Peter Burrows.

Chairman Dave Medhurst (Dave is staying on for a further year as we have a new Secretary and Treasurer!)

Secretary - Dave Short. Treasurer - Ivor Fabb Social Secretary - Ray Castle

Welfare Officers Graham Cosham – 01323 484024 e-mail grahamjohnncosham@btinternet.com and  
Eve Castle 01273 551349 e-mail ray.castle1@yahoo.co.uk

Members:- Peter Burrows, Colin Crookes, Derek Smith, George Divall, Mike Fitzgerald; John Coleman, Alex Durie and Peter Dacey.

The meeting closed with an address by Inspector Paul Ransome from Brighton Division. He outlined the many changes which have taken place and the problems which today's Police Officers face on a regular basis. No one present seemed keen to swap their career for one today! The demands made upon fewer officers than we had in the 1960's were quite an eye opener.

### New Members

We welcome Dudley and Veronica Button, Tony Attridge, and Barry and Virginia Cornes.

## ‡ Obituaries ‡

I regret to inform you of the passing of

**Dorothy Ella PORTER**, widow of the late Thomas Edward Porter, on 8 March 2018.

Dorothy was 105 years young, and the oldest member of Chichester NARPO.

**John HARDING**, 78 years, on Friday 30 March 2018. John retired as a traffic Sgt and last served at Haywards Heath T4B. He was married to June (Sandy) Harding.

**Paul KEENOR** 86 years, on 31st March. He joined East Sussex Constabulary on the 4th of January 1954, and served on uniform patrol duties at Bexhill and then became a member of Headquarters Dog Section until 1965. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant at Bexhill in 1966. In 1966 he completed the Detective Training Course at Wakefield and then did an Instructors Course at Harrogate in 1978. From 1979 to 1984 he was an Instructor at the Police Training College at Ashford on secondment to Central Training a role which he held up until his retirement from the Force on the 21st of July 1984.

**Bruce CLOUSER**, 74 years, on Sunday the 1st of April 2018. Bruce joined Brighton Borough Police on the 3rd July 1967. He served in uniform patrol until 1972 when he joined the CID, returning to uniform patrol duties on his promotion to Sergeant in 1986. Bruce returned to the CID as a Detective Sergeant in 1988, serving in Mid Sussex, where he remained until his retirement in 1998.

Bruce was the Treasurer of Brighton & District Branch of NARPO.

**John Fergus SPILLER**, 68 years, on the 10th April 2018. John was better known to his colleagues as Fergie and he served on uniform patrol in Brighton Division including a period as the Community Beat Officer in Rottingdean and Hove Division

### LOCAL ELECTION SURVEY - LATER LIFE AMBITIONS

The CEO of NARPO requests that you consider completing this survey, especially if you will have the chance to vote in the up-coming local elections. All details are on the web site.

#### The National and Branch Web Sites

As ever there all types of offers, surveys etc for your delight and edification on the two web sites.

### Brighton Borough Reunion

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 from 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm**

**At Ovingdean Village Hall, Ovingdean Road, Ovingdean. BN2 7BB.**

Former members of the force, their Spouses, Partners and widow(er)s are invited. Finger buffet with tea/coffee and a bar will be available. Disabled access and car parking. All for just £12.50p. Send your details with cheque for the full sum, marked 'Brighton Police Reunion' to Alex Durie, 19, Millyard Crescent, Brighton. BN2 6LJ. 01273 305356 or e-mail alexm.durie@ntlworld.com

If you haven't booked it's not too late, but please do so soon to make it easier for Alex Durie to finalise the arrangements.

### And finally.....

Due to a water shortage in Ireland, Dublin swimming baths have announced they are closing lanes 7 and 8. When I was a kid people used to cover me in chocolate and cream and put a cherry on my head. Yeah, life was tough in the gateau.

They say that sex is the best form of exercise. Now correct me if I'm wrong but I don't think 2 minutes and 15 seconds every 6 months is going to shift this beer belly. (Am I in trouble with this one?)

### 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. All-inclusive cost is £42.00. Leave the Marina at 8.00 am; Withdean Park and Ride at 8.25 am. Return about 7.30 pm To Mr R Castle, 6, Harrington Place, Brighton. BN1 7HL.

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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.