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There is little news this month, but sadly the death notices of former colleagues and their partners have not diminished.

‡ Obituaries ‡

I regret to inform you of the deaths of former colleagues and friends:-

Barry **MASSEY**, who passed away on 29 April 2016. He was 74. Barry served in Haywards Heath, Hove, HQ Communications and Eastbourne Custody. He retired in 1996 having completed 33 years of service.

Ruby **RANDLE**, wife of Tony Randle (who retired in 1987), Ruby died peacefully at home on 29 April this year.

John **BATLEY** on the 11th of May this year. John had been unwell for some time and died from a heart attack. He was a former Sergeant in charge of the Mounted Section. He leaves a wife and two grown up children.

John **MILES**, on 12th May at his home. He was 85 years of age. He joined Hastings Borough Police. John was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and served his last few years as the Crime Prevention Sergeant at Hastings. He was also for many years the welfare representative at Hasting for both serving and retired officers. A job he took very seriously and did very well. He retired in 1981. He worked as a Bailiff at the Law Courts in Hastings and then subsequently managed a security business in Ore Village, Hastings for a former colleague. He and Jean set up their own security business in Bohemia Road, Hastings, which they ran for some 13 years.

Andy **COLEMAN**, age 58 years, passed away on the 8th May 2016. Andy joined Sussex Police as a cadet. He served in Brighton, Gatwick, Hove, Sussex Police Drug Squad and SOCU. He retired in 2006. Most of his service was in 'plain clothes'.

John **STONER** who passed away on Tuesday 10 May. John was 83 years old and he and his wife Beryl had been married for 61 years. He joined West Sussex Constabulary in 1955 the same year as they married, and after completing National Service with the RAF where he served in Rhodesia. He completed 25 years of service in the police starting in Horsham. He became a CID officer serving at Worthing and Lancing where he completed his service in Commercial Branch. He carried out all his service in West Sussex retiring as a Detective Sergeant in 1979.

Douglas (Dougie) Leslie **CATT**, who collapsed and died in his garden on 23rd May. He was 74. Doug and Pam had been married for 53 years. Doug will be well known to many of you from his time as a Detective Sergeant based at Rye. Doug joined Hastings & Rother District NARPO on May 4th 2016.

I worked with Doug at Rye for some 7 years and he was always cheerful and committed to his work. He was also a keen snooker player with whom I played in the Rye and District league. He will be greatly missed by the community in Rye.

Leslie (Sandy) **LAKER**, aged 91 years. Sandy passed away peacefully, having been receiving nursing care for the last six months. He joined the West Sussex Constabulary in 1948 and performed duties at Worthing, Littlehampton and Bognor Regis, where he served in the rank of Inspector, retiring in 1980.

Ian **HANDS**, aged 68 years, who passed away at his home on Wednesday 1st June. Ian joined Sussex Police in October 1974 and served at both Crawley and Gatwick as a Constable. Ian, whilst serving at Crawley, was for some time the Collator and during the last years of his service worked on the Divisional Intelligence Unit. He retired from Sussex Police in October 1999.

CRUISE AND MARITIME PHONE NUMBER

The Cruise and Maritime phone number printed on Page 47 of NARPO News is incorrect. It should read **0844 998 3918**

Do you know the whereabouts of John BEECHING?

One of my North Sussex branch members is seeking information on the whereabouts, with a view to making contact, of John Beeching who was known to have served as a Sergeant at Hove. If anyone can help can they, in the first instance, make contact with me so that I can follow this up. Graham Bradley, Branch Secretary, North Sussex Branch, NARPO northsussex.narpo@btinternet.com If you have information, but don't have internet access, contact Peter Dacey on 01273 471292 and he will pass on what you know.

European Health Insurance Card

It's a good time for a reminder that those of you who have an EHIC should check its expiry date. You can renew up to six months before the expiry date. This card gets you medical treatment on a reciprocal basis in all European Union countries and Switzerland. Without it you might find yourself with some hefty bills. 0300 3301 350 www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ehic

SOCIAL

Visit to HAMPTON COURT PALACE - Wednesday 20th July 2016

The coach will depart from Brighton Marina at 09.00 hrs with an additional pick up at the Black Lion at 09.20 hrs. Anticipated arrival at Hampton Court 11.30 hrs. The fee you pay will allow you access to the Palace, Maze and Gardens. You will be issued with a hand held device to assist you when touring the Palace. All the visit is done at your pace. Vouchers will be issued that entitle you to a light lunch (Homemade soup and rustic bread or homemade sandwich, crisps and a piece of fresh fruit, both with a choice of non-alcoholic drink) that can be taken at any time between 12.00 - 15.00 hrs. The coach will depart at 16.30 hrs and arrive back at the marina about 19.00 hrs. The total cost to all members and guests will be £32.00 per person.

Social Booking Form

To: Mr. R. CASTLE, 6, Harrington Place, Brighton, BN1 7HL Tele: 01273 551349 email: ray.castle1@yahoo.co.uk

Name.....Address.....
Postcode.....Telephone number
email address.....

Please reserve for me.....places for the Hampton Court Palace visit on Wed. 20th July 2016

I will join the coach at the Marina/Black Lion (Please delete as applicable)

Car number if joining at the Marina.....

I enclose a cheque payable to NARPO Brighton and District Branch for £.....

Please write 'Hampton Court' on the reverse of your cheque

50 members and guests attended the lunch at, what was The Seattle, and is now called Malmaison. Most gave the event a good report; although one member apparently said that their meal was cold, I know no more than that. Your Social Secretary will be looking at various venues, including Malmaison for our Christmas lunch. (Am I the first to mention Christmas?)

And finally.....after such a miserable and sad front page, time for a smile.....

An old man lay sprawled across three seats in the stalls at a concert. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the old man, "Sorry sir, but you're only allowed one seat." The old man didn't budge.

The usher became more impatient. "Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager." Once again, the old man just muttered and did nothing. The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment he returned with the manager. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the old dishevelled man, but with no success. Finally they summoned the police.

The officer surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right sir, what's your name?"

"Fred," the old man moaned. "Where you from, Fred?" asked the police officer.

With a terrible strain in his voice, and without moving, Fred replied;

"The balcony".....

By the time you get the next newsletter the referendum will be over!!!!!!!!!!!!