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The Manchester Bombing. Monday 22nd May 2017

**We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of those who lost their lives in this attack, especially to those of Elaine McIver, a serving police officer with Cheshire Constabulary.
We also wish a speedy and full recovery to the many who were injured.**

Some messages from NARPO Wakefield H.Q.

GENERAL ELECTION TOOLKIT

Make sure your local parliamentary candidates commit to support older people if they are elected on 8 June. As you know NARPO is part of Later Life Ambitions, a group that campaigns on issues to ensure that older people can lead an ambitious later life. A general election is an important time for us to raise issues and make requests on politicians for policies that we feel can make a huge, positive difference to the lives of millions of older people. This is why, ahead of the general election on 8 June 2017, we are asking members to write to their local parliamentary candidates to ask them to make commitments to support the following issues:

- Urgently establish a cross-party solution to the long term funding of social care
- Maintain the pension triple-lock
- Maintain universal pensioner benefits
- Stand up for pensioners during the Brexit process

To secure the policy commitments we are seeking, we need MPs to advocate and campaign on these issues in the new parliament – and the ideal opportunity to do that is whilst they are campaigning to secure your vote.

This is why Later Life Ambitions has created a toolkit to help you write to your local candidates to put forward our policy proposals and ask them to commit to representing your views in Parliament should they be elected. You can find and download the toolkit on www.laterlifeambitions.co.uk where there is also additional information about how you find out who your local candidates are, and how you can raise older people's issues with them. We hope you will support Later Life Ambitions in building support for older people during this general election, and into the next parliament.

This is also on our website at: <http://www.narpo.org/index.php/notices.html>

You can find templates for letters etc., and more information on <http://publicservicepensioners.org.uk/>

LATER LIFE AMBITIONS RESPONSE TO THE HOUSING WHITE PAPER

Later Life Ambitions welcomes the government's Housing White Paper, 'Fixing our broken housing market'. We would like to see a change in the way politicians and the public view housing, and for it to reflect how we best support older people's ambitions for later life and their contributions to society.

For further information and to view the response please see the attached or visit our website at:

<http://www.narpo.org/index.php/notices.html>

Offers from iPhone; Motorfinity and Motorsource can be found at <http://www.narpo.org.uk/index.php/member-services/other-services.html>

Citizens Advice Witness Service

I am writing on behalf of Citizens Advice Witness Service in Sussex. I am responsible for the recruitment of volunteers to support witnesses in criminal trials. We are currently recruiting court based and outreach volunteers. We often have retired police officers apply to these positions. I provide a link here with information about the 2 roles:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/support-us/volunteering/volunteering-for-citizens-advice-witness-service/>

The locations we are looking to recruit to are Worthing, Horsham and Hove but we have positions all over the county.

Helen Dando Team Leader Volunteer Development Citizens Advice Witness Service

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‡ Obituary ‡

I regret to inform you of the deaths of:-

Lionel PURDIE dob 31/12/1922, passed away on the 6th May 2017. Lionel worked for the Durham constabulary until July 1959 when he transferred to the Sussex constabulary. Lionel was always a PC, and was very happy with his lot. He started his time with Sussex Police on the beat in Lewes, then went in the Traffic Division, and finished his time at HQ in the communications team.

Gerald Stanley EDWARDS better known to many as Gerry, aged 87 years on 1st May.

Gerry originally joined East Sussex Constabulary in December 1954. During his Police Service he served at Hove as a Constable and Bexhill as a Detective Constable. In 1964 on promotion to Sergeant he worked in the Force Crime Prevention Department and in 1966 on promotion to Inspector he was stationed at East Grinstead. He also spent time at Headquarters in Career Planning as Superintendent. He was later posted to Gatwick where he served as both Superintendent and Chief Superintendent until he retired in May 1988.

Francis (Les) LEEVES, aged 95 years who passed away on 15 April 2017. Les joined East Sussex Police in August 1950. He served at Uckfield, Fletching and East Grinstead, retiring on 10 August 1976 in the rank of Sergeant.

Fay STANFORD the wife of retired Police Officer Brian Stanford for 55 years who passed away on Monday 8th May 2017 after a major op but short illness.

New Members

We welcome several new members to our Branch:-

Robert and Terressa Jeffs, Robert joined Sussex and later moved to West Midlands; David and Hilary Swainston; John and Sandra Bollard; Peter and Helen Trower; Campbell Mcbryer, all Sussex, and David Williams, whose partner's name is not given, from the Mets. Welcome all.

And finally.....

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

SOCIAL

A visit to Hampshire for a GREAT day out that will include a Steam Train ride, Lunch and a tour of the Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery with tasting. Wednesday 20th September 2017

The coach will depart from Brighton Marina at 0900 hrs with an additional pick up at the Black Lion 0920 hrs (ish). Our journey will be via Midhurst where we will have a comfort stop and tea/coffee will be served by our driver. From there we travel to ALTON where we board a train on the WATERCRESS LINE departing at 1200 hrs for ALRESFORD. There will then be a short drive to OVERTON where we will have lunch at THE WHITE HART hotel/restaurant/pub. After lunch we have our visit to the distillery at 1500 hrs. You will be able to tour and taste at your own pace. **LADIES & GENTS:** Please note - NO open toed shoes/sandals or high heels can be worn in the Still House.

On the booking form (below) indicate your menu choice and please, please remember what you have ordered. We should arrive back in Brighton about 1930 hrs. TOTAL cost £40 per head.

*WE NEED TO CONFIRM AND PAY FOR SOME PARTS OF THE TRIP WELL IN ADVANCE,
SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY SO WE KNOW THAT WE WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT NUMBERS.*

SOCIAL BOOKING FORM. CLOSING DATE 16TH AUGUST & GUESTS 23RD AUG.

To: MR R. CASTLE, 6, Harrington Place, Brighton, BN1 7HL. Tele: 01273 551349 or Mobile 07761 023339.
E-Mail ray.castle1@yahoo.co.uk

Names of passengers.....

Address.....P.Code.....

Tele. No.....E-Mail address.....

Please reserve for me.....places for the Hampshire visits on Wednesday 20th September 2017.

I will join the coach at Brighton Marina/ Black Lion (please delete as applicable). Car number.....

Please remember to park at the western end of the marina car park. I enclose a cheque for the total amount made payable to 'NARPO' Brighton District Branch. £..... Write 'Hampshire' on reverse.

Menu choices.

Starter (a) Seasonal soup, bread and butter or (b) King prawn Caesar salad, anchovies, croutons.

Mains (a) Upham ale battered fish, hand cut chips, crushed peas and tartare sauce or (b) Chargrilled beef burger served with fries. Indicate your choices for each passenger.

Starters:.....

Mains.....

Please book early to avoid disappointment. I will run a reserve list for guests, so submit the names soonest.

Thank you - Ray