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Secretary's e-mail address

Please note the new e-mail address, above, for our new Branch Secretary. Please use this and not David's personal e-mail address for matters relating to NARPO. Thank you.

Welfare Representative e-mail address.

Please note that you may contact Eve Castle, one of our two Branch welfare reps, on her e-mail address of eve.castle@yahoo.co.uk and do not use Ray's address which is for matters relating to our social activities.

Use of E-mail within the NARPO

The new and much publicised laws re Data Protection as affecting NARPO are available on the NARPO HQ web site. www.narpo.org and on our Branch site, see above.

Death Message Notifications.

Members are reminded that we are able to inform you of the death of former colleagues by e-mail, provided that you elect to receive these messages. If you wish to do so, or if you receive them at present but do not wish to do so, please inform Colin Crookes the organiser on colin.crookes@virginmedia.com The old telephone cascade system is no longer in use due to a lack of demand.

‡ Obituaries ‡

Re obituary of John Harding, notified last month, I am informed that John was 79 years of age and not as shown. My apologies for any distress caused.

I regret to inform you of the passing of

Douglas HARRIOT on 16th January, aged 96 years. Little is known about Douglas but we believe he flew in Lancaster bombers during the war and ended his police service in the Control Rooms Department. (We have only just heard of Doug's passing and did not have a chance to circulate funeral details)

Reginald John PARSONS aged 88 years, on Saturday 21st April. Reg joined West Sussex Constabulary in March 1955 and served at Shoreham, and Lancing, moving to Horsham patrol in 1962 and then became a member of the Juvenile Bureau at Horsham and Crawley before retiring in June 1983.

William Henry SLOGGETT aged 89 years, Wednesday 2nd May. Bill joined West Sussex Constabulary in 1951 and served at Worthing, Midhurst, Worthing then the Driving School at Lewes before retiring in 1981.

Peter Edwin ALLIBONE aged 74 on Wednesday 25th April. Peter joined East Sussex Constabulary in August 1967 and served at Seaford and as a relief SOCO, and was then promoted to Sergeant in 1978 serving at Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath and Gatwick, moving then to NACR Control Rooms from which he retired in August 1997.

John WATKINS on Monday 7th May in Florida. John was 76 years old. We believe John joined Sussex Police in 1970 and retired in 1997.

Veronica FISHER the wife of Brian Fisher, who is a former Sussex Police Officer (Eastbourne). Veronica died on the 28th of March at their home in the North West of France. Brian was working on response at Eastbourne in the early 70's. He subsequently resigned from Sussex Police and he and Veronica moved to France to start a new life.

Nick CONNOR on Monday the 14th of May. Nick, who was 52, served with the Tactical Firearms Unit until he retired in March 2017 due to the ill health which sadly led to his death. His family requested privacy and to date no further details are available.

John Eric BASILIO on Monday 14th May. John joined East Sussex Police and served on patrol in Portslade before becoming the first Dog Handler to patrol in East Sussex. After promotion, John served as Station Sergeant in Brighton and worked in Communications and Operations Room before retiring in April 1984

Sean White

The message, below, was posted on a Facebook group. It was suggested to Sean that his message be shared so that his former pals might like to get in touch. (Not by the Editor, but a close friend)

He has said.....

There is no reason at all not to be right out in the open. I am cool with it all. No problem at all with you giving any/all of my contact details to either party, nor any of the circumstances.

He is on Microsoft Messenger and Facebook. His original message reads:-

Good Morning All SPOT Members.

Although I have been a group member for some time, I have not joined in the general banter but have kept abreast of everyone’s views, observations, anecdotes etc. on a very regular basis. So I am not known very well to the majority. The real purpose of this post is to inform you, whilst in life! of my current situation.

I have very recently been diagnosed with a Primary right lung Cancer Tumour, and secondary Bone Cancer which has already done some dastardly work! I have, obviously in consultation with all my family, decided that any type of Chemotherapy treatment is a definite non-starter and I am now at home. Undertaking treatment for pain only and will take every day as it comes until ???

With regard to myself. I will continue to monitor this page for as long as I can and so keep up to date with news, anecdotes, and nostalgic memories of past days in the service. I know that your thoughts will be with me as we are all of the Police family...so really do not wish to receive any such messages through this medium. All I will say is. LIVE each day to the full as it dawns. You never know when there will not be another. !!!! And on that note Cheerio. Sean.

**Charity Golf Day supporting the U.K. Police Memorial Trust and the Sussex Police Charitable Trust.
Thursday 13th September at ‘The Dyke Golf Club’ Brighton.**

Full details were circulated by e-mail earlier this month. If you need them again please contact the newsletter editor; details above.

National Police Memorial Day

This event will be held on Saturday 29th September 2018 in Belfast. If you are interested in attending please contact the Secretary a.s.a.p. as notification of those attending is required.

WERE YOU A POLICE CADET IN 1973?

Reunion: to be held at Sue and Martin’s home in Burgess Hill on Sunday 24th June, partners are invited.

If you would like to know more and can join the 17 ex cadets who have already expressed an interest, please contact Sue Newton snewton1@btinternet.com 01444 246492

A job vacancy in Uckfield (Executive Driver) and many ‘offers’ are detailed on the Branch web site.

SOCIAL

Visit to, BLENHEIM PALACE, on Wednesday 5th September (Sir Winston Churchill’s birth place.) **£30 p.h. 0715 hrs** Coach departs Brighton Marina. **0735 hrs** Coach picks up at Withdean Stadium P&R. There will be a stop at Cobham Services on the M25. **1100 hrs** arrival at Blenheim Palace.

Time to visit the Palace, Park and Gardens. You will be given an audio guide to enhance your time in the palace. Refreshments are available on site. If you wish you can take your own picnic. and consume in the grounds. For those who are unable to walk far, seven seater golf type buggies and driver are available at a cost of £2.75. I am not able to pre-book them. In addition there is a mini railway for a short trip at 50p each way. **1600 hrs** the coach departs from the Palace. **1930 hrs** (approximate) arrival in Brighton. Closing

dates: For Members 15th August and for Guests 29th August.

Social Booking Form. To Mr. R. CASTLE 6, Harrington Place, Brighton BN1 7HL

Tel. 01273 551349. Mob. 07761 023339 or e-mail, ray.castle1@yahoo.co.uk.

Names of all passengers.....

Address.....Post Code).....

Tele No. Home.....Mobile.....

Email.....

I will join the coach at Brighton Marina/Withdean (P&R). Delete as appropriate. Car number if parking at the Marina.....Please reserve for me.....places for Blenheim Palace. I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to ‘NARPO’ Brighton District Branch. Please write ‘Blenheim’ on reverse.

Dates for the future. Sunday 25th November 2018 visit the Royal Albert Hall to see the Classical Spectacular.

Wednesday 12th December 2018 Christmas Lunch at the Royal Albion Hotel

And finally.....I got called “pretty” today! Well it was actually “pretty annoying”, but I only concentrate on the positive!

The fact that there’s a ‘highway to hell’ and a ‘stairway to heaven’ may reflect the expected numbers in each direction!