



# National Association Of Retired Police Officers



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## Brighton and District Branch

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### **Remembrance Sunday, Whitehall, London. NARPO Representatives**

The Royal British Legion will as usual be organising the Ex-Service and Civilian Contingents attending the Parade and Service at the Cenotaph, Whitehall, on Remembrance Sunday, 13th November 2016. As last year, we expect to be invited to send a contingent of Thirty-Six (36) members, to take part in this unique national event, in the heart of London. Due to heightened security measures the Metropolitan Police will need to conduct individual security checks on all participants. Basic personal information will need to be provided in advance for each applicant. Ticket holders will need to bring both photographic ID and a document showing proof of address with them for access to Horse Guards Parade via the manned Police entry points on the day. We are now taking applications from Branches, to take part in the Parade and Service.

With regard to the above circular, if any member in this Branch is interested in taking part, we are looking for a maximum of 3 members to attend. For further information please contact me via my e mail address :- grahamjohnncosham@btinternet.com. The closing date for applications to HQ is the 5th August 2016. Please contact me ASAP if interested

### **Police Mutual Respite Services.**

From our Secretary:- As you are hopefully already aware Police Mutual have recently launched a Respite Pilot Scheme for those retirees who are either living with or caring for someone with dementia.

We will be working with a number of specialist providers to source a respite break. The breaks will be planned based on the demands of the people who are being supported. There are up to 20 breaks available between now and the end of the year, with a view to extending the programme in 2017.

If anyone needs further information on this please in the first instance contact me via my e mail address grahamjohnncosham@btinternet.com

### **Death message telephone ring round.**

After my 18 month campaign to update the system so far I have received only 9 requests to receive the sad news. As a result the phone call will be made by our Secretary and Welfare Officer, Graham Cosham or, in his absence, by myself. If you think you should be on the list please check with either one of us by phone or email.

David Medhurst. Chairman. (E-mail notification is not affected)

### **‡Obituaries ‡**

It is with regret that I inform members of the passing of:-

**John BOSTOCK**, aged 87 years on Tuesday 31st May 2016.

John retired from Sussex Police in 1976 and was well known in the Lewes and old East Sussex area

**Les GARRETT**, QPM, on 31st May. Les served in the Metropolitan Police, retiring in the rank of Commander. He was a member of West Branch of NARPO.

**Derek Ernest GOODMAN**, age 93, of Hailsham, on the 7th of June 2016. Derek served for 25 years in Brighton.

**Graham (Jeff) JEFFERY**, on Saturday 18 June. He joined the West Sussex Constabulary. He became PC 109 Jeffery in 1963 and after initial training at Sandgate in Folkestone, was posted to Bognor Regis. He then worked at Rustington and Angmering. After around ten years police service, he moved to Australia. Some years later he returned to the Isle of Wight but didn't re-join the police.

**Rosemary WADDELL**, the wife of Colin Waddell, who will be well known to many of you from his service in Hastings including his many years on Hastings Traffic Division. She was 80 years of age.

**Keith BODDINGTON** on Tuesday 21 June. I have no details of Keith's service, but I believe that he joined Sussex from a Midlands Force sometime in the 70's and was posted to Brighton where he served in C.I.D.

**FOR THE ATTENTION OF ANY BRANCH MEMBERS WHO WORKED AT THE SCENE OF THE BRIGHTON BOMBING IN 1984  
"Appeal to trace people potentially exposed to asbestos after the Brighton bombing"**

We are working with ambulance and fire colleagues to trace those who worked at the scene of the Brighton bombing in 1984.

We have written letters to a small number of officers we have identified as working at The Grand hotel, as it is possible that they have potentially been exposed to asbestos fibres within the hotel debris. While we know that those working at the scene were issued with personal protective equipment, this was some days after the explosion.

I am informing them now as we have become aware that a Metropolitan Police officer, who had worked at the scene, sadly died from an asbestos-related disease in December last year. While the chances are small that anyone was exposed at any length to asbestos, we want to offer reassurance and health advice. The risk to health from short-term incidental exposure to asbestos is very small.

I am leading an emergency services group to identify and inform those who may have been affected. We are offering health information and support for anyone who is concerned, providing them with a letter to be taken to their GP as well as answers to some questions that they might have.

In addition to contacting relevant partners and local companies to make them aware of what support we are offering our own staff, who may be concerned about the possible effects on their health, we will also be publicising this issue to help inform and trace anyone who may have potentially been exposed.

I understand that on hearing this news you may be concerned. I would like to emphasise that the possibility of being affected is very small but I feel it is the right thing to pass this information on.

If you know of anyone who might have been at the scene please can you pass on their details so we are able to offer them support.

If you would like more information please contact Occupational Health, available Monday to Friday, from 8am to 5pm, on 01483 639888.

**ACC Steve Barry**

**MESSAGE FROM WAKEFIELD HEADQUARTERS  
NEW MEMBER SERVICE - TRAVEL COMPANY**

We have teamed up with SLT Travel who are offering tours exclusively for NARPO members, they plan to arrange tours which only NARPO members, from all over the country can book. So even if you travel alone or are a small group, you will know that the other travellers on your tour will be NARPO members from around the Country. This is in my view a good opportunity for those who like travelling to travel with other NARPO members. See more information on the website at: <http://www.narpo.org/index.php/member-services/leisure-time.html>  
Telephone 01924 331 251.

**A Cautionary Note For Travellers To Europe From John Mc Kinney.**

In the newsletter you mention the EHIC; can I ask you to make the point in the next one that private travel insurance is equally important as the EHIC does not cover everything and even with it one can be faced with substantial bills. It is important to note also that it does not cover repatriation in the event of illness, accident or death.

Kind Regards, John      Thank you, John.

**New All Inclusive Holiday Offer for Serving and Retired Police Staff**

The Federation have negotiated a discounted offer with the db San Antonio Hotel & Spa in Malta. This offer is open to all Serving and Retired police staff. Proof of Identification/Employment will be required at booking and/or check in. db Hotels + Resorts introduces you to its Moorish style all-inclusive hotel, the db San Antonio Hotel + Spa, Malta, situated in the heart of the Mediterranean Sea. It is one of the largest hotels in Malta, with over 500 rooms and suites, 5 restaurants with culinary tastes from around the world, bars, outdoor pools, Spa and fitness centre.

The hotel is situated in the northern part of the Maltese Islands, right in the heart of Qawra, St. Paul's Bay.

Sandy beaches, bars, restaurants, casino, national aquarium, public transport, shops and all other amenities are within walking distance....

Please click the following link for more information... <http://www.sussexpolfed.org/hotel/dbhotels.htm>

**Pride Mobility Products Ltd.**

NARPO HQ at Wakefield advises you that:-

The National Pensioners Convention are taking a class action against Pride Mobility Products Ltd.

If you or anyone you know has bought one of their mobility scooters between 2010 and 2012 then please join the claim. See the website for further information at: <http://www.narpo.org/index.php/notices.html>

**1971 Police Cadet Reunion 20th September**

Peter Hayes is trying to organise a 45th anniversary reunion of his old cadet colleagues for the 20th September this year. If you would like to attend or need more information, please contact Peter on e-mail [peterhayes999@gmail.com](mailto:peterhayes999@gmail.com) or Tel 07845298010.

**Useful Information For Landlords**

The National Landlords Association supports landlords with different portfolio sizes and varied needs. As NLA Members, landlords benefit from expert knowledge, networking opportunities, a competitive edge, support and services. The NLA is a national organisation working at a local level to serve local landlords and hosts regular local meetings across the UK. These meetings give landlords the opportunity to network with other landlords in the area, discuss current landlord-tenant issues in the locality, share best practice and learn about legislative updates. For more information, visit [www.landlords.org.uk/member-savings](http://www.landlords.org.uk/member-savings) to see how much you could save. This was a very long e-mail. For the full version, including details of a joining discount and a recommendation, contact [p.dacey@btinternet.com](mailto:p.dacey@btinternet.com) or 01273 471292.

**And finally.....**

"One day, while a woodcutter was cutting a branch of a tree above a river, his axe fell into the river. When he cried out, the Lord appeared and asked, "Why are you crying?" The woodcutter replied that his axe has fallen into water and he needed the axe to make his living. The Lord went down into the water and reappeared with a golden axe. "Is this your axe?" the Lord asked. The woodcutter replied, "No." The Lord again went down and came up with a silver Axe. "Is this your axe?" the Lord asked. Again, the woodcutter replied, "No." The Lord went down again and came up with an iron Axe. "Is this your axe?" the Lord asked. The woodcutter replied, "Yes." The Lord was pleased with the man's honesty and gave him all three axes, and the woodcutter went home happy. Sometime later the woodcutter was walking with his wife along the riverbank, and his wife fell into the river. When he cried out, the Lord again appeared and asked him, "Why are you crying?" "Oh Lord, my wife has fallen into the water!" The Lord went down into the water and came up with Angelina Jolie. "Is this your wife?" the Lord asked. "Yes," cried the woodcutter. The Lord was furious. "You lied! That is an untruth!" The woodcutter replied, "Oh, forgive me, my Lord. It is a misunderstanding. You see, if I had said 'no' to Angelina Jolie, You would have come up with Cameron Diaz. Then if I said 'no' to her, you would have come up with my wife. Had I then said 'yes,' you would have given me all three. Lord, I am a poor man, and am not able to take care of all three wives, so that's why I said yes to Angelina Jolie." The moral of this story is: Whenever a man lies, it is for a good and honourable reason and for the benefit of others.

**SOCIAL**

There are still seats available for our trip to Hampton Court on 20<sup>th</sup> July. Sales are slow, so if you know anyone who would like to go, please put them in touch with Ray Castle. Ray's details are at the end of the next item. Bums on seats save money!

**Brick Lane Music Hall Show – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016**

Ray has obtained just 49 seats for the above show. In the past this has proved to be most enjoyable and has been very well attended. **Early booking** is strongly advised to secure your place. The coach will leave Brighton Marina at 10.30hrs with an additional pickup at the Black Lion 10.45hrs (ish). A short comfort stop will be taken at Pease Pottage. The doors open for the show at 13.15hrs and it starts at 14.00hrs. There will be an extended interval, in order to partake of the 'Afternoon Tea'. Dietary requirements can be catered for, if sufficient notice is given. The coach will depart from London at 17.30hrs and our arrival back in Brighton will be about 20.00hrs. The cost for this event is £42.00 per person (members and guests). Members, plus one will be given priority. After Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August it will be on a first come first served basis. The final date that bookings can be taken is Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

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Social Booking Form

To: Mr R. CASTLE 6, Harrington Place, Brighton, BN1 7HL. Tele: 01273 551349 or e-mail: [ray.castle1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ray.castle1@yahoo.co.uk)  
Names (of persons attending)

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(Add additional note for dietary requirements).....

Address, (include post code)  
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Telephone number..... E-mail address.....

Please reserve for me.....places for Brick Lane Music Hall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.

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

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

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

Please write 'Brick Lane' on the reverse of your cheque

