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International Bomber Command Archive

A letter, received by our Secretary, which offers an opportunity which may appeal to some of you:-

“One of your Leicestershire NARPO members has suggested I contact you to make your organization aware of our project, and see if any of your Sussex members would be interested in helping with the project. The International Bomber Command Digital Archive Project is pooling resources from all over the world to form the definitive central source of information on Bomber Command.

Incorporating oral histories and film footage, never before digitized documents held by museums and institutions worldwide and those in private ownership. These will include log books, photographs, letters and service citations all pooled together in an indexed and searchable archive before the story is lost forever, and therefore preserving the rich heritage of the Command and ensuring the memory of those who served is available for generations to come.

We have areas of the country where we have veterans awaiting interview, but have no interviewer in the area. The veterans are dying at an alarming rate, and they are desperate to tell their story. We have quite a number of veterans in East and West Sussex awaiting interview. Would any of your members be interested in helping the project? We have an online training course to let potential interviewers see the style of interview we conduct. Travel expenses are paid”.

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‡ Obituaries ‡

I regret to inform you of the passing of:-

William TILLSTONE, known to many as Bill, aged 79 years. Bill passed away on 2nd June, following medical complications resulting from injuries received when he slipped and fell whilst on holiday in Italy. He joined East Sussex Police in March 1959 and served on both Uniform and CID at Hove. In 1973 he was promoted to Sergeant and posted to East Grinstead transferring as Detective Sergeant to Burgess Hill CID in 1975. In 1979 he was promoted to Uniform Inspector and served at Gatwick, East Grinstead and Burgess Hill where he retired in March 1989. During his service he received two Commendations and a Royal Humane Society award on parchment.

Ronald James BERRY (Ex Brighton Borough and Sussex Police). Ronald passed away in his sleep on Friday 26th May 2017. Ronald was born on the 18 September 1932 and joined Brighton Borough Police in 1959. He served as a uniform Constable, Traffic Department, Drug Squad and retired as a Detective Constable in the Vehicle Investigation Branch. Ronald retired in September 1984. He was married to Jean and they moved to Tortefontaine in France on retirement.

Sylvia KNOWLES, 87 years, the wife of Fred Knowles to whom she was married for 65 years. Fred, a retired Sussex Officer, will be known to many as an instructor at Sussex Police Driving School. They have two sons, Bruce and Ian - Ian is also a retired Police Officer.

David SMITH, who passed away on Sunday 4 June 2017. David was the last Cadet from the days of Eastbourne Borough Police and we believe he joined the Cadets in 1966. He was appointed to the regulars in 1967/8 and served all his service at Eastbourne, on patrol and CID and may have been one of the original members of the 'Commando Unit', now the Surveillance Unit. He was an enthusiastic snooker player!

John CHRISTMAS a member of Eastbourne & District Branch of NARPO. He was a member of East Sussex and served at Hailsham. I have no service history.

Barrie HUNT , on 15th June. A former Detective Sergeant Barrie Hunt. Again I have no other service details.
John COTTENHAM on Sunday 2nd July. John was 78 years old. He joined East Sussex Constabulary on 4th November 1965 and served most of his service at Crowborough before being posted to Gatwick where he retired in February 1992.

HOTPOINT and other offers

Hotpoint are offering a savings of 15% on various goods for July. Enter or quote code ACE15 to claim the discount.

EU Roaming Now FREE on all Plans | Fantastic Pre-Owned iPhone deal | SIM plans from just £5.49. This is on the NARPO website- <http://www.narpo.org.uk/index.php/member-services/other-services.html>

It is always worth checking our Branch Web Site before buying a car or electrical goods as various companies do offer savings to NARPO members. Details are on the web site much sooner than I can get them to you via the newsletter.

And finally.....

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said,
'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

With even greater emphasis he said,

'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said,

'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

Sermon complete, he sat down.

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced, with a smile,

'For our closing song, Let us sing Hymn number 365.

(For the title of this hymn see the foot of this page.....)

SOCIAL

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY. There are only 18 places left (that's just 9 couples) for the visit to Hampshire. Come and join us for this three item day out. (Train/Lunch/Gin). Get your application in before you go on holiday. In order to secure your place contact me, initially by phone/e-mail, followed by your completed application form and cheque. I know September seems a long way off, but if you don't do it now you may forget and then regret it. Full timing details were published in June issue of the Newsletter.

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

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.....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.

Hymn title 'Shall We Gather at the River?'