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SECRETARY'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

Please note that due to an administrative error; which means that I got it wrong; the previously circulated telephone number for our Secretary was incorrect. The correct number is now listed above. Please accept my apologies.

National Expert Witness Agency (NEWA)

An edited extract from a letter from the founder of NEWA to our Secretary:-

This organisation currently has over 600 members. We have a number of ex police force personnel listed with us who conduct expert witness work. I invite your members to contact me to have a chat about how we can help them potentially get expert witness work from the many solicitors that contact us weekly and who would like to instruct ex police staff who do expert witness work.

We could come up with an arrangement that would benefit your members who would like to continue doing the work they love and in which they have tremendous experience.

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A new book

Christmas is coming and so are the book plugs:- Ex Chief Superintendent Graham Bartlett and bestselling author Peter James have just published a new, non-fiction book *Death Comes Knocking - Policing Roy Grace's Brighton*.

Peter and Graham, a long-serving detective and Brighton and Hove Divisional Commander for four years, have provided never before told accounts of Brighton's most challenging modern cases.

Death Comes Knocking takes the reader on a vivid journey from crime scenes and incident rooms to the morgue. Along the way the authors introduce you to some of the real-life detectives who inspired Peter's characters. *Death Comes Knocking* is available through Amazon or at WH Smiths, City Book Shop, Waterstones, Tesco and Morrisons.

The Old Police Cells Museum, Brighton

The *Old Police Cells Museum* for Sussex Police is housed in the basement of Brighton Town Hall. It offers visitors a unique insight into the history of policing in Sussex from its inception through to modern days. We are desperately looking for people who have served in Brighton (or other divisions) who could give up a few hours a month to be a guide. Full training and support is given to all guides and it is an incredibly rewarding way to relive those golden years! If interested please contact Paul Solis on paul.solis@hotmail.co.uk

National Police Memorial Day 2016

Please note that the National Police Memorial Day this year will be held in St Pauls Cathedral, London on the 25th September commencing at 3pm. Further information can be obtained at <http://www.nationalpolicememorialday.org> Tickets for the service can be obtained from the Deputy co-ordinator Sharon Holness by telephone on 07843.293958

Facebook – Sussex Police Friends

This is for those who have access to Facebook on their computers; if you don't, you will have much more time on your hands than those of us who do! It's a 'secret group' which apparently means that you must be 'introduced' by a current member, and then you can read what has been 'posted' by other members and also contact former colleagues, swap memories, photos etc. I've had a look and recognised some names and it's good to note that recently retired members have the same rose tinted glasses and selective memories as those of us who left 20+ years ago!!

For more info try your e-mail contacts, or as a last resort, me. (I would prefer not to be 'introducing' 300+ members one by one!) p.dacey@btinternet.com

‡ Obituaries ‡

It is with deep regret that I inform you of the deaths of:-

Evan **HUTSON**, 79years, on 28th June 2016. He joined Wiltshire Police in March 1964. He then transferred to Sussex Police in January 1974 working on Traffic Patrol, Accident investigation and beat duties in Worthing. Evan also specialised in plan drawing for major incidents and Royal visits. He retired in March 1994 and worked as a warrant officer for the Magistrates Court until 2001. Many would know Evan from his involvement with the I.P.A.

Pauline **MASON**, the wife of Keith Mason, who will be well known to many from his days on Special Branch in the North of the County (Crawley) and latterly as the Divisional Commander at Bexhill.

Janet **SKEEF**. She may best be known as Superintendent Janet **Bond** in Command of Police Women in East Sussex and then at Police HQ in Lewes. It is believed that Janet retired in 1976. I have no further information.

David Thomas **OVENDEN** aged 80 years on the 14th July. He joined the East Sussex Constabulary in 1957 after service with the RAF and in 1959 transferred to Traffic where he spent most of his service, working at Hove, Haywards Heath, Battle and Chichester. In between he spent 10 years as an instructor at Chichester driving school. He retired in 1984 and became Deputy Chief Examiner for the Institute Of Advanced Motorists.

Brian Douglas **LUXFORD**, on 16th July. Brian joined the West Sussex force in 1955 and worked on uniform patrol at Worthing, and in the Divisional Office at Chichester and Shoreham. He was promoted to Sgt at Chichester in 1964, and moved to Bognor Regis before being promoted to Inspector in 1968. Brian retired as Chief Inspector and 2nd i/c at Bognor/Littlehampton in 1985. During his service Brian was Chairman of the Sussex Police Federation Joint Branch Board.

Bill **HAILEY**, aged 95 years on 30th July 2016. Bill joined the Hove Borough police after the war in 1946 and retired in 1976 after 30 years' service, having achieved the rank of Superintendent in charge of East Division based at Hastings. He then went on to work for East Sussex County Council as an Animal Health Inspector until full retirement.

SOCIAL

Information from Ray Castle.

Unfortunately the Brick Lane show on 21st Sept. has been cancelled by the theatre. However, we have been offered an alternative date. **We can now go on TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2016.** As a way of compensation for messing us about they will be serving a 'Three Course Lunch' instead of 'Afternoon Tea'. This does mean that there is a slight alteration on the departure timings. **The coach will now leave the Brighton marina at 10.00am with an additional pick up at the Black Lion at 10.15am (ish).** Lunch will be served at 1.00pm and the show starts at 2.30pm, finishing at 5.00pm. I anticipate that we will be on our way back to Brighton about 5.30pm arriving about 7.30-8.00pm. The cost remains the same as before £42 per person. The final date that bookings can be taken is Wednesday 31st August.

Dietary requirements can be catered for, if sufficient notice is given.

Will those that have already sent me cheques please confirm that you are able to attend on the new date. Anybody who cannot now attend, your cheques will be returned.

Further update from Ray on 7th August: - This is to let you know that there are only twelve places left for Brick Lane. As of now, I am opening this visit up to any of your relatives, friends, neighbours or other guests you may wish join us. It will be on a first come first served basis So if you want them to come let me know, initially by phone (01273 5512349) or e-mail (ray.castle1@yahoo.co.uk). When they have a place, a cheque can then be sent to me at my home address: - 6, Harrington Place, Brighton BN1 7HL.

HALF YEARLY MEETING

7.00 PM FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER AT THE BLIND VETERANS HOME, Ovingdean

Please note this event in your diary and then make a firm resolve to actually attend! This meeting usually comprises of an update on national and local NARPO related matters and then a chance to have a chat with former colleagues. You will be advised nearer the date if there is to be a guest speaker.

And finally:- Not for the politically correct enthusiasts perhaps.....

Next US Presidential firsts

If Hilary Clinton wins the U.S. Presidential election, it would be the first time in history that two U.S. Presidents would have slept with each other.

If Donald Trump wins the U.S. Presidential Election, it will be the first time in history that a billionaire has moved into public housing vacated by a black family.