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HALF YEARLY MEETING **7.00p.m. Friday 14TH October,** **St Dunstan's, Greenways, Ovingdean.**

This meeting is called to give you an update on the work of the branch and matters of interest to members. We are pleased to announce that Graham Alexander, member of NARPO NEC and former chairman of Sussex Joint Branch Board will attend and speak about welfare and the future of NARPO. This is your organisation so please come along, hear what the future may hold and also meet some 'old' colleagues.

Flint House – The Police Rehabilitation Centre

The aim of Flint House is to ensure that serving police officers receive priority treatment for injuries suffered on or off duty. A comprehensive, personalised treatment plan is created by the Physiotherapists, Nurses and Healthcare Professionals to assist officers in their recovery. Flint House is also available (subject to availability) to retired officers who donated during their service.

For more information go to <http://flinthouse.co.uk/applying-to-flint-house>

Sussex Police and NARPO drapes at funerals.

With the demise of the Welfare Department within Sussex Police, the Police Federation have now taken on dealing with requests for the use of the Force Drape, should families wish it, at a loved ones funeral.

Requests can now be dealt with through the Federation Office at Police Headquarters, contactable on 01273 404211.

The branch NARPO drape is available from Alex Durie, 01273 305356

Thanks to Colin Moules (Police Federation) for these items

Police Federation Petition

The Police Federation have launched an e petition to try and force the government to think again on police pay and conditions negotiations. Obviously recent events are galvanising public support. Can you please sign the petition and get all your friends to do so. 100,000 are needed to get the petition debated in the House of Commons and the more we get the more credibility it has.

<https://submissions.epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/3920>

The Sussex Police Charitable Trust (257564)

Offering support to the Officers, Staff and Pensioners of Sussex Police in times of need, hardship or distress through confidential advice, recuperative breaks and direct financial assistance.

The Trust is registered with the Charity Commission and is financed through membership contributions, investment income, donations and legacies. Since being set up over 40 years ago, the Sussex Police Charitable Trust (formerly called the Welfare Fund), has supported thousands of members through a wide variety of distressing situations. Retired members in receipt of a Sussex Police pension are able to access the Charity as non-contributing members. The service that is available to non-contributing members consists of free confidential advice and, if deemed appropriate, direct financial assistance.

The Trust also owns a 3 bedroom bungalow in Dorset, providing Sussex Police Charitable Trust members and their immediate families with the opportunity to take a recuperative break to help them through difficult personal circumstances.

Donations & Legacies The S P C T relies on contributions, donations and legacies in order to continue to support serving and retired officers of Sussex Police. If you wish to make a donation please contact the Finance Administrator on 0845 60 70 999 ext 44133. By signing and including a Gift Aid form with your donation you will help us to maximise your contribution to the Trust.

Contact can be made directly with the Trust Advisers on 0845 6070999 ext 44137, via email spct@sussex.pnn.police.uk, through our website: www.sussexpolicecharitabletrust.org or by writing to us at SPCT, OH, Training Block, Sussex Police Headquarters, Malling House, Church Lane, Lewes, BN7 2DZ.

If you are in need of support, or know of someone else experiencing difficulties please do not hesitate to make contact.

Thank to Amanda Lane, Sussex Police for this item.

Help Please.

Peter Burrows would like to hear from anyone who recalls Simon John Trill as a police officer.

WORTHING GRASSHOPPERS BOWLING CLUB

A message to all current or potential bowlers out there – male and female. Our bowling club, founded in 1968 primarily for retired police officers, is on a mission to recruit new members, from both existing players perhaps with other clubs, or to encourage new members to join. Our membership is open to serving or retired police officers or friends of members, or to persons with some police connection e.g. civilian staff or wives/husbands of serving or retired officers. We play about 40 matches a season – all friendlies, refreshments are provided at the conclusion of each match usually with a hot meal or buffet. The majority of our matches are played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with only a few at weekends. Our annual subscription is currently £60 (but nothing to pay for the rest of this season) with a match fee of £3.50. Home matches are played at Worthing Pavilion Bowling Club – the finest greens in the locality. So if anyone is interested in **joining our club**, please contact our secretary Les Mann on 01798 865776, or myself Reg Read. If you have never played the game before but show an interest, help and advice is at hand.

SOCIAL

VISIT TO TOWER BRIDGE AND THE BANK OF ENGLAND. Thursday 22nd September 2011

We leave Brighton Marina at 8.30am and the Black Lion, Patcham about 8.45am to arrive at 11.00am. We will be split into 2 groups of 25 for the tour of the Bridge, with 15 minutes between groups; tour lasts about 1 hour. After the tour you are free to make your own arrangements for lunch, either something you have taken or there are plenty of places to eat in the vicinity.

THERE IS NOW A CHANGE IN THE DETAIL GIVEN IN THE JUNE NEWSLETTER. IF YOU WISH TO MAKE YOUR OWN WAY TO THE BANK OF ENGLAND YOU MAY, OTHERWISE THE COACH WILL PICK US UP AGAIN AT 2.15PM AND TAKE US TO THE BANK. The tour of the Bank commences at 3.00pm, however there is a museum, which is free and you are welcome to visit before the tour. After the tour the coach will collect us at 4.30pm for the return journey. Please note that there are no refreshment facilities at the Bank of England. Cost of this interesting day out is just £16 per head, including the coach. **Couple of seats left, get in quick!**

BRICK LANE OLD TIME MUSIC HALL THURSDAY 27.10.2011.

We will leave Brighton Marina at 9am and the Black Lion at 9.15am , travel to Theatre in time for 3 Course Lunch at 12.15pm this is followed by the show. We leave approx 5pm arriving Brighton approx 7.45pm.

If you have any dietary requirements please let Dennis know when booking, also if you wish to sit with friends please also indicate when booking. Cost £30 per head. This trip is being subsidised by the Branch therefore bookings will only be taken for members and their partners until 30th September. If there are then any vacancies guests will be invited, therefore if you have guests you wish to be put on the reserve list please let Dennis know when you book. He will record them in date order received and allocate in that order if there are vacancies. **Some seats left.**

Dennis is not available between 11.10 and 24.10, so all enquiries between these dates to Mike Ormerod 01273 412401

NEW SOCIAL SECRETARY REQUIRED

After several years providing outstanding social events for members Dennis announced at the AGM that he will be standing down at the next AGM in 2012. A replacement is sought now so that you can liaise with Dennis to ensure a smooth transition.

Surprise surprise, so far not a single taker. If our social activities are to continue we need someone to arrange them. You do not have to attend every event, delegate responsibility on the day to a ‘volunteer’ as Dennis occasionally does now. Dennis will not continue so please, if this your area of expertise get in touch with Dennis, soon.

And finally "Paraprosdokian". Here is the definition:

"Figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently used in a humorous situation." "Where there's a Will, I want to be in it," is a type of paraprosdokian

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Social Booking Slip

To: Mr D Walker, 1, The Meads, Coldean, Brighton. BN1 9BA Tel. 01273 688456 (Please note it's 1 not 2 as shown last month) All cheques should be made payable to 'NARPO Brighton and District Branch.'

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Please reserve me:-

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I will join the coach at The Marina/Black Lion. (delete as appropriate and make a note for yourself) Car number if joining at the Marina..... One cheque is o.k. for several events. Always check that your cheques have been presented to your bank as this is the only guarantee that Dennis has received it. Cheques are usually banked fortnightly, if in doubt contact Dennis