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A message from the Chairman

Proposed amalgamation of all Sussex NARPO branches

Over the past few months the Chair and Secretary of all the Sussex branches have had a series of meetings to discuss the eventual merger of all the branches into a single countywide unit. I know that at our AGM those present were overwhelmingly against this option and this has been conveyed at these group meetings. However, only Hastings and Brighton are against this idea. I fully understand and support the feelings of our members but I can also understand that for most branches this has been brought about by a lack of younger members stepping up to offer their time and energy as committee members. At the moment we are fortunate to have a full committee but all of you know that I have spent much time canvassing for new blood on your committee. Luckily for the branch both Bruce and Graham have answered my call but we really need some other new blood so that long serving members do not feel that they are under pressure to remain just so your branch survives. Therefore I would really like to see more than the usual 40 or so regular members at the Half Yearly meeting in October. After all we have 484 members at the moment. I know that more than a few live well away from Brighton but come on the rest of you, around 100 would be a great turn out to discuss your branch future or do you just not care enough? We are not having a guest speaker because I believe that we should have sufficient time to fully discuss the future of Brighton & District. By then we will have a good idea of what the National Executive will propose as new rules at the September 2017 National AGM. We can also have a "catch-up" with old buddies. I look forward to seeing you at Blind Veterans on Friday 21 October.

The dates for next years' reunions.

We will meet on Saturday, 14th January 1pm to 5pm again at the Withdean Sportsman's Bar. Also on Saturday 17th June same time, same venue. These are open to all retired and serving officers, support staff, friends and families from any Police Force. Paul Smith

T.V. Show on Consumer Rights

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My colleague Jessica was in touch with you a little while ago regarding a new consumer series that we are developing about cons and scams for ITV. I wanted to follow up as this is our final casting week and we are doing one last push to see if we can speak to some more retired police officers. We are particularly keen to hear from any of your older members who may be able to offer some wise advice on how to prevent yourself from being scammed.

Unfortunately this arrived just after the last newsletter was written; however you may be lucky, if interested.

E.P.I.C.

As the Chairman of EPIC (Ex-Police in Industry & Commerce), I would like to introduce the company. We are the only business networking organisation, exclusively for former police officers and police staff who, having left the service, have either started their own business or are now employed in the commercial sector. We are a 'not-for-profit' organisation. In order to inspire customer confidence, we ensure that all our members are vetted; an EPIC member's 'Integrity is Assured'.

Annual membership of EPIC is only £96.00 and benefits include:

Access to regional business networking seminars.
Access to EPIC membership to develop business and networking opportunities. Access to professional advice to assist in developing your business.
Public contact to your business from the EPIC website.
Use of EPIC logo on stationery and business websites.
Anyone wishing to learn more about EPIC can either contact me at e-mail me at chair@epic-uk.com or take a look at our website www.epic-uk.com.

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‡ Obituaries ‡

I regret to inform you of the passing of **George TURNER**, George was deputy head of Traffic Division, West Sussex, before transferring to Kent on promotion to Superintendent. He spent time as a staff member at Bramshill College as a Director of Studies with the Senior Command Course before returning to his force. He retired in the rank of Chief Superintendent.

Hugh Leslie CREED on 15th July, aged 83 years. Hugh joined the Hastings Borough Force in January 1954 and became a dog handler in 1967 following training at the Metropolitan Police Dog School at Keston. He was promoted to sergeant in 1969 remaining with the Sussex Police Dog Section until retirement in 1984. He was an active member of

Chichester Branch, and he was elected to the committee in April 1988, serving for 20 years. On leaving he was awarded Life Membership for his services to Narpo **Anthony John FRANCIS** on 31st July, he was aged 74 year. He served on Traffic at Petworth, Chichester and Worthing, before going onto CID at Bognor Regis, and then onto the Regional Crime Squad.

Joyce WHITE, 86 years, on the 20th July. She was the widow of John Rodney WHITE who served in Brighton.

Lee Denise RUSSELL, wife of Phil Russell and the daughter of Ken Hyatt, sadly passed away on 22nd August.

Mrs Eileen HILLS, aged 91. Eileen was secretary to the Superintendent at Bognor Regis Police Station between 1962 and 1984

The Police Federation Group Insurance Scheme

For those who have retained their membership of this scheme.

Changes are being made to the cover on this insurance scheme to cover 'gadgets' i.e. items such mobiles, tablets etc. You are advised to read the new conditions and costs involved which commence on 1st October. There is to be an increase in Insurance Premium Tax. All terms and conditions of this cover including policy excesses can be found on our website at <http://www.sussexpolfed.org/members/gadget1.pdf> and <http://www.sussexpolfed.org/members/gadget2.pdf>

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!

SOCIAL

The Christmas lunch is being held on the Wednesday 14th December 2016 at the Mal Maison hotel (formerly the Seattle hotel) in Brighton Marina. Full details of cost and menu will be published in the October newsletter.

I am looking to book items for the 'NARPO' 2017 Social Calendar. If you have any ideas about possible events for us all to enjoy then please let me have the details either by tele: 01273 551349 or e-mail ray.castle1@yahoo.co.uk

Items for sale by the Chairman

We have recently re-organised our lounge and now there is no place for the hifi so I wonder if anyone is interested in offering me some pieces of silver for the following; pair of Rega Alya floor standing speakers in cherry wood consecutively numbered, an amplifier, CD player and DAB/FM tuner all matching Cambridge Audio. All items are in full working order + vgc. Dave's details are on the front page.

And finally.....Dave Rowland at last gives me a story which I can publish!!!

This is a story of self-control and marksmanship by a brave, cool-headed woman with a small pistol against a fierce predator. What is the smallest caliber that you would trust to protect yourself? A Beretta Jetfire testimonial.... Here is her story in her own words:

"While out walking along the edge of a pond just outside my house in The Villages with my soon to be ex-husband discussing property settlement and other divorce issues, we were surprised by a huge 12-ft. alligator which suddenly emerged from the murky water and began charging us with its large jaws wide open. She must have been protecting her nest because she was extremely aggressive. If I had not had my little Beretta Jetfire .25 caliber pistol with me, I would not be here today!

Just one shot to my estranged husband's knee cap was all it took....

The 'gator got him easily and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace. It's one of the best pistols in my collection! Plus the amount I saved in lawyer's fees was really incredible.

His insurance was the big bonus. I'm comfortable now.