



BRIGHTON & DISTRICT NEWS LETTER OCTOBER 2009



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New Members

A very warm welcome to **Jim Pummel** of Southwick who has transferred from Worthing Branch. **Michael Dickens** of Brighton and **Philip Wright** of Hurstpierpoint.

Annual Conference

Once again the NARPO Annual Conference was packed with scintillating debate on international issues of interest to you all. However we only have a short space in this news letter so I will limit the report to 2 issues which may be of particular interest. The first is that conference decided not to renew the contract with Care First. The debate covered what should be done next and the NEC will be looking at creating a standard of welfare delivery to be made at Branch level with central support. More to come on this issue I think! One of the guest speakers at the conference was the Rt Honourable David Hanson MP the Minister for Police. He talked about Home Office Circular 46/2004 regarding the review of ill health pensions. He expressed some reservations about the way in which the circular was being implemented in some forces. He stated that he had instructed his department to conduct a review of the guidance and he hoped to publish the findings in 3 to 4 months. We will of course wait for the results of the review but there may be some interim measures that can be taken such as suspending all current reviews until the findings are published. This and other points will be taken forward by Ahmed Ramiz (North Sussex Branch) who has been nominated as spoke person on this issue by the Sussex Co-Ordinating Committee. Watch this space!

Golf— The Ray Bridger Cup—Tuesday 8 September

Another miserable showing by yours truly but a wonderful and entertaining day of golf none the less. The weather was good and the course in excellent condition. There were some good scores on the day and the final winner had to be calculated on count back as it was that close! A new name goes on the cup this year, that of Graeme Binks. Congratulations to him for a very good round of golf! Once again Marina Bridger was on hand to present the trophy and I thank her for coming

along and having dinner with us.

The next event is on Tuesday the 3rd of November at Brighton and Hove Golf Club. Coffee & bacon rolls from 9.30am, 18 holes of golf, prizes and steak and ale pie to finish! All for just £34.

Patrol RIP!

The publication of Patrol is no more At least for the likes of you and me. Patrol is to be a purely internal magazine and will not be circulated outside Sussex Police. A great shame for those of our members who like to keep tabs on what is going on. The news letter however will continue to spread the word about all the usual items of interest. Just how we circulate it is currently under review but you should get your copy this month either by hand or by post as usual. If you don't of course you wouldn't know why because you won't have received this news letter!!

We have about a third of members receiving their news letter via e-mail which is the quickest and surest way of getting one. If you would like to take advantage of this service then please send your e-mail address to colin.crookes@virginmedia.com.

And finally

A couple are lying in bed. The man says, "I am going to make you the happiest woman in the world."

The woman replies, "I'll miss you....."

Social

Half Yearly Meeting—18 October—Roedean School

Many of you will already have been to the venue at Roedean and if you haven't then this is another opportunity to join us. This is our half yearly meeting and we have decided that this year we would hold it on a Sunday afternoon instead of a Friday evening.

There will be no buffet but we will be making a **considerable subsidy** on the cost of Sunday Lunch! The programme is that we will hold the meeting at 1200. Business will take no longer than 30 minutes but there will be an opportunity to speak to your Chairman and members of the committee over lunch. Lunch will commence at 1245. The menu is: roast beef or roast chicken or vegetarian nut roast with all the trimmings, followed by fruit pavlova or rhubarb pie followed by coffee at a cost of £12.50p per person. Drinks can also be ordered from your table at your own expense! Guests are welcome at the meeting as always but I would remind you that if there is a need to vote **none members cannot vote!** If you wish to attend the meeting and not have lunch that is fine and if you want to attend the lunch but not the meeting that is also fine!

This is a break with our normal tradition but hopefully it will give an opportunity to those who can not attend the AGM on a Friday evening to come and join us for lunch as well as giving some variety to those who normally attend, not to mention a damned good lunch! Bookings should be made in the normal way through Dennis using the 'Social Booking Slip' **Please state your food choices and if there is anyone you wish to sit with!**

Classical Spectacular Royal Albert Hall Sunday 22nd November Matinee Performance

Leave Brighton Marina 10.45am Black Lion 11am aim to arrive Royal Albert Hall 1pm which hopefully will give ample time for some lunch in the area. Concert commences 3pm leave approx 5.45pm return to Brighton arriving approx 8pm. £30per head guests welcome. If you have not been before it is a very popular event in a wonderful setting and thoroughly enjoyable. Highly Recommended

Social Booking Slip

To: **Mr D Walker, 1 The Meads, Coldean, Brighton, BN1 9BA Tel: 01273 688456**
(All cheques to be made payable to 'NARPO Brighton & District Branch')

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Post Code: _____
Telephone No: _____
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I will join the coach at the Marina / Black Lion (Delete as appropriate and make a note for yourself!)
One cheque is Ok 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 ring Dennis.

Ceremony of the Garter

There has been sufficient interest shown in this proposed event for us to apply for tickets, this cannot be done until January and the Ballot is not held until March so we will not know if we are going until then unfortunately. The event in 2010 takes place on 14th June, if you would like your name added to the list please let Dennis know.

Visit to Belgium including Bruges, Brussels and Ypres.

We are looking at possibly organising a trip probably in late May 2010 to Belgium, the proposed itinerary is

- Day 1** Travel by Coach to Ghent spending time in Bruges on route,
- Day 2** Day Trip to Brussels
- Day 3** Day Trip to Ypres visiting Tynne Cot Military Cemetery and the Menin Gate for the Last Post Ceremony
- Day 4** Free Time in morning and then travel home.

We would stay at The Ghent Belfort 4 Star Hotel, which has restaurant, bar and lift on Bed & Breakfast Basis, travel with Worthing Coaches via Eurotunnel. Cost £200.00 per head. Guests Welcome. If you are interested please let Dennis know, a decision will have to be made by 30th November in order to secure the Booking.

Obituaries

George William Jerram aged 75 years. He leaves a widow Bridget Jerram.