



BRIGHTON & DISTRICT NEWS LETTER DECEMBER 2009



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New Members

A very warm welcome to John Myatt of Prembrokehire.

Thank you!

A big thank you to all our willing and not so willing volunteers who deliver Patrol and our news letter for us. This year we would like to say a special thank you to Graham Cosham and Bernie Vousden who are standing down after many years dedicated service. This is also a timely reminder that Patrol no longer exists and will not be circulated outside of serving police officers and staff. A big thank you also to the many people who have contacted us to say that they would like to have their news letter delivered by e-mail, this is not only more efficient but less costly. If you are in a position to receive your news letter by e-mail please let your chairman know and it will be arranged.

Pensions 2010

The RPI which is used to assess any increase in police pensions has regrettably moved into a negative situation and is currently at minus 1.4%. The good news is that there will be no reduction in pensions but the down side is that there will be no increase either, so things will stay the same!

However if you are over 65 years young your **state** pension increase is protected at a minimum of 2.5%.

Always trying to end on a positive note There will also be no increase in your NARPO subscriptions next year!!

Prime Minister gives assurances on Police Injury Award Payments

The National Association of Retired Police Officers

(NARPO) is pleased to see that during Prime Minister's question time in the House of Commons yesterday, Liberal Democrat MP, Sir Alan Beith raise the question of reductions in payments to former police officers who had been forced to retire because of the injuries that they received in their duty of protecting the public. Although Sir Alan used the example of Northumbria Police, this is not the only force in the country to be operating a cost cutting measure of reducing pensions to injured former officers.

NARPO have been trying for some considerable time to get this Government to recognise the consequences of a circular from the Home Office on the topic of injury payments, which has in our view lead to a maladministration of the injury benefit system in a significant number of forces in England and Wales not just Northumbria and a consequential unfair reduction in payments to individuals.

Eric Evans, the President of NARPO said 'We are grateful to Sir Alan Beith asking the question that we have been asking the Home Office for some considerable time. We are also grateful for the Prime Minister's assurances in response. We will be writing to Gordon Brown on this matter seeking that those assurances result in positive action by the Home Office and offending forces in a timescale that will give reassurances to all those currently and potentially affected by this problem.'

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searches for the cheapest gas and electricity prices in your area. This





together with an easy transfer process makes this what we think is a simple to use and beneficial scheme for our members.

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to start saving up to £1500 a year on your energy bills.

NARPO Energy also offers a cash rebate service for Commercial users who switch their supplier simply fill in the on line form to compare the whole of the market.

And finally

She was standing in the kitchen preparing to soft boil eggs for breakfast, wearing only the 'T' shirt that she normally slept in. As I walked in almost awake, she turned and said softly, 'You've got to make love to me this very moment.'

My eyes lit up and I thought, 'I am either still dreaming or this is going to be my lucky day.' Not wanting to lose the moment, I embraced her and then gave it my all. Right there on the kitchen table. Afterwards she said, 'Thanks,' and returned to the stove, her 'T' shirt still around her neck. A little puzzled, I asked, 'What was that all about?'

She explained, 'The egg timer's broken.'

Social

BELGIUM TRIP.

Unfortunately we did not receive sufficient interest in

Social Booking Slip

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(All cheques to be made payable to 'NARPO Brighton & District Branch')

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Post Code: _____

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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.

'To safeguard the rights of members and to promote measures for their welfare, with particular regard to pensions'

this proposed trip to make it viable, the pricing was worked out on a full coach, to run it with the numbers who have registered and interest would increase the cost by a dramatic amount. So therefore this trip will not be going ahead. Sorry to those who were hoping to go.



A NIGHT AT THE RACES.

Coral Greyhound Stadium Hove Thursday 11th March 2010 We have reserved the best tables in the restaurant in line with the finishing line for this fun evening. There will be 10 races the first at 7.30pm the last at 10pm, you can have a flutter on all or any of the races without leaving you seat. Doors open at 6.30pm your ticket will be at the door when you arrive, there is a 3 course Al a Carte meal, all for £17.50 per head, guests are welcome.

THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE DRINKS.

Ample free parking.

Obituaries

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