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YOUR CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE WISH  
YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY AND  
PEACEFUL  
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.



**Arthur (Jock) Black**

We have received a request from Jock's son; also named Arthur; for information about his late father's time as a police officer. Arthur jnr. has an illness which makes his own future uncertain and he has now realised that he knows little of his father's time in "the job" and wishes to compile a history of Jock's life for his children and those who follow. He asks that you send him any memories and stories, in full or summarised. Please send your contribution to [arthur.black10@btinternet.com](mailto:arthur.black10@btinternet.com) (Could make for some interesting reading!! A great character)



Our picture shows branch member James Baker on Horse Guards Parade, just after he marched in the Remembrance Day parade in London on 13<sup>th</sup> November. He is wearing his own medals, and on his right side he wears his late father's Long Service and Good Conduct medal awarded by the Metropolitan Police. Jim has attended this parade previously. He met Simon Payne of Chichester branch who was assisting with the marshalling. If you might be interested for next year, then watch the newsletter in early 2017 when you will be invited to apply for one of the limited places available.

**New Member**

We extend a warm welcome to Allan Gregory, ex Mets, and his partner Andrew.

**Blue Light Card**

Our newest member has drawn my attention to this card. It is for use on line and allows discount on many items and services for members of the emergency services and similar organisations; includes retired persons. Membership is free but for some services there may be a 'one off' charge of £10. I've had a quick look and it appears to justify a longer one! Visit:- [www.bluelightcard.co.uk](http://www.bluelightcard.co.uk)

As ever, the safety net, please use your own discretion when using this service as neither the branch nor I can accept responsibility for any problems you may encounter.

**‡Obituaries ‡**

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

**Peter DENNIS**, who passed away on 25 October. He was 92 years of age. Peter served for a number of years in Eastbourne as a Uniform Sergeant and Inspector.

**John NEAVES**. John passed away towards the end of November, but I have no exact date. He joined the Brighton Borough police in 1959 and lived in the police flats at Walton Bank, Coldean. John transferred to Yorkshire in the late 60's and he later joined the prison service and afterwards the ambulance service.

**Stephen ILLMAN** CI260, who passed away on the 22nd November. Stephen served in Brighton on uniform patrol, working from the Brighton Marina box and the Hollingbury box.

### Sussex Police Friends

I mentioned this Facebook page in the August newsletter. Since then I've seen a few new names adding little memories and old photos from a variety of courses have also been added. The faces are familiar, if some 30 or 40 years younger; but names are more difficult to recall, which is a common failing. One photo shown this week was of the last gathering of the Brighton Borough C.I.D with Chief Constable Bill Cavey. Happy memories! Worth a look from time to time if only to see if you appear in those ridiculous 1960's clothes and hairstyles!!!!!!!  
You will need a current member to introduce you as access is restricted.

### Keep it in the 'Family'? An idea from one of our members.

"When we were in "The job", we were all poorly paid, but many of us had additional skills to make ends meet, or knew of someone that did, and we could find someone to do anything. How things have changed!!.

I've been trying, for about 12 months, to find a carpenter to build a TV unit into a fireplace recess in my lounge, but many don't even reply to our enquiries.

When we retired, many of us "retrained" into various professions, or expanded our hobbies into part time jobs, but is there anybody who keeps track of this? I'd far rather "employ" a colleague to do my work for me!

I'm a techno phoebe, but are there others who may enjoy the challenge of preparing a directory?

Is it worth considering a directory of 'useful' members, or "recommended" tradesmen?

In the meantime, if anyone knows of a carpenter, I should be grateful to hear from you."

(Pass details to p.dacey@btinternet.com who will forward them.)

This is something which we may be able to accommodate on the branch web-site. I've asked Derek to look into it. In the meantime, what do you think? Tell me at the address above please. PD

### A Christmas Message from Social Secretary Ray Castle

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas and an equally good New Year. Thank you all, members and guests alike, who have supported what has been organised over the past year and I look forward to seeing you at the events already booked for you in 2017. In April we will be going to a musical at a London theatre. In June I have booked a four hour river cruise with on board BBQ. (*Fire extinguishers to hand I hope, Ray!*)

Details for April will be published in the January newsletter and for June in March

With reference to the Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14th December, I think everybody will be surprised by the interior alterations that have taken place at Mal Maison. I won't go into detail but I believe you will approve. Fellas, a thing good for us - you will now be able to purchase draught beer in the newly refurbished bar!!

Thank you again - Ray

**And finally** for the last time in 2016.....As it's Christmas some shorts which won't make the crackers....

I was at an ATM yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.

I start a new job in Seoul next week. I thought it was a good Korea move.

Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarfs are not Happy.

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that, 2:30am?!

Luckily for him I was still up playing my bagpipes.

I was explaining to my wife last night that when you die you get reincarnated but must come back as a different creature. She said she would like to come back as a cow.

I said "You're obviously not listening."

The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst...

So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.

When I was in the pub I heard a couple of idiots saying that they wouldn't feel safe on an aircraft if they knew the pilot was a woman. What a pair of sexists..... I mean, it's not as if she'd have to reverse it!

Local Police hunting the 'knitting needle nutter', who has stabbed six people in the rear in the last 48 hours, believe the attacker could be following some kind of pattern.

My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend, yet.

Merry Christmas. PD.

