

National Association of Retired Police Officers Eastbourne and District Branch New Year 2017 - Quarterly Newsletter

Welcome to the 2017 New Year Newsletter. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and that you have now recovered (or still recovering – perhaps) from visitations from children (grown up!), grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It's great seeing the family but...am I just getting a 'grumpy old man'?

Sue and I had a fairly quiet Christmas. The previous weekend was family and friends dominated to celebrate my seventieth (1946 baby boomer!). My two year old mischievous grandson decided that he wanted, and was determined to have, the last chocolate on the 5 feet tall, rooted Christmas tree and kept sneaking over to it. As he couldn't reach it from the floor he decided to climb on the back of the chair and managed to pull the whole thing over. Luckily, he landed safely grinning as he undid the wrapper. Grand-kids...but we love 'em!

On Friday 26 November 2016 one of our members, Madge Rolfe celebrated her 100th birthday. Part of her celebration was to attend our Christmas lunch at the Hydro the previous day. Madge is a Life Member. She attends all of our lunches together with her family. She has been a very active person and is to be seen every year, including this year, in the Langney Shopping Centre, with her British Legion poppy box. Well-done, Madge.

The NARPO subscription for 2017 has increased by 24p to £20.04 in line with our 1% pension increase. Sussex Officers who have the subscription taken at source will see the new increase on their February payslip. Would other Members please ensure that their subs are paid promptly by cheque, direct debit or internet transfer. Our account details are:

**NARPO – Eastbourne & District Branch Sort Code: 40-20-06 Account: No 92119595
Please use your surname and initial as the reference.**

Cheques to be made payable to:

NARPO – Eastbourne & District Branch and forwarded to
Mrs Caroline Place, 26 Medway, Hailsham BN27 3HF

My apologies for asking you to complete another form but since taking on the post of Secretary I have failed to ask Members to complete a Service Record. This record is kept locally by each Branch Secretary. It only refers to Full Members who have served in ANY Police force in the UK. If you wish to return the completed form by email please do so. It is not necessary to complete this form if you can recall completing one previously. The form is set out on page 9 and needs to be returned to me.

A cautionary warning again about the numerous number of 'scams' that are circulating at the present time. Most of them rely on victims disclosing their 'pin numbers' and passwords. **THE BANKS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS WILL NEVER ASK FOR THIS INFORMATION.** Some of these rogues are persistent and will call you several times gaining a further piece of information from you on each call. For example, on each occasion they phone you they may ask for three digits/letters from your password. Three calls later and without realising it, you've given away your whole password! If you are in doubt, or they ask you to call your

bank immediately, do not do so from the same phone. You are advised to use your mobile or call a friend/family member on the same phone to ensure that the line is clear, or leave it for at least 30 minutes. The reason for this is that when they allegedly hang up they in fact do not. The line is kept open directly to them without you realising it. So when you believe that you are phoning the bank for confirmation, you are actually still speaking to the fraudsters. Also beware if the caller offers you a direct-line number for 'your bank'. Record it but NEVER use it. Only use the number which can be found on the back of your bank card.

The offers available to NARPO members nationally are also available to your family. Both my offspring (in their forties) have taken advantage of some of the deals on offer. It's certainly worth bearing in mind.

We are still looking for a volunteer to help Jon Goddard manage our Facebook site. Jon, unfortunately, is not in the best of health. We need to keep the site up to date and current. If you are willing to help please contact Jon at jon1goddard@aol.com

Obituaries

Sadly, there have been a number of obituaries in the last three months. Our thought go out to their families.

Our Branch

Pat Evans passed away on 29 December 2016. Pat's funeral will be held at 2pm on Monday 23 January at the Downs Crematorium in Brighton followed by a gathering in the Winning Post Room at Brighton Racecourse. Everybody is welcome. Family flowers only. Donations to the Blue Cross Animal Charity c/o Cooper & Sons Funeral Directors in Lewes BN7 2DD.

Gladys Walshaw passed away on 24 December 2016. Gladys was an active member of our branch for a number of years. Gladys was the widow of the late Inspector Harry Walshaw who served at Eastbourne. Gladys' funeral will take place at All Saints Church, Grange Road, Eastbourne at 12noon on Tuesday 17 January 2017. Family flowers only. Donations to Eastbourne Mencap. 113 Pevensey Road, Eastbourne BN22 8AD

Rita Corry passed away on 30 November 2016. Rita was the widow of Superintendent Roland Corry.

John Niblett passed away on the 12 October 2016. John joined the West Sussex Constabulary in 1961. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1971 and served on Traffic Division, Rural Beat and in Operations Room before retiring from the service on 15 February 1991. He then took up a post at Headquarters dealing with all Abnormal Loads travelling through the county.

Peter 'Check' Dennis aged 92 years passed away on 25 October 2016. Peter served for a number of years at Eastbourne as a Uniform Sergeant and Inspector.

Christine Meppem passed away on 9 October 2016. Christine was the wife of one of our Full Members, Alan.

Eric Newton passed away on 31 August 2016. Eric was formerly an Inspector with the City of London Police.

Chichester Branch

Fred Field aged 81 years passed away 4 December 2016. Fred joined West Sussex constabulary in 1962 He served at most stations in West Sussex during his career which included spells with Traffic and Crime prevention. He was promoted to Sgt in 1976 and became rural Sgt in 1978. He retired from the force in 1992

Worthing Branch

John Berrie aged 82 years passed away on 22nd December 2016. He joined in 1962 and served in Littlehampton and Worthing. He was involved in the miners' strike and the aftermath of the Grand Hotel.

Brighton Branch

Ernie Aucott aged 89 passed away on 16 December 2016. Ernie joined the Brighton Borough Police in 1949 retiring in 1979

Stephen ILLMAN passed away on the 22 November 2016. Stephen served in Brighton on uniform patrol. He retired on ill health grounds.

Bernard Hammond aged 96 passed away in December 2016. Bernard enlisted into the Surrey and Sussex Yeomanry in 1939. His war service started with the expeditionary force and he saw service in Dunkirk, North Africa, Italy, Belgium and Germany. On leaving the army in 1945/6 he joined the Sussex Constabulary, the Territorial's and Air Training Corps. Bernard served in Chichester.

John Neaves (no further details). John joined the Brighton Borough police in 1959 transferring to Yorkshire in the late 60's.

Roger Wilcox passed away on the 3 October 2016. Roger was stationed at Rye for many years moving to Hastings Traffic and was probably best known as a traffic motor cyclist.

North Branch

Stephen Morgan, aged 65 passed away on 16 October 2016. Steve joined Sussex Police in 1975 and served at Newhaven, Haywards Heath, Lewes, East Grinstead. The majority of his service being with Traffic Division. He left the service in June 1996 having suffered a severe head injury whilst on duty

New Members

On a more cheerful note I would like to welcome the following new members and hope to meet them at future social gatherings:

Full Members	Peter Thompsett and Alison Whiteley - Sussex
	Penny Anthony - Sussex
	Peter and Julie Coll - Sussex
	Mark and Ruth Callaghan - Sussex
	Dennis and Janet Donovan – Sussex
	Mick and Devika Harris - Sussex
	Kevin and Julie Claxton – Sussex (transferred from Brighton)
	John Hammond – Sussex (transfer from Suffolk)

Additional Member Roger Phillips – Mets

Social Matters – and dates for your diary!

The Christmas lunch at the Hydro Hotel on 25 November 2016 was another success and enjoyed by 70+ members and guests. I'm looking forward to our Spring lunch on Friday 26 May 2017 at the same venue. Full details will be published in the Spring Newsletter. Please make an effort to join us.

The AGM is being held at 7.15pm on Tuesday 11 April 2017 at the Fishermens Club, Royal Parade, Eastbourne BN22 7AA. One of the main topics for discussion is the ongoing subject of the amalgamation of Sussex Branches. The Chair and Committee would appreciate some input into the future of your branch. If you cannot make the AGM but wish to make representation, please write or email me.

Following the 2017 AGM, one of our members, John Bishop will be giving a talk on 'Historical Motor Vehicles'. I have been told that his talks are both enjoyable and humorous. The evening will include a free finger buffet, members free cash draw and normal tombola. Please make an effort to attend.

At 7.15pm on 11 July 2017 a social gathering has been arranged again at the Fishermens Club which will include a guest speaker, Tony Harris, giving an amusing presentation on King Henry VIII. There will be opportunity to 'chin wag' and reminisce while you enjoy the free finger buffet.

At 7.15pm on 19 September 2017, we will be holding another social evening at the same venue where Kevin Gordon will be our guest speaker with a presentation on 'The Palace of Westminster'. Kevin, again, gives a very enjoyable, humorous and informative presentation.

The Social Committee are looking into arranging 3/4 day adult only autumn UK break at Warners, or similar establishment, later this year (2017). Without committing yourself, would you let Caroline know if you are interested. Caroline is contactable on 01323 846000 or email tonycaroline@btinternet.com

If you have any suggestions for social events, please let Caroline know.

A reminder that guests are welcome to all our social gatherings and outings. If you do live alone, or the 'other half' is not interested, please invite a friend(s) to join you.

If you would like to join the Social Committee, which consists of Ray Woolston (Chair), Caroline Place (Secretary), Tony Place, Jo Townsend (Treasurer) and Jan Steedman please contact Caroline. This small group do an excellent job behind the scenes in organising all your social events. Their efforts often go recognised. On behalf of the Chair, General Committee and branch Members, I offer our sincere thanks.

NARPO National Office changes

Ian Potter, our National President, has given notice that he intends to stand down at this year's Annual Conference. We wish Ian well.

As many of you may know, our National Finance officer, Sue Ward, retired 'officially' in December, 2016. Unfortunately, her post has not been filled to date. NARPO will be advertising again in the New Year. In the meantime, Sue has agreed to continue on a temporary basis to ensure that the 'crucial' part of the Financial Controller's responsibilities are dealt with. Sue will be primarily working from home. I am sure that all who know Sue will want to wish her a long and happy retirement.

Sussex Police Charitable Trust

I received the following email from Lorna Stagg, Charity Manager of the SPCC, who are seeking additional

Trustees Unfortunately, it was too late to include in my last Newsletter and the 'closing date' was in October. However, I decided to include details of the Trust as a reminder to ex Sussex Police members that it still exists. Donations to the trust are always welcome. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee or wish to know more about the Trust, please do not hesitate in contacting Lorna.

“Sussex Police Charitable Trust (or SPCT) provides support to officers, staff or specials, whether serving or retired, of Sussex Police when they are in need, or hardship, or distress. We have 2 Advisers who can provide members with advice and guidance on a range of issues as well as access to grants and interest-free loans. SPCT is also able to offer recuperative breaks (eg. Following a period of illness or other adverse situation) at its bungalow in Dorset.

SPCT is a registered charity and is governed by a board of Trustees who are drawn from the membership (note: people who were members of SPCT at the time they retired, automatically retain their SPCT membership status).

Sussex Police Charitable Trust has vacancies for additional Trustees.

Trustees are volunteers who are jointly responsible and accountable for the overall governance and leadership of SPCT. They direct the charity’s activities and ensure that the important work of providing support to members and their immediate families in times of need, hardship or distress is sustained and developed.

Trustees make key decisions to ensure that the charity operates within its own ‘Rules’ and those of the Charity Commission; it fulfils its objects in a fair, ethical and timely manner; finances and investments are managed effectively and in accordance with all relevant legislation and the charity has relevant goals and a clear strategy to meet them.

SPCT Trustees bring a broad range of different perspectives and experience to the board. Full training on Trustees’ Responsibilities is given to new Trustees.

There are currently 11 Trustees. Up to 3 additional Trustees are sought. It is important that each Trustee is able to take part in 5 Trustees’ meetings per year. These are organised well in advance. Trustees are also encouraged to sit on sub-committees such as the *Finance and Investment* and *Publicity and Membership* committees.”

If you are interested in being a Trustee, or would like further information, don’t hesitate to contact **Lorna Stagg, Charity Manager** on 012737 470102 or 101 ext. 544133 or email spct@sussex.pnn.police.uk

The Police National Treatment Centres fundraising lottery

The Police National Treatment Centres run a national lottery to raise funds for the centres. For more information please visit thepolicetreatmentcentre.org/fundraising/lottery or telephone the hotline 0370 058 5957

Travel with NARPO (ABTA K9413)

As the holiday season is approaching ...yes, Christmas is over... I thought I would remind you that NARPO Travel have numerous holidays on offer. I have received the following message from NARPO Travel:

“**ALL CRUISE:** All major cruise lines are booking through 2017 and into 2018 if not 2019. Personally, we cruise a lot and in October one supplier took me to Singapore to sample a 4 day short cruise with Royal Caribbean calling at Phuket and Kuala Lumpur. This proved to be a great stop over option going to or from Oz or New Zealand! Four nights relaxing at sea before a long flight home.....You can sail from Singapore to

many other parts of the world but this trip, designed for the Asia market was an ideal short break. We also book the Star Clippers so if it’s one of the Tall Ships that takes your fancy, we can help. At the other end of the scale we have River Cruises, starting with Shearings(?) right up to top end luxury(!).

Long Haul and Short Haul: We book all major suppliers and many that are trade only so if it's a holiday where you need the suitability for a disabled passenger right up to a massive wedding group, I can help

UK Breaks, Cottages and Villas: If it's a UK break, Butlins, a cottage or even a villa in a worldwide location, talk to us. We can help and save you money! Are you safe to book with us? Of course, we offer ABTA protection and ATOL Bonding and we have just won suppliers top awards as a group and are part of Hays Travel Independence Group. Personally at our recent conference I was awarded another three awards for my business and have many recommendations from clients. The advice for 2017 is book early to get a deal and I'm able to speak to you day or night whatever is best for you. Look forward to hearing from you!

Tel: 0800 1777 854; email narpo@notjusttravel.com

Limited Edition of The Thin Blue Line Tag Heuer watches for sale

I have précised details of this offer. If you wish to find out more, I can email you individually or you can visit the email address below. Unfortunately, I only have email contact. Further details may be available in the next NARPO News.

“Tag Heuer, through Andrew Michaels (AMJ) Jewellers of Newark, have linked up with NARPO and serving Police Officers and produced a limited ‘Police’ watch under the title of ‘The Thin Blue Line’. Members can pre-register their interest by going to www.andrewmichaels.co.uk/police.html Pre-registration brings with it the benefit of being able to request a particular serial number in the series up to 2350. Additionally, all of those that pre-register and then go on to order will be entered into a prize draw where Tag memorabilia will be given as prizes.

The Thin Blue Line gents watch is £2000; and the ladies £1850. Both watches are available with 4 years interest free payment. Key feature of the watch are as follows:

999 - Exaggerating and highlighting the 9 o'clock position on the watch face, this represents the emergency nature of the Police Service.

The Thin Blue Line - This familiar term routinely used when referring to the Police Service has been adopted as the title for this unique watch. It characterizes the stretched nature of the service and the very significant demand placed on policing.

Serving Communities Since 1829 - This marks the establishment of the first full time, professional and centrally coordinated Police Service by the then Home Secretary Sir Robert Peel.

Blue Second Hand - This represents the perpetual and active nature of policing, operating in communities every second of every day.

Blue stitching on leather strap edition - further emphasising the Thin Blue Line.

The Tag Heuer emblem etched onto the inside of the glass in the case back - This sits within the traditional star, seen as a common feature of most modern custodian police helmets. This further demonstrates Tag Heuer's very highest regard for those working for the British Police Service.

Fairness, Integrity, Diligence and Impartiality - Taken from The Police Attestation, these are the four principle values that describe the manner in which officers commit to discharge their policing duties, when taking the oath to uphold the law

In addition to the above, watches will come with the option of having the individual's name, rank and police force engraved on the rear. There is a limit of two watches per person. £25 from each sale will be donated to a Police Charity.”

Vauxhall Motors

As advertised in the NARPO News, a variety of Vauxhall motors are available at discount prices to NARPO members. To register an interest and to find out further details members are requested to go to partnershipprogramme.co.uk These offers are also available to family members. (Personally, I'm a Ford man!)

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Wealden Senior Citizens Partnership – Grey Matter Newsletter

I have mentioned this organisation previously. The title is self-explanatory. As well as the regular newsletter, they arrange social gatherings. If you wish to receive their informative Newsletter by post please send your name, address and phone number to Linda Graham, Membership Secretary, 5 Rectory Field, Hartfield TN7 4JE or telephone 01892770487. If you prefer to receive it by email please contact Linda at lindagraham@wealden-scp.org

THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The following was received from NARPO Chief Executive Officer:

“This inquiry will investigate whether public bodies and other non-state institutions have taken seriously their duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse in England and Wales. The Inquiry has launched 13 investigations into a broad range of institutions and will give a voice to victims and survivors of child sexual abuse, enable the Inquiry to understand how institutions have failed to protect children from sexual abuse and make practical recommendations to ensure better institutional protection for children in the future. The Inquiry is an independent statutory inquiry and covers England and Wales. Being independent means the Inquiry is not part of government and not run by a government department. Being statutory means the Inquiry was set up under the Inquiries Act 2005 and has the **power to compel** witnesses to give evidence. The Inquiry is a Public Inquiry and has wide-ranging powers under the Inquiries Act 2005. The Chair of the Inquiry can find fact but they cannot find criminal guilt or civil liability. This creates the potential for forces and/or individual officers to be criticised and for fact to be found, that may expose individual officers to allegations of misconduct. Although it should be noted that an overarching principle of an Inquiry is to make recommendations rather than apportion blame.

We have been in consultation with Operation Hydrant which acts as the conduit between the Inquiry and policing to produce Guidance for Police Forces who may at some stage in the future be asked to contact retired officers as a result of the Inquiry.

That Guidance has now been finalised and is available on request. Further information regarding the Inquiry including details of the 13 current investigations can be found at: <https://www.iicsa.org.uk>

Chief Constable Simon Bailey of Norfolk Police is the National Police Chiefs Councils' lead for Child Protection and Abuse Investigation and as such he has written to all Chief Officers in England and Wales, providing them with a copy of the Guidance and encouraging them to adopt its use, so that there is a consistent approach nationally.”

BBC Current Affairs

I received the following email from James Stewart, BBC Digital Affairs, New Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London W1A 1AA email: james.stewart02@bbc.co.uk

“I am currently undertaking research for an investigative series exploring unsolved crimes and cases deserving of further attention, to be published in the UK this year (2017). We’re hoping to explore stories from as wide a perspective as possible, looking at different viewpoints and investigating the wider impact beyond the primary characters immediately involved.

The BBC’s Current Affairs Department has a record of producing thoughtful investigative documentaries on a number of sensitive issues, for which we've received critical praise and awards.

We are interested in speaking to officers who have an awareness of a particular case, and who would be willing to have a short research conversation with a BBC journalist.

We want to better understand the challenges facing officers in these circumstances, as well as exploring different storytelling methods for cases of this nature.

All research conversations will be treated with the utmost confidence, and making contact does not commit individuals to taking part in the project in any way.”

And finally....

Many thanks if you’ve reach here without dozing off! If you wish me to include items in future newsletters, which may be of interest to others, please let me know. If you run a business and wish to advertise free, I am willing to include details, subject to space.

This is nearly as corny as some of the cracker jokes this Christmas:

Three men were sitting at a bar in Jamaica talking about how they ended up there. The first man says “I owned a superstore. Business was very bad. I collected on the fire insurance and moved here.” The second fellah nodded and said, “That’s similar to what happened to me. I collected my insurance money after the fire and came here.” The third man said, “I had a small fishery which was devastated by a hurricane and I collected the insurance money and moved here.” The two others looked at him and one asked. “How did you manage to start a hurricane?”

Do make a habit of visiting narpo.org.uk for up to date news and offers. Access to Newsletter from other Sussex branches can be found by visiting the Sussex Police Federation web site and following the links to *Retired Police Officers*.

Do not hesitate in contacting me regarding any NARPO related matters.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2017 and hope to meet up at future social events.

Bob Diplock

Branch secretary
Eastbourne & district NARPO

National Association of Retired Police Officers Eastbourne & district Branch



As a previous serving officer both Sussex Police Federation (if you served in Sussex) and the National Association of Retired Police Officers would wish to maintain contact with you and offer you the opportunity to provide us with an up to date record of your personal details and circumstances. The provision of support in a variety of forms is uppermost in the constitution of both our organisations, whether it is in the form of Life Insurance, Welfare, pension advice or just a social contact forum with former friends and colleagues.

Last Name		Forenames	
Warrant number when serving		Rank on retirement	
Date of Birth		Date of retirement	
Date of joining service		Brief service history (Carry on overleaf)	
Force joined			
Home Address			
Post code		Telephone	
E-mail address		Marital status	
Next of Kin details -		Relationship	
Address if different from home address			
Beneficiary details for Life Insurance cover (may be more than one name—please specify percentage).			
Are you in receipt of an Ill Health pension?		Yes	No
Do you have an Injury Award? Actual percentage?		Band 0-25%	Band 2 26-50%) <input type="checkbox"/>
		Band 3 51 -75%	Band 4 (76 - 100%)
Please return this completed form to:- The Branch Secretary, Eastbourne & District NARPO, 20 Purbeck Close, Eastbourne BN23 8EX or email to narpo-secretary-eastbourne@hotmail.co.uk			
<p>Thank you for taking the time to stay in touch and do not hesitate to contact either Sussex Police Federation or NARPO should you need our help.</p>			