

National Association of Retired Police Officers Eastbourne and District Branch

Spring 2014 - Quarterly Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter. There are a number of important matters that I would like to bring to your attention. These include the change of venue for the AGM, the Spring Lunch and forthcoming Social events.

Not to cause any 'domestics'....we've all attended a number in our service... but I have been asked by several spouses/partners (who are, in fact, full members) if I could send the Newsletter to their respective email addresses as their 'other halves' are not passing the information on to them. I am more than willing to do so if you email me your request.

New Members

Jon and Rachel Goddard (Sussex)
Nick and Julie Dimmer (Sussex)
Mark and Lee Stevens (Additional - SOCA)
John Biles (transfer from Berkshire)
Michael and Alison Bassett (Sussex)

John and Joanna Bishop (Sussex)
Eugene and Mary McAlonan (Mets) re-joining
Peter Poulson and Frie Hinchcliffe (Sussex)
Barry & Sue Mitchell (Sussex)
Keith Mates (Additional)

Obituaries

Our Branch

David Scott OBE QPM on 15 February 2014 aged 82 years. David was a former Assistant Chief Constable of Sussex Police having served in the Dorset Police before transferring to West Sussex in 1967/8 on promotion to Inspector. He had a varied career in Sussex being involved in the amalgamation of the five forces and the IRA bombing in Brighton. David was, until recently, the President of our branch.

David's funeral was held on 3 March 2014 at Victoria Baptist Church, Eastbourne and attended by over 200 family, friends and ex-colleagues. David leaves a widow, Olive, and two children, Richard and Jennifer together with grand children and great grand children.

Olive has asked me to thank you all for the many kind letters, emails and cards of condolence that the family have received. Please accept this as the only acknowledgement.

Margaret Hampton (no date), Widow Member of the late Bob Hampton. Margaret was a telephonist at Brighton Police Station for a number of years.

Other Sussex Branches

Keith Baker on 27 February 2014. Keith served at Chichester and Crawley.

Kevin CLARK on 8 February 2014 aged 55 years. Kevin served at Gatwick and Harting and as a vetting officer on Op OTTER.

Derek ARNOLD aged 80 years.

John Lloyd aged 67 years. John was a former Branch Chairman of North Sussex Branch of NARPO. He served at Hove, Yapton Rural, CID at Crawley, Gatwick, Interpol, NCIS and SOCA until he retired from the Police in March 1999. On retirement he worked as a civilian with SOCA.

Jim Marshall aged 97. Jim was a well known character having served as a senior Detective in the Brighton Borough CID.

Bill Wheatley aged 84. Bill served as a Detective Sergeant at Burgess Hill.

John Sole on 18 February 2014 aged 87 years

Pat Harmer Feb 2014 aged 80 years

Martyn “Ginger” Large on 7 March 2014 aged 66. He served at Bognor and Chichester traffic.

Norman Gubby aged 86 yrs. He served in Shoreham, Lindfield, Faygate, Haywards Heath and Arundel. He retired in 1975.

Anthony Cole on 8 March, 2014 aged 78 years.

Audrey Jones on 9 March 2014 aged 82 years. Mrs Jones was the wife of Idwal Jones, former National President of NARPO.

Tim Bateman on 25 March 2014. Tim served at Littlehampton, Shoreham, Worthing and Pulborough. Tim was a committee member and Social Secretary at Chichester until 2006.

Serving Police Officer

Mark Brown on 25 January 2014. Mark served at Littlehampton and Chichester traffic.

On a lighter side....Would this encourage you join the Peel Police c1839?

Salary: Constable 17/- (85p); Sergeant £1 1s 0d (£1.05p); Superintendent £3. 10s 0d (£3.50p) and Chief Constable £13 19s 0d (£15.50p).

- You must be between 23 and 40
- Working hours could be 8, 10 or 12 hours per shift 7 days a week
- You will be expected to grow a beard as it's unhealthy to shave. Beards to be no longer than 2"
- Uniform must be worn at all times to prevent accusations of spying on the public. Those on duty will wear an arm band.
- Not allowed to vote in Elections.
- You must not gossip with the public. In particular you must avoid conversation with female servants or women (*whilst you are*) on duty.
- You must not walk or converse with colleagues merely exchange a word and pass on.
- You will walk 20 miles a shift.
- No rest days but one week unpaid leave per annum.
- No meal breaks. The top hat can hold your snack.
- You must inform the Superintendent if you intend to associate, eat or drink with a civilian.
- Before attending a medical or interview to join the Police it is advisable to have a bath.
- You are not allowed to sit down in a public house at any time.
- You must expect hostile reception from all sections of the public and be prepared to be assaulted, stoned or stabbed in the course of your duty.

And a cheeky bit of humour...

First Lady to her friend. “I don't really want to tell you this upsetting news but I heard from a reliable source that your husband's been chasing young women. Don't you think at 85 he's a bit old for that sort of thing?”

Second Lady. “So why should I worry? Our dog chases cars but when he catches one he realises that he can't drive.”

Annual General Meeting Monday 14 April 2014

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 14 April 2014 at 7.15pm at the Royal Air Force Association Club in Wish Road, Eastbourne BN21 4NX. I have taken into account the problems experienced by some of our members who have difficulty making the stairs at the Fishermen's Club. The RAFA Club is 'disabled friendly'. A finger buffet and bar will be made available to us. The parking facilities are minimal although there is ample on-road unlimited parking. There are no restrictions after 6pm but please ensure that you check the parking signs. There are bus stops situated nearby in Cornfield Road near the Memorial. These serve all Eastbourne, Seaford, Hailsham and Bexhill services.

The following Committee Members are willing to stand for a further year and will be proposed at the AGM. Keith Bowman (Chair), Eric Reed (Treasurer), Liz Gardner (Welfare), Edna Osborne (Auditor), Kit Bentham (Vice Chair), Ray Eldridge (Social Committee Representative), Brian Hinsbey, Tony and Caroline Place, Peter Head and, of course, myself as Secretary.

Keith Mates (Additional Member), Jon Goddard and Nick Dimmer have offered their services as Committee Members and will be proposed at the AGM.

I have included the Agenda and copies of the Chairman's, Treasurer's and my Annual Reports in this Newsletter. The Reports will be presented at the meeting.

I hope to see many of you at this Social gathering.

Annual NARPO Subs

A reminder to those Members who do not have their subs deducted at source and have not paid their subscription for 2014; would you please do so as soon as possible? The subs for Full and Associate Members are £19.56. Subs for Additional Members are £11.64. Subscriptions can be paid by BAC (Internet Banking) directly into our account. The details are as follows:

Name of Account: **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 out to: ***NARPO – Eastbourne & District Branch***
and forwarded to
Mr Eric Reed, 24 Micklefield Way, Seaford, BN25 4EU

Spring Lunch FRIDAY 23rd MAY 2014

The Spring Lunch is being held at the Hydro Hotel, Eastbourne on 23 May 2014. The cost will be £19.00 per person. Those participating should chose from the following menu and return a completed pro forma (which can be found on page 9 at the end of this Newsletter) to Mrs. Ruth Humphrey, 53, Rotunda Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6LF by Friday 9th May. If you are unable to print the pro-forma please inform Ruth in writing including names and menu selection for each member and guest. The Lunch will be held in the Garden Room at 12.30 pm with a prompt sitting at 1.15 pm. Cheques should be made payable to Eastbourne NARPO – Social Section.

MENU:

Starter: Traditional Oak Smoked Salmon with caramelised Tomato and Lemon Dressing

or **Marinated Melon Pearls in Midori Liqueur.**

Main: Roast Sirloin of Beef, Yorkshire Pudding and Horseradish Sauce.

or **Honey and Clove Roasted Ham. Apricot and Fig Jam and a Ham Sauce.**

or **Vegetarian: Oriental Vegetable Crepes with Parsley Sauce Cream.**

**Sweet: Baileys and Ginger Bombe, Vanilla and Sage Syrup and Baileys Cream.
or Chocolate and Grand Marnier Mousse Tart.**

Freshly Brewed Coffee or Tea.

Newsletter Editor

I am still looking for a volunteer to take over as Editor of this Newsletter. If you are interested, or wish to know more, please give me a call without commitment (I promise!).

National Annual Conference

A reminder that the 2014 National Annual Conference will be taking place at Brighton on Friday 5 September 2014. Unfortunately, due to a family wedding, I'll not be able to attend. Keith Bowman, our Chairman, is willing to attend the Conference as a delegate representing this branch and his name will be put forward at our AGM.

Full Members (including their spouses) are entitled to attend as Observers. If you wish to attend or want to know more about the Conference please let me know.

Social Gathering

The 'Free' coach trip arranged by your Social Committee was an enjoyable and educational excursion! The driver took us on a roundabout route to Paradise Park at Newhaven through the villages of Laughton, Glydne, Lewes and Piddinghoe. We returned to Eastbourne via Birling Gap and Beachy Head. It was disappointing that only 18 members took part and looked a little lost in the 49 seater coach. My thanks to Ray Woolston for arranging the trip.

The Social Committee have made a provisional booking for an evening of Ten Pin Bowling at Lloyd's Lanes from 7pm on 7th May 2014 at Lloyds Lanes, Hampden Park (opposite Sainsbury's). The price of £12.45 includes a Basket meal. If you wish to take part in this Social Event please contact Ray Eldridge at 99 Croxden Way, Eastbourne, BN22 0UH or on 01323 508853 **as soon as possible** and no later than 28th April 2014, with your name, telephone number and cheque made payable to **NARPO, Eastbourne Branch, Social Section**. Ray will be at the AGM to take bookings. If you are unable to take part in the actual bowling you are still welcome. Please let Ray know as it may be possible to re-negotiate the cost for those not participating in the bowling.

Later this year the Social Committee are planning a trip up the Medway on the Belle Paddle Boat to Teapot Island at Yalding. Look out for further details.

Watch Out! Watch Out! There's a thief about!

That campaign brings back memories! How simple things appeared back in those days? Now we have to be on our guard against telephone and internet comen!

Sussex Police have issued a warning concerning the increase in telephone fraudsters resulting in elderly victims losing large amounts of money. Up until the end of February 2014, there have been 24 cases in which cash amounting to £150.000 has been stolen; there have been a further 107 incidents in which the thieves achieved nothing.

The fraudsters call the intended victim claiming to be from either the Police or their Bank. They tell the victim that their card details have been fraudulently used and that they need to act urgently to protect themselves.

They don't ask for any security details at this stage. They suggest that their victim hang up and advise them to ring their bank or police immediately to ensure that the call is genuine.

Don't be fooled - they block your telephone line by staying on it after you hang up. When you believe

you are dialling the number of the local Police or your bank you are in fact speaking to the fraudster! You will be asked to quote your PIN. They will then inform you that they will send a taxi or courier to your home to collect your bank card as evidence. Of course, once they collect this, and using the PIN, they can soon empty your account before you realise that the whole thing is a scam. Sussex Police advise the following:

"Never give out your bank details to someone who has contacted you on your home phone unsolicited. If you have any suspicions please do not use the phone you have just been called on to contact the police or your bank. If possible use another phone to contact the police to report it, or to contact a friend or relative to alert them.

If you have been a victim or know someone who has, please contact Sussex Police via 101 or email 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk quoting Operation Edisto."

And whilst on the subject of 'fraud'

I had intended to warn Members that the Government was proposing to obtain everybody's Medical Records from GPs and place them on a national data base. The concern is that such national records could be made available to commercial organisations ie insurance companies, employers etc. Individual patients opt out if they notified their surgery in writing by the end of March 2014. This proposal was not widely publicised. However, following opposition from different organisations, the Government have decided to defer this idea. But be warned; it could raise its head again in the very near future. If I hear anything I'll pass it on to you all.

West Sussex Police Re-Union

I've been asked to give you early notification of the next West Sussex Police reunion which will be held on 19th October 2014 at Worthing Golf Club. This is a change from the usual venue. Further details will follow nearer the date.

Where can we train our Police Dogs?

The Sussex Police Dog Unit is currently struggling to find land and buildings to use as training venues. They are looking for locations across the county with easy access for police cars but with restricted public access. Unfortunately Sussex Police cannot offer payment, but suggest that having police dog vans present from time to time offers a visible crime deterrent. If you feel you could help in any way please email your details to dogs.sussex@sussex.pnn.police.uk

International Police Association

The IPA is offering free 2014 membership to NARPO members. If you are interested full details can be found on their website at www.ipa-uk.org or by contacting Elizabeth Jones, Communications Manager on 0115 9813638

Holiday Offer (Advertisement)

Have a break in the sun where current temperatures are 20plus. Plenty of beaches for the sun seekers. Plenty of golf courses! Flights from as little as £90 return (dependant on time of travel, carrier and location of departure airport). NARPO members and close family receive a huge discount on listed prices. This advert is also on the NARPO national website. Further details are available at www.holidaylettings.co.uk/371507 quoting NARPO

How to find this Newsletter on the Internet

This Newsletter can be found on the Sussex Police Federation website by logging on to www.sussexpolfed.org/; selecting the heading 'Retired Officers' and 'Eastbourne and District Branch'. Other Sussex Branches also publish their Newsletters on this website. For those who have access to the internet, do not forget to visit narpo.org.uk/

And finally...

Please do not hesitate to contact me on any NARPO matters. I hope to meet more of you at our meetings and social gatherings.

My Kind regards,

Bob Diplock

Branch Secretary

CHAIRMAN`S REPORT – 2013

In an ever changing world, 2013 has certainly presented challenges that few could have foreseen. Not only for serving police officers but for those retired or about to retire. A strong and vibrant NARPO with other like minded agencies more than ever continues to fight our cause and protects our pensions, rights and welfare.

Eastbourne & District Branch of NARPO I am happy to say has a strong membership with representation at national, regional and local level.

As a delegate I attended the NARPO National Conference at York, Regional Meetings at Leatherhead, Co-Ordinating Committee Meetings at Police HQ`s Lewes (Delegates from all Sussex Branches in attendance). Not forgetting our Local Committee Meetings and Functions throughout the year.

I was also honoured, with the support of our Committee and Local Sussex Branches, and following a ballot at our Regional Meeting, to be elected as Second Reserve to the NEC (National Executive Committee).

However, it would be amiss of me not to mention that my role is made easier by having a very capable team supporting me and that of our membership.

Our Secretary Bob Diplock doing a sterling job, our Treasurer Eric Reed making sure we are solvent and Liz Gardner and her team keeping an eye on our welfare. Not forgetting our Committee and Social Committee quietly working behind the scenes – often the unsung heroes. On behalf of you all I would like to convey our thanks and appreciation.

With your support our Branch will continue to thrive and be strong and meet whatever the challenges may face us during the forthcoming year.

A Happy and Prosperous 2014 to you all.

Keith Bowman

Chairman

SECRETARY`S REPORT - 2013

2013 has been eventful for my self in respect of NARPO matters. I attended a two day course at Wakefield with 25 other Secretaries and Chairmen from different regions. It was both interesting and informative giving me the chance to share ideas with other branches and familiarise myself with ‘head office’.

Together with Keith Bowman and our respective spouses I represented this Branch at the National Conference at York. Not all Branches are represented. Some branches are unwilling to meet the cost of

sending delegates. In my opinion, we should continue to send Members to ensure that we remain active participants of the NARPO Organisation. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend this years Conference at Brighton, due to a family commitment.

I am please to report that we had a slight increase in Membership during 2013. Our current membership stands at 373 (not including spouses/partners). Membership is made up of 9 Life, 289 Full (plus spouses and partners which would boost this number to nearer 500!), 58 Widow/ers, 12 Additional, 4 Associate and 1 Honorary.

There were 27 new Full Members including spouses/partners. The Branch had 9 bereavements.

During 2013, having direct access to NARPO's national membership data base, I have ensured that our Membership List is correct and up to date. My immediate project for 2014, together with the Treasurer, is to bring about a system to remind non-ex-Sussex members that their subscriptions are due as it appears that some have been overlooked in the past. Easily done. (Ex-Sussex subs are generally deducted from source.)

I am willing to continue as the Honorary Secretary of this Branch.

Bob Diplock

Branch Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT 2013

This is my report of the Branch Accounts for the year 2013.

The transfer from Santander to HSBC was completed and is working well. The Income and expenditure has remained similar to that of 2012, the biggest change was in conference expenses, which was due to it being held in York, rather than Eastbourne. This year it is Brighton which will reduce the costs.

I have added new categories to show a greater breakdown of expenditure. Widows are shown as a separate item, rather than Welfare. Miscellaneous I have put in Presentations, and other items previously shown will be dealt with as and when. Hence some of the items on the balance sheet showing zero.

The Account balances remain in a healthy state, with a reserve of £8194.55 on the 31st December 2013.

One issue that has become apparent is that we need to keep an eye on membership numbers as people have either forgotten to pay, or did not wish to continue membership but have not told us. The Secretary and I are working on a way of checking this. Having said that it is not a huge problem. I do not want members to find out they are not members too late.

My thanks to Pat Johnson for his help with the changeover of Banks; and Edna for auditing the accounts again.

If there any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, prior to the AGM so I will be in a position to answer .

Eric Reed

Branch Treasurer

National Association Of Retired Police Officers

Eastbourne Branch no. 37

Income	2013	2012
Subscription	5,548.90	5,492.58
Raffle	160.00	140.88
Honesty Box	79.44	75.80
Interest	4.55	8.80
Refund - Conference	0.00	100.00
	5,792.89	5,818.06
Expenditure		
Diaries	0.00	140.00
Precept	2,243.68	2,150.49
Conference	1,094.00	148.00
Widows	585.00	0.00
Refreshments	288.75	257.50
Christmas Lunch	124.78	121.55
Newsletter	120.30	0.00
Donation	100.00	25.00
Printer	99.99	0.00
Printing/Photocopying	0.00	109.93
Presentations	67.99	0.00
Mileage	66.00	0.00
Postage	22.00	148.94
Stationery	53.13	156.44
Telephone	0.00	40.00
Welfare	0.00	575.25
Miscellaneous	0.00	324.36
Total	4,865.62	4,268.96
Profit(Loss)	927.27	1,549.10
	5,792.89	5,818.06

Balance Sheet as at the 31st December 2013

HSBC

Reserve Account	31.12.2013	2012
	8,194.55	0.00

HSBC

Current Account		7,353.74
31.12.2013	86.46	927.27
	8,281.01	8,281.01

In addition the Branch Social Fund is £919.41

I declare that I have examined documentation presented to me and have satisfied myself that the accounts have been kept correctly.

Signed
Date

Edna Osborne
Honorary Auditor

Spring Lunch Friday 23 May 2014

Please complete the pro-forma and forward it to Mrs. Ruth Humphrey, 53, Rotunda Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6LF as soon as possible and no later than **Friday 9th May**. If you unable to print this form please contact Ruth in writing following this format.

Cheque enclosed:

Choices:

Name..... Salmon/Melon Beef/Ham/ Veg. Bombe/Tart

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Please circle choices. Add additional names and choices if necessary – Friends are most welcome to join us

*National Association of Retired Police Officers
Eastbourne and District Branch*

**Annual General Meeting
7.15pm Monday 14 April 2014
RAFA club, Wish Road, Eastbourne BN21 4NX**

AGENDA

- 1 Opening remarks by the Chairman
 - 2 Apologies for absence
 - 3 Tribute to past Members
 - 4 Welcome to new Members
 - 5 Minutes of last AGM held on 15 April 2013
 - 6 Matters arising from the minutes
 - 7 Correspondence
 - 8 Adoption of Reports:
 - (i) Chairman
 - (ii) Secretary
 - (iii) Treasurer including Balance Sheet
 - 9 Election of Officers:
 - (i) Chair
 - (ii) Vice-Chair
 - (iii) Secretary
 - (iv) Treasurer
 - (v) Executive Committee
 - (vi) Social Chair
 - (viii) Welfare Officer
 - (ix) Auditor
 - 10 Election of representatives for:
 - (i) Annual Conference Brighton 5 September 2014
 - (ii) Coordinators Committee and No 5 Region Meetings
 - 11 Any other business
 - (i) No 5 Region and National Updates
 - (ii) Social Events
 - (iii) Membership Classification Interpretation
 - 12 Date of the Half Yearly General Meeting 22 September 2014
(Venue to be arranged)
- Closure of Meeting