

*National Association of Retired Police Officers  
Eastbourne and District Branch  
Autumn 2014 - Quarterly Newsletter*

*Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter. I hope it finds you all in good health. As I am away for a number of weeks I decided to publish it early. There are three important social events coming up in the near future.*

- (1) **The Half Yearly General Meeting on 22 September** at the RAFA Club in Wish Road, Eastbourne from 7.15pm. The meeting will be followed by a social gathering with a finger buffet and raffle.*
- (2) **The Christmas Lunch on 28 November** at the Hydro Hotel from 12.30pm.*
- (3) **The Eastbourne Borough Reunion (non NARPO event) on 11 October** at the Hydro Hotel from 7pm.*

*Full details of the Christmas Lunch and Eastbourne Borough Reunion are set out below. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the Half Yearly Meeting or the Borough Reunion as I will be sunning myself in Crete! I hope I see many of you at the Christmas Lunch.*

*About 50 members attended the 'nosh 'n natter nite' on the 16 July at the RAFA Club. It was a congenial gathering with an excellent finger buffet. My thanks go to the Social Committee for arranging the event. As is the norm, neither Sue nor I had any luck in the 'money draw' or raffle - what's new? Congratulations to Mrs Linda Woolston who won the £50 and to Mrs Pam Rigg who pocketed the £25. Both these lucky members were sitting at my table!*

## **OBITUARIES**

Our prayers and thoughts go out to all the following families.

### **Eastbourne Members**

Eric Osborne BEM on 29 July 2014 aged 89 years. Eric was our past Eastbourne & District Chairman and National President. He joined the Hastings Borough Police in 1949 and in 1966 took up the post of Headquarters Police Federation Officer at Lewes where he represented many serving Police Officers. There have been numerous tributes to Eric from a variety of organisations and he will be sadly missed. Edna continues to serve on our Branch Committee.

Mrs Joyce Dunster on 26 August 2014

### **Other Branches**

Cyril Cornbill aged 90. He joined the Brighton Borough Police and retired in 1981 in the rank of Superintendent.

Ronald Harvey on the 15 July 2014.

Eric Harrison on 25 August 2014. Eric served with Sussex Police from 4 September 1980 until his retirement in the rank of Sergeant on 30 March 2001. He had previously served with Hampshire Police. Eric returned to serve in Sussex as a Trainer at Headquarters.

Victor (Vic) Oliver aged 86 years. Vic joined West Sussex in May 1951 and served at Lancing and Southwick, before joining Traffic Section in 1959, where he stayed until his retirement as Traffic Inspector in 1981. Whilst on Traffic he served at Chichester, Worthing, Petworth and Brighton, being twice promoted within the department.

Patricia (Pat) Turvey on 17 August 2014. Pat served for many years at Sussex Police HQ in Lewes, as the Personal Assistant to more than one of our Chief Constables. She also played the Violin in the Sussex Police Orchestra.

Harold Robinson on 13 August 2014 aged 88 years. He originally joined Worcester City Police, later transferring to the East Sussex Constabulary, where he served at Hove and Battle.

Neil Costello (no further details).

Phil Hellyer. Phil was a West Sussex Cadet, and served at Bognor and on Traffic at Chichester. He retired as a DC in Chichester CID.

## HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

The Half Yearly General Meeting will be taking place on Monday 22 September 2014 from 7.15pm at The RAFA Club, Wish Road, Eastbourne BN21 4NX followed by a finger buffet and raffle. There is ample opportunity at the end of the meeting for a 'good chin-wag'. I have attached the Agenda to the end of this Newsletter. The Minutes of the 2013 Half Yearly Meeting have already been circulated. There is ample free on-street parking in the area and a nearby regular bus service to Eastbourne, Seaford and Hailsham. Please make an effort to attend. In my absence please send apologies to the Chair, Keith Bowman on 01323 506282 or email [keith\\_bowman@sky.com](mailto:keith_bowman@sky.com)

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE HYDRO

Mrs Ruth Humphrey has again arranged our popular Christmas Lunch at the Hydro Hotel on 28 November 2014 – 12.30 for 1pm 'sit down'. The cost is the same as last year at £20 per head. Guests are welcome. The menu is as follows:

**Starter:** Leek and Potato Soup with a hint of nutmeg.

OR

Chicken liver and port Parfait, Cumberland  
Sauce and Wholemeal toast

**Main Course:** Traditional Roast Turkey, Apple and Chestnut Stuffing,  
Wrapped Chipolata and a Cranberry Puff Pastry.

OR

Chargrilled Salmon on Roasted Vegetables,  
Bois Boudran Sauce.

OR

**Vegetarian:** Aubergine, Tomato and Brie Bake with Pesto  
Dressed Leaves.

**Dessert:** Traditional Plum Pudding with an Amaretto Sauce

OR

Lemon and Lime Scented Cheesecake with a  
Citric Syrup.

OR

**Dietary Choice:** Cheese and Biscuits.

Please complete the pro-forma at the end of the Newsletter and forward it to Ruth Humphrey at 53 Rotunda Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6LF as soon as possible and no later than 7 November 2014. If you are unable to print the form please write to Ruth using a similar format. Cheque should be made payable to NARPO (Social Section).

### **EASTBOURNE BOROUGH POLICE REUNION (Non NARPO function)**

This year's Re-union will take place on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October** at **The Hydro Hotel** commencing at **7pm**. The cost of the evening will be £12-00 per person which includes a finger buffet.

If you wish to attend this popular social event would you please complete the slip below as soon as possible and forward it to David Smith at Rutherfords, Lion Hill, Stone Cross, Pevensey, East Sussex, BN24 5ED enclosing a cheque made payable to 'Eastbourne Police Reunion'. If you are unable to print the form would you please write to David using a similar format. Alternatively, if you wish to apply on line please send an email to David at [dsmith84@sky.com](mailto:dsmith84@sky.com) and transfer the cost by BAC (internet banking) to the National Westminster Bank plc. Account name: '**Eastbourne Police Reunion**'; **Sort code 60-07-44: Account number 51584409** using **your surname and initial as your reference**.

If you have any questions about this event, David is contactable on 01323 763255

### **WEST SUSSEX CONSTABULARY REUNION**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the ex-West Sussex Constabulary been arranged for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at Worthing Golf Club, Links Road, Worthing, BN11 9QZ 12.30 for 1.00 pm. Based on the numbers attending the 2012 Reunion, it was decided to find a smaller venue and numbers will be restricted to 120. A buffet will be provided to include tea and coffee at a cost of £14. per person. Bar facilities will be available.

If you wish to attend this function please contact Tony Matthews at 1 The Herons, Shoreham by Sea, West Sussex, BN43 5UJ or by e-mail address at [t-mattews3@sky.com](mailto:t-mattews3@sky.com)

Cheques to be payable to *West Sussex Police Reunion*.

### **SENIOR CHRISTMAS GOLF EVENT – DYKE GOLF CLUB**

Entry open to employees/ex-employees of the Sussex Police who are 50+ on 8 December 2014. Cost of entry is £33 (£10.25 to Dyke GC Members). The event includes 9am Full English & Coffee – 10am 18 hole Stableford of Full Handicap – Festive Prizes

If you wish to take part in the event please send your application together with a cheque in the sum of £10 (deposit) made payable to P R Hawkes which is not refundable after 23 November; withdrawal after 30 November may incur full entrance fee as tees, meals and prizes will have been confirmed

Please include on your application your full name, telephone number, email address and Handicap. Send your entry form to Peter Hawkes at 4 Highdown Drive, Littlehampton BN17 6HJ.

### **JOB VACANCIES – THE RED SNAPPER GROUP**

The Red Snapper Group have a number of job vacancies for retired Police Officers around the country. If you are looking for employment the company can be contacted on 0203 1193300 or email at [info@redsnappergroup.co.uk](mailto:info@redsnappergroup.co.uk) Their website is [www.RedSnapperGroup.co.uk/IHAT](http://www.RedSnapperGroup.co.uk/IHAT)

## **CAN YOU HELP SSAFA EASTBOURNE ? (Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Family Association)**

Betty Stephens, Assistant to the Eastbourne Divisional Secretary of SSAFA has asked me to circulate the following:

“SSAFA is a national charity helping and supporting those who serve in our Armed Forces, those who used to serve and the families of both. Our network of volunteer Branches provides support to Armed Forces and veterans community. Currently there are 6,500 volunteers across 95 Branches nationwide. We are seeking volunteers in the Seaford, Newhaven and Peacehaven areas.

Caseworkers provide friendly support and advice to eligible individuals. The role of the Caseworker is to assess the needs of clients and access appropriate assistance. This could include obtaining financial assistance or accessing special equipment for clients with disabilities. Caseworkers are supported by the Divisional Secretary or, where there is no Division, the Branch Secretary.

Caseworkers receive local induction training about SSAFA and attend a mandatory Caseworker's course once they have joined the Association. Interviews, references, criminal records checks and ISA registration are part of the recruitment process.

A forces background is not essential, a driver's licence is beneficial for some geographical areas, and basic IT skills would be desirable. All volunteers are required to adhere to Our Volunteer Policy. Ms Stephens can be contacted at [eastbourne@ssafa.me.uk](mailto:eastbourne@ssafa.me.uk)

## **CAN YOU HELP WITH THIS FAMILY RESEARCH ?**

Geoff Todd, who served in Surrey Constabulary 1955-78 and Thames Valley Police 1979-1987 has sent me this email asking for help in tracing details of his great uncle.

“I am researching my great uncle Alfred Jame Hyder who died in France on 27 October 1918 and is buried in Rouen. Prior to joining the army and becoming Gnr,163861 A. Hyder in the 233rd Seige Battn, Royal Garrison Artillery he was a constable in Eastbourne Borough Police and lived at 164 Whitley Road, Eastbourne. His brother, my grandfather, a former Metropolitan Police constable, had a photograph on the wall of his home in Small Dole (Sussex) and told me, while I lived there in the 1940s, that it was a picture of his brother who was an Eastbourne police officer and had died during WW1. In 1965 I had to attend an interview at Eastbourne Police Station. I waited, with others, in a large hall at the station and there on the wall was a memorial commemorating former Eastbourne Borough Police members who had lost their lives during WW1. My great uncle's name was recorded thereon. Do any of your members know whether this memorial still exists or, better still, have a photograph of it? Searching the web has shown up a number of memorials in Eastbourne but not this one. I have a photo of his grave in Rouen, which I have visited on a number of occasions, and am aware of the main memorial at Eastbourne and the associated wooden panels of remembrance at the Town Hall. Any help, especially a photo of the plaque at the police station would be much appreciated.”

If you can help please contact Goeff at 01869 338532 or email: [ageoffreytodd@aol.co.uk](mailto:ageoffreytodd@aol.co.uk)

## **INSURANCE FOR SERVING AND RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS** (advertisement)

Steve Davenport, who retired from Dorset Police in 2012 and is currently the Regional Business Development Manager for Police Insure (part of Advantage Insurance Centre Ltd) would like to introduce his business to NARPO members in order that they can benefit from the discounted insurance policies on offer. He informs me that almost 90% of their customers renew each year with premiums routinely significantly cheaper than the competition – often up to 40% cheaper.

For more information please contact Steve Davenport, Regional Business Development Manager, Police Insure Tel 07917620525 stating that you are a member of NARPO.

## BUSINESS FOR SALE – COUNTY RIDER TRAINING

I recently received the following email from Lee Stunell.

“I own and run a motorcycle training school providing tailored tuition from compulsory basic training through to full un-restricted licences. We are fully DVSA qualified and do our best to run a well organised yet friendly company. Due to the expansion of my families engineering business I am looking to sell the school. If you are interested please contact me on 07988876001 or 01323 646668 or at [www.countyridertraining.co.uk](http://www.countyridertraining.co.uk)”

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I am *still* looking for a volunteer to take over the responsibility of producing the quarterly Newsletter. If you are interested or would like to know what it entails please let me know by phone or email.

## 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/](http://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/](http://narpo.org.uk/)

## AND FINALLY .....THE PERFECT SCAM....?

John bought a donkey from a farmer for £100 and the farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day. But the next day the farmer phoned John and said, “Sorry, son, but I have some bad news. The donkey's died.” John obviously asked for his money back but the farmer refused as he'd already spent it. “In that case” John demanded “bring me the donkey.” The farmer was a little confused and asked, ‘What are you going to do with him?’ John replied, 'I'm going to raffle him off.' The farmer said, ‘You can't raffle a dead donkey.’ John said “Sure I can. Watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead.”

A month later, the farmer met up with John and asked “What happened with that dead donkey?” John said, “I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at £2 each and, deducting the £100 I paid you, I made a profit of £898.” The farmer said, “Didn't anyone complain?” John said, “Just the guy who won. So I gave him his £2 back.”

*Please do not hesitate to contact me on any NARPO matters.*

*Bob Diplock*

*Branch Secretary*  
*Tele: 01323761462*

Half Yearly General Meeting  
Monday 22 September 2014 7.15pm  
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 Half Yearly Meeting
- 6 Matters arising
- 7 Social Matters
- 8 Welfare Matters
- 9 Financial Matters
- 10 2014 Brighton Conference Update
- 11 Correspondence
- 12 Any other business
- 13 Closure of Meeting

*A raffle and buffet will follow the meeting*

\*\*\*\*\* *please detach and send to Ruth Humphrey* \*\*\*\*\*

## Christmas Lunch Friday 28 November 2014

Please complete the pro-forma clearly and forward it to Mrs. Ruth Humphrey, 53, Rotunda Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6LF as soon as possible and no later than **Friday 9 November 2014**. If you are unable to print this form please contact Ruth in writing following this format.

Amount of Cheque enclosed: .....

Choices:

Name..... (Phone No..... )  
Soup/Pate Turkey/Salmon/ Veg. Plum Pudding/Cheese Cake/Cheese

Name.....  
Soup/Pate Turkey/Salmon/Veg. Plum Pudding/Cheese Cake/Cheese

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

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*Rutherfords, Lion Hill, Stone Cross, Pevensey, East Sussex, BN24 5ED*

## EASTBOURNE BOROUGH POLICE REUNION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(a) I wish to attend the 2014 Re-Union with my wife/husband/partner/guest at £12 each and I enclose a

Cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to 'Eastbourne Police Re-Union' or

Electronic payment for £ \_\_\_\_\_ made on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Ex- Eastbourne Borough ONLY)

(b) I am unable to attend the 2014 re-Union (ex Eastbourne Borough). please delete (a) or (b)

My E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (lower case unless stated)

Any other changes (Tel No.): \_\_\_\_\_