

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



December 2012 Quarterly Newsletter



Dear Members,

Welcome to the Christmas/New Year Newsletter. I hope it finds you all in good health and prepared for the forthcoming festivities.

I would like to send my good wishes to our President David Scott and our Social Chairman Tony Townsend and wish them both a speedy recovery.

Pension News

The Police Pension will be increasing by 2.2% in April 2013 which is in line with the September 2012 CPI - not a fortune but a little better than many organisations. This increase will effect your membership subscriptions which will also increase by 2.2% from 1 January 2013. The new increases are set out below.

Ex-Sussex Officers subscriptions will be deducted at source so there is nothing further for you to do.

If you pay by direct debit please contact your bank/building society and amend the subscription and supply the banks with our NEW banking details. These are:

*Name of Account: **NARPO - Eastbourne & District Branch Bank***

*Sort Code: **40-20-06***

*Account: **No 92119595***

Please use your surname 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

The increase subscriptions are as follows:

Full Members and Associate Members £18.96

Additional Members £11.37

Widow/er Members £2 (Eastbourne Branch presently waive this subscription)

New Members

Ron Stevens ex Sussex

Obituaries

Our Branch - None

Other branches

Mrs Audrey Davies on Sunday 21st of October 2012. Audrey lived in Bexhill and at 91 years of age was one of Hastings oldest widow members

Albert John Winter on 1 November. Albert joined the former Brighton Borough Force in 1948 where he served on uniformed patrol. He retired in 1973.

Social Events

Our Christmas Lunch took place at The Hydro Hotel on Friday 30 November. 87 members and friends attended and enjoyed an excellent meal and social gathering. The raffle made a profit of £159 which went back into the Social Fund. On behalf of the Chairman and all those that attended I would like to thank Ruth Humphrey and the Social Committee for all the hard work that went into organising this event.

*Next Years Spring Lunch will again be held at the **Hydro Hotel on Friday 24 May 2013.** I appreciate that most of us are concentrating on the Christmas Festivities but this is an important date for your diary.*

The Social Committee are looking at arranging a trip to the Police Museum at Brighton in the coming year. The logistics of such a trip are still on the drawing board. There are several options to consider. Do members wish to pay for coach hire or prefer to use their own vehicles? Would members prefer an afternoon visit with an early evening meal? Your views and opinions would be appreciated.

Half Yearly General Meeting and AGM

The Half Yearly General Meeting was held at the Fishermens Club on 25 September 2012. A copy of the minutes are appended to this Newsletter.

*The next AGM is being held at the Fishermens Club, Eastbourne at 7.15pm on Monday 15 April 2013. I am at present in negotiations with an organisation called **Collective Legal Solutions**. I understand that they give an interesting half hour presentation on Tax, Care and 'Toy Boys'. There will also be a question and answer session. For more information please visit their web site at www.collectivelegalsolutions.co.uk.*

Other items of interest

Car Purchase

Having returned from our three year sabbatical in the beautiful Greek island of Crete two years ago we decided that it was about time that we purchased 'a set of wheels'. My bus pass has been a godsend and kept my 'green footprint' low but.....

I contacted **NARPOdrive** which advertise in the **NARPO News**. The staff I spoke to were extremely helpful. This company resource vehicles as opposed to selling from their own forecourt. They advised me to visit local main dealers and test drive a few models which I did. Once I had decided on the model, specification and budget I contacted them and within fifteen minutes they had found the vehicle I was looking for. The mileage (3500 miles), age of the vehicle (only 10 months old) and price were far less than any I could find locally. I ordered and paid for it over the phone (pig in a poke?) Delivery was within the week on the understanding that if the car was not to the standard promised I could refuse delivery and return it with the driver. I took it for a test drive and was delighted. If you are looking to change your car then I would recommend a phone call to **NARPOdrive** on **0845 1226921**

Car Insurance

Having purchased a Ford Fiesta 1.4 Zetec and registered it in my wife's name I now had problems with obtaining insurance as Susan had not had insurance in her own name for some thirty plus years. I searched the internet for a reasonably priced insurance cover but before committing myself I checked with Roland Smith. They offered Susan full comprehensive cover with a one year complementary 'no claims' for £60 less than I could find on the internet. They are worth a phone call.

If your current insurer charges you for cancelling before your Car Insurance policy is due for renewal, Roland Smith will pay any cancellation fee up to £125. Family members of NARPO can also benefit from these offers. **Roland Smith** can be contacted on **0845 758 5878**.

The Red Lion - Stone Cross

Ron Stevens, one of our recent new members, is the new licensee of the Red Lion Public House at Lion Hill, Stone Cross. Ron served in Eastbourne. The Red Lion is a Harveys house and has a good selection of 'a la carte' and 'chef's specials' on the bill of fare. There is a large function hall for private parties. Pay a visit and make yourself known to Ron.

E.W.B.(Goldsmiths) & Co.Ltd

Do you have a piece of jewellery that requires repairing or a ring needing alteration or pearls in need of restringing? Perhaps you have unwanted gold or silver to sell as scrap? The reason I'm mentioning this jewellers is not because my wife is employed there but to let members know a little about the local jewellery trade and the savings that can be

made by using this company. Many of the prestigious SE region jewellers send there repairs to EWB. By going direct you will be surprised how much you can save. The EWB shop is situated at 31, High St, Westham BN24 5LR near the pedestrian crossing opposite the Heron Pub. If you blink, you may miss it!

Fishermens Club

The Fishermens Club is seeking new members. In my young day there was a waiting list and an interview with the committee...how things have changed! The enrolment fee is £5 with annual membership of £30 (£25 for AOP). Regular events include Ballroom and Line Dancing, Bingo (of course), General Entertainment and a Saturday Dance Night. The Restaurant area on the first floor provides Sunday Lunch and occasional 'theme night menus'. To obtain a membership form (perhaps as a Christmas present for someone) call in at the club or phone 01323 722664. Mention that you are a member of the local NARPO. (Please be patient if you phone this number at busy times ie lunchtimes etc) The address of the club is Royal Parade Eastbourne BN22 7AA.

NARPO News

NARPO headquarters wish to apologies for delays and errors on their mailing list for November. This hopefully has been corrected. If you did not receive your November edition please let me know.

Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

As we all now know Katy Bourne is our elected Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner. Ms Bourne has a web site www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk and can be contacted via email at spcc@sussex-pcc.gov.uk or by writing to

*The Office of the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner,
Sackville House, Brooks Close, Lewes BN7 2FZ*

Newsletter - email and paper

The distribution and circulation of this Newsletter has changed. It will now be produced quarterly and not bi-monthly. In addition to the Newsletter I now circulate a 'Members Update' to those with an email address. For members without this facility I have appended copies of those editions to this Newsletter. Some of the information contained in these Updates will now be out of date. Those members without the facilities of the internet will continue to receive a paper copy of the quarterly Newsletter.

And finally...

Please consider submitting articles for circulation to our 350 members. Retired Policemen/women always have stories to tell! Perhaps you have some old photographs of interest that I could re-produce. Please give it some thought.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, email or post on any NARPO matters.

On behalf of the Chairman, Keith Bowman, and the Committee, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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