

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS



NORTH SUSSEX BRANCH

July 2009

OBITUARIES

I regret to inform you of the death of:

Edward 'Ted' Hylands aged 84 years who died on 15 May 2009. He leaves a daughter Lesley Hoskin to whom all letters of condolence may be sent c/o the Funeral Director: Seaford and Newhaven Funeral Service, 22 Sutton Road, Seaford, East Sussex, BN25 1RU.

Donations to the Police Dependence Trust in memory of Ted can be sent via the Funeral Director as detailed above.

Graham Laurence Lloyd aged 73 years who died on 2 June 2009. He leaves a widow Lynda Lloyd to whom all letters of condolence may be sent via the Funeral Director - The Co-Op Funeral Service, 230 Chichester Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 5BA. Telephone Number 01243 865119. Donations to St Wilfrid's Hospice (Chichester) in memory of Graham may be sent via the Funeral Director, details as above.

Jack Ronald Jenner aged 87 years who died on 2 June 2009. He leaves a son Nick Jenner to whom all letters of condolence may be sent c/o the Funeral Director; Haines and Son, 19 South Street, Eastbourne, BN21 4UJ. Telephone number 01323 833767.

Ernest Ewens aged 78 years. He leaves a widow Anne to whom all letters of condolence may be sent c/o the Funeral Director; Ian Hart, 92-94 Broadwater Street West, Worthing, BN14 9DE. Telephone Number 01903 206299.

John Edward 'Dennis' Myatt who died on 18 June 2009, aged 81 years. He leaves a widow Peggy to whom all letters of condolence may be sent via the Funeral Director - Teresa Baker Caring Lady Funeral Director, 38 Blatchington Road, Hove, BN3 3YH. Telephone number: 0800 169 5168. Donations to Martletts Hospice in his memory may be sent c/o the Funeral Director, details as above.

DEATH OF SERVING SUPPORT STAFF

Susan Burton who died unexpectedly on 8th June in the Royal Sussex County Hospital. Susan joined Sussex Police as an Admin and Post clerk at Brighton Glidewell in December 1998 and later worked as a Court Build Clerk and was the point of contact between CJD, the CPS and the courts; a role she carried out with good humour. She was a reliable and well liked member of staff and is going to be greatly missed.

Ian Fitzgerald, aged 61 years. Ian died on 8th June 2009 at his home and is survived by his wife Yvonne. Ian joined Sussex Police on 16th June 2003, working as the Senior Vehicle Technician at Astley House, where he had remained throughout his career.

The Chief Constable has now taken responsibility for sending out the messages for all deaths of serving members of staff. Hopefully this will mean that we will be included in future circulation lists.

COMPETITION WINNER

After a lengthy process of sifting through the massive email response of two, the winner was Valma Evans. A book token has been sent to her

Well if you really want to know the answers!

By what name were they officially known? (A) **Belisha Beacons**

Why were they given that name? (A) **They were introduced by the then Transport Minister Leslie Hore-Belisha.**

In what year were the white stripes, which led to the change of name introduced? (A) **1949 although officially in 1951 when the measures were introduced into law.**

In the United Kingdom the crossings were marked by flashing amber globes on black and white poles on each side of the road, named after Leslie Hore-Belisha, the Minister of Transport, who introduced them in 1934. The crossings were originally marked by beacons and parallel rows of studs, and the stripes were soon added for the sake of visibility.

After some isolated experiments, the zebra crossing was first used at 1000 sites in the UK in 1949 in its original form of alternating strips of blue and yellow, and a 1951 measure introduced them into law.

WORKING FOR THE COUNCIL

You come across lots of strange questions, queries. How about this one to a council somewhere in the country, not Sussex:



“We have an application for a salon to operate skincare treatments using Garra Ruffa fish. The treatment relies on the fish ‘grazing’ on dead skin and is popular in Turkey and the Balkans as part of a treatment program for psoriasis. Obviously there are some issues with regard to hygiene as it would not be appropriate to require the use of sterile water or, indeed, sterile fish!

However I am of the opinion that, as long as such information is made clear to the client before the treatment, they are taking an informed risk. The main area of consideration is **the welfare of the fish**”.

I have read that this is a very effective treatment for some skin disorders; I don’t think I fancy it.

Talking of Local Councils

Thanks to Alun Hoskins for this little Gem from The Bristol Evening Post:

Outside Bristol Zoo is the car park, with spaces for 150 cars and 8 coaches.

It has been manned 6 days a week for 23 years by the same charming and very polite car park attendant with the ticket machine. The charges are £1.00 per car and £5.00 per coach.

On Monday 1 June, he did not turn up for work. Bristol Zoo management phoned Bristol City Council to ask them to send a replacement parking attendant.

The Council said "That car park is your responsibility." The Zoo said "The attendant was employed by the City Council... wasn't he?" The Council said "What attendant?"

Gone missing from his home is a man who has been taking daily the car park fees amounting to about £400.00 per day for the last 23 years...! (£3,600,000)

Nice work if you can get it.

THE SECRETARY’S BIT



There have been no new members since the last newsletter although there are two pending applications.

Job Vacancies

G4S Policing Solutions is a specialist recruitment business dedicated to supplying ex-officers of all ranks, with specialist skills, to Police Forces and local authorities across the UK on a temporary basis, to meet the fluctuating demand on resource.

Our proposition has been developed to compliment full time recruitment, which is the foundation of increasing police capacity over the long term. By registering with G4S Police Recruit, at no cost to yourself, you can expect to be kept informed of relevant, wide-ranging contract opportunities providing you with continuing and well paid career challenges.

Sussex Police is one of the forces in the region to embrace the concept and understand the benefit of utilising ex & retired officers in this manner, which has resulted in increases in performance at territorial level. Some of the roles where forces have utilised G4S Policing Solutions officers include Enquiry Officers, Civilian Investigators, Major Crime Support Officers, Police Neighbourhood Support Officers, PNC In putters, Police Trainers, Statement Takers, Incident Room Staff, Holmes Indexers, and many other specialised roles.

Our experienced team of recruitment specialists will ensure you receive unparalleled support throughout your assignment. This will include advice on regulatory requirements, invoicing procedures and all back-office related issues. In fact, whenever support is required, we are contactable 24 hours a day.

We are aware that drawing a full Police pension will affect tax efficiency when you undertake permanent or part time employment. To ensure you retain a high percentage of your earnings, we have a solution in place that accommodates this.

If you are interested in discussing how your skills and experience may be rewarded in your area, or you are intrigued about learning more I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you. Please feel free to contact me on the details below.

Contact Darren Bradley – Account Manager (G4S Policing Solutions) on

0208 249 6365

darren.bradley@policerecruit.co.uk

www.policingsolutions.co.uk

Casual Cycle Training Instructors

£7.34 per hour (April 2009)

We are seeking to recruit additional cycle instructors who can provide cycle instruction to pupils at school aged between 10 – 12 years. We need instructors primarily for the coastal area and also Mid Sussex. Work is generally offered in your local area.

Courses are usually run from Monday to Friday and during school hours. We will provide all the training, equipment and support necessary. Successful applicants should be available during the school day in term time. The training season runs principally between the school half term in February to the half term in the autumn. The busiest periods are from May to July and September to October. Instructors work on a casual basis, as required and it must be noted that work cannot be guaranteed. You will need your own transport, for which a mileage allowance is available.

As the nature of the job involves working with children, the successful candidates will be subject to a check by the Criminal Records Bureau.

For more information and an informal chat, please contact - Martin Cooke on 01403 270043 or martin.cooke@westsussex.gov.uk or Anjie Clark on 01903 839360 anjila.clark@westsussex.gov.uk of the West Sussex County Council Road Safety Team.

Sussex Police Choir

The choir celebrate their 40th anniversary next year and two founder members, Brian Belton and Terry Morford are discussing the idea of a re-union of all former members of the old male voice choir and its present mixed status. Would all those interested in such an event please contact Terry Morford on 01825 768524.

National Police Memorial Day

Arrangements are in hand to hold the National Police Memorial Day Service in Cardiff on Sunday, 27th of September, 2009. The service is to be held in the St David's Hall Cardiff, commencing at 2.00pm.

Tickets for the service can be obtained from the Deputy Co-ordinator Ann Merkel by telephone 07843 293958 or by email at www.nationalpolicememorialday@polfed.org

Social Events

Jill Donaldson has suggested the following ideas for the rest of the year:

September: Coach trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard which includes entry to: HMS Victory – Mary Rose – Royal Naval Museum – HMS Warrior – Action Stations and Harbour Tour.

The cost including coach will be Adults £18.00pp and 60+ £16.00pp. There are special rates for disabled and their carer.

Jill needs to know **asap** the numbers for this event so that she can confirm numbers, date and time and also book the coach.

October: Greyhound Racing Night at Hove including meal.

December: Christmas Dinner at Crawley College.

Jill can be contacted on 01293 523037 or email at donaldson@lineone.net

Mobile phone directory

Those of you who do not want their mobile phone number to be in the directory which came into force last week can have their number removed by texting the letter **E to 118800**. You should eventually receive a text reply. The website for 118800 which is in circulation is currently offline and cannot be accessed.

Branch Newsletters

A reminder that Sussex NARPO Branches' newsletters including ours can be found on <http://www.sussexpolfed.org/about/narpo.htm>

Sussex Branches Co-ordinating Committee

The Combined Sussex Branch coordinating committee met at Sussex Police HQ on Monday 13 July 2009. Among a number of issues discussed was the ongoing saga of the review of Police Pensions, the changing relationship with the Sussex Police and the forthcoming NARPO Conference which is due to be held in Scarborough in September.

Fred Weller who was standing down from the committee was presented with an inscribed decanter and glasses as a thank you for all his work on behalf of all members in his role as the first point of contact for pension reviews. Ahmed has now taken on the lead assisted by Colin Moules in respect of Injury on Duty Pension reviews in Sussex..

Ahmed opened a debate on the future of NARPO by presenting a report to the committee entitled "The Future - a discussion document". Copies of the report have been circulated to our branch committee and to the other Sussex Branches and are available for anyone interested in reading it and/or making a contribution to the debate by contacting Ahmed on a.ramiz@btinternet.com or ahmed.ramiz@horsham.gov.uk but please note that he is away on annual leave between 26 July and 10 August 2009.

Adam Christie
Branch Secretary.

IN THE CHAIR



No competition this month as I have been a bit busy and I am off on holiday at the end of the month. Two weeks of Sun, Sea and Siestas in Crete. The next news letter is not likely to be published until the end of August.

The Government has recently come up with a whole host of "new" ideas which will revitalise the country and restore the public's trust in Parliament and the Parliamentary process. Maybe they could look back in history and take a leaf out of the book of Sir Robert Peel who said:

“Police seek and preserve public favour not by catering to public opinion but by constantly demonstrating absolute impartial service to the law”.

The test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with it.

Sir Robert Peel

The office of constable is the bedrock which underpins the delivery of justice in this country. It reminds us that those charged with enforcing law and order is office holders who are ultimately accountable to the law, not to any employer, politician or anyone else with a vested interest, for their actions. Its value and worth to the public has been demonstrated time and time again and it is the office which provides chief constables with their operational independence – from which legitimacy and consent flows.

Ken Jones, President, Association of Chief Police Officers – 1998

One wonders what would the country would be like if politicians acted in the best interests of their constituents rather than pandering to the needs of the vocal minority and sadly in at least some cases lining their own pockets. The byword should be, service to the people not self.

Politicians are not only accountable to the people but to the law and they should apply the same exacting standards to themselves that they impose on others, including the Police in Public Service.

Some Politicians are blaming the present allowances scandal on the rules. Let's not forget that the present rules were brought in by this Parliament and it is this Parliament that has to answer for them. Some steps have been taken but in the view of at least one voter that is not enough. This Parliament is tainted, and the people of this country will not be satisfied until they have been given the opportunity to have their say in a lawful democratic fashion. In short the people want and the Country needs a General Election.

And finally

Dinosaur Days

Barbara Denyer has written and reminded me that 1976, when Ann and I married was heaven compared to what was expected not only officers but their families in the 1950's.

She says that when she married Doug in 1951 their first house was rented by the Police from an elderly spinster in Rustington. It had no bathroom and an outside toilet.

The wives in those days took quiet an active part, taking phone messages and dealing with people coming to the door. She was expected to know which phone box point

Doug would be at a specific time and the phone number. The wives would be expected to take and pass on messages.

She also recalls one occasion when a lady died under strange circumstances and the contents of her stomach following the post-mortem were required in Horsham. Doug was expected to bring them home, Barbara insisted that they were to be kept out of sight behind the settee, luckily another call said they would be picked up by officers from Littlehampton for delivery to Horsham.

She also remembers that the four shift pattern left little time to dry the heavy capes by the open fire if there had been a downpour ready for the next quick change over.

"I remember those days well and enjoyed them, potential wives had to be vetted to see if they were suitable to be a PCs wife."

Doug sadly passed away in 2000 from a brain tumour.

As always the contents and views expressed in this newsletter are mine alone and do not necessarily reflect the views of the committee, the branch or its members. In other words the buck stops here.

Ahmed Ramiz
Branch Chairman

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