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Phoenix News



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News from our Chair

Hi Everyone,
I'm taking this opportunity, thanks to Karen's techno skills to try out another format to keep the Committee and Members in touch. This will work alongside our existing e-mails. Hopefully we can all update you on a more regular basis and make it a more 'newsy and less formal' approach and also open it to Members who wish to submit items. The intricacies will be worked on!?

As a comparatively newly formed Committee, I know that we share the same aims, and that we have a friendly, open and honest way of dealing with things between us. We will continue, as your Committee, to be professional and approachable, but maybe in a more relaxed manner. Communication is my main objective and this is an attempt to address what I consider is the current problem. There may still be Members who cannot receive our communications in this format but hopefully it will widen our audience.

Please don't forget that the AGM will be held at Horntye Sports Club at 7pm on Wednesday 29th March. A free buffet will be provide along with a FREE drink. Look forward to seeing you all.

All the best and stay safe,
Cheers Dave

Our Secretary—John Levett

Firstly, I would like to thank all members for their understanding while the new Committee got up and running. We have suffered some teething problems, but the Committee has worked through most of those issues now and can focus on the important stuff ie the social and welfare issues of the members. As some of you are aware the NARPO database (Supersleuth) only had a fraction of the email addresses of members which has been challenging. Could any member who uses email and does not receive them, please contact me and I will add you to the list.

We have now completed the transfer of NARPO pension deductions from Equiniti to XPS. If you have any problems logging in please contact me and I will help you.

Both Spike Millington (Deputy Chair) and Di Jefferson (Social) are standing down after many years of service and I would like to give a special personal thank you to both of them. They were so supportive of our efforts to save the Branch in February last year.

We are thinking of starting a WhatsApp group for our members. You would need the App on your Smartphones and my number in your contacts (07554521629). Please make sure your details are all up to date on Supersleuth. We are also hoping to have a website in the long term. Any other suggestions for communication would be welcomed.

Planned social events are possibly Hampton Court Flower show, Brighton Dog racing, the Shepherd Neame Brewery an MPS Crime Museum. It is hoped to subsidise the coach travel to these. Please email me if you are interested so that I can plan numbers. Or of course if you



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Our President

Gordon Message

So pleased that
Gordon is now a
lifetime member!



**A warm welcome to
our new members:-**

**Paul Casey, Tom
Curties, Mark
Bright, Michael
Essien, Craig
Wenbourne, Steve
Mosley and Chris
Russell**

would like to organise something yourself or have any ideas, please email me.

Take care

John (Branch Secretary)

Welfare and Treasurer

I hope you like the new look quarterly newsletter. It's all part of our drive to keep you all more informed. As a new Committee, we all want the same thing - to do more for our members. After all - that is what we are here for and I hope we can achieve our goal by giving far more to you all in the way of communication and also by organising more meet-ups and outings.

Welfare has been relatively quiet for me visiting a few members in Care Homes and hospital and arranging flowers and gifts for those of us experiencing difficult times. Please keep us informed if you feel anyone would benefit from a welfare visit. I will continue as Welfare Coordinator but where appropriate, other Committee members will help in the welfare role.

Since the last AGM I have also taken on the role of Treasurer. The Committee are all in agreement that we should use the Branch funds to benefit members more by subsidising coach travel for outings and other ideas we have had. I have also purchased some NARPO lapel bin badges which will be available to buy at a subsidised rate of £1.00 at the forthcoming AGM.

Just a gentle reminder about subs - please note that if they are not deducted from your Pension, they need to be paid to me or John please -usually in January (£24.60).

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Karen

Blue Light Card

Did you know that as a retired Police Officer and member of NARPO you are entitled to a Blue Light Card which offers thousands of useful discounts online and on the High Street. For just £4.99 you can register for these discounts for 2 years. Go to www.bluelightcard.co.uk. For those with smart phones there is also an app.

Social Secretary

Hello to you all. I have been your Social Secretary since 1994 when Keith (better known to most of you as Bootsie) retired. We have had some wonderful trips together including a weekend at the Thursford Christmas Spectacular, numerous river and train trips, summer lunches, Christmas dinners and London Shows. I have enjoyed my time with you all, but I now feel that the time is right to step aside and let some new blood take over. I would like to take the opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to all of you for your endless support over these many years and to wish you all well and please keep in touch.

Best wishes always

Di xxx

Footnote from Janet Mileham

Police say that the man who fell into a combine harvester while trying to steal it ... has been bailed!

Q: What do you call a flying policeman? A: A helicopter!

Did you know? Banging your head against a wall for one hour burns 150 calories!