

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE
OFFICERS

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



DERBYSHIRE BRANCH

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions became due in January, 2017. For full members the annual subscription remains at £20.04.

Would members who pay by cheque, if they have not done so already, please send their cheque (payable to **Derbyshire NARPO**) to the Secretary, Sean Murphy, 34 The Delves, Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 1AR.

FOREWORD

Mick Creedon BA (Hons), MA, QPM



Chief Constable of the Derbyshire Constabulary.

It seems rather fitting that I have the opportunity to make my final contribution to the NARPO Annual Report at the time when I have just made an announcement that I will retire from the Police Service later this year. I will leave Derbyshire Constabulary, having completed 37 years, as the longest serving officer in Derbyshire, the 16th Chief Constable in 160 years of policing in the county and the second longest serving current Chief Constable having been in post for ten years. I look back over that time and can say with my hand on my heart that I have loved every single minute of my service and I would like to take this opportunity to look back over that time and reflect on some of the experiences I have had. At the same time I have to express my thanks to so many people for the support they've given me, and to Derbyshire for taking me in and giving me the opportunity, environment and space to become a Chief - something I never dreamed of and still feel amazed and humbled to have served at that rank.

In 1980 when I joined the police things were very different and if someone had told the 22 year old, slightly less grey haired, Mick Creedon how the next 37 years would turn out I don't think he would believe it! The rate of change never ceases to amaze me and when I think back to how the world was in 1980 to now it is almost incomprehensible. There were 4 channels on the TV not the 600 odd that SKY offer, people didn't have one home computer never mind 7 or 8 devices which link to the internet and police officers climbed onto roofs of buildings to see what was happening in their area rather than looking at Google Maps, viewing CCTV and monitoring Social Media! My service has seen the introduction of Police Community Support Officers, CCTV, DNA profiling, smart phones, social media, digital file building, Body Worn Video, CS Gas, Tasers, mobile devices, GIS mapping and many other techniques to help us do what we need to do....catch the baddies.

1980 was the year the Yorkshire Ripper killed his last victim finally getting caught early the following year (by a probationer Constable out on patrol with his sergeant) and John Lennon was shot dead outside his apartment in New York. Liverpool won the League Division one title and Nottingham Forest retained the European Cup meaning an English team had won the cup for the 4th consecutive year. Oddly there was also an earthquake in Italy that killed more than 3,000 people and terrorists exploded a bomb in Bologna so we are still faced with the same atrocities but many things have changed and they have changed beyond belief with policing in UK needing to keep up with those changes. Another event of 1980 was the launch of the Audi Quattro which became synonymous with the police series Ashes to Ashes, fortunately though policing is no longer done in the style of Gene Hunt and although I'm sure it will ring bells for some of you I'm not sure there would easily be a place for him in Derbyshire Constabulary these days! That said, he had a passion for locking up the criminals so perhaps we could use him? - some diversity training and an update on modern techniques of interviewing and investigating might help him a little?

I speak often about the changes in crime and I make no apology for that. Many of you will remember chasing a burglar or catching a car thief but nowadays cops are faced with a much more complex world. Many crimes are committed or facilitated on the internet with fraudsters making millions out of both the vulnerable and the savvier individual. Local beat officers, response officers and detectives all carry workloads that require them to take complex downloads from mobile phones which are in reality handheld computers and this will just get more complicated as technology advances further. Men (and yes it is generally men) groom children to commit sexual offences and millions if not billions of indecent images are shared amongst these monsters, with a real risk that their behaviour will progress to actual contact offending. The internet almost all of us use makes things accessible but also faceless and we must remember that there is a victim at the end of each of those images

whose world has been shattered by what has happened to them. We increasingly see cases of live streaming of children being abused to order, and the internet is also used to facilitate human trafficking and modern slavery, crimes which were not even on my radar as a young PC in the 80's. Nowadays officers are faced with a huge variety of crimes and ever changing communities and it is testament to them that we have managed to bring the crimes rates down in Derbyshire. These heinous crimes should not become the norm and we must carry on fighting against them. I know that as I walk out the door on my last day I am leaving behind a big team of people who share that belief and will do all they can to stop it.

I have been lucky enough during my time to have been involved in some great investigations. In 1987 two men escaped from HMP Gartree in a hi-jacked helicopter and I was lucky enough to work on that job for two years. I think this makes me one of the few people to have arrested and charged someone with the offence of hi-jacking in UK airspace! As a detective sergeant I led a huge investigation into institutional child abuse in local children's homes with over 200 victims and the life imprisonment of the main offender - Frank Beck. In a strange way this remains the most satisfying achievement the of my career, but I also had the opportunity to work as SIO on many murder investigations including a serial prostitute killer who killed in a number of different counties up and down the M1. I see no greater privilege than investigating the deaths of a fellow human and I hope that in my work and the result of those investigations have brought some peace to the families of the victims.

Not all the crimes I have dealt with have had successful outcomes, I have been outrun and outsmarted and there have been times when I have been cold and tired or frustrated by a court result but if anyone were to ask me "Would you do it all over again?" the answer? Most definitely. So, to all those officers around the country those that I have worked alongside and those that I haven't, those still serving and those retired and also to the next generation of officers I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for doing your bit to protect society and keep people safe.

Derbyshire has been great to me and I leave this force with great memories and some real satisfaction that only last week the HMIC reported the Derbyshire Constabulary as one of only 5 'outstanding' forces in the country. As you sit in retirement and I join you, be sure your legacy is the foundation of a great police force and there are so many tremendous officers, police staff members, PCSOs, Specials and now volunteers - all of whom join you as part of the 'Derbyshire policing family'

My deepest and sincere thanks to all of you - it has been a privilege and I will never forget my 14 years with this magnificent organisation. Over and out.

Mick Creedon

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Creedon". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Chief Constable

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESIDENT:

The Chief Constable - M Creedon, BA (Hons), MA, QPM.

VICE PRESIDENTS:

Deputy Chief Constable - Peter Goodman QPM.

Assistant Chief Constable ± Martyn Bates BSc (Hons) MSc.

Assistant Chief Constable - Bill McWilliam CBE.

Assistant Chief Constable ± Chris Haward

Honorary President Len Smith

Chairman: Michael Watson

Vice Chairman: Vacant.

Secretary/Treasurer: Sean Murphy 01773 609043

Financial Manager: Keith Gibson

Committee Members

David Ashley
Don Dovaston
Mark Heath
Tony Roddis
Gordon Lambourn
Kevin Wilson

Frank Gregory
Julia Fearn
Roy Potts
Ron Taylor
John Louch
Frank Handford

Membership:

Full: 1231 Hon: 3 Widows/Widowers: 154

Life Members: 10 Associate Members: 8

Additional Members 4 Total number of Preceptable Members: 1253

Total: 1403

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2016 has been another good year for the Branch. All the required Committee Meetings have been held, along with a very good AGM. We have introduced a 10 minute break in proceedings at the start of Any Other Business, to give members time to discuss items due to come up later, and this has resulted in a shorter meeting with all the business discussed. These meetings continue to be held at various venues, and we are fortunate to be allowed to use Police premises. Our thanks to the Chief Constable, not all branches have such a facility.

Our two Annual Socials, at Buxton, and Derby were again well supported. The buffet at Buxton is always excellent. The attendance was just over fifty, which has been the norm for a number of years. It is somewhat disappointing that the majority is made up from Committee members, along with a group of regulars who were all at Bakewell and about half a dozen from Buxton. We only get one or two regulars from the North of the County. It may also be time to try to restart the annual social event at Chesterfield, which was stopped about 10 years ago through lack of support. I will ask for this to be put on a meeting agenda.

We do take notice of member's comments and suggestions, and as a consequence, the Derby Social, at Mickleover Golf Club, was changed from the evening to a lunch time, and moved to a Sunday. 83 Members attended and had an excellent hot meal, in very good company. Our thanks go to Derek Beale and his wife Joan for the Buxton arrangements, and to Ron Taylor and John Louch for the Derby event.

The May Lunch and the Christmas Lunches were well attended as always. We have to thank Roy and Joy Potts for the arrangements – he says they get harder and harder but he survives. Well done Roy.

All the Coach trips were well supported, and everyone seems to have enjoyed them. The 2017 trips are listed on the Force Web Site, and are booking well, don't delay if you want to book. Send in your booking form with your remittance, to guarantee your name is on the list. If you have any difficulty in accessing the Force Web Site, please ring me on 01629 732557. It would seem appropriate at this point to tell you that Pete Wise, our Web Master, since the site was opened, has been invited to join the Committee and has accepted - welcome Peter.

The National Conference for 2017 will be held at The Spa Centre, Scarborough on 7th and 8th, September. Your Branch will be fully represented, and will do their best to answer any queries.

With my Best Wishes for 2017.

Michael Watson - Chairman

MUTUAL WELFARE FUND ANNUAL REPORT

I attended the half yearly meeting of the Derbyshire Constabulary Mutual Welfare Fund at Headquarters on the 1st February, 2017, on behalf of NARPO. According to the auditor the performance of the fund is good and the balance for the year ending 20th January, 2017 stands at £1,831,776 with an estimated income of £53,367.

The fund is managed by Sarasin & Partners and their objective is twofold: to preserve the real value of the capital and income over time and to generate a gross annual income of approximately £40,000. This is the running costs of the Fund annually.

Mazars (Accountants) are doing a 5year Actuarial Valuation which should be updated in May. It will be ready for the next meeting. They will also be looking at the benefits to members i.e. birthday gift, retirement gift and bereavement, as these haven't been increased for many years. (Please read the article on the Police Treatment Centres which was also mentioned)

The next meeting is at Headquarters on the 28th November, 2017.

Sean – MWF Rep.

FROM OUR SECRETARY

This is my 6th Annual Report and I hope that you continue to find it of interest. As you all know by now that Len Smith stood down as Chairman after 30 years loyal service to NARPO. We thought it only fitting that he be made Honorary President and this was bestowed upon him by the Chief Constable, Mick Creedon at the Awards Ceremony at HQ on the 14th September, 2016. I have never seen Len lost for words. He was presented with an engraved photograph. Michael Watson has taken over as Chairman.

I would like to thank the staff at NARPO HQ in Wakefield and at Police Headquarters including Claire Widdowson, Liz Whittemore, Jaque Dawson, Ace Williams and Jill Walden for their ongoing professional assistance. Best wishes to Ace and Jill who have now retired. Also the staff at Leicester Payroll, Natasha Thornton, Neel Naheer and Dorothy Krumins. Thanks also to the Committee members who work voluntarily for you.

Frank Gregory who received Life Membership for his sterling work over the years (see photos) as Secretary and Treasurer, has stepped down from the Committee. We send Frank and Pat our best wishes. We welcome our webmaster, Pete Wise to the Committee.

You will have noticed that there has been a change of venue for the Annual General Meeting back to the Multi Purpose Hall at Police Headquarters. It is later this year on the 14th May, 2017; the reason for this was that I was going away for 7 weeks on a cruise, which is not now happening as the cruise line has gone into liquidation. Enough of my woes, but do join us on the 14th May and enjoy a buffet tea. Simpson Solicitors of Derby are going to do a presentation about Wills, Powers of Attorney etc. They will be available for questions afterwards.

With regard to the Derby Social, John Louch suggested that we use this event to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Amalgamation of the Borough Police with the Derbyshire Constabulary on Saturday, 1st April, 2017 at 7pm. The Mayor of Derby, ACC Bill McWilliam CBE, and the Derby Divisional Commander, Jim Allen will be attending. Retired officers, whether NARPO members or not and their partners are also invited. Have we got you down? No. Then let me or John Louch know.

The buffets at the AGM, Buxton Conservative Club and Mickleover Golf Club are all provided free by the Branch. Please let me know if you are coming purely for catering purposes. These are for members and their partners, so if you haven't been before, do come along, you might even like it.

For those who came to the Christmas Luncheon at Lumb Farm, we had a few problems, namely a delay for some in getting their meals. This was due to a catalogue of problems. The Chef was having an operation that day, the owner, who was taking over, had to rush to Hospital in Lincolnshire to see her Mother as she was dying. Then two waitresses telephoned in sick. It was impossible to cancel the lunch so I hope you understand and that is why we are continuing to use Lumb Farm, as all these issues have hopefully been resolved.

Subscriptions to NARPO have increased to £20.04. This is due to the fact that the CPI was set at 1% in September 2016 so pensions will see a 1% rise in April.

The website www.derbysnarpo.co.uk is being used daily by members and others. At our meeting in October, Pete Wise our webmaster informed us that since setting up the website we are averaging 4000 visits per month and in January 2017 we reached 5,000 visits. Everyone that I have spoken to finds the website easy to access and informative.

I know I keep mentioning it, but NARPO has access to a villa on Lake Lugano, Italy and a bungalow near Amsterdam. They are still available for use by NARPO members. They are **FREE**; you only have to get there. Look at the main NARPO website under 'villas' or speak to me.

The '**Derbyshire Benevolent Trust**' is up and running. The object of the Trust is "**To provide and permit welfare and benevolent facilities for members and their families**". Are you a member? If not contact Ian Godfrey at ian@derbyshirebenevolenttrust.com or if you are not on the internet, telephone me and I will pass on your details.

Did you follow us via the web to the Torquay Conference? It was broadcast live on the 'web'. Watch it live at Scarborough on the 8th September, 2017.

Just a reminder to make sure we have your correct details. Have you moved recently? Have you notified NARPO? Have you notified Payroll? Have you notified HR? If not you can do it through me, just email or telephone me. Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, or email at sean-eileen@thedelves.freeseve.co.uk or via the website www.derbysnarpo.co.uk and then '**contact us**' with any query that is troubling you. If I can't help I might be able to point you in the right direction.

Regards Sean – Secretary

Injury on Duty

If you recall, I mentioned in the last Newsletter that a report had been submitted with two options **1.** That only those below 70 years of age be reviewed; **2.** Just review those awarded injury on duty 10 years ago, bearing in mind those reviewed only 3 years ago. Owing to recent changes of staff I do not know whether they have made a decision on that report. The latest update is: ***“Due to unforeseen circumstances, namely the death of the SMP, the Force has not been in a position to proceed with a programme of injury award reviews.***

The Force intends to proceed with reviews in the new financial year and will develop a strategy and communication plan during April/May 2017. The strategy has yet to be decided.”

My advice is to wait and see and as soon as I hear anything I will update you.

Sean Murphy, Secretary

Police Treatment Centre

If you recall on the 30th September, 2015, I reported that, ***“As advised and effective from January 1st 2016 all retired officers admitted for treatment at Flint House will be charged £80.00 per day (£400 per five day stay) – inclusive of accommodation, treatment etc.”*** This was a blow for retired officers requiring treatment. However the Federation, Mutual Welfare Fund (MWF) and NARPO have decided to take up the offer from the Police Treatment Centre in Harrogate, North Yorkshire and Auchterader, Scotland.

Retired members will only have to donate £2.81p a month and then they will be eligible to receive treatment from Day One. (Subject to vacancies of course.) You do not need to be a member of the Mutual Welfare Fund, but if you are, then you will receive travelling expenses.

I visited the PTC., for the first time on the 13th March, 2017, together with Kirsty Bunn, Federation, Ian Godfrey, Derbyshire Benevolent Trust, Claire Widdowson of the MWF all of whom had visited the Centre prior to making the decision to move. The PTC has 76 en suite bedrooms, all beautifully furnished with modern fittings. The treatment rooms, gymnasium, swimming pool and water hydrotherapy baths are ‘State of the Art’. It is set in its own grounds within walking distance of Harrogate Town Centre. The PTC at Auchterader, Scotland is similar, however the choice of PTC is yours.

The cost to Retired Officers over a ten year period only comes to £337 which equates to less than one visit to Flint House. I know that the monthly donation may go up after 2020 but I have been assured that we are talking increases of pence. In those ten years you may have to visit more than once. There is a six month amnesty from the 1st April, 2017. If you join after the 1st October, 2017, you can, but you will have to donate for 12 months before being eligible to attend for treatment. I informed you in the last Newsletter that these PTC’s offer Bed and Breakfast for £100 for a two night stay. For availability and rates call 01423 504448 or email enquiries@thepolicetreatmentcentres.org No treatment available.

Regards Sean - Secretary

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - PLEASE NOTE THE NEW VENUE

To be held at the Multi Purpose Hall, Police Headquarters, Butterley, Ripley on Sunday, 14th May, 2017 at 3pm.

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Absent Members
4. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 17th April, 2016
5. Matters arising
6. To receive the Annual Report for 2016
7. To receive the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for 2016
8. Election of Officers and Committee
9. President's address
10. Welfare
11. Sports Club
12. Annual Conference 2017
13. Any other business
14. Presentation by Jenny Garratt of Simpson Solicitors, Derby re: Wills etc.

Anyone wishing to raise any matter under '**Any Other Business**' is requested to give seven days notice to the Secretary.

A tea will be provided at Headquarters after the meeting. **Please inform the Secretary at least two weeks prior to the meeting should you wish to attend so we know how many to cater for.**

This is an invitation to all members and their partners.

COACH TRIPS BOOKING FORMS.

Coach trip to Marsh Farm and meal.

Wednesday 19th April, 2017.

I wish to book seats for the

I/We will meet the coach at.....@.....am.

I enclose remittance of £.....cheques payable to **Derbyshire NARPO**

Cost: £5.00 members, widows free, non-members £10.00 (*coach only*)

Nametel. no.

Address.....

Names of any guests.....

Cost of Meal is £10.50 – To be paid at time of booking) Menu Choices – Please see next page.

Coach trip to The Gordon Boswell Romany Museum.

Wednesday 17th May, 2017.

I wish to book..... seats for the

I/We will meet the coach at.....@.....am.

I enclose remittance of £cheques payable to **Derbyshire NARPO**

Cost: £5.00 members, widows free, non-members £10.00 (*coach only*)

Nametel. no.

Address.....

Names of any guests.....

Cost of Entry to the Museum is £8-00. (To be paid at time of booking)

Coach trip to Beningbrough Hall - (National Trust)

Wednesday 14th June, 2017.

I wish to book..... seats.

I/We will meet the coach at.....@.....am.

I enclose remittance of £cheques payable to **Derbyshire NARPO**

Cost: £5.00 members, widows free, non-members £10.00 (*coach only*)

Name.....tel. no.....

Address.....

Names of any guests.....

National Trust members have free entrance on production of their membership card.

Non members £ 9-50 (Group discount rate) to be paid at time of booking.

Coach Trip to Bridlington and Sowerby Hall.

Wednesday 12th July, 2017.

I wish to bookseats.

I/We will meet the coach at.....@.....am.

I enclose remittance of £.....cheques payable to **Derbyshire NARPO.**

Cost £5.00 members, widows free, non members £10.00 (coach only)

Name.....tel. no.....

Address.....

Names of any guests.....

Those interested in going please let Michael know.

MARSH FARM MENU.

Starter Soup of the day or Fruit juice.

Main Course Roast Pork, Chicken or Poached Salmon or Vegetable Bake.

All served with seasonal vegetables.

Dessert Apple pie with cream **or** Sherry trifle.

Coffee or Tea.

Cost £10.50 per person.

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Starter.....

Main Course.....

Dessert.....

NAME

PLEASE LET MICHAEL KNOW YOUR CHOICES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

NARPO BRANCH LUNCH

Wednesday 3rd May 2017, 12.30 for 1pm

LUMB FARM, Derby Road, Marehay, Ripley, Derbys DE5 8JN

The cost will be £18 for members, £20 for non-members, widow members free of charge. If you wish to attend please complete the slip below with your menu, any seating choice and remittance [No later than Sunday 23rd. April 2017](#) to:

Roy Potts, (If you haven't got his details please contact the secretary).

MENU

Leek and potato soup.

Melon boat.

Country pate with caramelised onion chutney.

Derbyshire beef with seasonal vegetables.

Salmon with hollandaise sauce.

Chicken breast with mushroom sauce.

Brandy snap basket, with fresh fruit and ice cream.

New York vanilla cheesecake with cream.

Chocolate and pear sponge with custard.

Cheese and biscuits £1.95 extra

Tea or Coffee

I/we will be attending the branch lunch and enclose a cheque payable to **Derbyshire NARPO** for £..... My contact Tel. No.....

Name 1:.....

Name 2:

Menu choice:

Starter

Starter

Main

Main

Sweet

Sweet

If possible I / We would like to sit with:

.....
(Every effort will be made to accommodate your request).

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS
DERBYSHIRE BRANCH**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2016**

<u>INCOME</u>	2016		2015	
Subscriptions				
Police & Crime Commissioner	47,507.52		247.26	
Direct from Members	<u>340.88</u>	47,848.40	<u>579.84</u>	827.10
Building Society Interest		12.19		12.15
Close Bros. Interest		537.10		555.71
Social Evenings/Raffles etc.		349.10		259.00
TOTAL INCOME		48,746.79		1,653.96
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Committee Travel		1,227.25		1,125.65
Subscriptions to NEC (Precept)		9,876.24		9,781.20
Branch Lunch	1,500.00		1,315.50	
Less Member's cont. & refunds	<u>1,168.00</u>	332.00	<u>1,089.50</u>	226.00
Christmas Lunch	2,280.00		1,940.00	
Less Member's cont. & refunds	<u>2,119.50</u>	160.50	<u>1,513.00</u>	427.00
Trips	4,610.00		4,345.70	
Less Member's cont. & refunds	<u>2,891.10</u>	1,718.90	<u>2,791.80</u>	1,553.90
Social Evenings/Raffles etc.		1,437.08		953.00
Presentations/Donations		164.95		43.24
Lunch Expenses with Guests/Hospitality		24.23		21.93
AGM Refreshments		825.00		350.00
National Conference		2,550.45		3,091.42
Website		416.78		300.00
Annual Report		41.24		53.10
Newsletter		38.85		346.54
Refund of Subscriptions		59.04		75.00
Room Hire		10.00		
 ADMINISTRATION				
Honoraria: Chairman/Secretary/Financial Manager		3,150.00		3,900.00
Postage, Stationery, Telephone etc.		516.35		450.97
NARPO Badges		0.00		0.00
Professional Charges		200.00		200.00
Corporation Tax		0.00		0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		22,748.86		22,899.05
 Surplus/Deficit of Income over Expenditure		 25,997.93		 (21,245.09)

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2016

	2016	2015
Nationwide Building Society	4,882.76	4,870.57
Close Bros.	29,676.26	29,676.26
National Westminster Bank	32,786.88	6,880.55
Petty Cash	208.31	128.90
	67,554.21	41,556.28
Less Creditor	200.00	200.00
Net Assets	67,354.21	41,356.28
Represented by Accumulated Funds		
Balance as at 1 st January 2016	41,356.28	62,601.37
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	25,997.93	(21,245.09)
	67,354.21	41,356.28

The above accounts have been prepared and presented by K Gibson, Financial Manager, Derbyshire Branch.

Examiner's Report

I have examined the above accounts of the Derbyshire Branch of the National Association of Retired Police Officers for the year ended 31st December 2016, and confirm that these are in accordance with the books, records and information as supplied by the Financial Manager.

Kenneth R Cope, ICPA,
Certified Practising Accountant.

20th March 2017

9, Amber Heights,
Ripley,
Derbyshire,
DE5 3SP

NEW MEMBERS OF NARPO

Ian Godfrey	Mrs. Peggy Rogers
David John Chambers	Richard Watson
Mrs. Elizabeth Anne Ault	Adrian Robert Leather
Bruce Dieter Clarke	Ian Paul Clarke
Mrs. Janet Ball	Richard Oldknow
Barry Thacker	Thomas Jonathan Lish
Stephanie Ann Shirt-Gould	Peter Francis Archer Szabo
Mrs. Rita Coleman	Mrs. Amanda Lucic
Robert 'Bob' Binnie	Ian Elliott
Mrs. Jacqui Sylvia Stocks	Mrs. Judith Willis
Nicholas George Lamb	Robert Redfern
Colin Alexander Ingle	Keith McLure Proudfoot
Erika Wendy Green	Nicola McMahon
James William Taylkor	Linda Collison
Michael John Nicholls	Lee Collison
Mrs. Patricia Ann Lewis	Jack Atwal
Mrs. June Woolley	Mrs. Celia Towle
Karl Smethem	Robert Julian Andrews
Mrs. Shirley Wakefield	Carl Walters
Andrew William Stokes	Michael Usherwood

DATES FOR YOUR 2017 DIARY

Saturday 1st April, 2017	50 th Anniversary of the Amalgamation - Social Evening – Mickleover Golf Club.
Wednesday 19th April, 2017	Marsh Farm, Abbots Bromley and meal.
Wednesday 3rd May, 2017	Branch Lunch at Lumb Farm, Ripley
Sunday 14th May, 2017	Annual General Meeting – Derbyshire Police HQ
Wednesday 17th May, 2017	Coach trip to The Gordon Boswell Romany Museum.
Wednesday, 14th June, 2017	Coach trip to Beningbrough Hall
Wednesday 12th July, 2017	Coach trip to Bridlington and Sowerby Hall.
Friday 11th August, 2017	Buxton Social Evening - Conservative Club.
Wednesday 6th December, 2017	Christmas Lunch at Lumb Farm, Ripley

Please note the change of venue for the AGM to Police HQ.

Also please note that the Derby Social is an evening event to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the amalgamation of the Borough with the County.

The Buxton Social remains an evening event.

If you wish to attend any of the Socials, it is essential that you inform the Secretary, Sean Murphy, in order that the necessary catering arrangements can be made, no later than 7 days prior to the event.

IN MEMORIAM – MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

Our condolences to their partners, families and friends.

Mrs. Marjorie Skinner wife of
ex.Insp.David Skinner.

Mrs. Doreen Shipton widow of DCC Len
Shipton of Derby Borough Police.

Sgt. John Ball

Sgt Dennis Toone

Mrs. Marion Nuttall widow of Supt. Alan
Nuttall.

Sgt. Philip William Skelland

Pc Sidney Pheasant

Mrs. Joyce. Bedson widow of DC Eric
Holmes

Insp. Peter Lewis

Chief Constable John Newing

Insp. Kenneth Stocks

Mrs. Eleanor Sophia Barsley widow of Pc
Maurice Barsley

Pc Robert Humphrey Garratt

Sgt. Derek Woolley

Pc Kenneth Rogers

C/Supt. Terence Corrigan

Sgt. Philip Lucic

Supt. Derick White

Pc Martin Smith

Pc William 'Bill' Willis

Sgt Denis Williams

Pc Harold Geeson

Pc Harold Proctor

Sgt Kenneth Hodgkinson

ACC Robert 'Bob' Wood

Pc Geoffrey Andrew Towle BEM

Sgt. Raymond Gregory

SPORTS CLUB

The Sports Club is in a healthy financial position.

Just to clear up any ambiguity in May, 2015 it was decided that Retired members will continue to pay a subscription to the Sports Club and continue to do so after the age of 65 years. However existing members of the Sports Club, who were 65 years of age on the effective date i.e. prior to the 1st March, 2013 will continue to be classed as Honorary Members and pay no subscription. Jason Gill from the Coarse Fishing section was the recipient of the John Newing Cup. Our congratulations to Jason.

. **Sean Murphy**, Sports Club Rep.

A FEW RECOLLECTIONS OF THE DAY WE AMALGAMATED, (ALMOST 50 YEARS ON).

The date was the 1st April, 1967; it was a Saturday, just another ordinary day really. I was a paid-up member of the Derby Borough Police Mobile Section; I don't think we had a posher title at that time.

We were using Mark 3 and Mark 4 Ford Zephyrs. The Mark 3 was well liked by us all whereas the Mark 4, commonly called The Dagenham Dustbin, was constantly living up to its name. I'm sure they spent more time being repaired than they did on patrol.

We were something of an elitist section although I never found out why. For example, we were issued with brown leather gloves rather than the black ones everyone else had, and we had an overcoat called a British Warm, shorter in length than the general issue and which had silver buttons rather than the black ones on general issue and a rubber truncheon which followed the contour of your leg whilst driving.

So back to the 1st April, the day we were to amalgamate with the Derbyshire Constabulary. I was on the early turn, 6am – 2pm. We paraded as usual and then walked back to the garage to be briefed by our Sergeant, who I feel sure was Alan B. that day.

“OK Sergeant, what's to do today?” We had to ask because we had had no prior briefing as to what would happen. Back came the reply, “I have no idea”. Not a good start really. We received our patrol areas, logged on with the radio room and off we went. As usual, we returned some time later, presumably with despatches, newspapers and quite possibly milk for the tea! Now things were happening, the County men arrived from their base at St. Mary's Gate, with their vehicles. We knew most of them from encounters over the years and enjoyed a good working relationship with them. We were quite interested to see these vehicles included an Austin Gypsy 4x4 which we all expressed a wish to drive, but were quickly told you needed an additional driving course so to do! As we were to find out later, it really wasn't that impressive but I can only imagine there wasn't much choice in 4x4's at that time. I keep referring to policemen as neither the Borough or County forces had policewomen drivers on road traffic duties at that time. It would be a couple of years or so before the first women officers were given Advanced Driving Courses.

So the next question was posed to the skipper, “What is happening regarding the radio networks?” as we were still on separate systems.

The reply, as before, “No idea, but I will find out”, and with that we were off on patrol again. In fact I remember it was late morning before the Home Office Wireless engineers put us all on to the same network.

After breakfast I suppose it was inevitable that someone said, “Do we keep our collar numbers or what?” as it was pretty obvious that there must have been officers in the County force with the same numbers as ours. I'm not sure how, but I was nominated to telephone the Uniform Stores at Matlock to try and find out. I remember speaking to the Storeman who was Alistair Cameron's father! “Of course you will have different numbers”. Next question, “Well, perhaps you could tell us what they will be” and eventually, “Well, can you send us some of these new numbers please?”

I don't think we were ready for the reply, “How many do you want?” “Well, we have at least two uniform jackets, a British Warm overcoat and a raincoat”. The next response was even weirder. “Do you know how much these metal numbers cost?” Of course we had no idea and the result of our enquiries came a few days later when we all received **one set** of metal numbers with the instruction to put them on which ever item of uniform we wished until further supplies became available.

Not a particularly auspicious day for the rank and file officers and I suppose we were all left wondering about the apparent lack of liaison between the senior officers of the two Police forces on what was such an important day for all concerned. And as the saying goes, the rest is history.....

Alan King. Retired Inspector. (Thank you to Alan for his thoughts)



Len Smith being presented with a framed photograph at the Awards Ceremony by the Chief Constable Mick Creedon together with the Committee and their wives.



Trip to Nostell Priory Nr. Wakefield



Trip to Thursford Christmas Spectacular



Frank Gregory being presented with his Life Membership Certificate by the Divisional Commander Debbie Matthews

