



# East Kent NARPO Newsletter

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## The Police Panto

20 - 22 February 2025

St Lawrence College, Ramsgate

For details and to book see [www.thepolicepanto.co.uk](http://www.thepolicepanto.co.uk)

## Ali Baba and the four and a half thieves

Come on down to Baghdad town, Meet Asif the market trader,  
who likes to hang with a dodgy gang. You'll get to meet them later.  
Sally Baba says Hello, She's Ali's crazy mum and makes pots but can't sell lots, so Ali's  
feeling glum

Ali makes a plan to win the hand of the lovely princess Yasmin  
So he'll be awash with lots of dosh a 'has' and not a 'has been'  
At the sultan's palace he runs into a hitch  
but he'll be brave and find a cave, with jewels to make him rich

No one else wants to help not even Big Bad Bob  
but Debs appears and volunteers she's eager for the job  
Abanazer spells disaster, he's really quite a meanie.  
They rub a lamp and meets a camp but entertaining genie

The wizard casts an evil spell, for a drought both far and wide,  
he says with a scoff he'll call it off If Yasmin is his bride  
Who will save the day you say? Who will rise or fall?  
You'll have to wait and see their fate.

This year we are pleased to announce that we will be supporting -  
STAK.Life - provides training to parents, organisations, and employers, aiming to  
enhance their understanding and support for neurodivergent individuals.  
Thanet Community First Responders  
PCSA Kent - Prostate Cancer Support Association Kent.

**Any changes to your details - address email etc, queries or  
questions regarding membership please contact Helen on**

**01843 868202**

**or email**

**[membership.eastkentnarpo@gmail.com](mailto:membership.eastkentnarpo@gmail.com)**

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### Diary Dates 2025

#### Police Panto

20th - 22nd February 25  
St Lawrence College,  
Ramsgate

#### EK NARPO AGM

Monday 14th April 25  
See page 12.

#### Old Comrades Lunch

Thursday 24th July 25

#### Kent Police Open Day

Details TBC

#### Summer Lunch

Thursday 12th June 25 at  
the Howfield Hotel

#### Ashford Reunion

Thursday 3rd July 25  
Sandy Acres

#### Thanet Reunion

Details TBC

#### Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th December



*'This term your son has  
identified as a cat. I gave  
him an F grade because  
the school still has a  
mouse problem'*

**Chairman's Column**

Hi everyone.

I do hope you have had a great Christmas and new year and 2025 will be a good one for you.

The Christmas lunch was a great success with celebrations of Tony and Linda Bartlett's Golden Wedding Anniversary and Peter Reynolds award of Life Membership.



Don't forget if you have a golden or Diamond or even Platinum celebration coming up, please let us know.

The AGM of the Branch will take place on Monday 14th April at 1900 hours at the Thanington Neighbourhood Centre, please do come along and support your local branch.

The new year has brought a number of former friends and colleagues passing away which has increased over the Christmas period and my condolences and thoughts are with their families and friends.

I have recently experienced issues where loved ones have been unaware of who to inform. One case occurred where National NARPO was contacted. Also, the first we became aware was after the funeral had taken place. We don't wish to intrude if that is the wish of family but are here to offer support and advice through our welfare service.

I would draw all your attention to the Welfare Booklet which was prepared by all the Kent Branches. If you don't have a hard copy, it is available on the website [eknarpo.org](http://eknarpo.org).

Additionally in our newsletter we publish the contact number of Odell Gardner from Kent Police. Odell will notify the Benevolent fund, Pensions and will take details of the funeral of the deceased. She will ask if they would like a Police Presence, and the Force Flag for the coffin at the service. She also circulates the details to branches and Terry Gabriel will circulate this for information of our members.

If you want to be on the snowball scheme then you can contact Terry on [obituaries.eastkentnarpo@gmail.com](mailto:obituaries.eastkentnarpo@gmail.com)

We will continue to show the contact number which is **07870 252889** and also the e-mail address [obituary.notification@kent.police.uk](mailto:obituary.notification@kent.police.uk) which can be used if the family prefer.

I appreciate this is a difficult conversation to be had but I would urge all members to ensure the family member is aware of who to contact in the event of their passing.

Best wishes

Bob

**On The Move**

**Clive LLEWELLYN** Christchurch

**Philip SPERINCK** Italy

**Ann WIGGINS** Oakhampton

**Derek ASHFORD** Canterbury

**Lee CATLING** Herne Bay

**Paul BRANDON** Hythe

**Jacqui BURR** Adisham

**Gordon ETHERIDGE** France

**Phillip ROGERS** Canterbury

**Peter BOAST** Guildford

**Steve GIFFORD** Ashford

**David BAKER** Deal

**Robert FAUTLEY** Dover

**Penny, Alan GIMES** Herne Bay

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secretary if you are  
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or  
changing any of your  
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**I SEE PEOPLE AROUND MY  
AGE MOUNTAIN CLIMBING,  
AND ZIP LINING AND HERE  
I AM FEELING GOOD ABOUT  
MYSELF BECAUSE I GOT  
MY LEG THROUGH MY  
UNDERWEAR WITHOUT  
LOSING MY BALANCE.**





## Editorial



PLEASE NOTE MY NEW EMAIL ADDRESS  
 editor.narpoeastkent@gmail.com

Hi all,

Well Panto time is here again (Oh no its not) I hear you all shout !

Please support the small dedicated bunch of amateur thespians who have been entertaining thousand of people over the 25 years its been running, supporting local charities.

**Dictionary Definition of Amateur is a person who is incompetent or inept at a particular activity. "that bunch of stumbling amateurs"**

Now you will have to make your own mind up if we fit that ?.

This years charities are worthy of your support, so if you haven't booked yet you still have time.

For details and to book see  
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More sad new of colleagues passing, in particular Nigel Chandler who looked after me when I joined the Rural Section as a young sprog. Keen to know what to do I asked around with little help from anyone. So I asked "Nigel, no one knows what you do?" He replied with his smirky smile "No, that's the best way to keep it" RIP mate.

Unpredictable weather as ever. My heating has been flat out, much to Mrs G displeasure, roll on summer.

Please keep submitting your stories and articles for future editions. Photos are also helpful if you have any.

Stay safe and warm.

Graham.



*'One day, son, all this will belong to HMRC'*

## New Members

**Mark HUNTER** Herne Bay

**Lee RUSSELL** Whitstable

**Brenda GRAHAM** Canterbury

**Paul MILLER** Folkestone

**Simon HARROLD** Birchington

**Marcus WHITNELL** Herne Bay

**Mark WALMSLEY-PREECE**  
 Dover

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## LIFE MEMBERSHIP PETER REYNOLDS

Peter Reynolds has been awarded Honorary Life Membership of NARPO by the East Kent Branch. Peter joined the Branch Committee in 1996 and is currently Vice Chairman.

He has served on several sub committees within the branch and is instrumental in ensuring the Branch's Training Day runs smoothly and is an excellent coordinator. He has an excellent knowledge of Branch Rules and has been instrumental in ensuring the branch has run smoothly over the years.

He was presented with his certificate at the East Kent Christmas Lunch at the Cathedral Lodge, Canterbury Cathedral.

His wife Brenda was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Mrs Dottie Pollard wife of Branch Chairman, Bob Pollard, who presented Peter with his Certificate and Badge.



# Diamond Wedding Anniversary

## *DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATION*



Many congratulations to John and Sandra Benzie who recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary.

John and Sandra celebrated their 60th Anniversary on the 9th January 2025

They were married at St Mary's church Chilham, Canterbury  
Their honeymoon was spent moving into their new home in Maidstone

They are going to celebrate their anniversary with family and friends

We wish them many more happy years together sending them all our congratulations



# Golden Wedding

## GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

Tony and Linda Bartlett celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary this year.

They married on 7th September 1974 at Christchurch, Ashford, having met at a local pub in Willesborough, and subsequently got together at the Grosvenor Hall Police Training Centre; when Tony asked Linda for a dance. They went on a cruise to celebrate the occasion.

The Branch had been unable to celebrate with them due to health problems within Tony's family, and so at the Christmas Lunch at Cathedral Lodge Tony and Linda wanted to share their special day with friends and everyone at the event. Tony would state that Linda has been his rock.

They were presented with flowers and champagne at the lunch by Dottie and Bob Pollard on behalf of the Branch.

We give them both our very best wishes and many more happy years together.



Previously I updated members that in order to enhance our communications and increase reliability we would be utilising a third-party e-mail system called Mailchimp. This will also enable us to increase the size of attachments and e-mail content. I wanted to let you know that this has been used for some time now with minor issues.

I want to assure you that no personal details other than name and e-mail address is being held on the Mailchimp server. Members can opt out of receiving e-mails via Mailchimp, and their details will be deleted from the list of contacts. The opt out option is included in every e-mail sent via Mailchimp. This will need to be done each time we update the East Kent NARPO members list and allow those that have accidentally unsubscribed to be automatically added.

I have received a number of queries about the Newsletter due to not being received via email. Please check your Spam/Junk boxes and then save as contact or trusted which should resolve any issues. If you have any concerns regarding the use of Mailchimp, can I please direct you to the following page where hopefully your questions will be answered <https://mailchimp.com/about/security/>

Thanks Graham





# Police Dog 'Hades'

By Nigel Douglas (5103)

Nearly five decades have passed since those happy days.

We had Morris Marina 1800cc area cars

there were no

ARVs

stab vests

asps

parva

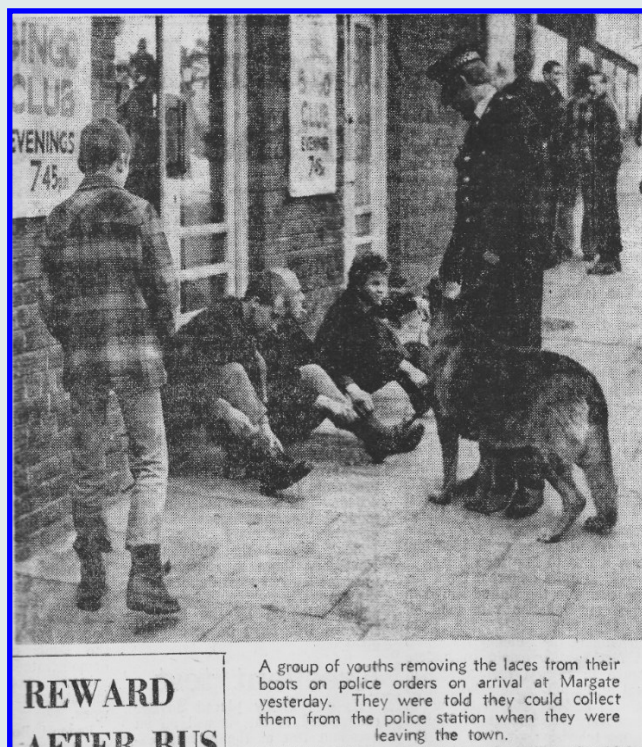
and the PRs worked only when they felt like it.....

**but we had a dog from hell.**



'Hades' in the ancient Greek religion and mythology, is the *god* of the dead and the king of the underworld, with which his name became synonymous.

Just about everybody who was stationed in Thanet at that time will remember Hades, weighing in at 112 lbs he was quite hard to miss.



Margate in particular was quite rough in those days, attracting large groups, happy to fight or run riot, if given the opportunity and Echo Delta 9 was always a welcome arrival when things 'kicked off'.

Originally a gift dog, he had previously been kept at the Duke of Wellington, in Ryarsh.

He had bitten a tradesman working on the premises, who's bad fortune was our good.

He was already 18 months old when the force acquired him, which was viewed as a challenge in training terms, but he took to the job like a new lion at the Colosseum.

Something that rapidly sharpened my report writing skills.

DAILY TELEGRAPH 6 MAY 1980 Not even the Iranian Embassy Siege could keep his picture out of the nationals.

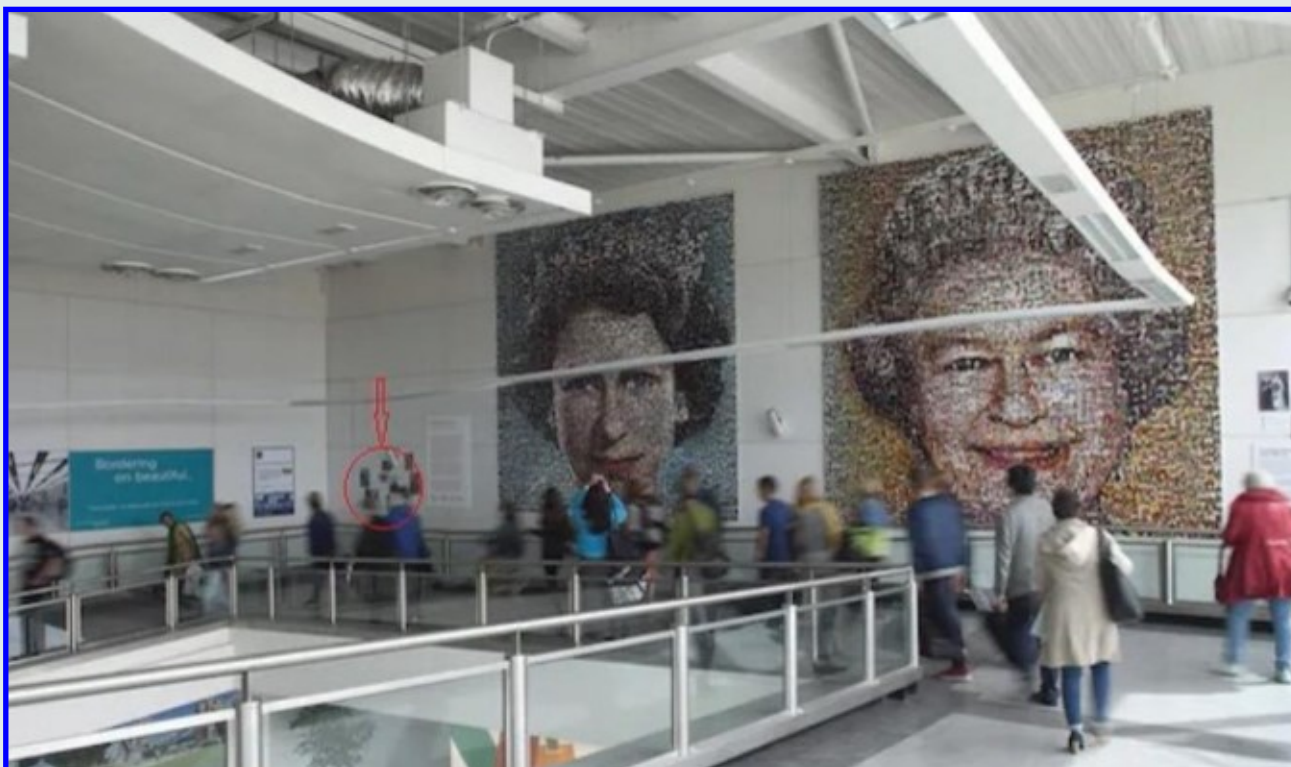


Hades with the JEAN TOWN TROPHY, 1977

Awarded by Kent CID for the best arrest using a police dog in that year.

Were you stationed in Thanet, late 70s early 80s, and have you noticed this?

The People's Monarch is an artwork comprising more than 5000 photos, displayed in pier 2 arrivals, at Gatwick South Terminal. The artist, Helen Marshall, selected just 20 of those pictures to be featured individually, one of which is of Kent Police Dog "Hades".



His light was snuffed out far too early, in 1981.  
So, if you are at Gatwick and passing his only memorial, spare him a smile.





## Christmas Lunch

### East Kent NARPO CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thursday 12th December 2024 saw the annual Narpo lunch at Canterbury Cathedral Lodge.



As usual the staff and organisers from the Lodge did their excellent best to ensure the event went off without a hitch despite the capacity attendance. The food was outstanding as usual even though the Brussels could have been fired from a musket.



I'm very grateful to the guests who expressed their appreciation. It does take a bit of organising however when you hear the buzz of conversation and laughter it makes it all worthwhile. Especially when the "Usual Suspects" are involved.



Thank you all for Lin's and My flowers (for me) and bubbly (for Lin) belated celebrating our 50th Wedding anniversary. It marked the end of a hard year for us and was truly appreciated



Next years Christmas event has again been booked at the lodge and we have achieved a zero inflation rate on the price (Rachel Reeves eat your heart out). Thursday 18th December 2025.

Bar opens at 12:00 for a 13:00 sit down. I'll start taking bookings in June.

Tony & Lin





## Old Comrades' Annual Luncheon

4th January 2025

Dear Old Comrades

After my discussions with the Chief Constable, Mr Tim Smith, he is pleased to announce that the Annual Old Comrades Lunch will again take place in 2025.

Therefore, the Annual Old Comrades' Lunch will be held at 12.30pm (sit down) on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at The Cornwallis Suite, Courtney Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6LF. Please feel free to come along from 11.30am to catch up with fellow Old Comrades before the lunch.

Unfortunately, like many suppliers, costs have increased, and the cost of the meal has increased to £34.

This venue is the same as last year and has ample parking and a bar.

If you would like to attend this function, I respectfully request that you complete the enclosed form and return by **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025** to **Sandra Gordon**, either by email or at **Kent Police College, Coverdale Avenue, Maidstone, Kent ME15 9DW** together with a cheque or BACS payment (details below) for £34, made payable to **Kent Constabulary Old Comrades' Association**. If you make a BACS payment you must use your last name as a reference when making the payment. Please indicate you have paid by BACS when returning the form.

In the unlikely event that you later have to cancel your booking, refunds will be given provided notice of at least 2 weeks is given for catering purposes.

Please bring some cash with you in order to support the chosen charity by buying raffle tickets and also for a tip for the staff.

Due to some embarrassment, I have had with Old Comrades changing their e mail addresses, moving house or sadly passing away all the invites are going out this year through your Branches of NARPO. This was agreed three years ago.

I hope that you enjoy your day. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Sandra.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Collins Dip TLLS QTLS H Sec Ed & Insp | Force Diversity and Inclusion Manager | Treasurer Kent Police LGBT+ Network | Senior Leadership Team | Senior Officers Mess Secretary | Kent Police College | Kent Police

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e-mail [chris.collins@kent.police.uk](mailto:chris.collins@kent.police.uk) | Address Kent Police College, Coverdale Avenue, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 9DW

Old Comrades' Lunch, The Cornwallis Suite, Courtney Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6LF

12.00 pm Thursday 24th July 2025

I would like to attend the Old Comrades' Lunch:

☐ Yes

Please choose one of the following from the menu:

Starter:

- ☐ Tomato & Basil Soup
- ☐ Melon Balls with Honey & Lime Dressing
- ☐ Chicken Liver Pate with Apple & Walnut Chutney

Main Course - all served with Seasonal vegetables and potatoes.

- ☐ Pancetta Wrapped Chicken Breast stuffed with Mozzarella & Sundried Tomato Stuffing
- ☐ Pan Fried Salmon with Roasted Tomatoes and Salsa Verde
- ☐ Goats Cheese and balsamic onion and mushroom wellington.

Desert - followed by coffee

- ☐ Eton Mess
- ☐ Salted Caramel Cheesecake
- ☐ Chocolate tart with orange compote

Name and address (Capital Letters) - one application per form


Email address (for confirmation of receipt)

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Telephone Number:

Home: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	Mobile: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
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Please indicate by ticking box:

Retired ☐ Serving ☐

**Please return this form together with a cheque for £34 made payable to Kent Constabulary Old Comrades' Association by Monday 23rd June 2025 to:**  
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**Kent Police College,**  
**Coverdale Avenue, Maidstone, Kent ME15 9DW or by email to - [sandra.gordon@kent.police.uk](mailto:sandra.gordon@kent.police.uk)**  
**BACS payment details. You must use your last name as a reference when making BACS payment.**  
 NatWest Kent Constabulary Old Comrades' Association. Sort code 53-81-51 Account Number 01803360

## Dover CID

Thought the attached photo might stir some memories of those who served in J Division during the 60's/70's.

If the Devil could cast his net.....!

I can name them, with the exception of the two 'senior' typists, front row left but can you?

This photo was given to me by Val Bugden as she thought it was me back row centre. Fortunately, not me.

Barry Yorke.

Answers in May Newsletter.





## OBITUARY NOTICES

It is with great regret that I inform you of the following deaths. We send our sympathies to their families.

*Please note: Information available at the time of publication is often very limited.*

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**Phone 07870 252889**

For widows pensions, XPS Pensions department will require copies of

- Widowers birth certificate
- Marriage certificate
- Death certificate.

**XPS phone 0330 054 5552**

Pension payments stop immediately and nothing more will be done until they receive the required documents.

**Elgar** Keith former Constable 2665 aged 85 years.

Keith Elgar born 9 March 1939 who sadly passed away on 1 November 2024 aged 85 years.

Keith joined Kent Police in March 1958 and served in Margate, Sevenoaks, Canterbury, and Ashford T4 before retiring in June 1987.

Keith was living in Herne Bay and leaves a widow Julie.

**Rushbrook** Leslie former Detective Inspector 3037 aged 88 years.

Leslie Rushbrook, born 21 December 1935 who sadly died on 31 October 2024 aged 88 years 10 months.

Leslie joined Kent Police in March 1961 and served in Gravesend, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & Malling and Chatham before retiring in December 1990.

Leslie was living in Deal and leaves a widow Kate.

**Walker** Charles former Detective Sergeant 4267 aged 75 years.

Charles Walker, born 22 June 1949 who sadly died on 10 November 2024 aged 75 years 4 months.

Charles Joined Kent Police in July 1968 and served in Margate, West Malling, Tonbridge, Folkestone, Hythe, HQ and also spent some time seconded to Northern Ireland before retiring in July 1998.

Charles was living in Ashford and leaves a widow Delena.

**Griffin** Paul former Sergeant 2559 aged 88 years.

Paul Griffin, born 8 January 1936 who sadly died on 17 November 2024 aged 88 years 10 months.

Paul joined Kent Police in March 1957 and served in Rochester, Maidstone and Borough Green before retiring in March 1987.

Paul was living in Weymouth and leaves a widow Hillary.

**Pearson** Janice former Constable 6150 aged 75 years.

Janice Parsons, born 6 December 1948 who sadly died on 15 November 2024 aged 75 years 11 months. Janice joined Kent Police in January 1977 and served in Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Maidstone, CRU and HQ before retiring in December 2003.

Janice was living in Tenterden and left a widower Richard.

**Cheeseman** Alan former Constable 3151 aged 81 years.

Alan Cheeseman born, 21 January 1943 who sadly died on 18 November 2024 aged 81 years 9 months.

Alan joined Kent Police as a Cadet in January 1962 serving at Strood. At the time he was one of the youngest response drivers at age 21. He later went on to teach Advanced Driving at Maidstone Driving School and retired in April 1988.

Alan was living in Lynsted and leaves a widow Joyce.

**Grundy** Frederick former Detective Sergeant 3203 aged 91 years.

Frederick (Fred) Grundy born, 16 November 1933 who sadly died on 17 November 2024, aged 91 years 1 day.

Fred joined Kent Police in June 1962 serving at Faversham, Canterbury, Margate, Ramsgate, SB-Dover, and Crown Court Liaison before retiring in September 1992. Fred played bowls for the East Kent Police team and remained an

active bowls player until last year. Fred was living in Maurice House, Royal British Legion care home, Broadstairs. There is no widow.

**Scott** Kevin former Detective Constable 5370 aged 69 years.

Kevin Scott born, 13 June 1955 who sadly died on 18 November 2024 aged 69 years 5 months.

Kevin joined Kent Police in June 1974 serving at Sittingbourne, Faversham, No 2 Support Group, Herne Bay, Whitstable, Canterbury, FHQ, SB – Coquelles and Folkestone before retiring in July 2004. Kevin was living in Sandwich and leaves a widow Julie.

**Carr** Robert former Constable 3587 aged 87 years.

Robert Carr born, 1 September 1937 who sadly died on 5 December 2024, aged 87 years 3 months.

Robert joined Kent Police in December 1964 serving as the village officer for Brabourne and Smeeth until retiring in September 1992. Robert leaves a widow Kathleen who unfortunately is in a care home living with dementia, a son and two daughters.

**Dowling** Eric former Inspector 3221 aged 86 years.

William Eric John Dowling (known as Bill), born 8 June 1938 who sadly died on 16 December 2024 aged 86 years 6 months. Bill served 5 years from 1957 – 1962 with Royal Ulster Constabulary before transferring to Kent in July 1962, serving in Maidstone, East Malling/Larkfield, Ramsgate, Sandwich, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells before retiring in March 1987.

Bill was living in Felixstowe and leaves a widow Moira.

**Welfare Information Booklet**

Is available on our website

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**Rose** Arthur former Superintendent 2850 aged 86 years.

Arthur Rose (known as Terry) born, 8 September 1938 who sadly died on 21 December 2024 aged 86 years 3 months.

Arthur joined Kent Police in August 1959 serving at Gravesend, Regional Crime, Herne Bay, Swanley, Dartford, Maidstone, and Gillingham before retiring in June 1990.

Arthur was living in Gillingham and leaves a widow Anne.

**Goldsmith** Brian former Constable 5342 aged 77 years.

Brian Goldsmith born on 18 May 1947, who sadly died on 8 December 2024 aged 77 years 7 months. Brian joined Kent Police in May 1974 serving at Maidstone, Ashford, Folkestone, Hythe SB- Dover and CTP. He was a Health & Safety officer as well as Federation Representative before retiring in May 2003.

Brian was living in Dymchurch and leaves a widow Joanna.

**Rayner** Dennis former Detective Inspector 2756 aged 90 years.

Dennis Rayner born, 17 July 1934 who sadly died on 3 January 2025 aged 90 years 5 months.

Dennis served with Port of London Police from 1956 transferring to Kent Police in November 1958. He served in many locations across Kent including Gravesend, Dartford, Gillingham, Margate, and Chatham before retiring in May 1985. He went on to serve as a Chief Inspector with Papua New Guinea Police for a short time.

Dennis was living in Rainham and leaves a widow Gertrude.

**Jackman** Colin former Constable 4549 aged 76 years.

Colin Jackman born, 20 November 1948 who sadly died on 31 December 2024 aged 76 years 1 month. Colin joined Kent Police in March 1970 serving at Sevenoaks, Cranbrook and Appledore before retiring in March 2000. Colin was living in a nursing home in New Romney, he leaves a widow Rosemary.

**Hanning** William former Sergeant 2291 aged 94 years.

William Hanning born, 18 December 1930 who sadly died on 30 December 2024 aged 94 years 1 week.

William joined Kent Police in April 1954 serving at Canterbury, Gillingham, Rochester and Traffic 1- Coldharbour before retiring in April 1984.

William was living in a care home in Hawkinge, there is no widow.

**Meredith** John former Constable 4539

John Meredith, who apparently died on 7 August 2024.

John's death was never reported to Kent Police in the normal way and no further details are known.

**Daniel** Alan former Inspector 6605 aged 86 years.

Alan Daniel born, 1 February 1938 who sadly died on 2 December 2024 aged 86 years 10 months.

Alan initially served in Wales, transferring to Kent Police in August 1978. He served in Maidstone, West Malling and FHQ until retiring as an Inspector in February 1989. He continued serving in a support role as PSE 50408, a Fingerprint Expert, until August 2001. Alan was living in Maidstone and leaves a widow Margaret.

**Harrison-Smith** former Constable 6537 aged 75 years.

Martin Harrison-Smith born, 9 February 1949 who sadly died on 6 January 2025 aged 75 years 10 months.

Martin joined Kent Police in August 1977 serving at Deal, Canterbury, Ramsgate, Margate before retiring in Aug 2007. He continued serving in a support role as a PSE (on the 30+ scheme) as the Emergency Contingency Planner for Manston airport until March 2010. Martin was living in Ramsgate and leaves a widow Jacque.

**Chandler** Nigel former Constable 4393 aged 75 years.

Nigel Chandler born, 15 June 1949 who sadly died on 28 December 2024 aged 75 years 6 months.

Nigel joined Kent Police in June 1969 serving at in Canterbury and villages in the surrounding area before retiring in June 1999

Nigel was living in Canterbury and leaves a widow Sue.

**Clark** Frank former Constable 6986 aged 72 years.

Frank Clark born, 6 December 1952 who sadly died on 13 December 2024 aged 72 years.

Frank joined Kent Police in January 1980 and served at Tac-Ops Traffic, Isle of Grain, Maidstone and CID- Gravesend before retiring in September 2004.

Frank was living in Broadstairs, there is no widow.

**Peacock** David former Sergeant 8750 aged 64 years.

David Peacock born, 13 January 1960 who sadly died on 7 January 2025 aged 64 years 11 months. David joined Kent Police in July 1990 and served at Medway and Swale areas before retiring in April 2012. The immediately returned to Kent Police in Police support role as 58242 and served at HQ until February 2022.

David was living in Sittingbourne and leaves a widow Sue.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS

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## THE WILLIAM THRIFT FUND

Will take place on

**MONDAY 14th APRIL 2025 AT 7PM**

(FOR 7.15)

TO BE HELD AT THANINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, ASHFORD ROAD, CANTERBURY, CT1 3RR  
REUNION & BUFFET WILL COMMENCE AT 8.45PM (APPROX)

Speakers to be confirmed

Agenda and financial reports will be available to review at the meeting

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