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National IPA charity for 2017

During the fabulous NCM in Belfast in June 2016 the Roll of Honour Trust was chosen by National Council to be our National IPA Charity for 2017. This article is just to remind you of what the Roll of Honour Trust does. Can Branches and Regions please remember to include the National Charity in your charity work this year.

The Police Roll of Honour Trust is the only official source of the United Kingdom's National Police Roll of Honour. The charity researches and maintains the National Police Roll of Honour for the entire United Kingdom, it contains both historical and contemporaneous records of all those police officers who have lost their lives both on and in the line of duty. To relieve the need, in particular the emotional suffering, of bereaved families and friends of police officers who die or have died because of an injury received in the line of duty, by the provision of resources and services including care and support, advice and information.

The Roll of Honour pays a public tribute to all the police officers of the United Kingdom who have lost their lives in the line of duty since the earliest days of professional law enforcement. The Roll includes officers killed by accident or enemy action as well as by criminal acts and we will ensure future losses are also recorded.

By bringing their service and sacrifice to the public attention, the community in general will benefit by knowing their police officers are prepared to take the special risks of police duty to keep them safe. Sometimes the police officer's dedication to duty means they have to pay the ultimate price; the public can be reassured that when this sacrifice is made the officers and their families will not be forgotten.

This will be of use to police and family historians, individual police forces, the media and others who may wish to use it for study, research or analysis purposes. Increased knowledge and understanding of how police fatalities occur will help promote officer safety and lead to a decrease in their numbers.

Research has shown that in the 70 years between 1940 and 2010 more than 2,400 British Police Officers lost their lives in the line of duty in the UK and overseas, leaving many thousands of living relatives and descendants who will potentially benefit. Our experience with relatives bereaved as long as 90 years ago is that the distress and trauma of a sudden violent death can last a lifetime.

If you require additional information on the charity contact Vice president Sean Hannigan or a member of the NEC.



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£14 + P&P



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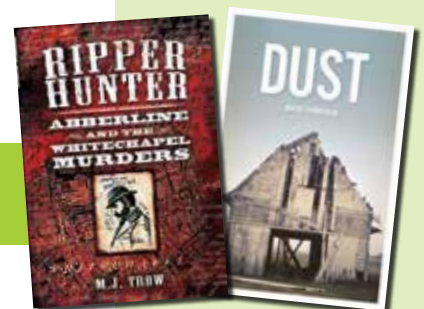
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Working on your behalf

Happy New Year and a warm welcome to the first edition of Police World in 2017. With the festive period and 2016 firmly behind us our attention turns to the IPA year ahead.



Quickly upon us are the Branch and Regional AGMs where the NEC and I attend as many as possible. The NEC endeavour to attend all Regional and Special Interest Group AGM's and ask our Regional Office Holders to attend as many Branch AGM as possible. As well as

being a visible presence it enables key messages to be delivered personally.

As you receive this edition the Regional Chairs and Secretaries will be meeting in Birmingham to agree our business plans for the year as well as discussing motions for the NCM in Durham.

For the first time the staff at HQ will fully administer the bookings as the NEC take on additional responsibility for the National Council Meeting but I would like to thank at this point Region Three colleagues for all the work they have undertaken so far in helping us prepare a warm welcome to you in June.

2016 saw a number of iconic events and the NEC is looking for Regions to continue to build on these foundations and maintain strong localised activity.

In a similar fashion the NEC will continue to develop national events with the continuing national golf tournament, another professional seminar, member's day event and other initiatives such as more opportunities for members to represent the Section abroad at international events.

The lottery has similarly brought in additional funding, all of which goes out as monthly prizes or to various study awards to those involved in the lottery as a further member benefit.

Income generation is an area we are still keen to develop further and explore opportunities with

partners. Our aim is to identify at least one key member benefit in 2017.

Internationally, last March we hosted the House Managers meeting in Scotland and this is the start of a number of international events that will be held over the coming years.

Next on the agenda is the International Youth Gathering where approximately fifty 16/17 year old who are sons and daughters or grandchildren of IPA members will visit Nottinghamshire and the surrounding attractions in neighbouring counties for a two week period in July 2018. If you are interested in assisting in this event please contact Vice President Sean Hannigan.

The budget is naturally affected by how well we recruit and retain members and I am pleased to say that in 2017 we will continue with free enrolment as that has seen the association sustain a steady increase in overall member numbers in the last two years.

To ensure we stay ahead of our IPA peers and not resting on our laurels by being satisfied with 'four Gold Awards' for our website from the International Executive Board (IEB) we have driven on and commissioned a new improved website which will be 'live' by the time you are reading this Police World.

To support the website we have developed a Communications Strategy which tells you our main method of communicating to you as members in 'real time' which will be through our website news as detailed in my 'working on your behalf' article in the last edition.

This will be supported by the improved 'Triple MMM' and the upscaling on our number of Facebook posts.

The Member Journey initiative which is rotating around the Regions likewise is aimed at drilling down into how Regions and Branches communicate to you as members and making sure best practice is shared.

In 2014 when I was elected I identified eight points as to what being President meant to me. On point two I said the following, "merge branches where needed in order to maintain identity and aim to have a foothold in each police area"

A foothold in each area is very subjective in a changing police environment but the ethos of this statement is to enshrine that all members will have a committee overseeing their interests and regularly communicating with them outlining activity and benefits they as a member maybe interested in.

In a nutshell when I meet with the Chairs and Secretaries I will be asking the question "are we fit for purpose" – not for now but for the years ahead. This is not just in terms of geographic structure but how we operate as a NEC, Regionally, as well as at Branch and Special Interest Group level.

From these discussions the NEC will develop if necessary a working strategy and options to discuss at the NCM in June across the three meetings.

The importance of discussion and debate in these key business areas will enable the new NEC elected in June to formulate their four year business plan across their term of office.

There will be three elections, namely for President, Treasurer and Vice President.

I encourage anyone who is interested in these posts to contact me or another member of the NEC to discuss what the role requires from you. One critical aspect is having the time to serve in the role.

So until next time, keep having fun, enjoy your IPA adventures in 2017 by completing your travel form (downloadable from the website) in plenty of time and make sure you read those news articles on the website.

Mick Luke

IPA World Congress

President Mick Luke and Secretary General Pete Connolly joined 62 nations at the 61st IPA World Congress in Auckland, New Zealand.

Business began on Wednesday morning, when delegates formed up for a parade, led by a bagpipe band, from the hotel to Auckland Town Hall. The welcoming party included a Maori leader, the Mayor of Auckland and the Commissioner of the New Zealand Police Service. The speeches were interspersed with wonderful singing by a group of Maori children. It was a most friendly and warm welcoming ceremony at which IPA International President, Pierre Moulin responded to the welcome from the civic leaders.

The delegates returned to the hotel where after lunch the conference opened for business as per a very busy agenda. Pierre Moulin announced the theme for this Conference as "Learning today, from yesterday, for tomorrow." The President went on to discuss that the IPA should be more concerned with IPA activities and service delivery to members rather than purely administrative work.

4 pillars of "IPA Tomorrow"

- Review of IPA Procedures. Leading to a booklet of updated documents.
- Development of Sections. Some sections are vibrant and strong, others less so. Support and direction from the IEB may assist those weaker Sections to grow in strength and sustainability.
- Communication. Means to monitor how sections do communicate internally and with each other, to learn from and support each other.
- IEB Strategic Plan. A project in development by the IEB to set, prioritise and measure mission aims and outcomes.

Day 2 of the Conference opened with Head of Administration, Stephen Crockard, delivering his report to the conference. Stephen discussed aspects of his report and duties.

The Gimborn Report was delivered by Renee Kaufmann. Gimborn has achieved DIN EN ISO 9001: 2008 certification for all training delivered there. This enhances training standards and will see many new guidelines introduced in keeping with the certification standard. Section UK was among a small number of Sections mentioned for high level of engagement at Gimborn.

After lunch, conference was addressed by officers from the New Zealand Police Service. The presentation detailed policing programmes which New Zealand Police use to develop community policing and community



IPA World Congress delegates

safety issues. There were interesting presentations on New Zealand's many overseas police missions, with many officers engaged in police missions around the Pacific Islands.

Section UK presented two motions. The first was for the IEB to undertake research and analysis into the popularity and usage of IPA Houses. This did not carry. The second was for the IEB to undertake showing IPA Houses on the International Website as a dynamic map and facility for guests to post reviews of their stay. This led again to interesting debate and lost out only by a very narrow margin.

Secretary General, Georgios Katsaropoulos addressed congress regarding the various candidates for the IPA World Prize.

- Maria Appelblom from Sweden was recognised for her human rights and charitable work in several Baltic States after the breakup of the soviet bloc. Her work in this regard continues today.
- The prize was shared with colleagues from IPA Section Greece who have worked to resolve the ongoing refugee crisis in Greece and that region. The members there have collected food and provisions for distribution to refugees.

Zinaida Gantcheva, President of IPA Bulgaria made a presentation on plans for WC 2017 which will be hosted at the Hotel Flamingo Grand in Albena, Bulgaria.

Mick Luke went on to speak about major events to be hosted in Section UK. He made a presentation on the arrangements for International Youth Gathering 2018 in UK, 13 to 26 July 2018. An exciting itinerary is based around Nottingham where Sherwood Forest and Robin Hood themes will prevail.

Mick also spoke briefly about early arrangements for the Young Officers' Seminar 2019, which is planned to be hosted in the Police Scotland area.

At the gala dinner, IPA Section UK was recognised for the quality of its website, when Mick Luke was presented with a Gold certificate.



International Youth

Exchange Programme

The National Executive Committee are pleased to announce that Section UK will relaunch its involvement in the International Youth Exchange Programme (IYEP).

The International Executive Board (IEB) managed the International Youth Exchange Programme for many years. In recent years, several Sections became worried about legal issues around the themes on protection of young persons and vulnerable people. The IEB initially suspended its coordination role for the IYEP in 2015 stating that individual Sections could engage in their own arrangements for youth exchanges. The IEB then followed up by withdrawing all reference to the IYEP in its international documents at World Congress 2016.

Mick Luke advocated at WC2016 for retention of the programme, as did delegates from some other Sections.

The NEC did suspend Section UK's engagement in the programme but followed through with a full review on the Section UK position on the IYEP. The Secretary General produced a position paper offering a range of options

on how the Section might proceed. This was the subject of a lively debate by the NEC, which voted in favour of reinstating the IYEP on a formal footing.

This in turn led to the development of a new Directive for Section UK on the subject of the 'IYEP - Section UK' and an invite from the Secretary General to all members to volunteer for the role of 'IYEP Coordinator - Section UK'

The Directive was scrutinised by the NEC to agree that it was fit for purpose, prior to presentation to the ASC. The names of those members who kindly volunteered were considered by the NEC. The NEC wish to thank all those who did volunteer.

The volunteer chosen by the NEC is Edwin Sutton. Edwin is a serving Police Officer and an IPA member from 11 Region. He is well known to many throughout IPA Section UK, having served previously as Secretary General.

Section UK at the 18th National Congress in Italy

Fred Boyd, National Treasurer.

Fred Boyd had the pleasure to represent Section UK at the 18th National Congress in Italy and 54th Anniversary Celebrations of Section Sardinia.

Arrived in Sardinia to be met by local members and together with 30 others who were on the same flight we were transported to our various Hotels. A beautiful dinner was supplied in the Hotel together with the usual hospitality.



Fred with the president of Section Italy

The next day began it was off to the opening Ceremony in the local town. We all gathered on the sea front and together with flags and several members in uniform we paraded to a local centre where the opening ceremony took place, approximately 100 people attended. Other representatives included Greece, Romania, Slovenia, Switzerland, and Austria. The local Police Chiefs also attended and the ceremony was very dignified with a priest conducting some of the proceedings. It was then a short walking tour of the local seaside town. Delegates and observers then commenced their Congress in a local centre whilst the rest of us enjoyed the hospitality of our hosts in the local town. Later that evening we were all transported to a local restaurant a few miles outside the town where we were entertained with a male voice choir.

My thanks goes to all concerned in Section Italy for the hospitality and it was great to see some old friends and indeed meeting some really interesting new friends. This is what IPA is all about meeting friends,

Service through friendship.



Section Hellenic with Fred at the Parade prior to the Opening Ceremony



Gimborn Participant Views 2016

Stuart Henderson

Gimborn in Germany is a fitting venue to host such an international seminar and the facilities available were excellent. The accommodation at the castle was comfortable and certainly provided ample opportunity to engage and relax with fellow delegates and allowed me to form some good friendships and bonds with other police officers.

Tim Taylor

The facilities at Gimborn are brilliant with fantastic staff on hand to assist in any areas that are required. The transfer from the airport to the centre was flawless as was the return trip. The conference room has all the facilities required for International conferences, this was my first time giving a presentation with Interpreters and due to the easy-going atmosphere and the communication system I found it a pleasure to complete and would have no hesitation in doing so again or recommend the centre to others. The other advantage that Gimborn has against other conference centres is the beautiful setting, the countryside views around the Castle are second to none. The only thing I would change is to have tea and coffee facilities in the bedrooms.

Keith Sinclair

It was very much a pleasure to meet the participants who included officers from Poland, Belgium, Slovenia and Ireland. Throughout the lectures all the participants showed their interest in the subjects under discussion with a range of intelligent questions. For me, one of the most interesting aspects of the event was how what is considered the norm in one country can be considered out of the question in another.

Dubrovnik, Bosnia and Montenegro

New member Dean Guidera recently visited Croatia using the IPA Travel Form and used the subsequent connections he made to greatly improve his experiences in the country

I had toyed with the idea of joining the IPA for years, finally taking the plunge this year. Very quickly I made use of my membership, by asking for advice on a holiday to Dubrovnik. A few weeks before leaving London I was put in touch with Vlaho Lujo, Secretary of IPA in Dubrovnik. From our email exchanges I could see that Vlaho's knowledge of the entire Balkans was exceptional and we planned our trip around his recommendations.

Like a scene out of an Ian Fleming novel, we met under the large clock tower in Dubrovnik Old Town on a balmy Summer evening. Vlaho and Ana whisked my wife and I off for sumptuous seafood meal. Throughout the course of the evening I made notes of Vlaho's very useful tips, which, after the honey brandy, proved to have been a good idea.

An early (and slow) start to our first full day, saw us pass through several borders, both Croatian and Bosnian to reach the picturesque city of Mostar. This was my first time in Bosnia and like many my only memory was of the famous old bridge falling into the river during the conflict in the early 90s.

We embarked upon a walking tour and our guide gave us a very balanced view of the history and current state of relations in the area. Vlaho and Ana advised us to sample the local Bosnian speciality Cevapcici, skinless Balkan sausages wrapped in delicious warm bread served with a salsa, which was delicious.

We returned to Dubrovnik where Vlaho and Ana were waiting to bring us out for the evening. After a quick snack we relaxed with cocktails as the sun set over the Adriatic. It was here that our new IPA friends surprised us with the news that they had arranged for us to go on an island cruise the following day. After breakfast we made our way to the port to meet up with the galleon that would be our transport for the day. We visited the Elifiti Islands, which were each spectacular in their own individual way. A folk band entertained us during a delicious seafood and local wine lunch.

On Vlaho's advice we joined a trip to Montenegro the next day. We made our way around the Bay of Kotor stopping at stunning villages and after a few hours in beautiful Kotor we swam in the turquoise waters of Budva.

Before we flew back to the UK we took the cable car to the hill overlooking Dubrovnik. The Museum of the Croatian War of Independence is based there and it provides a photographic timeline of the war and in particular the Siege of Dubrovnik which took place over seven months during 1991 and 1992.

The hospitality and advice given by Vlaho and Ana saved us lots of time and money during our wonderful time in Dubrovnik. I was very impressed with my first trip down IPA boulevard, I can't wait for the next adventure.



IPA Active officer exchange Boynton Beach Police Department, FL.

Marcus Gale BTP branch

BTP branch member Marcus Gale had been an IPA member for a few years. Yet had never really participated in the IPA beyond reading Police World. But he noticed the active officer exchange program and decided a week with a US police department would be a fantastic experience.

Boynton Beach stood out with an impressive social media presence and had a variety of units as well as the city being similar in size and policing challenges to the areas we normally worked.

We contacted Joe Johnson, the US active officer exchange coordinator and he approached the Boynton Beach Police Department (BBPD) chief for us.

Captain John Bonafair was our liaison who was in touch regularly. John was waiting for us at arrivals in his take home SUV fitted with emergency equipment and a large gun safe!

Monday was Labour day, a bank holiday with less staff on. We went to the department's range. Under John's guidance we were introduced to the .45 calibre Glock 13 which was alien to us both. A handgun of this calibre was like a cannon in your hand.

We also had the chance to visit the city control room within a fire station. Unlike the UK there is far more interworking between the fire service (which also absorbs the functions of the ambulance service) and the Police, with one control room handling calls to all.

We finished the day with a visit to the main police station and a nearby incident involving a heroin overdose. BBPD deal with several a day. Unlike in the UK where we only attend if there was a fatality, they attend every OD and are equipped with 'Narcan' (a heroin antidote injector) which we saw deployed first hand. It would be hard to foresee UK officers having access to these with all the liability and training issues.

Tuesday started with a return to the training building for a Taser instructor's course. US Police departments are generally the size of one or two UK police stations, so there were officers from different departments present who we were able to talk to as well as exchanging patches etc.

One of the first comments made by the instructor was "you don't take a taser to a knife fight" which of course is exactly what we do in the UK. It was also considered reasonable to taser a person

running away from you, which in the UK would see you out of a job!

John took us to what was effectively a Police supermarket. With departments being far smaller than in the UK with massive variations in uniform, places like this are common and stock all manner of uniforms, belt kit, boots and other items. We were treated to one of the new SWAT t-shirts. On Wednesday we joined a SWAT training, which the local media were attending to cover both our visit and the work of the SWAT team. The training started with explosive entry. Matt detonated a charge on the training door which was an incredible sight and a lot different to using an enforcer.

We also threw 'flashbang' grenades before being given Glocks loaded with 'Simunition' (live rounds that fire a blue paint pellet) and completing dark room clearances. This was then topped off with donning gas masks and having a CS grenade set off!

Whilst de-kitting patches were exchanged and other items given out.

It was interesting to see that two of the team members were actually firefighters. It is normal practice to have a Swat medic on the team who, as well as being a reserve police officer, is also a firefighter and EMT. This is of course totally different to the UK where it is still specifically mentioned in legislation that you cannot be a firefighter and constable at the same time and a big step up from ambulance HART teams!

Being able to experience the training was excellent, we do not train to that level in the UK. There are a few units nationally that would compare rather than each department having that level of capability.

At the local marina we joined Boynton's marine unit. Boynton provides marine cover to other surrounding agencies as well as holding Customs designation, patrolling out to the limits of US territorial waters.

The marine unit was the most similar in its style of policing to the UK where officers have great links to and knowledge of the local community.





We were then paired up with officers for a ride-along. I was out with a relatively new officer so it was great to compare training and experiences. The incidents were very similar to what we would have in the UK although it was interesting to note that everything was attended and relatively quickly – no telephone resolution or diary cars etc as we would.

Levels of paperwork were very similar with reporting being surprisingly formal and detailed even for minor reports with no suspects/witnesses. Paperwork was aided by the impressive mobile data solution used – a full size laptop on a dock next to the driver's seat meaning it was unusual to return to the station at all in the course of a shift.

It was interesting to see that traffic stops were relatively low profile compared to how they are portrayed on TV, there was a greater level of caution than we use but it remained broadly similar.

I had another ride-along with one of the Sergeants. Broadly speaking the roles were similar, but two significant differences stood out.

First was supervisor reports, Sergeants have to attend incidents such as any use of force and produce a report on it.

Secondly was the actual promotion process, in the US there is no national promotion process with it being decided individual agencies focus more on leadership and management and were far simpler than the UK process.

Saturday was a chance to experience life away from work in the US. Matt and I went out for a walk in the morning (apparently not the done thing in South Florida) then in the afternoon we went to a waterfront bar to watch a college football match.

University sports in the UK would not be televised or supported to the scale they are in the US.

From there it was back to Miami with a stop off at an outdoor centre.

This was an experience in itself – it was what we would consider a garden centre in the UK, but stocked a selection of rifles, shotguns and hundreds of handguns. Elsewhere were an impressive collection of crossbows and combat knives.

I think John was a bit bemused as to why we were so surprised by it all – the best explanation I could offer was that it was to us the equivalent to walking into a supermarket with a large display of cocaine and heroin etc freely on sale!



Conclusion

I cannot thank those responsible for making this week happen enough, the IPA were fantastic in responding to emails and making initial arrangements. I have been asked several times since returning how I managed to go on the trip and people seem surprised at how easy it was.

I would really recommend the active officer exchange to any IPA member – it is fascinating on so many levels and an experience you cannot get any other way!



17th International Youth Gathering

South Africa 2017



Sean Hannigan, Vice President covering Cultural matters, is delighted to announce this wonderful opportunity to discover the friendship that South Africa offers.

Since 2001, children and grandchildren of IPA members from around the world have had the opportunity to visit another country and participate in an unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime experience. For the participants, it is an opportunity to experience travel to another country and to meet people of a similar age from different cultures and backgrounds, whilst gaining a deeper knowledge of the history, social character, nature and family life of the hosting country.

In 2017, IYG participants from all over the world will not only discover South Africa, they will meet South Africa – covering a total distance of over 2,400 km

Registration is now open.

Age restrictions apply: Participants must have reached their 16th birthday, but not their 18th birthday on 30th July 2017.

It requires a moderate level of fitness.

This is a first come first served basis as there can only be a maximum of 64 participants.

For full details see the November Newsletter. Find this by clicking on Members Only, News and IPA Newsletter and archived editions then IPA NL November 2016.

If you would like to take up this opportunity then please contact Sean at vphannigan@ipa-uk.org and in word document of not more than 500 words tell him why you want to go to South Africa and what will make you a great ambassador for the IPA. There is financial support available for the IYG of £300.

Closing date for receipt of your 500 word document is **6th of January 2017.**

Good luck to all entrants. **Sean Hannigan**

Support for Cultural Events

from Sean Hannigan VP Cultural

Vice President (Cultural) Sean Hannigan, was very pleased with IPA sponsorship of two tickets for the recent British Police Symphony Orchestra concert.

If you have a Cultural event with a connection to the IPA, then please drop Sean an email. Sean told Web News " I am really pleased we could Sponsor this event which was very popular among IPA members. I am looking to sponsor events which have an IPA link and which are of a Cultural nature.so if there are any branches or Regions that are having such events then please let me have the details so that I can look at them. I am aware that there are a large number of Branches that do Town Twinning and I am happy to look at suitable sponsorship opportunities "

2016 Lottery

Study Award recipients announced

Vice President Sean Hannigan is pleased to announce the recipients of the Lottery Study Award are:

- Andy Gregory** from 5 Region will put his award towards a photography course.
- Yvonne Taylor** from 3 Region will put her award towards a PhD course.
- Clive Wood** from 5 Region will put his award towards a language course.
- Jane Brookes** from 7 Region will put her award towards a Professional qualification.
- Eric Carbis** from 1 Region will put his award towards a language course.
- Kyle Hardcastle** from 6 Region will put his award towards a Professional qualification.

Since the inception of the Lottery Study Award, which can be used for any type of educational course apart from Gimborn Seminars, a total of 8 awards have been made. The award is open to subscribing IPA lottery members for any educational purpose and is a great return to member's benefit.

So why not join the IPA lottery?

You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Dusting off the typewriter

Mark Thompson is an IPA member who has just published his first novel. Mark tells us about his experience of writing his first Novel.

Feeling motivated to write is the first step on an amazing journey of self-discovery. I was a bookworm child, and loved the special magic of the written word. It was that passion that drove me to write DUST. It came from nowhere definable that I can put my finger on, but one day I gained the feeling that I wanted to write the book I had always wanted to read, and that is where DUST was born. And so, it began... the immersion of myself into a newly-created world, where small but strong recollections melded with my imagination.

Strangely, despite the cautionary words of friends saying I was crazy to try; it seemed easy.

Having travelled through much of the USA, it all fell easily into descriptive prose. Then came the hard bit – writing a story that I wanted to read. After crafting, re-crafting, and presenting the finished article, I embarked on stage two of my mission – to find an agent for the novel I had written that I wanted to read – hell, that I wanted everyone to read.

I touted my manuscript to agents galore. I maintained my self-belief based around William Golding's recollection that the sixty-ninth publisher he presented his only copy manuscript of *Lord of The Flies* to, told him, to his joy and relief, that he would publish his story. That publisher, keen as he was, somewhat burst William's bubble by telling him that although his idea was great, his writing wasn't good enough, and that he first had to re-write it. I had this in mind to keep myself somewhat in check, but maintained my belief – which became something of a mantra: 'one of these agents will believe in me, eventually.' I had lots of encouraging letters and occasionally a bright glimmer – some agent would ask for more time to consider their potential with it, only to later say they couldn't see a mass market for it, and onwards I would march. I was taken to lunch in Kensington, with buoyant hopes, but still no agent signed me up. Despondency would set in occasionally, but that indefinable something kept driving me on. Passion. My passion to see the novel I wanted the world to read - published.

So... I decided to change tack, and started to research self-publishing, and e-books. I asked writers I knew for advice and attended writing groups and writers' fairs, and still pushed my manuscript out to agents, always hopeful. Then, on my rounds of flicking through my several copies of *Writers & Artists Yearbook* and repeated internet searches I hit upon an article from *The Independent* about Red Door Publishing. And the thing that struck me in that article was passion. The passion of people who created a publishing company because they wanted to publish fabulous books

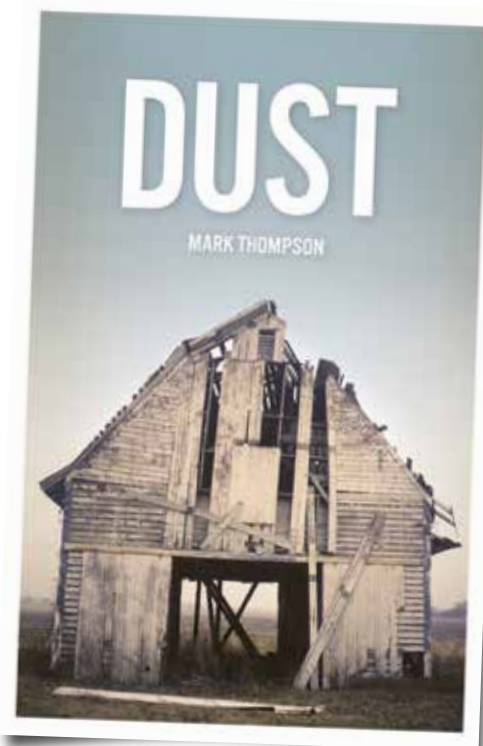
that the mainstream publishers who they had previously worked for wouldn't publish because they weren't the kind of books that a supermarket would order 20,000 copies of. Despite reading that Red Door's rejection rate was very high, I sent my manuscript and held my breath. Fortune smiled on me. Red Door loved it.

And that, finally, after a tortuous and ultimately fruitless search for a literary agent, became the strangest experience of all – I suddenly had to entrust my creation to someone else's hand. To let go was an emotional moment; as a parent, must feel on taking their first-born child to infants' school for the first time.

Ungrounded fears are often the worst – they sometimes carry a payback of embarrassment, to be hidden with nervous laughter, but in my case, this has been a joyous payback. I have met, and become entranced by, three wonderful women – Clare, Heather and 'my personal angel' Anna Burr... Their encouragement and belief created an infectious enthusiasm within me that led me to wander around Glastonbury Festival, through acres of squelching mud, dressed in a T shirt bearing an image of the cover of DUST, a brief synopsis, and the invitation to anyone and everyone to ask me about it – 'I'm the author – please ask me about DUST'... and people did!

Three ladies who have, with skill, care, and that magic ingredient, passion, made me believe in me, the writer. With incredible insight, they have nurtured my 'reluctantly-parted-with-baby' - suggested edits and additions, and occasional deletions - even a change of title, to make DUST a novel which I am incredibly proud of.

Vice President Sean Hanniganis delighted to announce that Mark has very kindly donated several signed copies of his Novel to the IPA which will be used as prizes during the next three months so please watch this space.



IPA Dubrovnik – Croatia Islands Tour 2017

29 April to 13 May 2017

Members wishing to follow in Dean Guidera's footsteps may wish to consider the IPA Dubrovnik Tour in 2017.

More info from: www.ipa-dubrovnik.hr

Irish Rovers

Bill Gee, Chairman, Liverpool & Merseyside

For those who have not visited Cork in Ireland, let me share some of our group's wonderful moments.

Thanks must go to **Pat Nunan**, Chairman of Cork Region and his team for their wonderful efforts. They were fantastic in their support and enthusiasm. We must also thank members from Derbyshire Branch who supported our Branch on the trip, their support and friendship made the event extra special.

The weekend all started on the Thursday evening when the group had a meal together, various gifts were exchanged, and our Irish friends explained the wonderful list of events that had been planned for us.

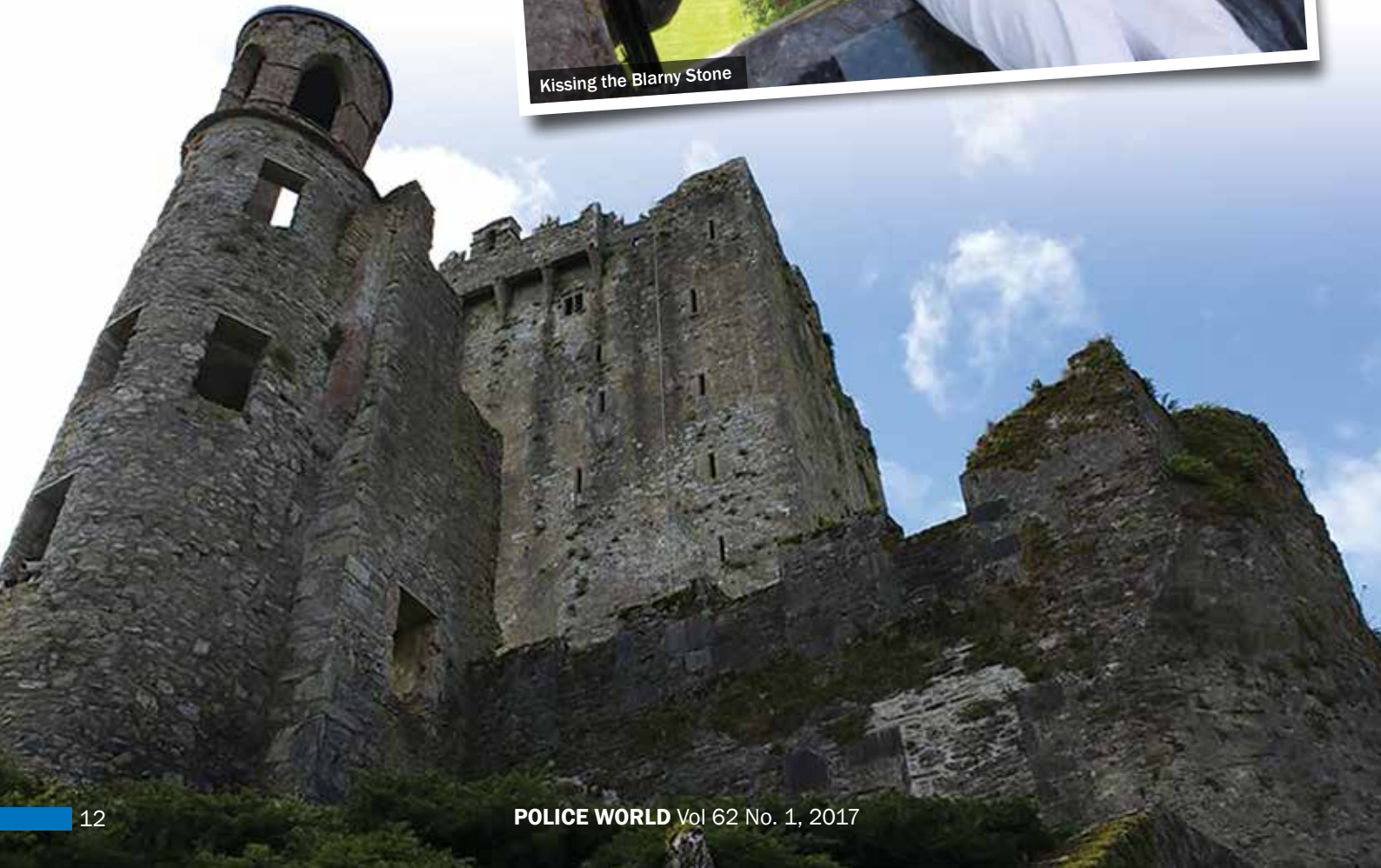
We were up and out by 10am on the Friday, a fabulous day at Blarney Castle. Many of us felt inclined to kiss the 'Blarney Stone', however, not many of us realised it was at the top of the castle. But we joined the queue and as we moved up into the castle, to queue around the ledge until it was our turn.

Right hand there, left hand there, sit down, lean back and extend your arms over your head, pull yourself towards the stone and kiss it. Then we were quickly pulled back again before having the time to look down – a long way down as the stone was on the outer wall of the castle.

Whilst walking around the grounds, we had the real pleasure of meeting the Local Sergeant – Aiden O'Connell who very kindly walked with our group. We came across a 'poison garden', this contained many poisonous plants including cannabis which was covered in a wire frame – some jokingly say it was electrified.



Kissing the Blarney Stone





The bodies were brought ashore by the people of Cobh and are buried in the graveyards around the town. A display which incorporated a crooked floor and actually made you think you were at sea! This was very informative and moving experience.

We then went to Jamesons Distillery, and were given a wonderful tour of the premises, with several members enjoying samples of their special products.

On Sunday our trip to Charles Fort was sadly curtailed due to rain. But, one of the group thought it was a good idea to go paddling in the sea in the rain. Our group members decided we would donate a small amount to the Irish Garda Charity for his bravery.

Sunday was a slower paced day. After being taken back to the hotel, we all met up again to go out to a local Irish bar where we were entertained by an Irish band, with singing and dancing.

Monday was our day we all went home, with many happy memories and the hospitality of the Irish Garda was outstanding. Nothing was too much trouble, they had planned a wonderful few days, and were happy to adapt to our needs. Cork is a beautiful place sitting between two rivers. There are excellent transport links – plane, train and bus. Cobh is a delight, so much history to learn about.

We would highly recommend this to IPA members.

Sergeant Aiden O'Connell took several members to his Police Station, which had been destroyed by an arson attack 3 years earlier, and had been recently rebuilt. This clearly was Sgt O'Connell's pride and joy and it also had an IPA Poster proudly displayed at the public counter.

The next day (Saturday) we visited the 'Titanic Experience'. Cobh being the last port that the ship 'The Titanic' visited before its tragic events in 1912. It also explained the tragic events of the sinking of the ship, 'RMS Lusitania' by a German submarine in 1915 just outside the port of Cobh.



Friendship Week in New Zealand

Linda Bailey, 9 Region, London North

Our IPA Friendship Week in New Zealand started with a Gala Dinner at the Millennium Grand Hotel, Auckland to end the world Congress and start the Friendship Week. I even got a view of the police station from my room.

The next morning we left Auckland in four coaches with IPA members from 25 countries to see some of the sights of the North Island. After a wonderful visit to Hobbiton, we arrived in Rotorua, New Zealand's smelliest town due to all the thermal activity here. We visited Wai-o-Tapu, the thermal wonderland, and then had a free afternoon which I spent in the spa. That evening we enjoyed the Mitai Maori Cultural Experience, where Stephen Crockard was chosen as our tribal chief and had to perform in the ceremony. His wife Dianne also had to take part and gave a superb rendition of Danny Boy.

Our next visit was to the Agrodome and Rainbow Springs. We were driven around the farm to see sheep, cattle and alpaca. We also tasted kiwi juice, straight from the fields. Some of us were allowed to bottle feed lambs before watching a sheep sheared.

At Rainbow Springs we took the gondola up the mountain, where some members went down the luge, tried the zip wire and ate giant ice creams. The day ended in the observatory restaurant for an amazing buffet dinner.

After another early start and long coach journey from Rotorua to the Bay of Islands, at the far north of North Island, our tribal chief had to meet the local tribe and we watched another welcome ceremony.

We climbed aboard a boat and cruised around the Bay of Islands. It was a glorious day made even better when we were joined by a huge pod of Dolphins. Some even swam alongside the boat.

The coaches again took us to the furthest point of North Island, Cape Reinga. The scenery is amazing and we stopped off at a Kauri Walk to look at the huge trees and coffee by a beach. The coaches all had a supply of body boards for those brave enough to climb up and slide down the huge sand dunes there. Those brave enough included our president, Michael Luke, Dianne Crockard, Peter and Amanda Connelly and Helen (from Solihull). Then off to the Cape where the Tasman Sea meets the Pacific Ocean.

Such a fabulous week - new friends made and many happy memories of a fabulous island.



Our boat gets through The Hole in the Rock



Champagne Pool



Going up the gondola

25th Anniversary and Friendship

Week in Hungary September, 2016

Neil Baldwin Rochdale branch

A small group consisting of Jan and Neil Baldwin from Rochdale branch, Dave and Joyce Tetlow and Mike and Hazel Emerton from Bolton branch joined the Hungarian celebrations.

None of us had visited Hungary before and we were attracted by the interesting programme of events and we were not disappointed.

We were met at the airport by IPA members and taken to our hotel in Budapest. On the first evening of the programme there was a welcome dinner at the hotel where we met IPA members from many other countries including Canada, Italy, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, USA, Ireland, Sweden as well as other members from the UK, Harvey Whittam from Thames Valley and Kiran Gharial from the Metropolitan Police.

The following day we were taken to Hortobagy which is a magnificent, endless wasteland and is the most natural wonder in Hungary and it is a world heritage site. There is horse breeding and livestock farming and we saw an exhibition of traditional horse riding and a horse show. We were taken around the site on wagons pulled by horses, stopping at various points where we saw grey cattle, Racka sheep, domesticated buffalo and Mangalica pigs

In the following days we visited Lake Balaton, which is described as the "Hungarian Sea" and is a beautiful location. We saw many interesting sites in Budapest and beyond which included the Castle district and a guided tour of the Hungarian Parliament building. We sampled Hungarian food and wine in all the places we visited and an evening meal and cruise on the river Danube seeing the lights of Budapest.

The final day began at the hotel with a ceremony to celebrate the anniversary of the Hungarian Section with some of the guests wearing uniform. Later in the day we travelled to a hotel in the Buda mountains where we were served with Hungarian dishes and wines. We were entertained by folk dancers, singers and musicians wearing traditional costumes. From the hotel patio we had a wonderful view of Budapest by night. The whole week was a fantastic programme and the last evening was a very fitting end to our first visit to Hungary.

I know I speak for all our group when I say this was a very well organised Anniversary and Friendship week and our congratulations must go to the committee and others who made this an outstanding success.

Well Done IPA Hungary.



Our group from Bolton and Rochdale Mike and Hazel Emerton Dave Tetlow Jan Baldwin Neil Baldwin and Joyce Tetlow on the castle walls overlooking Budapest.



At the anniversary ceremony Kiran Gharial Met, Dave Tetlow Bolton Branch, Neil Baldwin Rochdale Branch and Lech Reliszko RCMP retired



Volunteer Police Cadets Leicestershire Cadets compete in German Soap Box Derby

A partnership between IPA Leicestershire Branch, the City of Leicester Town Twinning Association (CLETA) and Leicestershire Police has enabled a group of eight Volunteer Police Cadets (VPCs) to take part in the annual soapbox derby held in Leicester's twin city of Krefeld, Germany.

Over the August Bank Holiday weekend, the cadets were given a high profile send-off by the Chief Constable of Leicestershire, Simon Cole QPM (IPA Member).

In Krefeld, the cadets visited Community Youth Training workshops where they helped prepare two soapboxes, decorating them with POLICE logos and flashing blue lights. They worked in unison with German students and were able to have a practice session down the only hill in the vicinity of Krefeld: a beautiful forest location on the outskirts of the city.

At the soapbox derby we were joined by Vice President Sean Hannigan. The cadets paraded in uniform for the City of Krefeld Oberbürgermeister (City Mayor), Frank Meyer, who put on a superb picnic for our group. He was thrilled to be presented with a Leicestershire police helmet by IPA Leicestershire Chairman, Clive Wood.

The cadets arrived at the start line to a rapturous applause from the thousands of spectators. They only had two minor crashes during their many downhill runs. The cadets handled the occasion well and gave a good account of themselves. No bones were broken and they all returned home in one piece! Comments from some of the cadets, one mum and the Cadet leader, Sergeant Danny Graham:

Cameron Bills said: Just wanted to send a thank you to all of the organisers of our trip to Krefeld. I had a brilliant time and enjoyed it. The experience will be one I will not forget.

Oliver Stretton said: I would like to say a huge thank you to you and the IPA for such a fantastic experience in Germany!

Ali. (Rosie McGahan's Mum) said: I would like to thank you for looking after Rosie in Krefeld and for the experience she has been so fortunate to experience.





Airsoft in Serbia

Rick Haslam BTP Branch.

We were invited to Kikinda, Serbia for an air rifle shooting competition in September. I accepted the invitation and had a fabulous time. I'm retired, I've been visiting Romania on and off since 2008 and have lived there since August 2015 so it was easy for me to attend this event.



Sergeant Danny Graham said: It was an honour to lead our Volunteer Police Cadet team on the trip to the twin-town of Krefeld. I was extremely grateful to the IPA and Leicester City Council Town Twinning Department for the invitation and massive support in making this trip happen. Our German hosts were extremely generous and could not do enough for us. The Police Cadets were a credit to themselves and Leicestershire Police. I was most grateful to my fellow IPA member, PCSO Tracey Ward, for her assistance as a second Cadet Leader during this wonderful experience. I will always have fond memories of this trip to Krefeld and would love to build on the relationships made both with new friends overseas and within our happy travelling party too.



I located my B&B/restaurant with the help of a friendly English speaking local. The President of IPA Kikinda, Pavle Rajkov had spotted my Romanian car registration, helped me find a parking space and welcomed me with a friendly bear hug. We joined the others that had already arrived, three members of the Financial Police and two Police Officers from Sibiu Romania, plus a few local off duty officers. Others trickled in and at about 9 pm we all sat down to dinner. I was representing Section UK and others who attended came from Timisoara Romania, Poland, Macedonia and of course the locals.

After breakfast on tournament day, the shooting started. When not shooting, members and their families relaxed outside in the shade or sunbathed (it was 30 degrees all weekend) and drank beer, water, chatted, met other members and there were rolls for lunch. I won't tell you how dire my shooting was, but I didn't come last!

When the shooting was over, we were given a walking tour of the pretty town, a couple of beers and back to the hotel for a shower and a change of clothes. We all met up and made way to the party venue in convoy. This time there were over 100 people and through the evening I made some great new friends. The music was Balkan and there was lots of dancing and drinking.

IPA Kikinda/Serbia would not allow us to buy ANY drinks over the 2 days of festivities, their hospitality generosity and friendliness was fantastic! It made it a memorable first IPA visit for me. As a guest I only had to pay for the B&B which was only 7000 RSD (about £40 for a twin/double).

This is a bi-annual event. I would certainly recommend attending. There is always someone around that speaks English and the Romanian and Serbian sections really appreciated me representing Section UK. I was told by many that on other IPA trips they had not met a UK IPA member and would like to meet more.

As a result of this event I have an invitation to visit Sibiu on March 25th 2017 for the National Police Day there and an open invite to visit Kikinda again.

IPA Birmingham, West Midlands

Branch Charity Concert

by Andy Gregory



On Saturday 3rd September 2016 West Midlands branch held a charity concert in the Lord Knight's Suite, Tally Ho! Police Sports and Social Club in Birmingham.

The branch decided to organise a different type of concert this time around. In '13 and '14 the branch iconic events were charity balls at Hogarths Hotel in Solihull, but having been entertained by the brilliant Pop Chorus at their 50th Anniversary celebrations in December 2015, the committee decided to invite them along again.

Branch Chair Andy Gregory said "Committee member Martin Sewell arranged a charity concert for Parkinsons' in 2014 where the Pop Chorus sang a variety of songs, so we invited them to our branch 50th anniversary celebrations in December and everyone had a fantastic time. It was an easy decision to invite them back as we knew they would make our 2016 charity evening a great night".

Pop Chorus are based in Solihull and have over 200 members. They meet three times a week and give people that enjoy singing an opportunity to perform at local events. Their motto is 'Big Heart, Big Sound' and the sixty or so singers that performed for the IPA really lived up to that mantra. The songs were mainly performed as a large group, with some solos and duets interspersed throughout the evening. Anya Small who runs and conducts the choir said "We only sing the classics! From ABBA to Adele, West End Musicals to Westlife; we love to perform modern classics and old favourites that everyone can relate to".

Over 150 members of the choir are recording an album at the famous Abbey Road Studios later this year and during the evening they treated the branch to fabulous renditions of famous tracks such as 'Mr Blue Sky', 'Desperado' and 'Life on Mars'; a brilliant and emotional tribute to David Bowie. The Pop Chorus performed two sets of 45 and 60 minutes, with a break in between for the raffle draws and a delicious hot buffet.

Branch vice-chair Adrian Mills and his wife Sarah organised a great array of raffle prizes by contacting local companies for donations and a 'long weekend in Devon' was the top prize donated to be won via the 'film board' (a large board with loads of film titles on). Branch members and guests paid £5 for a film title and the winning film drawn out of the hat won the weekend break for one lucky winner. Branch member Dave Clarke was the lucky recipient and Bryan Carson won two tickets to see the British Police Symphony Orchestra's 'Last Night of the Proms' at Birmingham Symphony Hall in December. There were over twenty-five prizes for the raffle and they were spread out well between the ninety ticket-holders.

The branch committee decided to support two charities that are close to their heart and at the

last branch meeting recommended Parkinsons UK and the National Institute for Conductive Education (NICE) as the chosen charities (NICE specialise in helping people with movement disorders such as Cerebral Palsy).

Due to the raffle and ticket sales the evening raised £1,205.00 to be split between the two charities. Andy said "We've had some great feedback and everyone had a fantastic night. The Pop Chorus were brilliant and the icing on the cake is raising so much money for two deserving charities".

For more information about the Pop Chorus - www.solihullpopchorus.co.uk

Here's to the next IPA Pop Chorus event... hopefully we'll get 150-200 to attend!





Richard Buckingham (left of photo) with Ashley (3rd from left).

South African visitor

South African IPA member and Retired Reserve Police officer, Ashley Herbst recently visited his family in Upper Bucklebury, near Newbury.

He was invited to a local walk and pub lunch with members of the Reading Police 'E Division' Old Comrades Association. Ashley was hosted by Thames Valley Branch member Richard Buckingham. Ashley took the opportunity to visit the Thames Valley Police Museum at the Training Centre, Sulhamstead near Reading.

Thames Valley welcomes IPA France

by **Michael Vince MBE**, Treasurer - 7 Region

At our social in the Livermead House Hotel, Torquay, we welcomed IPA France members Eric and Valerie Calvet and their dog "Whiskey".

Eric is a senior Sergeant with the Scuba Team, in Paris (Brigade Fluviale) Police Nationale. Region Chairman John Bull presented Eric with an IPA paperweight and Eric reciprocated by giving IPA France badges to many UK members. During the evening we dined on an excellent 4-course meal with a 'Boris Karloff' look-alike pianist providing the background music. The social continued in the bar with fond tales and local beers.



Group photo Eric (light blue shirt) with Valerie (blond hair)

IPA Devon Branch visit Seaton Tramway

The magic of a tram ride is enhanced when poured into a half size scale model.

Seaton Tramway runs on a 2' 9" narrow gauge electric tramway and features replicas of many classic British tram cars, number 19 being the only one from the old Exeter Tram system. Our day started with Sunday lunch in the station cafe at Colyford (free parking always attracts!) and then in sunshine we were able to ride on the top deck for 3 miles down the wide River Axe Valley from Colyton, through Colyford where the track crosses the road with car passengers taking photographs and waving, and along the estuary with its bird hides and abundant wildlife to the beautiful seaside town of Seaton. Our party then split up with a choice of old town shops, cafes and ice creams, the beach with its boats and harbour, the offer of the newly opened Jurassic Centre complete with sound effects or, if you were not up to too much exercise, the pub. The smiling faces on the return journey told its own story!



Region 11 recognize selfless dedication

John Spence has been a member of Surrey Branch since he joined the IPA in 1990, very early on John got involved at a Branch level holding first Secretary and then the Treasurer position. In 1996 John became Treasurer for Region 11, a position he has held continuously for two decades now.

On retiring John moved to Scotland with his wife Lou where they own their own hotel. Despite putting in incredibly long hours every day at the hotel and also facing serious health issues in 2013 John has never let his IPA duties slip and in fact travels from Scotland down to the south east of England for every Region meeting - and he does not claim mileage.

Region 11 wanted to recognize John's outstanding service and selfless dedication to our friendship association over the last two decades which we felt epitomizes the motto of our great friendship association 'Service Through Friendship', as a result at our half yearly Region meeting held at the Warren on the 1st of October 2016 it was with great pride that Donna Powell, Region 11 Chair and Tom Witney, Region 11 Secretary surprised and presented John with life membership of the IPA.

John said 'I'm astounded & surprised, very proud and honoured, thank you'.



50 years membership

Norman Rimmer, a member of Rochdale & District Branch, joined the IPA in 1963.

He received his 50 year membership certificate at a recent function. The photograph shows Norman and his wife May receiving the certificate from Neil Baldwin. Norman also celebrated his 90th birthday earlier this year.

Congratulations Norman.



Raiders of the South Atlantic

by **Wes Marchant**, Secretary Rochdale IPA

34 years after landing on The Falklands as part of "Operation Corporate" otherwise known as the South Atlantic Task Force, Rochdale member and GMP Comms officer Gary Mcloughlin paid a return visit.

Together with seven ex members of 30th Signal regiment, he left RAF Brize Norton on the 18 hour flight via the Ascension Islands arriving in Stanley in the middle of the South Atlantic winter. A sense of Déjà vu prevailed

The intention was to revisit battlefield sights and trace the steps of the fallen comrades from the Royal Signals who had made the ultimate sacrifice during the conflict.

During their stay they were treated as VIP's, served tea in the wardroom of HMS Clyde the resident south Atlantic warship. They were also entertained by the governor of the Falkland Islands Colin Roberts CVO.

Along with tours of all areas of the current RAF base at Mount Pleasant, home to a squadron of Typhoon fighter jets, they were also treated to a VIP dinner hosted by 266 Signal Squadron Gurhka Signals, who cooked a splendid goat curry! The free bar helped with the digestion of the said goat.

They also visited sites that became household names during the conflict, such as Goose Green, San Carlos harbour, Ajax Bay and Bluff Cove.

Respects were also paid at the Argentinian cemetery, which is maintained wholly by the families of the dead.

The end of the memorable week was capped when they were welcomed and entertained by the officers of the Royal Falkland Islands Police force, including a tour of their detention facilities, which consisted of 3, 8 x 4 single stone cells, with a bucket for ablutions. Obviously PACE has never reached the Falklands.

As a thank you for their hospitality Gary was delighted to present the force with a Rochdale branch IPA plaque which is now proudly displayed inside the entrance to the police station.

The return journey back to the UK was much better this time, than in 1982, the A330 Airbus taking the place of the turbo prop Hercules transporter where Gary had to bed down on top of a redundant missile which was being returned back to the munitions stores in Blighty.



Gary presenting IPA Plaque



Gary and the penguins



Meeting the Governor

Cream Teas Event raises £150 for Air Ambulance

Avon and Somerset Branch

Sunday 14th August brought sunshine and lovely warm summer weather.

Hans and Derry had prepared the garden patio for an outside event which encouraged a very cordial gathering of members plus a couple of visitors. It was good to welcome new faces this year. Having a good time and sharing friendship was not the sole purpose of our event, we aimed to raise money for our charity the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance. We all tucked into the lovely fresh scones still warm from the oven, with lashings of jam & cream, then came the fresh baked cake selection and finally that sponge – oh how Allan's eyes popped out of his head – he broke all the rules of his diet (& was not the only one). We are very grateful to Hans and Derry who have donated their home together with the scones, cream and cakes for a number of years. This year the numbers were the most ever, the bonus being the weather – so a truly outside summer event.

Police World Editor, Neil Hallam receives Long Service & Good Conduct Medal

I was very pleased to be presented with my medal by Nottinghamshire's Deputy Lieutenant. I was especially happy to have my retired Police Officer mum, Barbara present.

You have read in a previous issue how proud my mum is of our family trade. As a son it is a wonderful feeling to make your mum proud.





Region 1 (Scotland) National Golf Qualifier 2016

by **Jim Westwood**, Region 1 Vice Chair

As you would suspect there is a keen interest in Golf North of the Border and each year Region 1 holds a qualifying competition to identify those players that will take part in the UK Golf Competition the following year.

This year the qualifier took place at Burntisland on 22nd September, 2016. Burntisland Golf Club sits on a hill high above the town with uninterrupted views across the Firth of Forth to Edinburgh and beyond.

The competition was hotly contested by 15 golfers on a warm sunny day, although due to its exposed position the wind was an issue on some of the holes. Following the golf a meal was taken in the clubhouse and the prizes were awarded.

The winners were 1st Colin Robson, 2nd Dougie Ogilvie 3rd Graham Fenton and the last qualifying place went to Allan Harley. As is traditional in these competitions there was also a prize for nearest the pin (Paul Hogan), longest drive (Peter Dale Nevans) and a wooden spoon went to Jim Bayliss who I am sure would not want anyone to know that he never even broke the 20 point marker!

I am delighted to say that this event also attracted two new members to the association and some new faces to the event itself, which to me shows that golf continues to be a good marketing tool for the IPA. Another first saw the event sponsored by Police Insure, a company that specialises in offering insurance to Police Officers, Specials, Staff and their Partners.

Good luck to the Region 1 Team for the National Competition in Northumbria in 2017.

A real Maltese character

by **Denis Hunt**, Wales Region

Thanks to the support of VP Yvonne McGregor, I met a real character of IPA Malta. Joe Borda is the Secretary-General of the Association on the island, who I met whilst on holiday.

Joe is a character in the widest sense of the word. His opening words following a vice like handshake at ten o'clock in the morning were, "Do you drink beer?" What a thing to ask a Welshman. So off we went to his favourite little bar in the capital of Valletta. Reaching there was in itself an education. I received the usual police anecdotes, but also realised Joe knew just about everyone in the town. Handshakes and introductions were by the dozen, including former colleagues chatting outside the main Court.

We eventually did reach his favourite little bar, whose main wall displayed a huge Welsh flag. It soon received the No 4 Region Welsh pennant as company.

As usual, gifts were exchanged. Joe is a huge collector of international police badges and memorabilia and so I gave him some South Wales Police badges and buttons. In return I gratefully received a package of IPA Malta memorabilia.

I then learnt that Joe was also a local TV soap star. He regularly appears as a local sergeant in a long running Maltese TV series, 'Strada Sretta', that is extremely popular on the island. I almost asked for his autograph.

A few days later Joe invited me for a tour of the Police Museum at the Headquarters. The HQ building dates back to 1725 and exhibits from the early days of the Force in 1814, in fact older than the Met' which was formed fifteen years later.

During the tour of the Museum I also met IPA Malta President, Neville Mercieca and handed over more Welsh pennants and pin badges.

One of the most beautiful aspects of the Police HQ is the Police Chapel which is regularly used by officers and local people to celebrate Mass.

Cycling for The Police Treatment Centres

Ronnie Dukes Glasgow Lomond and Clyde Branch.

Every day police officers suffer injuries and illnesses that impact on their work to protect communities. The Police Treatment Centres is a registered charity which provides vital treatment and support to help these officers return to better health and get back to work sooner.

I have been fortunate enough in the past to benefit from treatment at Castlebrae, Auchterarder, the Police Treatment Centre in Scotland. The other Police Treatment Centre is in Harrogate. The staff give support and encouragement to aid recovery to help get you back on your feet. It's a charity and they need support to continue what they do best.

On 3rd October 2016 to help raise funds for them, I cycled the length of the Forth and Clyde Canal and back on their behalf.

I originally planned to cycle in one direction. When I reached the Kelpies, on the east coast, I met a retired (32 years) Grampian police officer. I learned that the gentleman had hearing difficulties and problems with his eyesight. They had heard of the Police Treatment Centre at Auchterarder and asked me for some information.

As I rested, I also had a challenge from a friend on Facebook: would the return journey be quicker? The weather was good and I decided to cycle the return journey from the Kelpies to Bowling and then back home. A total of 81+ miles. I've never cycled this far in a day.

Please feel free to make a donation to this worthy cause. So far I have raised £397.26 plus £77.50 in Gift Aid. My target was originally £350. I am very grateful to everyone who has supported me and made a donation and I would like to say a very big thank you. The link to donate is <http://www.justgiving.com/Ronald-Dukes1>





MBE for Nottinghamshire Branch member

Gurmit Kaur was made a Member of the British Empire (MBE) by the HRH Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace on 25th October.

Gurmit collected her award for her services to policing on a truly memorable day. She said: "I had her majesty award me with the MBE and had the pleasure of speaking to her about my work. It was such a surreal day." She became Nottinghamshire's first Asian female police inspector in 2003, having previously worked with youth and community groups to deliver programmes including Drugs Abuse Resistance Education (DARE). She has been extremely influential in developing excellent police and community relations across the city of Nottingham and is a great role model to colleagues and partners. She spent six years working in Neighbourhood Policing in Nottingham, before taking up her current post as Community Cohesion Inspector. The role requires her to build links with new and emerging communities in the city as well as to oversee much of the work aimed at reducing gang and youth violence in the city. In addition to her role in force, Gurmit has been recognised nationally by the Black Police Association as a mentor. She added: "Policing to me has always been about meeting the needs of the community and listening to the many vibrant and diverse groups that live here in Nottingham. "I'm delighted I have had the opportunity to do the work that I do, particularly in improving trust and confidence in communities, which is one of the force's priorities."

Gurmit has also been praised by Nottinghamshire Branch members for her work within the branch, serving in a number of roles before taking the Chair.

Luke Photoshoots Dad in New York City

Vice President Sean Hannigan was delighted to tell Police World that Luke Burnett from Stockton-On-Tees was successful in the recent Cultural Competition. Luke wrote a few lines about his pictures.

I took several photographs of my Dad and New York Police Officers at work whilst he was visiting the capital. I found one particularly funny as one officer in the photograph with other colleagues appears to reach for his firearm upon my Dad approaching but I'm told this is purely a coincidence and in fact he is raising his hand to shake my Dad's hand in greeting a fellow Officer from another country.

Well done Luke who wins a £20 Amazon gift voucher and his Dad wins a signed JEDD print showing the 60th Anniversary of the IPA.



Cheshire Branch Member receives 40 year Membership Certificate

Wednesday the 13th July 2016 saw Cheshire Branch enjoying one of their monthly members evenings in a local Warrington dining spot, it was a chance to mix branch business with some relaxation.

The highlight of the evening was the chance to honour one of their stalwart members John Bolt with his 40 Year certificate, presented by Branch Chairman Frank Hurst.

John is a very active member with a wealth of experience and ideas, he has a love of the IPA, and he regularly keeps in touch with other IPA Branches and friends within the region.



Noldy, Jean and George

Lost Friends

R Prichard - Lancashire

I have been a member of the IPA for over 50 years, since 1963 when I was serving at Burtonwood in Lancashire. In 1965 the branch visited Amsterdam, where we were hosted by Dutch officers and their families. It was a 10 day trip during which we did all the tourist venues including Canal boat trips and the bulb fields. One of our hosts was George Ripassa, a firearms instructor in Amsterdam. We hit it off immediately and became good friends. His wife Petronella (Nell) was pregnant at the time but that didn't stop her joining in the activities. About 40 Officers and partners made the trip from Lancashire and Cheshire. It was a fabulous holiday made more memorable by our Dutch hosts.

My wife (Jean) and I were hosted by George and Nell. I bought 10 raffle tickets costing 10 guilders (2 shillings in old money), which I split between Jean and Nell. The star prize was a child's bicycle. Nell had the winning ticket. After a considerable amount of persuasion she went on to the stage to collect the bike. She insisted that the bike was mine because I had paid for the tickets. Eventually George made her realise that the tickets were a gift. This brought on floods of tears culminating in an invitation to George and Nell's home for dinner the next day.

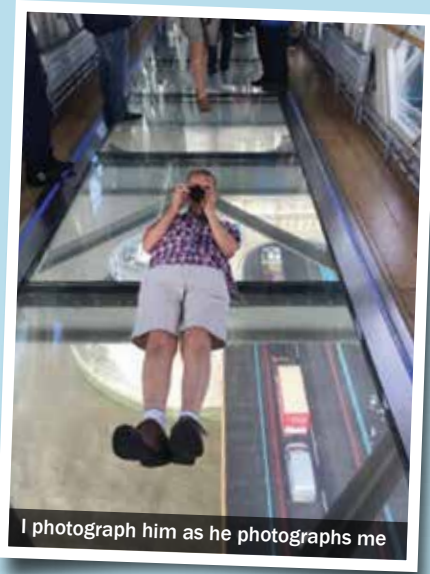
The following day George collected us from Amsterdam and took us by tram to his home. We were warmly welcomed by their five year old son Kurt, who was smartly attired in a black blazer. Nell introduced us to him he shook our hands, bowed his head and clicked his heels. Then he thanked us for the bicycle.

That day with George and Nell cemented our friendship and George told us that if the baby that Nell was carrying was a boy it would be named after me and if a girl after Jean. We returned to the UK and for many years kept in touch with George and Nell. Then in 1971 while I was serving in Northern Ireland tragedy struck, Nell died suddenly. We kept in contact with George for a few more years then somehow or other we lost touch. I had returned to England and George moved to a new police training post in Assan.

Thanks to social media his second son Raymond Richard Rippasa found me on Facebook. In October Jean and I visited Holland and made contact with the family and after 54 years met with George and his new wife Noldy. The old spark between George and us was still there and we spent a marvellous week in Emmen and Assan. We intend to carry on the friendship I am now nearly 75 and George is 81. Raymond and his wife Anja are visiting us in February and George with his grandson Justin is planning a visit in May 2017.



Meeting for the first time in 54 years



I photograph him as he photographs me

Kent Branch Visits Tower Bridge Exhibition

Michael Abbott, Kent Branch

Forty members from Kent Branch visited 'The Tower Bridge Exhibition' in September, where they learned the history of the most famous bridge in the world.

The exhibition was opened in 1982 and facilitates access to all parts of the bridge, above and below! The walkways above the bridge have been fitted with lengths of glass floor to enable visitors to see ships and boats pass under the bridge, to see road traffic passing over it and, of course, to encourage silly photographs!

Organiser Mick Abbott said, "It gives visitors a chance to learn about the planning and construction and to see all the workings of the bridge, which were originally driven by steam engines. The opening and closing of the bridge is now done electrically, controlled overall by computer but the steam engines and their boilers have been left in situ as museum pieces".

As usual with their trips to London, they enjoyed a sit down fish and chip meal at Masters Superfish restaurant in Waterloo Road, which comes highly recommended by Mick.



Our guide, Iain, explains the workings of the engines and boilers

The IPA really is worldwide travels in Australia and Hong Kong

with Kevin Silver

I traveled to Australia and Hong Kong last year and although this was a family trip, I thought that whilst so far from home I would try and see for myself if the IPA really has a worldwide network. So, before heading off on this adventure I completed the very simple travel request forms stating clearly that I did not actually need any assistance and that we expected nothing at all from any IPA regions we would be visiting. I simply added on the forms that my family and I would be visiting Sydney, Ayers Rock and Port Douglas (Cairns) in Australia as well as a short stay in Hong Kong on the homeward journey.



On arrival in Sydney we set about a whirlwind of sightseeing. I did send an email to say I we were in Sydney just in case anyone was free for a quick catch up. The IPA officers in Sydney were quick to call and ask if I needed anything. At this stage we were so committed with planned outings and visits to pre-planned events we could not catch up but it was obvious to me that if we needed anything they would have been there for us which is always nice to know when travelling.

After Sydney we moved onto Alice Springs then again to Ayres Rock (or Uluru as it should be called) where I had been informed before travel that IPA membership is rare in remote areas. Uluru is obviously very remote in fact it is the most remote place I have ever visited and I was amazed to find whilst there for the sunrise and sunset experience (a guided tour and good old Australian BBQ) that the next nearest living human (apart from those at Uluru) are found on the International Space station as it passes overhead.

Following our highly recommended visit to Uluru we flew onto Cairns (for the relaxing part of the holiday) and then travelled onto the beautiful Port Douglas where on a casual stroll around the town I said Hi to a local Police officer. Once he realised I was a Police Officer from the UK (my England Cricket hat did not seem to offend too much) I explained we were on a family holiday and I handed him a IPA badge and he then explained that his sergeant was an IPA member and that he had a collection of IPA memorabilia so I agreed I would call in again when passing as we were in the area for a week.

A few days later we visited the local Police station where we met Sergeant Damian Meadows. As IPA members Damien and I had a good old chat and I was shown around the station by him and the very friendly staff on duty (I am still astounded at their BBQ set up overlooking the ocean that was literally a stone's throw away). Whilst chatting I gifted a few IPA badges that

region 7 had donated to me for this purpose along with some Devon and Cornwall insignia.

I can honestly say that although it was just a casual visit the hospitality was great and again they made it clear that if we needed anything at all to just let them know.

At the end of our amazing time in Australia we set off for four days in Hong Kong. On arrival in Hong Kong I had a message from the amazing Eddie Wu. Eddie is a key player in IPA Hong Kong and told me that he would collect my family for to lunch with him and other IPA members. He added that after lunch he would be honoured to show us some tourist sites. Eddie sent one of his colleagues to our hotel who guided us through the streets and underground system to Hong Kong Police Head Quarters where we were quickly cleared through security and guided through the building to meet Eddie in their IPA office to sign the visitor's book.

From there we went into the dining area of Police Head Quarters where we were treated to a Chinese banquet meal with other IPA members. It was really lovely as not only was the food amazing but the company and friendship shown to us was first class. Even my rather fussy 13 year old son tried food he would normally run away from and what's more he really enjoyed it... Amazing! Following the visit to HKHQ Eddie took us through the city pointing out local sites and local markets, where Eddie demonstrated his negotiation skills.

Believe me when I say that the IPA really is worldwide and there are IPA members out there who will do anything they can to make you feel welcome when visiting their countries around the world.





Remember the Alamo

Graham Hey visits Louisiana and Texas with his wife Kathy

In October 2016 we took a retirement holiday visiting Louisiana and Texas to follow interests in American history, Cajun food and country music. The trip was a year in planning and at an early stage we completed the IPA travel form to seek advice.

After initial contact from Bud Lathrop, Ambassador to Section UK, we were contacted by Louis Gaydosh, a lieutenant in the New Orleans Police, and Ed Kassof, a retired NYPD officer and President of San Antonio region. They both provided useful advice that helped us plan. We decided to fly to Dallas Fort Worth and after a few days there drive to Louisiana staying for nearly 2 weeks across the lake from New Orleans at 2 different locations.

We had a very enjoyable time in Louisiana thanks to the information from Louis Gaydosh on attractions in the North Lakeshore area. In particular, considering our interest in history Louis introduced us to Katrina, who is a professional guide in New Orleans. She gave us a guided tour of the French Quarter and taught us about the history of New Orleans. While in Louisiana we also took in swamp tour, a brewery trip and the 3 day Cajun food and music festival at Lafayette.

In San Antonio we stayed in the Menger hotel, recommended by Ed Kassof, who has now made San Antonio his home since retirement. It was a superb choice as it is a top luxury hotel with lots of history and special rates for IPA members. The Menger also met our particular interests as it was built only 25yrs after the famous Alamo battle and is opposite what is left of the old mission. Ed met us on our second day in San Antonio and took us for a tour of the Alamo. We then had lunch where we shared a Mufaletta sandwich, a gigantic sandwich cut into 12 sections. Even the sandwiches in Texas are big! After lunch Ed gave us a tour of the Riverside Walk area, including a boat trip. Ed's knowledge of the history of Texas and the Alamo in particular is fantastic.

In Austin we visited the Department of Public Safety, which now incorporates the Texas Rangers. The DPS had their own museum, so on presenting the IPA membership card, the officer on duty was very welcoming and allowed us to visit the museum. Despite being quite small, the museum includes a lot of exhibits and gives a good account of the history of the DPS and the Texas Rangers. The DPS was originally formed due to concerns over road safety but by incorporating the Texas Rangers has grown to be a very important part of law enforcement across the whole of Texas covering serious crime and corruption as well as road safety issues. On the drive back to Dallas we called at the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame

and Museum at Waco. It is dedicated to the history of the Texas Rangers and also has a large section devoted to particular Texas Rangers who have given service above and beyond the call of duty.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Louisiana and Texas. Our thanks go to Louis Gaydosh, Ed Kassof and Bud Lathrop for all the help they gave to make it more enjoyable and memorable.



Ed, Kathy and Graham

10 Region at the National Memorial Arboretum

Steve Hunt, 10 Region

Six members of 10 Region made the long trek to the NMA in Staffs. Blessed with wonderful weather members were soon enjoying the varied and poignant memorials at this awesome place of memories. We took advantage of a guided tour of memorials which included the Shot at Dawn one which is a stark reminder of a particular dark period of WW1.

Naturally the police memorial was visited and respects paid to our fallen colleagues. All of us were of the opinion that there is much work to be done to make that part of the Arboretum a truly respectful tribute to the UK's police service.

The facility is huge and unless you are in good walking health then use should be made of the travelling facilities there. So we finished the day with a 'train ride' which allowed tired limbs to recover and an opportunity to enjoy a guided tour of most of the premises memorials even if for only a few moments.



NMA shot at dawn



Clay Shoot 2016 - Ladies Winner - Lizzie Hudson.

10 Region Clay Pigeon Shoot

Steve Hunt, 10 Region

10 Region members and friends attend the annual 10 Region Clay Pigeon Shoot at Purleigh in Essex.

27 shooters accompanied by five supporters enjoyed an exciting day of shooting at all levels in 'sun-baked' weather conditions. The event was also supported by IPA members from both 9 and 11 Regions and a great time was had by all.

The highest scorer and winner for the day was newcomer and 'IPA Friend' Sam Hudson with 25 points whilst the runner up was event organiser and 10 Region Secretary Steve Hunt with 24 points. The 'ladies prize' was won by first time shooter and 'IPA Friend' Lizzy Hudson who scored 13 points.

The joy of Home Hosting

John (Jack) Keeler - Kent

Earlier this year I heard that a Canadian couple wished to visit Kent for a few days. The initial reaction locally was that we hadn't got anywhere for them to stay, as we no longer have an IPA house in Kent.

I had memories of the Round Table, when home hosting was not unusual. We often accommodated people whose language was not understood, but all with fellowship within the organisation in common. This is where the IPA strikes common ground, the common denominator "Police".

During the seventies my wife Felicity and I were entertained in Malta, by Romeo Micallef, who I am glad to read in a recent edition of the magazine is still meeting visitors to the Island. Then last year we visited Gothenburg, meeting with May Britt and her IPA colleagues who afforded us the most wonderful time. So as a result of all this we decided that we would like to offer this couple our hospitality.

So contact was made with Howard Wright the Canadian member and Harry Sommerton the Canadian IPA travel secretary.

This has led to the possibility of long lasting friendships not only in Canada but also here in the UK. One of his main reasons for visiting Kent was to trace his family's roots. With the information he passed to me, Felicity and I commenced enquiries in Blean, near Canterbury where Howard's grandfather was born. Unfortunately a lot of the old village no longer exists save the Church, the old school house, which has now been converted into the village hall and a few scattered cottages. Whilst at the village we called at one of the two Pubs, where we continued enquiries, which led us to a local museum. The museum is normally only open one day each month, but the curator Godfrey King, was very accommodating, offering to open the museum specifically for Howard.

So, with Howard on ground where his ancestors had stood before him, we met Godfrey, who had invited others who were researching the same family. Introductions were made and further research of the archives were made, bringing about the most remarkable and satisfying discovery. All three were in fact related to each other. Howard was meeting for the first time two fourth cousins that none of them had any previous knowledge of. He also learnt that he had a cousin, living in London, Ontario, his home City. Howard also saw the house where his grandfather had lived, right next to the other Pub in the village, where we enjoyed lunch together.

It was soon time for our guests to return to London, staying at the Union Jack Club, before traveling to Eire for a final part of their tour. It seemed unfair to just put them on a train, so we all went to London. After depositing the luggage at the UJC we all had an enjoyable time on the South Bank where I presented Howard with an IPA memento of his visit to Kent.

This was just a small part of Howard and Judy's trip, as they had already been to Scotland where they were hosted by other IPA members, before travelling to and touring London and then on to Kent.

This kind of meeting encompasses the whole object of the IPA expounding true friendship. We all got on well and established friendships that will last.



A friendship week in Moscow

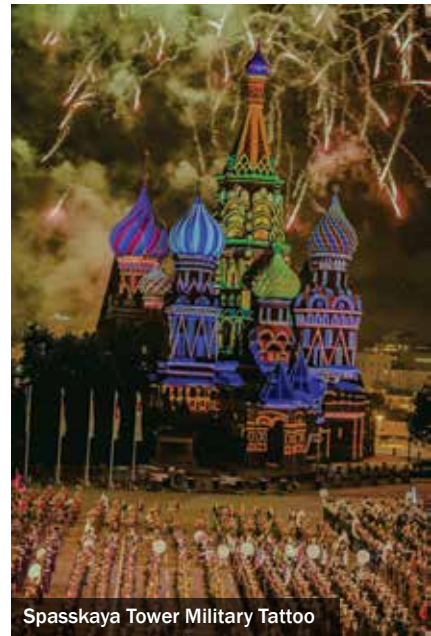
Harvey Whittam Thames Valley Branch

To finish off a long summer holidays Harvey Whittam headed off for a week in Moscow. Listening to military bands, meeting an astronaut, seeing war museums and Soviet Union achievements and the package generally wasn't quite his wife's 'cup of tea' but Moscow Branch were more than happy to invite his son - Angus to come along.

A comprehensive program had been advertised with the highlight being the Spasskaya Tower military tattoo in Red Square. Some other highlights included a rescue service speedboat trip along the waterways to have a delicious Russian lunch beside the river, then seeing the Diamond Fund in the Kremlin (not quite as spectacular as our crown jewels but still wonderful) and the museum of great patriotic war where by chance there was a police officer's passing out parade outside.

This was Moscow Branch's first friendship week and was excellent thanks to their detailed planning of events together with good translators of Russian Section IPA staff and their 20 something year old girls who spoke better English than some other Western Europeans in the group. One bit of advice is that there are very few English signs and whilst the Metro - Underground is stunning and well worth a trip do have someone who knows it with you or a plan of it!

If you have not been to Moscow and may be thinking of going, then IPA members in Moscow are already considering hosting another friendship week.



Spasskaya Tower Military Tattoo



Harvey and Angus surrounded by ladies for final dinner in Cossack restaurant

Competition page

Win a t-shirt at
[www.ipa-uk.org/
on-line-competition](http://www.ipa-uk.org/on-line-competition)



Lottery Results

The winners for September 2016 were: 1st – (£100) Douglas Skate Region 8, Cambridgeshire Branch; 2nd – (350) Peter Spencer Region 7, Wiltshire Branch; 3rd – (£30) Clive Wood Region 5, Leicestershire Branch.

October 2016: 1st – (£100) Fred Boyd Region 2, Northern Ireland - North West Branch; 2nd – (£50) Lynda Snowden (wife of member Graham) Region 11, Kent Branch; 3rd – (£30) Robert Hamilton Region 5, Nottinghamshire Branch.

November 2016: 1st – (£100) Philip Neil Region 2, Northern Ireland - Greater Belfast Branch; 2nd – (£50) Steve Bretherton Region 8, Cambridgeshire Branch. 3rd – (£40) Thomas Reilly Region 9, London North of the Thames

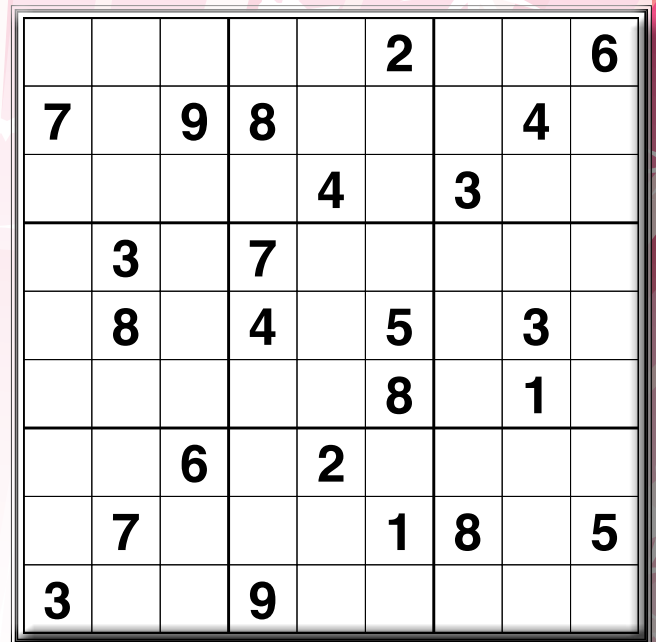
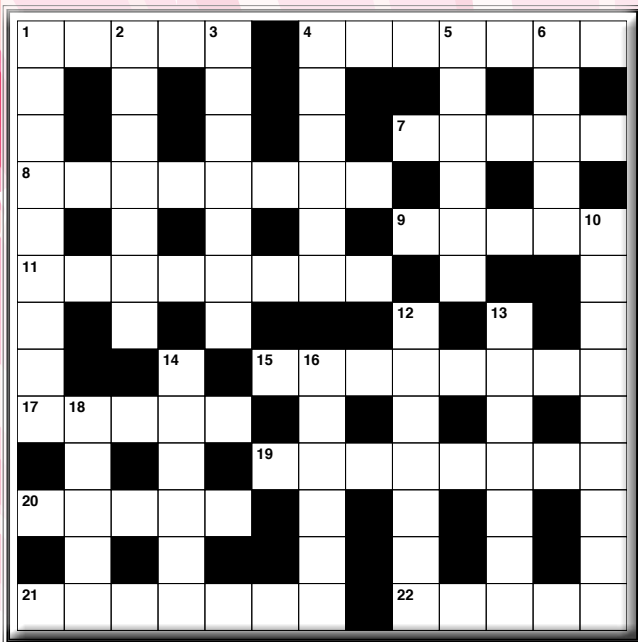
Puzzles

The prizes for this edition are *Ripper Hunter* by M.J. Trow and *Dust* by Mark Thompson - details below.

Solve the puzzle/s and send them in. The lucky winners will be drawn out of the hat. Send the complete puzzle/s to: 'Puzzles', International Police Association, IPA HQ, Section UK, 1 fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 6AJ or as a scan by email to mail@ipa-uk.org marked 'Puzzles'. Deadline for entries is: 09 March 2017.

Vol 61, Edition 4 Winners:

Derek Street (Region 9, Hertfordshire branch) won the crossword prize *The case of the chocolate cream killer*.
 Ian Wilkinson (Region 6, City of London & Westminster branch) has won the Sudoku prize *The Fair Arm of the Law*.



Across

- 1 - Large amounts of land (5)
- 4 - Reached a destination (7)
- 7 - Very skilled at something (5)
- 8 - Sewage discharged into water (8)
- 9 - Small hill (5)
- 11 - Distance across a circle (8)
- 15 - Expression of gratitude (5,3)
- 17 - Incites (5)
- 19 - Front of an advancing army (8)
- 20 - Spurred on (5)
- 21 - Receptacle for cigarette residue (7)
- 22 - Military blockade (5)

Down

- 1 - Going up (9)
- 2 - Violent and lawless person (7)
- 3 - Smartened up (7)
- 4 - ___ Q: musical (6)
- 5 - Chemical element with symbol I (6)
- 6 - Kick out (5)
- 10 - Convert into cash (of assets) (9)
- 12 - Eg Lancelot and Gawain (7)
- 13 - Junction between nerve cells (7)
- 14 - Strangest (6)
- 16 - Strong and healthy (of a person) (6)
- 18 - Unpleasant giants (5)

About the books



Ripper Hunter Who was Inspector Frederick Abberline, the lead detective in the Jack the Ripper case? Why did he and his fellow policemen fail to catch the most notorious serial killer of Victorian England? Here, at last, in M.J. Trow's compelling biography of this pre-eminent Victorian policeman are the answers to these intriguing questions. Abberline's story gives us insight into his remarkable career, into the routines of Victorian policing, and into the Ripper case as it was seen by the best police minds of the day.



Dust "Early in life, my grandfather told me that only three things were certain: birth, death and time. And time only ticked one way; it went forward and never back. It came to be a recurring wish with me, the desire to turn back the clock, to undo what I had done. Always wishing for the impossible, my feet stuck firm in the molasses of the present, unable to shrug off decisions I had made and their unforeseen or disregarded consequences."



IPA Race Day at Mallory Park

IPA Race Day has been one of the highlights on the IPA calendar for many a year. Leicestershire Branch work on behalf of No 5 Region to ensure the event is available for members across the UK to enjoy.

This year the owners of Mallory Park set out new financial restrictions on the allocation of discounted tickets which had to be met before the IPA could hold their event in the same fashion as before. It meant that our Region had to approach National with a view to support the organising Branch. Our thanks, therefore, also go to President Mick Luke for stepping in with the financial resources to ensure that this popular annual event could continue.

Having ironed out these teething issues, we again were treated to a superb day's racing, which provided numerous crashes and determined, dogged racing to whet most people's appetites. Despite not being able to advertise the event until much later in the year, enthusiastic members attended in large numbers to celebrate the competition for the Peter Goodwin Memorial Trophy. Four of our local Voluntary Police Cadets were also in attendance to assist in the guiding

of members on their arrival. We again had exclusive use of the 'Hailwood' suite and members were able to wander around the pits watching the activity surrounding the cars or simply browse the shop or refreshments.

The IPA has had an interest in motor sport since the sixties, when John Gott, the Chief Constable of Northamptonshire was racing his Austin Healey 3000, and has provided trophies at such prestigious circuits as Silverstone, Donington Park and now here at Mallory Park. The Peter Goodwin Trophy was instituted by the IPA Nottinghamshire Branch in memory of a local Officer, Peter Goodwin, who died in service. Peter was very interested in motor sport, so it is a fitting tribute to him.

The team sponsored by the IPA was the Toyo Tires Porsche Championship (www.porscheracingdrivers.co.uk) and the

drivers competed with each other in three gruelling races. The trophy was won by Rick Styryn, a worthy winner, who won by only a small margin after a thrilling and exciting performance.

The Trophy was presented by No 5 Region Chair, Clive Wood, and Rick was genuinely touched about receiving the Trophy when he was informed about the history behind it.

Sincere thanks are due to IPA Leicestershire members, the voluntary Police Cadets, the management and staff of Mallory Park (Motorsport) Ltd and of course, all those IPA colleagues who turned out in force to make Sunday 27th September 2016 a day to remember.



5th Police Unity Tour

Cycling for the Survivors

Rob Atkin MBE – London

The Police Unity Tour is an annual pedal cycle ride leaving the National Police Memorial on the Mall, cycling approximately 180 miles to the National Arboretum in Staffordshire over three days. 2017 will be the fifth annual ride from London, with numerous other rides starting throughout the UK.

The ride is a 'tour and not a race' and is suitable for those that are a reasonable standard of cyclist. Police officers of all ranks, police staff and family members of fallen officers all take part in this fully supported event. Each rider rides in memory of a police officer killed in the line of duty. The national roll of honour www.policememorial.org.uk is a reminder of our colleagues that have paid the ultimate sacrifice across the United Kingdom. Riders all ride for an individual officer depicted on an engraved bracelet, which at the conclusion of the ride they will have the opportunity to present to the family of that officer. This is a truly humbling experience and one that our colleagues' families truly appreciate.

Each rider undertakes to raise a minimum amount of sponsorship for the charity UK Care of Police Survivors a charity that directly supports the

families and loved ones of officers killed in the line of duty. The memorial service at the National Arboretum is a truly moving event with all of the 43 UK Police Forces represented and offers a chance for our riders to show their respects and meet with the families to show that their loved one will never be forgotten.

I have been an IPA member for over 20 years. Next year will be my 5th Police Unity Tour, it is a great event. It's great to ride with people from all parts of policing; serving and retired. More importantly riding in memory of a fallen colleague is a moving experience, particularly when I have met the family members at the end and presented them with the memorial bracelet in their loved one name. I have seen first hand the great work Care of Police Survivors does in supporting those left behind through so it is great to be able to raise money for a fantastic cause.

Gary Byfield, co founder and Vice President of the UK Police Unity Tour added. "I am immensely proud to be involved with this charity cycle ride in aid of COPS, to support police officers and family members killed in the line of duty. I have participated for the past 8 years in the USA Police Unity Tour and 5 years in the UK ride raising funds and awareness of police officers paying the ultimate sacrifice with their lives to protect members of the public. We want the family members to be recognised and remembered for their love ones and their loss."

Full details of the charity UK COPS can be found at www.ukcops.org



Accommodation Overseas

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Miscellaneous

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Fri 03 Feb 2017

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4 Region - DYFED POWYS - Branch AGM

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Sun 26 Feb 2017

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Sun 26 Feb 2017

3 Region - SCARBOROUGH - AGM

Sun 26 Feb 2017

10 Region - NORTH EAST ESSEX - AGM

Mon 27 Feb 2017

11 Region - KENT - AGM

Thu 02 Mar 2017

3 Region - REGIONAL EXEC - AGM

Sat 04 Mar 2017

1 Region - REGIONAL EXEC - AGM

Sun 05 Mar 2017

4 Region - REGIONAL EXEC - No 4 Region AGM

Sun 12 Mar 2017

8 Region - REGIONAL EXEC - Regional AGM

Fri 17 Mar 2017

7 Region - REGIONAL EXEC- 7 Region AGM

Sun 19 Mar 2017

10 Region - REGIONAL EXEC - AGM

Thu 23 Mar 2017

9 Region - HERTFORDSHIRE - AGM

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Thu 30 Mar 2017

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Sat 01 Apr 2017

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Sun 05 Nov 2017

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