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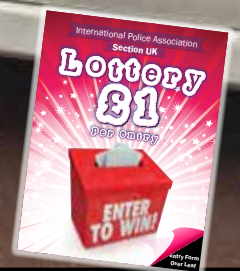


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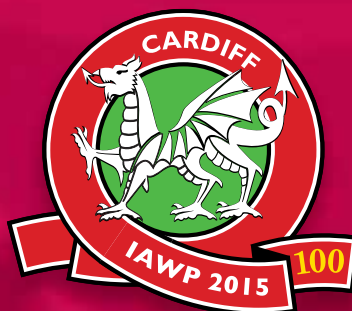
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# Working on your behalf

It is with great honour that I write to you as President of Section UK and on a daily basis I do reflect on how fortunate I am to oversee such a wonderful association.



I sincerely hope you enjoy the latest edition of Police World and as this magazine is being put together the National Executive Committee (NEC) has been busy visiting wherever possible the Regional AGM's which I trust were productive and engaging.

Firstly, can I pass on my congratulations to all the new office holders appointed across the Regional and Branch committees and thank those who have stepped aside for their service, this is much appreciated. Without you we would not function.

Part of the reason for being at the Regional AGM's is that it enables us as a NEC to get a sense of the mood within the Section and listen to what is being said by you as members. This is an important trait as it allows us to reflect and develop our thinking to meet your needs.

"Next Steps" was a theme I asked delegates to consider for our recruitment and retention strategy at the NCM in 2014. In a similar vein I asked the Chairs to debate this subject at our first meeting together in November 2014 and a proposal for Category versus Market campaign to be rolled out across the UK which was supported. As you now know there was also support for offering free enrolment in 2015. I am pleased to say this has started very positively.

However, this is potentially flawed if we cannot understand why some new members choose to leave straight away. We need to prevent this in the future. Hence, at the National Council meeting later this year we will look at pulling together an engagement plan (member journey) within Regions and Branches focusing in particular on new members as well as reviewing activity to retain our more seasoned members.

In simple terms the following key points illustrate what we the NEC seek to achieve and need help with;

- 1** A balanced budget utilising finances for member **ACTIVITY**. (The NEC have increased the Levy to the Regions to 13.5% to encourage activity)
- 2** **MERGE BRANCHES** where needed in order to maintain identity. We aim to have a foothold in each police area but reduce the burden of the number of office holders if required. (Think merger rather than closure. For example Region 1, Scotland are currently debating this)
- 3** **RECRUIT** more members from the wider police family, increasing the overall member numbers ensuring we maximise retainment. (Category v Market plan - we are not tapping into police staff in particular - little point in continuing to widen membership if we do not have a strategy in place to recruit those who are eligible now)
- 4** Increase **EVENTS** and establish ICONIC events under the social, cultural and professional portfolio's each year. (Submit an event online, establish a Regional and Branch event you are going to put on/fully support each year. National activity for example in 2015 includes - Golf, Charity Ball, NPMD, Professional Seminar, IPA Member Day celebrations, ILDEP Programme etc.)
- 5** Identify a new **KEY** benefit for members each year. ( Ideas are urgently required, recent offers include car offer, phone offer)
- 6** **INCOME GENERATION** - maximise the opportunities available. (e.g. lottery, advertising - we need other ideas to develop).
- 7** **SUPPORT OUR STAFF** at HQ on all matters to deliver what our members request of them. (What role can our staff play in supporting Regions/Branches - any gaps in our portfolio)
- 8** **INTERNATIONALLY**, to maintain our strong links, sharing best practice and be visible. (Request to organise more trips abroad - Nationally - House Managers Meeting (HMM) 2016, International Youth Gathering (IYG) 2018, Young Officers Seminar (YOS) 2019, Friendship Cruise in 2020 celebrate 70 years)

Lastly some other brief points to raise please. We are **SECTION UK** and our documents should reflect this corporate approach as it assists our branding. Wherever you can please elect Publicity Officers as they can be an invaluable asset. We need to start thinking about 2016 and whether we should continue the offer around free enrolment offer or not. Any feedback or ideas on this is most welcome.

I am committed to us being **A VIBRANT IPA** and I hope by what is written above reflects our ambition as a NEC to deliver this on your behalf.

Until the next time, have fun.

Yours in friendship

**Mick Luke**, President



Eran (far left) International Executive Meeting in 1998, where he met Arthur for the first time (one from right)

# IPA Day – Member Day

## - 15 December

**2014 saw Section UK mark IPA Member Day with the Arthur Troop Centenary Celebrations. These were held over the weekend of 12 – 14 December and included 80 guests from 16 countries. (Police World, Edition 1, 2015 featured an article). Feedback from guests was very favourable.**

Asked about how they heard of the event, the majority cited the website – affirming the current message filtering through Section UK at the moment that regions and branches should keep web news and web events updated – pre and post event.

For those involved in the administration of the event, it was good to receive praise in that area: “the administration was excellent”; “very well organised and administrated by the IPA-UK team members”; “excellent preparation and informative” were some of the comments.

The first day-time programme included a visit to IPA HQ and many members commented on how interesting the memorabilia on display was, as well as the warm reception: “beautiful place, full of elements of the memory of the association, and well organized in its management”; “a friendly, warm and inviting hospitality by Section UK members. Refreshments provided. Free time to browse around. More time was needed to absorb the vast amount of information on display. Instead of 2hrs, I could have done with 6hrs”; “First time to visit, very impressed with whole set up”.

The second day-time saw visitors transported from Nottingham to Lincoln for free time sight-seeing before afternoon tea and a special service at Lincoln Cathedral: “The service and Cathedral were very impressive. I enjoyed the free time in Lincoln. The refreshments were excellent.” It was interesting to note that whilst some guests expected more, some felt the programme was too action packed: “the wish was to see more about Arthur Troop (birth or

house where he lived)”; “by inserting in the programme an official exchange of gifts”; some were concerned that too much was squeezed into one day: “All the events plus the church service made a very long day for some of the older members”.

The evening events were meals and socialising at two different venues. Not surprisingly guests commented on the food – its quantity, quality, timing, level of service.

Overall, both evening events were enjoyed: “excellent and good to see local branches represented”; “loved the informality of the event”; “great ambience, nice food and even better company”; “the highlight of the weekend was the interaction with fellow members and making new friends”.

Police World has been speaking to members, who are in some way involved in IPA’s administration, about their special connection with 15 December – mainly – sharing the Founder’s Birth date of 15 December.

Steve Connor, a past President of Section UK, current member of the International External Relations Commission (ERC) and Secretary of New Scotland Yard Branch pointed out his own personal connection. His daughter Courtney was born on 15 December 1999 – Arthur’s last ever birthday. A fellow IPA member from Section Netherlands, Rob Out, who volunteers alongside Steve on the ERC has his birthday on 15 December.

Eran Israel, who serves on the International Social Commission and who is Secretary General of Section Israel was also born on 15 December.

Eran has fond memories of meeting Arthur for the first time at an International meeting in Athens in 1998 where he interviewed him for Section Israel’s magazine. From that first meeting, he and Arthur realised they shared the same birth date. He met him two more times in 1999 and in 2000 at IPA’s 50th anniversary celebrations held in England. Eran says, “What was special about Arthur was his modesty; he spoke little. When asked why he hadn’t published his memoirs he said he was working on it. A year later he published a small booklet. Later, I founded the International Photo Archive of IPA and there is still work to be done before we can publish the heritage/history of IPA in book or album form. I think that organization that doesn’t have a past will not have a future and we have to continue with the effort of creating a true record of Arthur Troop.”

Police World wants to hear more about ‘Great Moments with Arthur Troop’ turn to page 21 to find out more.

## NEC Election News 2015

The current three year tenure of the Secretary General and Vice President comes to an end at the National Council Meeting (NCM) on Friday 5 June, 2015, and elections will be held to fill the posts. Nominations are open to any Ordinary member whether serving or retired.

Nominations for either post should be directed to the Secretary General at the following address: secretary-general@ipa-uk.org or The Secretary General, IPA HQ - Section UK, 1 Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 6AJ. Nominations should be accompanied by a CV and personal statement. The closing date for nominations is: Friday 8 May, 2015.

## Who is Standing for re-election

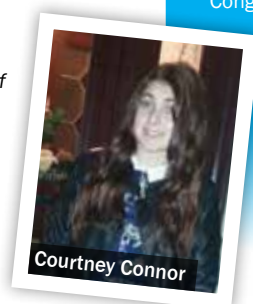
Dave Taylor, Secretary General, and Sean Hannigan, Vice President, have both confirmed that they will be seeking re-election in 2015.

## In Other News

Stephen Crockard, IPA member from 2 region Northern Ireland, will be standing for election to the post of Head of Administration on the International Executive Board.

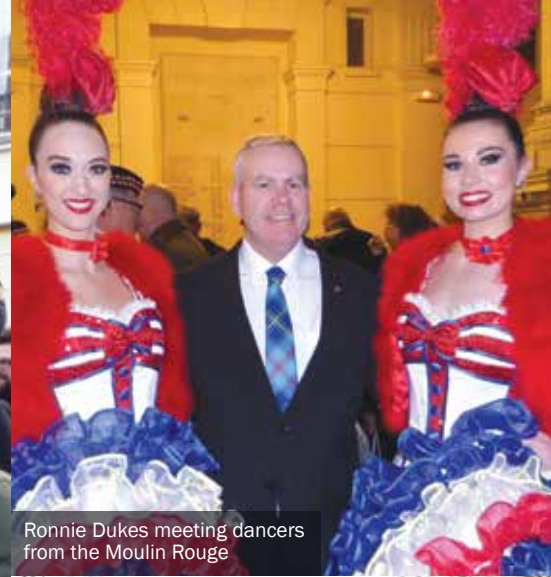
This Election takes place at the World Congress in October.

Good Luck Stephen!





Meeting members of the Petits Poulbots Drum Corps



Ronnie Dukes meeting dancers from the Moulin Rouge



Eric Milligan, former Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Olivier Boulenguez, IPA Paris, James Thomson O.B.E., Ronnie Dukes

# Developing IPA Friendships & Networks

**In 2014, Vice President Ronnie Dukes was introduced to IPA delegates and event organisers while he was in Paris. Ronnie accepted an invitation to return in 2015 to once again enjoy the festivities.**

Last year during an extended visit to Paris, I had the pleasure of meeting the President of the local IPA, Olivier Boulenguez. We enjoyed a walking tour of the Montmartre area, including the famous landmark the Sacre Cœur which dominates the landscape. The Moulin Rouge is also in the area.

Olivier introduced me to Michel Cadin, a local hotelier and organiser and President of the bi-annual event L'Ecosse a Montmartre. The event coincides with the 6 Nations Rugby tournament when France plays against Scotland. Michel subsequently invited me, along with Olivier to join this year's festivities. As I was going to be in France at that time, I accepted the invitation. In February, I attended the Mairie (Town Hall) du

18 Arrondissement for the Scottish Thistle Night. Also in attendance was Eric Milligan, the former Lord Provost of Edinburgh. Several pipe bands performed outside and inside the Mairie, much to the delight of the invited guests. There was a display of Highland Dancing too. A drum corps, known as 'Petits Poulbots' performed as well. There was also the opportunity to meet some of the Moulin Rouge dancers.

Eric Milligan gave the address to the haggis, before everyone had the chance to sample the water of life (whisky) or a beer along with a buffet.

Michel invited Olivier and I to participate in their street procession through the streets of Montmartre starting outside the Sacre Cœur. The pipe bands assembled alongside local



Ronnie Dukes with Le Grand Maître de la Confrérie du Clos Montmartre preparing for the parade at Sacré Cœur

societies and invited guests. Although I wasn't wearing a kilt, I was proud to wear a sash of our very own IPA tartan. Once the procession ended I joined the participants in the basement of a local church for lunch that featured the well known Scottish delicacy haggis. The bands and dancers gave impromptu performances which everyone enjoyed. The pipe bands then headed off to the Stade de France to perform at the rugby international match.

It was a most enjoyable and sometimes surreal experience during my visit to Paris. I'm indebted to my host, Michel Cadin and of course Olivier Boulenguez for his friendship.

**Ronnie Dukes, Vice President**



## Sean Hannigan, Vice President, highlights the reasons why and how attending Gimborn can boost your professional development.

One of my enjoyable roles, as the newest Vice President of Section UK, is that of National Gimborn Co-ordinator. This involved attending the 2014 Gimborn Kuratorium in Germany and bidding for the 2015 English or English/German seminars. We started off with 2 seminars being offered and by careful negotiation with other Vice Presidents from other European Sections and Gimborn, managed to put on 5 seminars in 2015.

Section UK supports Gimborn by offering a bursary towards the cost of the Seminar, which covers the majority of the cost; several Branches and Regions also offer similar support to help with travel costs. Gimborn offers a unique opportunity to share experiences and take part in presentations from world class speakers who are expert in their own field. Each seminar's programme usually includes an afternoon excursion to a topic related venue.

Gimborn is open to retired members as well as serving police staff and police officers. Participants come from all over the world and from every rank of police personnel. 2015 is an exciting time at Gimborn with Seminars being offered for English speakers including:

**Islam** - History and Culture of a world religion between everyday life and extremism.  
18 - 22 May.

**Cyber Crime** a look at Crime in Cyberspace and how to detect and prosecute.  
31 August to 4 September.

**Evidence based Policing** reviews how Police Officers Research outcomes. October 5 - 9.

**Homicide in the European Union** comparing different jurisdictions and investigations  
23 - 27 November.

I have been planning the seminars for 2016 and indeed Section UK IPA colleagues are helping to develop several seminar topics for Gimborn. I would welcome any IPA member who would like to either present a topic or indeed has an idea for a week long seminar at Gimborn to get in touch with me before 15 June.

I am also pleased to announce that Section UK will be hosting two one day seminars based on CoPPRa which stands for Community Policing Preventing Radicalism and Terrorism. The seminar, which is internationally recognised, will be delivered by a team of IPA members who completed the CoPPRa Trainers course last November at Gimborn.

You can find out much more Information about Gimborn Seminars and Professional Development by visiting the IPA website:

**[www.ipa-uk.org/Professional-Development](http://www.ipa-uk.org/Professional-Development)**

Pete Connolly, who took part in the innovative Policing Change seminar at the end of February had this to say about his experience.

*"A series of very interesting and engaging presentations were made by serving Police Officers who shared experiences from their working environments. Every presentation allowed time for engagement, query and conversation. Some of the presenters built in group work, workshops and discussions with student feedback being introduced from those exercises.*

*Two particularly academic presentations were included in the itinerary, whereby academics provided insightful information on sociological aspects of human migration, human development and motivation for people who are marginalised by society.*

*Every evening the students met up in the Turmbar (this is an area of Gimborn set aside for socializing) where conversations followed*



Sean Hannigan and Pete Connolly

*on from the classroom situation. These pointed conversations were not accidental in nature but were very much a part of the Gimborn experience where students arrange to embed their personal learning.*

*I was interested to identify learning that I might apply that may not already have been tried and tested within my service."*

I think Pete sums up Gimborn very well indeed.

I would like every member to take part in the Gimborn seminar experience at least once every 3 years. I have had some fantastic experiences myself attending Gimborn as a participant, presenter and Chair of Seminars since joining Section UK 15 years ago.

If you would like to find out more information then visit: **[www.ipa-uk.org/Gimborn-About](http://www.ipa-uk.org/Gimborn-About)** or please feel free to get in touch with me at **[vp@ipahannigan.org](mailto:vp@ipahannigan.org)**

In Friendship,

**Sean Hannigan**, Vice President



Gimborn Castle



Leonard McNeill said, "A wonderful weekend in the Cairngorms. If you weren't there - you don't know what you missed. Good company, great hotel, food and entertainment second to none."

# A Bridge *not too far*

**On a cold January day, with snow on the ground, 24 IPA members from Scotland, Norway and Sweden arrived at the Nethybridge Hotel for a Burns Celebration Weekend. Yvonne McGregor tells of their adventure.**

Despite the weather, we were determined to have fun and embarked on various outings - which included visits to the Tomatin distillery, Inverness, the funicular railway on Cairngorm mountain and the Heather Centre near Aviemore.

At the distillery we enjoyed a private tour, which consisted of a full explanation of the production of malt whisky. We learned that this distillery is unique in so much as the stillman uses a block of wood on a length of rope, called a 'Knocker' to determine when to turn the heat up or down on the stills. We walked through a blizzard back to the reception building where we enjoyed 3 drams of their whisky, which fair warmed us up. Excellent value at only £6! Our friends from Norway could not resist making a purchase.

We continued our journey north to Inverness and visited various Scottish themed shops for the benefit of our overseas visitors who were keen to take a 'touch of tartan' back home with them. We also enjoyed a bracing walk across the River Ness to view the castle and other local landmarks.

The snow continued to fall and our attempt to visit the Cairngorm Mountain funicular railway had to be abandoned as the snow gates at Glenmore were closed - owing to the exceptionally strong winds creating blizzard conditions on the mountain. We did however manage to photograph a frozen Loch Morlich before stopping off at Coylumbridge hotel where we enjoyed a very

welcome warm cup of coffee.

A trip to the Heather Centre near Aviemore was a bit of an adventure too. Snow covered roads saw some struggle to even get there and then to get stuck in the car park. Some of us got our daily exercise by using a shovel to clear the snow while others shoved and pushed the car. It was all worth the effort as we all enjoyed our well earned clootie dumplings (a traditional Scottish fruit pudding) as a reward. The blackboard menu had a choice of 36 varieties.

Nethybridge Hotel was built in 1899 and is a very impressive building. Every room is different in shape and size and each has its own character. There was a roaring fire in reception 24/7 which was well visited by all the guests. The staff were very friendly and helpful and each evening we enjoyed locally sourced food which was of a high standard. Friday night's entertainment was Scottish dancing to music from a very talented musician.

The Burns themed highland banquet on the Saturday evening saw us meet in the function room for a whisky reception. Some members endorsed the Scottish theme by wearing highland dress, while some ladies adorned their dresses with the IPA tartan. This was followed by a 5 course meal which included haggis. Before being served, the haggis, as tradition has it, was carried in by the chef to the accompaniment of a piper in

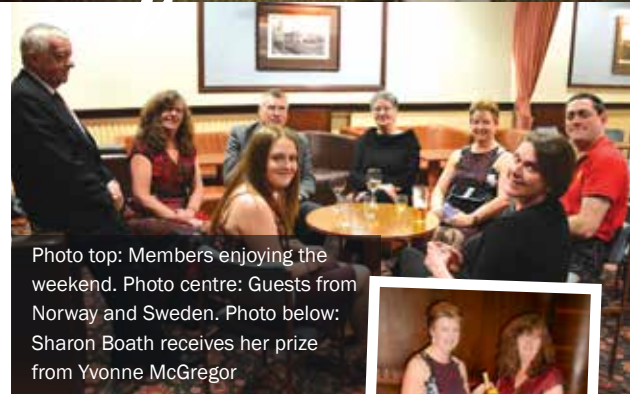


Photo top: Members enjoying the weekend. Photo centre: Guests from Norway and Sweden. Photo below: Sharon Boath receives her prize from Yvonne McGregor



full Highland regalia who, thereafter, addressed it by reciting Burns. We then all toasted it with a wee dram before it was cut up to reveal its 'warm reekin rich content'.

This was the first time our overseas members had tasted this Scottish delicacy and they all thoroughly enjoyed it. After the meal we adjourned back to the function room where the evening continued with Highland dancers and a very enjoyable ceilidh.

Tayside branch would like to thank all those who supported this weekend and donated prizes for the raffle which contributed £118 to branch funds. A bottle of 10 year old IPA Centenary Whisky was won by Sharon Boath, Tayside branch.

The weekend was enjoyed by everyone and hopefully it we will repeated again next January.

**Yvonne McGregor**, 1 Region Secretary



# Sampling ILDEP's DNA

**One of the many benefits of IPA membership is the opportunity to develop yourself professionally. This is where membership of the world's largest police friendship association is worth its weight in gold. Martyn Evans explains how the International Learning & Development Exchange Programme (ILDEP) helped an officer from Rotterdam.**

The theory of ILDEP has been around for some time. However, more recently the IPA has developed this into a professional programme.

Towards the end of 2014, I received an ILDEP application from Henderick Baijens who is serving with the Rotterdam police, Netherlands.

This was the first formal ILDEP application that London North of the Thames branch had received and it was an honour to be of assistance. Henk proposed an idea to his home force to take DNA from individuals convicted at court before they left the building. In Rotterdam, DNA is taken post conviction rather than on arrest like here in the UK.

I spoke with Henk and his commanding officer about the visit and what they would like to get out of it. The answer was simple, to gain an understanding of the UK DNA programme and linked legislation. So off to work I went.

I contacted the DNA manager in the Metropolitan police and explained what the IPA was about, the ILDEP programme and Henk's application. Having heard what I had to say she was more than happy to assist.

Prior to Henk's arrival I emailed a summary of how DNA is obtained in the UK explaining how the custody process works; how the samples are submitted to the lab, the DNA database and links to PNC and how samples are linked to crime scenes. This was to give Henk a head start in preparation for what he would experience when he arrived.

Henk visited the Metropolitan police lab in Lambeth and saw scientists at work. He learned about what they do and how they do it. In order to provide Henk with a complete picture of how our DNA programme works he also spent time at the Lewisham custody centre - observing people, who had been arrested - thus learning about DNA being taken as part of the booking in process.

It was not all work for Henk. He and his wife

visited a number of attractions in the city of London.

At the end of the week I arranged for IPA members to meet Henk at a pub in the Baker Street area of London. It fitted nicely with other IPA members who were in London. We were joined by Spike from Cheshire branch and two other officers from Germany.

The evening was most enjoyable. Gifts were exchanged and I had the pleasure of presenting Henk with an ILDEP certificate in recognition of his learning through the IPA with thanks to the Metropolitan police.

It was nice to hear that Henk had thoroughly enjoyed his learning and that he was to use this knowledge to prepare a report for his home force. This was a very successful ILDEP visit and I am pleased to say that I have received another application for later this year.

**Martyn Evans**, Secretary London North of the Thames branch



Martin (right) presents Henk with an ILDEP certificate

The ILDEP is open to IPA members. For details of how the ILDEP works and / or to submit an application please visit: [www.ipa-uk.org/ILDEP](http://www.ipa-uk.org/ILDEP)

# Veritable Friendships

**Devon branch organised another great friendship weekend over Valentine's Day. IPA members travelled from all over the country to join one hundred others in Woolacombe. Graham Bulford sheds light on this annual event.**

These friendship weekends have been going for the best part of 15 years and make up the highlight of the IPA year for Devon branch. The atmosphere is always relaxed, friendly and full of fun, venues have included such places as Eastbourne, Bournemouth, Torquay and Newquay as well as the old faithful Royal Hotel at Woolacombe.

Woolacombe had just been voted the best beach in the UK and the 13th best in the world so timing was perfect for our visit. The walks around Morthoe and Baggy Point offer glorious seascapes and you can walk the old railway line to Ilfracombe - where in Victorian times, 26 trains a day strained to carry 10,000 passengers to this seaside town. Now of course the landscape is dominated by the Damien Hirst statue Verity - an artwork that certainly generates debate.

The weekend's programme is totally flexible - everyone is free to do their own thing but we all return without fail to an excellent and very sociable evening meal together followed by entertainment in the lounge bar. Some members opted for retail therapy in Barnstaple, some the Atlantic village outlet centre. Some ventured further afield to visit National Trust properties such as Watersmeet near Lynmouth, Arlington Court, Knightshayes or Castle Drogo on Dartmoor. It was also the perfect time of year to see Snowdrop Valley on Exmoor or perhaps visit friends in the area.

A total of £234 was raised in a draw for Devon branch, £50 for the Air Ambulance and £54 from naming the Teddy for the Children's Hospice South West. Thanks to all our guests.

The event was open to all IPA members - fourteen Thames Valley branch members and some from Northamptonshire branch accepted the invitation.

Mike Vince, Thames Valley branch, said, "Great accommodation and excellent food, live evening entertainment and rekindling of friendships made the whole weekend a success. Event organiser, Graham Bulford, held a quiz

on the Friday evening where one of our branch members achieved the highest score of 36 out of the 50 thought provoking questions. During the day time, members visited local walking and driving areas and some of us even experienced the famous and fabulous Devon cream teas!"

Alex Thomson from Northamptonshire branch added, "It is always good to meet colleagues from many other branches. We are all looking forward to next year!"

Guests always say thank you for organising the weekend but in reality very little is organised.

It is a meeting of friends and everyone leaves with a smile on their face. If you have never tried an IPA friendship weekend just try it, you will want to come back.

**Graham, W Devon branch**



Above and below: Dining at the Royal



Verity, by Damien Hirst, now dominates the Ilfracombe landscape



John Bull, 7 Region Chair, and other members study a whale bone washed up in 1915

## A Minor Diversion

The wail of the fire alarm brought conversation to a close in the corner pub at Croyde, a stone's throw from the beach in North Devon. At first we thought it was a test but it went on... and on! "It's a fault", said the landlord but the dreadful noise could not be stopped and soon the fire and rescue service arrived. At this point the eyes of our ladies lit up.

"Wow! I want to be carried out!" someone cried. Bang! One of the firemen cracked his head on the low beams as he hastily entered. All the tests were done and the men were happy that normality returned - which could not be said for the wives.





Above: Dancing the night away  
 Below: Enjoying a wonderful beach walk in Woolacombe



Graham Bulford said, "Next year's event will be at the Torbay Hotel in Torquay, one of the Shearings Group of Bay Hotels. All members are welcome." Contact: [devon@ipa-uk.org](mailto:devon@ipa-uk.org)

# A MONUMENTAL JOURNEY of Discovery

After watching all the old John Ford movie westerns, which were filmed in Monument Valley, it was always an ambition of John Elliott to visit this iconic American western location. John describes his trip below.

Thanks to the IPA I was put in touch with Andy Karas, an ex Los Angeles and Las Vegas police officer, who lives in Las Vegas, just off the famous strip where from his front yard you can see the big hotels such as the Mandalay Bay. He very kindly offered me accommodation at his home and to drive up to Monument Valley - a total of 424 miles!

Andy met me at McCarran Airport and two days later we had completed a 7 hour road journey to Monument Valley and were settling in for the night in a hotel in Kayenta - the nearest small town to the valley. This part of the USA is largely desert and mountains, and has very little in the way of cities with just a scattering of a few small towns.

Monument Valley is on the Arizona / Utah state line and is characterised by a cluster of vast sandstone buttes the largest reaching 1000 feet high above the valley floor. It is part of the Navajo Nation and has been defined for decades of what film goers imagine the American west to be. It is said to be the greatest outdoor museum in the world and is one of the most photographed places on earth.



Greg O'Connor



John Elliott and Andy Karas

To see it at its best, Andy and I booked a tour with Goulding's Tours and were driven around the Valley by a local Navajo guide.

It is such an awe inspiring place that makes you really think you are in the land of giants. The landscape overwhelms you, not just by its beauty, but by its sheer size and colour.

As part of the tour, our guide gave a demonstration in making clothing and blankets from home spun wool, while sitting in her 'hogan' - the name given to the traditional cone shaped housing.

It was a privilege to visit Monument Valley and see the wonderful sights that we have all seen before but on the silver screen. I also enjoyed the fact that in taking a tour I had contributed to the well-being of the Navajo and their children for whom a High School has been built near to the site of Harry Goulding's trading post.

On my return to Las Vegas with Andy he had a surprise arranged for me. His son is in the Las Vegas Police and he made it possible for me to go out with Greg O'Connor, a Highway Patrolman.

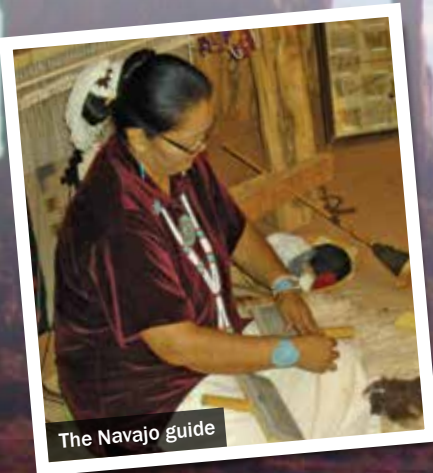
It was a great experience to go out for 7 hours with him on the freeways around Las Vegas. I borrowed Andy's body armour which was really heavy. What impressed me most was how diligent Greg was in carrying out his duties.

There were a number of offences like no seat belts and using a mobile phone while driving. He also dealt with the aftermath of an accident. A number of stops were made on vehicles with unsafe loads although some drivers were just given advice. Every time we made a stop he was on to his control checking the vehicle and driver. It was never received your message, it was always 'copy'.

What really impressed me was how he entered all the evidence into his onboard computer which printed out the 'citation' on the spot - this was then handed to the offenders with details how to respond.

Thanks Greg for a great experience.

John Elliott, Nottinghamshire branch



The Navajo guide

## Did You Know?

In 1928, Harry Goulding and his wife Leone built a trading post to trade with the local Navajo. When Harry heard that the famous film director John Ford was looking for a location to make a western film they took photos of the Valley to him in Hollywood. Ford fell in love with this area and made his first western there called 'Stagecoach', starring John Wayne in 1938.

The rest is history.

# APPLICANT TO EXPERT

**Yvonne Taylor had no idea that her qualifying as one of the first Drug Recognition Experts in the UK would generate so much interest from the media and her colleagues. In this article she describes her journey, which began with an application for a scholarship and led to her current role co-ordinating and delivering Field Impairment Test training to officers in North Yorkshire police.**

The interest I now have in impaired driving came about quite by accident. The seed was planted in 2009 when I attended a National Drug Influence Recognition and Field Impairment Testing Instructors Course.

I was not scheduled to attend this training, but went in place of a colleague who could not attend. This five-day course was delivered by two police officers from Hampshire who told us about training they had undergone in the USA to become Drug Recognition Experts (DRE). There were (and still are) only a handful of UK police officers trained as Drug Recognition Experts. I was hooked (no pun intended!) and determined to attend the same training.

In 2010, I applied for and, much to my surprise and delight, was lucky enough to secure an Arthur Troop Scholarship. I selected a DRE training course in Sacramento, California, where myself and my husband, Dave, had previously visited and already made many friends.

In September 2011, I spent 3 weeks with the California Highway Patrol (CHP). On my first day I was horrified to see the number of books we were provided with and began thinking I had made a big mistake. The training consisted of 2 weeks

of classroom instruction and exams, followed by three night shifts working with CHP and conducting examinations on members of the public who were believed to be under the influence of drugs. CHP DRE instructor Travis Herbert kept us all thoroughly entertained and educated for the duration.

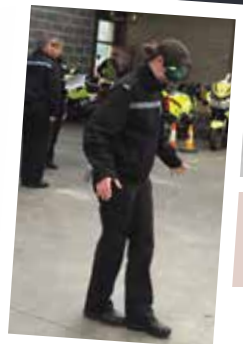
I left California fully qualified and returned home, although I wasn't prepared for the interest in my training and the demands on my time from local television and press.

Knowing I would be reluctant to step into the limelight and stand in front of the cameras, on my return from California, my supervisor invited me to the Christmas Drink/Drug Drive campaign launch at North Yorkshire police headquarters; he chose not to tell me about the media waiting to interview me. My fear of awkward questions soon disappeared and I got into the swing of taking interested observers on patrol, explaining what I was doing and demonstrating Field Impairment Tests.

I continue to co-ordinate and deliver Field Impairment Test training to officers in North



Above: Travis Herbert with Yvonne Taylor  
Left: A colleague tries out the goggles



Yorkshire police, increasing the number of officers able to identify drivers who may be under the influence of drugs.

Officers attempt the tests themselves whilst wearing 'beer goggles' to give them an idea of how impairment affects their performance during simple tasks. I have also delivered many presentations and training sessions to groups such as Magistrates, driving instructors, road safety groups and of course, at Gimborn.

Part of the requirement to keep my Drug Recognition Expert qualification current, is to recertify every two years. Sadly for me, that doesn't mean a trip across the pond every time, as there are qualified officers in Hampshire who can conduct the recertification training.

In March 2014, I travelled to Portsmouth, met with colleagues there and, with the help of volunteers from a local drug rehabilitation centre, successfully completed my recertification training.

My interest in impaired driving has extended to driver fatigue amongst shift workers and I am presently working towards a PhD, on a part-time basis, with the Institute for Transport Studies at the University of Leeds. My colleagues are willing volunteers for my studies (either that or they just humour me!). I presently have them wearing watches that measure their sleep, and conducting vigilance and reaction time tasks at the beginning and end of their shifts.

The IPA and the Arthur Troop Scholarship have opened up wonderful opportunities for me that I would not otherwise have experienced. I would encourage anyone with an interest in further training, that their own force may not be able to fund, to apply for the scholarship – you never know where it may take you.

**Yvonne Taylor**, Scarborough branch

Instructor Travis Herbert

To find out more about the Arthur Troop Scholarship visit:  
[www.ipa-uk.org/Arthur-Troop-Scholarship](http://www.ipa-uk.org/Arthur-Troop-Scholarship)

# The IPA's Far East Feast



East meets West cuisine

**After hearing stories about British police officers still serving in Hong Kong after the handover of sovereignty from the UK to China, IPA member Dan Smith's curiosity to learn more was ignited.**

In an email to Police World he said, "After much internet reading I realised that the Hong Kong police force is really rather unique. It was in fact the World's second modern force to be formed (After the Metropolitan police) and to this day is still based on the British style of policing. Post-handover, British expatriate officers continue to serve with the force and it is heralded as an example to other Nations in the region, including China."

Having decided he wanted to travel to the Far East with his brother, Dan submitted an IPA travel form as a part of a holiday to Hong Kong and Tokyo. Shortly after, Dan was contacted by Eddie Wu, from Section Hong Kong, and invited to dinner at the Hong Kong Police Officers Club.

Dan explained, "With Hong Kong being the urban sprawl that it is, Mr. Wu met us at our hotel and personally escorted us to the Club. After arrival, and being warmly received by staff, we were seated in the dining lounge and joined by Assistant Commissioner Koo Si-Hong."

Whilst there they discussed the many similarities between their police forces - which ranged from operational policing, to epaulette design and the battenberg patterns applied to patrol vehicles, Dan presented his hosts with a North Wales Custodian helmet.

Dan summed his trip up in saying, "I thoroughly enjoyed my time there and would recommend any IPA member who is contemplating going to Hong Kong to simply do it as soon as possible. It's a fantastically global city, with a real mix of nationalities amidst a backdrop of 'East meets West' cuisine and architecture."



Dan and his brother enjoying the fine cuisine



Outside the Police Officers Club



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# Thames Valley

## JOIN THE CAVALRY

**Have you ever looked at the jack boots being worn by the mounted guards at Horse Guards and wondered how long it takes to polish them or how much one of those fantastic silver helmets cost? IPA Thames Valley branch members discovered the answers to these questions, and many more, during their visit to the Household Cavalry at Combermere Barracks.**

**G**uide and ex-Life Guard, John Lloyd, opened the Thames valley branch tour with a history of the mounted cavalry regiments which make up the Household Cavalry Division. The Life Guards, which was founded in 1660 by King Charles II, are the most senior regiment in the British Army.

John introduced the members to Corporal Major Frankie O'Leary who has been in the Regiment for 8 years and has completed a number of tours in the Middle East. He showed us his body armour and rifle and we were all surprised at how heavy it was - and that was without the backpack.

Thames Valley member, John Bull said, "He was an impressive young man who had pride in his Regiment and gave us a flavour of today's serving soldier."

The tour continued with a visit to the stables where they met one of the 10 farriers that the Regiment employ. John Lloyd explained that these are the men who carry the silver axes when on parade. They look after the legs and feet of the horses, and shod them every 4 to 5 weeks.

Before heading for the canteen the group took a look at some of the armoured reconnaissance vehicles used by the



**"HE WAS AN IMPRESSIVE YOUNG MAN WHO HAD PRIDE IN HIS REGIMENT"**

Regiment in their normal duties today.

It was then back to the museum. John Bull explained that the group were shown some of the ceremonial uniform including the brass and silver helmets and the bright red jackets as well as one of the bandmen's gold coats. He said, "These coats were so expensive when ordered that Charles II could not afford them as they were made using real gold. Parliament refused to pay and eventually he was bailed

out by The Lord Mayor of London. It is interesting to note that the only time they are not worn in the presence of the Sovereign is at the Lord Mayor's Show - in recognition of his generosity at that time. A couple of us had the opportunity to try on the uniforms before an impressive and moving visit came to a close.

The tour was packed with fascinating information as John recalled one interesting fact, "The rank of 'sergeant' has no place in the Regiment. At the instigation of Queen Victoria the word 'corporal' was used instead of sergeant. The word sergeant means servant and her Majesty said that none of her mounted guards were servants so corporal, which means leader, was to be used."

He ended in saying, "Again a big thank you to Pauline Plato for her organisation and to John Lloyd for his time, he really was an interesting guide."

**IF YOU WERE WONDERING?  
IT TAKES 8 HOURS TO  
POLISH THE BOOTS AND  
THE HELMETS COST  
AROUND £8500 EACH.**



# Stateside Opportunity

**Gary Watters, an IPA member from 3 Region Rochdale branch, was selected to participate in a month long exchange with officers from the Park Forest Police Department (Illinois) USA. Gary recalls his stateside adventure below.**

I was both surprised and proud to be able to represent UK policing on this month long exchange organised by Section USA Vice President Steve Livingston.

I was hosted by two US officers, Jon Mannino and his brother Chris Mannino. Both of these officers selflessly gave up two weeks of their time and allowed me to stay at their own homes - offering me an unmatched international policing experience.

The two brothers met me at Chicago O'Hare international airport. A casual remark that it had been a long trip and that I was both hungry and thirsty resulted in me being given the full US welcome. Without further ado I was packed into a waiting unmarked police car and taken to the area of Park Forest where I experienced US hospitality. After we finished I tried to pay for my food but I was swiftly told 'your wallet stays in your pocket', this is the USA and you are our guest.

I had been previously given an itinerary laying out what plans lay ahead for me over the coming 4 weeks. It was pretty busy to say the least and had me participating in as much as possible with visits to numerous departments and areas.

The next was a day off to recover from the trip with a special USA party involving officers from the department and partners at a place called the White Rhino. This turned out to be a very

pleasant experience and again one I was not allowed to pay for.

After the weekend, it was time for me to start work and I was on night patrol duties the following week. I quickly learned that the officers have an immense sense of pride over both their uniform and the equipment that they are provided with. The vehicles were in fantastic condition and unsurprisingly big and well equipped.

During a very enjoyable training session, which involved me playing the role of the suspect and firing paint rounds at each other, it became very clear the differences between the tactics used the UK and US were great.

The next week involved visiting a number of different departments and I was fortunate enough to be able to train with the SWAT team as well as go out on a live warrant with them.

Time off over the weekend allowed me to participate in what the sights of Chicago city had to offer.

Week 3 involved spending 3 days with the Investigations Department and again I was lucky enough to be involved in an arrest warrant then a subsequent search of the offender's address. I was also invited to attend the South Suburban Chief of Police awards night at the Hilton hotel - where officers were recognised for their actions. In my final week I attended the Federal Bureau



Gary with Jon and Chris Mannino

of Investigation (FBI) national academy meal and training day. Visits to the FBI field office in Chicago as well as a trip in the Chicago Police Department helicopter and the marine unit - with which I got to command a boat were among the many experiences I was lucky enough to participate in. I also spent a very interesting day with the narcotics unit - which included a tour of the city and the notorious Al Capone's hang outs.

One of the main things that will stick in my mind is how welcoming and friendly everybody was







Training with a SWAT team



"Relaxing after a long set of nights"



Gary outside the FBI buiding in Chicago



Gary with the Chicago Police Department helicopter

towards me, including members of the public, which despite what people think, have the utmost respect for police officers.

After much discussion, the fact UK police do not carry guns was something they could not get their heads around. In fact, they found it quite disturbing that we would enter houses and stop cars whilst unarmed.

I also made the front page of the Chicago News, with an article entitled 'Gun Free PD', which featured my visit and how different the styles of policing were in the respective countries. I have to say that although it was very clear to see that the methods were different the end result was the same - both being able to protect the civilians and bring offenders to justice.

This was a trip of a lifetime and one that will stay in my mind forever. The IPA enabled me to participate in this exchange and to that I am truly grateful. I formed some great friendships and this truly showed the spirit of the IPA.

Thank you IPA!

**Gary Watters**, Rochdale Branch



Gary with the honour guard for the South Suburban Chief Officers award night



At the helm



Gary is pictured with the platoon he was allocated to - including the Chief of police

**Do you want to have a similar experience?**

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# Recognition for Long Service

A presentation of 50 year membership certificates was made by Carole Spence, 2 Region Chair, to seven 2 Region members at Dunsilly Hotel in Antrim. The recipients and their wives also received a box of chocolates and a bottle of bubbly to mark the occasion.

Tea and scones were served, followed by a speech of thanks, on behalf of the recipients, by Bill Gray.

To view individual presentation photographs from the event visit:

[www.ipa-uk.org/2-Region-Presentations](http://www.ipa-uk.org/2-Region-Presentations)



Alan McCrum, Bert Harris, Richard Wright, Carole Spence, Alan Mounce, Bill Gray, Norman Lucy and David Kernohan

**... and another**  
 Bill Lloyd, Bolton branch Secretary, acknowledged Kenneth Tomlinson's 50 years of continuous membership with a certificate

# IPA South Africa Diaz Branch organises Khoi-Khoi Route March

In November 2014, Section South Africa, Diaz Branch, Mossel Bay (Garden Route Region) had their annual Khoi-Khoi Route March which consisted of a 20km Endurance Walk and a 5km Fun Walk - with 146 participants and 14 teams taking part in the event.

For the first time, a participant with impaired vision took part in the Endurance Walk. He is Eldrich Wannenburg of IPA West Coast Region. He was assisted by his team mates on a very strenuous route along the Mossel

Bay coastline. Fellow walker, Hugo Gerber, said "Thank you for setting this example for us, we salute you, Eldrich!"

More members are encouraged to take part in the annual IPA Diaz Khoi- Khoi Endurance Walk along this very scenic region of the South African coastline.

The 2015 event takes place 7 October. If you are interested in taking part visit:

[www.ipasafrika.co.za](http://www.ipasafrika.co.za) or [www.ipa-uk.org/Event-Catalog/a-All-Events-By-Date](http://www.ipa-uk.org/Event-Catalog/a-All-Events-By-Date)



# Arthur Troop on Cloud Nine

A small company which has prepared slate plaques for clients such as the Shotton Paper Company, which was officially opened by HRH Prince Charles, as well as the National Lottery who funded signs for the Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, has once again produced a high quality plaque for the IPA.

Cloud9Craft produced the plaque used to celebrate the re-dedication of the IPA Stained Glass Window in Guildford Cathedral - an event which took place in 2010 as part of the IPA's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. In 2014, they produced the plaque celebrating the Centenary of the Birth of Arthur Troop, BEM, Founder of the IPA. Both plaques are 100% Welsh slate and the template for the IPA logo was computer generated. Having placed the design on the slate like a stencil, the engraving is blasted out of the stone, cleaned down and then painted with three coats.

Gary Eccleston of Cloud9Craft said, "One of our

favourite jobs was for a family who wanted a house sign which had stick figures representing each family member and their pets. This was to help make the whole family feel included after their frail grandparents had come to live with them. We loved the design including the horse, dog and the grandfather's habitually lost shoe. The same customer returned for an updated sign as there have been new children added to the family, the dog has passed away, and a new dog joined the family. The grandfather still loses his shoe."

Cloud9Craft's products include: House signs, business and corporate plaques, pet memorials, garden signs, wine racks, place mats and coasters, cheese/bread boards, trays, plates and bowls, draughts/chess boards, wedding gifts. The company also produce larger items such as: gardening and landscaping materials, headstones and memorials, benches and tables, walling, window sills and mantels and

steps, fireplaces and hearths, flooring, kitchen worktops and counters.

Gary at Cloud9Craft can be contacted by emailing [cloud9craft@gmail.com](mailto:cloud9craft@gmail.com) or telephone 07709 319669. Visit their website at [www.cloud9craft.co.uk](http://www.cloud9craft.co.uk)

Both IPA plaques are housed permanently at IPA HQ in Nottingham.



# Seven Year Old Police Officer Joins the IPA

**Section UK has recruited its youngest ever member - seven year old Malachi Tyler from the Metropolitan Police.**

Malachi was diagnosed with an incurable brain tumour and neurofibrosis when he was just 15 months old and has made a 'bucket list'. A lot of his wishes have been fulfilled by police officers at Kingston Police Station, such as a ride in a police car and 'making an arrest'. Then on 9 January, Malachi 'passed out' in his complete set of police uniform, with badge number, along with other officers at the passing out parade in Hendon.

Section UK invited Malachi to become a member of IPA and his enrolment papers were processed and he has been issued with his IPA membership card in February. Since that time, brave Malachi has been in and out of hospital.

IPA members can follow Malachi's journey on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MalachisJourney>

## A Personal Test



**I first heard about the 11th Commando Marathon, an event organised by IPA Section Poland member Mariusz (Mario) Berezoewski, through 9 Region's Facebook.** I initially decided not to put myself through the challenge - thinking that it was likely to do me more harm than good!



However, having read about the event in more detail I began to have a change of heart and decided to get in touch with Mario - via 9 Region's Secretary, Martyn Evans. Martyn's invaluable advice and tips helped me with my 4 months preparation to be ready to participate in the event.

The purpose of the event was to promote competition of uniformed services from all over Europe, as well as to offer an opportunity to members of the Prison, Army, Police and Fire services to put themselves to the test in extreme conditions.

All participants had to wear full combat gear and carry 10kg (22lb) backpacks. They would have 7 hours to complete a 26.2 mile (42.6km) route, through woods and fields - all in temperatures below zero degrees!

Everyone who completed the run successfully was rewarded with a medal, certificate and endorsed 'Maraton Komandos' long-sleeved top.

As well as achieving a personal goal I was given a guided tour and background of Krakow prison. It was a real eye-opener compared to the British Prison system.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mario for organising the event and Paulina Walasek for her encouragement and support.

**Kiran Gharial,**

London North of the Thames branch

## VP on Friendship

**The Northamptonshire branch AGM was held in February, 2015, and welcomed Vice President UK, Sean Hannigan as a guest speaker.** Sean gave an interesting talk about the friendship of the IPA - which was well received by the members.

The events of the last year were discussed and it was agreed that it was another successful year for the branch. We all know that social occasions don't happen on their own so a thanks to the committee and other members who helped out. Events for the forthcoming year were also discussed and it looks like another great year ahead for the branch.



Sean Hannigan, far right, with members of the Northamptonshire Committee

A big thanks to Maureen Tapp for preparing the food which was absolutely delicious.

**Alex Thompson,** Northamptonshire branch

## Staffordshire branch

### Get Racey

**Thirty one Staffordshire branch members attended a table top horse race evening in February.**

During the event six coloured horses ran in various races, each horse being sold to a new owner for every race. The winning owner taking the winners pot if their horse won.

Branch Secretary, Bryan Davies said, "Once the horses were at the start line, owners rolled large coloured dice from a bucket and the resulting score and colour on the dice advanced the horses along the course to shouts and cheers from all participants. There were flat races and jump races with all the problems that real racing holds - such as falling at fences. We even held



Staffordshire branch members on race night

*a double dice race which would mean that one horse could move twice as fast if its colour came up on both dice at the same time."*

The evening was such a success, plans for its return next year are already in place.





## Celebrations in Sri Lanka

**Section UK member and Assistant International Secretary General, Stephen Crockard, was honoured to attend the 40th Anniversary celebrations of IPA Sri Lanka in Colombo.**

During the event Stephen had discussions with Dr. Mahinda Balasuriya, Secretary, Minister of Law and Order, himself a former president of IPA Sri Lanka

and Inspector General of Police, as well as with Mr Gamini Nawaratne, Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police and 1st Vice President of IPA Sri Lanka. He was then invited to address the 350 participants and was particularly pleased to present the Secretary General of IPA Sri Lanka, Hema Dias, with a Certificate of Merit and a crystal clock for his many years of dedicated IPA service. He was then called upon to present Dr. Mahinda Balasuriya with his IPA Long Service award.

Stephen said, "I was delighted to meet up with Sunethra Senevirathne, Assistant Secretary General, Anusha Kumari, NEC member and Fred Wootler, local station commander."

Following an excellent Friendship Week tour, Stephen then took part at the formal dinner dance, leading the first dance. Later, he took the opportunity to speak with the current IPA Sri Lanka President and Inspector General of Police, Mr NK Illangakoon.



Motorcycle Group members enjoying their Christmas lunch

## Motorcycle Group Celebrate Christmas in Pentrich

**Twenty three members of the Section UK Motorcycle Group travelled from all over the UK to find their way to The Dog Inn, Pentrich near Derby, to celebrate Christmas together.**

So determined were some members to make it to the event - one brave soul travelled nearly two hundred miles from Kent on his motorcycle.

Group Chair, Julian Grubb, decided to leave his bike at home and donned his hiking boots so he could make the most of the unseasonal sunny weather.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Section UK Motorcycle Group visit:

[www.ipa-uk.org/Section-UK-Motorcycle-Group](http://www.ipa-uk.org/Section-UK-Motorcycle-Group)

## IPA Austria Help Flood Victims

**Otto König, Secretary General Section Austria, reported that in May 2014 Bosnia and Herzegovina was hit by the most severe floods for a century, claiming more than 30 lives and making more than 95,000 families homeless - including many police officers and IPA members.**

International relief campaigns were launched and our large IPA-family also helped afflicted colleagues with a substantial donation.

Despite all these efforts to help the affected families, IPA Austria recognised, that for many children, Christmas 2014 would not be as joyful. Therefore the Austrian national board decided to donate money for children's clothes and toys to the ten families of IPA members in Section Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Speaking about the results of the appeals Otto said, "Shiny children's eyes under the Christmas tree - we achieved our aim! Cooperation and aid in its best form!"



## IYG Selection Made

**The two people chosen to represent Section UK at the 2015 International Youth Gathering (IYG) in Spain are Lucy Stenhouse and Fay Wills.**

On hearing the news the girls were delighted. Rob Stenhouse admitted that when his daughter Lucy heard the news she literally danced around the room.

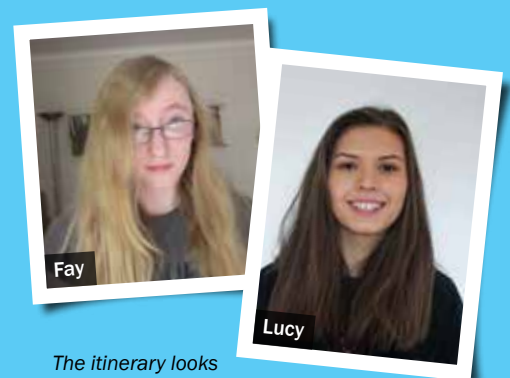
Lucy said, "I have been aware of the IYG trips for several years but have had to wait until I turned sixteen and therefore eligible to apply. Ever since my sister Laura went to Romania in 2005 with

the IYG, I have set my heart on going to one of these events myself. As well as being a once in a life time opportunity which she still talks about to this day, it looked really impressive on her CV and helped her with many things including getting her Duke of Edinburgh award, getting into university, and getting the job of her dreams. Receiving the phone call telling me I had been selected was amazing and I cannot put into words how ecstatic and honoured I feel. I am now looking forward to travelling to Spain and meeting all the other participants.

The itinerary looks amazing, I really can't wait to get started."

Fay Wills was also really pleased to have been selected. She told Police World, "I'm incredibly excited at the prospect of going to Spain, meeting people from all over the world and participating in the different activities with them. I can't wait until the trip in August!"

To find out more about the IYG programme visit: [www.ipa-iac.org/content.php?pageId=16](http://www.ipa-iac.org/content.php?pageId=16)



# Impromptu IPA Meeting

Scott Patton, a Section USA member visited the UK for the Arthur Troop Centenary weekend in December 2014. Mike Vince, from IPA Thames Valley branch, met up with him in Birmingham just prior to his return to USA.

After friendly chat, Mike presented Scott with an IPA memento and wished him a safe journey home.

Scott is a retired Sheriff from Miami, Florida and wined when Mike mentioned his liking of the current TV show here in UK – CSI Miami.



Scott Patton

# CHRISTMAS Came Early

**Cliff Bryan received an unexpected visit and gift in the week before Christmas.**

Cliff, of West Mercia branch suffered a stroke in 2013, whilst on holiday in America. During his long hospitalisation he had visits and assistance from members of Section USA. Kevin Gordon, President of Section USA was one such member.

In mid-December 2014, Kevin visited the UK to attend the Arthur Troop Centenary celebrations and won a special celebration cake in the raffle. Before flying home he visited Cliff and passed on the cake for Cliff to enjoy.

A touching story demonstrating the goodwill and friendship which exists between members, not just at Christmas but throughout the year.



Cliff Bryan

# Great Moments with Arthur

**Police World wants to publish articles and news stories about 'Great Moments with Arthur Troop'.** Have you got a story to tell of a previous meeting or shared event with the founder of the IPA?

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Arthur Troop 1964



Arthur Troop 1975

# South Wales Branch Cement New Friendship at Christmas

**There wasn't any snow on the ground for South Wales branch members during their visit to the Christmas markets in Belgium, but that didn't prevent them and their families from enjoying a superb event.** In fact, they had such a good time they are now in the process of cementing the friendship with Mechelen branch by putting in place a Twinning Agreement.

Branch Secretary Denis Hunt said, "We were met by two local IPA members, James and Irene, who hosted a wonderful meal in a small local restaurant. As is usual on such occasions, IPA pennants and other items were exchanged. James presented our branch with a replica police truncheon, adorned with the local police badge."

The following days included visits to the Christmas markets in Antwerp and Brussels. Many of the party agreed that the market in

Mechelen, and the town itself, was in fact more picturesque than those of the larger cities. South Wales branch recommend other IPA branches to pay Mechelen a visit as it has a very active IPA branch with a large membership. It is also a relatively easy town to drive to - midway between Brussels and Antwerp - with excellent restaurants of a very high standard and the Novotel in the centre of Mechelen makes a great base.



Members enjoying a meal in a local restaurant

## New Member Steps up to the Plate



**When West Mercia branch notified IPA HQ of their committee for 2015, one member stood out because of his length of membership.**

Julian Mawdesley enrolled only last year and the Communications Team was intrigued as to why Julian was willing to volunteer and how he'd used his membership so far. In his story that appears on Web News: [www.ipa-uk.org/News/new-member-steps-up-to-the-plate](http://www.ipa-uk.org/News/new-member-steps-up-to-the-plate) Julian says,

*"I have just started my second year as an IPA member and I have no regrets in joining! I retired on a thirty year pension in 2009 and after the initial 'joy' of not having to get out of bed in the morning for work, I became restless. Nothing prepares you for the loss of the camaraderie and the common goals that you once had.*

*Now with more time on my hands I wanted to feel part of the 'family' again and took advantage of the free one year option to join. Since then I have attended my region's AGM where I met with colleagues that I had once worked with and new contacts that made me feel welcome and useful.*

*I would encourage IPA members to promote membership to their colleagues and for any serving or retired member of the police family to look at the IPA web site and seriously consider joining the scheme as the benefits and social connections open to its members worldwide will broaden and enhance your life."*

**Assist Other Members? Visit the Notice Board: [www.ipa-uk.org/Notice-Board](http://www.ipa-uk.org/Notice-Board)**

## 11 Region Host 3 Region, Sweden, in London

**There has been a strong friendship between IPA members in 3 Region, Gothenburg and members in 11 Region, UK, for some time now.**

In January, members from Gothenburg visited the UK for sightseeing in London and parts of the South-East. Their trip ending with a weekend get together with UK members.

The group took advantage of the new offer from Fun London Tours which is available to IPA members. Their day was spent taking a very interesting walking tour entitled 'Secret London'. The tour focused on the area of Trafalgar Square, Charing Cross and The Embankment and was led by Matt Gedge, pictured right, of Fun London Tours.

Mick Abbott said, *"We visited the National Police Memorial adjacent to Admiralty Arch, to pay our respects to fallen colleagues. A bar on The Embankment beckoned and we shared stories whilst sampling their mulled wine to warm us on what was now a chilly late afternoon."*

Later the group headed to The Union Jack Club for some R&R before they gathered for an evening meal in the Club's restaurant.

Mick added, *"We all had a convivial evening and have strengthened our links even more."*

IPA members can take advantage of this wonderful Union Jack Club facility, by becoming a 'temporary member' during their stay. For more information about this and Fun London Tours visit: [www.ipa-uk.org/Members-Only-Offers](http://www.ipa-uk.org/Members-Only-Offers)



Matt Gedge

## In Memory

**John McKittrick**, from Central Scotland branch, passed away 14 February, 2015, aged 80. John was an active bowler and attended many IPA trips and functions. He will be sadly missed. Notified by Andy Wright.

**Stanley Hodges**, Warwickshire and Coventry branch. Stanley joined the IPA in 1961 and was an active member until ill health at Christmas, 2014. Notified by Lyn Attwood.

## IPA 7 Region Quizzers Battle for Trophy

**Marilyn McQueen, Devon branch, and Val Mearns, Cornwall branch, were congratulated for organising another joint branch quiz event at Betty Cottles Inn, Okehampton.**

Twenty five people attended the quiz, which is proving ever more popular with members and their families.

Devon branch Secretary, Graham Bulford, said, *"Devon branch lost the trophy to Cornwall - so we are waiting for another opportunity to win it back! If you are a quizzier, do come along and join in, we need your help!"*



7 Region quizzers enjoying the evening

Contact: [devon@ipa-uk.org](mailto:devon@ipa-uk.org) if you want to take part in the next event.

# Order Your Limited Edition Jedd Print Today - £10 +pp

A Limited Edition print was specially commissioned for the IPA West Mercia branch in 2009 to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the IPA - which took place in 2010. The print, which depicts IPA members in uniform from around the world, is by the very successful police artist John R Edwards, a retired West Mercia officer, better known as JEDD, who is also an IPA member.

Each picture was signed by JEDD and signed by the IPA President of Section UK at that time, Steve Connor.

The central figure is a caricature of Len Washer, who was recruited by Arthur Troop - the founder of the IPA.

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## Friendship Cruise Aboard the Braemar

**Sussex branch has maintained a close relationship with their colleagues in the Normandy capital of Rouen for over forty years; many personal friendships have developed outside of the biannual visits that take place between the two IPA branches.**

For the 2014 meeting Sussex members travelled aboard the Fred Olsen Cruise Lines ship 'Braemar' - on a three night cruise to Rouen leaving Southampton on an overnight crossing.

The next day was spent cruising the Seine, from its mouth at Le Havre some 60 miles to the city of Rouen, docking in the early afternoon. Some members made use of the free shuttle into the town, whilst the more adventurous took a coach trip into Paris missing the very nice dinner back aboard ship.

The following morning, members of Rouen branch met us as we disembarked. We walked to the shops, in the much developed quayside, before taking a long relaxing coffee break with our friends.

The trip was all too brief and after a delightful visit we returned to the 'Braemar' and that evening she slid beneath the illuminated Pont Normandie, the road bridge that spans the river Seine, on its return crossing to Southampton.

**David Stamp**, Sussex branch



Members meet in Rouen



Enjoying fine cuisine aboard the Braemar

## Win a bottle of Centenary Whisky

After the successful production of the Arthur Troop Centenary Whisky, 1 Region Scotland have decided to offer a very special and unique bottle as a raffle prize. Bottle Number 1 of the 25 year old Single Speyside Malt Whisky will be the only prize. Only 120 bottles of this whisky have been produced (original cost £80 per bottle) and as this is the first bottle its value will only increase. The bottle will be in a special presentation box and the winner will also receive a certificate of authenticity.

The raffle tickets are £5 each and the draw will take place on Thursday 13 August, 2015, at the Central Scotland Branch Friendship Week Gala Dinner in Stirling.

Tickets available from Andy Wright at: [1region@ipa-uk.org](mailto:1region@ipa-uk.org)

Remember, you need to be in it to win it!



# A Privileged Phelan

During a Nottinghamshire branch meeting held at IPA HQ - Section UK, Gurmit Kaur, branch Chair, presented Michael Phelan with a 40 Years Membership Certificate.

Gurmit said, "I felt privileged to make the presentation to Michael and enjoyed chatting with him as he reminisced over the many years of membership that he has enjoyed."



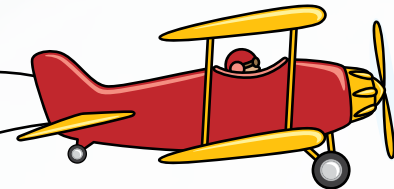
Gurmit Kaur with Michael Phelan



Nottinghamshire branch at IPA HQ - Section UK



## A Flying Visit



### Was Well Worth It!

In November 2014, members of IPA Section Norway visited Manchester in what can only be described as a flying visit. They watched the football match between Manchester United and Hull City. Neil Baldwin, a member from 3 Region, met them at the airport and took them on a tour of Old Trafford museum and

football ground.

Neil said, "I took them to the Police Club and they met up with some Polish IPA members who were also visiting Manchester. Earlier, we found a nice café to have breakfast and my guests were so

impressed that they took a picture of the staff. After the game I said to one of the group, 'My wife thinks you are mad coming all this way just to watch a football match', to which he replied, 'Mine too!'

Photo below: Neil with the visitors from Norway

Photo below left: The ladies from the café



# IPA North Wales Members Recognised

At an IPA North Wales branch lunch members Sylvia Hulme, John Heddwyn Jones and Alan Sturgess were presented with long service membership certificates.

After lunch, branch Chair Alan Sturgess welcomed guests from Section New Zealand - Bruce Hutton and John Coomber both former presidents of Section New Zealand, who were being hosted by North Wales branch Secretary David Moore.

Photo below: Left to right Arnold Woolley, Alan Sturgess, John Hedwynn Jones, Sylvia Hulme



North Wales branch members

# Romania Awarded the IPA Sports Trophy

The IPA Sports Trophy for 2013 has been awarded to IPA Section Romania.

The IPA International Social Commission (ISC) Chair, Gal Sharon, said, "Sports is part of our training and a major activity in all police forces. In 2013, the ISC proposed a new formula for evaluating the achievements of the Sections in sports activities.

The new formula examines the number of members in relation to the number of events and the amount of activity. As a result of this formula, Section Lithuania was awarded the sports trophy for 2012. In 2013, IPA Romania organised 324

sports events with 23,750 participants.

Our message to all Sections is simple:

'Excellence is not only dependent on the size of the Section. In the case of Romania, they were simply the best and we congratulate them!'

Photo: (above) shows International President Pierre-Martin Moulin, Section Romania President Costică Voicu, and Gal Sharon





# Arthur Troop Scholarship 2016 - Apply Today

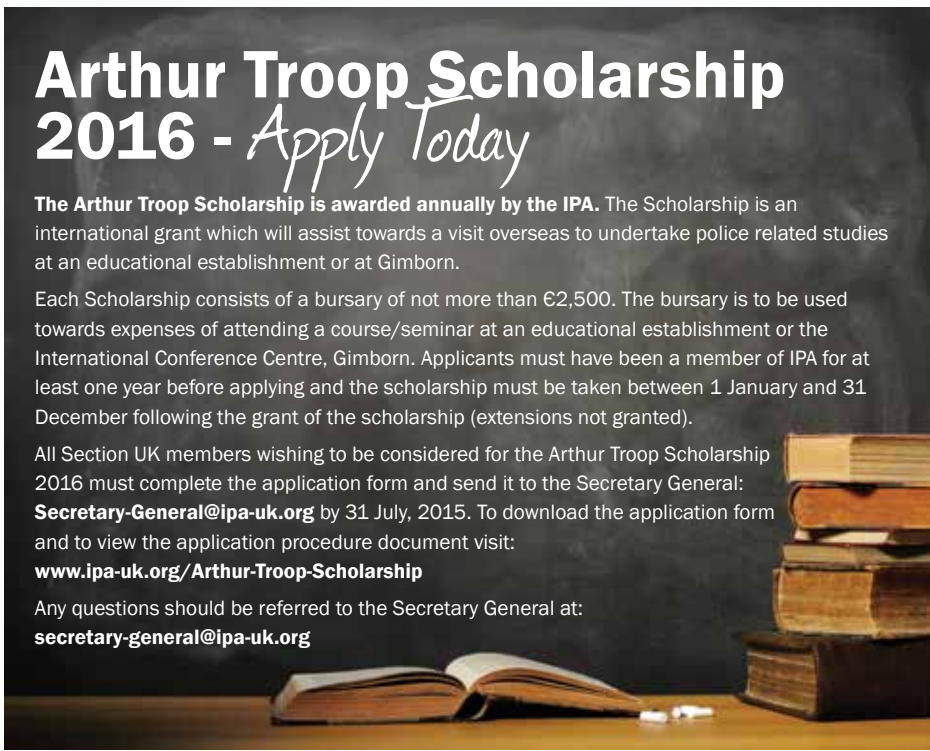
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All Section UK members wishing to be considered for the Arthur Troop Scholarship 2016 must complete the application form and send it to the Secretary General: **Secretary-General@ipa-uk.org** by 31 July, 2015. To download the application form and to view the application procedure document visit:

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Any questions should be referred to the Secretary General at: **secretary-general@ipa-uk.org**



## Thank You ILDEP

**Klaus Bertsch, a Chief Superintendent and Training Officer in Germany, has written a letter thanking the IPA and Nottinghamshire police for providing an International Learning and Development Programme (ILDEP) exchange for two German police officers.**

He wrote, "I would like to thank you and your colleagues from Nottinghamshire police. Many thanks for your frankness and willingness to host and take care of our students. Please give my thanks to all the other colleagues of yours that were involved in the internship. The students were enthusiastic after their return. They gained a lot of experience that they will never forget."



Lisa (left) and Vera (seated right)

Lisa Mende and Vera Volmary completed their own ILDEP exchange in July, 2014.

As part of their programme Lisa and Vera spent time with Nottinghamshire's Underwater Unit. Both officers, who are members of the IPA Section Germany, followed separate itineraries to match their individual learning needs. Their day with the Underwater Unit was a good opportunity for them to learn not just from Nottinghamshire police officers, but from each other.

ILDEP has been developed to provide a professional programme ensuring members get the best possible learning experience

they can. A National Co-ordinator facilitates placements with police organisations in all IPA Sections (countries), leading to professional development at individual and organisational level.

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## Section UK Charity Ball 2015 - with X Factor's Danielle

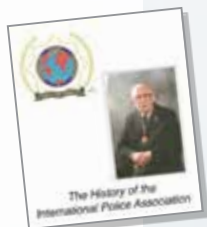
The IPA Section UK Charity Ball 2015, in aid of the National Police Memorial Day, will take place at the Albert Hall, Nottingham, Saturday 18 July. Tickets are £35 per person and are available from [michele.rai@ipa-uk.org](mailto:michele.rai@ipa-uk.org) or **01159813638**.

The singer Danielle, who is best known for reaching the Boot Camp stage of the X Factor, will be performing a variety of songs during the evening.

Ticket price includes: Entertainment, 3 course meal, with vegetarian option, and a disco. Seating will be arranged 10 to a table.

## International IPA History updated

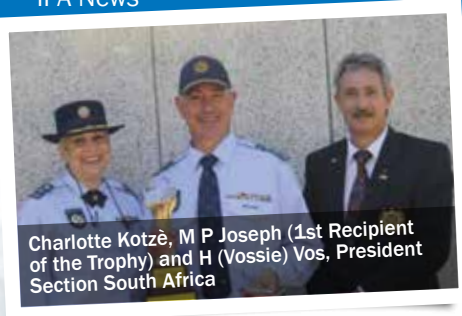
The IPA International History document, created in 2013, has been updated. The document contains a wealth of information on all IPA Sections, conference locations and details of all the international board members over the years. You can download the document from the IPA USA website: [www.ipa-usa.org/IPA](http://www.ipa-usa.org/IPA)



## Sale - Get Yours Before They're Gone

The Arthur Troop Centenary pin badge is now only £1 including postage and packing. To order visit: [www.ipa-uk.org/Shop](http://www.ipa-uk.org/Shop)





Charlotte Kotzè, M P Joseph (1st Recipient of the Trophy) and H (Vossie) Vos, President Section South Africa

## Be the Best

**Section South Africa is continuously looking for ways to support the South African Police Service (SAPS) and its members and to encourage and enhance skills and performance.**

During recent conversations between Section South Africa Vice President, Jakkie Van Litsenborgh, and the Commander of the SAPS Training facility in Paarl, Charlotte Kotzè, the need to encourage learners to perform well was identified.

Section South Africa decided to support SAPS with the sponsoring of a trophy for the best learner in the Station Management Learning Programme (SMLP).

On the 21 November 2014, Section South Africa President, Vossie Vos and Vice President Jakkie Van Litsenborgh attended a graduation ceremony and handed over a certificate and the trophy to the best learner, Brigadier M P Joseph from Moroka SAPS, Soweto – who is himself an IPA member.

# IPA STEP BACK IN TIME



**Twenty Thames Valley branch members visited the Milestones Museum at Basingstoke, Hampshire as part of a branch social outing.** The museum has recreated a Victorian street, under cover, with a real Victorian pub, classic cars and trams.

Pauline Osborne, branch Social Secretary, said "There were so many of the items we remember seeing from our childhood. Remember the copper boilers, mangles and the bakelite telephones - even the penny arcade."

There were a few items that the group couldn't identify; these fascinated the children who attended with the group. "It was all a wonder to them" said Pauline.

Pauline went on to explain some highlights, "We exchanged our modern money for pre decimal currency to buy a penny's worth of rationed sweets and even found time for a swift half in the pub and yes it did have a 'Joanna'."

To cap it all one eagle eyed member spied the telephone number '1212' in the public phone box. Seems familiar?

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## Lottery Results

**The winners for December were:** 1st – Keith Wren, 3 Region - £100; 2nd – Clive Wood, 5 Region - £50; 3rd – Steve Bretherton, 8 Region - £30. **January:** 1st – William Orr, 2 Region - £100; 2nd – Dave Taylor, 3 Region - £50; 3rd – Steve Palmer, 8 Region - £30. **February:** 1st – Steve Bretherton, 8 Region - £100; 2nd – Dennis Walland, 5 Region - £55; 3rd – Karl Landeg, 4 Region - £35

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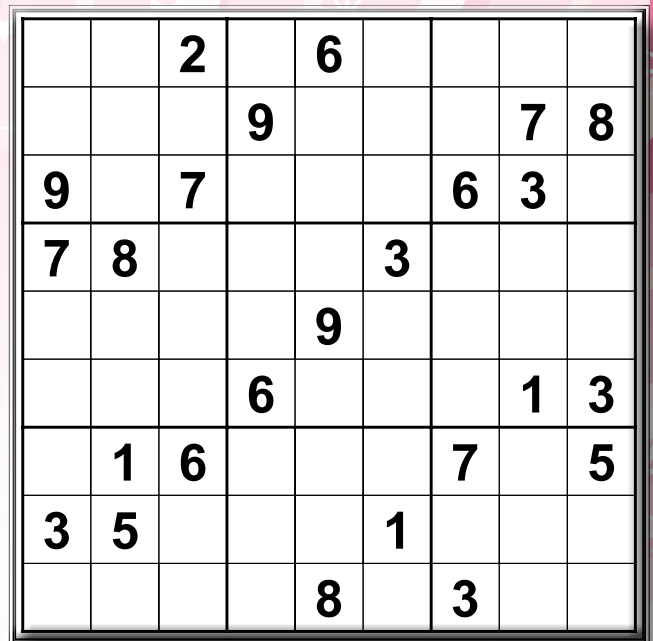
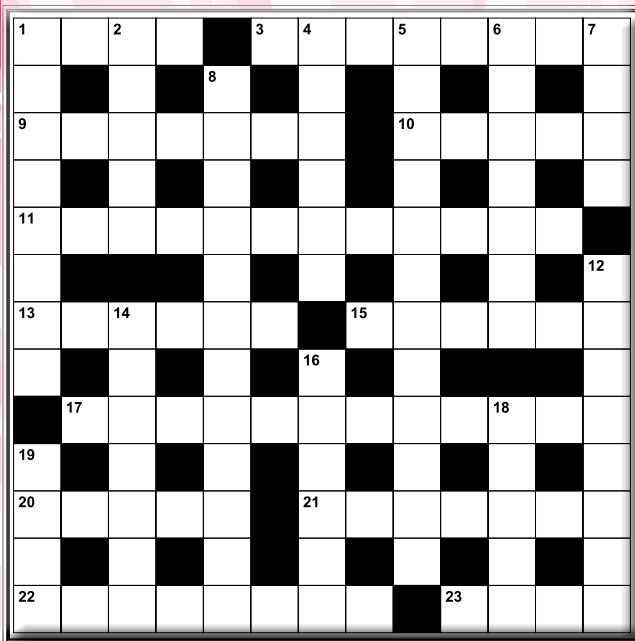
## Puzzles

In this edition we are giving you the chance to win in our crossword competition a copy of Sir John Dunne - Cumbria's First and Most Extraordinary Chief Constable by Alan Bryant. Enter the sudoku competition and win a copy of The Man in the Canary Waistcoat by Susan Grossey.

Solve the puzzles and then send them in. The lucky winners will be drawn out of the hat. Books supplied by Pixel Teaks Publications and Create Space Independent Publishing Platform. Send the completed crossword to: Lee Hemmings, Editor, International Police Association, IPA HQ - Section UK, 1 Fox Road, West Bridgford. Nottingham, NG2 6AJ. Please include your name, address and membership number. The deadline for entries is 19 June, 2015.

### Edition 2 Winners:

Congratulations to Terry Walsh, 3 Region for winning the crossword competition and to Thomas Fergusson, 1 Region, for correctly solving the sudoku.



### Across

- 1 - Pollinating insects (4)
- 3 - Sudden release of emotion (8)
- 9 - Identifying outfit (7)
- 10 - Possessor (5)
- 11 - Not allowable (12)
- 13 - Too many to be counted (6)
- 15 - Broad area of something (6)
- 17 - An idea that is added later (12)
- 20 - All (5)
- 21 - Computer peripheral (7)
- 22 - Woke up (8)
- 23 - Hair colourants (4)

### Down

- 1 - Fashion shop (8)
- 2 - Andrew Lloyd Webber musical (5)
- 4 - Uncover (6)
- 5 - Style of piano-based blues (6-6)
- 6 - Lock of curly hair (7)
- 7 - Rotate (4)
- 8 - Pungent gas used as a preservative (12)
- 12 - Cowboy films (8)
- 14 - Crisp plain fabric (7)
- 16 - Area of flat unforested grassland (6)
- 18 - Courageous (5)
- 19 - Second Greek letter (4)



### About the books

**Sir John Dunne:** The biography of a man who became the most powerful senior police officer in Victorian Britain. Among his many achievements are: The longest serving police officer with 64 years' service; He was instrumental in introducing many news laws, some of which are still in place today; He was also the youngest police officer at the age of 14 years and the youngest Chief Constable. The author is offering the book at the special price of £10 + £3pp. To order contact: [alan.bryant183@sky.com](mailto:alan.bryant183@sky.com)

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## Sixty - Not Out!

**Great Grandfather and Thames Valley branch member, Les Cummings, has been presented with his 60 years IPA continuous membership certificate by Mike Vince, Thames Valley branch Treasurer.**

Still active and driving, Les attends branch social events on a regular basis.



## HQ Staffing Change

**Section UK said goodbye to staff member Lee Hemmings on 20 March 2015 when he moved to a full-time position with a graphic design agency.**

Lee first came to IPA as an agency 'temp' in 2008. At that time, his main role was to fulfil the graphic design requirements of producing Police World magazine and publicity brochures. Such was his adaptability and capability, it was agreed that he should be coached fully into the role of Editor and was offered a permanent position on the staff in 2012.

In addition to producing Police World, Lee put news and material on the Section's website and produced promotional and other printed materials.

Lee will be missed by his staff colleagues, the National Executive Committee and IPA members who have come to know him for his kind and helpful nature.

Good luck Lee and IPA wishes you every success in your new job.



## Stamp of Approval

**Staffordshire Branch, along with guests from the Rotary Club visited the Assay Office in Birmingham. After light refreshments we were given a very informative talk on the opening of the Assay Office in 1773, and the move to the current office in Newall Street in 1877.** This is a splendid building with oak panelled rooms and a beautiful tiled entrance hall but the office has outgrown its purpose and will be moving to a new building later this year.

After the talk we visited the silver display and the old library. It was a most enjoyable visit.

**Point of interest:** Birmingham has the Assay hall mark of an Anchor. Matthew Boulton who was the founder of the Assay Office went to London to promote an Act of Parliament to allow the establishment of an Assay Office in Birmingham. He also represented the Sheffield Cutlers who wanted to have an office in Sheffield. His campaign had been conducted in the Crown and Anchor Tavern in the Strand. When the Act was passed, Sheffield got the mark of the Crown and Birmingham the Anchor.

**Bob Lea, Staffordshire branch**



## 5 Region Change to Regional Secretary

**Having been Nottinghamshire branch Secretary for a little over a year I was humbled to have so much support and encouragement in becoming the 5 Region Secretary.**

During my year as branch secretary, I have thoroughly enjoyed developing the pre-existing newsletter, The Round Robin, and being a part of a developing organisation that really does have friendship at the heart of everything it does.

I was a little apprehensive to begin with, as I work full time in a very busy department, have two young children and have a fast approaching wedding to plan and organise. However, with such a fantastic team made up of both branch and Regional members, all offering support and encouragement, how could I resist this new and exciting challenge.

I would very much like to thank Sean Hannigan, former Regional Secretary, for all his help and support to date and each and every member for their votes of confidence. I am very much looking forward to working with and on behalf of all 5 Region members.

**Jenny Alexander, 5 Region Secretary**



## Gala Weekend

**11 Region is organising a Gala weekend including a comedy night with dinner, bed and breakfast.** Come and explore the local places of interest that Kent has to offer - including Leeds Castle being just twenty minutes drive from the hotel. Check their attractions at [www.leeds-castle.com](http://www.leeds-castle.com) and [www.visitkent.co.uk](http://www.visitkent.co.uk)

For more information turn to page 31 or contact: [michael.abbott4@btinternet.com](mailto:michael.abbott4@btinternet.com) or **07703 220857.**



## North West Strike Out

**2 Region's North West Branch hosted a bowling event in Coleraine in March.** It was well attended by a mix of long-standing and new members and their partners, with 15 bowlers taking part.

Alwyn Miller, David Parkhill and Björn O'Brien claimed victories with the highest scores. The event was generously funded by North West branch and given the success it may well become a regular fixture.

**Jenny Obrien, North West branch**

For a comprehensive and up-to-date list of events, including branch meetings, sports events, social events and late notifications, visit:

[www.ipa-uk.org/Event-Catalog](http://www.ipa-uk.org/Event-Catalog)  
or contact IPA HQ - Section UK.

## June

**Section UK's 2015 National Council Meeting (NCM)** will take place 4-7 June at Theobalds Park Hotel, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire. [www.devervenues.co.uk/en/venues/theobalds-park/](http://www.devervenues.co.uk/en/venues/theobalds-park/) **Contact:** 9region@ipa-uk.org

**5 Region - Leicestershire Branch Skittles Evening** 5 June at the Black Dog Pub, Oadby, Leicestershire.

**Contact:** leicestershire@ipa-uk.org

**Section UK National Golf Tournament** will take place 24-25 June at the The Hanbury Manor Golf Club and 5\* Hotel Complex. **Contact:** stephen494@hotmail.co.uk or stanway1566@outlook.com

**2 Region - Golf Society Outing** 24 June at the Mahee Island Golf Club. Tee Off 10am - Cost £25 includes Meal. **Contact:** mark.kernohan@btinternet.com

**5 Region - Leicestershire Branch River Soar Walk** 28 June. Tales of the Riverbank, part 3. A trip by mini bus along the course of the River Soar, from Leicester City towards Loughborough. **Contact:** leicestershire@ipa-uk.org

## July

**3 Region - Blackpool & North Lancashire Branch Social Evening** - 8 July at the Mercure Bolton Georgian House Hotel, Manchester Road, Blackrod, Bolton, BL6 5RU. **Contact:** blackpool-and-north-lancashire@ipa-uk.org

**3 Region - Humberside Branch Lunch** 15 July at the Windmill, Dunnington, York. **Contact:** humberside@ipa-uk.org

**Section UK Charity Ball 2015** - 18 July in aid of the National Police Memorial Day, will take place at the Albert Hall, Nottingham. Tickets are £35 per person and are available from [michele.rai@ipa-uk.org](mailto:michele.rai@ipa-uk.org) or **01159 813638**



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## 5 Region - Nottinghamshire Branch BBQ

27 July at Section UK HQ, 1 Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 6AJ; in the 'new look' garden. Partners and children welcome. Please let us know you are coming so that we can buy enough food. **Contact:** nottinghamshire@ipa-uk.org

## August

**1 Region - Central Scotland Branch Friendship Break** - 8 August FULLY BOOKED. **Contact:** 1region@ipa-uk.org

**7 Region - Avon and Somerset Branch Charity Cream Tea** 9 August in aid of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. **Contact:** avon-and-somerset@ipa-uk.org

## IPA Motorcycle Group - Summer BBQ & Melton Mowbray Weekend

16 August at Thorpe Arnold Cricket Club. **Contact:** motorcycling@ipa-uk.org

**3 Region - Humberside Branch Meal** 19 August at Walkers Fish Restaurant, East Ayton, Scarborough. **Contact:** humberside@ipa-uk.org

**5 Region - Nottinghamshire Branch Meal at Nandos** 20 August on the Ikea Retail Park (A610) Ikea Way, Nottingham, NG16 2RP. Suitable for kids and adults, partners or colleagues. **Contact:** nottinghamshire@ipa-uk.org

**2 Region - Golf Society Outing** 26 August at Clandeboye Dufferin Course. Tee off 10am - cost £25 includes a meal - visitors welcome. **Contact:** mark.kernohan@btinternet.com

## September

**11 Region - Sussex Branch Visit to IPA Rouen.** 18-21 September. Foot passengers £30 return. Car with 4 passengers £108 return. **Contact:** 11region@ipa-uk.org

**11 Region - Sussex Branch Visit by Waldshut-Tiengen,** Section Germany 23-26 September, 2015. A programme is being arranged. **Contact:** sussex@ipa-uk.org

**11 Region - Gala Weekend in Kent** 25 - 27 September at Ashford International Hotel, Ashford, Kent. Full programme of events. Cost for this weekend is just £150 - a deposit of £25 per person is required at the time of booking. Visit: [www.ipa-uk.org/Event-Catalog/Event-Catalog/Social/11-Region--Kent-Branch/23972](http://www.ipa-uk.org/Event-Catalog/Event-Catalog/Social/11-Region--Kent-Branch/23972) **Contact:** michael.abbott4@btinternet.com

**5 Region - Nottinghamshire Branch Indoor Karting and More** 25 September at Langar Karting & Quad centre, Harby Road, Nottingham, NG13 NHY. Come and have some fun at Nottingham's only indoor go-karting circuit, with 450m of track and brand new 270cc karts. Suitable for children aged 10 and above. **Contact:** nottinghamshire@ipa-uk

**5 Region - Mallory Park Race Day** 26 September at Mallory Park, Leicestershire on Saturday. **Contact:** leicestershire@ipa-uk.org

## October

**3 Region - Scarborough Branch Stuttgart Beer Festival + Ludwigsburg Twinning Trip** 1-5 October in Zuffenhausen, Stuttgart. The trip will include an evening at the Cannstatter Volksfest (otherwise known as the Stuttgart Beer Festival). Hotel costs 84 Euro per twin/double room or 54 Euro per single room per night including breakfast. Tickets to beer festival around 40 Euro. **Contact:** scarborough@ipa-uk.org

**2 Region - Golf Society Outing** 7 October at Cairndhu - Tee off 10am - cost £25 includes a meal - visitors welcome. **Contact:** mark.kernohan@btinternet.com

**10 Region - Annual Clay Pigeon Shoot 2015** 11 October, at Purleigh near Chelmsford Essex. The event comprises 50 shots with expert tuition from a fully qualified safety officer. All skill levels are welcome. £40 per head (£35 for 10 Region members) includes a 'big burger' (vegetarian available) plus unlimited tea and coffee. **Contact:** 10region@ipa-uk.org

**3 Region - Humberside Branch Lunch** 21 October at the Country Park Inn, Hessle, on the river near the Humber Bridge. **Contact:** humberside@ipa-uk.org

## November

**5 Region - Nottinghamshire Branch Trip to The Gurkha Kitchen** 4 November at The Gurkha Kitchen, Glaisedale Drive West, Wollaton, Nottingham, NG8 4GY. **Contact:** nottinghamshire@ipa-uk.org

**5 Region - Staffordshire Branch Talk on "The Land Girls"** - 12 November. A guest speaker will talk about "The Land Girls" from world war two. **Contact:** staffordshire@ipa-uk.org

## Caravan & Camping Rallies

**Stoke Bruerne Rally** - 7-12 May, at Stoke Bruerne Canal Village, Towcester, Northamptonshire, NN12 7SE. **Contact:** albert.ann@ntlworld.com

**Seaside Rally** - 28 May-4 June at The Sportsfield, Berry Lane, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 6DL. **Contact:** susan.golds@tesco.net

**Carsington Water Rally** - 18-23 June at Ashbourne, Derbyshire. **Contact:** dave.gailashley@tiscali.co.uk

**Pasty and Cream Rally** - 1-7 July at Liskeard, Cornwall, PL14 5AG with extended stay of 28 days. **Contact:** john.tucker50@btinternet.com

**Broads Rally** - 29 July-12 August at Staithe Road, Ludham, Norfolk, NR29 5NP. **Contact:** steve.palmer264@virgin.net

**Blackpool Rally** 1-4 October, 3 nights, at Barlow Crescent, Blackpool, Lancashire, FY3 9EQ. **Contact:** danny.kaye@blueyonder.co.uk

**Burnham Carnival Rally** 4-11 November, Burnham on Sea Rugby Club, Stoddens Road, Burnham on Sea, TA8 2NZ. **Contact:** mikepaxton01@aol.com

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