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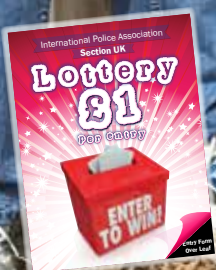
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...Vespas?**

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Police Educators special interest group,

Recently I had the opportunity to visit Polish colleagues in Krakow. I was there to train officers in Human Rights compliant policing of minorities and was hosted by Major Pawel Karnas, their Human Rights advisor

As a member of Section UK Police Educators special interest group I would welcome enquiries from prospective new members to boost our numbers.

Robin Young

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Working on your behalf

A very warm welcome to the latest edition of Police World which I hope you will find engaging and showcases what the IPA continues to offer you as a member.



For some reason I always find this the hardest 'Working On Your Behalf' article to write mainly due to the fact I am writing this in warm sunshine in my back garden prior to going on my summer holiday in the knowledge that it will be read when there

are darker nights and winter is more-or-less upon us. If you are like me then planning a future break in the sunshine is a must to help me through the months of winter as well as ensuring I have sent off the requisite IPA Travel Form!

As this is the last edition of the year I feel it is important to reaffirm some key messages that were delivered at the National Council meeting back in June so we don't end up at 'Heartbreak Ridge'.

Our journey does continue at home through the rolling 'Member Journey' initiative and as a Section we continue to engage internationally through our attendance at many forums such as World Congress, the Northern European Forum, and the Gimborn Kuratorium.

The NEC is seeking out partnership opportunities and by working together to galvanise ideas we shall have a Partnerships Strategy in place by 2018.

The NEC shall continue to support activity, increase member opportunities and roll out a programme of mentor, succession and patron schemes in the year ahead.

These initiatives all come under the umbrella of our 'Four by Four' Strategy which the NEC have now signed off on which will continue to empower the members to recruit and retain, grow the budget through income generation, showcase our iconic events and for the NEC to add further value, be visible and ensure we listen to the membership. This is a collective responsibility by working together as a team.

My last WOYB talked about communications and this time I ask for us to remember our IPA beginnings and always put 'Friendship First' in anything we undertake.

Two key areas I particular want to emphasise once again as we head towards 2018 are 'Member Opportunities' and 'Events'.

The NEC and I are very committed to enabling as many members as possible to represent the Section at international events rather than it just being office holder centric. We work very hard to secure invites from other IPA Sections and it is a shame when the event passes without a UK member attending to represent us.

Some recent examples this year of where we have not be able to send a UK member is an offer of a week working in France with French colleagues and likewise an opportunity to go to the Netherlands on a Young Officers gathering.

There has been some success where we sent two members to the International Young Officers Seminar in the USA and we supported a member to attend an International Women's Seminar in Romania.

Within the last year or so we have supported members to go to Macau, Italy and Poland to name a few. Equally we ran a competition for two members to go to South Africa and we took twelve UK members to Poland for a football competition.

Closer to home the NEC have offered members the opportunity to attend cricket matches with the ICC Trophy including tickets for the Women's Cricket World Cup held at Lords.

The NEC do not hear or always see all the opportunities that are out there but ask if you see an opportunity that will bring benefits to our association and members please let me know to see how the NEC can support the event.

My appeal to you as readers is to spread the word around member opportunities which are always published in the news items on the front page of our new website and other media channels so please review regularly if you can.

There are of course other Professional long standing opportunities which are Gimborn, the Arthur Troop Scholarship, ILDEP and the more recently announced Section UK 'Lincoln Award'. If you want further details or information on how to apply please contact staff at HQ or a member of the NEC.

There are member study grants available, which can be on any subject matter, by becoming a member of the Section UK's lottery. You only have to buy one ticket a month at a cost of £1 to be eligible to apply for a share of the yearly lottery monies or even win a monthly cash prize. None of the lottery money raised goes towards administration. You can join the lottery on the website or contact HQ for further details.

At July's NEC meeting a significant part of the day was taken up with the planning of three events in Section UK. The first was the Cyber Crime Seminar which was held in September over two days.

The second was Members Day this December where we will be unveiling the Blue Plaque Award for our founder Arthur Troop. There will be an

open house at HQ in the afternoon for members and friends followed by an evening meal at a local restaurant. A number of dignitaries have been invited as well to help us celebrate the occasion. The NEC look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible so if you can attend please book in via the staff at HQ

The International Youth Gathering which we are to host in 2018 was discussed in detail and is led by Vice President Sean Hannigan. The excellent programme proposed will give a mix of professional, social and cultural activities for the two weeks for those who attend and the NEC hope to see a number of applications from the UK. Again further details can be obtained from staff at HQ.

The NEC also began to debate the format of future NCM's as for the first time in 2018 there will be no elections which presents opportunities as to how we operate and organise these weekends in the future. Any suggestions are most welcome.

Looking further ahead the 20-in-2020 methodology was presented as a discussion paper during the meeting. This includes a time scale for decisions to be made by and has been circulated to all office holders. The aim is to host twenty major events. Once again any ideas around events and activity are still wanted to help us celebrate what I hope to be a fantastic year.

To conclude the staff at HQ and the NEC has tried to push as much news out as possible on our media channels with regard to events and member opportunities and ask that you continue to submit your articles into HQ and the Editor so that we can showcase your activity.

Please don't forget his can be done pre-event to attract attendees and equally important is to fill out the events tab on the website as early as possible once your event date is confirmed. This enables extra publicity as well as covering the event for insurance purposes.

Thank you all for your continued support, keep safe and have a fantastic festive period.

Until next time in 2018

Mick Luke

Proud to be President of Section UK.

Meeting of the Northern European Forum

The latest meeting of the Northern European Forum (NEF) took place in Moscow over the weekend of 29th June - 2nd July 2017 with twelve Sections in attendance. President Mick Luke attended as our delegate and made a presentation to Alexsey Gankin, President of Section Russia and IEB office holder of an engraved Section UK Quaich, together with a small whiskey, which was shared as a sign of friendship.

During the meeting a significant number of topics were discussed with the aim of sharing best practice and to have an understanding of the current strengths and ongoing developments within each Section. Comment was made of the current vulnerability of some Sections with regard to recruiting younger members and Jaap Taal, President of Section Netherlands spoke about the 'Gimborn Talks' (an article was published on our website regarding this initiative on the 12th July).

Mick spoke about Recruitment & Retention, Communications, Partnership Working and the need collectively for Sections to be more forward thinking rather than just have strategies in place for the current term of office holders so that the Association's strategies are medium to long term. Mick gave examples of Section UK planning International Events, the 20-in-2020 initiative and other ideas which the Section are currently undertaking. Among many ideas offered by delegates present, Oliver Hoffman gave a presentation of an APP



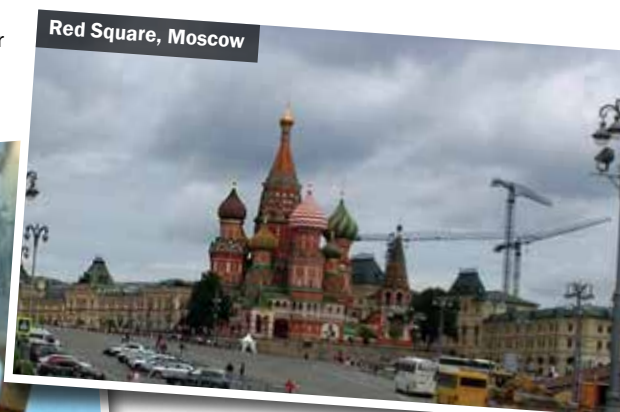
which Section Germany have recently launched which interacts with members regarding events and those interested in becoming a member of the Association. This product will be reviewed by the NEC to see whether it is viable in the UK.

The upcoming World Congress was discussed with delegates asked to discuss motions they intend to propose. Section France presented a motion for a new commission dealing with internal and external communications as they felt this was not effectively being dealt with.

A good discussion was had around the 'lack' of corporacy across the various Sections with regard to IPA branding and how this should be addressed. These discussions continued way beyond the scheduled meeting end leaving delegates with many thoughts and ideas to progress when they got back home.

Thankfully there was an opportunity to have a whistle stop tour of some of the sights in Moscow during the night. Bizarrely a visit to the various older metro stations is recommended as they contain some wonderful architecture and bronze statues. One metro station alone had seventy-five!

A good weekend, which will enable the development of ideas that potentially can be utilised for the benefit of members in the UK.



Young Police Officers' Seminar

Green Bay, Wisconsin

Mike Allen, Nottinghamshire Branch

I was one of 50 delegates from 29 countries lucky enough to attend the Young Police Officers' Seminar, in Green Bay, Wisconsin, USA. Flying into Chicago, I met with other delegates, including fellow UK delegate Tracey Ward and John Goddard from New Zealand, for two days sighting seeing in the 'Windy City.'

Demonstrating the global reach of the IPA aided by the social media, I had met John four months earlier in New Zealand when through the hand of friendship he seconded me into a New Zealand Police white water rafting team.

Specialists from various law enforcement agencies gave lectures on drug trends, the use of social media in policing and Native American Gangs.

Drawing parallels with policing of Organised Crime Groups in the UK, it was striking how the US and UK faced similar issues in all three areas and had many common solutions.

The practical aspects to the seminar, which were to continue throughout the week, began on day two. Hosted by the Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton, we were fortunate to take part in a live shooting exercise on their firearms range and were provided with simulated room clearing weapon training exercises. The facilities were so state of the art that this exercise took place in a mock up hotel, but the range of resources at the college did not stop there. That hotel sat next to a gas station, a full size train derailment training ground and a Boeing 727 aircraft.

This was the very first time I had ever held a real firearm, let alone shot one and just to add to the pressure it was done in front of an ABC News crew, followed by an interview. Clearly, I didn't let the fame go to my head, even after being recognised in a local bar at Green Bay later that evening! My firearms skills were however not a patch on the Appleton Police Department's SWAT team, who with their armoured vehicles, the likes of which I couldn't comprehend ever hitting the streets of the UK, demonstrated the arrest of travelling armed suspects.

As the week progressed, at the Madison Police Department we received a 'Use of Force' presentation and practical training in unarmed defensive tactics. Again and perhaps surprisingly, the similarities with the UK in terms of justification and technical execution, was palpable. Later that afternoon, being the 'Brit' who was used to driving on the 'wrong side of the road' and with a 'Shift stick' I was nominated to try their driving simulator. Like a scene out of Police Academy, I crashed within seconds. But it was good training for when two day later, I was allowed to drive the Brown County SWAT armoured BearCat.

On a visit to the State Capitol building in Madison, witnessing where state law was made, we received a standing ovation from the politicians in the Parliament chamber. This was a truly humbling experience and was a reflection of the tangible respect that so many of the US citizens had for policing. Throughout the week, I lost count of the number of people who would say 'Thanks for your service' when they learnt we were police officers.



Towards the latter end of the week, we took part in further firearms tactics, along with advanced life support training, far outstripping UK first aid training. We also spent the afternoon at a local high school, weapons training in simulated 'Active shooter' exercises. It gave me total admiration for the expertise of a firearms officer and the complexity of their role. It was however worrying that in US schools, the threat of an active shooter is so real that students drill to this threat, in the same fashion that we do to the threat of fire in the UK.



Young Police Officers' Seminar

A PCSO's experience

Tracey Ward

This was the fourth Young Police Officers Seminar, hosted this year in Green Bay Wisconsin, with over 50 police officers from 30 different countries. I was the first ever Police Community Support Officer to attend and it was an unforgettable experience.



After a long flight, I arrived in Chicago and met Mike Allen representing Notts Police and other officers from Poland, Spain, and New Zealand. We took a trip to watch the Chicago Cubs (and in my case learn about baseball), before a walk along the waterfront to attend the Annual Blues Festival.

The sporting theme continued when we were then taken for a private tour of Lambeau Field, home of Green Bay Packers - the only football team in the NFL owned by the town. Here season tickets are hard to come by and can be left in a will and passed down from generation to generation.

Monday was the first official day of the seminar, with over 20 different uniforms all in one room. May Britt-Rinaldo, Vice President and member of the International Executive Board, took the floor to welcome us and tell us the history of the International Police Association. Then we began a day of interesting talks about Drug Trends and Native American Gangs.



We ended the day with a presentation from Jason Weber AKA 'Hollywood' from Fox Crossing, about the use and importance of social media and the ever-growing audience it attracts, with Jason showing us how to keep communities updated.

Later we changed into our 'formal, ceremonial' uniforms for the official seminar photographs. As a Police Community Support Officer I have never had a formal uniform; this meant that I was the only officer in a standard patrol uniform and the others were actually rather jealous of my comfy T-shirts and combat trousers. After admiring the different uniforms from around the world and taking selfies, we headed to Nelson Tactical Trap and Clays Shoot.

On Tuesday we spent the day at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, a site kitted out for training in a variety of fields. This was my first experience with a gun, so when I was given a Glock 9mm, I had no idea how to even load it, let alone how to take off the safety catch. Despite my clearly non-clumsy and trustworthy nature and the fact I asked very very nicely, I was still not allowed to drive the armoured SWAT vehicle. I did, however, receive a leg up and was allowed to get into the vehicle.

On Wednesday we took a trip to Madison, which was over a two-hour drive from Green Bay, and were greeted by Madison Police Department Training Academy. After a show of hands for 'who has what equipment?' and answers of guns, tasers, sprays, batons, handcuffs, they asked 'Tracey, what do you carry?' My answer 'nothing I hold an empty belt, a radio on my vest and where possible use my communication skills' was a first and a real shock to officers - especially those from the USA!

We were shown how to use an enforcer as a method of entry and given an opportunity to have a go. I wasn't quite expecting parts of the wall to come down as you smash the door, but the other officers said I was a natural! In the late afternoon, we took a trip to the State Capital where we were invited to sit in the gallery. Here one of the State Representatives thanked us for the service we provide to the public and we were given a standing ovation - this was a wonderful way to end the day and I felt really grateful and proud of the job I do.

On Saturday, we packed up our belongings and said our goodbyes to the amazing people and the great memories we'd made. I went off to continue my American adventure in New York, Philadelphia and Washington DC, ticking a number of things off my bucket list in the process.

Sun, lakes, mountains

Steve Bretherton Cambridgeshire branch

Cambridgeshire branch members, Phil Barnes and Steve Bretherton travelled to Klagenfurt in the Austrian Alps to take part in the Mittelkarnten Branch 30th anniversary friendship week.



Phil Barnes covets number plate

The visit in June was the latest exchange between branches in Bielsko-Biala in Poland, Wolfsburg in Germany, Mittelkarnten and Cambridgeshire, going back over 10 years.

Steve Bretherton said, 'Around 20 members from Germany and the U.K. joined our Austrian hosts to enjoy a busy 4 day itinerary, which started in a completely different country as our budget flight flew into Ljubljana just over the border in Slovenia. Our accommodation, the Strandhotel Pruller on the shore of the Wörthersee Lake was first class and with daily temperatures in the high 80s a dip in the lake at the end of a hot day was a delight.

The full itinerary laid on for us included a hike in the mountains along the Austrian-Italian border organised by the local branch. We all dutifully posed for photos on the border and enjoyed the whimsical exhibits dotted around the landscape such as the three Vespas in the colours of the Italian flag on their side of the border. After our hike in the mountains we joined a huge IPA BBQ. At the end of the BBQ our hosts suggested rounding off the meal with a coffee. We agreed that this was a good idea, so we popped back over the border to Italy for a proper Italian espresso!



View of Lake Wörthersee from the hotel.

IPA members from Germany and Austria at the Pyramidenkogel



and ... Vespas?

We also visited the Pyramidenkogel, a spiral tower constructed entirely of wood, which sits on the hillside overlooking the lake. The views from the top were stupendous, only matched by the thrill of helter-skelter down from the top reaching 20 mph on the way down. In between activities we weren't allowed to go hungry or thirsty. Each time we reached a new destination our hosts fortified us with Marille, the local schnapps distilled from apricots.

The hospitality shown by our Austrian friends was second to none. The visit was a great opportunity to meet up with old friends and make new ones. And it won't be long before we see our friends again as 12 members and partners from Cambridgeshire travel to Wolfsburg to take part in their friendship week this August'.

Red, white and green Vespas mark the Italian side of the border!



62nd IPA WORLD CONGRESS ALBENA, BULGARIA



Fred Boyd, National Treasurer, Section UK.

Our President Mick Luke, Vice President Yvonne McGregor and I travelled together to the World Congress in Bulgaria. Our Congress began with a short walk to the opening ceremony where we were entertained by the Bulgarian Naval band, local cheer leaders, traditional singers and dancers. Then, the hard work of the business side of the conference began.

International President **Pierre Martin Moulin** opened the conference with representatives from over 64 countries in attendance. Pierre outlined that there had been problems with various Section internal disputes which were not for him and that he had failed to achieve some of his ambitions such as the IEB Strategy and the fact he wanted more active police officers to take part in IPA. He went on to congratulate new Sections in foundations namely Columbia, Uzbekistan, Albania and Georgia. The International President also reported that Stephen Crockard and George Katsaropoulos had been in ill health throughout the year which had caused some difficulties but wished them all the best. Tributes were paid to the staff at Fox Road Elke and Kerry for all their hard work.

George Katsaropoulos gave his report with our own President emphasising the importance of the need for the retention of current Sections. Forthcoming Congresses were reported on by George with the Netherlands in 2018 which will be held on a cruise ship in Rotterdam and Swaziland in 2019.

Alexey Gankin reported that a meeting is being arranged to reinstate our status in the Council of Europe. A lengthy debate pursued re the appointment of members of his ERC Commission.

May Britt Rinaldo reported on her work streams within the Professional Commission including the International Association of Women in Policing conference where closer links with the IPA were now being forged. Next year's conference is in Canada. Various other initiatives were outlined by May-Britt together with a number of presentations.

Gal Sharon reported on her Commission events including Slovakia winning the sports award for 2016 and the International Youth Gathering (IYG) in South Africa where 21 Sections and 40 youths were in attendance. Future events include the Hosting Seminar in Romania and IYG in our own Section in 2018 were reported on. It was proposed that Croatia host the IYG in 2019 which was unanimously accepted.

Stephen Crockard presented his report with Elke speaking on IAC matters at HQ. The Web Master gave an update on his work throughout the year, with Mick Luke questioning the security of the current website. Financial investment for the website was required which was supported by the IEB but only a limited amount of funding was available.

Romain Miny reported that for another year the organisation had shown a loss and that this was not sustainable in forthcoming years. Michael Walsh presented his report on behalf of the Internal Auditors and was thanked by Romain for his hard work and competence. The levy was discussed and it was decided not to increase it and remain at 1.65 Euros. Romain finished his report by informing all present that he would be putting his name forward for the position of International President in 2019.

Presentations were given about Gimborn by Eugene Thomas and May Britt Rinaldo with our President requesting that the name of Great Britain be change to reflect Section UK.

IEB Motions then began with firstly the Motion re IPA Supporter Membership being created, after debate this was withdrawn by IEB. Arthur Troop Scholarship was debated at some length with numerous speakers voicing their opinions including our own President. The motion was lost to decrease the amount and the status quo remains at a maximum of 2500 euros per



applicant. The motion on ILDEP was excellently explained by Mick Luke on how the system works in Section UK and the benefits from it, the motion was successfully carried. The motion to lift the suspension ban on Section Mozambique was carried together with the motion to remove the Council of Europe from our statutes.

Friday morning was again early with 8 30am start. **Mick Luke** and **Eran Israel** spoke on the two motions re Article 15 and time frames, these were both lost. Mick Luke also presented our motion on Amendment to Art 3 on the Procedure for the Conduct of IPA World Congresses and IEB Meetings which the IEB was against, this motion was not carried but the IEB agreed in principal to adopt the recommendations.

Numerous presentations were given by a wide variety of Sections, and far too many to go into detail. But it would be remiss of me not to mention the excellent presentations given by our very own Vice President **Yvonne McGregor** ably assisted by Mick on our future events, IYG in 2018 in Robin Hood county and Young Officers Seminar in 2019 in Scotland both were well received and applauded by all present.

As the day progressed we finally got to our last item the Budget which was almost forgotten by someone who will remain anonymous. After the Treasurer predicted a further loss for 2018 our President raised the item regarding the 2018 IYG funding and was informed by Romain that he agreed with suggestion to amend the budget and that overall the IEB would try and more effective budget management. A vote was taken to accept the report which was carried.

Saturday morning began with a coach trip to Nessebar for some of the delegates, observers and visitors following by presentations of awards with Section UK picking up a further Gold Award for our Website.

The Gala Evening was held in a local theatre nearby, all were entertained by music, food and dancing including some of our International members taking part in providing some music and at one stage conducting the band. I would also at this stage congratulate one of our very own members Dianne Crockard from Region 2 Section UK for providing vocal backing to the band. The IPA flag was handed over from Section Bulgaria to the next World Congress hosts Section Netherlands where at the conclusion of the ceremony the IPA Anthem was played.

We now look forward to our next World Congress in Rotterdam in the Netherlands but our final thanks goes to Section Bulgaria for the hospitality they provided to all for an excellent week.

Cultural bursary awards

Please ensure that as a Branch or Region you have applied for your Cultural award to assist with a cultural event you are holding this year, Just e mail Sean Hannigan at **vphannigan@ipa-uk.org** with the date and details of your event.

E calendar update

I am pleased to say I have had quite a few great photographs sent in for the e calendar. There is still room for more months to be covered so please e mail your pictures as jpegs to me. The theme is Policing .

Oral History Project... On Time

Sean is still looking for pictures, documents and information about events that belong to Individuals or Branches or Regions. These items should help build up a great Time Line for the IPA to be placed on our IPA website. Please send your pictures or documents to Sean on **vphannigan@ipa-uk.org**.

Members Day 15 December 2017

Planning for Members Day is nearly finished. Vice President Sean Hannigan is looking after the event as part of his cultural portfolio. It commences 1300 to 1700 where both the UK and International offices will be open. The Archives will be opened, a buffet lunch served, the unveiling of the Arthur Troop Blue Plaque and the first ever presentation of the digitised voice of Arthur Troop. The day will finish with a great dining experience in Nottingham at 1930. Please let Michele Rai know if you want to attend the event on **michelera@ipa-uk.org**.



International Youth Gathering (IYG)06 to 19 August 2018

The Programme for the IYG which is being held at Walesby Forrest Park near Nottingham has been completed and has been presented to the World Congress of the IPA. If you have a child or grandchild who will be between 16 and 17 during this time please email Michele Rai on **michele.ra@ipa-uk.org** for further details. This is a unique opportunity to meet young people from all over the IPA world.

RAF Scampton

Roy Edwards IPA Motorcycle Group

On Monday 17th July 2018 eight members of the Motorcycle SIG met up to pay a visit to the RAF Scampton Museum. Scampton was of course the home of 617 Dambusters Squadron and the current home of the Red Arrows display team.

The Base is steeped in the history of flying and the museum was a fascinating insight into the development of the RAF from the early days of the Army Flying Corps to the present day service we all admire.

At the start of the day we all met up at the Amore Cafe on the A15 not far from the base where we met up with Dave Seavers who had organised the trip and his wife Tracey. Members of the group had all come from various locations in the North, the Midlands and in the case of new member Paul Harbour, all the way from Aylesbury in Bucks.

On arrival at Scampton we were treated to all the usual security checks but these were carried out cheerfully by our guides Cliff and Terry with a minimum of fuss. We were then escorted to

the museum area where we parked up and had the obligatory H&S lecture. (Where would we be without it)?

From there we were divided into two small groups and led off round the museum by our respective guides with a short break for tea or coffee and biscuits half way round. The final part of the visit was the hangar area where there was various weaponry and photos to see and we were allowed, if we wanted, to sit in a full sized replica of the current Red Arrows aircraft the Folland Gnat. Getting in was fairly easy but getting out was not, as some of us discovered!

One great surprise during the visit was the unannounced arrival of the Red Arrows squadron returning from a training exercise who preformed

a bomb burst display right over our heads before landing right in front of us. A real extra special treat. The whole day had been absolutely perfect, the weather was fine, dry, warm and sunny and our grateful thanks go to Dave Seavers for arranging it and our hosts for taking us round.



“Whose Keys? Queen Elizabeth’s keys”

Pauline Osborne Thames Valley Branch

On 6th June Thames Valley Region made the journey to experience the magnificent Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London. Included in the group were officers from Paris and Victoria, Australia.

Despite wet and very windy weather the group were regaled with tales of murder, intrigue and do-daring accompanied by the appropriate “Oohs” and “aah”s as we toured the complex with the very accomplished Barney, Yeoman Warder.

Fortunately the weather cleared for the ceremony itself, the oldest continuous running tradition in the world. This is not only a magnificent example of British Pageantry but also illustrates several of the many benefits associated with membership of the IPA

Members of the public who also witnessed the ceremony had waited in excess of a year for their tickets and did not experience the tour or the exclusive invite to the Warders Mess. Our French colleague, Eric Calvet won a prestigious raffle prize; a limited edition ceramic pint pot with the coat of arms for the Yeoman Warders. Eric is the senior Sergeant of the Scuba Unit based in Paris.

Moreover as the group wound their way home they were treated to the magnificent sight of the London skyline and the beautiful Tower Bridge. We are indeed fortunate!



“We are Berliners”

Region 10 ILDEP* activity 2017

Steve Hunt - 10 Region Secretary.

10 Region have for the past four years arranged a two-week ‘internship’ for student German Police Officers from Brandenburg, near Berlin, as part of the IDLP scheme.

This year we welcomed 20 year old Fräulein Melanie Vrede and 32 years old, Herr Sven Mosig. Both spoke excellent English and were excited about their attachment to Essex Police which was based in Colchester. Over the years I have tried to vary the students’ itinerary so they get as much varied UK policing experience as possible and maybe a chance to experience duties different to their usual tasks in Germany.

Their first three days was spent in plain-clothes with officers from ‘Operation Raptor’ a local drugs enforcement team that specialises in investigating local and travelling drug dealers to Essex. Based in the north of the county in covert premises the German officers joined in with the team of Esther, Iggy, Matt, Andy, Sarah and Nico. They were involved with local arrest and drugs warrant operations.

Then came a day with Crime Scene Investigators at Clacton where Sven was introduced to the famous ‘Rossi ice cream’ on Southend sea front. A dwelling burglary examination took him and CSI Gareth JONES to the south of the county, while Melanie assisted in taking fingerprints from another burglary scene.

The start of the following week saw them for two days attached to the local policing team at Colchester patrolling routinely with uniformed officers in marked police cars. When they were with the team they were shown around the town hall and met the Mayor.



left to right Melanie Vrede, Ben Pedro Anido and Sven Mosig

The following day Melanie assisted with a drugs interview at Clacton Police Station whilst Sven went to the local recycling centre to assist in searching for a cat believed to have been accidentally deposited there.

One of the tasks that befalls the student officers is preparation and delivery of allocated thesis by their supervisors, to be delivered upon their return. This year the subject was, ‘police corruption’. I contacted Essex Police Professional Standards Dept and they were granted a day at that department firstly with Detective Inspector John Walne who explained the complaints procedure and corruption investigations. They then spoke with Detective Sergeant Jeff Wright who had his own challenges when exposing corruption many years ago as a constable and his stories transfixed them.

The next day the pair were welcomed at the Essex Police Air Support Unit and very soon each was ‘scrambled’ to accompany the helicopter crew to locations including Basildon to search a park area, Hertfordshire for a man with a knife, and Peterborough for a vulnerable man who was missing. Melanie hadn’t flown in a helicopter before and was most apprehensive but took to it like a ‘duck to water’ and enjoyed every second. Sven, an ex-paratrooper took it all in his stride. Both were then able to take a flight over London and see the sad remains of the Grenfell Tower tragedy, a sight I am sure will remain with them for many years.

After describing their visit as ‘wonderful and fantastic’ the next day they were safely delivered to the airport – another successful internship completed.

*International Learning & Development Exchange Programme



1st International Police Women's Conference in Romania



Jaspreet Athwal Nottinghamshire Branch

After two years as an IPA member and as the Nottinghamshire Branch Secretary, I embarked on my first overseas adventure to the 1st International Police Women's Conference in Romania. It was an incredible experience where I met female officers from Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Cyprus and Israel. I was the only representative of the United Kingdom and it was great that so many people actually knew about Nottinghamshire, whether it be through Robin Hood or Carl Froch.

Section Romania were outstanding hosts who started our trip, on the first night, by taking us to a huge Brewery. The President of the Romanian Section, Mr Costica Voicu, joined us for dinner and there was live Romanian music and delicious food.

The conference covered the topics of:

- **The Police in Romania**
- **The Police Women's role in the Public Order System**
- **Police Women - A force that cannot be defeated**

We spoke about the gender roles in society and how they have changed in the Police. There were a lot of similarities globally, as women are now at all ranks and areas of investigation.

Elena Banea, the Vice President of the Romanian Section spoke in depth about how the role of Women in Policing has advanced in recent years. She gave examples of opportunities that would never have been open to female officers in the past, but now are.

The audience were all young Police Constables from different countries who could all relate to being a female constable with different challenges faced working day.

As we were all operational Police Officers, we were able to discuss different cases we had dealt with and relevant policing topics around them.

At the end of the conference we were each formally awarded an Honorary Diploma from the Romanian Section.

Aside from the conference I was given a guided tour of Romania's Palace of Parliament in the capital city of Bucharest, the second largest administrative building in the world and it was truly stunning. I visited the Vinuri De Macin Winery. It was a great afternoon of trying the local wine. Afterwards we were able to see the local entertainment which included singing and dancing.

I also had a trip to the Danube Delta in Tulcea, a river which flows 1,788 miles from Germany's Black Forest to the Black sea, it is a biosphere reserve. We went on a speedboat through some of the magical passages surrounded by tree's. I have never seen such natural beauty where there were so many species of bird flying over the waters.

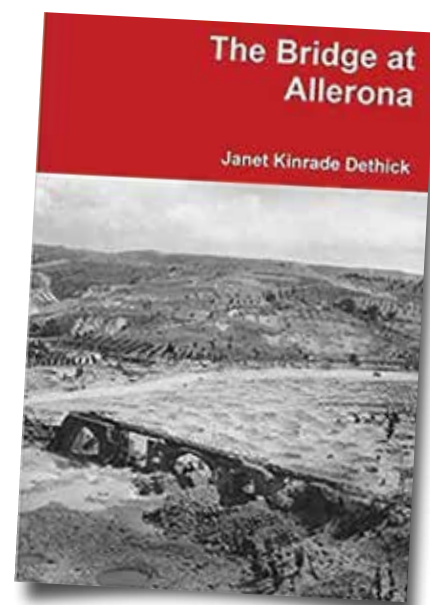
I have made new friends and contacts as a result of this trip. So many presents and souvenirs were exchanged. Overall I had a fantastic experience on this trip to Romania and I would like to thank our hosts at IPA Romania, my senior officers for supporting this trip and also the IPA President Mick Luke.



Memories of my Father

Glyn Bull Leicestershire Branch

During my teenage years I badgered my father to know what he did during World War II. It was with great reluctance that he eventually told me that he had been a member of 46 Reconnaissance Regiment captured at Monte Cassino, Italy in December 1943. In spite of many requests from me over the years my father would not revisit Italy but thanks to tremendous help from the Umbria delegation of the IPA I was able to visit Italy and retrace many of my father's footsteps.



After approaching the Italian IPA, I was contacted by Pasquale Murchese, IPA Secretary Perugia Delegation and had a truly unforgettable experience for which I shall be forever indebted.

Having been captured by German forces prior to the battle for Monte Cassino, my father was taken to a holding prison camp and subsequently to Prison camp 54 in an area known as Fara in Sabina, north east of Rome, before being loaded onto a train for transporting to Germany together with eleven hundred allied prisoners.

On 28th January 1944, as the train travelled north approaching Allerona, Umbria, it came under fire from the American air force whose mission was to destroy the rail line and with it the main communications line between Germany and southern Italy. The bombardment was so intense that four box cars were blown off the bridge into the river below and resulted in the loss of more than four hundred allied prisoners whilst another hundred casualties were admitted to local hospitals. My father was lucky enough to escape without injury and spent several months being sheltered by local farmers before returning to the U.K. the following year.

I met with Pasqual and several members of the Umbria IPA, including Paolo Rossi, IPA Umbria President and Maggiore (Chief Constable) Marco Rovaldi who led me on a fascinating expedition. First stop was at a memorial commemorating the lives lost, where I laid flowers as a mark of respect. We were joined by Fabio Roncello, mayor of Montegabbione, an authority on the bombardment of Allerona and Signor Gioubattista, a published author on the subject from whom I learned so much about the villages affected by

the American bombing campaign, the consequent medical assistance given to those injured and the subsequent searches by German forces for those lucky enough to escape from the train.

Our next stop, the British war graves cemetery at Allerona, was for me a very humbling and poignant experience, particularly so, as many of the head stones contained not only the name of the deceased but of wives and families, which emphasised for me a far greater sense of loss than each individual grave ever could.

Saving the best until last our final visit of the day was to meet with 94 year old Giovanni Muccifora who remembers his parents taking in and hiding escaped allied soldiers following the bombing. He explained that his large kitchen cum living room had not always been that size and that one end of the room had been a cattle shed in which soldiers had slept. As this was being explained I remembered my father telling me of the nights he spent in a cattle shed, laying alongside the animals in search of any heat from them. For me the question remains, was I present in the farm in which my father took shelter all those years ago?....

Following my visit to Italy, I have an arrangement with Pasqual, that I will meet him in 'The Bull' in Bedford when he next revisits relatives.

Note : For those with more than a passing interest in the American Air Force mission to destroy the bridge in one of the worst instances of friendly fire in World War 2, the incident is well documented in 'The Bridge at Allerona' by Janet Kinrade Dethick ISBN 978-1-291-11052-4.



Look Down to Watch the Baseball

Look down to watch the baseball was one of the stunning views from a recent trip to Canada when Sara and I ventured up the CN Tower in Toronto.

Aside from being able to see inside the Rogers Stadium where the Toronto Blue Jays play we were able to take in the magnificent views of the City and Lake Ontario which included taking time out to have a couple of beers in the bar/restaurant whilst admiring the views albeit I must admit my eyes were focused some of the time on the Champions League football games that were on the television.

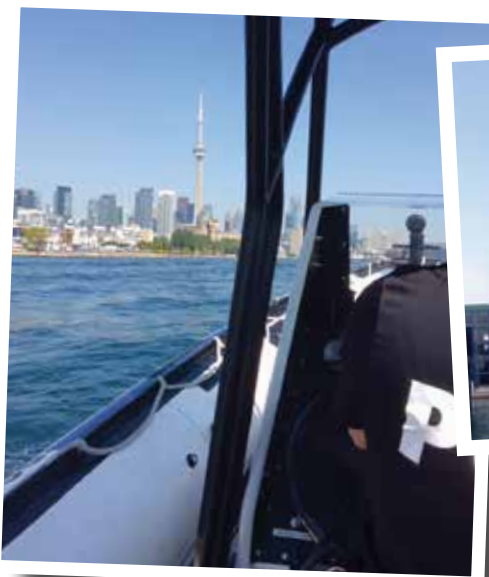
The beers enabled me to take some photographs through the glass bottom viewing platforms and use the lift which similarly had a glass bottom.

Our day in Toronto had started off early by having breakfast with Sheila Richardson who works at Toronto Police HQ. Sheila kindly had arranged a tour of the Police Museum which is within their Police HQ. This was followed by a brief walking tour of the city with another IPA member Chris Barratt together with a little boating trip with the local marine unit.

We both like to be self-sufficient on our trips but thought it would be an idea to take in any recommendations that the local IPA could offer.

Subsequently I had numerous email conversations with Canadian members which were very helpful with regard to our planning and had we not asked the question would probably not known about what we do now. This is only one of the many benefits that being a member of the IPA can provide to you and your family so if you are planning a trip abroad make sure you send off your IPA travel forms. If you don't ask you don't get as they say.

From Toronto we headed over to see the sights of Niagara Falls spending a couple of nights in a hotel with a fantastic view of the Horseshoe Falls.



Whilst on board Chris, I believe, managed to recruit the two crew members to the world of IPA. His flow

was slightly interrupted by a speeding boat to which we duly gave chase and a warning issued.

After our spectacular cruise around the islands Chris took us to the CN Tower where we said our goodbyes as after the Tower visit we strolled into Rogers Stadium to watch the Blue Jays play Baltimore Orioles in the evening game. It came down to the very last innings where the Blue Jays managed to secure a victory (3-2) from the jaws of defeat.

Happy with the victory we finished it off by having a few more drinks and in all spent a wonderful three days in Toronto.

As part of our planning for the trip which took Sara and I first to Vancouver, Alaska, Vancouver again, Whistler and then Toronto (which is only a quick four and half hour internal flight but at least it is on the way home) I sent off the IPA travel forms.

In Niagara we met up with a local IPA member Walter Bosak who kindly gave us his expert advice and a superb tour (Walter is now retired and acts as a guide on bus tours).

After getting wet on the 'Hornblower' boat trip to the Falls we ventured off to follow the Niagara River taking in the sights together with a visit to sample some local wines, ice cream followed by a chocolate factory. All very good for your diet I was told.

After saying farewell to Walter who had entertained us all day we spent our last night in Niagara but taking in some of the night time views. However before leaving the next day for the airport we decided to go on the 'tour behind the falls'. I had been lucky enough to do this many years ago but for Sara it was a unique experience to get so close to the power of the water. Well recommended if you get the chance.

From Niagara Falls it was a brief shopping stop off, followed by the airport to fly home and then repack to attend upcoming World Congress in Bulgaria.

Canada and Alaska are beautiful places to visit with stunning views wherever you go and look. I can assure you our Canadian IPA friends will do all they can to help you in planning your trip.

Yours in Friendship, **Mick Luke**
Proud to be President of Section UK

Simms International Police Collection and Folk Museum



Major H. Simms has been a member of the IPA for many, many years and founded The Simms International Police Collection and The Winchcombe Police and Folk Museum.

As I am coming up to my nineties I have decided to retire from all my public work and the ten museums which have taken up most of my life since I retired from the Police through injuries received. The attached resume might be of interest to the many members of IPA who have visited any of the museums I have been involved with, and having visited many Countries, having had the pleasure of many an IPA welcome.

The collection started in 1953 when I exchanged my North Riding Constabulary helmet with a Leicester City helmet plate.

The museum opened in 1983 with a grant of £4000 from Tewkesbury Council together with a donation from me of £2500 of my own savings. At the opening were the Lord Lieutenant, the three Mayors (Tewkesbury town, Tewkesbury Borough and Cheltenham). One MP, three Chief Constables, Winchcombe Town Councillors, Cheltenham Fire Chief, three members of the Town Trust, Major and Mrs Hancock, Lady Ashcombe, Mr Sorenson (representing Group 4), Mr William Williamson, Sir Charles Gibb-Smith (my mentor from the Victoria and Albert Museum), Mr Alan Carter (Secretary of the IPA) Jean and myself together with seven other people. Mr Sorenson paid for the champagne reception (held at The George Hotel) plus the museum CCTV.



Uniform of Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Since opening and up to 31 October 2016, 96,612 people have passed through the doors of the museum.

I have given 1275 talks to schools, Women's Institutes, TG's, UA3, Rotary etc. both in this Country and 23 different Countries with a total of 37,432 audiences (ranging from 6 in the audience to 357 in the Southern Cross U3A in London.) The collection has been seen and has been exhibited in full at over 59 Countries.

The museum has been represented on television on eight occasions, namely Magpie, Eammon Andrews Show, Harlech television on Points West, John Dunne Show, London Weekend, Thames Television (Today), Southern and West Midlands News and The Clothes Show (filmed over three days).

It has appeared in the Sunday Times magazine (running for three weeks), Antiques and Art magazine (twice), The Observer, The Cotswold (three times) and The Gloucester Echo on twelve occasions. The collection itself has helped to raise £2,250,000 for charity with exhibitions displayed at The Great Yorkshire Show, Three Counties at Malvern Show on four occasions (winning the Gold Cup three times for The West Mercia Police), Wells and Somerset Show, Surrey County Show (winning 1st prize), Royal Festival Hall, Festival of London (Brent), Sussex Expo, Cologne (Messrs Bermans of Munich). Open days for Police in Kent, Bradford, Wakefield, Chiswick, Reykjavik (Iceland), Luxembourg, Gimborn (Germany), Glasgow and Edinburgh Police Tattoos. There are SIPC permanent exhibitions at Apeldoorn (Holland), Pisek and Prague (Czech Republic), Moscow, Taiwan, Finland, Miami, Galleries of Justice in Nottingham and Heves (Hungary).

HM the Queen has seen the collection on two occasions, namely at The Royal Festival Hall and The Police College in Hendon.

HM Queen Beatrix (together with her husband Prince Klaus) opened the Museum at Apeldoorn in 1993. UN Dep. Secretary General of the UN (Theo Leanders) was witness to my signing of The Deed of Gift of over 2000 uniforms, twenty vehicles and other Police memorabilia.

Visitors to the Museum have included Mrs Thatcher, The Lord Chief Justice, Mrs Putin, Kenneth Clarke (MP) plus several senior Police Officers.

The Simms International Police Collection is housed at The Old Town Hall Museum, Winchcombe, Gloucestershire.

www.winchcombemuseum.org.uk/police

Ayrshire visit to Liverpool

Bill Petherick Chairman of Ayrshire Branch.

Members and friends of the Ayrshire Branch recently spent a very enjoyable weekend in Liverpool.

During their stay they met up with some local members who ensured the spirit of the IPA was well to the fore. Thanks Bill Gee and team for making the weekend a memorable one.



Notts BBQ

Neil Hallam – Editor.

The July meeting of Nottinghamshire Branch was a BBQ hosted at Arthur Troop House. The sun shone and the burgers and sausages were tasty.

Thank you for the invite. I was able to attend with a few Blue Knight friends after our ride out.



Potential new Special Interest Group (SIG) – Classic Cars

Brian Baston, Treasurer – IPA Birmingham, West Midlands Branch

As a classic car enthusiast and an owner of two classic vehicles, I have thought some time about whether there is sufficient desire across the UK IPA membership to form a Classic Car Special Interest Group.

I believe there will be and would like to scope out the opportunity if there is sufficient interest. The Motorcycle SIG has proven that IPA members from across the UK are willing to travel to meetings and events and there must be other members who have classic cars that would like to meet maybe once or twice a year. If there is sufficient interest, we could combine our meetings at some of the many events that take place nationally and regionally. Can I ask any interested members/families make contact with me in the first instance via **babaston@hotmail.com**. I will assess the level of interest and look to take the group forward.

International Police Association Ayrshire Branch
Tribute to

Robert Burns

The members of the Ayrshire branch invite you to book now for this Traditional Burns Supper in tribute to Scotland's National Poet.

Saturday 27th January 2018
In the Park Suite. Kilmarnock.

They are offering a fantastic deal on accommodation in the adjacent Park Hotel for **£60 per room per night including Breakfast.**

The cost for the 4 course dinner is £30 per person.
You are invited to register your interest now by contacting **Jim Fraser** at the following:-
james.fraser3@tesco.net.
We look forward to seeing you there.



On the Emirates Beat

Peter Jeal

Not many police forces can boast high performance cars like the super rare Lykan Hypersport, Lamborghinis, Ferraris, Mercedes-Benz, Aston Martin and even a Rolls Royce in their fleet of marked vehicles.

But in the oil-rich state of the United Arab Emirates, their reputation for extravagance also applies to the police it seems!

During a recent holiday to the super rich Gulf State, former Met officer and IPA member Peter Jeal got the chance to meet up with officers from the Abu Dhabi Police and learn more about policing in a country where daytime temperatures are regularly over 40 degrees!

In reality, most police cruisers seen out and about on patrol are actually more mundane Fords like the one pictured.

And, perhaps not surprisingly in a country which practices Sharia Law, the crime rate is very low.

In common with many Middle Eastern countries, photographing the police can also land you in jail, so being an IPA member certainly has its advantages!

'The Dubai skyline at night was one of the highlights of our holiday in the UAE. I was also impressed by a sign at the stunning Sheikh Zayed Mosque in Abu Dhabi which outlined rules for visitors to observe. It began with the words 'Rights and Responsibilities.' w

A Region 4 member shows the flag of hospitality

Region 4 IPA member William P Duggan was selected from a large number of volunteer candidates for a role in VIP Hospitality at the UEFA Champions League Final.

He worked closely with UEFA official counterparts from Spain, Italy and local authorities in the week leading up to and during the final in Cardiff's National Stadium. Willie was the sole UEFA Welsh candidate for the Champions Village and Football Village to ensure appropriate VIP access only. There were a total of eight thousand guests within the villages on the day of the final.

His skills in diplomacy and decorum were to the forefront, meeting and greeting the main sponsors and privileged guests from across Europe for the largest sporting event in Welsh history.

He enjoyed the opportunity to view the Football final in the presence of the King of Spain, not to mention meeting other IPA members from Spain and Italy. To showcase what Cardiff and the people of Wales had to offer both in friendship and hospitality was and is, an accolade to be proud of.



Women's Cricket World Cup

Remi Luke

Sunday July 23rd 2017 saw the final of the Women's Cricket World Cup, England vs India at a sold out Lords cricket ground . I was luckily enough to attend with my dad Mick as he had won the tickets in the recent IPA ticket draw.

There were many ups and downs throughout the day involving both the cricket and the weather. However the England team shone through in a nail biting final few overs, with England bowler Anya Shrubsole taking 6 wickets for 46 for England to be crowned World Champions for the fourth time with the 2017 triumph joining 1973, 1993 and 2009 victories.

We had a fantastic day, meeting fellow ticket winners and IPA member Malcom Whistance and his lovely wife. I would like to thank the IPA for this wonderful opportunity to watch history in the making.





Amateur Radio Section

Tom Reilly

I am trying to encourage interest again and set us up as a Special Interest Group

I would like to attend and enhance as many IPA Events as we can around the country and maintain contact with the other IPA Amateur Radio Sections around the world. (Just search for IPA Radio Clubs)

I would like to include all the Social Media experts as well (we all communicate that way too)

If you or anyone you know within the "Police Family" are interested, please contact me

tommyreilly@hotmail.com or **rm9@rsgb.org.uk**

Oh Yes ...a BIG thank you to Ofcom ...for allowing the Special Event callsign GB4IPA

Further explanations about Amateur Radio are at **www.rsgb.org.uk**

How do you value loyalty?

Graham Bulford Devon Branch.

Have you ever thought that big business seem to place no value at all on loyalty? You may have been a customer of a bank for 50 years but it is only to the new customer that the best offers are made, even paying you to switch. Surely it should be the other way around. If social relationships worked like that nothing of value would ever last.

Fortunately the IPA do it right! We recognise and value loyalty and long service. Here in the Devon Branch we have been lucky to have celebrated three very significant achievements. Last month we presented Gordon Maddock with his 50 year certificate and Grahame Holloway with his 60 year certificate. We had to wait until June to get an opportunity to give John Blackmore his certificate for 40 years service. When you look back over the years their continuous commitment to service and friendship is something to be valued - and rewarded. Thank you all three.

We persuaded John, with the help of a friend, to come to Teignmouth golf club where we had arranged a Branch lunch as a suitable time for the presentation. Sadly John had to leave before the meal and said hello to the Chairman on his way out. But that was not all. The Branch had run a draw at their annual Spring Break; half had been presented to VP Sean Hannigan for the Police Roll Honour Trust and the other half (another £100) was presented to Valerie Street, the wife of our Chairman Alan and the representative of Macmillan cancer support.

A Cycling Tribute to Slain Colleague PC Keith Palmer

Gerald A. Rudoff President, IPA Southern Florida

This year our USA Region 43 picnic had some special meaning. What started out as just a beautiful South Florida sunny and fun filled day for our members, families and friends turn into a dedicated event to honour the memory and family of 48 year old PC Keith Palmer of the London Metropolitan Police who was assigned to a team for the protection of the English Parliament that was in session.

PC Palmer was brutally murdered as the result of a terrorist attack at his assigned location. Our special guest at the picnic was UK Police Constable Alex Williams, member of the IPA UK and also assigned in London, who had come to the US to ride his bicycle around the Gulf of Mexico from Key West Florida to Houston. So, what also started out for Alex as a mere bicycle ride to test his abilities for his first time riding through the US [Alex is an experienced long distance bicycle rider in Europe] turned into a dedicated event for his colleague Keith Palmer and the other London police and first responders to this horrific incident.



Shaken Not Stirred!

Pauline Osborne, Social Secretary, Thames Valley Branch

On Sunday 25th June Thames Valley Branch ventured into Hampshire the home of the Bombay Sapphire Distillery, to be treated to a day of shaking, stirring, sniffing and sipping.

The day started with a mid morning master class in the art of cocktail making. With expert guidance from the bartenders we were able to assemble two unusual and delightful gin cocktails. The first stirred and the second shaken with ingredients such as ginger, mint and peach.

Then the best bit, sipping the cocktails and serious deliberation as to the best.

Then it was onto a tour of the distillery including the amazing botanicals room where herbs, spices and other ingredients were available for individual 'sniffing' and rating, until emerging at the end of the tour to another cocktail created by the bartenders according to your personal preferences.

The dedicated drivers weren't forgotten either with a package of Gin and Tonic for home consumption.

Help for Heroes

John Osborne, Social Secretary, IPA Thames Valley Branch

There can few who have not heard of the fantastic work of this charity, founded in 2007 by Bryn and Emma Parry to support the returning wounded service personnel. In the intervening ten years the charity has grown enormously and now runs four regional recovery centres around the country including Tedworth House at Tidworth in Wiltshire.

On 4th August 2017 a group from Thames Valley attended an information afternoon at Tedworth House a grade two listed house which has been refurbished to provide a state of the art recovery centre.

The services of the centre are available to all service personnel who are sick, injured or wounded, including veterans and their loved ones.

Our visit commenced with refreshments and a presentation by a retired army officer now working for Help for Heroes explaining the origins of the charity and the role of the Recovery centre in helping all wounded, injured and sick Service Personnel, Veterans and their loved ones.

This can range from life skill or art classes, chocolate making, sports, agricultural and other educational courses, even bee-keeping at the same time as helping them regain morale and camaraderie. Personnel are able to stay at the centre, visit for the day, even pop in for individual sessions. There is also a support hub where they can easily access specialist service charities and agencies, such as Combat Stress and in a centralised location.

Touring the house we saw the bedrooms and suites, adaptive kitchen and gym, also a display of the artwork by residents and visitors. The stunning gardens add a relaxed and soothing outdoor space. Probably most amazing is the adaptive ski slope which works like a treadmill allowing skiers using traditional ski, mono ski or boards. It still looked like death defying stuff to me!

Sadly the charity is not as prominent in the public's eye as it once was, the loss of Lee Rigby spiked donations but the need to care for our military does not cease, indeed only the week before our visit a World War two Veteran in his 90s attended the centre for respite.

A fascinating and humbling visit. If you are looking for a charity to support, fund raise or simply a one off donation then perhaps consider this most worthy of causes.



A last look at Peterborough Police Station

Lawrence Wright, Former Cambridgeshire Constabulary, retired 1987

On Saturday 22nd July 2017, the disused Police Station at Bridge Street, Peterborough was open to former officers to have a last look around. For many years, Police Officers worked the City of Peterborough from this station.

Although it was last used by the Cambridgeshire Constabulary, the previous force before amalgamation was The Peterborough Combined Police Authority. It became redundant when the local Headquarters was moved to Thorpe Wood on the outskirts of the City.

By request, the old station was opened up for retired officers to wander around and take photographs and relive their memories. I did just that and I could recall the noise and voices of various well known officers. "Lawrence come in here; don't sit down you're not stopping". "Are you still here lad?" "Get off your A... and get that 'phone". Oh yes familiar sounds too. The banging of the cell doors; radios screaming; prisoners yelling; the sound of heavy boots along the polished corridors – all could be heard in one's mind.

The once busy offices now standing empty and some with old desk and chairs. Even one notice board had the last messages of crimes to be attended and jobs to be done.

It was a sad visit really but I still have my memories. Also sadly a lot of the "old coppers" are no longer with us. Many IPA event happy socials have taken place here.

Rest in Peace Bridge Street.



(L to R) Anitra Bull, John Bull (Secretary), Barbara Marchant, David Marchant (Past Chairman)



Ian Robinson with guest



GIN (L to R) Linda Picton and Roger Picton (Vice Chairman)



Clive Wood, Vivek Joshi and Superintendent Martyn Ball

Volunteers in Policing Awards

Fred Rankin Leicestershire Branch Publicity Officer

There are more than 800 people in Leicestershire and Rutland who volunteer to help the Police to support their communities. They include Special Constables, Police Cadets, Chaplains and Police Support Volunteers.

Together, they contribute 114,000 hours per year, which is a fantastic achievement and of great benefit to the police and the community. Volunteers have diverse roles and this year have committed their time to such events as Leicester Pride, Remembrance Day and the annual Download Music Festival. They were also on hand to give valuable assistance in the days following the Manchester and London terrorist attacks. They also help the community in other ways, including organising crime prevention events, monitoring CCTV in public places and always promoting citizenship.

The evening was officially opened by the Chief Constable Simon Cole (IPA Member) who addressed the audience which included the Lord Lieutenant, Police and Crime Commissioner, Under Sheriffs and Sponsors.

For the first time this year, the Leicestershire Branch of the International Police Association sponsored one of the awards; 'the most improved Volunteer Police Cadet'. The award was presented to Vivek Joshi by the Leicestershire Branch Chair, Clive Wood. It is hoped that Leicestershire Branch continues to present this award for many years to come.

Leicestershire Branch has developed a strong link with the Volunteer Police Cadet organisation during the past year and, in a similar way to last year, has helped organise another Town Twinning visit to Krefeld, Germany to take part in the annual Soap Box Derby which took place in September 2017.

Forging new understandings

Pauline Osborne, Social Secretary, Thames Valley Branch

On 4th July Thames Valley met the Imams at Reading's Abu Bak'r Islamic Centre and Mosque. Yusef, Mohammed and Ahmed. The group was invited to hear an overview of Islam and the life of the prophet and it was explained that the Qur'an is considered by them to be the literal word of God as revealed to the Prophet Muhammad by the angel Gabriel.

It highlights the numerous connections with both Judaism and Christianity including Abraham, Jesus and Noah, all of whom feature in their Holy Book. Indeed the story of Noah features significantly in the Qur'an and the Mufti was able to recite the story from memory and whilst we were not able to understand the words it was fascinating to hear the rhythm and metre of the recitation. In fact all three Imams knew the entire Qur'an by heart, a requirement of their role in the community.

In the simply decorated prayer room the mihrab or semi-circular niche is prominent, this indicates the qibla, the direction to Mecca and Islam's most sacred mosque, where worshippers face, standing shoulder to shoulder through a timeless prayer ritual observed across the world.

Each prayer lasts only a few minutes but is one of the Five Pillars of Islam in addition to profession of faith, fasting, charity and pilgrimage or hajj.

Our visit included a delightful range of refreshments and the presentation by the Mufti of several translated copies of the Qur'an. In turn, we presented the Imams a basket of fruit as fitting with the Islamic year and the end of Ramadan. Members agreed that it had been a fascinating and welcoming visit and felt that they had gained a new insight into Islam and hoped that others would follow.

Macmillan Cancer Presentation - Devon

Below - Presentation of Certificate

Back row L to R Owen Harris, Jennie Peattie, Yvonne Wooley, Steve & Una Blundell, Don H Hansford, Rab Peattie, Sue Bulford
Front row L to R Graham Bulford, John Blackmore and Brian Morton



Above - Presentation to Macmillan Cancer Support

L to R - View from the golf club across the Teign estuary. Jennie & Rab Peattie, Don Hansford, Yvonne Wooley, Steve Blundell, Owen Harris, Una Blundell, Val Street (for Macmillan) Alan Street, Sue & Graham Bulford



My I.P.A Memories

Brian Deacon, Life Member.

Last issue Brian recalled his memories of 50 years with the IPA.

Brian has kindly provided a few photographs to illustrate the friendships he has made over those 50 years.



Northants BBQ

On Sunday 20th August, 2017 the Branch Meeting and Summer BBQ was held and hosted by our treasurer, Bill Tapp and his wife Maureen. Another fantastic day with a good turnout of members and friends. Many thanks to the hard work of our hosts and helpers.

This was also a special day for one of our members, Richard (Dick) Gimber who was presented with a certificate for 50 years membership of the IPA by our Chairman Nick Smith. Congratulations goes to Dick on this achievement. It was pleasing to see the numbers attending, the Branch is going from strength to strength and looking forward to future functions.

Green Mole Anyone?

Pauline Osborne, Thames Valley Branch Social Secretary
Ever experienced Green Mole, no?, nor had the diners from Thames Valley Branch until they ventured to Dorindos Mexican Restaurant in Abingdon.

The lunch was well attended by members who sampled tacos, enchiladas, spicy chilli prawns as well as authentic Mexican beer and entering into the spirit, members donned elaborately decorated sombreros and entertained each other with their unique renditions of - not really sure - on the maracas!

The meal was rounded off with generous portions of churros, hot fried pastries dipped in chocolate sauce.

And the Green Mole? ... A sauce made from chillies, pumpkin and sesame seeds.



Barbara Marchant - blue/white sombrero



Angie Goodman - red sombrero

The boys in Blue - and Green!

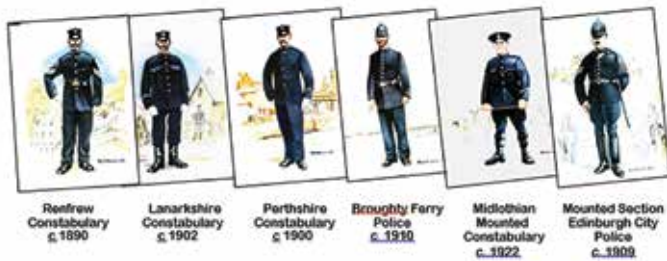
Historical paintings by Alan D. Mounce

One could say that painting has been in Alan's blood since he was a pupil at the Russell School near Addington in Surrey. His interest in painting was stimulated and nurtured by his then art master being a man of enlightenment and encouragement so much so that Alan went on to win the Balfour Prize for Art in 1950!

Finally leaving school in 1953 he and his family left their home in Farnham, Surrey moving to Northern Ireland due to his late father's business commitments. There he studied commercial art but found the subject was not for him. 1957 saw Alan join the RUC and later in 1965 he became a member of the IPA. During the early days of the 'Troubles' he took on the position of regional chairman and later the editorship of the regional magazine, *Ulsterview* until the demise of all the regional magazines. At the NEC meeting in Buxton in 1978 he was made a life member of the Association.

During those times Alan took a great interest in Irish police uniforms under the Crown from the late 1700s to the present day. To date he has painted a multitude of images with the majority being of, as you can well imagine, those of the RUC! Included in his paintings was a set of vintage uniforms of Scotland's police forces. These he presented to the Scottish Police Federation at their office in Glasgow.

Now long since retired he enjoys his bowls and membership of his local PROBUS fellowship and while he still paints now and again (his eyes are not what they used to be) he always looks forward to the next edition of *Police World*. Now in his 80s he lives quietly with his wife, Emily and a small circle of friends and family.



Visit to Middleton Hall and the Peel Museum

Clive Wood, Vice President (Responsible for the professional portfolio)

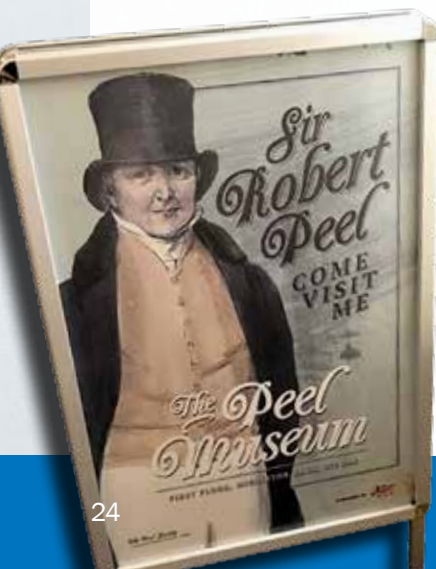
Members of the Leicestershire branch recently took advantage of a break in the rain to visit Middleton Hall near Tamworth. Having arranged a private tour members were shown around the 42 acre park and gardens which includes a nature trail and the largest man-made lake in Warwickshire.

We were met by our guide Julie who gave us tea and coffee with biscuits to refresh us after the drive. She was extremely knowledgeable about the hall which is grade 2 listed and has architecture dating back to 1285. At the end of the tour we took the opportunity for lunch in the nearby courtyard retail centre with coffee shop.

We then went back into the hall to visit the Peel Museum the main reason for our visit. Unfortunately the curator who had previously agreed to provide some detail was unavailable but this did not dampen our spirits as we spent a considerable amount of time looking at the various artefacts on display.

Following this and to give us strength for the journey home members had afternoon tea or an ice cream with a flake back over in the coffee shop area. We also visited the selection of shops.

New VP Clive Wood a member of the Leicestershire branch was particularly interested in the cheese and ale barn. He was delighted inside to find a selection of Clive's wines locally produced English wine with flavours which included Tayberry, blackcurrant, raspberry and apple and Gooseberry. Unable to decide which to try a half bottle of each flavour was selected! Other members on the tour were disappointed to discover there were no Dave's gins or John's ales and had to make alternative purchases



6 Region Dinner held at the Guards' Museum, Wellington Barracks, London

Bob McCormack.

Steeped in military history, 6 Region was privileged to hold a dinner at Wellington Barracks. Our guests were greeted by two guardsmen in full uniform at the entrance to the museum. It was an honour to dine whilst surrounded by the extraordinary exhibits making up the rich history of the five Regiments of Guards: in order of seniority being the Grenadiers, Coldstream, Scots, Irish & Welsh. Memorabilia included uniforms, weapons, trophies of war, as well as medals and decorations awarded throughout their history: the museum counts some 30 Victoria Crosses (VC) alone, all proudly displayed in the cabinets alongside us. Each table was decorated with an amazing centrepiece of regimental silver, as well as some fine tableware.

Even allowing for the restricted number of people that the museum could cater for, 6 Region was delighted to entertain friends from 3 Region in the form of former Chair, Chris Charlton, accompanied by his daughter Joanne, a serving Major in the Royal Engineers; a delegation from 9 Region led by its Chair, Sav Kyriakou MBE, himself an officer in HM Reserve Forces; 10 Region, of which more later; and 5 Region, in the person of our newly-elected Vice-President, Clive Wood, accompanied by his wife Helen. As to be expected, the cuisine was of a very high standard, with excellent service synonymous with great military tradition. The evening was enriched by a most entertaining explanation of the history of all five Regiments of Guards by Andrew Wallis, Curator of the museum, laced with interesting facts and anecdotes covering some 4 centuries of military history. A highlight of the evening saw Clive Wood present 10 Region member, Don Turner, his certificate marking 40 years continuous membership of the IPA. Ron, a former Guardsman himself, proudly wearing his medals, was delighted to receive this accolade.

Vice President (responsible for the professional portfolio) Clive Wood said: - "This is the first iconic event for Region Six I have attended since being asked to act as NEC liaison to the region. Well, what a fantastic event. An amazing venue, excellent food, great company - and more of that in my separate news article- an extremely informative talk by the curator which really added to the evening. The opportunity to dine amongst so many amazing exhibits of the Five Guards' Regiments made this a truly special evening. Well done Region Six and particularly well done Bob McCormack"



Meeting the new Gwent Chief

Denis Hunt Secretary No 4 (Wales) Region

Following the appointment of Mr Julian Williams as the new Chief Constable of Gwent Police, a letter of congratulations from Wales resulted in an invitation to meet Mr Williams.

On 6th September, Ken Davies (Region Chair), myself (Region Secretary) and Jitka Tomkova-Griffith (Treasurer) met the Chief at his offices, where we could not have received a more warm and enthusiastic welcome.

For over an hour we outlined the background of the IPA, with strong emphasis on the Professional Development opportunities, especially for his serving officers and staff. In an attempt to allay fears of costs to any of his budgets, we outlined the various funding opportunities, including Gimborn fees, Scholarships, Lincoln Awards, plus local funding from both Wales Region and Branches.

Mr Williams was extremely enthusiastic towards the possibilities of the ILDEP scheme as regards any officers wishing to consider an exchange. As regards local Force support for both funding and time off to attend seminars, this was again met very positively and with the total understanding as to how it would benefit both the Police Force and the individual. He has also offered access to the Force internal information system to broadcast IPA bulletins, plus the opportunity to meet with the new 'Friendship' groups that are being set up in Gwent Police in an effort to reinvigorate the old style social bonding that once existed in Departments and with members of the shifts.

Mr Williams accepted our invitation to become Joint Patron to the South Wales Branch.



Sunshine Festival at Upton upon Severn

Andy Gregory, Chair, Birmingham, West Midlands Branch

IPA Friends in the 'Sunshine'. In August 9 Region decided to meet at the Sunshine Festival at Upton upon Severn. It was Sav Kyriakou and his wife Helen's first experience of a music festival and it gave the group an opportunity to socialise in a relaxed environment on the campsite adjacent to the festival field.

Sav said "What a brilliant introduction to a music festival, it was family-friendly with great amenities and terrific value for money. Our group consisted of a dozen serving police officers and their partners, and all of us serve in the same Army Reserves unit, and this was the perfect venue for us all to meet up and have a very memorable weekend."

Upton upon Severn is a small picturesque town on the west bank of the River Severn. For decades it has hosted Jazz and Blues Festivals in May and July, but in 2010 some local businessmen hosted the first rock and pop festival which has been held annually since then on the August Bank Holiday weekend. This year was the eighth rock and pop festival and it has grown in size rapidly since its inception. At the first festival in 2010 only 800 tickets were sold, but it's now attended by 10,000 people annually. This year the acts included Sophie Ellis Bexter, Blue, Atomic Kitten, Paul Young, Kim Wilde and the Three Degrees, as well as Sunshine Festival regulars Bad Manners and The Wurzels! The Festival now has four stages, with more than 100 acts performing over the weekend and visitors can camp at the venue from Thursday to Monday.

Birmingham, West Midlands branch Chair Andy Gregory attended the first Upton Festival in 2010 and the last five since 2013. Andy said "Joanne and I book every year as the Sunshine Festival is always great fun, with some brilliant acts and bands performing. It was great to meet Sav, Helen and other IPA friends this year and we hope they return in 2018. A few years ago former IPA Vice-President Ronnie Dukes was exploring the possibility of IPA Section UK hosting a music festival. Maybe another option could be for a large meet-up of IPA friends from across the country at the Sunshine Festival in 2018?"



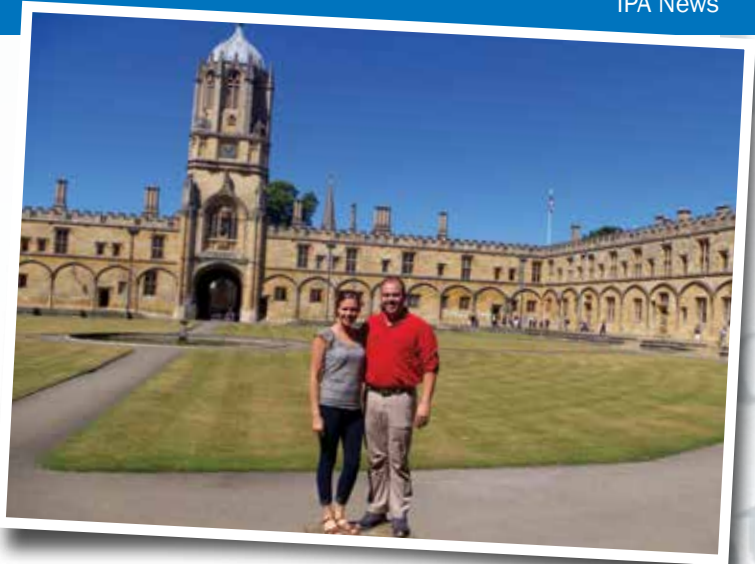
Anyone For Afternoon Tea?

By **Paul Landon** Thames Valley

Thames Valley Branch heard that a couple of American members were visiting Oxford and wanted to meet local members. The call went out and three of us volunteered to meet Paul and Kirsten Mixon and give them a taste of English hospitality. The Mixons were only in Oxford for three days, so Graham Tabersham suggested taking them to Stratford-upon-Avon on their first day. James Humphries would guide them around Oxford city centre so I was left with the last day, a Wednesday, to entertain them.

Paul Mixon was a serving police officer with Crestview City Police, Okaloosa County, Florida, before he met Kirsten, sixteen years ago. Their trip was to celebrate their sixteenth wedding anniversary.

I met Paul and Kirsten at their hotel and we discussed how we would spend the day. I knew that Paul was interested in English religious history and English literature. I'd made some plans but imagine my surprise when they said that they wanted to go shopping! Apparently they home-school their children. However, on their return to the USA, two of their children are going to a private school. The cost of school uniform in the States is prohibitively expensive. A polo shirt costs \$30. The Mixons had heard that Marks & Spencer sold school uniform so they asked me to take them to M&S. We came away laden down with polo shirts, children's jumpers and boy's shorts. They were pleased that they'd saved a fortune but their purchases did fill the boot of my car.



We did see some sights. I took them for a walk around Christ Church College. They visited the Great Hall and the City Cathedral, which doubles as the college chapel. In the Great Hall they were interested in the connection with Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, better known as Lewis Carroll. He was a mathematician at the college in the 1800s. His friendship with Henry Liddell, the Dean the Dean's family and in particular Alice Liddell, one of the Dean's daughters, led to Dodgson writing such famous books as Alice in Wonderland. I pointed out various symbols around the Great Hall which may have given Dodgson ideas for characters, such as The Cheshire Cat.

The Mixons had been warned about the "terrible food in Britain" by their American friends. They'd sampled a Full English Breakfast and fish & chips and loved both of them. I took them for an English cream tea with cucumber sandwiches. Scones were a new experience for them, as were the smoked salmon sandwiches.

In the spirit of the I.P.A., Paul and Kirsten have extended an invitation to any T.V.P. I.P.A., member who is in the 'pan handle' of Florida, to visit them and sample US hospitality.



Sussex Branch Visit – Invaded by Australians

Andy Burrows, Vice Chair, Sussex Branch

My wife, Liz and I had the pleasure of showing some visitors the delights of Brighton recently. On Friday 1st September, we travelled to Brighton and met up with recently retired members Rowan Bond and his good wife Robyn from Queensland and Warwick Lipscombe (Lippy) and his good wife Anna from Western Australia.

As a recent import, myself from Western Australia I was looking forward to the day out with some fellow Australians.

We met at the Brighton Pier and after introductions had some refreshments at the Brighton Palace Pier before heading off to tour the Royal Pavilion. The Royal Pavilion was on the 'must do' list of both visitors and they weren't disappointed.

After the Pavilion, we took lunch at Donatello's in the South Lanes. The Pizzas went down a treat. After lunch, we had a tour of the North Lanes and finished the day off by taking a leisurely stroll along the beach. The ladies decided to have a ride on an 1888 Carousel.

We ended the visit by having a beverage in the 'Walkabout', an Australian pub. As no self-respecting Australian would think of drinking Fosters, beer was off the menu.

All in all we had a brilliant day and the weather was kind to us.



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Competition page



Lottery Results

The winners for August 2017 were: 1st (£100) Steve Palmer - Region 8, Cambridgeshire branch; 2nd (£65) Roy Edwards - Region 5, Leicestershire branch; 3rd (£45) Fred Boyd - Region 2, Northern Ireland-North West branch.

July 2017: 1st (£100) Judith Smith - Region 3, Scarborough branch; 2nd (£65) Robert Hamilton - Region 5, Nottinghamshire branch; 3rd (£45) Iain Sirrell - Region 3, York branch.

June 2017: 1st (£100) Mark Kernohan - Region 2, Northern Ireland-Greater Belfast Branch; 2nd (£65) Matthew Deane - Region 10, North East Essex Branch; 3rd (£45) Steve Bretherton - Region 8, Cambridgeshire Branch.

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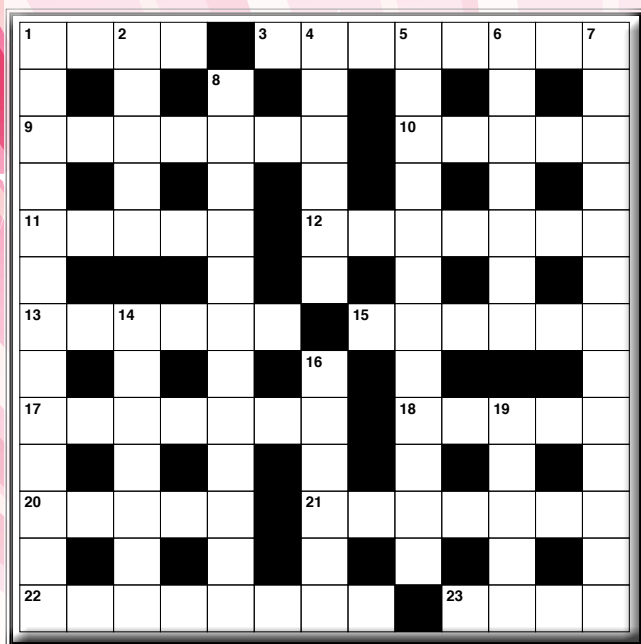
Lynne Morgan (Region 7/Hampshire branch) wins the crossword.

Don Ramsay (Region 9/Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire branch) wins the sudoku.

Puzzles

The prizes for this edition are *Memory Man* by David Baldacci and *Only Human* – 21st century cop by Gemma Hines.

Solve the puzzle/s and send them in. The lucky winners will be drawn out of the hat. Send the complete puzzles to: 'Puzzles', International Police Association, IPA HQ, Section UK, 1 fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 6AJ or as a scan by email to mail@ipa-uk.org marked 'Puzzles'. Deadline for entries is: 23 November 2017.

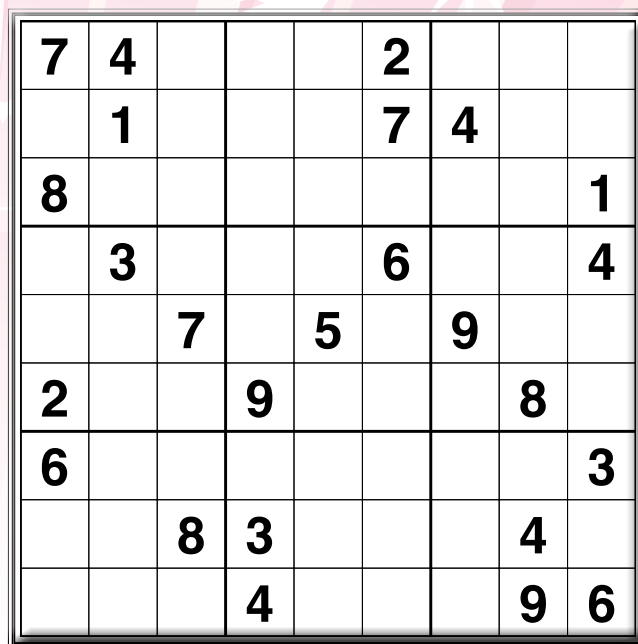


Across

- 1 - Cries (4)
- 3 - Approximate (8)
- 9 - Rise into the air (of an aircraft) (4,3)
- 10 - Eighth Greek letter (5)
- 11 - Tiny aquatic plants (5)
- 12 - Meriting (7)
- 13 - Attribute to (6)
- 15 - Closer (6)
- 17 - Nattier (anag) (7)
- 18 - Happening (5)
- 20 - Governed (5)
- 21 - Land with fruit trees (7)
- 22 - Longing (8)
- 23 - Remain (4)

Down

- 1 - Charitable organisation (9,4)
- 2 - Confuse or obscure (5)
- 4 - Experience pain (6)
- 5 - Disturbance; act of meddling (12)
- 6 - Workshop or studio (7)
- 7 - In an inflated manner (13)
- 8 - Popular district in London (6,6)
- 14 - Kneecap (7)
- 16 - Express discontent over (6)
- 19 - Praise highly (5)



About the books



Memory Man When Amos Decker returned home sixteen months ago to find the bodies of his wife and only daughter, he didn't think he could carry on living. Overwhelmed with grief, he saw his life spiral out of control, losing his job as a detective, his house and his self-respect. But when his former partner in the police, Mary Lancaster, visits to tell him that someone has confessed to the murder of his family, he knows he owes it to his wife and child to seek justice for them.



Only Human After a hard start in life and a rebellious teenage phase, Gemma turned her life around and joined Greater Manchester Police in 2003 as a Special Constable. She quickly realised that she was destined to help others and took the leap in 2006 to join the police full-time. Only Human is a gripping biography that covers ten years as a cop on the front line in 21st century Britain. It follows Gemma's journey from fresh-faced copper to first-time mother, offering genuine insights into life as a female officer and touching on the most horrifying and proud moments of Gemma's career.

Iceland

Honeymoon

and Visit

Never one to miss an opportunity, Birmingham Branch Chair Andy Gregory sought out an IPA meeting while on his honeymoon in Iceland.

In 2008, IPA Iceland President Einar Guðberg Jónsson visited the UK and spent a few weeks with West Midlands Police Operational Support Unit (OSU) and was looked after by then IPA branch secretary Martin Sewell. During that visit Einar was introduced to Andy who was at the time a uniformed Sergeant.

Knowing that Andy and Joanne would be visiting Iceland on their honeymoon in 2017, Martin suggested Andy make contact with Einar prior to their visit in July. Contact was made through Facebook and Andy and Einar arranged to meet in Reykjavik the day after arriving. Andy and Joanne took the unusual step of taking their four children on their honeymoon with them. Andy said "this wasn't just our wedding and honeymoon, but we saw it as the joining of our two families and it's probably the only chance we'll get to take our four children away with us, without their partners, boyfriend, girlfriends etc".

Joanne and Andy, as well as Joanne's two children Sarah (24) and John (21) and Andy's two sons, Louis (25) and Oliver (21) met Einar for a coffee on the Sunday afternoon and were able to quiz him about the sites they should visit during their week-long trip. Einar recommended suitable locations and marked them in the travel guide maps. Having spent a couple of hours with Einar he suggested they pay a visit to the Lebowski Bar in Reykjavik for an evening meal. The bar is a themed-pub based on the film 'The Big Lebowski', featuring John Goodman, Steve Buscemi and Jeff Bridges. After the meal, Einar offered to show his English guests his workplace at Reykjavik Police Headquarters and the group walked across the city with a guided tour en route to the Police building. Einar is a Detective Chief Inspector; he explained about his role, the history of the Icelandic Police Service and showed everyone around the building; Joanne and Andy's children especially enjoyed seeing the cells and police vehicles. In Einar's office he showed Andy his collection of IPA and Police memorabilia from across the world, including the West Midlands Police helmet he was presented with by Chief Constable Chris Sims during his visit in 2008.

Andy said "The IPA in Iceland is thriving. Their section is 54 years old and they have nearly 500 members. They have a small police service for their beautiful island, but most officers are encouraged to join the IPA as soon as they join the police. Almost all their officers are also IPA members, which is really encouraging.

Following the advice of Einar, Andy, Joanne & family visited the black lava sandy beach of Vik and the beautiful waterfalls of Skogafoss and Seljallandsfoss in Southern Iceland, as well as Snæfellsjökull National Park and volcano and the pretty fishing village of Hellnar about 120 miles north of Reykjavik.



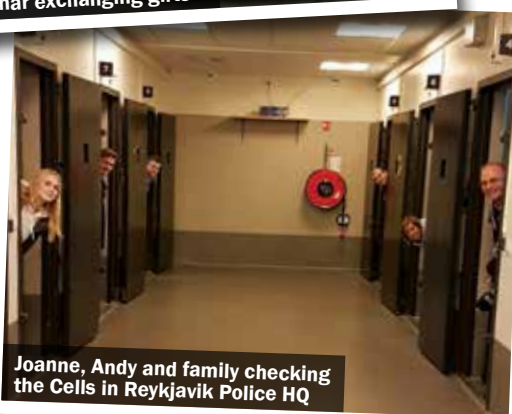
Einar's West Midlands Police hat

Andy said "We had our own ideas and plans of where to visit during the week, but it was great meeting Einar and getting his first-hand knowledge of some other sites we hadn't even considered. It is so beneficial having an IPA friend in a foreign country to give advice and it was fantastic seeing Einar during our stay in his wonderful country. We can't wait to visit Iceland again as there's so much to see".

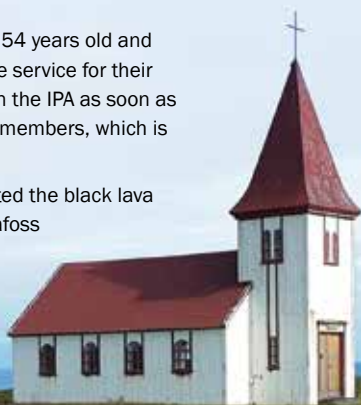
The word Lögreglan on the front of the police vehicles translates into 'Law and Order'.



Andy and Einar exchanging gifts



Joanne, Andy and family checking the Cells in Reykjavik Police HQ



Accommodation Overseas

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Saturday 11th November 2017.

Defensive Tactics Group – Street Survival Tactics, Exeter.

Tuesday 14th November 2017.

9 Region – BTP – Ceremony of the Keys, London.

Wednesday 22nd November 2017.

3 Region – Liverpool & Merseyside – Turkish Delight, St. Helens Merseyside.

Wednesday 29th November 2017.

5 Region – Staffordshire – Christmas Market, Bath.

Sunday 3rd December 2017.

7 Region – Devon – Christmas Lunch, Torquay.

Wednesday 6th December 2017.

5 Region – Leicestershire – Christmas Party, Leicester.

Thursday 7th December 2017.

6 Region – NSY – Christmas Quiz, London.

Sunday 10th December 2017.

11 Region – Surrey – Christmas Lunch, Dorking.

Sunday 10th December 2017.

1 Region – Strathclyde (Ayrshire) – Christmas Lunch, Irvine.

Tuesday 12th December 2017.

3 Region – Rochdale – Christmas Dinner, Oldham.

Friday 15th December 2017.

National Event – Members Day, Nottingham.

Sunday 17th December 2017.

Region 11 – Kent – Christmas Lunch, Ashford.

Thursday 21st December 2017.

Region 11 – Kent – Christmas Concert, London.

Saturday 6th January 2018.

Defensive Tactics Group – AGM, Chester.

Wednesday 10th January 2018.

Region 3 – Blackpool & North Lancashire – AGM, see website for details.

Tuesday 16th January 2018.

Region 7 – Avon & Somerset – 10 pin bowling, venue tbc.

Wednesday 17th January 2018.

3 Region – Cheshire – AGM, Winsford.

Monday 22nd January 2018.

3 Region – Liverpool & Merseyside – AGM, Liverpool.

Tuesday 23rd January 2018.

3 Region – Bolton – AGM, Bolton.

Friday 26th January 2018.

3 Region – Liverpool & Merseyside – Burns weekend, Kilmarnock.

Saturday 27th January 2018.

1 Region – Ayrshire – Burns Supper, Kilmarnock.

Tuesday 30th January 2018.

Region 6 – City of London & Westminster – AGM, venue tbc.

