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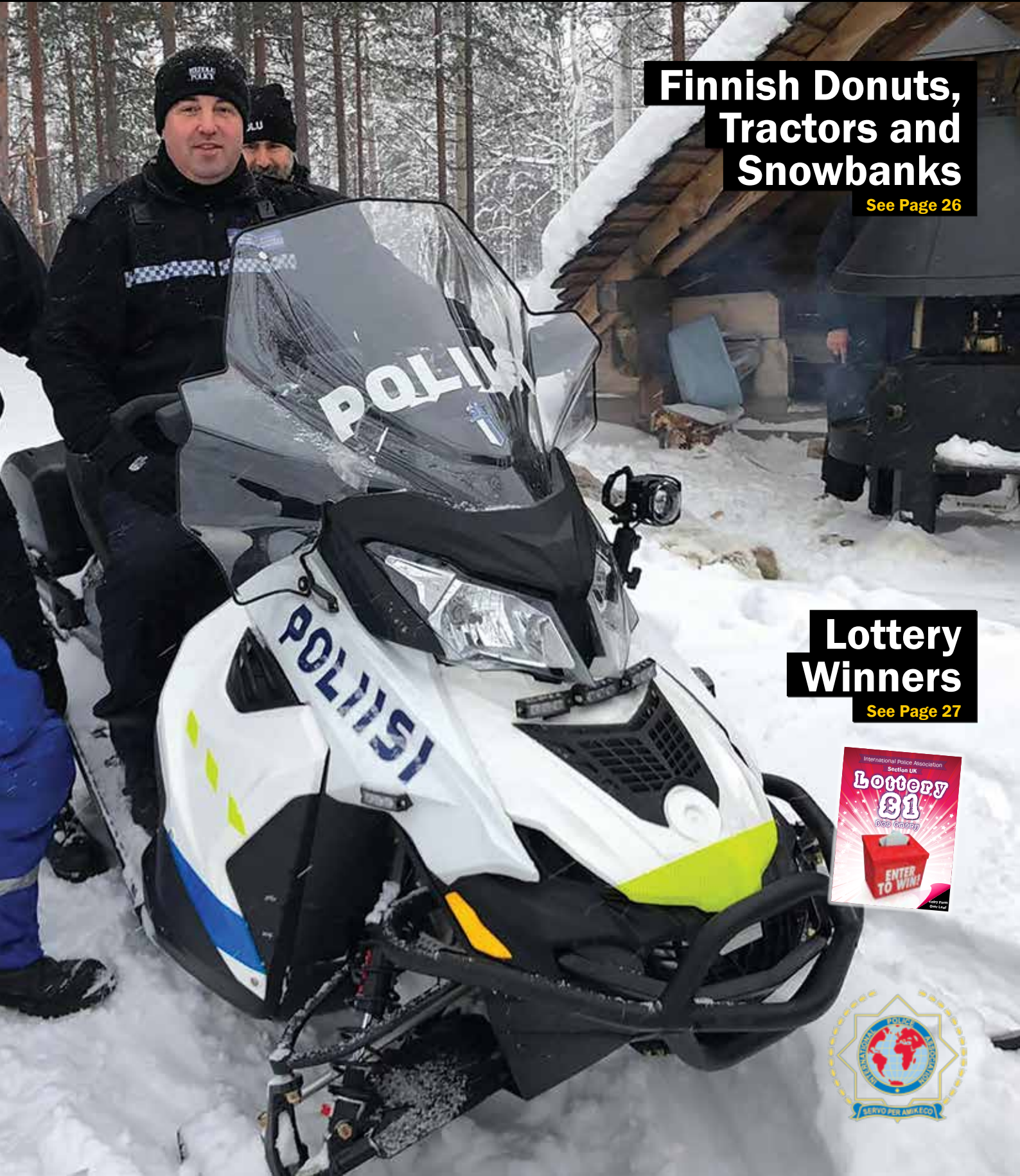
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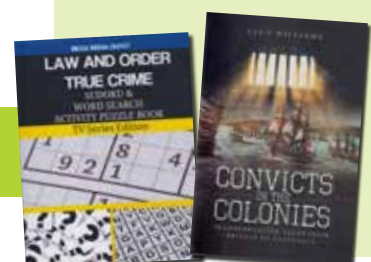
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Keeping you informed

The National Council meeting in June seems a distant memory now but it was a great success, so thank you to all who were involved and contributed. As was reported by the new Secretary General Steve Bretherton, it was an election year and we welcome back Yvonne McGregor from Region 1, who continues to hold the Social Portfolio. We also thank Sean Hannigan from Region 5 who continues with the Communications & Culture Portfolio. I was particularly pleased to welcome Martin Turner as a new Vice President, with responsibility for the Professional Portfolio. Thank you to all who put yourselves forward to be part of the Executive.

Some of you will have read my monthly blog, so apologies if I repeat myself a little but it has been a pleasant few months. My home Branch of Leicestershire welcomed around 30 members from IPA Krefeld, our twin town in Germany, with whom we have enjoyed an excellent relationship for many, many years. I particularly enjoyed the tour of the Brewery in Oakham.

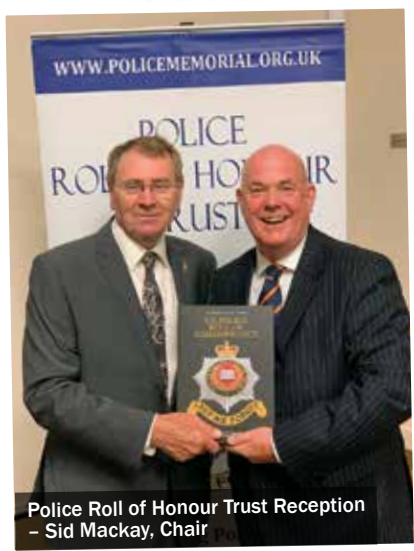
I know many of you are involved in your local Twinning Associations. I think they are an excellent way for our Branches to reach out, although sadly, I was unable to join them this year due to a diary clash. On a similar theme, Leicestershire Branch, together with support from the Town Twinning Association and Chief Constable Simon Cole QPM, sent a group of Volunteer Police Cadets to Krefeld for the annual Soapbox Derby. I saw the Cadet's visit reported on the Section UK website, and it looks like everyone had a fabulous time.

Another part of the IPA which continues to develop is that of the Special Interest Groups (SIG), managed by VP Yvonne McGregor. I was happy to once again, be the liaison member to the Motorcycle Special Interest Group. I recently enjoyed spending time with Roy Edwards and other members of the SIG, as they entertained IPA members from Germany, who had ridden across to visit. Special Interest Groups are developing all the time, and if you have an interest in something that you think others might share, why not contact

Yvonne, and see if you can get one off the ground. More about Special Interest Groups a bit later on, but for now, the biggest event the section has hosted this year.

Following on from our very successful International Youth Gathering (IYG) last year, this year we hosted the Young Police Officers Seminar (YPOS). This was held at Stirling University in Scotland, which was an amazing venue. I travelled up to meet those involved, and it gave me immense pleasure to present Yvonne with a Presidential Award in recognition of the enormous amount of time and commitment she put into the delivery of an excellent project. We also thank Secretary General Steve Bretherton, for spending the week helping to deliver the seminar. Thanks also to all of the speakers, sponsors and helpers, particularly those from Region 1.

Now; the Presidential Charity for this year is the Police Roll of Honour Trust (PRoHT), which I know many of you support. Thank you to everyone who purchased the challenge coins, which VP Sean Hannigan arranged last year. I joined our newest VP Martin Turner in London for a reception, to mark the launch of the first bound, hard copy extract from the Police Roll of Honour. It was rewarding to see the impact that support from the IPA is providing. On behalf of the IPA, I purchased a copy of the book, which is available at Fox Road, or if you'd like to buy your own copy, please contact Sid McKay at PRoHT directly.



**Police Roll of Honour Trust Reception
- Sid Mackay, Chair**

As I wrote last months blog I was saddened to hear about the death of PC Andrew Harper (Thames Valley Police). On behalf of the Association I sent a card of condolence to the Chief Constable Mr John Campbell QPM asking for our thoughts to be passed to the family. I received a very nice acknowledgement with an assurance that this would be done. As I wrote this update, a further three men had been charged. I am sure this has been a challenging enquiry for the investigation team, and our thoughts are with them.

Our Secretary General, Steve Bretherton, kindly represented the Association at the annual Care of Police Survivors (COPS) event at the National Memorial Arboretum. I know many of you are involved with this event, either through NARPO, the Blue Knights, the Unity Tour cyclists, or for many personal reasons. It is always a very moving event.

On a lighter note, I enjoyed afternoon tea at a cafe decorated in the style of the 1940s. The ladies serving us had hairstyles and dresses to match the era, and I must thank John Penlington from our

local branch in Leicestershire, for arranging it. I particularly enjoyed the Spam sandwiches.

Sometime ago, on taking a closer look at our headquarters at Fox Road in Nottingham, it struck me that it needed a bit of TLC, so we have commissioned some work to be done, to ensure our most significant asset remains just that. Over the last couple of months it has been really nice to see the building smartening up.

I recently spent a very pleasant couple of days with VP Martin Turner, helping to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our International Training Centre at Castle Gimborn in Germany. I said I would talk more about Special Interest Groups (SIG) later, and this event was where I met David Lewis, the Chair of our Writers SIG, who had put up a gazebo to raise the profile of the SIG and a Writers Event being held at Gimborn. If you fancy becoming a writer, or you just want to sharpen your skills, get a hold of David or VP Sean Hannigan, who will be able to give you all of the details



Dave Lewis, Writers SIG Chair at Gimborn



Gimborn 50th

Now, before I get an opportunity to talk to you again, it will be our Members Day in December, when we mark the birthday of our founder, Arthur Troop. This event will be held at Section UK IPA-HQ, and is being organised by VP Sean Hannigan. If you or representatives from your Branch want to pop in and be involved in what I'm sure will be an excellent day, please contact Sean. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Finally I'm starting to pack my travel toothbrush to attend World Congress, which this year is in Croatia. We are giving presentations on the outcomes of the Young Police Officers Seminar (YPOS) in Scotland, and also about plans for our 70th anniversary next year: 20 in 2020. It will be an interesting experience for me, as this year is an election year with all of the International Executive Board (IEB) positions up for grabs. I'll let you know how that all ends in the next issue.

For now, thank you for your continuing support for the Association. I am in the process of setting up a Recruitment & Retention Subcommittee, as I believe this is our biggest risk. If you have any thoughts on what I should do, or how that work might be taken forward, I would be only too pleased to hear from you.

Yours in friendship,

Clive Wood
President Section UK

Young Police Officers Seminar 2019

Yvonne McGregor, Section UK VP

Two years ago, our Past President, Mick Luke, asked me to host the 2019 Young Police officers Seminar (YPOS) in Scotland. I was delighted to accept, and could think of no better venue than our Scottish Police College at Tulliallan Castle.

Preparations were going well, when, in December 2018 I was told that we had lost Tulliallan due to what the College described as “operational reasons”. I spent the next few days in efforts to find another location. Stirling University seemed the most suitable, but despite negotiating a discount, it was more expensive than the Police College. After consideration by the National Executive, we decided to continue. To offset the increased cost we looked for sponsorship, and were delighted with contributions made by Leicester University Criminology Department and IPA No 1 (Scotland) Region. Mackie’s Crisps and Tunnocks Biscuits also helped out by donating some of their produce for our guests to enjoy.

We were also greatly assisted by IPA Member Graeme Young, who secured discounts at Edinburgh Castle, free parking at Edinburgh airport and changing facilities before our Gala Dinner. We were also supported by Police Scotland, who allowed some of their staff to assist with the seminar. Our theme for the Seminar was Policing Change, which gave a vast array of topics to choose from.

On Sunday, 23 June 2019, our guests began to arrive at Edinburgh and Glasgow Airports. May-Britt Ronnebro (Chair of the Professional Commission of the International Executive Board) welcomed the 44 guests from 25 countries to the seminar. Monday saw the seminar begin with a talk about the Art of Communication, from Cathy MacDonald, a retired Police Scotland Officer who has resolved several high profile negotiation incidents. Her lecture provided many learning points that the young officers will be able to use in their work.

Up next was Mark Bullen, a former Police officer, who now lives in

Russia. Mark gave a fascinating presentation about Russian Prisoner Tattoos, which prompted discussion among some participants about their own experiences of dealing with people bearing these tattoos.

Damian Allain, a retired Met Officer, spoke about Gangs, and his experiences within Operation Trident, set up in 1998 to tackle gun crime affecting London.

On Monday evening we fell victim to the torrential rain that affected the entire UK. Kyle Hardcastle, a Detective with the Met, had just begun his lecture about Virtual Police Training, when the fire alarm sounded. Opening

the fire door we were confronted with thunder, lightning and torrential rain. We were reluctant to evacuate into the storm, but had to do so, as the building was flooding and water had reached the electrics, making the building unsafe. We were soaked through within seconds. I returned to my accommodation block to find water coming through the corridor lights. This block too had to be evacuated while the Fire Service and electricians checked the building. The rain continued to pour while Steve and I enquired about alternative accommodation and lecture facilities. Despite being unable to host our event, the Police College helped us in our moment of need, when three of our lecturers needed rooms. We were fortunate that the participants’ accommodation block was unaffected by the freak weather. Tuesday was to be a Member Benefit Day, with Section UK Members joining the Young Officers for a day of lectures. Due to the uncertainty over our facilities Steve and I reluctantly decided to cancel the other attendees.

By Tuesday morning the rain had stopped and the sun was shining. The main building was out of commission as the ceiling had collapsed and it was still flooded. Within 15 minutes the University relocated us to another lecture room and our seminar continued on time. Monday’s gang theme continued with Martyn Linton, a Detective from Sussex, who explained the County Lines phenomenon of travelling drug dealers, and its associated Gang Culture.

Kyle Hardcastle then picked up his delayed Virtual Police Training input, with several officers trying out training scenarios wearing VR goggles. Kyle followed on with a talk about Terrorism in the UK. Retired PSNI Officer Ken Pennington continued the Terrorism theme but this time in Northern Ireland.

The day concluded with Laura Gibson’s presentation about Police Scotland’s Wellbeing Programme. There was a lot of interest in this subject and several attendees hope to mirror it in their own areas. On Tuesday evening, our supplier of IPA Whisky, Ewan McIlwraith from Robertsons of Pitlochry, visited the University to deliver 35 bottles to those who had pre-ordered.



Aiden Goundry



YPOS Gala Dinner

We all had the chance to get active on Wednesday morning, when Rob Stenhouse ran a practical session on the Explosive Self Defence System (ESDS). Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this session, although some were a little over zealous.

No visit to Scotland would be complete without a visit to a whisky distillery. After our exertions in the morning, we enjoyed some social and cultural time at Tullibardine Distillery. In what was a first experience for most of our group, we were given a guided tour and an explanation of the whisky making process. Finishing in the Tasting Room, we received three samples of different whiskies, and had the art of nosing and tasting demonstrated to us. Taking advantage of the much improved weather, we made a de-tour to see the famous Kelpies on the Forth and Clyde Canal. The 30 metre high horses heads portray mythological beasts with the strength of 10 horses.



YPOS delegates at Tullibardine Distillery



YPOS delegates visit the Kelpies

Thursday was spent in Edinburgh and thankfully the sun was shining. Our tour guide was retired Police Officer Jim Leslie, who gave us a history lesson during our bus journey to Scotland's Capital. Our first photo stop was at the Bridges Viewpoint, where you can see all three Bridges crossing the Forth: the iconic Forth Rail Bridge, the Road Bridge and the new Queensferry Crossing. David and I were among 1% of Scottish residents who won a ballot to walk across the bridge before it opened to traffic in 2017, through which we raised money for the Police Role of Honour Trust.



YPOS delegates visit the Firth of Forth

Our first stop in Edinburgh was to its Castle, which dominates the Edinburgh skyline. Jim gave us an informative history of the Castle, pointing out things of interest, like the Stone of Destiny, used for all inaugurations of Scottish Kings, the Crown Jewels and Mons Meg, a six ton medieval siege gun. Everyone's highlight was the One O'clock Gun, which is fired each and every day of the year. The tradition dates back to 1861 when ships set their clocks

by the sound of the gun. Even though you know what is going to happen, there were still screams when the gun was fired. The University had supplied us with a packed lunch, which we ate on Arthurs Seat, an extinct volcano that gave us panoramic views over Edinburgh.

That evening was our Gala Dinner, to which the vast majority wore their Police Uniforms, in a variety of colours and styles. They all looked very smart. Our Gala Dinner was at the Royal Scots Club, a Georgian Terrace Hotel in the centre of Edinburgh, where we were joined by our sponsors and other guests. After a pre-dinner drink we were piped into the beautiful dining room by Sandro Winter, one of the officers from Switzerland. He did a fantastic job and received a huge round of applause. After an excellent dinner the young officers received their YPOS Attendance Certificates and an Acme Police Whistle, engraved with the IPA Logo.



YPOS delegates at Edinburgh Castle



YPOS Gala Dinner



Friday was our final day, which continued with a presentation about Immigration and Human Trafficking, given by Jack Linton from the Home Office and Peter Lennon from Police Scotland. It sparked plenty of discussion, as the majority of countries represented have issues around these topics.

Our final presentation was from Jim Wyllie, who heads the International Development Unit at Police Scotland. He gave an insight into the countries they work with, and the ways in which foreign officers can work with Police Scotland.

The Closing ceremony was conducted by May-Britt Ronnebro and our President Clive Wood, where several official gifts were presented and received, including a YPOS Challenge Coin. I would like to personally thank all the presenters; Steve Bretherton, who assisted me during the week; Aidan Goundry & Jordan Blyth who did the meeting and greeting at the Airport and Andrew Wright & Bill Petherick who helped with airport transfers. Without your help and support, the seminar would not have been the success it was. ■

Brandenburg Exchange

Steve Hunt, 10 Region Secretary

10 Region, in the South East of England, confirmed their commitment to the International Learning and Development Exchange Programme (IDLP) with their regular two week visit of student officers from Brandenburg, in Germany.



This year our Region welcomed student officers Kristin Brockschnieder and Niklas Nohl. Their first week was spent with uniform departments and the second with Operation RAPTOR, a drug enforced team who work in plain clothes. They patrolled with PCSO's in the town centre, meeting other Officers and some local criminals dependent on drugs or alcohol. For the rest of the week the pair volunteered for night duty, ensuring action packed shifts. The shift they worked with was depleted of staff and was grateful for two additional Officers.

Germany, so they found this work very interesting. Needless to say the students really enjoyed their two weeks working with Essex Police at Colchester. They explained that, although most of their colleagues visit other countries, their experiences are often classroom based. In Essex, they were allowed to be 'real-cops' and left the UK with fond memories. 10 Region IPA are very grateful to Essex Police and particularly the Command Team at Colchester Police Station for facilitating the students visit. ■

Their week on Operation RAPTOR started with a 4am briefing at Brentwood. They worked with Officers from around the county on a series of County-Lines raids. Teams like Raptor do not exist in



10 Region Signal Service

Steve Hunt, 10 Region Secretary

Veteran member Duncan Sheppard and his wife Tina were presented with Signal Service Certificates for their contribution to the IDLP.



This was Duncan and Tina's first experience of hosting German Student Police Officers, which they took on with relish. This year Kristin Brockschnieder and Niklas Nohl took up the opportunity to visit Colchester Police Station and participate in UK style policing. As well as hosting the visitors in their home, Duncan and Tina took them to restaurants and arranged

home movie nights. Duncan also took Niklas to his golf club as he is a big golf fan. Duncan and Tina's efforts went above and beyond their host duties and were deemed worthy of official recognition.

Both Tina and Duncan were thrilled to be recognised but Tina said that as far as she was concerned it was all part of their duties and in any event she enjoyed having children back at home. ■



Gimborn – Street Survival Training

Phil White, Devon & Cornwall branch

On this week long course I made new friends and experienced some amazing immersive training. So let me tell you about what happened.

After an introduction to the course, Slavo Godszik and Rob Stenhouse took us through the Explosive Self Defence System (E.S.D.S.), the signature empty hand technique of the Defensive Tactics Group. After learning the basics, we tested the drills, from a startle response, as you may not always see an attack coming. With my eyes closed, I had no idea from where the attack would come, giving me an opportunity to practice my tactical breathing (described in *On Combat* by Lt. Col. Dave Grossman). This defence technique is surprisingly easy to remember and requires you to switch on hard and fast to deal with the threat.

Tuesday included lessons on Point Shooting, with realistic BB firing pistols. It was amazingly easy to get on target shots whilst moving and even falling to the ground. We also did some Marauding Terrorist Attack drills, showing what to do in a building where people are getting shot. This was much more comprehensive than Run Hide Tell, the UK Government advice for civilians. I would now feel more confident in circumstances where people were looking to me to take charge and keep them safe.

On Wednesday we covered knife defence, which built nicely on the E.S.D.S. training. The rest of the day was taken up with scenarios, set up to test reactions and tactical communication skills, along with all the practical skills we had learned. These were all staged in the beautiful castle surroundings.

Sometimes people say they have difficulty completing scenarios, I find it best to treat them as a real incident and take the feedback with an open mind, as there is always room for improvement.

Thursday was our Taser training day, which started with an opportunity to be shot with a live Taser, which only six of the 19 chose to experience. This was done very safely with two safety officers holding your arms, and lowering you to the ground when you are shot and lose control of your muscles. It was just as painful as I expected and a massive relief after the (incredibly long!) five seconds were over. We then tried something different with the Taser. Hook & Loop Training (H.A.L.T.) cartridges are Velcro hook darts fired from a Taser, towards a subject wearing a suit made of the loop part of Velcro system.

We had to deal with two trainers (in Velcro suits) who were acting differently each time, but mostly misbehaving and usually, but not always, requiring a good Taser!

It was a really well delivered course that covered a lot of content. ■



Gimborn July 2019 attendees

Belize – Protecting the Wildlife



Stewart Hall

It was 31 degrees; hot, humid and strangely quiet, as I watched the Belize River slowly meandering past the Dream Valley Resort. Above me a committee of vultures perched high in a tree waiting for dinner to be served.

On the ground I heard the occasional rustle of an iguana, watched azure-crowned Hummingbirds feeding nearby, and fly-pasts by the occasional Toucan and Parrot. Then, the serenity of the scene was suddenly broken by raucous calls from Howler Monkeys dominating their territory. It was truly an experience for all the senses, which we all thought reminiscent of Jurassic park. This was my first volunteer experience with the Veterans for Wildlife Charity, and I was in Belize with Mike (another volunteer) and Wes (The charity's CEO). Our role was to work with the Wildlife Conversation Society (WCS), teaching a class of Law Enforcement Officers intelligence and investigation techniques to help in their fight against wildlife crime.

This was the day before the lessons were due to start, but my preparation had started weeks before. Mike and I were given the task of creating the lessons for the course. We shared the work and I called on my old Met Police colleagues for some material, as well as researching the challenges of fighting wildlife crime in Belize. I found myself waking early and staying up late to study the illegal logging of Rosewood, illegal fishing of Conch, Sea Cucumber and the decline of the Scarlet Macaw and Jaguar. The Learning & Development research was just up my street and I hoped to make a positive impact.



I must mention a little about Mike; as well as being an instructor he was our team driver for the week. Now, anyone who has driven in Belize will know that they have the best speed bumps in the world, which are hidden from view and they will cause your kidneys to move about your insides. Mike seemed to spot them all just that little bit too late, and we were routinely bounced around the car like children on pogo sticks.

Day one in any class is always interesting, and this group were no different. I challenged myself to learn everyone's names by the end of the week. I sort of managed this, although I was calling some people by their surnames for most of the week, until I realised what they had written on their name cards. Our students were from the Belizean Police Force, Belizean Defence Force,

Coastguard, Fisheries Dept, Forestry Dept and the WCS. Their attention and active participation throughout the week grew and their feedback was very positive. We worked through; intelligence, investigations, crime scenes and interviewing in just one week, no mean feat in 31 degree heat.

The Kiki Witz Conference Centre, who hosted the course were excellent, with plenty of cold drinks and snacks to help the students study. Evenings were spent exploring the local cuisine, making notes for the next day's lessons and enjoying the wonderful wildlife around us. We finally saw the Howler Monkeys, although my phone camera only shows them as blobs. We usually ate at recommended places, except for once, when fortunately for us all, Mike had some Imodium.

One of the highlights of the course was the witness event exercise, when I used two staff from the centre to help reconstruct a robbery incident. I briefed my two new stars of the stage in their roles, and we secretly manoeuvred half the students into place. The plan was for them to witness an incident completely unaware of what was about to happen, and then be interviewed about it later.



The chef, who was playing the thief, was supposed to run around the complex and out of sight, but when one of the larger students stood up, the chef thought he was going to be shot and ran back to hide in the kitchen.

On our last day we were taken out by the Fisheries Department for the day. They were on routine patrol, and we had been given permission by their supervisors to come along. I was looking forward to this and I was not disappointed, as Officers Hampton and Gomez really looked after us. It was great listening to the passion in Hampton's voice as he spoke about the problems with over fishing and out of season fishing. We stopped several boats, and where offences were found, warnings were given. All my research came together as I saw their work in practice. The coral atolls and clear waters were absolutely stunning, treasures that must be preserved for all to see. We stopped for lunch at a communal BBQ on a small atoll; chilled in the sun, swam in the sea and reflected on how wonderful this deployment had been.

Hopefully we will return later in the year to follow up on their progress. I will take my own driving licence next time. This was truly an amazing experience and I feel lucky to have been chosen to help with this deployment for the Veterans for Wildlife.

For further information and to follow other volunteers as we help wildlife across the world here is the link to their website www.veterans4wildlife.org ■

Gimborn is “Thriving and Vital” at 50

D.B.Lewis, IPA Writers Group / Scarborough Branch

“Thriving and vital” would be anyone’s view of the IPA following the 50th anniversary celebrations at Gimborn. Our Study Centre’s half century was another brilliant milestone for the IPA, bringing international concord from every corner of the globe. Afternoon temperatures touched 38 degrees, but this was soon washed away during the evening dinner-dance by a downpour of monsoon proportions, which did nothing to dampen our enthusiasm.

This was a celebration of the IPA’s partnership with IBz in the ancient *schloss* in North Rhine Westphalia. Representatives from close to 60 member countries of the IPA started gathering on Friday and soon filled every corner of the grounds. Vitality filled the air; this was a thriving and purposeful organisation celebrating another important milestone in its life. Section UK was represented by National President, Clive Wood & his wife Helen, Vice President, Martin Turner & his wife Sarah, Stephen Crockard from Northern Ireland, Head of Administration on the International Executive Board and Gurmit Kaur MBE from Nottinghamshire Branch.

I was there to represent our Writer’s Group, which proved to be of great interest to the hundreds of people visiting Gimborn for International Police Day. Over 60 visitors attended our stand during the afternoon, including 14 National Presidents or Vice Presidents, many of whom left messages of encouragement and support.

May – Britt Ronnebro, Section Sweden President and lead for Professional Development said, “I love the idea of ‘Police Writers’ and to share our story of daily life; this is so important and a great way of showing IPA’s essential purpose of friendship, as well as displaying our commitment to developing interests, professional and cultural, amongst all of our members across the world.”

Both Clive Wood and Martin Turner from Section UK were thrilled to be at Gimborn for the 50th celebrations. They praised the organisation of the weekend and commented on the Writers Forum stand: “*What a wonderful idea, and a very promising way forward in developing Section UK*”

Amongst the many highlights of the weekend was the German youth engagement Clown Circus, complete with acrobats, fire eaters, jugglers, clowns in police cars made from old bicycles, trick dogs and all the trappings of the circus world. The crowd roared in appreciation, which the youth team deserved. Their circus was an amazing community engagement project.

Other displays included police self-defence, the always popular dogs, a whole car park of national police vehicles including a mighty Ford Mustang and Luxembourg’s Teslar, apparently for engagement purposes only. A chase between those two might prove very interesting indeed.

Saturday night saw a gargantuan buffet of international flavours, followed by the presentation of cheques to Gimborn from many national sections and supporting organisations. The fundraising was boosted by the re-launch of the Buy a Brick campaign which proved very popular. After the downpour, which plunged the event into temporary darkness, the assembled guests were treated to dancing and song, led by Cat Lee King and His Cocks.

A huge ‘well-done’ to everyone involved in the planning of this complex and important event in the IPA history; it was a truly fantastic experience to witness.

For those who haven’t discovered Gimborn yet, a treat awaits you. ■



Annual Clay Pigeon Shoot

Steve Hunt, 10 Region Secretary.

Windy conditions along with brilliant sunshine welcomed the participants to the 10 Region IPA annual Clay Pigeon Shoot at Purleigh near Chelmsford Essex.

Twenty participants of all skill levels gathered together to compete for the ‘Dave Ross’ trophy. New and old competitors met up to renew friendships, and make new ones, in true IPA form. Following a safety briefing they split into three groups and after a 20 shot warm-up, fired their 30 competition shots. After much smoke and with many clays dispatched, the competition moved to a nail-biting shoot-off for second place between Matt Deane and Phil Matthews.

- The ladies winner this year was novice shooter Amy Paris with a score of 23
- The men’s runner-up was member Matt Deane with a score of 25
- The overall winner was IPA friend Geoff Lloyd with an impressive score of 28

The prizes were kindly donated and presented by Graham Ferris, the shoot proprietor, who also presented the Dave Ross Trophy to Geoff.

10 Region promote IPA membership by offering a £5.00 discount to current members attending events. ■



Ladies winner,
Amy Paris



Mens winner,
Jeff Lloyd

IPA Membership helps make a holiday of a lifetime

Alan & Pam Dobson, Cambridgeshire Branch

In February, we booked a trip of a lifetime to San Francisco, followed by a cruise to New Zealand, meeting IPA friends on the way.

We were met at San Francisco airport by Rich Sequine, of San Francisco Branch. This local contact was most welcome after our long flight from the UK and a two hour queue through US Customs. Rich drove us to our hotel, and showed us the sights of the city during our three day stay in his city. A visit to Alcatraz is a must for any tourist.



Rich Sequine (right)

Rich was with us until we left America, driving us to embark on our cruise to New Zealand. During our cruise, we also visited Honolulu, Tonga and Samoa.

At New Zealand, we were met in Auckland by Rod Salt, who drove around the attractions of the city and then to North Shore Police Station. Here, we met with former Met Officer Billy Lawrence, who grew up not five miles from where we live in West Sussex. We were given a tour of the police station, which appeared very familiar.



Billy Lawrence (left) and Rod Salt (right) North Shore



Christchurch Cathedral earth quake damage

Our tour of NZ finished in Christchurch, which was still recovering from the devastating earth quake of 2011, which demolished 80% of the buildings in the city centre. We left two days before the terrorist shooting at Christchurch mosque. We found the Kiwis to be very resilient and are sure they will in time, overcome this outrage.

I felt strong links between the UK, the USA and NZ, with familiar policing issues across the countries we visited.

Thanks to Cathy KEY (IPA Member Services) for making contact with IPA members in the US and NZ and paving the way with the travel forms.

We really appreciated the benefits of being an I.P.A. member. ■



SFPD squad car

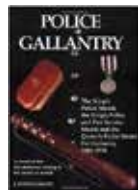
Police World reaches the Antipodes

Who says the printed word won't travel? The Writers SIG recently received this mail from 'John' Farmery:

I have just read the writers article in the Police World magazine (Vol 64 No 2), and to advise you that I retired from the Met in 1987 and now live in Australia. I have written two published

books relating to the award of the King's Police Medal for Gallantry, the first about the awards to officers in the UK, and the second to officers in Australia and New Zealand. This leaves the third volume, which is almost complete, about the awards to members of the rest of the "Empire and Dominions" meaning India, Burma, Canada, and British South Africa and all the smaller territories of the old empire.

I am also writing a novel, working title "Caught in the Act" which is part way through, but I have got stuck! Mainly due to time factors. I have written



many articles over the years, published in various magazines, including the Medal News, and the Police History Society Magazine.

I hope to continue correspondence over the coming months.

Regards

J Peter Farmery (Met Police 1958-1987)

Dear John: Thank you for writing to our Writers Group, of which I am a member. It was very interesting reading about your work, and fantastic to hear that Police World is being read at the other side of the world. Keep up your contact with the group, I am sure they will provide the inspiration for you to complete your current projects – Neil Hallam, Editor

Members Day 2019 Sunday 15th December

We are very pleased to announce our annual Members Day to be held on Sunday the 15th December 2019 at Arthur Troop House, 1 Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 6AJ

For further details please email vphannigan@ipa-uk.org

The following comment was made by a member on Members Day 2018:- "Members day has become a feature and firm favourite of the IPA calendar and 2019 will be no different."

10:00 Doors Open with opportunity to see the IPA Archives and see how we are digitizing them

12:00 Toast to Arthur Troop and his Spoken word

12:30 Buffet lunch

13:30 Presentations including the reprint of Service Through Friendship and launch of the e book Service through friendship.

16:00 IPA-HQ event closes

19:00 Meal out at a Nottingham venue COSMO World Cuisine

If you wish to attend please email mail@ipa-uk.org with information on how many people are in your party, whether you are attending the day time event, evening event or both.

Oral and Aural History on your Member Journey

The Member Journey, linked with the IPA Oral History Project and the work of National Archivist Phillip Powell are progressing well.

This work will pull together the threads of what makes the IPA what it is, and answer the famous JFK question put into Section UK IPA terms ... Ask not what Your IPA can do for you, but what You can do for Your IPA.

The Oral History Project is developing at pace. Through the professional skills of Brian Kennedy nearly 20 IPA members have been videoed and had their own IPA history recorded. Regions have also made audio recordings of members using pocket memos which are still available to borrow. Coupled with this, a mobile scanning unit has been purchased to enable scanning onto a stand-alone computer, with a 3-terra-byte capacity of IPA documents, photographs and even IPA memorabilia.

The project will eventually culminate in a data base of audio, audio-visual and documents which will be accessible to any IPA member. However much more work will need to be completed before the data base can go live and the time frame for this is about 4 years. If you wish to avail of the mobile unit or more importantly help with scanning documents from the IPA Archive at Fox Road, then please contact Sean on vphannigan@ipa-uk.org

A 19th Century Murder and a Spooky Experience



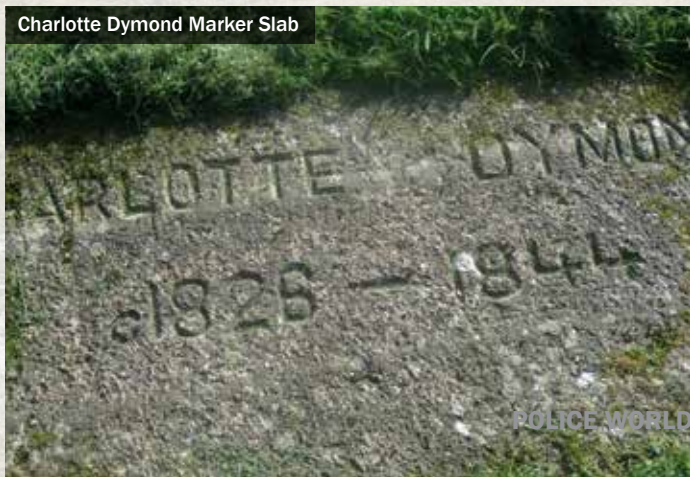
Brian Lush & Mike Chappell, Cornwall Branch

Cornwall Branch recently hosted Californians; Brian, Elena and Ricardo Tremper. Their trip started with a visit to the former Bodmin Crown Court where we saw the re-enactment of a notorious 19th century murder trial.

In 1987, Brian Lush moved to a bungalow opposite Davidstow church, in Cornwall. Whilst walking on the moor I came across a memorial in memory of Charlotte Dymond who had been murdered in 1844. Charlotte lived at Penhale Farm, where her boyfriend Matthew Weeks was a labourer. Charlotte went missing on a Sunday afternoon and was last seen with Matthew. A few days later, she was found on the moor with her throat cut. Matthew went missing, and was located at his sister's home in Plymouth. Matthew was blamed for the murder and tried at Bodmin Assizes. He was hanged at Bodmin Gaol on 12th August 1844. There were several suspects and by today's standards, Matthew Weeks would probably have not been convicted. The Prison Chaplain even made him sign a confession, which he could not read. Charlotte was buried at the church opposite my home in an unmarked grave.

Near to Christmas 1987, I heard a heated row between a local farmer and his wife. With my metaphorical policeman's hat on, I went to investigate. I had almost reached the church when I became half aware of a young girl dressed in dark clothing and wearing a bonnet. I thought this rather odd as few people used the path. Not really concentrating, as the row was still in full flow, the girl said in a refined Cornish accent, "Good evening Sir."

I replied, "Oh, hello." On reaching the farm, I found that two cows had run off, so I helped search for them. I thought no more of the encounter with the girl, but told my wife when I returned home. Just a few days later my wife was having lunch in a local pub, when she was asked where she lived. Realising she lived opposite the church at Davidstow, the questioner handed her a book about the murder, written by Pat Munn, a Bodmin librarian. The book remained unread until the following April. I tried to look for the grave, but was unable to find it as it was then unmarked. I consulted the book and one particular photograph. The spooky part comes next! On locating Charlotte's grave, I realised that it was the very spot where I had encountered the girl. Charlotte's grave has since been marked with a slab. Brian has taken part in a film made to accompany the re-enacted trial of Matthew Weeks, which may be seen in the former Bodmin Crown Court.



Bodmin Gaol

The Tremper family timed their visit just right for our annual Bodmin Heritage Day. They listened to Cornish pipes, watched Cornish dancing, and saw groups of kilned Cornishmen patrolling the town in hunt of the Beast of Bodmin.



Bodmin Court

Brian and Elena also joined police officers on response units at St Austell. Brian said, "The constables could not have been more helpful. Elena went on the ride along as well and was super excited to go on what here in the States we call a code three run, with lights and sirens. I now have a better understanding of policing in the UK, which I will use in the university classes I teach".

Because Elena is Principal of a school in California, a visit to Torpoint School was arranged. They were hosted by Head Teacher, Elisabeth Carney-Haworth and her husband David, who is an IPA member.

Elisabeth and David pioneered Operation Encompass, a programme to support kids caught up in domestic abuse incidents. The police pass on information to the school, who in turn provide support to the children. This programme has been taken up by several other UK Forces.

Following the school visit Brian and Elena had lunch with Captain Richard Harris, Commanding Officer of HMS Raleigh the Royal Navy's basic training facility. Here they met Rear Admiral John Weale CB, OBE, among other special guests, and watched the recruits passing out parade. ■

I am Allan: Section UK Motorcycle Section's First International Rally

Mike Vince: Motorcycle Group Treasurer

Our first International Rally celebrated the Group's formation ten years ago. Almost 100 guests on 80 motorcycles arrived at Storthes Hall, on the Huddersfield University Campus. The event was officially opened by the Mayor of Kirklees, Councillor Mumtaz Hussein, ably assisted by Huddersfield Town Crier, Vic Watson, dressed in his magnificent blue outfit.

Our visitors arrived from far and wide; Australia, Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Republic of Ireland, Switzerland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, as well as the native English. Bikes of all makes and sizes, including two trikes, filled the campus carpark.

The rally was 12 months in the planning, by a team of members lead by Group Chairman Paul Firth. Vice Chair, John Birkenshaw worked hard to gain sponsorships, both from within the IPA and from local businesses. We are very grateful for the support from IPA Section UK and several Branches, as well as our commercial sponsors: Allan Jefferies BMW, Morrisons Supermarket, Taylors Yorkshire Tea, Black Sheep Brewery, Timothy Taylor Brewery, and Casarva Trike Conversions.

Our Australian visitor, Joe Anderson travelled the furthest, hiring a bike from our BMW sponsor. But credit must be given to two intrepid Scots who left their homes two weeks before the rally, riding through to the Balkans taking in exotic places like Sarajevo and Mostar, in Bosnia, before reaching Huddersfield, completing some 3,600 miles.

The rally started in earnest on day two, where small groups took guided rides through the delights of the Yorkshire Dales and Peak District.



For those who did not wish to ride, coaches were laid on to Manchester and Leeds Royal Armouries. All the rides were repeated on day three, with riders swapping destinations from the previous day.

Evenings off the bikes were spent socially, with a BBQ and live entertainment from The Max Band. Many of our ladies were much in demand for dancing. Chairman Paul took the opportunity to exchange memorabilia with our overseas visitors. The hats, badges, cuckoo clock, and shields were most appreciated.

Mention must be made of the tremendous efforts made by DIGS The Venue, who ensured our every needs were accommodated. The 200 pints of beer donated by Timothy Taylor Brewery were all enjoyed. Everyone was given a sponsored t-shirt showing: the IPA logo and our sponsor's name "Allan Jefferies BMW". No one had name tags so everyone had great delight in saying "I am Allan" in the style of the film "Spartacus". ■

Two Wheels Across the Channel

Roy Edwards, IPA Motorcycle Section

In June I hosted three of our German members, Ingo Steenken, Antonius Tiefriinger & Uli Lobenburg, en-route to the IPA Motorcycle Rally in Huddersfield.



I took them on a guided tour of Rutland, culminating after lunch with a visit to historic Oakham Castle. They were most impressed and fascinated by the display of ancient and modern horseshoes in the castle's hall. We were joined in our visit by other Section UK members: Trevor Smith, who coordinated the visit, along with Peter Adney and Lloyd Levett.

IPA President Clive Wood also presented our German visitors with an IPA Section UK pennant. ■

Motorcycle Section AGM

18th May saw the Motorcycle SIG hold their AGM at the Richmond Hotel in Aberystwyth, Mid Wales.

Although the weather forecast was not very good, in the end it remained dry but cool and there was a successful ride out of the area led by Stuart McMillan. An excellent dinner was enjoyed before the meeting followed by the election of the committee. ■



Virginian Hospitality at Its Best

Phil Jones, Staffordshire Branch

During our four week holiday in America, an IPA Travel Form led to a memorable tour of the new Fairfax County Police Headquarters in Virginia. Local members Bonnie and Jim Kraut showed us around their HQ, with its state of the art Communications Centre and Helicopter Unit. The purpose designed HQ was light, clean and well supported by technology. We saw no piles of paperwork anywhere.

Dan Courtney, a retired officer, had amassed a large collection of old photographs dating back to the 1940s when the department was formed. The photos were a fascinating record of how the life of a Virginian police officer has changed over the years. In fact, we recognised our hosts, Bonnie and Jim in the pictures. The Chief of Police, Ed Roessler, recognised the importance of the photographs and funded the cost of having them framed for display throughout the building. One poignant photo which caught our attention, was of the force providing support to the Pentagon after the attack in September 2001. Glass cabinets displayed surveillance equipment, weapons and uniforms. The photographs and the exhibits were a constant reminder to new officers of the history that shaped their force.

We were shown the Polygraph Interview Rooms, fitted with all the necessary technical equipment. Joe Hughes, a retired officer now Head of the Unit, took us through the procedure and spent some time answering our questions. This procedure is not used in England and it was very interesting to hear how it was used in America. Although the test results are not admissible in court, the contents of the interview can be admissible. It is primarily used to confirm information or to focus an investigation.

The Communications Centre and Forensic Department were in a separate building to the HQ. The Comms unit provided communications for several Police Agencies and the Fire Service in Fairfax County. Roy Oliver, the

Comms manager, explained the hub structure with its integrated visual displays. I found this particularly interesting as my last posting was as Force Comms Radio Officer.

The Police Helicopter Unit has two helicopters, which guaranteed them 24 hour availability. Originally the pilots were all Police Officers, although now they also use pilots who are not sworn officers. Emergency medical personnel also form part of the crew. Sadly, we weren't offered a ride.

Our hosts took us to lunch at the Mission BBQ restaurant, which serves as the informal police cafeteria. They give a special welcome to the Police, Fire and Military. The walls are decorated with lots of badges, patches and photos, and the restaurant is a huge supporter of their social functions and fund raising.

Jokes and anecdotes about police life in general were shared and one interesting question was raised about if the British Police would ever be armed. There was some thoughtfulness when told that if this were to happen; it would completely change the ethos of our Police and its relationship with the public. One thing evident from our hosts and those that we met, was the pride and esteem they had in their Police Department. We were very grateful for their time and hope to be able to repay their hospitality at some time. ■



Anderlecht Reunion

John Bull, IPA Thames Valley Branch

In 1983 our Branch took up an invitation from ReinlandPhalz Branch to visit our Twin Town of Wittlich in Germany. Their invitation was to join in celebrating the 25th anniversary of their IPA Branch.

During our visit we met Rene Vuylsteke, an Officer with Anderlecht Police in Brussels. Rene invited us to the following year's Annual International Police March in Anderlecht, which became the first of 25 return visits.

Sadly, the Anderlecht Police March ended some years ago when the organising committee all retired. But they did end on a happy note, as the last event featured an International Police wedding. Rita Egyed from Brussels and Willi Hoelker, a member of the U S Military Security Police at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany were married in the Anderlecht Town Hall, and were provided with an honour guard of international Police Officers bearing the Belgian Royal Guard's ceremonial swords.

This year, on the weekend when the March was traditionally held, Willi and Rita, who have both retired and still live near Ramstein, held a reunion weekend in their home village of Godelhausen.

Eleven of us from Milton Keynes made our way to Godelhausen. Friday evening was spent at a restaurant, set in a nature park with wonderful views

over the wooded valley. We were given an enormous meal and spent the evening catching up with old friends from Belgium, Germany and England. On Saturday, following a hearty breakfast in a local bakery, we travelled by coach to Bad Durkheim, which is a spa town in the Pfaltz wine growing area. The town was hosting a music festival, so was crowded with locals and tourists. After a light lunch we walked around the town taking in the atmosphere and sampling the local wine. We also visited the largest wine barrel in the world, where we posed for photographs. Back in Godelhausen, our evening meal was spit roasted pig on a bed of fried potatoes. More beer and wine fuelled our reminiscences. Sunday morning saw us breakfasting at the same restaurant we had visited on Friday. Fond farewells followed breakfast and we all set off for home.

Our hosts, Willi & Rita, went beyond the call of duty to provide 40 of us with everything we needed. They found us great lodgings and laid on all the food, the total cost was 100 euros per person, which seemed wonderful value. Thank you Willi & Rita for all your hard work. ■



IPA Madrid Friendship week April 2019



David King, Surrey Branch

Caroline and I looked at the wonderful programme which Madrid IPA had arranged and decided to book it. Our expectations were surpassed by the hospitality arranged for us. We were joined by two other UK members: Brian Adamson and Vivien Mason, along with members from Eire, Australia, Canada, and Czech Republic.

We were met at Madrid airport by Jose Prieto, IPA Madrid secretary and his lovely wife Maleni. They took us to the hotel and after refreshments, took us on a tour of Madrid and to a lovely town called Alcala de Henares, the birth place of Miguel de Cervantes, author of Don Quixote.

The following day was a free day, so we met Brian from 9 region for a walk around Madrid. Brian speaks fluent Spanish as his wife is Spanish and helped us with the transport system. That evening was our official welcome, and opportunity to meet the other members.

The next day we were met by our hosts and taken on a special tour of the Royal Palace and of the City Hall. We were taken to the very top of City Hall, which is usually reserved for dignitaries. The view was spectacular, with a bird's eye view

of Madrid. As the friendship week continued, we were taken to the wonderful towns of Avila, Toledo, Segovia, Real Monasterio at El Escorial, where the Kings and Queens of Spain are buried. Then, finally to Santa Cruz del Valle De Los Caidos, where Franco is entombed. In the wonderful walled city of Avila, we were taken to the local police station and given a tour by the chief officer. We were also privileged to visit the National Police Academy, where we had a tour of their museum. The academy can train up to 1,000 officers at one time, we were all in awe of the complex.

At the final evening dinner we were entertained by Flamenco dancers, which I tried to join, but did very badly.

The day before departing Jose and his wife took me, Caroline, Brian and Vivien to lunch at his house, which was a wonderful occasion and gesture.

I have many friends from all over the world as a result of the IPA. It is not just the friendship tours the IPA offers, but also the opportunity to travel and see things not normally available on the normal tourist sites. There are also great opportunities for learning and experiencing policing in other countries. ■



Good-fellowship in Japan

John Penlington

Arriving in Tokyo, my wife Sylvia and I knew that IPA member Toru Warigaya (Secretary General of Section Japan) would meet us at our hotel. What we did not know is just how much he had planned, and how much we would be moved by his kindness and friendship.



Two hours after our arrival, Toru met us in the hotel lobby. He had travelled for over an hour by train to meet us. He took us by monorail and underground, during the evening rush hour, to visit a shrine, before dining in a typical Japanese restaurant. We asked Toru to select the dishes, and Sylvia and I practised eating with chopsticks.

Back at our hotel, Toru left us at 11pm promising to collect us at 8am to catch the train to Shimbashi, via Yokohama, and then on to Kamakura for sightseeing. During the journey, three more IPA members got on at different stations; Matsue, Tomoko and Daishi were delightful people, who stayed with us all day. During the day, they showed us; a giant bronze Buddha, and several shrines, temples and gardens.

Over lunch we met the President of IPA Japan. Despite having recently been in hospital for a hip operation, he joined us for the afternoon,

taking us to visit a Samurai sword maker, whose business had been in the same place for 25 generations. We would have had a long walk back to the station, so the President telephoned his wife and we were driven there by car.

Toru suggested that we meet up in Yokohama that evening for a small welcoming party with some IPA members. Our restaurant overlooked the police station and the 'small welcoming party' consisted of 20 serving and retired police officers. While we dined, each guest in turn stood beside my wife and I; introduced themselves and told us about their police role.

One girl was on a three year secondment to the Police Band as a dancing baton twirler. She delighted in showing a video of her performance on her mobile phone. Each of the guests gave us a small personal gift.

We travelled back to Tokyo and said farewell to our three companions for the day, and a very sad goodbye to Toru.

We had a brilliant day and we could not have been better treated, but it did not end there.

The next day we boarded our ship for a cruise round Japan and to Vladivostok. On our return we disembarked in Yokohama for our journey to the airport, and waiting on the dockside were Toru and Matsue waving an IPA flag. They stayed with us until our coach arrived and even wheeled our suitcases for us before waving us goodbye.

Sylvia and I will never forget these few days spent amongst friends of the Japanese IPA. Especially Toru who made every effort to make sure our visit was pleasant and memorable. Soon after his return from Japan, John presented Leicestershire IPA Chairman, Tony Collins, with a Cap and Pendant from Japan. These were gifts from the Japanese IPA which will go on display at Leicestershire Police Headquarters. ■

Cossack Beginnings

Patrick Rout, West Yorkshire Branch

Modern St. Petersburg's efficient police force began with Cossacks patrolling the streets of the city, to prevent 'furious driving' of horse drawn carriages, to give protection to promenading ladies and to arrest drunks.

My wife and I were delighted to receive an invitation to attend the 300 year anniversary of policing in St. Petersburg, held in May 2019. International Police Forces were represented from Austria, Bulgaria, Belgium, Canada, Sri Lanka, San Marino, Peru, UK, Ukraine and of course Russia. This eclectic group of people demonstrated the true meaning of 'Servo per Amikeco' and showed that we can accept our differences as well as our similarities with tolerance and understanding.

On the evening of our arrival we were given a coach tour of the city, stopping at some of the monuments with explanations in English and Russian. It was nice to learn that all new housing complexes must include a play area for small children, a park for elderly citizens to enjoy and outdoor gym equipment. All parks have plenty of seating and rubbish bins, which are emptied regularly.

Over the following two days we visited the wonderful gardens and fountains of Peterhof Palace and the beautiful Pavlovsky Palace, with lunch at local restaurants. The faithful reconstruction of these historic buildings, which

were destroyed in World War II, includes ongoing research to locate and return looted items.

The celebration's Gala Dinner was held at the 19th century Nicholas Place. After tuition from professional Dance Masters, we felt confident joining in with traditional Russian dances. Later that night we walked along the embankment of the Neva River, overlooked by the statue of Peter the Great, watching bridges rise to allow passage of cargo ships.

After breakfast on day five we visited the Museum of the Traffic Police, and met some serving officers. Some of the old equipment brought back memories.

We found the Russian people were very friendly, helpful and positive. This event demonstrated true integration and International friendship with many countries. We brought away memories of a beautiful, modern city with many tourist attractions. St. Petersburg is only a three hour flight, it is easily accessible and highly recommended. ■

Suns Out, let's have a Barbie



Una Blundell, Secretary Devon Branch

After two weeks of very rainy weather, it was hard to imagine that we would be basking in sunshine for the Devon Branch BBQ on 22nd June.

In the end, we had only 48 hours' to confirm that the BBQ was going ahead. Sixteen people turned up, which was great, considering the location was in North Devon, on the edge of Exmoor. The BBQ was a great success and there was high praise for the quality of the burgers and sausages, which came from a local butcher.

The afternoon was spent chatting and relaxing over a drink or two with everyone getting to know one another better. The new IPA ladies scarves were presented to three members of the Branch: Anne Cooley, Gill Sawyer and Julie Dobinson. I can see this summer BBQ becoming an annual event!

Tapas, through a Hole in the Wall

Mike Chappell, Cornwall Branch

Members of Cornwall IPA Branch recently gathered for a really sociable branch meeting at the 'Hole in the Wall' Pub, in Bodmin, Cornwall.

After a short and business like update on IPA affairs, a selection of Spanish style tapas were enjoyed by us all.

The Hole in the Wall was originally a debtors' prison between 1749 and 1779 and is so called due to food being passed in to the prisoners, quite literally through a hole in the wall. It is a lovely, friendly pub, with delicious tapas and we had a most enjoyable meeting.

Which way is up? Jam on cream or cream on jam?



David Read, Avon & Somerset Branch

The two alternatives were passionately argued during the Avon & Somerset Annual Charity Cream Tea.

It is a matter of whether you originate from Cornwall or from Devon as they both do it differently and vehemently argue they are right. In Somerset we just do not care and enjoy our cream teas as we like! A good support of 25 members enjoyed this now annual event, held by kind invitation in the garden of Hans and Derry Rennie, in the lovely rural village of Odcombe. A short branch meeting was held before our members joined the others in the garden, and by sheer luck the sun shone during a period of indifferent weather. As usual the choice of scones, homemade jam and cream, plus an abundance of home baked cake and pots of tea, ensured the success and friendship of the event. Importantly we raised a further £150 towards our target of one thousand pounds for our branch charity, the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

Congratulations Elisabeth and David, both awarded OBEs



Mike Chappell, Cornwall Branch

Congratulations to Cornwall Branch member, David Carney-Haworth, a retired Devon and Cornwall Police Officer and his wife, Elisabeth, Head teacher of Torpoint Infant and Junior School who were both awarded OBEs on the Queens Birthday for their work protecting children experiencing domestic abuse.

Between them, David and Elisabeth set up a successful charity called Operation Encompass, which connects the police with schools to secure better outcomes for children who are subject, or witness to domestic abuse.

Good Neighbours

Una Blundell, Secretary Devon Branch

Devon Branch members were warmly welcomed by Avon and Somerset Branch at their Sunday lunch on the 7th July.

What could be more relaxing than dining with good friends whilst overlooking Yeovil Golf course? We had a great day and give a big thank you to the organisers and the members of our neighbouring Branch for making our day.



Meeting the Recruits

Rob Weaver, Gloucestershire Branch

Gloucestershire Branch invited Regional Chairman Colin Gameson to give an IPA presentation to their new recruits. Rob Weaver gives his account of a very successful day.

"The 8th August 2019 saw another successful presentation given to a new group of recruits in Gloucestershire, by regional Chairman Colin Gameson, Gloucestershire Branch Chairman, Ken Rice and Branch member Rob Weaver. Colin did an excellent job of presenting to the group the history, benefits and structure of the IPA, before Ken explained how they can benefit locally as branch members. The recruits were in week 15 of 18, and I always feel it's a good time to speak to them, as most of the learning has been completed and their eyes turn towards their future careers. I'm sure we'll see some of these faces amongst us soon, as we bring new blood in to the Association, and keep friendship and learning alive for the generation to come."

60 Years on

Dear Editor

I joined the IPA in March 1959, and during the 70s and 80s served as Chairman of Scotland Yard and No 6 Region. So, in my 60th year of membership I wished to mark the milestone by attending the NCM in No 5 Region, despite now living in Perth Western Australia. This I duly did, and wish to extend my thanks for all the goodwill shown to me by attendees, and especially for that hospitality extended to me by my own UK No 6 Region.

During the Friday evening dinner, in company with my good friend Tony Osborn, who received his 50th year award, I was really touched to be presented with my 60 year Certificate by our National President. Clive then allowed me to give some of my own thoughts on our Association, and in particular the great importance which should always be given to the friendship / Amikeco part of our Motto. I have been given to understand that my words were well received.



I was later fortunate to be able to be part of the true basics of IPA when I accompanied Alan Carter, the former International Secretary General, in escorting a visiting Brazilian Police Officer, Fransisco BADENES. This enabled me to get back to my roots of looking after visitors, which has always been so close to my heart, and which I miss in Perth.

Thank you IPA for a most memorable NCM.

Kevan Barrett.

Dear Kevan: It is always great to hear about people benefiting from the international nature of our Association. There cannot be many opportunities for colleagues so far spread as England, Australia and Brazil to meet up. You must have some amazing stories from 60 years of membership.

Yours: Neil Hallam, Editor

Get your shots!

Harvey Whittam (Thames Valley Branch) visited IPA HQ on Thursday 4th July 2019 to collect literature to drive recruitment in Region 7. Whilst here he had a shot of IPA Ukraine vodka gifted to the IAC by a visiting IPA Ukraine member.

Harvey is off to Romania and Moldova in September, where no doubt the local IPA's hospitality will give him the opportunity to sample a few more shots!

If you are travelling to Countries where IPA have Sections don't forget to email in your 'Travel Request' form to Dave Sharp at mail@ipa-uk.org.



Visit of our Swedish Friends

Evelyn Greechan, Vice Chair, West of Scotland Branch

West of Scotland Branch were delighted to host a visit to Glasgow by our IPA friends from Uppsala in Sweden.

During their journey from Edinburgh Airport to their Hotel, we showed them the Kelpies, the Falkirk Wheel and finally Glasgow Cathedral. The following day, by special request, we took our visitors on a day trip to the Isle of Arran. We had our own minibus, allowing us to stop and start whenever we wished. It was a long, but enjoyable day, arriving back at the hotel about 11 pm, after visiting Lochgoilhead and Arrochar en-route. On the Tuesday our guests had a guided tour of Glasgow's historic City Chambers, followed by coffee in the Councillors Dining Room. Later they visited the Glasgow Police Museum where they were given a guided tour by the curator, who is also a member of our branch. Wednesday brought a trip to Stirling Castle, with some free time in Stirling, where a few bottles of whisky were bought to take home.

Online Webinars

Kyle Hardcastle, Police Educators Secretary

Later this year the IPA Police Educators Group will be holding a series of online webinars addressing a variety of police related issues. Topics are still to be confirmed, but why not pre-register your interest by sending an email to: secretary.educators@icloud.com.

Back In Time For Tea

John Penlington, Leicestershire Branch

Twenty-one Leicestershire IPA members went Back in Time for Tea, at a small café in Lutterworth, which recreates the wartime 1940s with Spam, Corned Beef, Cucumber sandwiches, Scones and cakes.

With the ladies who served us in period dresses and Vera Lynn in the background, it took us to a bygone era.

The food was certainly not rationed and we all had our fill, as, in our minds, we donned on our tin helmets and gas masks for the trip home.

Amateur Radio Special Interest Group

Tom Reilly is considering running and operating the Special Event Call Sign GB 70 IPA during 2020 from various venues. Details to be decided. But for more information; contact Tom Reilly GONSY via radio@ipa-uk.org or tel: 07951 000630.

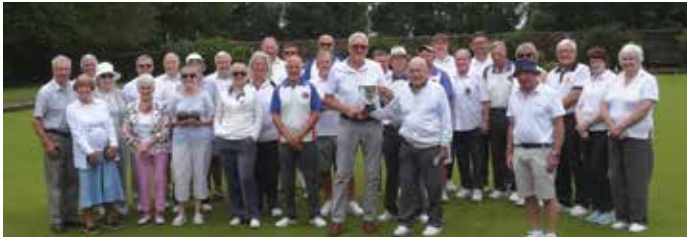


Northamptonshire Bowls

Brian Dale, Chairman Region 5

On a sunny day in July, Northamptonshire Branch played their annual bowls competition as guests of Roade Bowls Club.

Thirty members and partners attended, with 16 playing bowls. Branch Secretary Bill Tapp captained us in a very close game, which Roade won by seven shots. After the game we all enjoyed a Pig Roast and a few drinks. We are all looking forward to next year: perhaps we can win this time.



3 Region – YORK – Friendship Weekend 2020

Thursday 3rd September to Sunday 6th September 2020

On Thursday Evening, Members will be met in York by reps from York Branch and Region 3 for drinks and acclimatisation support.

Friday

- National Railway Museum tour.
- Firearms Demonstration by North Yorkshire Police Firearms Training Team.
- Free time in York.
- Formal Dinner.

Saturday

- Tour of York Minster, with York Minster Police.
- York Walls History Tour, with Region 3 Walking Group.
- York River Cruise.
- Evening Meal

Sunday

- York Races: Entry to Racecourse and Private Box overlooking the finish line - buffet lunch included.

To register your interest contact 3 Region Chair – David Hunter – at 3regionchair@ipa-uk.org

Fairfax County, Washington

Bill Butcher, Thames Valley Branch

In March, I submitted a travel form, to Section UK HQ. My wife Val and I were travelling to the USA in June 2019, to New York and to Washington and hoped to make contact with IPA members.

Unfortunately we didn't manage to meet anyone from New York, although we did manage to have a chat with some of New York's finest when we needed pointing in the right direction.

Washington however was a different kettle of fish. Mrs Butcher and I took the metro to Vienna in Fairfax County, where we were met and taken to the Police HQ, given lunch and shown the Museum. We were introduced to Kelly Kunkel and George Ashley who showed us around. Outside is a memorial to the fallen, so I placed a poppy cross.



Special "K"

Geoff Jackson, Branch Secretary IPA 'K' Branch (10 Region)

Our Metropolitan Police K Branch lunch, in August, included several presentations of Long Service Certificates.

We met at the Ingrebourne Links Golf and Country Club, in Rainham, Essex, for one of our usual Branch meetings and Sunday lunches. This was a special day for us, because the 10 Region Chairman Ernie Paris and 10 Region Secretary Steve Hunt, had joined us to present 'K' Branch

members with their Long Service Certificates. These awards ranged from 20 years' membership to 50 years' membership certificates.

We were extremely proud to have two of our long serving members with us, both of whom are over 90 years of age. They were Mr Reg Baldwin and Mr Donald Turner. The day was one of old friends catching up and rekindling friendships, especially for several that had

not been able to attend for some time. One of the best things of the meeting, was listening to the sound of everybody chatting, and the many stories that were shared.

Our day was made all the better by the location and the excellent care and attention by the staff at Ingrebourne Links.

For those not in the know, the Metropolitan Police is such a big area, that many years ago, they split into 10 Branches, each designated by letters used as Police Station identifiers. K Branch covers the East of London and includes stations: KB = Barking, KG = Dagenham and so on.





Leicestershire Cadets had a blast in Krefeld

Eight police cadets spent a weekend in Leicester's German twin-town, Krefeld, swapping their police berets for driver's helmets as they took part in the town's annual go-cart race, the 'Seifenkistenrennen'.

Over the weekend they were tasked with decorating their Leicestershire Police themed soapbox ready for the race on Sunday, and also spent a lot of time with Krefeld Police. Krefeld's senior officer welcomed the group to their HQ, where they were shown around the control room and other departments. Next was a trip to the traffic unit where the cadets learned about policing Germany's roads. They tried on some uniform, including bulletproof vests, and were given a demonstration of how the force use police dogs to track suspects.

Volunteer Police Cadet Matthew Hares, aged 16, said: "I'm so grateful to have had this opportunity and would like to thank everyone who made it possible. My favourite part was having the chance to interact with the Krefeld police officers. They hosted a BBQ for us on Saturday night and it was really interesting hearing about their experiences. I also had great fun driving the Leicestershire Police soapbox on Sunday."

The cadets were accompanied by cadet leaders PCSO Andrew Dunmore and PC Jade Furniss. PC Furniss said: "It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for everyone and I found it so interesting to see how policing works in another country. My personal highlight was visiting the dog section, and the cadets loved sitting on the force motorbikes and in the cars. I feel proud to have represented Leicestershire Police with such a brilliant group of police cadets and hope to visit Krefeld again someday."

PC Simon O'Connell organised the trip and said: "As an active member of the IPA it's brilliant to help the Leicester and Krefeld branches reconnect. It's even better that we can involve the police cadets and I hope that they will help to maintain the future relationship we hold with our German twin-town. A fantastic time was had by all, and I hope to be able to return to Krefeld with more cadets in 2021."



Death Squads, Robin Hood and International Friendship

Tony Berrington, Chairman, Nottinghamshire Branch

In June this year we met Francisco Badenes, an officer in the Federal Police in Brasilia, the capital of Brazil. He took time out from an IPA conference in Belgium to visit the IPA HQ in Nottingham.

Francisco won the IPA World Prize in 2006 for his work in connection with Brazil's so-called "death squads" and he has continued that work to instil principals of honesty and integrity in Brazil's Police, where corruption is rife. Annie and I took him on a tour of Nottingham, where his first stop was to meet Robin Hood, and he ended up in the stocks.

Francisco visited Section UK HQ, where Elke and Kerry showed him around. Then he met former International Secretary General, Alan Carter and Kevan Barrett, a 60 year IPA veteran who was visiting from Australia. Alan and Kevan took Francisco to Stamford where he met Arthur Troops son, Kevin. He received a signed copy of Arthur's book *Service Through Friendship*, the book that Kevin wrote about his father. They then visited the local church where Francisco saw the memorial to IPA Founder Arthur Troop.

On Tuesday it was back into the capable hands of Tony and Annie Berrington, who despite appalling weather, took Francisco to visit the Major Oak in Sherwood Forest. Francisco is a lover of the great outdoors, regularly paddling his canoe through the Amazonian jungle. Sherwood's trees are very different to the Amazon, but he enjoyed the peace and calm of our forest. That evening Francisco went for one of England's adopted dishes, a Curry, with local members Graham and Jackie Buxton. Francisco left Nottingham early the next day, travelling back to Brazil via Portugal. Tony apologised for the unseasonable weather but Francisco's gracious reply was "no other country is as inspiring as the UK".



Norfolk Broads Caravan Rally

Steve Palmer, Treasurer, No. 8 Region

Steve and Lynn Palmer organised their sixth IPA Broads Caravan Rally in the beautiful Norfolk village of Ludham, which was attended by 30 members. The rally was held over a two week period with various activities organised and plenty of time to relax.

Norfolk and Suffolk Branch organised a quiz in the village hall and served us a splendid buffet. On the hottest day in British history, we hired picnic boats for a day on The Broads. There is nothing better than relaxing at 4mph on the tranquil waters of the Broads. Plentiful wildlife and picturesque scenery made it an enjoyable day for all.

We also enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea, provided by Pat Ash and her helpers. This was prepared in style with a proper china tea service.

Our final event was a very funny and entertaining performance at the End of the Pier Show in Cromer.

We hope to be back in two years time, for our seventh event.



In July, Secretary General Steve Bretherton attended the Care of Police Survivors (COPS) Memorial Day

Now in its 15th year, COPS is a national charity that supports the families of police officers and staff who have lost their lives on duty. Each year COPS organises a Service of Remembrance at the National Memorial Arboretum.

The weather was particularly unkind this year, with torrential rain throughout most of the morning. But this did not prevent 85 members of the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club and the cyclists of the Police Unity Tour from supporting the families by processing through the Arboretum.

Steve laid a wreath at the IPA tree on 'The Beat' – the avenue of trees planted by police services and organisations from across the UK.

Steve said, 'It was an honour to represent the IPA at the Memorial Service. Despite the truly awful weather and the sombre nature of the event, the service was really moving; especially listening to those who spoke from the heart about how the charity had supported them through the worst of times. It was tremendously uplifting to see officers and staff completing the Police Unity Tour – cycling to the service from all parts of the UK

raising money for the charity in the process.

To find out more about COPS visit www.ukcops.org



Image by COPS



Krefeld Twins: IPA Leicestershire's Twinned Branch came to visit

Simon O'Connell, Leicestershire Branch

32 IPA members from Krefeld, in Germany visited our force for the weekend, as part of our ongoing twinning relationship. This was the biggest meet up in the 50 years of our cities being twinned, and has undoubtedly enhanced the friendship and ties we have with the overseas Association. Their visit began on Friday, with a visit to FHQ for a traditional English breakfast and a welcome from ACC Julia Debenham. Then, on Saturday morning, they had chance to meet serving and retired Officers and staff during the Armed Forces march in Leicester City Centre. Our visitors said that they were "blown away by the professionalism shown by the officers". After the parade, they experienced many other things on offer in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, including trips to the Guildhall, National Space Centre and the King Richard III Exhibition. The Chairman of Leicester IPA, Tony Collins said: "I was amazed at how well the weekend went. The experience was enhanced by the reception given by not only my members but fellow force colleagues and staff at the venues we attended. The visitors had a fabulous time and we look forward to visiting them in the near future. It was great to have us all together and have the opportunity to meet new friends."

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Liverpool & Merseyside Branch Friendship Week

Tuesday 25th August to Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Incorporating International Beatles Week

International Beatles Week is held every year over the August Bank Holiday. It attracts bands from all over the world to venues including the Cavern Club. There is a great atmosphere in the City Centre, especially over the weekend, with open air stages attracting thousands of people. As well as attending the Beatles Events we will also be arranging visits to other places of interest.

We have obtained a great accommodation deal with Devonshire House Hotel on the outskirts of the City Centre. **£50 per night, per Double, Twin or Single room with Breakfast.** Hotel prices during this period are usually four times this price. We have provisionally booked 30 Rooms. So it is first come first served.

On Tuesday, 25th August, there will be a Welcome Buffet at the hotel. The following evening we will have an Informal Dinner with Entertainment. The cost of the Dinner is £20, which includes a three Course Meal, with a drink on arrival.

So if you are interested for what promises to be a fantastic week then contact: Danny Gidman at dgidman.lpoolmers3ipa@yahoo.com or George Durno at gurno.lpoolpoolside3ipa@gmail.com



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Honouring PC William Henderson

Chris Burnett, North East Branch

Earlier this year North East Branch members attended the unveiling of a memorial plaque in honour of PC William Henderson.



The 37 year old officer died performing his duties on 14th April 1893, when he was shot by a man he was trying to arrest. PC Henderson left behind his wife Margaret and eight children.

Members of PC Henderson's family attended the unveiling, supported by Cleveland Police Cadets & Police Officers, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Police Memorial Trust.

The plaque is on the site of the old Binks Street Police Station on Linthorpe Road in Middlesbrough, so why not visit it sometime to honour PC Henderson, who sadly died whilst executing his duty.

Another reason why you should join the IPA!

Steve Bretherton, Secretary-General
Inspector Lombardo welcomed Student Officer Kiessling from the state of HESSEN Police force in Germany to Cambridgeshire Constabulary. Officer Kiessling completed a three week exchange programme visit in Fenland and Peterborough.

This programme has been organised by the IPA, to give officers the chance to learn about different policing methods and cultures, and to share ideas, experiences and knowledge.



Creating an IPA Village

George Palmer

Three years ago Vivienne and I came across a beautiful village in the German Black Forest. It was love at first sight and we now live here.

The village is called Enzklosterle and it sits in a valley 590 meters' above sea level. The River Enz, crystal clear and laden with trout runs through the centre of the village. The Mayor, Sascha Dengler is more than just a mayor, he is a long-standing IPA member.

Our village offers first-class camping and self-catering accommodation. There are hundreds of cycling and hiking trails. We have a large crazy golf course, a deer park, Forest Climbing Garden and an impressive wood carving museum. Within a half-hour drive are thermal baths, a giant summer Toboggan Run, nature reserves and panoramic views over Alsace, France.

Ryanair flies from Stanstead to Baden Airpark and car hire is available at the airport. Sascha, Vivienne and I shall be delighted to extend the hand of friendship and open our village to IPA members. I served for 33 years with the Police and have been an IPA member for 37 years.



Extra Sparkle in London

Harvey Whittam, Thames Valley Branch Secretary

During their UK visit in August, I met Niccolo R. Coia from San Francisco and his fiancé Gianna Rose at Windsor Castle.

Together with some helpers, we toured the Castle, including St George's chapel, followed by a guided walk around Windsor.

On our recommendation, Niccolo and Gianna went for an early evening cruise on the river Thames, followed by a quick drink and food in an Eton pub.

Then they whizzed off for a quick pit stop at Runnymede, to see the area of the signing of the Magna Carta. There was also a surprise for them at Runnymede, in the form of a small part of the USA. A one acre plot was given by Britain to the USA in memory of JFK.

Niccolo and Gianna had previously had an excellent visit to the Tower of London, thanks to Dipesh. While in London, Niccolo had 'popped' the question to Gianna.

After leaving us in Thames Valley, they headed on to meet David Norman and friends in York for a Police drive-along tour before catching their train to Paris.



Cider with the Mounties



Ian Wilson, Thames Valley Branch

Maureen and I like Canada, we even tried to move there, but changes in immigration rules prevented it. We first visited in 2002 and bought a house in Niagara, causing members of IPA Canada to wonder if we knew what we were doing. But they were very supportive, particularly Peter Birtles, without whose help things might not have gone so smoothly.

Over the next 11 years we spent many happy holidays there, making many friends in the community and IPA Canada. When our hopes to emigrate failed to materialise, we sold the house in 2013 and had not returned to Canada since. Maureen, herself a former Police Officer, was the inspiration for our holiday this year. She is a member of the Women's Institute, and in their centenary year, members of Oxfordshire WI were challenged to do a 100 of something. Maureen decided to cycle 100 miles. The WI was founded at Stoney Creek in the Niagara region of Canada in 1897, so this became the basis for our trip. Breaking up the cycling into small segments throughout Canada made it a realistic option. Maureen also decided to support an Oxfordshire charity, the Helen & Douglas House – children's hospice.



Mark and Carole Bridges took Ian and Maureen for a sail around Shediac Bay

we did on my birthday, as my present from her. A few days later we did our second ride, a tour of local wineries, with stops for wine tasting, which was more up my street. We did get home without falling off our bikes. Our third week was spent driving from Niagara to Montreal, visiting WI members and giving talks to several WI groups.

The first two weeks of our trip were spent in Niagara on the Lake enjoying the company of old friends. It also saw us complete two of the cycle rides. The first was from Niagara Falls to Niagara on the Lake, which Maureen insisted

Our next stop was at the Riverdale Orchard Cidery, owned by two Scots, Alex and Anne Jamieson. Alex was in the British Army before joining the MOD Police and retiring after 28 years. He is now an IPA member. Starting a business in another country, without any previous experience must be daunting. They bought the farm in 2014 without an apple tree in sight. This year, they entered their brew, aptly named '2 Scots 3 Apples', in the Island's beer and cider festival, winning 4 gold medals. Alex and Anne let us borrow their bikes to complete two segments of Maureen's 100 mile challenge. We cycled 25 miles of the Confederation Trail, returning to the cidery for Region 16's organised tour. Alex showed the IPA members from all three provinces around his facility, explaining the processes and their adventure to date. After the tour we sampled the gold medal winning brew with a marvellous curry and a wonderful apple crumble prepared by Anne.

After leaving Alex and Anne we spent four nights on an RV park in 'Anne of Green Gables' country. We completed our 4th and final cycle ride, from North Rustico to Green Gables House museum in Cavendish, along the scenic coastal road. Our next and final stop on the island was at North Murray Harbour. I failed to heed my previous mistake of not reading the map legend, as the surface changed to a rough surface and narrowed. I should not have taken a 30 foot long RV along this road, as the road narrowed so the RV was nearly touching the trees on either side, with not a passing place in sight. On a steep decent it changed to what locals call a 'Red' road, where your vehicle turns red from driving on compacted red earth, suitable only for 4x4s. Luckily we did not meet any vehicles on this three mile section and managed to climb the steep slippery sections. Not an experience I wish to repeat. Our next RV site was only 30 feet from the beach, with a beautiful view over the bay. The owner of the RV next to us was a retired RCMP officer, although not an IPA member, he had previously worked with Mark Bridges. That evening he took us clam digging on the beach, which he then cooked for us. They were the freshest clams I will ever eat, 30 minutes from collecting to eating. We spent the evening talking and drinking the last bottles of Alex & Anne's cider. I have since heard from Mark to say that we recruited a new member for IPA Region 16.



Clam digging

I would like to add a special thanks to the unsung hero of IPA HQ, Cathy Key, without who's diligence our the trip would not have been so memorable. I submitted my travel form five months before we were due to arrive in Canada. At the beginning of March, to my surprise I received an email from Cathy asking if I had received a response from IPA Canada. Informing her I hadn't, she immediately sent another request to Canada. In April, Cathy followed up again to see if IPA Canada responded, getting the same response from me. She again made contact with Canadian IPA representatives, this time with a positive outcome. Thank you once again Cathy from a very appreciative IPA member. ■



Ian and their RV in 'Anne of Green Gables' country

After flying from Montreal to Halifax, in Nova Scotia, we collected a motor home (RV) for two weeks in the Maritime Region. When planning our visit, I contacted IPA region 16 (AKA the Atlantic Region), covering the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island (PEI). The IPA motto 'Service

through friendship' is alive and well in this region. After an overnight stop in a shopping mall car park, we headed to our next destination, Shediac in New Brunswick, via Hopewell Cape where some of the highest tides in the world have been recorded. Mark Bridges, a retired RCMP Officer and his wife Carole gave us use of their driveway for two nights. We were made very welcome and treated to a seafood casserole, Carole's signature Acadian specialty, which included fresh lobster. Mark has a boat at the local Marina, so he and Carole took us for an enjoyable sail around Shediac bay, mooring up at a buoy to take in the views.

Our route from Shediac to Charlottetown, on Prince Edward Island took us over the eight mile Confederation Bridge, linking the island to the mainland.

75th Anniversary D-Day Celebration Cruise



John Paice, BEM, Hants, Dorset & IOW RAFPA Branch

My wife Bebe and I joined the ship at Portsmouth for an overnight cruise to Antwerp, our first port of call. With us on board were 800 passengers, including three D-Day Veterans. The remaining passengers were retired Navy, Royal Marines, Army, RAF and Home Office Police.

We arrived around midday and boarded coaches to Tyne Cot British War Graves Cemetery, near Ypres, where we paid our respects and thanks at the many hundreds of British Servicemen's graves. All were beautifully kept, and each grave had a red rose left by local school children. A visit to Ypres is not complete without an evening visit to the town's WW1 Menin Gate Memorial. Every evening hundreds of visitors and ex-servicemen from all over the world, gather at 8 pm to hear the Local Volunteer Fire Service Brigade Buglers sounding the Last Post. A Canadian Scottish Pipe Band played a lament whilst wreaths were laid. The Ceremony is part of daily life in Ypres, as a tribute to the courage and self-sacrifice to all those who fell in defence of their town.



The next day also began with a coach journey from our ship. This time we were heading to Brussels for a guided walking tour of the city, with its Cathedral, Royal Palaces, Atomium Statue and magnificent Square. We also got to meet the Manneken Pis, Brussels famous statue of a little boy on top of a fountain.

After another overnight sailing, we arrived at Honfleur, in France. We again travelled by coach through beautiful countryside, passing several War Time Cemeteries to the British WW1 Cemetery at Ranville. This cemetery has 2,564 graves, including those of 2,152 British soldiers. As we arrived, many ex-servicemen, their families and visitors from around the world, laid wreaths and stood in remembrance. The sheer number of graves took our breath away as we stood in silence while a military band played soft music.

We walked along the long line of graves, noticing that the soldiers and sailors aged from 16 to 59 years of age, which again made one think.

From Ranville we travelled on to visit the Pegasus Bridge Memorial Museum and Glider at Benouville.

The Museum is dedicated to the men of the first Paratroopers drop into occupied France. They were the Green Howards, part of the 6th British Airborne Division, Commanded by Major John Howard who landed their gliders during the night of 5th-6th June 1944, to secure the bridge for the British Forces. They captured Pegasus Bridge in a very short time, losing only one man and holding it until relieved from the Normandy Beaches. The whole area was packed with ex-servicemen and visitors, cars, motor cycles, caravans and WWII military vehicles. Back at the coach park; the heavens opened, which thankfully did not prevent

a fly past by the RAF Dakota and Spitfire from Britain's Historic flight.

Thursday 6th June was the actual 75th D-Day Anniversary, which we commemorated at 11 am with a service on board the Marco Polo. We assembled on the open rear deck of the ship. It was a lovely warm and sunny day as we cruised slowly along the D-Day Beaches, passing several naval and other cruise ships. Our three D-Day Veterans were given a place of honour and a standing ovation by all present. The ship's Director of Ceremonies and Captain, both gave speeches of gratitude for what we all owe to these very brave men, and all those who are no longer with us.

Friday was the last day of our cruise and we sailed along the River Seine to the Historic French city of Rouen. Here we were taken on a walking tour of the old city, along narrow streets lined with more than 700 medieval timber-frame houses. Rouen has many churches, including an imposing modern church dedicated to St Joan of Arc, the Patron Saint of France. Close by is the spot where she was burnt at the stake as a witch and a heretic in 1431.

During the days on board ship, we were given talks and watched films about wartime figures like: forces sweetheart Dame Vera Lynn and band leader Glen Miller. Each night we were treated to excellent performances by musicians, singers and dancers. The ships crew and food were excellent throughout our cruise. ■



Finnish Donuts, Tractors and Snowbanks



Rob Griffiths, Dyfed Powys Branch

Five IPA members from Brecon Roads Policing Unit were offered a chance to do a Winter Driving Course in Finland. Owen Dillon, Mark Jones, Rob Griffiths, Julian Clegg and James Luckhurst arrived at Heathrow with only 8kg of hand luggage, which caused a bit of juggling to pack all our winter gear within the weight limit. Some of us decided to wear most of our winter clothing, to the delight of others when the captain decided to turn the heating on.

From Helsinki we had a four hour drive, cramped into a Hire car, to our first stop over at Savonlinna, which is only 70km from the Russian border. We were hosted by IPA member Jarmo Puustinen

who showed us to our rooms in his home, after a quick exchange of pleasantries despite our 3am arrival.

The next morning we were given an amazing breakfast prepared by Jarmo's wife Hanne. We then had a tour of Jarmo's house which had its own sauna, cinema and a 7000kg wood burning stove which was the main feature of the house, and provided all the heating. It was very impressive to say the least.

We had a day of activity organised for us. After dressing in winter clothing we headed out to meet the local constabulary in a nearby car park. When the two Police VW transporters arrived, we left our hire car,

jumped in the police vans and were given a tour of the area; taking in the scenery and stopping by the world's biggest wooden church.

We then made our way to a wooded area at the side of a frozen lake. We trudged through the woods in knee deep snow, not having a clue where we were going. We arrived at a wooden hut with a fire blazing in an open wood BBQ. We were treated to traditional Finnish sausages cooked over the wood fire, fresh brewed coffee and what were described to us as "Finnish Donuts".

Soon after lunch, two officers arrived on snowmobiles who had been on patrol locally. They drove across the frozen lake to join us. Local journalists interviewed us and took photographs, promising that we would be in the next day's local newspaper.

After exchanges of stories and experiences, we cleaned up and were taken to the local police station for a tour. We then returned to Jarmo's house, where his wife had prepared a traditional Finnish stew to warm us up ready for the next stage of our trip to Pieksamakki.

After saying our goodbyes, we set off for a 2 ½ hour drive north to a hotel which looked like something from the soviet era. After a quick change of clothes we hit the town of Pieksamakki, where only Molly's Irish bar was open.

Next day was an early start to attend the Finnish Police Driver Training School, where we were met by Harri Niinioja and his colleagues. After a safety briefing it was straight into the cars and out on the track.

After a few laps to get familiar with the cars, our speeds soon increased and it was only a matter of time before the tractor appeared to pull our first casualty from the snow bank surrounding the track. No names mentioned Owen Dillon.

We went onto learn about car control in the snow, and how to escape from an overturned car on their specially constructed test rig. After a long day it was back to the hotel for a quick change and back out to Molly's Bar.

The next day we were back on the track, training in tactical contact before finally putting our skills into practice in a race; doing timed laps.

All too soon it was time to say our goodbyes and a four hour drive back to Helsinki, for an overnight stay, a quick tour of the city for gifts, and our flight home.

We would like to thank Jarmo, Hanne, Harri and all the staff at the Finnish Police Driving School for their hospitality, and for what must be one of the best driving courses we have ever done. ■



Rob Griffiths, Julian Clegg, James Luckhurst, Mark Jones and Harri Niinioja (left to right)

Competition page



Lottery Results

The winners for June 2019: 1st prize (£100) Sean Hannigan (Leicestershire branch); 2nd prize (£60) Dennis Walland (Warwickshire & Coventry branch); 3rd prize (£40) Bill Lloyd (Bolton branch).

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August 2019: 1st prize (£100) Dennis Walland. (Warwickshire & Coventry Branch); 2nd prize (£60) Iain Sirrell. (York Branch); 3rd prize (£40) Sam Olphert. (Northern Ireland North West Branch).

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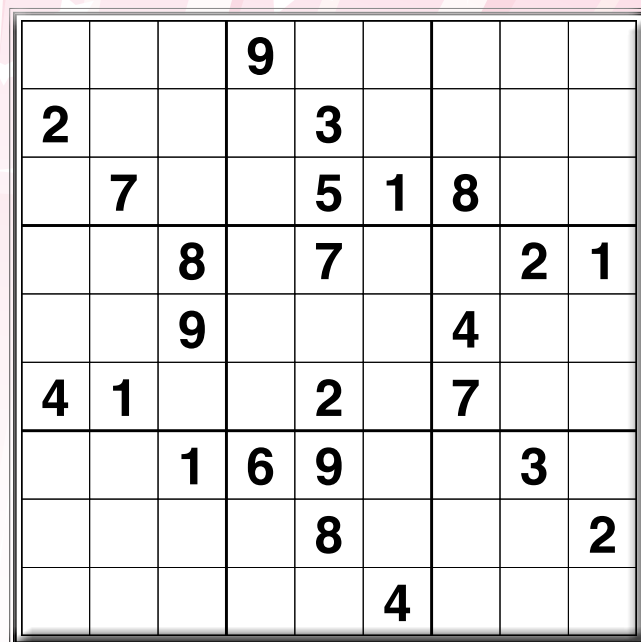
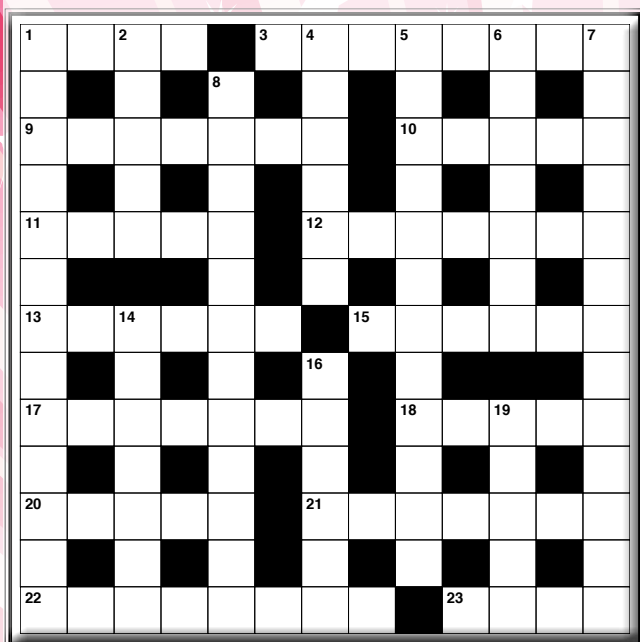
Michael King (Staffordshire Branch) wins the sudoku and *Puzzled to Death* by Parnell Hall.

Ian Wilkinson (City of London & Westminster Branch.) wins the crossword and *The Mayfair Mafia* by Dick Kirby.

Puzzles

The prizes for this edition are Law & Order True Crime Sudoku and Crossword Activity Puzzle Book and *Convicts in the Colonies: Transportation Tales from Britain to Australia* by Lucy Williams.

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: 22 November 2019.



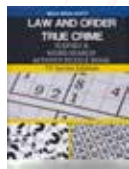
Across

- 1 - Rain (anag) (4)
- 3 - Leave the ground (of a space rocket) (5,3)
- 9 - Modifies (7)
- 10 - Insurgent (5)
- 11 - Measuring stick (5)
- 12 - Flexible (7)
- 13 - Uncover (6)
- 15 - Fanatic (6)
- 17 - Twisting force (7)
- 18 - Huge mythical creature (5)
- 20 - Seawater (5)
- 21 - Perennial herb (7)
- 22 - Improving the mind; enlightening (8)
- 23 - Writing instruments (4)

Down

- 1 - Forever honest (13)
- 2 - Use to one's advantage (5)
- 4 - Diminish (6)
- 5 - Stretched out completely (12)
- 6 - Passing around a town (of a road) (7)
- 7 - Congratulations (13)
- 8 - In a hostile manner (12)
- 14 - Type of vermouth (7)
- 16 - Instruct to do something (6)
- 19 - Humiliate (5)

About the books



Law & Order True Crime Sudoku and Crossword Activity Puzzle Book: TV Series Edition

Our Fill In crossword puzzles are different from the traditional crossword puzzle in that we supply you with the words, instead of clues and you need to complete the grid. We call these Mosaic Crosswords. This edition contains Law & Order True Crime words. It is created by Law & Order True Crime fans.



Convicts in the Colonies: Transportation Tales from Britain to Australia by Lucy Williams.

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Estonian Exchange

Aidan Goundry, West Mercia Branch

Through my IPA activities, and with help of contacts in the European College of Policing, I was invited to take part in a professional exchange with an officer from the Estonian National Police. With the support of my command team, I was authorised to go ahead, with the return visit hopefully following in the near future.

I was met at the Bus depot, by my hosts, Maksim and Henry, and after dropping my bags at the hotel, we headed straight out for my first day's activity; an afternoon of patrolling the seas. It was fascinating to learn how the Patrol boat operated, especially the way in which their response times can vary dependent on weather. The crew also provided support to a nearby island, which was policed by just one patrol. The boat was the only transport for backup, on a voyage that could easily take an hour. The crew were also kind enough to gear up and show me how to perform a sea rescue, utilising the boat as a breaker for the waves.

Leaving the open sea we went upriver, where I was dressed in a dry suit and thrown overboard. I bobbed around quite happily before being reeled in like a large fish, which was great fun.

Estonia is pioneering advances in technological development, which was reflected in the Comms room I visited in Tallinn. Despite space for 30 staff, they only had four call-handlers monitoring

CCTV (which was to an incredible standard) and responding to calls. I was impressed at how accurate their mapping systems were in locating callers and their own units. Their operating system seemed to be very efficient, providing updates almost instantly. All Estonian citizens are registered, which makes person checks far more accurate and reliable. Whilst their day-to-day operations are comparable with ours, the technology available to them makes their job much easier. I also had the chance to talk with their Coastguard Command and learned about the difficulties in crossing foreign waters to attend assistance calls. After the Comms Room, I saw their patrol vehicles, their equipment and technology put standard patrols back home to shame.

Wednesday was the most interesting day of the trip as I had the opportunity to observe a training event. This was an 'active-shooter' scenario, utilising police staff and police volunteers, in a former school owned by the police. The first officer through the door was their equivalent of a

Special Constable, carrying a ballistic shield and a sidearm. It was this officer who made the only "fatal" shot of the day. After the Patrol Officers withdrew, the SWAT unit took over. I found the training methodology incredibly educational and was pleased of the opportunity to learn from it. Hopefully, I might be able to offer suggestions for learning in my own force. That evening, I was invited to my hosts' home for a BBQ.

It was a great opportunity to relax in the beautiful Estonian weather, and to discuss policing and IPA experiences.

Thursday saw me earning my keep, as I gave two presentations. The first was an overview of policing in the UK, and the second focussed on Local Policing and my role as a PCSO. Having done some research, I was able to discuss Estonia and West Mercia in comparative terms. Everyone was very interested at how Britain works with unarmed officers, and especially at PCSO's patrolling without any equipment, which led to a debate on officer safety.



Aidan Goundry going for a swim



Aidan Goundry with the Estonian Police Patrol Boat Crew



My final day consisted of the summer training camp: a mix of workshops, first aid, foraging and outdoor cooking. This was the first time they had tried training like this and it seemed to be a great idea, particularly as the day ended with a big party. This was where I presented my hosts with gifts to show my thanks, and made a few more friends.

Sadly, the next morning was time to leave, but there was one last surprise in store. Due to a slight delay, my driver escorted me to the Latvian border on blues and twos. It had its desired effect, as I arrived at Riga in plenty of time for my flight. This was a fantastic trip, and I was very grateful to have been awarded a grant towards the cost, which went a long way to helping me afford to take part. The experience was fantastic, once again showing that the IPA can provide so much more than just fun in the sun. ■



The Irish Connection

Danny Gidman & George Durno, Liverpool & Merseyside Branch

In September 2018, we enjoyed a trip to Ireland, visiting Cork City, before spending time with the Kilkenny Branch. John O'Connor took us to the former Prison, which is now a Museum, highlighting the hardship that prisoners used to suffer. That evening we attended a Formal Dinner, where a power failure resulted in unexpected dining by candlelight.

On our second day, the Kilkenny Organiser met us for a tour of their town. The Tour ended with, a visit to the local brewery, not a working one, but a Museum. The Smithwicks Brewery was sold some years ago to Guinness, who transferred production to Dublin. In the evening the local branch organised a buffet in a local pub, and two young men gave a talk about Irish Bagpipes. For the Official Speeches, we were honoured by the arrival of Connor O'Higgins, President of the Irish IPA.

The next day was spent visiting Kilkenny Castle, which sits on Parkland alongside the River Nore, where it has guarded the river for 900 years.

In a sad post script, Dave's Mother, Gwen, passed away recently. We met her for the first time on the trip, she was a remarkable lady, full of courage and determination.

At our AGM in February 2019, we officially twinned with Cork City Region. Their Chairman, Pat Nunan and John O'Connor both came over for the meeting to sign the Twinning Agreement.

In March this year, members of our Branch returned to Dublin to join our new friends. The next day we started our trip to Cape Cod and Boston, which was to be a remarkable and enjoyable experience. Our trip was split into two sections, three nights in Cape Cod and three nights in Boston. We were greeted at Boston Airport by Jay Foley from Boston Police and a coach was waiting to take us to our hotel, where our hosts provided two containers of beer on ice.

On our second day, Ken and Barney from the Sheriff's Office drove us to Yarmouth Police Station. Here we met Chief Frederickson, who spoke emotionally about the murder of Sergeant Sean Gannon, who had been shot dead whilst trying to apprehend a criminal. His dog, Nero, was also shot, but survived. Chief Frederickson thanked us for travelling to march in their St Patricks Day Parade, which this year was to honour our fallen brother.

The following day we realised that we had become celebrities, as the Chief had updated the

Force Facebook Account, with the purpose for our visit. This was a foretaste of what we would experience the following day, which began by getting dressed for the Parade, with the serving Officers wearing full uniform. We gathered at the starting point, amongst groups representing the Local Police, State Troopers, and Sheriff's Department, together with Mounted Officers, Dog Handlers and several bands.

Retired Police Officer Tim Whelan, who we had met the previous evening, produced a banner, showing who we represented, to be carried at the front of our Group. We took our place behind the first band, which was led by Sean's Parents and Police Dog Nero.

The Parade lasted well over an hour, with the main street lined with local people, most of whom were dressed in traditional St Patrick's Day attire. It was very emotional when these spectators began to clap and cheer, shouting, "Thank You for coming".

In Boston, we were given the services of a Police Driver, Patrick, who drove us everywhere. Our first port of call was to the Offices of Police Commissioner Gross. He was a remarkable man, who from humble beginnings had risen through the ranks to become Commissioner last year. We then went on to meet the Colonel of Massachusetts State Police, Kerry Gilpen, followed by a visit to the State Police Museum. Our final call that day was to the Police Emerald Society Club, where Police Commissioner Gross declared a Free Bar.

The next morning we had some free time until our meeting with the State Governor at the State House. This was a most imposing building, which was breath taking in its splendour. The Governor, Charlie Baker, spoke warmly, thanking our group for travelling over to commemorate Sean and marching in the Parade.

A special note of thanks goes to Rose Halsall, a member of extraordinary talents, who despite medical problems, provided all the plaques which we presented on our trip. ■

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