

INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION

“Servo per Amikeco”
“Service Through Friendship”



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Well it would be easy to say that the past few months have been so quiet that there was nothing worthy of a Newsletter. But that would not represent the face of policing for our serving members, who continue to be faced with the constant threat upon both their physical and mental wellbeing by a public who often seem to have lost any form of respect for society as a whole. Again, we have witnessed the horrors of officers being murdered and seriously injured whilst carrying out their lawful duties to protect that very same public who might seek to do them harm. To those of you who as serving officers and Police staff are on the front line, we as an Association whose foundation is built on Friendship, continue as ever, to say ‘*Thank You*’, from the bottom of our hearts.



We will Remember Them

Dyfed Powys Branch were pleased and honoured to recently donate a handcrafted wooden bench to the Chief Constable for the Forces Garden of Remembrance.

The bench was made by IPA member Alun Edwards with help from colleagues at the Ferryside Mens Shed.

Alun admitted the crafting of the bench was much more difficult than he initially thought, but the finished product was beautifully made and will be proudly displayed in the garden in memory of colleagues and friends from the IPA and Force.

Alun is a member of Ferryside Mens Shed, a self-supporting, non-profit association whose main function is to promote men's health and well-being, created by a group of local men who wanted to provide for themselves and others a place where they could meet up socially and pursue creative activities ie woodwork whilst other sheds have followed a wide variety of pathways, including photography, gardening, computing, motor mechanics, and writing. The most important ingredient, though, is always the provision of a safe and non-competitive place where everyone is equal and none excluded.

As well as producing items for sale, the Shed actively support, and are supported by, local authorities, churches and schools, community bodies, charities, small businesses and individuals.

In the picture below, Dyfed Powys Branch Chair, Alex Jones, presents the bench to the Chief Constable, Mark Collins. Mr Collins is in fact also the Branch Patron, plus an IPA member.

Also, in the picture from left to right, are: Mr Ken Day of Ferryside Mens Shed, Clive Cowey, IPA Branch Treasurer, Alex Jones and Mark Collins, Gareth Cowley, Branch Secretary, and Alun Edwards, bench designer and creator.



A police recruit was asked during an exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" Back came the instant and thoughtful reply, "Call for backup!"

The welcome hand of Friendship



As the Wales Region, we bid a warm welcome to new member Ben Hopkins who has joined the local North Wales Branch.

Ben is a member of the Special Constabulary and has been encouraged to join following the enthusiastic in Force publicity by other local members who are also 'Specials'. We hope that Ben is able to eventually take advantage of not only the social aspects of the IPA, but the wider professional training skills that are available through the National and International seminars.

If you are a serving IPA member in the Special Constabulary and would like to publicise the Association in your workplace, please contact me at d.hunt3@ntlworld.com and I will forward to you a supply of A5 leaflets.

Sadly, the last day of September saw the end of the £20 discounted joining fee, but during October to December (incl'), new members will pay £40, with no further payment until January 2022.

Remember that there is also the offer of two for one, when two applicants on a joint application will pay only £20 each.

Please support your IPA by talking to your colleagues and encouraging them to join this great organisation.

Thursday 19 November 2pm Join Kim Biddulph for the Zoom talk A law unto themselves: the peculiar history of the City of London Police'Find out what it is about the Square Mile that warrants its own police service and explore some high profile cases, where the City of London and Metropolitan Police services have worked together. Register via shoelane@cityoflondon.gov.uk. Several members have already registered for what looks to be a really interesting presentation. Open to everyone.

Once we are released



Civil Service Club, London

At the recent NEC meeting it was agreed to continue our membership of the Civil Service Club in London. This allows members who may, either for business or pleasure, be needing to spend the night in central London to stay at the club. Our Vice President Sean Hannigan stayed previously and is happy to provide details of his experience if you are considering using it.

The club is located on Great Scotland Yard and its rates are good value for central London. Several members have their own membership for this club. If you would like further details, please contact the



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