



ROA NEWS

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Message from Chairman

I hope that each and every one of you are keeping safe and healthy. It has been a very difficult year for us all and we can only hope that 2021 will be an improvement. To the best of my knowledge we have not lost any member to Covid19, although we have had a few members who have passed away. It is always a sad task when I write a Sympathy Card.

The Membership is very buoyant at the moment. Although we can never be sure of our total number as we are not always informed when we lose a Member. Likewise, our Accounts have been thoroughly audited and found to be in order. So financially we are in a sound position.

We, the Committee, are still here to support you in whatever way that we can. This year we have been unable to hold Committee Meetings, but I keep in contact with them via emails and telephone.

I would on behalf of the Committee like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. I look forward to seeing you in Harrogate for our 2021 AGM/Reunion.

Accounts Financial Year 2019/20

Owing to the sad and untimely loss of our Treasurer Peter Haddock in March of this year coupled with the Coronavirus meant that it took much longer to assemble the accounts and submit to our auditors. Thanks to the good efforts of Geoff and Jenny being able to collate the relevant documents the accounts were duly submitted in June. We are pleased to report that in October the Auditors found our financial position in good order.

As things stand at 14th November the Treasurers Account has a balance of £5350.39 while the 32 Day Account has a balance of £22,487.50. The Reunion Account holds £269.51.

It should be noted that in September 2020 the name of the Auditors changed from Wilkins Kennedy to Azets Audit Services.

When circumstances permit there will be handover of the accounts to Committee member Ken Hicks who has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer until our 2021 Annual General Meeting.

Civil Service Pension Increase from April 2021

The rate of CPI in September was 0.5% which means the CS Pension will increase by this amount in April 2021.

Triple Lock on State Pension

There has been some concern about the economic impact of the current pandemic on the Triple Lock on state pension. The Triple Lock guarantees that the greater of rate of earnings increase, CPI or 2.5% will be applied to increase the full new state pension and the basic state pension (under the pre-2016 system).

The Government has recently confirmed that the Bill which allows it to make this increase has passed through its stages in the Commons, allowing the Government to maintain its manifesto pledge to protect the Triple Lock on State Pension.

Pension Credits going unclaimed - see if you qualify

The Government has published estimates that show only 6 out of 10 people entitled to Pension Credit claimed the benefit in the financial year 2018-2019. This equates to up to £1.8 billion of available Pension Credit going unclaimed. You can check your eligibility for pension credit here. Click in link below:

<https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/VXHfC7XVhm3r0c8YIoG>

Pensions queries

MyCSP has changed contact details due to the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak. An email only service is operating contactcentre@mycsp.co.uk

a limited telephone service 01903 835 600 is available for members who:

- have suffered a bereavement
- do not have internet access
- are in financial hardship
- are awaiting a payment

Support from The Charity for Civil Servants

Just a reminder that the Charity is there to support current, former and retired Civil Servants. There are some useful materials offering practical, emotional, and financial support available on its website: <https://www.foryoubbyou.org.uk>

Or by telephone, for confidential support and advice call **0800 056 2424** Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm.

Are you a Carer?

The [Charity for Civil Servants](#) have developed a ‘Carer’s Passport and Carer’s Statement Digital Tool’ to help you to complete your ‘Civil Service Carer’s Passport’ and ‘Carer’s Statement’. The Carer’s Passport is designed to support current civil servants with specific caring responsibilities. The Charity’s ‘Carer’s Passport Digital Tool’ is a quick and simple self-reflective digital tool that helps you to:

- prepare for a conversation with your manager before completing your Civil Service Workplace Carer’s Passport and
- provides you with a holistic range of information, support and the offer of services for outside the workplace. The ‘Carer’s Statement’ is for use outside the workplace for communicating your needs to care professionals.

When you [complete the ‘Digital Tool’](#) you receive a full record of your answers to complete your Civil Service Carer’s Passport template, a ‘Carer’s Statement’ if you have requested this and a personalised ‘Action Plan’. The ‘Action Plan’ gives tailored advice and signposting to additional resources that may be helpful to you, or the person you provide care for.

The Charity for Civil Servants may be able to help you in other ways, for example with additional costs incurred due to caring responsibilities, such as transport, fuel, equipment, respite breaks and technology.

If you’d like to access any of the Charity’s other support services, please visit their [website](#).

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members: *Glyn Lees, Graham Green, John Little, Paul Hopkins, Catriona McBeath MBE, Tim Reece, Janice Wilson, Ron Selby, Alan Cutter, Melvin & Robina Goudie, Paul Dennett, Alan Piggott, Paul Cook, Edward Maxwell, Neil Carhart, Graham & Leslie Searle and Helen Woodman.*

In Memoriam

Betty Norwod – 31st October 2019

David Blakeman – 11 November 2019

Peter Haddock – 23rd March 2020

Alan Richards 3rd May 2020

Terence Smith – 18th May 2020

Graham Lowe – 19th Jul 2020

Colin Parry – 22nd July 2020

Dick Rowe – 17th September 2020

Ian Cuthill – 23rd October 2020



Tribute to Peter Haddock



Earlier this year our Treasurer Peter Haddock was taken ill suddenly while on holiday in Tenerife and sadly passed away on 23rd March 2020.

Peter joined the Admiralty Constabulary in 1967 beginning his career at HM Naval Base Chatham. Starting shift duties on the gates and patrols, Peter was to work with a group of ex-service men, some from the Royal Marine Police who became members of the Admiralty Constabulary and others who were recruited from the Royal Navy and Royal Marines all of who had a wealth of knowledge of dockyard and navy activities.

In 1970 having passed the promotion exams and selection boards Peter was promoted Sergeant and transferred to Portsmouth Dockyard where he served for 4 years. In 1973 he successfully passed the Inspectors exams however that was the year when all Sub-Inspectors were automatically promoted to Inspector blocking the system for Sergeants who had passed their exams. This resulted in Peter opting for a sideways move to Shoeburyness and in March 1975 an opportunity arose for a return to Chatham where they were short of Constables and Sergeants.

Within a short time, Peter, as the only Sergeant who had passed the Inspectors exam, was appointed Acting Inspector. Uniquely Peter served as a Constable, Sergeant and Inspector at Chatham. In August 1977 he was promoted to the rank of Inspector and posted to RAE Farnborough, his second promotion out of Chatham. On 1st April 1981 Peter was posted to Feltham Garrison as Group Officer & Senior Police Officer. Here he commanded MDP at Feltham, Harefield, Uxbridge and West Drayton. Within 2 years he was promoted to Chief Inspector and given more London units to command including Central London and Mill Hill.

1986 saw further promotion to Force HQ based at Empress State Building, London. Here he became the Force guru on computing, gaining several master's degrees and leading the Force into the complex world of computers and communications. During this time, he earned the rank of Superintendent and in 1988 was appointed Deputy Divisional Commander for all London stations as well as Colchester Garrison, Shoeburyness, Molesworth and certain USAF stations in Suffolk. He also attended the prestigious Joint Services Defence College Course based at the Royal Naval College Greenwich.

Peters promotion to Chief Superintendent in 1992 was followed by a year as Acting Assistant Chief Constable – Support Services. In 1995 he became Head of the Force Inspectorate finally retiring aged 49 in March 1996. On leaving the force Peter remained active and found work as a computer consultant working on the Fingerprint System at Avon & Somerset Police HQ followed by 3 years on the staff of a London University. In 2002 he undertook consultancy work at the Law Society.

In 2004 Peter returned home to Chatham Historic Dockyard and bought North Tower House, a 300-year-old, grade 2 listed building. When asked why, he said "*The best thing I ever did was to join the Admiralty Constabulary here at Chatham. My family links with the dockyard and its past history are part of me*".

In later years Peter joined the MDPROA attending the annual reunions and in 2017 became Treasurer. He set about the role with enthusiasm and with his technology skills got on with computerising the accounts.

Peter was a lifelong fan of live music, enjoyed a pint of real ale, communicating with others and wintering in Tenerife. His other love was the Island of Jersey where he visited every year.

Retired Member Fred (Rod) Stone Celebrates 90th Birthday



On 25th October 2020 retired MDP Inspector Frederick Rodney (Rod) Stone celebrated his 90th birthday. His son Mike, also a serving MDP officer until his retirement in 2018 having completed 33 years' service, has penned a short history of his father's life. Born 1930, he recalls seeing searchlights over Reading looking for WW2 German bombers, and how he had walked to Woodstock from his home in Upper Basildon, Reading, to hear Sir Winston Churchill speak as the war finished.

My father, Rod, carried out his National Service in the RAF Police, from March 1949 to Sept 1950. This taste of "Policing" obviously stayed with him as he joined the Air Ministry Constabulary in February 1951 starting his career at No3 Maintenance Unit, RAF Milton. Until his retirement in 1988, he served at various stations Met. Office Pease Pottage, USAF HQ South Ruislip, RAF stations Aston Down, Central Flying School Little

Rissington, Digby, Chilmark, REME Ashchurch, RSRE Malvern and finishing at Central Area HQ RAF Stafford, rising to the rank of Inspector.

In April 1953 Dad was posted to the Meteorological Office Pease Pottage and later that year married fiancée, Anne Sunderland, on the ‘Glorious 12th’ (August 12th for those that don’t know).

Towards the end of 1958 Dad was posted to RAF Aston Down, Gloucestershire, then later posted to RAF Kemble and Little Rissington, although as a family we remained living in the married quarter at Aston Down. By this time, he and Anne, had 5 children, 4 sons (including myself) and a daughter.

In August 1962 he was posted to RAF Digby, Lincolnshire. Little did we know that the 1962/3 winter was just around the corner. A wartime “prefab” was not the best house to be in and we later moved into a much warmer, brick built married quarter, it was whilst here that their last child was born, another boy!!

In February 1967 we all moved from Digby to a married quarter in the little village of Dinton, South Wiltshire, where he served at RAF Chilmark, including the associated satellite sites. It was here we saw our Mum & Dad, as a couple, enjoying socialising and dancing at the Salisbury Civil Service Club.

In September 1973 following promotion, we moved again, this time to REME Ashchurch, Gloucestershire, where he was the Senior Police Officer (SPO), covering other local stations. In 1979 Dad was posted to RSRE Malvern, Worcestershire and remained there until his posting to Central Area HQ Stockport and then when HQ moved, to RAF Stafford.

Dad retired in 1988 taking Approved Early Retirement, joining the Retired Officers Association and making several attendances to their Annual Reunion Meetings. In 2013 they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an extended family gathering. Dad now spends his days at their home in Bromyard, Worcestershire looking after our mother and himself. *The photo shows Rod receiving his Long Service & Good Conduct Medal from ACC Bullen in 1973. Also, in the photo is Inspector Pounder.*

Reunion & AGM 2021

All going well our next AGM & Reunion will take place during weekend 8th – 10th October 2021 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Harrogate. Full details can be found on the ROA website as well as the Booking Form which can be downloaded.

[Retired Officers Association - Defence Police Federation \(dpf.org.uk\)](http://Retired Officers Association - Defence Police Federation (dpf.org.uk))