

# **Obituary**

## **John Richard Tucker**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of retired member John R Tucker, 80yrs, on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Prior to joining the police John served in the Royal Marine Band Service as a percussionist from 1955 to 1970. On leaving the Marines he joined the Leeds City Police and in 1974 joined the MDP at HM Naval Base Portsmouth.

For most of his service with the force he was stationed at Portsmouth with occasional detached duties undertaken at Medmenham, Greenham Common and elsewhere. He also spent time as a detective constable with CID before promotion to the rank of Sergeant. Given his musical background John was a founder member and main percussionist with the MDP Band along with Trevor Lewis and Peter Howse.

John retired from the force in 1997 and is survived by his wife Valerie, 3 sons Christopher, Paul and Darren and daughter Michelle.

John's funeral service is to be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 at 1pm, at Portchester Crematorium, Portchester, Fareham, Hants. Due to Covid restrictions it is by invitation only.