

“THE OLD HAND”

THE QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER FOR RETIRED MEMBERS
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THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS TOURNAMENT 2017

This year Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service Sports & Social Club will be hosting the 40th International Sports Tournament which is a remarkable achievement to all those who are involved in and were previously involved in the organising of the event.

As well as the normal format of teams competing in golf, football and cross country events we will also be incorporating a boxing competition which will be held in the Hilton Hotel, Gateshead on



Friday 1st September starting at 1830hrs. The visiting teams are from Denver and Boston (USA).

The golf event will feature teams from Gothenberg, Cork, Scotland, Wales and Humberside and will be held at Morpeth Golf Club on Friday 1st September and Slaley Hall on Saturday 2nd.

Teams from Gothenberg, Chrudim (Czech Republic) and Cornwall will be taking part in a 7-a-side football tournament on 1st and 2nd September at Royal Grammar School, Newcastle starting at 1030hrs.

The cross country run will start at Royal Grammar School at 1030hrs on Saturday morning and follow a route around the Town Moor.

As an added bonus the Fire Service National Swimming Championships will also take place on Saturday 2nd at Royal Grammar School starting at 1030hrs.

All supporters are welcome to attend and cheer the competitors on.

CAR DRAW MARCH 2017

PRIZE	WINNING NUMBER	NAME	LOCATION	AMOUNT
1st	4541	G Foreman	Q	£8,000
2nd	1902	R Tiplady	Retired	£2,000
3rd	2472	S Ridley	Retired	£1,000
4th	2621	C Reah	S	£1,000
5th	1667	S Dix	Retired	£500
6th	567	A Downey	Retired	£500
7th	4143	D Allsopp	H	£400
8th	3947	M Snaith	G	£300
9th	1624	S Farrell	Retired	£300
10th	4141	S McGibbon	Retired	£200
11th	2418	A Marriott	Retired	£200
12th	4285	M Phelan	Q	£200
13th	2828	P Smith	Retired	£200
14th	4008	J Orr	SHQ	£200
15th	2292	T Gallagher	Retired	£200
16th	448	P Lincoln	Retired	£200
17th	700	D Turpin	Retired	£200
18th	2173	S Nicholson	SHQ	£200
19th	731	S Carr	BTC	£200
20th	1529	J Sabiston	Retired	£200

Many thanks to the following recent car/prize draw winners who have made generous donations to the Firefighters Charity – Brian Halliday, Graham Butler, Stuart McGibbon, Steve Dix, Dave Turpin, Jimmy Lincoln, Bob Tiplady, Terry Gallagher, June Sharp, Ray Stevenson, Paul Robertson, Peter Stronach.

CAR DRAW MAY 2017

PRIZE	WINNING NUMBER	NAME	LOCATION	AMOUNT
1st	1697	A Kennedy	Retired	£8,000
2nd	907	M Boyd	Retired	£2,000
3rd	1916	T Wilkinson	Control	£1,000
4th	3569	D Wilson	Retired	£1,000
5th	3243	I Robertson	Retired	£500
6th	4397	S Watson	E	£500
7th	1724	T Mellefont	K	£400
8th	3446	A Brown	Retired	£300
9th	3525	C Kennedy	K	£300
10th	1999	J Cooper	J	£200
11th	4858	P Stronach	SHQ	£200
12th	2719	C Nicholson	Retired	£200
13th	2231	S Hewitt	Retired	£200
14th	2946	J Wilkinson	Retired	£200
15th	1404	B Hammond	Retired	£200
16th	270	M Shrubbs	M	£200
17th	1052	G Worthington	Retired	£200
18th	4566	S Dobson	A	£200
19th	3279	P Robertson	Retired	£200
20th	2859	B Halliday	Retired	£200

More great results for our retired members in the March and May Car Draws with 24 out of the 40 prizes going to the Retired Section.

If you want to join or increase your numbers contact us in Support Services on 0191 4441560.

PRIZE DRAW APRIL 2017

PRIZE	WINNING NUMBER	NAME	LOCATION	AMOUNT
1st	534	K Robson	Q	£7,000
2nd	265	S Hall	S	£500
3rd	472	K Robinson	S	£200
4th	1797	J Sharp	Retired	£100
5th	136	R Hauxwell	Retired	£100
6th	217	R Hudson	V	£100
7th	3	D Leach	SDHQ	£100
8th	536	E Harrison	Q	£100
9th	181	R Stevenson	Retired	£100
10th	777	D Snowdon	BTC	£100
11th	1940	D Rowley	J	£100
12th	671	D McTomney	SHQ	£100
13th	218	G Smith	T	£100
14th	169	P Butterworth	Retired	£100
15th	1987	W Fisher	E	£100
16th	97	S Barnett	SHQ	£100

OBITUARIES

Name	Date of Death	Age
Ernie Reynolds	24/02/2017	91
Albert Madgin	03/03/2017	75
Ian Barnfather	04/03/2017	57
Anthony King	24/04/2017	69

Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences are extended to the families of our departed friends and colleagues.

SPORTS AND SOCIAL TRIPS

- 24th June 2017 Day trip to Flamingo Land £25 pp Under 3's free
- 29th July 2017 Day trip to York / York races. York only £5 pp – races £24 pp
- 19th August 2017 Day trip to Scarborough £5pp

RECENT RETIREMENTS

Name	Location	Date
Gary Stubbs	G	08/03/2017
Richard Hill	FS North	16/03/2017
Susan Lewis	Control	31/03/2017
Susan Hewitt	SHQ	31/03/2017
Maree Fenwick	SHQ	31/03/2017
Tom Capeling	SHQ	09/04/2017
Trevor Tague	SHQ	21/04/2017
Chris Royal	T	05/05/2017
Kevin Gardner	SHQ	12/05/2017
Shaun Wardingham	K CFS	17/05/2017
Gary Brewer	S	31/05/2017

Many thanks to the following members for their generous donations on their recent retirement – Tom Capeling, Graham Smith, Sue Lewis, Richard Hill, Mick Mullarky and Kev Gardner.

FORTHCOMING RETIREMENTS

Name	Location	Date
Alfie Moon	BTC	17/06/2017
Allan Richardson	H CFS	30/06/2017
Mick Mullarky	BTC	01/07/2017
Simon Vickery	Q P&E	08/08/2017
Derek Smith	SHQ	09/08/2017

CONTACT DETAILS

To hear of retirement functions, funeral services, events etc. please register your email address – send to peter.stronach@twfire.gov.uk Please remember to inform us of any changes to your contact details.

FAME AT LAST!

In August 2015 I was asked if I would be interested in acting in a film due to be shot in Newcastle, as I had never acted I was surprised but it was explained that this was a Ken Loach film and that he liked to use some non-actors and in particular people with Trade Union/ Socialist backgrounds.

So I found myself walking into a meeting and literally bumping into Mr Loach . We chatted for an hour and I thought that was that. I had met a hero, had my photo taken with him and felt honoured just to have met him so I was surprised when I was asked to attend another meeting.

I turned up only to find a long line of 'proper actors' many I recognised. It then dawned on me that this wasn't a meeting it was an audition! Had it not been Mr Loach I would have walked but I stayed and was soon in the audition room where I found 8 people including the Scriptwriter, the Producer, Mr Loach, many others and a camera!

I had to do a couple of improvisational scenes with younger actresses on camera where I was a struggling Widower living alone and a Husband with a terminally ill wife. What an experience. I didn't hear anything for some time so it came as a huge surprise when I got a phone call saying I had the part of Harry Edwards a Market Garden owner and would be needed for 2 days.

I was then asked to come back and do some scenes with actors who were auditioning for other parts in the film and these were proper actors who had been in films and TV. One had just left Coronation Street, that was a bit intimidating but I must say that everyone was very nice and they all helped me throughout.

So at 0700 on a cold morning in November I found myself in North Shields getting told to go to make up, wardrobe etc..all a bit of a whirl and then Mr Loach sees me and walks across the pub on his own and says " Morning David, do you want to travel down the site with me and the producer and see what goes on ?" 3 months later and he remembered my name, he was 79, I am 53 and sometimes forget where I live! The filming was a great experience with neither myself nor the lead actor knowing what was expected. Every take was different with Mr Loach giving amazing support and after several takes I was done and asked to come back for the phone call scene 2 days later.

After that, I thanked everyone for such a great experience and wished them good luck. It was months later that "I Daniel Blake" started to get lots of publicity and great reviews winning the Palm D'or at the Cannes film Festival and a Bafta.

What a brilliant experience.
Dave Turner, Y R/W & FBU Brigade Secretary (retired).

FUTURE STATION OPEN DAYS

- 1ST July Stn Y (Swalwell)
- 8th July Stn J (Tynemouth)
- 15th July Stn E (Gosforth)
- 29th July Stn Q (Farringdon, Sunderland)
- 26th August Stn K (South Shields)

Why not come along and support your local community fire station and Firefighters Charity.

AND FINALLY.....

My heartiest congratulations to the wonderful Newcastle United on their promotion to the Premier League and commiserations to the other two!!

Former Editor Stuart Thompson