

“THE OLD HAND”

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CLOTHING BANKS

Recycling your unwanted clothes and textiles is a great way to raise much needed funds for the Firefighters Charity and at the same time get rid of some unwanted clutter. Last year £440,000 was raised from the recycling scheme and it doesn't matter what state the items are in as it will all be recycled.

It's a great scheme because there is no cost to the Charity and every penny raised from generous donations by the public goes towards the valuable work the Charity does.

The following items can be donated:

Adult and childrens clothing, socks, coats, underwear, paired shoes, handbags and linen.

Clothing banks should be on the following sites in the next 4 weeks so please pop along with your unwanted clothes and donate to a worthy cause.

SHQ	-	Barmston Mere, Washington
Birtley	-	Stn Whiskey
Gateshead	-	Stn Victor
Swalwell	-	Stn Yankee
West Denton	-	Stn Alpha
Newcastle Central	-	Stn Charlie
Tynemouth	-	Stn Juliet
Hebburn	-	Stn Tango



PRIZE DRAW JUNE 2017

PRIZE	WINNING NUMBER	NAME	LOCATION	AMOUNT
1st	1601	R Craig	Retired	£7,000
2nd	650	G Wallbank	Q	£500
3rd	399	K Soady	A P&E	£200
4th	678	I Allsop	A FS	£100
5th	537	K Jacobson	A	£100
6th	1807	A Shotton	SHQ	£100
7th	1396	I Warbrick	Retired	£100
8th	559	C Bewick	Q	£100
9th	441	A Clark	J	£100
10th	1076	M Borthwick	Retired	£100
11th	545	J Pearson	TSC	£100
12th	1708	G Carabine	S	£100
13th	1424	D Laidler	W	£100
14th	95	G Canham	F	£100
15th	1096	J Thompson	Retired	£100
16th	1441	K Dodds	Retired	£100

PRIZE DRAW AUGUST 2017

PRIZE	WINNING NUMBER	NAME	LOCATION	AMOUNT
1st	2033	B Templeton	FS Sth	£7,000
2nd	1552	J Semple	M P&E	£500
3rd	325	D Oguona	K	£200
4th	1272	A Brown	Retired	£100
5th	1862	S Bewick	M	£100
6th	1097	M Connolly	F	£100
7th	1377	G Hargrave	FS Sth	£100
8th	1427	H Archer	Retired	£100
9th	1210	D Ellison	Retired	£100
10th	1727	S Lewis	Retired	£100
11th	96	G Oliver	A	£100
12th	1100	C Latimer	F	£100
13th	1835	P Iveson	SHQ	£100
14th	724	J Hall	Retired	£100
15th	1031	J Sabiston	Retired	£100
16th	1431	G Yates	Y	£100

CAR DRAW JULY 2017

PRIZE	WINNING NUMBER	NAME	LOCATION	AMOUNT
1st	3543	B Lazzari	V	£8,000
2nd	696	A Cartner	Control	£2,000
3rd	643	T Nicholson	Retired	£1,000
4th	3523	I Walker	Retired	£1,000
5th	681	N Old	Control	£500
6th	4525	A McDonald	G	£500
7th	612	J Lowson	Retired	£400
8th	1031	J Turnbull	F	£300
9th	2841	G Whitfield	Retired	£300
10th	792	K Bailey	Retired	£200
11th	3906	P Towers	C	£200
12th	2851	D Truman	C	£200
13th	2865	D Leach	SDHQ	£200
14th	1594	J Foreman	K	£200
15th	642	M Tibbs	Retired	£200
16th	1099	A Kirsopp	Retired	£200
17th	2973	T Jackson	F	£200
18th	3374	J MacDonald	Retired	£200
19th	4815	J Jacobson	E	£200
20th	883	I Stewart	J	£200

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

Many thanks to the following recent draw winners who have made generous donations to the Firefighters Charity – Colin Nicholson, Allan Kennedy, Bob Tiplady, Ian Robertson, Ray Craig, Dave Wilson and Ken Bailey.

SPORTS AND SOCIAL TRIPS

12-15 January 2018
 Loch Lomond £169 per person
 Includes bed, breakfast, packed lunch and evening meals, free drinks from 1930 – 2230hrs.

19 – 20 May 2018
 Chester Zoo
 £79 per adult, £59 per child (3-15 sharing with 2 adults). Includes bed, breakfast and evening meal and entrance into the zoo.

OBITUARIES

Name	Date of Death	Age
Ernie Johnson	14/06/2017	81
Len Reineck	08/07/2017	84
Harry Wilson	07/08/2017	97

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

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.

RECENT RETIREMENTS

Name	Location	Date
Alfie Moon	BTC	17/06/2017
Allan Richardson	H	30/06/2017
Dave McLeod	M	30/06/2017
Mick Mullarky	BTC	01/07/2017
Phil Watson	A FS	28/07/2017
Dave Farrow	K	06/08/2017
Simon Vickery	Q P&E	08/08/2017
Derek Smith	SHQ	09/08/2017
Bruce Mahan	S	15/08/2017
Mark Falcus	V	22/08/2017
Graeme Duff	J	26/08/2017
Scott Wallace	N	30/08/2017

FORTHCOMING RETIREMENTS

Name	Location	Date
Willie Thielmann	A	06/09/2017
Andy Charlton	G	06/09/2017
Phil Wright	Q	14/09/2017
Mick Snaith	G	04/10/2017

Thanks to Phil Watson, Mark Falcus and Dave McLeod who have all made a donation to the Firefighters Charity on the occasion of their retirement.

NARF (National Association of Retired Firefighters)

If any member of the Association change address can you remember to inform the branch Secretary in order to receive a copy of the NARF magazine.

NEWCASTLE & GATESHEAD MIRROR

In 1974 before the formation of Tyne & Wear every serving member of Newcastle & Gateshead Fire Service received an engraved mirror with the Brigade badge.

At a recent get together the mirror was brought up and I happened to mention that I had two!

Ears pricked up and I explained that a number of years ago I saw the self-same mirror at a bric a brac stall, looking lost and unwanted.

I bought it out of loyalty to give it a new home.

Nothing is known of the second mirror, it could well have been part of a house clearance for a former deceased colleague.

Whatsoeverit's history.

I would like to think that it had been rescued.

Steve McGrath

Ex Stn O Newcastle & Gateshead

Retired ADO Tyne & Wear

FIRE SERVICE & THE FREEMASONS

We are to hold a special Fire Service evening at Hulne Priory Lodge, 6464 Prudhoe Street, Alnwick, Northumberland on Tuesday 10th April 2018.

All serving and former serving personnel, uniformed and none uniformed are all welcome.

Take part, fulfil an office or simply come along support us, meet old friends and enjoy yourself. We have held such evenings in the past with great success.

Please contact me so numbers can be collated for dining etc. Peter Nelson 01670 787595 or

peter.nelson@northumberland.gov.uk or jnelson56@sky.com

CLIPPER ROUND THE WORLD YACHT RACE

The Clipper Round the World Yacht Race is a 40,000 nautical mile sailing race around the world in 8 legs, with trained amateur crew members. The organisers own a fleet of identical yachts, the Clipper 70, and provide qualified skippers to lead each team. Crew can either sign up for the whole race, or one or more legs. The race was conceived in 1995 by Sir Robin Knox-Johnson who founded Clipper Ventures plc as a company to run the race. The race ran every two years between 1996 and 2002, and then skipped a year, with subsequent races beginning in 2005, 2007, 2009, 2013 and 2015.

Retired Firefighter Graeme Thompson, ex Juliet and Foxtrot, is joining the challenge for the 6th leg of the race which crosses more than 6,600 nautical miles of the Pacific Ocean from China to the US and will be raising money for the Firefighters Charity and Unicef. Graeme told me "the Firefighters Charity helped me when I needed it so I just want to give something back". Please look out for ways to assist Graeme in his fundraising efforts in future issues and notifications.



MEA CULPA

In the last edition of the Old Hand the comment about Newcastle United's promotion to the Premiership was wrongly ascribed to the former Editor of the Old Hand, Stuart Thompson.

We unreservedly apologise for any offence this error may have caused.