

“THE OLD HAND”

THE QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER FOR RETIRED MEMBERS
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FUTURE OF THE OLD HAND

At the present time retired members receive the quarterly copy of the “Old Hand” in with their March, June, September and December payslips.

I have been informed that as from 1st April 2018 the Fire Pensions Payroll will be transferred from Sunderland City Council to West Yorkshire which could result in the present facility being removed.

Each issue is posted on the Old Hands website (twfrs.gov.uk/oldhands) and I have approximately 650 retired members on an email contact list. I am sure some of you out there have an email contact but haven't provided me with it yet.

To guarantee you receive a copy of the “Old Hand” please send your name and email address to peter.stronach@twfire.gov.uk

We will endeavor to reach everyone but if we can get the majority of Fire Pensioners on an email database it will make things much easier and ensure that you are kept in touch with news and events as they happen.

Peter Stronach

PRIZE DRAW DECEMBER 2017

PRIZE	WINNING NUMBER	NAME	LOCATION	AMOUNT
1st	1205	J Sabiston	Retired	£7,000
2nd	379	S Bewick	M	£500
3rd	1354	P Russell	SHQ	£200
4th	1646	I Cuskin	K	£100
5th	1899	B Maugham	Retired	£100
6th	1676	G Dodds	C	£100
7th	1575	K Laidler	A	£100
8th	2038	S Brown	K	£100
9th	2045	G Smith	Retired	£100
10th	910	M Venters	Retired	£100
11th	1392	R Gullon	Retired	£100
12th	875	R Hope	Retired	£100
13th	1213	S Chambers	Retired	£100
14th	78	M Linton	Retired	£100
15th	262	C Lane	V	£100
16th	212	A Blower	T	£100

RECENT RETIREMENTS

Name	Location	Date
Rhona Walton	A FS	31/12/2017
Dave Barnes	SHQ	31/12/2017
Alan McLean	FBU	16/01/2018
Neil Cooper	G	19/01/2018
Gordon Clark	K	20/01/2018
Gary Dodd	W	04/02/2018
Derek Grimes	N	28/02/2018

HADRIANS HIKE

This year's event will be held on Saturday 7th July starting from the normal venue of Twice Brewed Inn. To register your entry please go to www.twfire.gov.uk/news/news/hadrian-hike/

NDHQ

There is going to be a Fire Safety retired members night out arranged by Andy Kewbank. The meal will be at Aneesha's Buffet Restaurant, Forster Street, Quayside NE1 2NH on Monday 16th April at 1945hrs. If you'd like to meet for a drink first then go to the Pitcher & Piano, 108 Quayside NE1 3DX for 1900hrs. Everyone is welcome. To confirm numbers contact Andy on andrew.kewbank@btinternet.com or call 07932136179.

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

PRIZE DRAW FEBRUARY 2018

PRIZE	WINNING NUMBER	NAME	LOCATION	AMOUNT
1st	257	C Docherty	A	£7,000
2nd	717	M Ward	BTC	£500
3rd	1687	K Faetz	Control	£200
4th	1248	D Taylor	SHQ	£100
5th	537	K Jacobson	A	£100
6th	388	J Cummings	Retired	£100
7th	990	M Mangan	SHQ	£100
8th	441	A Clark	J	£100
9th	1898	L Simpson	K	£100
10th	1093	D Stanger	Retired	£100
11th	754	C McCormick	SHQ	£100
12th	399	K Soady	SHQ	£100
13th	1290	A Parsons	SHQ	£100
14th	1341	S Robson	N	£100
15th	1169	C White	E	£100
16th	376	C Willis	J	£100

FORTHCOMING RETIREMENTS

Name	Location	Date
Terry Ray	A	03/03/2018
Tony O'Donnell	E	08/03/2018
Garry Teasdale	W	09/03/2018
Tommy Mellefont	K	02/04/2018
Peter Dunbar	J	15/04/2018
Graeme Hurst	J	06/05/2018
Brian Cook	E	06/05/2018
Steve Smiles	S	18/05/2018
Peter Stronach	Sports & Welfare	02/09/2018

Thanks to Gordon Clark and Derek Grimes who have made a donation to the Firefighters Charity on the occasion of their retirement.

**Sports & Welfare trip to Chester Zoo 19-20 May 2018
adult £79 child £59 includes entrances, BB & evening meal**

CAR DRAW JANUARY 2018

PRIZE	WINNING NUMBER	NAME	LOCATION	AMOUNT
1st	1459	B Loftus	Retired	£8,000
2nd	280	R Walton	Retired	£2,000
3rd	1557	S Makin	Q	£1,000
4th	3965	R Blair	Retired	£1,000
5th	669	J Martin	Retired	£500
6th	4697	P Corbridge	J	£500
7th	4238	M Wood	Retired	£400
8th	4010	C Kelly	SHQ	£300
9th	615	C Morris	Retired	£300
10th	430	M Boxall	C	£200
11th	2097	A Nicol	Retired	£200
12th	3068	C Keith	Retired	£200
13th	4436	A Fahey	Q	£200
14th	312	B Halliday	Retired	£200
15th	174	D Forster	BTC	£200
16th	1277	K Wilson	Retired	£200
17th	3811	J Yoxall	Retired	£200
18th	740	P McEwen	Retired	£200
19th	1271	S Burns	S	£200
20th	863	J Clapperton	Retired	£200

Another fantastic result in the January Car Draw with a total of £13,600 out of £16,200 going to the retired members.

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

Many thanks to the following recent car/prize draw winners who have made generous donations to the Firefighters Charity – Bob Hope, Steve Chambers, Jim Sabiston, Douglas Gibb, Brian Loftus, Ken Wilson, Joe Clapperton, Brian Halliday, Tony Nicol, Bob Walton and John Martin.

Many thanks to Tony Rochford for making a donation because he wanted to!

OBITUARIES

Name	Date of Death	Age
Roly Riddell	17/12/2017	81
Norman Thain	19/12/2017	79

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

NEWCASTLE & GATESHEAD NARF

Members and non- members, it has been suggested that a change of name or venue may encourage more of you to join us at our quarterly meetings. If you have a preference please contact Dave Clark dc517@outlook.com or phone 0191 4600860. Also if you're moving house don't forget to give your branch secretary your new address.

RECRUIT COURSE 17 COMMENCING 15TH MAY 1978 WASHINGTON HALL TRAINING CENTRE, LANCASHIRE

This course included recruits from Lancashire, Cumbria, Cheshire, Tyne & Wear, Shropshire, Cleveland, Clwyd and The Isle of Man.

To commemorate 40 years since we walked through the doors a few of us from Lancashire are organising a meet on 17th May 2018 in Preston, Lancashire and we would like to extend an invitation to fellow ex recruits in other brigades. If anyone is interested in attending please contact me by email at markbrisco@hotmail.com

Kind Regards
Mark Brisco

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ROLY RIDDELL

On behalf of the family of the late Charles Roland Riddell, I wish to record their appreciation of the officers and firefighters who provided the Guard of Honour at Roly's funeral. At a very emotional time, their attendance without doubt made his family proud of the contribution that Roly had made in his years as a serving officer both in Sunderland Fire Brigade and Tyne & Wear. I would also wish to record that appreciation of the family for the wonderful turnout of past colleagues and friends who gave great support on that day. Finally, thank you to Support Services for their help during this sad time.

Yours sincerely
Norman Williamson

GOLF SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM 2018

The subscriptions for 2018 golf season are now due at £5.00, plus an additional £1.00 for those who wish to enter the Brigade Match Play Championship. Payment of subscriptions is required to be by cheque made payable to Tyne & Wear Fire Brigade Golf Society. **This form should be completed and sent with the cheque to CHRIS REAH, STN SIERRA or to Washington Community Fire Station, Glover Road, Washington, Tyne & Wear NE9 5BU.** Or done through Internet banking to: Tyne and Wear Fire Brigade Golf Society – sort code: 402204 – acc no: 91185969 – reference GOLF MEMBERSHIP.

<http://twfrsgolfsection.weebly.com> is the direct link to the external website and your best reference for all things Brigade Golf related.

Chris Reah

I wish to join the Brigade Golf Society for 2018 season.
I wish / do not wish * to enter the match play championship.
Please find enclosed my cheque for £

*Delete as applicable

Name

Address

Email address

Tel No

Golf Club (if applicable)..... Exact Club Handicap

