

“THE OLD HAND”

**THE QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER FOR RETIRED MEMBERS
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We have appointed, Lynsey McVay as our new Area Manager, responsible for Community Safety. Lynsey joins from Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, where she was Group Manager – Service Delivery. Lynsey began her career as a firefighter in September 2000 at Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service, where she progressed through the ranks to the post of Temporary Group Manager.

She moved to Cheshire FRS in May 2015, where she undertook the role of Group Manager responsible for the Operational Policy and Assurance department.



Commenting on her appointment, Chief Fire Officer, Chris Lowther said: “Lynsey is a great addition to our senior team. She brings a wealth of operational and leadership experiences which will help us improve the services we offer and deliver across the communities of Tyne and Wear.

This is a very challenging and exciting time for us, as we approach our first HMICFRS inspection. Lynsey’s breadth of knowledge and passion for protecting communities will help us to continue our progress as a very effective and highly efficient fire and rescue service. “Lynsey’s new role will see her being responsible for operations, the control room, resilience, fire safety, technical services and prevention and education.

She joins the Service’s three other Area Managers, Phil Clark, Nina Griffiths and John Pratt. On her appointment, Lynsey commented: “I am very excited and feel privileged to be joining TWFRS. My new role provides me with a great opportunity to help make a difference to the lives of the people in Tyne and Wear. I’m really looking forward to the new challenges ahead and working with a fantastic team of people”.

CAR DRAW MARCH 2018

PRIZE	WINNING NUMBER	NAME	LOCATION	AMOUNT
1st	3313	G Miller	Retired	£8,000
2nd	2761	M Wilkinson	N	£2,000
3rd	4142	P Clark	SHQ	£1,000
4th	2060	D Kennedy	Retired	£1,000
5th	1503	A McFarquahar	Retired	£500
6th	1113	K Cloke	Retired	£500
7th	1702	G Harper	Retired	£400
8th	611	G Wallbank	Q	£300
9th	1877	V Collins	Retired	£300
10th	3437	A Jackson	F	£200
11th	1358	D Murphy	Retired	£200
12th	1228	K Wilson	Retired	£200
13th	33	B Ward	Retired	£200
14th	4322	C Stringer	Retired	£200
15th	3501	S Common	J	£200
16th	3549	J Hewitt	C	£200
17th	2847	D Walker	Retired	£200
18th	2570	T Vaughan	V	£200
19th	2624	I Longmore	Retired	£200
20th	1246	A Simpson	SHQ	£200

Many thanks to the following recent car/prize draw winners who have made generous donations to the Firefighters Charity – Alan McFarquahar, Bruce Ward, Dave Kennedy, Ken Wilson, Michael Codling, Bill Davison, David Foster, Keith Powell, Malcolm McKenna and Tony Nicol.

CAR DRAW MAY 2018

PRIZE	WINNING NUMBER	NAME	LOCATION	AMOUNT
1st	14	S Prudham	Retired	£8,000
2nd	3317	I Cuskin	K	£2,000
3rd	410	K Christie	Y	£1,000
4th	4548	C Tucker	E	£1,000
5th	618	M McKenna	Retired	£500
6th	3011	D Foster	Retired	£500
7th	3740	S Baird	Tango	£400
8th	932	J Robinson	Retired	£300
9th	1374	M Milburn	Retired	£300
10th	4113	W Fisher	Echo	£200
11th	1591	K Powell	Retired	£200
12th	2288	S Robson	Retired	£200
13th	157	J Flynn	Retired	£200
14th	643	T Nicholson	Retired	£200
15th	3310	T Nicol	Retired	£200
16th	3029	R Locke	Retired	£200
17th	3801	B Scarr	Retired	£200
18th	4505	A Bonar	Tango	£200
19th	859	T Griffin	BTC	£200
20th	1620	K Stewart	Retired	£200

More great results for our retired members in the March and May Car Draws with 25 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	WINNING NUMBER	NAME	LOCATION	AMOUNT
1st	2006	A Close	Q P&E	£7,000
2nd	98	M Wilkinson	SDHQ	£500
3rd	565	B Harris	Y	£200
4th	1700	P Benson	K	£100
5th	1417	R Law	SHQ	£100
6th	455	M Falcus	Retired	£100
7th	1107	M Codling	Retired	£100
8th	476	W Royal	V	£100
9th	1183	S Wardingham	Retired	£100
10th	337	P Clark	SHQ	£100
11th	1637	S Smiles	S	£100
12th	1477	S Hope	Control	£100
13th	708	E Harrison	Q	£100
14th	976	G Elvin	Safetyworks	£100
15th	69	W Davison	Retired	£100
16th	1296	A Sargent	K	£100

OBITUARIES

Name	Date of Death	Age
John Miller	15/02/2018	78
Alan Barrow	19/02/2018	62
Alan Cartledge	26/02/2018	74
Fred Elton	08/04/2018	85
Wayne Robinson	11/04/2018	65
George Dobson	14/04/2018	80
Jeff Jobling	17/05/2018	69
Tommy Marshall	22/05/18	92

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

RECENT RETIREMENTS

Name	Location	Date
Terry Ray	A	03/03/2018
Tony O'Donnell	E	08/03/2018
Garry Teasdale	W	09/03/2018
John Mclachlan	H	16/03/2018
Paul Quigley	W	23/03/2018
Tommy Mellefont	K	02/04/2018
Peter Dunbar	J	15/04/2018
Timothy Laycock	S	30/04/2018
Ed Knight	SHQ	30/04/2018
Graeme Hurst	J	06/05/2018
Brian Cook	E	06/05/2018
Dave Curran	A	11/05/2018
John Winter	K	15/05/2018
Steve Smiles	S	18/05/2018
Malcolm McGuinness	T	21/05/2018
Steve Graham	K CFS	31/05/2018

Many thanks to the following members for their generous donations on their recent retirement – Graeme Hurst, Ed Knight, Gary Yates, Steve Smiles.

FORTHCOMING RETIREMENTS

Name	Location	Date
Gary Yates	Y	01/06/2018
Mark Gerrard	SDHQ	29/06/2018
Bryan Foster	SHQ	31/08/2018
Dave Laidler	V	01/09/2018
Peter Stronach	Sports & Welfare	02/09/2018
Gary Oliver	SHQ	04/09/2018
Barry Carrs	P&E North	04/09/2018
Steve Wilson	Q	04/09/2018
Neil Thompson	Y	05/09/2018
Tony O'Kane	J	05/09/2018
Bill Forster	SDHQ	09/09/2018
Dave Sanderson	E	22/01/2019
Clinton Browne	E	04/01/2019

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.

SPORTS AND SOCIAL TRIPS

28th July 2018 Day trip to York £5 per member & 1st guest (each). Additional guests or non-members £7 each

18th August 2018 Day trip to South Lakes Wild Animal Park £12.50 per member, £6 per child (3 – 15 years). Additional guests or non-members £17.50 per adult, £11 per child. Under 3's free

RED WATCH VICTOR VETERANS RE-UNION

Anybody interested in a social get together who served at the above in the 70s, 80s, 90s, in fact, whenever. Feel free to attend the Milecastle pub, Newcastle on Friday 6th July at 1600hrs. We can catch up with the crack. For any more info ring Terry Gallagher on 07891530074.

ALAN BARROW

Following the funeral of Alan Barrow £1,330 was raised for the Northern Head & Neck Cancer Charity.

Alan's widow, Linda, thanks everyone for all the support the family received.

NIGHT OUT AT THE ENGINE ROOM

Due to the success of the last get together. We have organised another evening at the Engine room, Dun Cow Street, Sunderland on Tuesday the 5th of June 2018 1930 hrs. The same format as before all welcome and a little buffet as well. It would be lovely to see you all and even serving firefighters or admin staff. Don't forget Tuesday 5th of June 2018. As before please for catering purposes email me on m23elb@aol.com or leave a message on Facebook if you are coming

Ps your ID card still gives you 10% discount on all drinks food etc

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OLD HAND NEWSLETTER

This is the first time we have distributed the Old Hand via email so I hope it arrives without any hitches (progress and technology and all that!!).

If you know of anyone who would like to receive a copy and hasn't provided me with an email address please let me know and I will see if we can get a copy to them somehow. Contact me at peter.stronach@twfire.gov.uk.

WHOLETIME FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT

CFO Chris Lowther has announced that TWFRS is to recruit wholtime firefighters with a campaign starting in early July. For those interested the Service has asked that you wait to submit your application or seek additional information on the roles once the campaign is launched in July. The recruits course will commence late October.

