

“THE OLD HAND”

THE QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER FOR RETIRED MEMBERS
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After 37 years I will finally retire from the Service.....again!!

It has been such a privilege to hold office as Secretary of the Sports and Welfare Club for the past 20 years in which time I have experienced some fantastic times in both a sporting and social capacity. In my early years it wasn't unusual to see an attendance of 100 plus members at inter-watch and inter-station sports events and on social trips and although the face of the Fire Service has changed quite significantly to the present day, due mainly to lack of recruitment and financial cuts, the Sports and Welfare Club (newly named) continues to move forward and adapt to the needs of its members. I am delighted to announce that Samantha Nicholson will be taking over my role as Secretary and Sports and Welfare Club Advisor and I'm positive that she will bring new energy and enthusiasm that can only benefit the Club as well as maintaining the link with our retired members. Sam can be contacted on sam.nicholson@twfire.gov.uk.



Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you have given me and for providing me with so many great memories that will live with me for hopefully a long, happy and healthy retirement. Best wishes to each and every one of you as I proudly sign off in this way for the last time.

Yours in Sport
 Peter Stronach
 Secretary

PRIZE DRAW JUNE 2018

PRIZE	WINNING NUMBER	NAME	LOCATION	AMOUNT
1st	1654	A Nichol	SHQ	£7,000
2nd	1272	A Brown	Retired	£500
3rd	2127	G Summerly	Retired	£200
4th	1916	G Smith	T	£100
5th	1640	W Forster	SHQ	£100
6th	713	S Pinder	SHQ	£100
7th	1467	J Carr	K	£100
8th	1564	M Kirkbride	K	£100
9th	1152	B Foster	BTC	£100
10th	1939	S Bettis	S	£100
11th	968	C Adamson	Retired	£100
12th	264	D Garrett	Retired	£100
13th	775	G Edwards	C	£100
14th	10	M Quinn	V	£100
15th	147	J Stubbings	Retired	£100
16th	1374	D Telford	H	£100

PRIZE	WINNING NUMBER	NAME	LOCATION	AMOUNT
1st	1130	J McMullen	Retired	£7,000
2nd	200	P Clark	SHQ	£500
3rd	1121	S Prudham	Retired	£200
4th	49	S Common	J	£100
5th	303	M Falcus	Retired	£100
6th	1256	J Flynn	Retired	£100
7th	1247	S Burns	Q	£100
8th	221	S Chalk	S	£100
9th	1032	A Nelson	V	£100
10th	297	G Burnip	Retired	£100
11th	1109	C Borgesson	Retired	£100
12th	1379	K Cloke	Retired	£100
13th	435	P Hartley	K	£100
14th	1097	M Connolly	F	£100
15th	364	S Icton	S	£100
16th	657	M Longstaff	M	£100

CAR DRAW JULY 2018

PRIZE	WINNING NUMBER	NAME	LOCATION	AMOUNT
1st	3681	C Todd	Retired	£8,000
2nd	539	C Kennedy	Retired	£2,000
3rd	4673	R Thompson	Retired	£1,000
4th	3589	L Denny	C	£1,000
5th	466	B Trainer	Retired	£500
6th	1557	S Makin	M	£500
7th	1366	M Asbury	Retired	£400
8th	3804	M Etherington	Retired	£300
9th	697	S Mathews	J	£300
10th	667	D Curran	Retired	£200
11th	4515	M Prested	FS	£200
12th	4050	M Witherspoon	S	£200
13th	2804	G Whitfield	Retired	£200
14th	45	C Nicholson	Retired	£200
15th	3286	A Nichol	SHQ	£200
16th	2326	G Younger	N	£200
17th	2993	G Curry	Retired	£200
18th	690	A Carson	Retired	£200
19th	1559	A Parsons	SHQ	£200
20th	803	A Carson	Retired	£200

PRIZE DRAW AUGUST 2018

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 – Ken Stewart, Steve Prudham, Adrian Brown, Graham Whitfield, Billy Scarr, Davy Garrett, Jim Stubbings, Colin Ford, Colin Nicholson and Richie Thompson.

SPORTS AND SOCIAL TRIPS

17th November 2018 Day trip to Harrogate Christmas Market. £5 per member and 1 guest (each) additional guests and non members £7 each.

OBITUARIES

Name	Date of Death	Age
Dave Sharkey	22/07/2018	70
John Laws	28/07/2018	77
Andy Clark	31/07/2018	55

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 sam.nicholson@twfire.gov.uk Please remember to inform us of any changes to your contact details.

RECENT RETIREMENTS

Name	Location	Date
Gary Yates	Y	01/06/2018
Mark Gerrard	SDHQ	29/06/2018
Bryan Foster	SHQ	31/08/2018

FORTHCOMING RETIREMENTS

Name	Location	Date
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
Neil Burnett	S	04/09/2018
Steve Wilson	Q	04/09/2018
Neil Thompson	Y	05/09/2018
Tony O'Kane	J	05/09/2018
Carl Latimer	F	06/09/2018
Bill Forster	SDHQ	09/09/2018
Alan Patterson	N	14/09/2018
Rod Anderson	H	15/09/2018
Dave Sanderson	E	22/01/2019
Clinton Browne	E	04/01/2019

Thanks to Dave Laidler, Steve Graham, Bryan Foster, Peter Stronach and Neil Burnett 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 changes address can you remember to inform the branch Secretary in order to receive a copy of the NARF magazine.

41st International Sports Tournament

This year's sports tournament will be taking place on 31st August and 1st September .

The itinerary for the events is as follows:

Friday 31st August

1000hrs Golf at Ramside Hall, Durham
1030hrs Football and the Royal Grammar School, Jesmond NE2 4DX
1300hrs Cycling at Stamfordham Village Hall
the first competitor starts at 1400hrs.

Saturday 1st September

0900hrs Triathlon – swimming, RGS
1000hrs Golf at Slayley Hall, Hexham
1030hrs Football, RGS
1100hrs Triathlon – running, RGS
1100hrs Running

This year we have teams from Mulhouse (France), London, Devon & Somerset, Northumbria Police, Humberside, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

STRONGARM CHALLENGE

This year's StrongArm Challenge takes place in 2 weeks' time starting in the Lake District. On Wednesday the 5th September the team will travel to the lakes with the challenge beginning on Thursday 6th which entails the following:-

- Day 1 - 13 mile Windermere swim (swim / kayak for some)
- Day 2 - mountain marathon, (including the 4 highest peaks in the lakes)
- Day 3 - 110 mile bike ride back to the North East
- Day 4 - Great North Run (in superhero fancy dress)

The team this year consists of 30 participants and support crew with representatives from 5 different Fire and Rescue Services including the following:-

- Durham & Darlington, (including Peter Metcalfe's brother, Warren & his watch)
- Scotland
- Cumbria
- Tyne & Wear
- Oxfordshire

This year we are raising money for the firefighters charity & If U Care Share Foundation, (50 / 50) split.

[StrongArm Challenge 2018 for multiple charities on MyDonate](#)

A big thank you to Paul Hopkins who will be providing us with his boat as a safety / support boat and crewing it himself, (good training for his Atlantic row challenge).

Also for the support of Watch Manager Stuart Adams from Carlisle East fire station who will be providing us with a 4.7 metre inflatable rescue boat as our 2nd safety support boat for the Windermere swim / kayak. The boat belongs to Cumbria fire & rescue service and will be crewed by Stuart Adams himself and 2 other firefighters. I'm sure you will agree this is a fantastic effort by himself and extremely supportive of Cumbria fire and rescue service

WELL DONE TO OUR FIRE CADETS



A huge well done to our Fire Cadets who won the Dignity and Respect trophy and a bag of goodies in the [#FireCadetGames2018](#) we're so proud of you all! Thank you to staff and volunteers who attended the Games and supported our Cadets.

After a very busy two days of competing in London over the weekend they are now back home resting. Congratulations to everyone who took part and to those who won.

AND FINALLY.....

Peter is having a leaving do on Friday 7th September at Pelaw Social Club from 1900hrs all are welcome and there's going to be grub!!

