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THE U.K. BRANCH OF THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION OF THE BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA POLICE

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“TIME FOR CHANGE,,

Following the positive response from the Membership on the Publication of the 100th Anniversary Issue your Committee discussed the future of Communications and the OUTPOST in some depth. It is imperative that we move with the times, that we communicate in a way that is informative and acceptable to the Membership of the Branch, and that we do so taking into account costs of production and postage.

We intend to make more use of social media, our web page, Facebook and e-mails, whilst ensuring those who wish to receive information in hard copy can do so. It has therefore been decided to produce two – A4 full colour issues of 40 pages per year rather than the three existing A5 format, providing for the same amount of copy. These will be published in April and August. Added to these two issues will be three 4 page A4 news bulletins bringing essential news and dates to your attention - these being published in February, June and October, therefore providing for communications five times a year instead of three.

However - the quality of the content can only be assured by the input from the Membership. Anecdotes, news of your activities, stories of your time in the Force, Regional gatherings, national events, pictures, and names - all help to make for an informative and interesting publication that you will look forward to dropping through the letterbox.....



Don't delay, copy deadlines as follows:

APRIL 'OUTPOST' –
Friday 29th March for articles:
Friday 5th April for news.

AUGUST 'OUTPOST' –
Friday 26th July for articles:
Friday 9th August for news.

JUNE 'BULLETIN' –
Friday 7th June.

OCTOBER 'BULLETIN' –
Friday 4th October.

FEBRUARY 'BULLETIN' -
Friday 7th February 2020.



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2019 – ANNIVERSARY YEAR

2019 is not only the 130 th anniversary of the birth of Charlie Chaplin and the building of the Eiffel Tower, but the 130th anniversary of the BSAP [British South Africa Police].

Around the world Branches of the Regimental Association are holding anniversary events...

In the UK we will be holding our annual Memorial Service and Luncheon at the National Memorial Arboretum on Sunday August 4th [Full details in the April issue of the 'Outpost'] and our Annual Dinner on Friday September 27th at the Victory Services Club, London.

[Full details in the June News Bulletin] The dinner organisation is under way with the aim, not only to make it special and enjoyable, but to have an attendance of 130 members and guests – one for every year.....

A week prior to our dinner – September 20/21 is a major Anniversary occasion in Johannesburg when it is hoped that members and families from all corners of the universe will meet to mark this historic milestone. [Full details in the April issue of the 'Outpost']

BENEVOLENCE

COMRADESHIP

REMEMBRANCE

6609 HYWEL PARRY JONES

6609 Hywel Parry Jones was born in Bangor, North Wales on 5 December 1941. Sadly, he barely knew his father who was killed in action during WWII, shortly before Parry's first birthday. His childhood was spent in North Wales and, latterly, in north London. Whilst working in the Civil Service in central London, Parry applied to join both the Met Police and BSAP. The BSAP apparently responded more promptly and, at the age of 20, he attested in the Force on 12 February 1962 into squad 2/62 with **Tackie McIntosh** and **Mike Lindley** as squad instructors.

After Depot he was posted to the Town Branch serving in Salisbury Central, various Salisbury sub-urban stations and then driving B-Cars. In 1963 whilst driving B-cars and on patrol in Salisbury Parry met his first wife **Meg DeAgostini**. They married in 1965 and had two daughters Heulwen (Holly) in 1965 and Sian in 1967. Early in 1966, soon after Heulwen's birth, Parry was involved in a life threatening car accident whilst on patrol which resulted in him having Brain surgery, and saw his mother come over from London to visit his 'deathbed'.

After recovery he was transferred to the Waterfalls division just outside of Salisbury, where he found time to join the Police Rowing Team and remained active with the Team for 2 years. Apparently the team met the qualifying time for the Mexico Olympics, but unfortunately Rhodesia was banned from competing due to the restriction placed after Rhodesia's Unilateral Declaration of Independence.

In 1967 he transferred to CID where, over the years, he served in Salisbury (including guarding Prime Minister **Ian Smith**), Que Que and Bulawayo. He joined Special Branch, was at one time in the Drug Squad and eventually was in charge of Bulawayo

Homicide team. He received the Police Long Service Medal in June 1980, stayed on in the ZRP after Independence but eventually retired as Supt. on 19 August 1981.

Parry and Meg parted company in 1970. The girls stayed with their mother but regularly saw Parry. In 1971, Parry met his second wife, **Janet Evans**, who was also born in Wales. They married in 1972 and had 2 sons – Huw in 1974 and Glyn in 1976.

On leaving the Force, he and family returned to UK, living in Wales and then West London where Parry joined, at last, the Met Police. This paled after a while and the family moved on to Papua New Guinea where he took a position in CID with the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary which boasted at least 3 other ex-BSAP members at the time. He left that force as a Chief Inspector to take a position as Ombudsman to the National Parliament. This involved investigating corrupt politicians – in one case the dismissal of the Deputy Prime Minister.

The family moved back to UK in 1992 and eventually settled in Northamptonshire, Parry being back in CID albeit as a civilian. Sadly, not long after this move, Jan passed away from lung cancer following a short illness.

Parry had a lifelong interest in scouting, was a leading light in Freemasonry and, in later life, enjoyed his time as a chorus member with his local operatic society. Shortly after his return to UK in 1992 he joined the UK Branch Committee of the Regimental Association, on which he remained until his sad passing. Over those years he has been a valued member of the Branch executive – in his time he has been the Almoner, Functions Secretary and, most importantly, since September 2011, Editor of the

Outpost. He was working hard and proudly towards the production of Issue number 100 when his latest illness struck. He nevertheless had his input to the final version which was produced on time. It is fitting that Parry appears on the front cover of that issue proudly carrying the Banner at our Memorial celebrations in 2018. This was a duty which he took on regularly – at our Last Parade, our Centenary Celebration, regularly at the Garden of Remembrance in Westminster on Armistice Day. You will not be surprised to hear that, at our memorial celebration in August last year, Parry, despite being extremely fatigued as a result of a low haemoglobin count from his constant blood loss, Carried the Banner on Sunday at the National Memorial Arboretum and went for a blood transfusion on the Monday. The Association will miss him greatly and he will be hard to replace.

In May of 2018, Parry was diagnosed with a tumour on his kidney. After a lengthy delay he finally underwent surgery in October to remove a kidney and stop the blood loss that the tumour was causing. Had his recovery from that surgery been better, Parry would have undergone palliative chemotherapy. However he never regained his strength following the surgery and spent the last few weeks of his life in hospital. Sadly six days after his 77th birthday, on 13 December 2018, Parry passed away peacefully.

Parry was laid to rest at a service in Kettering on 11 January 2019, attended by many of his Force and Association colleagues, family and friends, Freemasons and members of his Operatic Society. Branch Chairman Mike Coleman preceded the coffin with the Force Banner and Branch President Peter Phillips delivered the eulogy.

A letter from Kate

Thank you to everyone for the kind thoughts and messages of condolence following the death of my dear friend, Parry.

It was good to see so many friends celebrating his life at the service of remembrance, which was an event to be proud of – a fitting send off. Thank you for contributing to the service, especially for the heartfelt singing of Cwm Rhondda which filled the chapel with a wonderful sound.

Parry held humanist beliefs, being non-religious and looking to science, reason, empathy, and compassion in order to live an ethical and meaningful life.

What a full and varied life he had. Parry and I were briefly lit by one another's light.

Kate **Simmons**



BERTIE'S BLETHER



We are now solidly into a New Year which I hope will prove to be beneficial for all Members but of course it will only be as good as you make it.

For Information : We are embarking on a whole new Outpost Format, two Magazines, in April and August and three News Letters February : June : October : Future Sponsorships will remain at £20, appearing in two Magazines but not in the News Letters. Same format with dedications, will apply but because of the new Page size increase we may have to put two Sponsors on one page but that has yet to be determined and will only be implemented when we see how the land lies.

The euphoria of Christmas is over but don't forget that the Q Stores and the On-Line-Shop are still here and have many items which can be used for Birthday and Special Day Presents – please see Stores list (page 37-39; Outpost 100).

It is also that time when Members should be thinking about their responsibility to pay Subscriptions. It is still £15. Many have paid, good for them, but there is still a large number of Members outstanding.

Bertie **Cubitt**,
Deputy Secretary/Q.

Congratulations

Congratulation to 10577 **Jim Harris** (Hon. Treasurer) and 472 **Betty Simpson** on their engagement.

When asked if it was his 'arresting nature' – I was told 'she came quietly' [Ed]



NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA POLICE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION UNITED KINGDOM BRANCH

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the British South Africa Police Regimental Association (United Kingdom Branch) will be held in the Trafalgar Suite at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London on Saturday 18th May 2019, commencing at 11:00, to transact the following business:

1. Welcoming address.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. In Memoriam.
4. Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting – 19 May 2018
5. Matters arising therefrom.
6. The Chairman's Report. [6737 Mike **Coleman**].
7. Financial Report – the Treasurer. [10577 Jim **Harris**].
8. BSAP Trust Report – Chairman of Trustees. [7391 Alan **Toms**].
9. The Almoners Report – [9086 Tony **Granger**].
10. BSAPRA College report - [7391 Alan **Toms**]
11. Election of Executive Committee Members.
12. Appointment of Auditors.
13. Any other business – To be notified to the Hon Secretary by May 4th 2019.

7784 Steve **Acornley** – Hon Secretary.

WANTED!

We are urgently looking for a volunteer to take over the store and despatch of Branch Memorabilia.

- Not too time consuming
- Not much storage space needed
- A dry and secure outbuilding or shed is all that is required.
- Must be IT literate

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT
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Nigel Seaward has kindly offered to
take on the role of Widow Liaison
Officer for the branch, in order to
maintain contact and ascertain the
needs of our widows.
Pauline resides in Coldstream,
Scotland and looks forward to
making contact with this very
important part of our membership.

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DIARY DATES

March 10th-North West Gathering
Ferraris Country House Hotel, Longridge,
Preston PR3 2TB - contact:
brien.bonyng@sky.com for details.
March 30th -South East Gathering;
K Sports Club, Aylesford, Maidstone, Kent.
Lunch but limited numbers - contact
biffway@hotmail.com for details.
April 2nd - London Gathering
The VSC, Seymour Street, London.1700 hrs
in the bar.
May 7th – London Gathering
The VSC, Seymour Street, London. 1700
hrs in the bar.
May 11th – Scottish Gathering
9th Annual Luncheon, Royal Scots Club,
Edinburgh, See below for full details.
May 18th-Annual General Meeting
The Trafalgar Room, The VSC, Seymour
Street, London. – [see page 3 for details].

INVITATION

The Scottish Region of The UK Branch of
the BSAP Regimental Association extends
a cordial invitation to all Association
members and former members of the
British South Africa Police and Police
Reserve, together with their wives or
partners, and guests to attend The 9th
Annual Scottish Luncheon
1130 hrs on Saturday 11th May 2019

The Royal Scots Club Edinburgh

The Royal Scots Club is only 7 mins walk from
Edinburgh Bus Station, and 15 minutes from
Waverley Railway Station. It is also just off
the new Edinburgh Tram stop at York Place.
The venue has rooms which can be booked
on-line: royalscotclub.com.
(T) 0131 556 4270.
Disabled access is available.

This is an informal, social 'get-together' Dress
order is 'Smart Casual', or Blazer and Tie, or
kilt if preferred.
The charge for attendance and full 3-course
sit-down meal is £20 per head, in advance.
Cheques to be made Payable to **S Acornley** or
if you wish to pay by EFT please request
banking details at the time of booking.
**Closing date for bookings is Wednesday
8th May 2019.**

A cash bar will be open on arrival as well as
teas and coffees, Lunch at 1300 hrs.
There will be a raffle with items supplied from
the Branch Quartermaster's stock, and any
surplus from the day will accrue to
the Association Funds of the UK Branch.

Please do not bring your own items for the raffle

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