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Nick Dumphreys: End of Watch



Peru



MZ Mastiff



Scotland



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Editor's Note

Thank you to everyone who has submitted articles for our Conference magazine. It is great to see what our members have been doing, even during the Covid-19 lockdown.



There is still only a fraction of the 25 Chapters in our Conference that submit articles. With just one article from each Chapter, we could give a much bigger picture of our very active Conference.

There are two key messages in this issue:

Firstly, the elections are imminent for positions on the International Board of Governors (BoG) Please read the article on Page 5, and get involved with our Club's democracy.

Secondly: Many events have been, and more may yet be, cancelled. Please give your support to the Chapters who put great effort into giving us an exciting program of events.

Neil Hallam

UKIC European Rep, & Knight Riders Editor

UKIC Chairman's address



We are in uncertain times, and have lost members of our Club. The death of one of our Brother BK's from Belgium brought me sadness. One of my own Chapter members is poorly at the moment and hopefully will recover. I ask you to consider each other, both

near and far. As I write this, Ed Gallant, one of our founders, is in hospital, and my thoughts are with him and his wife Maggie.

Because of the pandemic many events have been cancelled and postponed, although this creates some challenges, I do believe that we will be back stronger and better than before.

It often takes circumstances like this to re-centre and realise what is truly important. Our relationships with fellow human beings should be one of those things. We are part of a fantastic organisation, however, you do not get the best out of it if you stay at home. To experience the best of the Blue Knights it is good to get out and meet your brothers and sisters from around the globe.

Ireland I had to postpone the International Convention from this year to next year. The Rally will take place from 13th-18th June. I ask that you take this opportunity to strongly consider your attendance. It is a great honour for us to hold this event in Ireland. A lot of hard work has gone into this, and we should support their efforts.

England XIV have also postponed their St Georges rally until 2021. The hotel is fully booked at the time of writing, although you can stay at a different hotel and still attend the event.

The Law Ride Weekend has been postponed until October 23rd -25th. The UKIC Presidents' Meeting will be held on Saturday 24th October at the Roman Way Hotel, Cannock.

I welcome Matt Parker, President of England VII as Publicity Officer for the conference. With Matt's help, I hope to improve our use of social media to promote the Blue Knights. I was also inspired by *Itchy Boots* and *Black Dragon* on *You Tube*, which shows what can be done.

It is important that we keep up to date and relevant to all our serving colleagues. I am pleased to see that during lockdown there have been virtual meetings, rallies etc, using *Facebook* and *Zoom*. This year sees the first BK election to be held electronically, for our Board of Governors. Up to now elections were held at the International Conference, which has led to an imbalance at the top table. Brendan Condon former President of Ireland I is standing for Vice Chairman. I ask that Chapter Presidents review his election literature and support him accordingly.

I also thank each and every one of you for your support to England XVI. They led an appeal to support the family of fellow Knight Nick Dumphrey's family following his tragic death on duty.

Walter Head, the Chapter President, presented Nick's family with £2,500 to help them distribute his ashes in South Africa.

The appeal continues with the Chapter selling pin badges, which are still available. The proceeds from the pins will pay for a plaque on *The Beat* at the *Arboretum* in his name.



Tom Elliot Chairman UKIC

A message from Guy O'Connor

International President Blue Knights LEMC



April 5, 2020

Members of the Blue Knights Family,

I hope in these times of uncertainty that this letter finds you and your loved ones in good health and spirits. As this Covid-19 pandemic has spread across the globe, it has hit all communities hard. Unfortunately, it has also not spared the Blue Knights Family across the world. We are all in this together as we are a true Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Please, in this hour of need, keep your fellow members in your thoughts and prayers.

During this last month there have been many events that have been canceled or postponed. One of those was the 2020 International Convention. We are working to have an abbreviated Convention in the latter part of August or early September. I have asked Dennis Hafeman and the Convention Committee to work with a hotel in middle America. Preliminary negotiations are taking place and hopefully I'll have something to report in the near future.

The Board of Governors will have an electronic election taking place this spring. Chapter Presidents please pay close attention to your email for time frames and ballots. Voting should begin on May 20th and run through June 19th. A meeting will be held via social media platforms and results announced on June 22nd. This electronic election is the first for our club on a club wide basis. Please take this opportunity to make your voices heard.

I have also directed the Chairman of the By-law Committee Michael Scarborough, to have the By-law Committee come up with Constitution and By-laws changes that will allow the club to better deal with local, state, Province and National emergencies. This committee has been hard at work for over a week on this issue. Hopefully they will have common sense solutions to these issues, so we are better prepared as a club moving forward.

I ask that you please have patience in these unprecedented times. Also know that your elected officers are continuing to work on solutions as we adjust to this pandemic. We are all in this together, hopefully we'll all come through this together.

Fraternally,

Guy O'Connor
International President
Blue Knights LEMC



Please see the article on the Board of Governors elections elsewhere in Knight Riders magazine.

Only Chapter Presidents have a vote. But, they should be guided by their Chapter Members views.

Please review the available candidates, ask questions about them, and of them; then advise your Chapter President accordingly.

Board of Governors Elections – May 2020

Chapter Presidents – your vote counts

This year (2020) is an election year for the Officers' positions on the Board of Governors (BOG). It will be our club's first on-line election.

Candidates for all positions must be a Regular Member and be a current or past Chapter President.

Nominations closed on 1st May 2020, and voting begins on 20th May.

All Chapter Presidents have a vote, which they cast on-line, by secured electronic transmission. Remember, your Chapter Presidents represent you; so please research the candidates, and make your opinion known to your President.



The BoG is essentially our Club's Board of Directors.

Each of the 11 Conferences has an International Representative, whose job it is to represent their Conference on the BoG. The International President and Immediate Past International President, along with the BoG Officers, and 11 Representatives, meet through regular telephone conferences.

Our Club Bylaws allow decision making on three main levels. The International President actually has quite limited authority. The most important decisions are made by a Full members' meeting at the International Convention. Behind this, comes the BoG, who make a lot of important decisions on our behalf. So, the importance of thoroughly researching the candidates below cannot be over emphasised.

- **Graham Buxton is our UK & Ireland Representative on the BoG, so is a good person to ask if you want to discuss the workings of the BoG.**
- **Harry Shaw (England V) held the Chairman's post for a term, so he could give some insight on the role.**

Voting closes on Friday 19th June (01:00 Eastern Standard Time / 06:00 UK)

The election will be overseen by an Election Committee, Chaired by Bob Awtrey, (SRC International Representative.)

List of Candidates

Candidate's biographies and flyers were published in the last S&S magazine.

Candidates for Chairman

Rory McConnell (Florida XVIII) (Current post holder)

Karen Borza (Texas XXXI)

Ted Littleton (Australia I)

Dominic Squillace (Pennsylvania X)

Candidates for Vice Chairman



Brendan Condon (Ireland I)

Edward Gaibl (Massachusetts I)

Bradley Tollefson (Louisiana II)

Candidates for Secretary

Myron Joseph (New York IX)

Glen Wheat (Indiana II)

Candidates for Treasurer

Michael Rickard (New York V)

Chapter Presidents

Go to the international web site. Once logged in it comes up on the first page that opens under the heading, 'ballot information'. Immediately above the info on blue knights corporate email.

Nick Dumphreys: End of Watch by Neil Hallam: Editor



The UK & Ireland Conference had never lost a member in the line of duty. Sadly, that changed on Sunday 26th January, when England XVI's Nick Dumphreys died in a motorway crash as he responded to an emergency call.

Nick was a Constable in Cumbria Police's road policing unit, and had been a Police Officer since 2003.

Outside of his Police duties, 47 year old Nick was a father of two. His family said that his death *"will leave an enormous hole in all our hearts"*. They added: *"He was a kind and loving husband and father. He was a larger than life character, who loved his job and adored his children."*

Nick's colleagues and bosses spoke highly of him, with his Chief Constable Michelle Skeer saying: *"Nick was an extremely popular and respected officer, not least because of his professionalism, integrity and dedication to policing in Cumbria."*

Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall, said he felt "profound sadness at the appalling and tragic loss". Adding that *"Nick died in the line of duty, doing the job at which he excelled."*

His colleagues on the Central Motorway Police Group tweeted: *"I'm sure I speak on behalf of all our followers in sending our thoughts and prayers to the officer's colleagues, family and friends at this tragic time."*



Nick Dumpfreys continued



Hundreds of mourners gathered at Carlisle Crematorium for Nick's funeral service. Many of his uniformed colleagues stood with their heads bowed in silent tribute, as they formed a farewell guard of honour.

Draped over Nick's coffin was the flag of his adopted South Africa. Nick was born in the UK, but moved to South Africa as a child, where he also served as a Police Officer. Displayed in the



hearse's rear window was a wreath of white flowers, fashioned into the number 1724 – Nick's collar number throughout his 17 year career.

Marking Nick's connection with the motorcycling world, seven police motorcycle outriders escorted the hearse as it arrived at the Dalston Road cemetery.

Kat hopes to be able to scatter Nick's ashes in a favourite South African beauty spot.

The generous donations by UKIC members will go a long way towards funding this trip for Kat and their children.

The eulogies included one from Chief Inspector Richard Quinn, who worked with Nick during the early part of his career in Brampton. He said: *"If I could describe him in three words, they'd be funny, caring and professional."* Chief Inspector Quinn said that Nick was *"always there for his family, his colleagues, as well as for the public he served so well."* Adding *"PC Dumpfreys was a big man, a big personality, with an even bigger heart."*



The service closed with an emotion statement from Nick's wife Kat, who said: *"Life was one big adventure with you... Thank you for choosing me: you made me the happiest girl alive."*

In a brief statement after the service, Chief Constable Michelle Skeer thanked everybody for the massive turnout, adding: *"Thank you from me, on what is a really sad and tragic day for the Constabulary. It was an incredibly moving service."*

Walter Head, Nick's Blue Knights Chapter President, added that; *"he will be sorely missed and remembered. Our thoughts are with his family."*



Thank you for the kind donations towards helping Nick Dumphries' family. Recently I gave a cheque to Kathryn, together with some of the pin badges we made to remember Nick. To say Kathryn was over whelmed is an understatement.

Kathryn wants to take Nick's ashes to his favourite spot in a South African National Park. Nick lived there until he returned to the UK in 2003 and joined Cumbria Police. The money you donated will go a long way towards making that happen.

Since my visit, I received two home made thank you cards from Kathryn and Nick's young children. I did not have a dry eye for some time after opening them.

Kathryn has asked me to pass on her heartfelt thanks to members, and I add to that the thanks of England XVI. This has demonstrated the fraternity of the Blue Knights, of which I am very proud to be a member.

Walter Head
President England XVI



Nick Dumphries – Commemorative Pin Badge



Walter Head, the England XVI President, recently presented Nick's family with £2,500 donated by Blue Knight members, to help them distribute his ashes in South Africa.

The appeal continues with the Chapter selling pin badges, which are still available through Walter.
bikerblue@btinternet.com

The proceeds from the pins will pay for a plaque on *The Beat* at the Arboretum in his name.



The National Memorial Arboretum's Police tribute 'The Beat' is an avenue of London plane trees and some Horse Chestnuts, funded by every Police Force in the UK. Chestnuts were chosen because the first Police truncheons were made from this extremely durable wood

Calling all Videographers & Drone Pilots

The Blue Knights – UK & Ireland Conference wants to produce a recruitment video.

In today's world, the internet is key to showcasing our club, and attracting a new generation of members to our club.

Groups of Blue Knights riding together create an impressive spectacle, but it can be very difficult to capture without good equipment and some very rare skills.

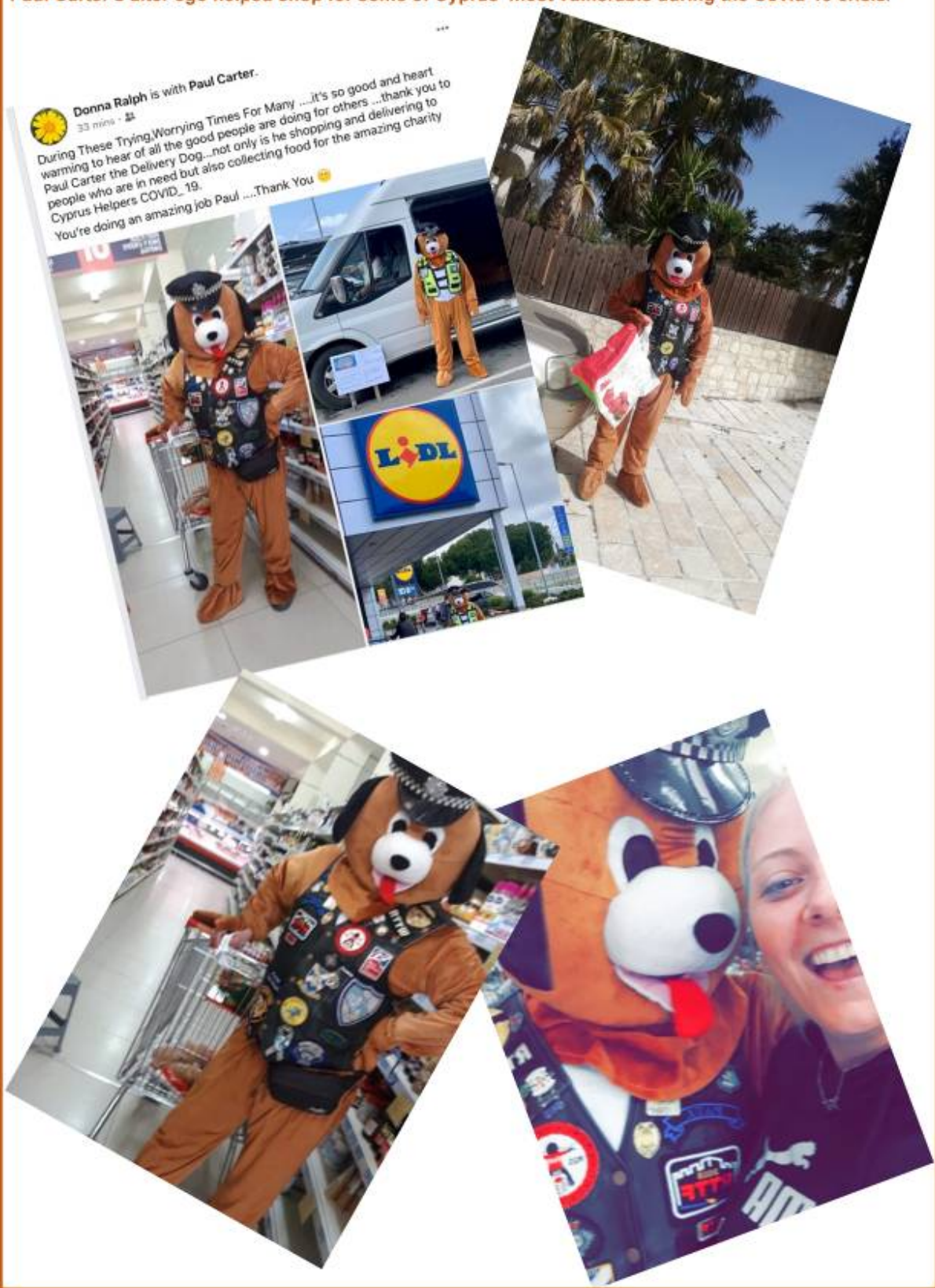


- **Do you have the video filming and editing skills to help our club?**
- **Do you have access to a drone, for overhead filming?**
- **Do you have any good quality bike cam footage we could use?**

If so, please contact Tom Elliot

A Helping Paw

Paul Carter's alter ego helped shop for some of Cyprus' most vulnerable during the Covid-19 crisis.



Phoenix Squad:

Peru's answer to Police Corruption –

Neil Hallam, Editor



Reading Ted Simon's travelogue *Dreaming of Jupiter*, I learned about a very unusual team of motorcycle cops in Peru's capital city of Lima.

Ted Simon's first book, *Jupiter's Travels*, was part of my earliest memories of biking. Simon spent four years riding a 500cc Triumph around the world during the mid 1970s.

In 2001, and now in his 70s, Simon repeated his journey on a BMW RT. *Dreaming of Jupiter* was the story of how the world had changed.

Lima's traffic cops had certainly changed in a very dramatic way. In 1973, most of Lima's cops, and all of their traffic officers, were men.

Like the police in many Latin American countries, Lima's Transit Police had gained a reputation for corruption. They were so underpaid that they accepted corruption as the only way to make a decent living. For traffic cops, this usually involved pulling over drivers and writing a ticket, which would be ripped up if you paid a bribe.

Phoenix Squad continued

In 1999, former National Police chief Eduardo Perez Rocha, found a novel solution to the corruptibility of his male officers. Believing that women would be less prone to corruption, Rocha created a female only squad, which he called "Escuadron Fenix", or Phoenix Squad. He took 500 men off traffic patrol, replacing them with women.

The women selected for the squad were all tall and had to be in good shape to handle the Harley-Davidson motorcycles their unit rode. In *Dreaming of Jupiter*, Ted Simon commented that they were all beautiful women, saying *"the unit might only accept women, but I'm pretty sure they were all recruited by men."*

Something clearly needed to be done in Lima, as the ability to avoid a driving conviction through a small bribe, had made it a very dangerous place to drive.

One article I read described Lima's drivers: honking and accelerating when they should be braking, jumping red lights and suddenly veering across multiple lanes without signalling. Lane markings and pedestrian crossings were described as *"just a huge waste of paint."*



Another said that *"Corrupt officers do terrible damage to the police and to Peru,"* Adding *"When they let a drunk driver carry on at the wheel, they could be responsible for an innocent person's death."*

Phoenix Squad became extremely popular in Lima, although perhaps not so popular with drivers, who now faced convictions. They were even made the subject of a reality television series.

Estefany Cerro Flores, who featured in the show, joined the unit in 2013. By UK standards, the \$700 per month salary is still very low, but when she was interviewed in 2017, four years after joining, Estefany had reported 30 drivers for attempting to bribe her.

Aside from the occasional offer of a bribe, Estefany's experiences mirror those of most city cops. She described the work as *"heavy going,"* blaming *"The traffic, the noise, the exhaust fumes, and the drivers."* Like many of us at the end of a shift, she described feeling dead on her feet, but still said that she *"loves the work."*

Taking the majority of male officers off the streets was not without its risks. In the early days of the scheme, many drivers, especially taxi and bus drivers, attacked lone female officers when they tried to enforce the law. Some officers were seriously hurt when drunk or speeding drivers tried to run them down, or knock them off their motorbikes to avoid fines. Mostly though, the female officers endured insults, lewd comments and general disrespect.

There is no solid data on whether women are less corruptible than their male counterparts. But, the people of Peru appear to agree with the theory. In 2012, a Peruvian organisation called Proetica conducted some research on the subject. They found that 66% of the Peruvian public thought male police officers were corrupt, compared to just 19% for female officers.

Sadly, like any country's police, there were a few of the women in Escuadron Fenix who still wanted to make a bit of money on the side. Unlike the male officers they replaced, the women did not accept bribes, but found a more inventive way to breach police discipline. In 2009, four members of the unit were disciplined when they were spotted in a video posted on the Enemigos Intimos, pornography website. The video, filmed at the police unit's Lima HQ, showed three of the officers in the showers, dressed in their underwear. The fourth officer was accused of filming the video.

MZ Mastiff Road Test: Tom Elliot, UKIC Chairman



I rode my Harley Davidson Road King through the winter of 2018-2019, riding at least three times a week because I was doing my advanced training. Despite covering it in ACF- 50, the Harley still suffered from the salted roads.

When spring finally arrived, I thought, next year, I am having a winter bike. Throughout the summer I perused different sales sites: Ebay, Gumtree etc. I was initially drawn to a Honda Dominator XL 650, which I had owned before, or a Yamaha Tenere. I wanted something which was simple to work on, and preferably un-faired.

The nearest ads to me kept popping up on my phone. I liked the look of a BMW F650 for sale nearby, but at £2500, it was over my budget. All the Dominators I looked at were around the £1900 mark. So the front runner became an MZ Mastiff, which was only a couple of miles from me and reasonably priced at £1500.

MZ Mastiff continued



The Mastiff was a 1998 bike, with 16000 miles on the clock and a full service history. I went to look at it and tried to knock him down, but he wasn't having any of it. The bike seemed OK: good, simple and honest. It was just what I was looking for, so I bought it.

I couldn't remember much about the Mastiff, only that it became MZ's swansong. During the Cold War, MZ had benefited from the Soviet Union's closed shop. So, like Lada and Trabant, design innovation had been lacking for a long time. After the fall of the Berlin Wall, MZ found itself having to rapidly catch up on four decades of development, in order to stay in business. So their design boffins did the smart thing; they went shopping in the west. From Yamaha, they bought the XT660 Tenere single-cylinder engine. They bought suspension from Marzocchi and WP, brakes from Grimeca and body plastics from off-road specialists Acerbis. The resulting chimera became the MZ Mastiff.

MCN reviewed the Mastiff, describing the bike as, *"Solidly-built and with looks that could launch nuclear missiles."* They said that *"Aggressive sums up the Mastiff. However, it's a great road bike, easy and huge fun to ride. Perfect pulling power for townies or twisties, and tough enough to withstand abuse and the elements."* I couldn't have described it better myself.

For the last few years, I have only ridden big cruisers, so the Mastiff initially felt like a toy. I used it regularly for my 15 mile ride to work, and found it a brilliant commuter bike. I soon learned to turn the petrol tap off when leaving it overnight, or it wouldn't start readily. This caused me some consternation at first, but otherwise it goes really well. It is brilliant for the B roads of Derbyshire. It does about 100 miles before reserve, which was adequate for my needs, and works out at £1 for every 10 miles.

I had something of an issue when it needed a new battery, and found it was wired in a non-standard way. I normally take pictures before I take anything apart, to make sure it goes back correctly, but I didn't on this occasion. There is no workshop manual for the Mastiff, but I found a picture of the wiring on the internet and sorted it out. The Yamaha engine is tried and tested, and there is a manual for it online, which I downloaded for free. I also found an XT660 manual on eBay.

On the downside, it hasn't really got the facility for carrying luggage, so I have to use a rucksack. The front brake seems a bit soft, which will need a coat of looking at in the summer. Apart from those couple of niggles, it has been a great winter bike. I even managed to use my Gerbing heated Gloves, as I found an adapter that plugs into the optimate charging lead.

I have really enjoyed riding the Mastiff over winter. It holds the road well and is light and responsive, taking away the worry of riding my big bike through the winter. If I drop it the consequences are negligible, as far as the bike goes, although my body might feel differently if I come off.

Being of a certain age I feel the cold, so I'm going to buy a heated vest. So hopefully if the Corona virus doesn't get me, I'll be riding it again next winter. I might even go to the Dragon Rally again.

Scotland II Burns Supper



Scotland II put on yet another successful Burns Supper. Special mention goes to John & Peter Nevans, who added a touch of expertise to the event.

As always Phil Teese did an outstanding job of squeezing the last penny out of guests in the charity auction.

In addition to funds raised on the night, John Bryden was presented with a cheque for £500 for Kirsty's Kids; courtesy of very generous donations obtained by Steve Boyle from McTaggart Construction & Tod Timber Engineering

We were also able to send £142 to Nick Dumphreys' family.

Burns Supper continued



Scotland III on a recruitment drive at the Scottish Police College



Scotland III took advantage of the opportunity to catch 240 probationary Police Officers together at the Scottish Police College.

They have been invited back to speak to the another 900 who are joining Police Scotland over the course of the summer

Thin Blue Bricks Christine Fulton (International Honorary Member)



Sgt Cennydd Smith, an officer with Police Scotland had a fantastic idea of arranging a Lego exhibition.

Twenty of Scotland's top Lego builders came along on the day with their displays ranging from a medieval village, a town center, landmarks of the world and a train set plus vehicles and Star Wars characters. As well as the displays there were pop-up shops, a children's play area, a treasure hunt and a tombola stall.

The event raised £600 in aid of Care of Police Survivors, the charity co-founded by Blue Knights International Honorary member Christine Fulton MBE following the death on duty of her husband PC Lewis Fulton. Christine along with a number of members from Scotland I and II attended on the day and all agreed it was very impressive. Christine said afterwards *"I am very grateful to Cynnydd and his team for arranging such an unusual day and for choosing to support COPS."* "I think we were all amazed at just how much could be achieved, it must have taken hours of work and dedication."



Non Attendance Rally: Spike, England X

Due to the enforced isolation England X have been making good use of the group social media to keep in touch and try and lift spirits.



Whilst a ride out might be considered an essential journey for the sake of our mental health it's unlikely the local police would see it that way.

In an effort to have a Chapter activity a suggestion was made for our first ever Non Attendance Rally. The challenge was to all "meet up" and post up a photo of you, your bike, your waistcoat and what you were drinking.

I am pleased to report we had an excellent non attendance and judging by the photos the drink of choice is a nice single malt, accompanied in some cases by a cigar. There was the usual lively online discussion but sadly no-one accepted the pole dancing challenge. It may be a small measure but in these difficult times we will have to improvise.

No doubt we will be organising another rally soon - there was even a suggestion that we go bigger, perhaps Conference wide if there is enough interest. Sorry, but at the moment there are no plans for badges or T shirts!

Stay safe everyone, particularly those on the front line and Cheers!



Blue Knights LEMC Chapter England X
First Ever Non Attendance Rally
Saturday 28th March 2020 at 7.00pm

No Bands — Play your own music

No bar — provide your own booze

Pole dancing at your discretion

To be held at a venue of your choice —
with your bike preferred



Communication via FB page—a selfie is encouraged as proof of eligibility for Rally merchandise. (actually there is none)

See you (or not) there!

Double Deutsche

A Nev Stone & the Watchers short story: by Neil Hallam
Part one



Skull Murphy sat astride his customised Triumph Rocket III. Usually an extreme extrovert and not one for hiding in the shadows, the gang leader was tucked out of sight at the rear of Berlin's Hauptbahnhof railway station. Once at the centre of Cold War intrigue, the original Lehrter Bahnhof Station sat on the same site, and was at the eastern end of pre-war Germany's main East - West railway, taking passengers as far as Hanover. After WWII, East Germany's Soviet masters had no intention of allowing their Comrades to travel anywhere near Hanover and the historic station was demolished.

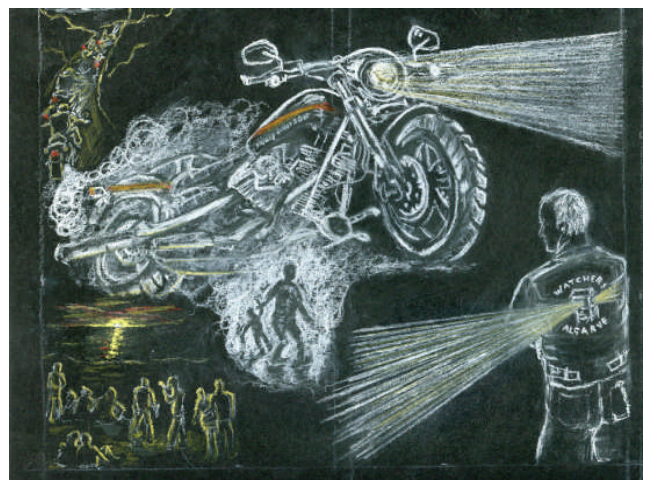


Now rebuilt as Europe's biggest railway station, the Hauptbahnhof is a very grand, glass and steel building at 450 meters in length. Skull was glad of the building's size, as without it the glass facade would have left him and Miguel nowhere to hide. Beside Skull Murphy sat Miguel Cuba on his Norton Commando cafe racer. Miguel and Skull wore the same three part patch of the Watchers MC. In fact they had been the MC's founder members, and had seen the club grow from a single chapter of night club bouncers, to one of the biggest and most powerful 1% clubs in the world.

Tim Murphy had earned his nickname at an early age when he lost all of his hair. A lifetime of serious gym work had stretched his skin tightly around his head, giving him a terrifying, skeletal appearance. In prison, the other inmates had called him the Red Skull, after Captain America's comic book adversary. Although no one had the nerve to use the name to his face, Skull knew what they called him, and smiled at the irony of being so close to the heart of the character's wartime Germany.

"Alpha, permission," came a voice in Skull's earpiece, breaking his daydream. From its beginnings in nightclub bouncing, the business interests of the Watchers MC had grown into a very profitable surveillance and security company. All the full patch members had grown rich as shareholders of the company. The voice in Skull's ear was from one of their employees on the railway platform. Surveillance etiquette demanded that the Team Leader had radio priority until one of the team obtained "eyeball" on their target. "Go ahead Alpha," replied Skull. The message from his operative Alpha, was exactly what Skull expected. "Tango is headed for Potsdamer Platz," replied the surveillance officer. Tango, or their target, was a man the MC had been following for the last week. Now that Tango had reached Berlin, the Watchers were sure whatever he had planned was heading to fruition.

Once they were sure the train was well clear of the station, the Triumph and the Norton pulled out of the shadows and onto Berlin's road network. Germany's capital city had been so devastated by British Bomber Command, that its rebuilt infrastructure seemed very modern to the Portuguese born Miguel Cuba. Miguel had spent his formative years at an English monastery school with his sister Barbara, while their parents traveled as missionaries. He had met Skull at university, where they both studied electronic engineering. His British cafe racer was a homage to his English upbringing.



Double Deutsche continued

“Thunderbird Two, to Tracy Island,” came a new voice in Skull’s earpiece. All of the Watchers’ employees could be expected to observe strict radio protocol, but the patch holders were rather more irreverent between each other.

The new voice was that of Nev Stone, unusual in the MC world as never officially going through the Prospect stage of membership. Stone was a disgraced ex cop. In stopping a terrorist from blowing up Princes William and Harry, Stone had shot the suspect dead. Overzealous investigators from the Independent Police Complaints Commission had sent Stone to court, charged with murder. Despite Stone’s guilty plea, a sympathetic Judge left him with less than a year to serve for manslaughter.

Thunderbird Two was the club’s affectionate name for the huge Hercules transport plane they used to move men, bikes and equipment around the world. The enormous aeroplane belonged to a subsidiary of the Watchers’ business that dealt with oil rig fires. When not needed by the Watchers, the plane was usually filled with parcels and wore the yellow and red livery of the courier firm who leased the aircraft. But today, the Watchers had exploited the clause in their lease agreement that gave them use of the plane for their own business.

The Hercules’ cavernous load bay usually carried either parcels, or occasionally the much more International Rescue like oilfield equipment. Today though, along with some of the Watchers’ best operational members; it held motorcycles, and the ops van that meant Skull would no longer have to run the mission from his motorcycle.

Nev Stone led the Ops Team, in the row of bikes on board the plane was the fairly standard Triumph Explorer 1200, that Stone rode around his home on Portugal’s Algarve coast.

Steve Butler, Sergeant at Arms from the Watchers London Chapter sat with Stone. Like many of the Watchers, Butler was an ex Royal Marines Commando and had skills they would certainly need in Berlin. Like Stone, he too rode a 1200cc Triumph Tiger, but Butler’s bike had been customised into an apocalyptic nightmare.



John Prince and Kenton Simms were technically members of the Watchers’ London chapter, but they spent most of their lives working overseas. They were both former Parachute Regiment soldiers, who left after the second Gulf war to chase bigger earnings in the private sector, usually working as body guards for wealthy businessmen. Prince and Simms’ choice of bikes were both Honda Trans Alps, though unlike most of the Watchers’ machines, theirs were uncustomised and looked very world weary. Completing the Ops Team aboard the transport plane was the Texas Chapters’ Sergeant at Arms, Randy Salt. The Texan was an ex U.S. Navy Seal, who had served in Iraq and Afghanistan along with many covert ops in South America. Like the Watchers’ International President, Randy Salt too rode a Triumph Rocket III. In a retort to many other 1% clubs’ American only rule, Skull had set his Watchers a European bike rule. So, in a country where everything is big, Salt needed to out gun the local’s Harley Davidsons. They did not know it yet, but the operation would move on so quickly, that their motorcycles would not be unloaded in Germany. They would leave the plane by a different method entirely.

Skull and Miguel had ridden hard to beat the train into Potsdamer Platz. The bikers who met them had a much shorter ride from the Watchers’ Berlin Clubhouse, near the infamous Checkpoint Charlie where many a Cold War spy swap was made. The German Watchers and their international visitors particularly liked Charlie’s Beach, a piece of sand covered No Mans’ Land, which is now full of deck chairs and street food sellers. A favourite of the bikers was always the Berlin delicacy of Curry Wurst, German sausage with a ketchup and curry powder sauce.

Double Deutsche continued

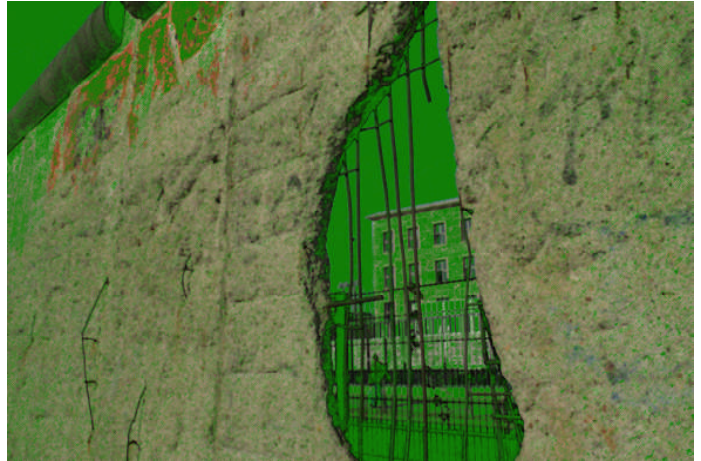
Skull would not have time to enjoy a Currywurst today, or even enjoy the sights of Potsdamer Platz. They knew from their limited briefing that their Tango had something nasty planned, but none of their sources knew precisely what or where. "Alpha to leader," came the voice in Skull's helmet. "Tango is leaving the station." The surveillance Team Leader followed their target out of the railway station and onto Berlin's famous tourist square.

Potsdamer Platz, literally Potsdam Square, has even closer links to the Nazi Reich and the Cold War than their Tango's previous location. The Square is a kilometer south of the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag, where Hitler had his Parliament, and the now reunited Germanys have their government. It was laid to waste during World War II when Stalin's troops reached Berlin. Then it was left desolate throughout the Cold War, divided by the Berlin Wall. Since German reunification, Potsdamer Platz has been the site of major redevelopment projects and something of a symbol for reunification.

The new German Government played heavily on Potsdamer Platz for its unification image, but many older people remember the Square for its Nazi heritage. In the pre-war years there were Swastika flags and propaganda everywhere, Nazi-affiliated organisations occupied many of its buildings, including the Gestapo, who had a secret prison, complete with torture rooms. The rebuilt Potsdamer Platz now attracts 100,000 visitors a day, providing an attractive target for whatever their Tango was planning.

"Green for go," said the pilot through the earphones of Nev Stone's team on the Hercules. The predominantly military make up of this team had been no coincidence. Although all of their motorcycles were stowed about the aircraft, the Watchers had also planned a much more direct entry to Berlin.

As soon as the Hercules' huge rear ramp came open, the five bikers walked calmly to the edge and into thin air. "Elvis has left the building," said Stone, again disregarding strict radio discipline. Skull knew that his friends, closer even than brothers, were now in free fall above him.



Stone, like most bikers was an adrenaline junkie. Even in his life as a cop, he had ridden a surveillance motorcycle as part of the Counter Terrorism Unit, usually armed with a semi automatic weapon. Since his fall from grace, his life had been full of surfing and off road motorcycling on the Algarve, and conducting ever more dangerous missions for the Watchers' clients.

Even a free fall parachute jump came easily for Stone and his mind drifted back to the events that brought him into this life.

Stone had been following an Al Quida suspect for most of the day, as part of a police surveillance team. He was on his third change of clothing and number plates for his bike, when their Tango pulled into Nottingham's National Watersports Centre.

Two gleaming Ducati sports bikes caught his eye, then at the slalom course he spotted their riders watching the kayakers. The two riders wore pristine racing leathers and looked much cleaner cut than your average biker; one of them was more noticeable with his ginger hair. They were both flanked by two older men wearing two piece bike leathers, who looked less aristocratic than the young bikers. Stone thought the younger men strangely familiar. Then recognition hit him and he called up on his radio. He asked "are we expecting a royal visit? Cos I'm sure William and Harry are here on bikes."

Princes William and Harry were conducting an unpublicised visit to support Harry's Paralympic Veterans charity. Prince William's love of his Ducati is well known. Younger brother Harry kept his motorcycle licence quiet, as it gave him a chance of anonymity with a helmet covering his ginger hair.

Double Deutsche continued

Stone knew that Control would be sending back up, but knew it would take time to move through city traffic. He would be on his own for a while. He spotted the small van he had been following move from behind a delivery truck. The van drove to a position close to the Princes and a small group of injured soldiers. Stone saw the two suspects get out of the van. He reacted instantly, laying down his Kawasaki and quickly closed the gap on foot, drawing his pistol as he ran. Stone began shouting "armed police, on the ground!" Then as he got closer he shouted towards the princes, "move, there's a bomb in the van!"

The terrorists initially froze, but then started to run. Stone got within range of one of the men and running high on adrenalin, fired two shots at the man's head. Two shots, or the double tap, is a standard military tactic. But the police are expected to use minimal force. A first, let alone a second shot, must always be proven necessary. Stone realised that as the man was running, he would have some explaining to do about taking the shots.

In Stone's real life, the period between his ill fated shooting and the case going to court had taken a very long time, but in his day dreams, it lasted a matter of seconds. Before he even had time to pull his parachute rip cord, Stone had been sentenced for manslaughter and just as the Judge had predicted, Stone was keeping his head down in prison and steadily gaining credit towards an early release.

His police career had demanded regular workouts, and even in prison the habit drew him regularly to the gym. Two big tattooed men were in the gym at every opportunity, pumping the largest weights. "The Red Skull and Zorro," thought Stone to himself. He would not risk a fight by saying anything aloud, but silently compared Skull Murphy to the Captain America villain and Miguel Cuba with the Latin American hero.

Despite regularly sharing this space, the men had little to do with Stone, or anyone else. They tolerated Stone and some of the older inmates in their space, but kept to themselves. This changed whenever any younger street gang members tried to use the gym and the men became deliberately intimidating, driving the youngsters out. As spring turned to summer, the sweat tops gave way to vests or bare torsos. Stone had guessed the men's tattoos were gang related, but now, without their shirts, he could see exactly what bonded the men. Their backs were tattooed with the three part logo usually seen on the jackets of outlaw bikers. A curved top rocker read "Watchers," while its mirror image below read "England." Between was a caricature of a watch tower. Stone could not help wincing at the thought of how long they had spent under the needle.

Stone's relationship with the Watchers was to take a dramatic turn the day he saw four gangbangers follow Skull and Miguel into the showers. His policeman's instincts told him the bikers had a problem; as he followed them, he saw they were backed into a wall, surrounded by the youths.

Stone knew the bikers could handle themselves. But he spotted a flash of metal in a hand moving towards Skull. Instinct and training switched in and Stone swung a high kick into the knifeman's kidneys.

The bikers reacted, punching and kicking at their assailants, backed up by Stone who continued until the knifeman hit the floor.



Double Deutsche continued

As the days passed, Stone was invited to work out with the Watchers. They told him how Skull, Cuba and a few others had taken to night club bouncing while at college. Their love of fast motorbikes took more money than the student grants could fund. He also learned the root of their problem with the drug dealers. Skull's younger brother Pat had moved away from their parents to join his older sibling's adrenalin fuelled life. But the long hours in the night clubs led Pat into amphetamines and cocaine, a lethal cocktail which ended his young life. "If the dealers have a gang, then so should we," said Skull. Not for them the trappings of the street gangs though. Their choice was the outlaw biker route. Bonded together as brothers, with a love of bikes and a common enemy.

Fuelled by their hatred for the dealers and their drugs, the Watchers expanded, forcibly taking over security contracts on bars known to tolerate dealing. The more their business expanded, the bigger their MC grew. From their small group in Derbyshire, Chapters branched out into other cities and eventually into London.

Skull and the other Watchers were in prison for severely beating a gang of drug dealers, who tried taking over a nightclub under their protection. Their violence convictions now presented them with exactly the same problem that Stone would face on release; they would find it difficult to get work in Britain. Skull explained they needed a Security Licence to operate their business in Britain. With their GBH convictions they would not get their licences renewed. But Miguel Cuba's family lived on the Algarve, where the Portuguese authorities were not so particular. They planned to open a Watchers Chapter on the Portuguese coast, along with the security business they always ran alongside their club. "Join us in the sun Nev, I'm sure we can find work for a man with your skills," offered Skull. He described how they took over security contracts for pubs, clubs and hotels. They were more than just bouncers. Skull Murphy and Miguel Cuba had met in college studying electronics. They built CCTV and alarm systems, as well as providing the muscle. He wanted Stone to use his police background to professionalise their image in the holiday area saturated with British tourists. It was a better offer than Stone would get as a former jailbird back home, so two months later he left East Midlands Airport for the Algarve.



"Charlie, permission?" The third Team Leader's voice broke Stone from his memories. "Tango is still on the move, he's on a tour bus." The Charlie Team had followed their target out of Potsdamer Platz, and onto one of the many open top double decker busses that circulate all of Berlin's main tourist locations. This gave Stone and his team of sky divers a problem. They had planned for a landing on top of one of the renovated square's many tall buildings, but now they had no idea where they would need to land.

"Pop the chutes," said Stone into his tactical radio. He knew they would need to retain as much height as possible, until they knew where the target was headed. "I was sure it was Potsdamer," thought Stone. The Square's Nazi and Cold War connections fitted very well with the briefing from their client. He did not need to drift far under canopy until the target got off the bus in a place that had just as strong Cold War connections.

See the next issue of Knight riders for the concluding part of Double Deutsche.

You can read more of Nev Stone and the Watchers MC in Neil Hallam's full length novels.

Between Stone & a Hard Place.

Stone, Paper, Bomb.

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The novels and his non-fiction works are available on [Amazon](#) and on www.neilhallam.com

Only when I laugh

Who remembers Dogberry, from the late lamented Police Review magazine?

Every week, readers dropped their colleagues in it, following some amusing incident. Unless you were studying for promotion, the Dogberry page was probably the magazine's most read feature.

We would like to resurrect the concept among our members. If Police Review could fill a page every week, I am sure the UK & Ireland Blue Knights can fill a page every three months.

On, or off duty, if you have an amusing story, send it into mail@neilhallam.com

I do reserve the right to veto anything I consider too cruel, or in bad taste.

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DOGERRY ■



There's just me, myself and I

A call was received one evening by a northern force's control room from a man in his early 20s concerned about the welfare of his brother who had not been seen all day. The man said his brother was due to attend court on the day in question, but had failed to turn up. He knew this as he had been contacted by his brother's probation officer on the phone his brother normally used, which had been left in the house and he was using instead.

Around midnight, an officer went along to take missing from home details. The man explained he and his brother had recently been re-united after being adopted many years ago, and were now living together and re-building their relationship.

The bobby then looked around the one-bedroomed flat, as per policy, before placing the MFH on the constabulary's intranet system complete with a number of actions that needed investigating.

The officer went off-duty and enquiries were then passed to one of his colleagues who called at the home address of the MFH's 'other' brother, who then told the officer he was the MFH's only brother; that there was only the two of them and that their parents also lived in the area and they had never been adopted, contrary to what the man had reported.

Flabbergasted the officer attended the informant's address along with this brother and their father. The man was then duly arrested for failing to appear at court; yes, he had reported himself missing, trying to twirl the police into not investigating the failing to attend warrant.

IT'S IDENTITY THEFT! I'M NOT WHO I THOUGHT I WAS!

If you've got a story highlighting the lighter side of police life, we'd love to hear it. Please send your Dogberry entries to: Dogberry@polfed.org And this is the last appearance for the current image of Dogberry – look out for a new image in the next edition of *Police*

Haynes Translated: For those of you twiddling spanners over the lockdown, or anyone just needing a smile.

Haynes: This is a snug fit

Translation: Clamp with molegrips then beat repeatedly with hammer

Haynes: This is a tight fit

Translation: Clamp with molegrips then beat repeatedly with a hammer

Haynes: Rotate anticlockwise

Translation: Clamp with molegrips then beat repeatedly with hammer anticlockwise



Haynes: As described in Chapter 4...

Translation: That'll teach you not to read through before you start. Now you're going to be looking at scary photos of the inside of a gearbox!

Haynes: Pry...

Translation: Hammer a screwdriver into...

Haynes: Undo...

Translation: Go buy a tin of WD40 (you know, the giant trade size)

Haynes: Press and rotate to remove bulb...

Translation: OK - that's the glass bit done away with, now fetch the pliers to dig out the bayonet part (and maybe a plaster or two)

Haynes: Lightly

Translation: Start off lightly and build up till the veins on your forehead are throbbing then clamp with molegrips then beat repeatedly with hammer

Haynes: Weekly checks

Translation: If it isn't broken don't fix it

Haynes: Routine maintenance

Translation: If it isn't broken, it's about to be. We warned you!

Haynes: Inspect...

Translation: Squint at it really hard and pretend you know what you are looking at, then declare in a loud knowing voice to your life/husband/partner "Yep, as I thought, it's going to need a new one"

Haynes: If not, you can fabricate your own special tool like this...

Translation: hahahahahahahahahahahahaha!

Haynes: Compress...

Translation: Squeeze with all your might, jump up and down on it, throw it at the garage wall, then find some molegrips and a hammer

Haynes: Carefully...

Translation: You are about to suffer deep abrasions

Haynes: Retaining nut...

Translation: Yes, that's it, that big spherical blob of rust

Haynes: Get an assistant...

Translation: Prepare to humiliate yourself in front of someone you know

Haynes: Refitting is the reverse sequence to removal

Translation: Yeah, right! It just means that you swear in different places.

Haynes: Retain tiny spring...

Translation: PINGGGG! "Where the hell did that go?"

Haynes: Prise away plastic locating pegs

Translation: Snap off plastic locating pegs

Haynes: Using a suitable drift

Translation: Clamp with molegrips then beat repeatedly with hammer

Haynes: Apply moderate heat...

Translation: Unless you have a blast furnace, don't bother.

Alternatively, clamp with molegrips then beat repeatedly with hammer

Haynes: Index

Translation: List of all the things in the book - except the one thing that you need to do

Hospitality Down Under: Graham & Jacqui Buxton tour New Zealand.

Graham and Jacqui Buxton: President - England VI & UKIC International Rep.



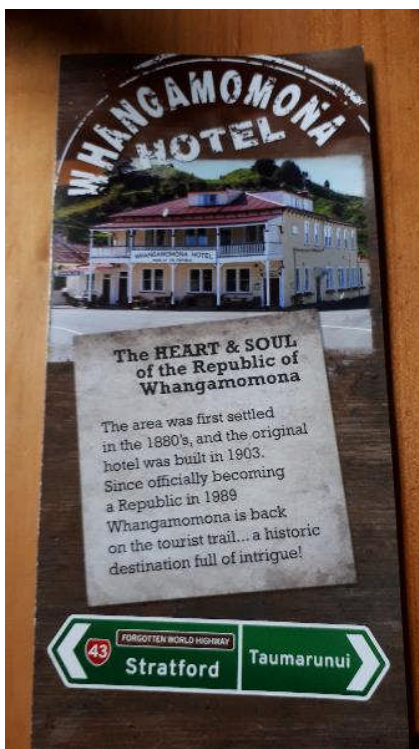
During a five week tour, Jacqui and I spent four weeks in New Zealand travelling on both North and South Islands. Before going I contacted Steve Chung, President of New Zealand Blue Knights, giving him details of our trip and asking to make contact with NZ members whilst we were there. Steve circulated our details to his Chapter, and within a few days I had several replies offering to meet up en-route.

We landed in Auckland and drove north for a few days, one of our stops was the Doubtless Bay Lodge at Coopers Beach, Manganui. We had pre-booked the motel, and were surprised to find that it was owned by a Blue Knight; Gavin Campbell and his wife. They had recently sold the motel and were planning to go travelling.

Hospitality Down Under: continued

It is always useful to meet with locals, and Gavin recommended some very interesting historical and cultural sites nearby. We enjoyed both our stay at the Lodge and looking through his many photo albums, plus hearing tales of his motorcycle exploits in the USA and South America. Although we were unaware of the Blue Knights connection in advance, it was a pleasure to meet up and an unexpected addition to the trip.

Of course because of the touring nature of our holiday, and the fact that I had booked most of our accommodation in advance, our plans were fairly fixed and many serving officers were on duty when we passed through their areas. For example, we travelled the Forgotten World Highway, only a week before Steve Chung and other members were meeting there in the Republic of Whangamomona, on the way to their AGM; such a pity our paths didn't cross.



Whangamomona used to be a frontier town with as many as 300 residents, but now has only a handful. It famously declared itself a republic in 1989, with its own presidential election, after a disagreement over local boundary changes. You can have your passport stamped at the only hotel/pub/café.

Rugby fans amongst you may like to know that their rugby club is the only NZ club allowed to wear an all-black strip, as they wore it well before the NZ All-Blacks national team. They still take part in the oldest rugby challenge cup in NZ, dating back to 1907.

On the east coast of the North Island is Napier, a town famous for Art Deco architecture and an annual Art Deco Festival. We stayed in nearby Eskdale for a few days in an excellent bed and breakfast (*Tequila Sunrise*), with fabulous views over Napier Bay. Tony, our host, was a former motorcyclist who has reluctantly stopped riding for health reasons. He asked if I wanted to see his 'Busa' which was in his garage. Imagine my surprise when this 'Busa' turned out to be a Smart Car. Graphics on the vehicle are: BMW Cruiser on one side and a Harley Davidson on the other. Thanks to Tony's engineering expertise this Smart Car now develops 300bhp, and from a video clip I saw goes like a rocket. Surprising when you consider NZ has a 100 km max speed limit. I am still in touch with Tony and due to the pandemic lockdown worldwide and enforced spare time, he tells me he is now working on developing it to 400bhp.



Eventually we arrived at Wanaka on the South Island where I had arranged to meet Adrian Narek. We enjoyed a pleasant couple of hours over coffee, discussing the different aspects of policing between our countries, and I was surprised to hear that they are still largely unarmed. However, following the Christchurch massacre all their vehicles now carry weapons.

Adrian must have one of the world's best commutes as he rides to work at Queenstown Airport over the Cardrona Pass. We'd like to thank him for meeting up with us and for his advice on places to visit, including the peaceful Lake Glendhu and the Cardrona Hotel, allegedly the most photographed building in NZ.

Hospitality Down Under: continued



Most motorcycle fans have heard of the *World's Fastest Indian*, ridden by Burt Munro, and it was on Jacqui's 'Bucket List' so we included a visit to Invercargill and Hayes Hardware shop, where the original bike is on display. As well as the Indian, there is an impressive

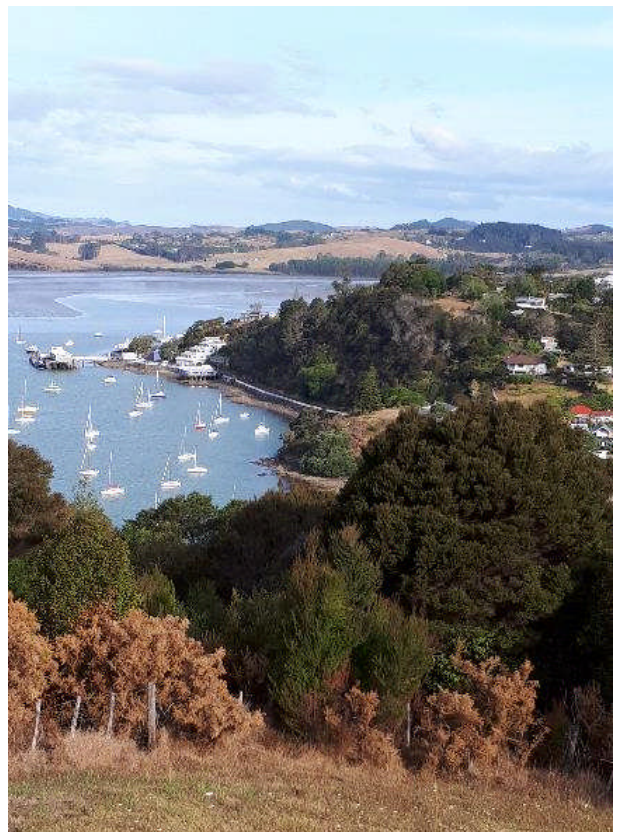
collection of vintage motorcycles and classic cars, and no entrance fee. Not far away we drove on Oreti Beach, where Burt practiced for his world record attempts.



Our last Blue Knight contact was in Dunedin where we met with Dave Cherry, an ex-traffic police officer, his wife Chris and their friends Bob and Sue, who were on a 6 month motorcycle holiday from Northants. We met at the Duke of Wellington pub. When travelling I prefer to eat and drink local products so I was surprised to see it only serves British beers.

Comparing notes with Dave, it appears NZ, just like the UK, has significantly reduced its traffic policing, resulting in the same downward spiral in driving standards. However, as a visitor I found it a pleasure to drive in NZ, as drivers are more patient and there is so little traffic outside of the towns.

All too soon, as is usually the case with holidays, our trip came to an end, but despite the 26 hour flight from NZ to home, we hope to return and thoroughly recommend New Zealand to anyone.



Events Section

August 2020

Steve Tromans is coordinating our Sav Fest attendance





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Lochailort is in a quiet location between Fort William and Mallaig and home to Kirsty's Kids who will receive any profits from the event. If you have any questions, would like more information about accommodation & costs, or book a space contact John Bryden at johnbryden9@googlemail.com.



Postponed until October 23rd -25th.

The UKIC Presidents' Meeting will be held on Saturday 24th October at the Roman Way Hotel, Cannock.



The Memorial Weekend culminates in the Annual Law Ride to the National Arboretum , Alrewas Staffordshire On Sunday 26th July 2020. This is to support UK Care of Police Survivors annual remembrance service

The Weekend consists of 2 Nights accommodation with Dinner B &B at the Roman way Hotel, Watling St. Cannock, Staffs. WS11 1SH.

Entertainment both nights, Live act has been booked for Saturday.

Costs for the weekend are £100 per person sharing. Alternatively Single Occupancy is available for £70 per night. You can stay 1 or 2 nights.

To Book , or for further details. Email Tom Elliott thomascgelliott@gmail.com



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Once again, we are holding our event at the Carlton hotel, which is one of four hotels, all interconnected. Last year's event was such a success, the club decided once again to return to this venue and to welcome all our Brother and Sister Knights and Family's to come and join us for the weekend.

Set at the heart of the English Riviera in Torquay and just a 5-minute walk to the seafront, or 15-minute walk to the main shopping and eating areas of Torquay. Other popular towns and cities are easily accessible.

[English Riviera](#)
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Torbay Leisure Hotel group info

Saturday evening will see us eating in the Riviera lounge overlooking the bay. There will be our charity raffle and auction, which last year raised over £700!!
There will be a table quiz and no doubt another video capturing the chapters travels throughout 2020. The virtual jukebox will start on completion of the meal.

****Each guest to donate 1 prize for the raffle please and dress code on Saturday night is FORMAL****

Prices and booking as follows:

Only **£52** per person per night, (based on 2 sharing). This is for bed, full English breakfast and 3 course evening meals!!!

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A **£25** per person deposit when booking, balance to be paid in **September 2020**. Once I've received contact from you with your room request, I will reply with BACS transfer number, or address for cheque to be sent.

Arrival Friday 27/11/2020 AT ANY TIME YOU LIKE!!!

Book yourselves in, say you're with the Blue Knights Party, and then enjoy the facilities on offer to you throughout the TLH resort, however, rooms will not be available until **1500hrs**

Leaving Sunday 29/11/2020....Rooms to be vacated by 1100hrs

Please contact myself by email, **Johnny Oneball** (President BKXVIII), on presbke18@aol.com

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At The Patterdale Hotel in the Lake District**



The Rally is on a DBB basis for the two nights and will be around £150 pp.

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Further details will follow together with booking information but one for the diary for 2021.

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Ireland I had to postpone the International Convention from this year to next year. The Rally will take place from **13th-18th June 2021**. Please take this opportunity to strongly consider your attendance. It is a great honour for us to hold this event in Ireland. A lot of hard work has gone into this, and we should support their efforts.

