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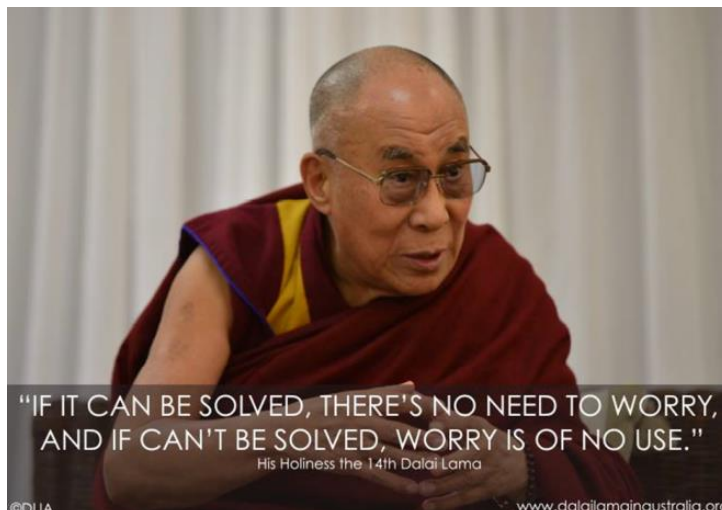


Well we're into the summer quiet period for IPA activities, unless you consider an IPA activity to be laying back on the sun lounger and tanning all those important little parts whilst working your way through a bottle of a decent little chilled New Zealand Marlborough, Sauvignon Blanc.

Sadly in our line of business, such soothing times are all too frequently brought back into the real world by horrifying reports of police officers being senselessly murdered in the line of duty. On 10th August we heard the tragic report of the deaths of two on duty Canadian police officers who had responded to the report of gun shots in a local premises. Fredericton Police Officers, Lawrence Robert Costello, 45 years and Sara Burns, 43 years, were killed, together with two civilians. Both officers had young families and Rob was a strong and active member of the local IPA.



I'm sure that all our thoughts will be with the families of the deceased.



The Wales Air Ambulance in North Wales

An opportunity arose in July for IPA members to attend a presentation by the Wales Air Ambulance at St Asaph. One of those attending was North Wales member Glyn Winstanley, who writes:

"I attended last night (Tuesday 24th July) at St Asaph for the Air Ambulance presentation in a very nice building, The Optic, across the road from North Wales Police departments.

Attendance was sparse, sixteen including the speaker John Shorney who gave a very informative presentation giving insight into the magnificent service provided in the whole of Wales from four locations. The Air Ambulance is run as a registered charity with no local or national government support.

It was noticeable that despite each helicopter costing two million pounds a year to run, complete with pilots, engineers, medics, together with admin running costs of 8% compared to well known charities with 40% plus. Commendable mainly because of volunteers.

As a bonus they put on a nice spread of refreshments not to be missed. I enjoyed it and would recommend supporting this organisation as you never know when you might need them.

Incidentally, North Wales has highest turnout averaging twice a day with Saturday busiest day after lunch with a cost of £1500 a turnout. It's therefore not cheap.

Well done Air Ambulance Stirling work".

Further Facts:

The National Children's Air Ambulance for Wales, has one of the most advanced incubators in the UK, to help sick babies across the country.

A helicopter has the capacity to carry 1 pilot, 2 medics and 1 patient. We have a spare seat that can carry an additional medical practitioner, or the parent of an injured child.

A pilot can have the helicopter airborne within 3 minutes of receiving an emergency call

Wales Air Ambulance responds to roughly 2000 missions every year. Around 400 of these are paediatric missions (children under 16 years).

Wales has grown to become one of the busiest air ambulance operations in the UK. With four aircraft we are the largest air ambulance operation in the UK.



Remember those old School days....



Teacher: "How old is your Father?"

Child: "He's six years old".

Teacher: "What? How is that possible?"

Child: "He only became my Father when I was born".

Teacher: "Johnny, your essay on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brothers. Did you copy his?"

Child: "No Miss, it's the same dog".

Teacher: "Angela, go to the map and find America".

Angela: "Here it is Miss".

Teacher: "That's right. Now Class, who discovered America?"

Class: "Angela"

Study Grant Available

Those members within No 4 Region who are still recorded as 'serving' within one of the three Welsh Forces will have recently received an email outlining the various aspects of the IPA Professional Development opportunities. Included in those details would have been mention of the IPA Lottery Study Award.

Section UK of the International Police Association (IPA) is currently offering a Study Award of up to £1000 for Section UK members. The money can be used towards an educational course of your choice and does not have to be police related.

The award is open to any Section UK IPA member who is a contributor to the IPA Lottery from April 2018 and remains so until after the winners are announced in October 2018 and upon receipt of the award. If you are not a contributor, look onto the Section UK website to register.

To apply for a grant of up to £1000 email the National Treasurer Fred Boyd, on treasurer@ipa-uk.org State in approximately 300 to 500 words why you want to apply for the grant, the course you want to take and the cost of the course. Please provide details of the course by way of a web link or copy of the prospectus. The study award cannot be used for Gimborn or in conjunction with the Arthur Troop Scholarship

The closing date for receipt of emails is 15 October 2018.

What's going on out there?

Region Secretaries frequently receive information and flyers relating to IPA events going on around the UK and on the International scene. With the best will in the world, we cannot circulate everything and it is therefore down to individual members to view the circulations that are shown not only on the various Facebook pages, but also within the Events and News links of the Section UK website.

Examples of Events around the UK during August and September include: A day tour in London including the Ceremony of the Keys / A day at Mallory Park Race Circuit / A trip on the Waverley Paddle Steamer / A full social weekend in Blackpool / A whisky weekend in Stirling / The Abergavenney Food Festival / A writers seminar at Gimborn / The Wales Region Friendship Weekend.

These are just a sample of the events being organised for all members by Branches and Regions around UK and although the titles may not immediately captivate you, many will include the opportunity to visit venues not usually open to the public.

To access the members section of the Section UK website at <http://www.ipa-uk.org> , simply log in with your IPA No on your membership card, enter your password (or request a new one) and away you go

An opportunity to brush up on your French – pre Visa!

On behalf of IPA France, some last-minute availability for their IPA house near the centre of Paris.

These are the dates of availability for the apartment (sleeping 4 persons) for the IPA FRANCE house

From August 7th to 17th inclusive (apartment 4 persons)
From August 22nd to September 4th inclusive (apartment 4 persons)
From 6th to 19th of September inclusive (apartment 4 persons)
From September 22 to 30 inclusive (apartment for 4 persons)

Please click <https://www.ipa-uk.org/Travel-and-Accommodation> for details on how to book

And remembering a few more of those old School days....



Teacher: “Archie, how do you spell ‘crocodile’?”

Archie: “K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L”

Teacher: “No, that’s wrong”

Archie: “Maybe it’s wrong Sir, but you asked me how I spell it”

Teacher: “Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?”

Donald: “H I J K L M N O”.

Teacher: “What are you talking about?”

Donald: “Yesterday you said it was H to O”

Teacher: “Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?”

Harold: “A teacher”.

Have you seen my Classic Car

South-Wales member Howard Yeoman recently put forward a suggestion for a Classic Car Section in this area. Emails and Facebook entries were circulated throughout the Region and also Section UK, with feedback from an initial six or more members.

Taking advantage of the Branch monthly coffee morning meeting in Cardiff, Howard invited members to bring their vehicles and use the opportunity to talk much intelligent talk about spark plugs, tappets, distributors oil pressures and many other such enthralling subjects that only people who own these wonderful machines would ever talk about. And so the inaugural meeting of the South Wales Branch Classic car section was born. Any new members and machines would be more than welcome to join with us. Then, cups of coffee in the garden centre to round off the morning, with one member even slightly agreeing to put together a Branch Treasurer hunt for a future social event.

All said and done, a very enjoyable morning and a possible Treasurer Hunt in the offing!



Section UK 1st International Motorcycle Rally

2019 UK Motorrad Rally



Section UK Motorcycle Group are to hold their first International Event in 2019

The dates will be :-

Thursday 27th June 2019 - Arrival and registration

Friday 28th June 2019 - Ride Out

Saturday 29th June 2019 - Ride Out

Sunday 30th June - Departure

The event will be held using Huddersfield University Campus at Storthes Hall (The same venue as the 2018 AGM) and that there will be a variety of ride outs available on both full days that will vary in duration and mileage.

We are hoping to offer a non motorcycling alternative such as shopping trips or scenic tours of the locality for those who do not wish to participate in ride outs.

There will be on site entertainment in the evenings



Cost: per night -

Single occupant - (Bed Breakfast Dinner) = £55 (3 nights =

£165) Double occupants - (Bed Breakfast Dinner = £100 (3

nights = £300)

- Bed
- Breakfast
- Evening Meals
- Entertainment



Non-refundable deposit of £55 or £100 on

application Balance to be paid by 31st March 2019



For more information, booking form and methods of payment, please

contact Section UK Motorcycle Group Treasurer on;

2019ukmcrrally@gmail.com

Closing date is 31st March 2019.

Visit to Holyhead of Ghiora Szabo of the Section Israel.

North Wales Branch member Bill Rogerson MBE is a lay minister in his home area and quickly took up the offer of acting as a local guide to a member from Israel who was arriving for a short stay in the area on a cruise ship. Here is Bill's story.

In April 2018, Denis Hunt Secretary of No 4 Region Wales and acting secretary of the North Wales Branch received a IPA Travel Form from Ghiora Szabo a retired Police Officer from Israel, stating that in late July and early August he was on a round Britain Cruise of the 'Brilliance of the Seas' which was due to dock in Holyhead on Friday 3 August. Ghiora had requested that the only assistance he required was for him and his wife Miriam to visit the town of Holyhead.

I arranged to meet Ghiora and Miriam in Market Street, Holyhead at 09.15 hours on Friday 3 August. Following weeks of glorious sunshine in Holyhead, it was a typical Welsh rainy day when we met. The first stop was a local cafe for coffee and an exchange of IPA and British Transport Police memorabilia along with typical souvenirs from our respective countries.

I discovered that Ghiora, who is now approaching 80 years young, and Miriam are both from Romania but left the country in 1965 when Ghiora was 26, due to the troubles in that country. They moved to Israel where Ghiora joined the police force. Obviously Ghiora spoke Romanian, and Hebrew. He also spoke Hungarian and Spanish fluently. He had a broken command of the English language, French and German. Communication was difficult, there was no doubting that, but with the aid of a translation App on my mobile phone the language barrier was broken down a little. Ghiora stated that he had served for thirty years as a police officer in Israel, which he said was remarkable, as the life expectancy for a police officer was a lot less than that. It transpired that he was a rank equivalent of our own Inspector and he also served as a firearms instructor. He served for most of his career in the city of Karmiel, about 54 kilometres North-west of the port of Haifa. He joined the IPA Israel Section on the 1st, January 1969 and has been a continuous member ever since. He travels widely around the world and wherever he goes he makes contact with IPA members. His hobby is artistic photography.

After our initial meet and greet I showed them around the port town of Holyhead and St Cybi's Church. Lunch was taken in a local café after which I took them to my house for tea and biscuits and to meet my wife Shirley and two granddaughters. Sadly, it was soon time for Ghiora and Miriam to return to ship and I took them back to Holyhead via a scenic route, taking in Trearddur Bay and South Stack. On arrival back in Holyhead it was time for one last look at St Cybi's Church and finally back to the town's railway station where they caught the shuttle bus back to the ship. It was indeed a memorable day of international friendship and one to be remembered for a long time to come.



Bill Rogerson. MBE

And so friends, on that typical tale of IPA Friendship when travelling abroad, we bid you 'au revoir' from the Editor and staff. If you have items for the Newsletter please forward them on to me via my address below.



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