

INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION

“Servo per Amikeco”
“Service Through Friendship”



Plod-ing On' No 4 (Wales) Region Newsletter June 2022



Ah, 'tis the season of goodwill once again. Well not exactly Christmas, but certainly the time when Section UK Branch, Region and National Annual General Meetings are finally over, leaving we Executive Members to now really start putting into practice what has been agreed in various Motions.

So, a quick look at the Motions and other important items at Section UK National Council Meeting. The thirty-three Region Delegates and five National Executive members agreed the following:

Ordinary Membership agreed for all Ports Police.

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| Ditto | Cathedral Constables. |
| Ditto | Military Police, i.e., RMP, RAFP and RN Police. |
| Ditto | Police Volunteers over 18 years who have served at least three years. |
| Ditto | Warranted Border Force Officers (NB; not Border Staff). |

If you have friends who are / were members of the above organisations, please advise them of the new opportunities for membership.

Milage allowance has risen from 35p per mile to 40p. The 400-mile maximum remains.
National Council Meetings (NCM) will be held on alternate years via Zoom, commencing 2024 when there will be no requirement to vote for new NEC Members. The NCM 2003 will held in Peterborough.

Two new Vice Presidents were appointed for a period of one year, due to the fact that the current VPs had stated their intention to stand down one year prior to their usual period. The new VPs elected are:

Colin Hutt – Replacing Sean Hannigan (Retired) - Communications
Ben Brickley – Replacing Martin Turner (Retired) – Professional.

We wish them both well in their new appointments and thank sincerely both Sean and Martin for their previous hard work.

Past President Bill Petherick spent six days in Cardiff following the NCM



Section UK Walking Group

I have previously made reference, both in this Newsletter and via emails, on the subject of the IPA Walking Group. In these times of greater awareness of health and wellbeing, this is a superb activity that can be indulged at any level. A few members have requested further information and I am therefore grateful to Chris Charlton, Secretary of the Group, for the following information.

The Walking Group is not a Special Interest Group (SIG) within the IPA although we do have aspirations to become one when the time is right. It is what I would consider to be a fledgling group formed and funded within and by the North of England (Region 3) in 2019. It is affiliated to the **British Walking Federation (BWF)** and, as part of its vision, aims to become a SIG. As a member of the IPA, or immediate family, there is no additional joining fee.

The BWF formed in 1982 and currently has around 20 walking clubs around the UK. The BWF is part of the **International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV)** which was founded in 1968. The IVV was formed when a few like-minded individuals from across Europe met in Lindau, Germany and formed an international federation with the aim of organizing sporting events that anyone could participate in. Clubs are encouraged to organise Walking Events (single/multiple day events generally ranging from 5km to 42km) or Permanent Trails (PT) that can be walked on any day in the calendar year in which a PT is registered. PT's are typically 10km long.

BWF is a non-competitive organisation that holds the belief in the value of walking to aid fitness, stay healthy, meet new friends and enjoy the sights, scenery, countryside and wildlife. This aligns very well with the aims of the International Police Association which promotes the development of friendships across the globe and getting involved with social, sporting, professional and cultural activities.

The IVV operates an award scheme, the aim of which is to incentivise participation and provide members with proof of their own achievements. This is achieved through a system of logbooks and unique stamps. In order to receive a unique stamp, walkers are expected to pay a modest fee (we charge £1.50 per walker per PT) to the organising club for the privilege of participating in a Walking Event or completing a Permanent Trail. This is intended to cover administration costs and public liability insurance fees.

The IVV is the largest walking organization in the world, and its member national associations are usually the largest or only nationwide walking associations in their respective countries. The growing list currently includes twenty-nine countries.

The Section UK IPA Walking Group has already established Permanent Trails in Scarborough, Whitby, Harrogate and St Albans and aims to develop more throughout the UK. Although presently small in number, some of its members have also taken part in international events in The Netherlands (Airborne March) and Germany (IPA Stuttgart March).

In June 2021, largely because of the restrictions created by Covid-19, the Walking Group organised a Virtual Walking Challenge during which IPA members around the world were invited to walk either 100km or 50km during the month. It attracted over 130 IPA members, family and friends and raised £450.00 which was presented to the Thin Blue Line charity. Our primary event for 2022 is the Walking Weekend centred in Scarborough in September.

As it grows, the IPA Group will aim to keep its members informed of walking events in the UK and across the globe. It will create more Permanent Trails throughout the UK and develop walking events, such as the Virtual Walking Challenge that will over time, bring like-minded members of the IPA together to promote the development of friendships whilst indulging in a mentally and physically healthy outdoor activity.

Although I accept there is only limited information on the Section UK website, the Walking Group has been well publicised with several articles appearing in Police World and via Web News. Each time we go to press, there has always been a pointer, for anybody wanting more information, to contact us via ipawalking@yahoo.com.

More information about the British Walking Federation (BWF) and the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV), can be found at <https://www.bwf-ivv.org.uk/> and <http://www.ivv-web.org/>

The BWF is made up of (a) Individual Members and (b) Walking Groups who have their own members. I am both as I am a member of the BWF as an individual for which I pay a modest individual membership and through membership of the Section UK IPA Walking Group which is free to all Section UK IPA members. To be honest anyone can access the BWF website and the info about Permanent Trails, but the BWF does charge a modest fee to supply books in which members can collect and record what are known as IVV stamps which is proof that a particular PT has been completed.

If our own members simply want to register, book their own accommodation (I can provide a list), print off a route description & turn up for the event that is all that is needed.

I have just put the event on the national website diary and you will see that there will be a charge for the social events. This is expected to be £10 to £12 per person per evening which is to cover the cost of a hot buffet evening meal.

The Welcome Hand of Friendship



As the Wales Region, we bid a warm welcome to new members who have joined us in recent times:

Andrew Jenks-Gilbert – A retired North Wales Officer

Carl Foulkes – A serving North Wales Officer

James Hall – A serving South Wales Officer

It is always a real pleasure to see new members join this superb organisation, especially when we note that you are serving within the local Force. We hope that we can encourage you to take part in any of the activities organised by not only your own local Branch, but by any of the three Branches across Wales. We encourage you to make use of the Section UK and Region Wales Facebook sites to find out what is happening afield across the UK and the International scene. Remember that you are also able to sign up for the on-line IPA International Newsletter. Simply register at <https://www.ipa-international.org/> or view the editions at the Section UK website.

It's interesting to note as to how each of these three members came to join the IPA. One noticed our Region 4 publicity poster on the office notice board, a second joined through becoming aware of a particular extremely active Special Interest Group that he then wished to join, and the third simply noted the increased quality activities that were being arranged within his local Branch and therefore decided to become a part of this excellent international organisation. Therefore, in the main, we have gained new members through the continued effort of our serving members.

We fully appreciate the pressures that are now placed upon new entrants into the Police Service, resulting in limited opportunities to become aware of the opportunities in being a member of the IPA. If you are working alongside officers who are fairly new in service, why not spend a short while talking to them about the social and professional areas that membership will offer them.

We also frequently publish information on the various Police Service internal intranet systems, offering links to on-line Professional and informal Presentations, the majority being free and open to all.

Gimborn 2022

There is still time to sign up to attend as a participant for the following Seminars being held at the excellent IPA Conference and Education Centre at Gimborn near Cologne.

22/31 Environmental Crimes - Illegal Profits and Cross Border Crime - 29/08 - 02/09

22/32 Digitalisation and Police Work/YouPo seminar - 05/09 - 09/09

22/33 Missing! - The phenomenon of Missing People in Modern European Societies - 12/09 - 16/09

22/37 ASP Instructor Course - 04/10 - 06/10

22/43 The Threat of Cyber Terrorism - How Terrorists and Extremists use the Internet for their purposes – 05/12 – 09.12

The Centre organises highly professional police related seminars and is open to IPA members and non-IPA members. There is a base participation cost averaging around 310 Euro for IPA members attending the Seminars which already includes a reduction for members. However, Section UK members benefit from financial support to attend a Seminar of up to a maximum of £250 every 2 years for any seminar. In addition, No 4 Region also offer a further £75 to assist with travel costs, plus each of the three Branches also offer additional similar support. There are conditions attached to each of these offers of financial support.

You will find further information regarding these Seminars and other aspects relating to Gimborn on the Section UK website (Professional Development link) www.ipa-uk.org/

Support to the Community



This is a partial repeat of the entry I placed in the previous edition of the Newsletter, and I make no apology for its inclusion here.

In 2021, the Royal British Legion celebrated 100 years since its formation. Originally established to care for those who had suffered as a result of service during the First World War, the Legion has been helping the Armed Forces community and their families ever since.

The past two years have taken their toll on the volunteers, particularly those who assist with the Poppy Appeal. Many succumbed to the Covid illness and are no longer in a position to play their part in the annual event. This has resulted in a serious shortage of volunteers available to sell poppies through stores and out on the High Streets of our towns.

This year's Poppy Appeal will take place from Thursday 27th October and finishing on Monday 14th November. Apart from the standard daily street collections, many major towns also have what is referred to as a 'City Poppy Appeal', when members of the Armed Forces and Uniformed organisations take to the streets in a major effort to raise funds through the Poppy sales.

Perhaps you and a few of your local Branch members may be in a position to offer a few hours each week out on the street, or if you are not able to cope with this, perhaps then offering to assist on a fixed display counter in retail outlets. Please contact your local Royal British Legion club, or alternatively via myself at d.hunt3@ntlworld.com. I will pass your details on to a local point of contact. Please ensure you let me have your name, telephone or email contact, plus the area you are living in.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Now Let's 'ave a bit of a larf'

An officer comes across a man who is clearly under the influence.
He says to the man, "We're going to have to give you a drug test." Without hesitation,
the man replies, "Cool, which drugs are we testing?"

An officer observes a woman standing in the middle of the road.
He approaches her and asks, "Are you OK?" The woman replies, "Yes, but how do I
get to the hospital?" The officer says, "Just keep standing there."

An officer stops a man for speeding and notices he is not wearing his required
prescription glasses.
Officer: "I have to give you a ticket for not wearing your glasses." Driver: "Officer, I
have contacts." Officer: "I don't care who you know, you're still getting a ticket."



**A new Branch Patron for Dyfed Powys
Dr. Richard Lewis – Chief Constable, Dyfed-Powys Police**



Presenting Dr Lewis with his Patron's Certificate is Alex Jones, Branch Chair, together with Gareth Cowley, Branch Treasurer.

Richard is currently the Chief Constable of Dyfed-Powys Police having been appointed on 13 December, 2021. Prior to this he was the Chief Constable of Cleveland Police since April 2019.

Richard is originally from Carmarthenshire in West Wales and joined Dyfed-Powys Police in 2000.

He has worked in a variety of roles in uniform and CID as well as working as the Head of the Professional Standards Department and he Chaired the Wales Counter Corruption Working Group. He served in every rank up to (and including) Deputy Chief Constable at Dyfed Powys Police.

In 2010, Richard gained a Fulbright Scholarship, a prestigious educational programme, at Pennsylvania State University where he studied Taser deployments leading to adverse incidents. The work was conducted in policing agencies as diverse as Dallas, Seattle and New York Police Departments. The majority of his time in the United States was spent working with the Emergency Service Unit of NYPD, based in Brooklyn.

Richard has also guest edited the Today Programme on BBC Radio 4 and served as a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

Richard is the National Police Chiefs' Council Ethics lead for UK policing.

He has recently completed his PhD with Bath Spa University. His thesis was entitled 'Developing ethical leadership at a time of profound change'

Bewildered aged father text's his young son.

"Windows frozen, won't open up"

Son text back, "Well do what you did before, gently pour lukewarm water over it and gently tap the edges with a hammer"

Five minutes later, father text's back, "Computer really messed up now"

Aaaagh!!

Ideas Please



Although we are clearly not rid of the dreaded virus that has plagued us since 2019, our lives have once again started to return once again to some level of normality. Within the IPA we would hope that this might mean less reliance on the Zoom facility, and more face to face activities.

However, despite several pleas going out to members via this publication for fresh ideas, there is a distinct lack of support being offered to Branch Executives, with the exception of North Wales who have a number of ideas in the pipeline. Their latest venture will be a Branch/Region meal on Saturday 29th October, at the Coleg Cambria's Restaurant in Wrexham. This event will be open to all members across the Region, and full details will be issued shortly by email. Please make every effort to support the Branch.

We know that there are many members across Wales who have a wide range of interests, many which could be the basis for either a Branch or Region event. Many Regions across Section UK run local golf competitions, plus walking, fishing (sea, course and fly) and cycling events. If you are a caravan owner, there is a very active Caravan and Camping Interest Group, plus a strong Motor-Cycle Group. Later in the year, Section UK is running an IPA National Clay Pigeon Competition. Perhaps on the more sedate side, several Branches run monthly or bi-monthly dining clubs at various venues around their area.

These are simply a small taste of the social activities currently on-going in various parts of the Section UK. We would really like to see our own members taking up the challenge to organize a local event, rather than expecting the Executive to come up with ideas. If you are prepared to put together something that will be suitable for either a particular group of enthusiasts, or for all members of the family, please either contact me (Denis Hunt) at 4region@ipa-uk.org or direct to your local Branch Secretary. We will be more than happy to work with you and assist in setting up an event.

The IPA will only continue to be a great friendship organisation if we each do a little bit more to help!!



And for the fearless traveller heading to London.....

Civil Service Club, London

At an NEC meeting in October 2021, it was agreed to continue the Section UK membership with the Civil Service Club in London. This allows members who may, either for business or pleasure, need to spend the night or nights in central London to stay at the club. Our Vice President Sean Hannigan stayed previously and is happy to provide details of his experience if you are considering using it.

The club is located on Great Scotland Yard and its rates are good value for central London. A number of our members have their own membership for this club. The club also has a website if you wanted to have a look at the accommodation available here:

<https://www.civilserviceclub.org.uk/>

For details on how to book a room please click here <https://www.ipa-uk.org/Civil-Service-Club>

We desperately need original ideas for the next Newsletter.