



## THE NYASALAND POLICE ASSOCIATION

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### Greetings



As it is some five months since Newsletter 1/2020, clearly it is now time for another! At that time, I was seeking bookings for our Reunion which was to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> July which, most sadly, had to be cancelled due to the worsening situation regarding the Coronavirus pandemic. Subsequently, in March, restrictive measures were introduced in the UK causing significant changes in everyone's daily lives. Our thoughts and feelings remain for all who are

suffering worldwide, those who are bereaved and for those key workers so closely involved in our hospitals and care homes, etc, as well as those active in other spheres of work to keep the country ticking over until some semblance of normal life returns.

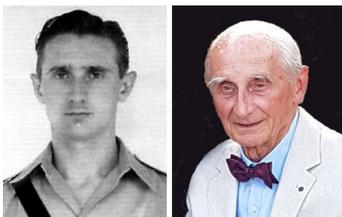


In the past three months I have made and enjoyed telephone contact with over thirty colleagues as well as email contact with many others. If you are on-line please do not hesitate to use your email facility to contact me at [nypol.police@gmail.com](mailto:nypol.police@gmail.com). In this respect it is always good to review aspects of the way we operate. To this end, I would be very pleased to receive and consider suggestions of any kind from members be it about the website, the newsletters or whatever.

For instance, let us have your views on the following:

- The Newsletters are a waste of time as the information is available on the website.
- There should be more Newsletters per year. Not all members have wifi.
- The website should only include matters of specific NyasaLand Police matter.
- The Musical Interlude is totally irrelevant and should be removed from the website.
- More consideration should be given to those without wifi.

In Newsletter 1/2020 I appealed for help in tracing any copies of the Force magazine "Nyalugwe" and am delighted that we have since received issue No 1 of 1957 from Mick Thacker – which has now been copied on to the website. I am optimistic that there must be other copies out there so please keep looking!



### Employment Record

How about still employed after 46 years in the same job – not unusual you say but only having started the job at the age of 42 and still going at the age of 88, yes eighty eight – more that 20 years after most of us have retired – then surely that is an "employment record". Who? You may well ask, it must surely be

someone very dedicated and happy in their work. Of course, it has to be Ray Punter – still there and still working at Rainbow Springs, Rotorua, New Zealand. Thank you Ray for your interesting piece on the kiwi hatching in February (see "Just the Job" - Chit-Chat 2020).

Reference to Chit-Chat 2020 in Ray Punter's "Employment Record" above reminds us that many of us are now in our eighties. Whereas the internet and email, etc, have been embraced by a lot of us, there is a considerable number who have opted out of this technology for various reasons. Traditional methods from the cleft stick to Royal Mail and the basic telephone are indeed adequate enough for our day to day communications. It has its good points too, "snail mail" it is named



but it calls for no immediate response and it does provide a permanent record. However, our snail mail Association members are restricted to these Newsletters which have only limited content. They have missed not only Ray's kiwi report above but, this year alone, some dozen or so various articles such as Brian Burgess and Dr Banda on the Kamuzu Dam, Mary Brill having to "Make do and mend" in Nyasaland as she did during the war, Mike Harper and life in Fort Hill, Paddy Adair on parade in Kota Kota, Mick Thacker's lovely story of his horse "Muffin" and a recognition of the continuing support we have from our nonagenarians – pictured below.



*Mary Brill, 95 in December 2019, Jon Dennison had his 95th birthday in March 2020, Dutch Hulland and Jack Lane are both 92, Boyd Pendennis 91 and Mike Tadman 90.*

Then we have, Brian and Kamuzu, Paddy at Kota, Mick and Muffin, the loo at Fort Hill and Ray's kiwi.



We are greatly saddened to learn of the passing of **Anne Dew** on 16th April and **Stella Unwin** on 19<sup>th</sup> April. On behalf of us all, I pass on our deepest sympathy and condolences to Allan, Derek and families.

Very Best Wishes

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**Note:** Those members recorded as being without email addresses or have requested so have all been sent hard copies of this Newsletter by post.