



## **NEWSLETTER No 1/17 ~ FEBRUARY 2017**

Greetings all, and to those who have not been able to visit the website, a belated "Happy New Year".

This missive is hardly deserving of the title "Newsletter" since it really contains little news, if any. The fault is mainly mine as I have not been in touch with many people in the last few months. However, since the last Newsletter I have not been advised of any deaths in our numbers, nor has any lost person come to light. So good news and bad news I suppose.

Quite a number of our members or their wives are not enjoying good health at this time, as is to be expected unfortunately given our average age. I will not mention their names to maintain their privacy but I am sure you will join me in sending good wishes especially to those who are ill or failing,

### **HEATHER DWYER**

Heather was the daughter of Danny Morrison whom many of you older (?) colleagues will remember. She lived in Adelaide and had suffered for several years from a very viral cancer. She was extremely brave and from the first days of its inception was a very staunch supporter of our Association. She died in the early hours of Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January and was cremated. It was her wish for her ashes to be scattered on Zomba Mountain near to those of her mother and father. I sent condolences from the Association to her sister Mary Abele and her son who survives her. Up until a couple of days before she died she remained in contact with me and many others through Facebook. She was a member of the well known Nyasaland family, The Bishops.

### **REUNION 2017**

This year's reunion will again take place at the Coventry Holiday Inn on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July. With this Newsletter, I have attached an order form and I ask you, if you intend joining us, to let me have this back together with your cheque or payment otherwise as soon as you are able. The prices are slightly up on those of previous years but are still reasonable and good value for money. As I have said previously on the website, this is the last year that I feel able to run the Reunion and I ask for some person to take over this task. It is not very onerous and I will of course be on hand to help with any queries but it is obvious that if nobody comes forward then this may well be the last Reunion we have. This happens in all Colonial Police Force Associations eventually but is usually due to lack of attendees. I feel that we are still too many for this to be so in our case so I hope we have one or two volunteers.

### **DONATIONS**

As has become my custom unfortunately I ask those of you who have a few pennies to spare to help the Association with a small donation. If a few people give five or ten pounds each, and I'm afraid that it is usually the same people, that is enough to pay for postage, the licence for the website etc, for another year. If you are on Email, I always write and give thanks for any donation but people who do not have Email must accept my thanks now. This is our Association and is virtually the only link we now have with those halcyon days of old, Weren't we lucky to have them?

It only remains for me now to wish all of you and your families well for this year and to hope that we see as many of you as possible at this year's reunion.

Sincerely

*Christopher Bean*