



## NEWSLETTER No 19 ~ 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015

### GREETINGS

A very happy and healthy New Year to all of you reading this, my latest Newsletter. I see with some surprise that my last Newsletter went out to you in August of last year! Where did the time go to then? A rhetorical question because I am sure you all find as I do that the older one gets, the faster the time seems to go.

However, I hope that 2015 is a good one for you and that it brings you good health and anything else you may wish for.

### VALE

Although it is relatively old news now it was shortly after writing my last Newsletter that we lost my dear friend **Les Renno** following a fairly short illness. He is survived by his wife Bronwen and I think five, perhaps six, children. Accompanied by my son Allan and Don McCarry and Ken Wilkinson I attended Les' funeral in the Forest of Dean near to his and Bronwen's home. We passed the condolences of the Association to Bronwen and the family. Les helped me greatly in setting up this Association and his encouragement spurred me on when I needed it. He set up the NYPOL website in its original format and earned a special place in the ongoing history of the Nyasaland Police.

At the beginning of the year Don McCarry lost his beloved **Rosemary** and a couple of weeks later we also lost **Brian Burgess** who still lived in Zomba. I advised you of these two deaths at the time. To my knowledge these three treasured people, were the only members we lost in 2014 and in view of the ever advancing age of our members, we are a very lucky group.

### NYPOL WEBSITE

Following the sudden passing of **Les Renno** the running of the website was kindly taken over by **Terry Young**. Whilst retaining all the work Les had put into the website, Terry changed the format to one with which he is more comfortable working and I have to say that he has done a splendid job. It is usually easy to improve on another person's original idea and Terry has done this with the website whilst, as I say, retaining Les' original work. Well done Terry and thank you for stepping into the breach as it were. He is trying hard to make a dynamic living entity of the website and he welcomes any material you may provide him with. He quickly puts up anything he feels worthy of showing and the success of his endeavours is shown in the number of "hits" we get each month and sometimes surprising, the countries from which the "hits" emanate. If you are on line, I urge you to check the website at least once a month if you are interested in matters pertaining to the Nyasaland Police.

### PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

There are now many more photos to view on the website and in an effort to encourage more of you to send in photos, Terry is offering an excellent bottle of Scotch whiskey to the sender of what he will consider to be the outstanding photo sent to him between now and the reunion in July. Anything to do with the Force or Nyasaland will be eligible for consideration so search through your photos and let Terry have anything you think may be of interest. If required and you can't copy them, Terry will return original photos to you after scanning them.

## **2015 REUNION**

This year's Reunion will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at the Holiday Inn Coventry where we enjoyed such a splendid event last year. As previously advised, I managed to get the hotel to agree to the same rates, which as a matter of interest, are the same as when we started ten years ago. Room costs remain at £70.00 per room including a full English breakfast and the cost of the function will still be £24.00 per head. We all agreed that the food and service last year was a vast improvement on anything we had enjoyed(?) previously at the Hilton.

I am attaching an order form to this Newsletter and as ever, if you can say now that you intend coming to the Reunion, I ask you to let me have your booking form together with your remittance as soon as possible. I know that for the next six months I am going to be in a "chase" mode but I ask you to help me by letting me know as soon as possible.

## **CONTACTS**

As usual, I have managed to retain contact with as many of our members as I can, **either by phone, Email or Skype. I may have forgotten some names but I do remember contact with Allan Dew, Don McCarry, Derek Unwin, Tony Drynan, Mike Harper, Norman Anderson, Terry Young, Bronwen Renno, Jon Dennison, John(Tennis) Parker, Dutch Hulland, Jack Lane, Mary Brill, Malcolm Llewelyn, Eric Bult, Bob Carr, Paddy Chevallier, Ray Punter, John Clements, Dot Farmery, Trevor Gwyer, Mike Maude, Kevin McCann, Boyd Pendennis, David Searle, Robin Stichbury, Edna Whitechurch, John Wilkes** and a number of "children" who support the Assosiation. If there are names I have missed, I apologise.

## **SUPPORT**

It doesn't cost a lot to run this Association, apart from my time which is invaluable!! However we do incur costs and as I have done in the past, I ask you to help, in lieu of any subscriptions, by way of a small financial donation. I know I sound like one of these things on the TV, support a Snow Leopard, or a cheetah, or a rhino, or whatever, for three pounds a month. Well, a fiver or so once a year will not break the bank but allows me to carry on this association without having to be concerned as to where the next subscription for the website etc. is coming from. I am aware that a number of you send me the odd, very welcome fiver or whatever without being asked and I thank you again. To any of you who respond to this request, I thank you in advance.

Kindest regards

**CHRISTOPHER BEAN**