



THE NYASALAND POLICE ASSOCIATION

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Back Row (L-R):

Bob Carr, Terry Young, Ken Wilkinson, David O'Neil

GREETINGS

Greetings to all readers and welcome to Newsletter No.2 of 2017 which is also reproduced in full on the Association website (www.nypol.com) which, I am told by Terry Young, had over 1800 page views from some 24 different countries over the thirty days prior to this report. So, whoever and wherever you are, welcome to the official website of the Nyasaland Police Association - I hope you find the contents interesting.

VALE

Since the last Newsletter in February we have been made aware of the deaths of Basil Horsfall in Scarborough and Kay Williams (wife of Basil) in Plymouth and I am afraid that I have no further information regarding these people. I sent condolences from the Association where possible. If there are other departures not mentioned, then I have not been made aware of them.

REUNION 2017

The Reunion was held again at the Holiday Inn, Coventry, and we are indeed grateful to the hotel for the excellent service and food we enjoyed there. We had thirty two guests this year, slightly less than last year and whilst I sympathise totally with those who either in themselves or in their families, are too old or frail to travel, I am somewhat disappointed in those who said they were too busy to attend! I gave a full year's notice of the event so there should be no call to be "busy". However, each to his own and those who did attend said unanimously that this was the best Reunion we have had yet - I am pleased and a little surprised to hear this.

The event will be run from next year onwards by Ken Wilkinson who has very kindly offered his services. Telephone number 01453 766794, email kevin.nyken@gmail.com.

It was very good to see Bronwen Renno, widow of Les, at the hotel for whilst not coming to the evening function, came especially in the afternoon to greet those whom she knew previously. We sincerely hope that she finds it possible to attend the full Reunion next year.

Other newcomers to the Reunion were Margaret Burdon, widow of John, and Alistair and Fafa Young. Their baby son, Lochlan (2), also attended the evening function and was most well behaved. They were all most welcome.

The Toast to Absent and Departed Friends was proposed by Terry Young and I proposed the Toast to the Nyasaland Police.

After the meal we were entertained by Kath Carr who delivered, very amusingly, another of her poems extolling the virtues (or otherwise) of the Nyasaland Police.

Proceedings were terminated by a raffle organised by Terry Young, ably assisted in ticket sales by Vanessa Farmery. This raised the comfortable sum of exactly £100, a fair percentage of which we gave to the barman and serving staff in recognition of their sterling efforts during the evening, the balance going into our administrative fund. An interesting observation on the diversity of our gathering these days was illustrated by a couple of charming winners in the raffle of the Dorset brooches, hand-crafted and donated by Mary Brill - one was a Blackman (Anne, daughter of Robin Martin) and the other a black lady, Alistair Young's wife, Fafa, who is Ghanaian!

REUNION 2018

The date for next year's Reunion has been set for the 12th July, i.e. one week earlier than previously and you can expect to hear from Ken Wilkinson in the New Year. Please put it in your diaries **now** and let's have nobody "too busy" to attend next year!

Kindest Regards

Christopher Bean

