



# The Branch

February 2014



## The newsletter of Wiltshire Retired Firefighters Association

### Telephone conversation

**Wife:** Darling, I can't get the car to start. I think there might be water in the carburettor.

**Husband:** You know nothing about cars; how do you know it has water in the carburettor?

**Wife:** Because the car is in the River Avon!

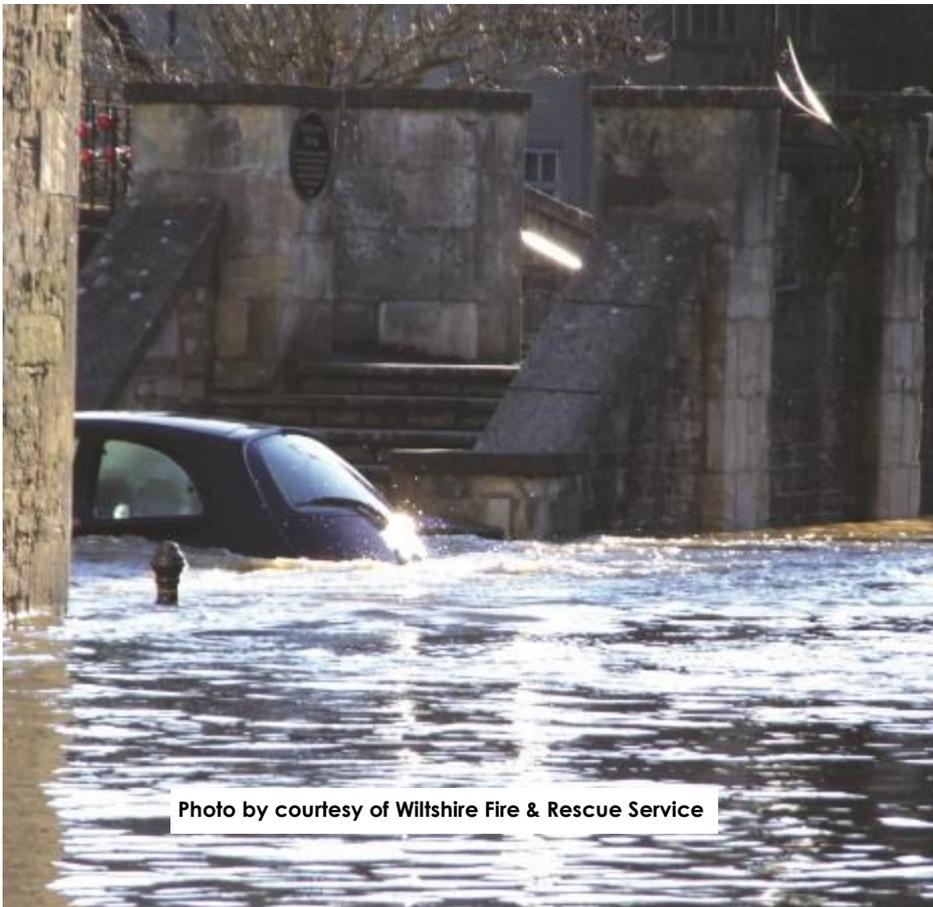


Photo by courtesy of Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

For more news of the flooding emergencies this winter, turn to page 10

### PRAISE FROM KEN

Ken Seager, Chairman of the Trustees of the Fire Fighters Charity has kindly agreed to be a regular contributor to 'THE BRANCH'. Ken leads his first article on page 9 with the comment that THE BRANCH and our whole association are the envy of many similar organisations.

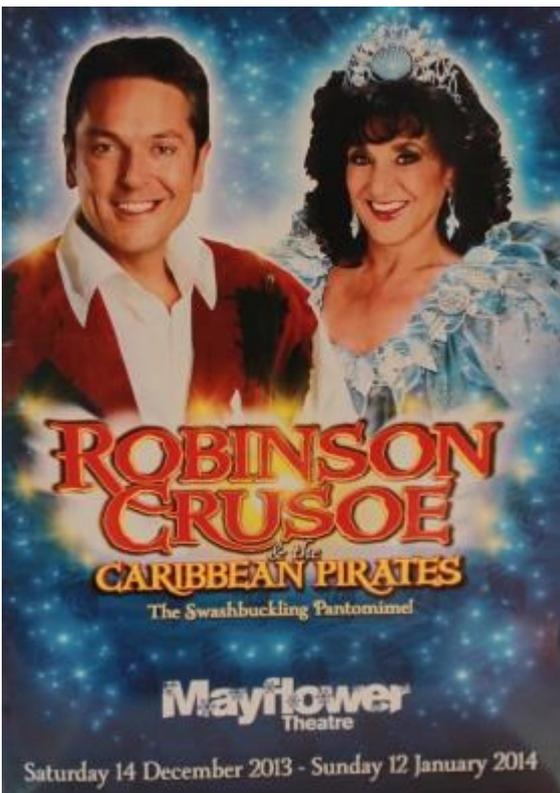


## CHRISTMAS FESTIVE LUNCH



Our Christmas Lunch held on 14th December 2013 at Marsh Farm Hotel in Royal Wootton Bassett was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by the 51 diners. We were allocated the private use of a suite with its own bar that proved ideal for our purposes. The cuisine was to a high standard as was the service. The raffle raised £114.00 for the Fire Fighters Charity.

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## PANTOMIME

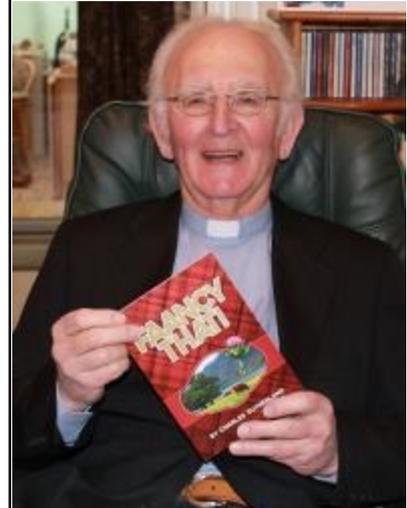
When I offered way back in the Autumn to arrange tickets for a party from WRFA to attend the panto matinee in Southampton on 11th January, 2014, only John and Jane Cox took up the offer. However, I do accept that pantomime is not to everybody's taste. I duly booked tickets in the dress circle for John, Jane, Margaret and myself and we drove to the Mayflower theatre to see 'Robinson Crusoe' starring Brian Conley and Lesley Joseph. Sailing through the floods at Tilshead, in bright sunshine we soon found the car park in the next street to the theatre and set out to look for somewhere to take lunch. Margaret zeroed in on 'Casa Italia' that she spotted very close to the theatre and we were soon enjoying a delicious buffet style Italian meal of exceptional quality and value for money. This set us up nicely to enjoy the show and this we did. It was one of the best shows of its kind I have ever seen and it more than lived up to expectations. **JOHN CRAIG**

# People & Places

## CLERIC TURNS NOVELLIST

Revd. Charles Sutherland, well known to many for having been Chaplain to Wiltshire Fire Brigade for 8 years in the past, has turned his hand to writing and has just had his first novel published. It is called 'Faancy That!' and it tells in humorous vein of life in a remote and fictitious village in the Highlands of Scotland. Charles was himself born and raised in such a village near Inverness and so could draw on many personal memories to build the characters and events that form the plot of his book. Charles has been under treatment for prostate cancer for a number of years. He is now keen to donate all profit from the book to Prostate Cancer Research. Copies of the book are on sale at DEVIZES BOOKS in Sidmouth Street, Devizes, Tel: 01380 725944 or by email sales@devizesbooks.plus.com. The book costs £6.99

Photo by JOHN CRAIG



## DAVE BERRY'S MISFORTUNES

Dave Berry is still in recovery from an Achilles tendon injury that later developed into deep vein thrombosis. His more recent problem has been the theft of the radiator from the Leyland Lioness Pump Escape (ex-Bristol) of which he is the proud owner. After a prolonged argument with his insurers they have agreed to him project managing the complex task of sourcing the parts and the skills to have a replacement radiator manufactured.

Photo by Dave Berry



Dave Berry

Photo by John Craig

## JOHN PAYNE JOINS US

We have been delighted to welcome into membership John Payne, pictured here with his wife, Teresa. John served in Wiltshire Fire Brigade at Swindon, first joining the retained section followed by over 26 years as a fulltime fire fighter. After retiring from the WFB, John served with Wiltshire Constabulary as a custody officer. John and Teresa have now moved to Wales but still hope to attend some WRFA events to meet up with old pals.





## Health Matters

### Update on health Issues.



Jim Betts

### JIM BETTS

Just before Christmas, Jim Betts was diagnosed with a chronic blood disorder that is going to involve him in extensive treatment in the future. He has indicated his determination to carry on discharging his duties as an Executive Committee member for as long as possible. The Association has assured Jim and Lesley of all the support that we can give as he battles with this serious illness.

### JOE NASH

Joe had a knee replaced and was discharged from hospital but had to be readmitted for five days when his wound became infected. This was due to a stitch having been left in the wound. An intensive course of antibiotics cured the infection and he is now home continuing his recovery. Carry on the good work, Joe.

### JANET BRINGLOE

During January Janet received a course of radiotherapy that meant a daily trip to Southampton for three weeks. We are all hoping that this zapping of her cancer has the positive effect her bravery and resilience deserves.

### PAULINE GILLIAM-HILL

Pauline, wife of our member Patrick, recently had a successful hip replacement operation. It was performed under the NHS but at the New Hall private hospital at Bodenham near Salisbury. Pauline is making good progress and was very pleased with the standard of care she received in hospital.



### “RECOGNISE PATIENTS AS PEOPLE”

### SAYS HEALTH SECRETARY

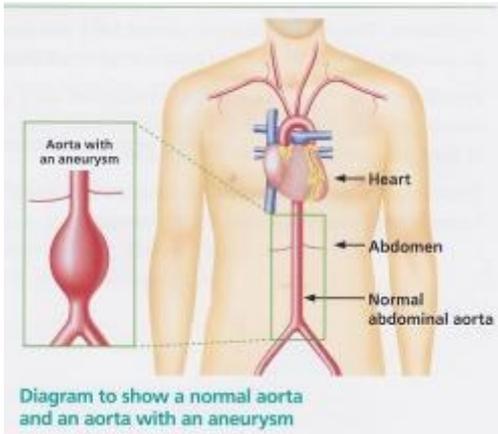
The Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt MP, has issued a statement backing a new campaign aimed at encouraging doctors to treat patients as people and not just ‘bed blockers’ or ‘bodies with a pathology’. The campaign was initiated by a terminally ill doctor, Dr Kate Granger, who evidently saw a need to improve the attitude that many of her fellow clinicians adopt toward their patients.

### PETER CAPES

Peter continues to suffer with a back ailment that has forced him to have further treatment in hospital recently. We wish him well and that the treatment will afford him the relief from pain he is seeking and deserves.

## MORE ABOUT HEALTH

### ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM SCREENING



The NHS is now able to offer men over 65 screening to detect abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA). The test only takes a few minutes, is painless and the results are immediately available. AAA is a condition that can be fatal if the ballooning of the aorta, the main blood vessel feeding the body, bursts. However, treatment by surgery is very effective and so detection of the condition is important.

Further information on the screening programme is readily available from your GP surgery. Alternatively, you can find out more by emailing [aaa.screening@nhs.net](mailto:aaa.screening@nhs.net) or by logging onto the website [aaa.screening.nhs.uk](http://aaa.screening.nhs.uk).

In some cases, the screening test will show a bulge in the aorta that is not yet serious enough to require treatment. In such cases, the patient will be advised to agree to regular monitoring.

Diagram copyright of NHS Abdominal Aortic Screening Programme 2012



### GWH HAD DIRTY WARDS

A recent inspection by the Care Quality Commission found some wards at the

Great Western Hospital, Swindon, to have unacceptable standards of cleanliness. The hospital is run on the basis of private finance initiative and the cleaning is done not by the NHS but by a sub contractor. This CQC report is the most damning of three such reports on GWH in the past two years. The previous two reports declared other issues unsatisfactory including staffing levels. The hospital's chief nurse has described this latest failure as being "embarrassing".



### RESEARCH BREAKTHROUGH

Medical research scientists at Oxford University have discovered that by replacing a missing protein in the retina of the eye they can prevent cells from degenerating. The treatment even improves the sight of those who have already started to go blind. Results are said to be "exceeding expectations". Prof. Robert Maclean of the Nuffield Laboratory of Ophthalmology has said; "We're absolutely delighted with the results so far." This dramatic research breakthrough is said to have huge implications for anyone with genetic retinal disease such as **age-related macular degeneration or retina pigmentosa**. It has now been proved that gene therapy can be applied safely before the onset of vision loss.

### DOUBTS ABOUT PROSTATE CANCER TREATMENT

The medical profession does not yet have a tried and trusted method of distinguishing between the prostate cancers that can be life threatening and those that if left alone will never pose a threat to life. As a result, many doctors persuade their prostate cancer patients to "play safe" and undergo radical treatments often involving surgical removal of the prostate gland. Even the best surgeon working with the most up to date technical assistance cannot guarantee that this will not result in incontinence and impotence for the remainder of the patient's life. The expectation of medical experts is that removal of the prostate gives a much better prognosis. However, recent research comparing results of different approaches to dealing with prostate cancer between those adopted in Seattle and in Connecticut have produced evidence that death rates are virtually identical between those patients that had the cancerous gland removed and those that did not. The publication of these results has caused the developer of the flawed PSA test for prostate cancer to go public with the statement, "Never in the history of medicine have so many been so over-treated for one disease."

### NHS DENTISTRY

#### "ON VERGE OF CRISIS"

NHS dentists are angry about the way they allege successive governments have neglected their service and misled the public. 100 dentists signed a letter



recently published in the Daily Telegraph in which they blame politicians and civil servants for promising the public an NHS dentistry service that cannot be supplied with the current level of NHS funding and support.

## OBITUARY

### Sybil Kirby

**Born 30th November 1915**

**Died 11th December 2013**

Photo by courtesy of Mary Johns



With much sadness it is reported that the oldest member of our Association passed away peacefully on 11th December, 2013 just a few days after her 98th birthday. The death occurred at Mavern House Nursing Home, near Melksham.

Sybil's entitlement to membership of the WRFA came from her service in the Auxiliary Fire Service in Devizes throughout World War II. She performed control room duties and her husband, Fred, served as an operational member of Devizes Fire Brigade and later as a member of the National Fire Service.

Sybil was born at Lea, a short distance from Malmesbury, and although she spent much of her life in Devizes, she always retained a love of her home town. The move to Devizes came about when she met Fred who was a fulltime craftsman working for the building firm, Rendell's of Devizes. They were married in 1946 and initially lived in West Lavington before moving into Southbroom Terrace in Devizes. This was the family's base throughout the war with the basement serving as their air raid shelter.

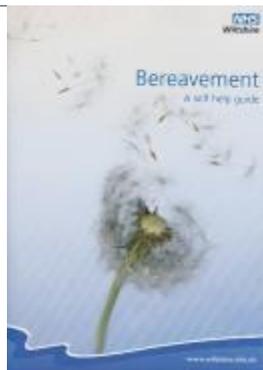
After the war, new houses were built in Eastleigh Close and in 1946 Fred and Sybil moved into one of the first to be completed. It was during this time that Fred began to take an active part in local politics, strongly supported by Sybil. They were members of the Liberal Party and Fred was elected to the Devizes Town Council, the Kennet District Council and the County Council. Sybil took up a career in nursing and for many years worked at Roundway Hospital in Devizes.

In 1969 and again in 1989, Fred was elected as Mayor of Devizes with Sybil serving as Mayoress. So extensive was Fred's public service, fully supported by Sybil, that in 1981 Fred was afforded the very rare honour of being given the Freedom of Devizes.

Fred passed away in 1995.

Sybil's funeral service was held at West Wilts Crematorium on 3rd January. Sybil and Fred's son, John, and daughter, Mary, participated in the service, that was attended by many including the Mayor of Devizes.

The WRFA was represented by John Craig.



#### COPING WITH BEREAVEMENT

Members of the WRFA may find it helpful to know that a free self-help guide in the form of a booklet is available. It is published by NHS Wiltshire and GP surgeries usually have stocks of it.

The guidance gives help in understanding grief and includes advice on what to do and what not to do when faced with bereavement

If members experience any difficulty in obtaining a copy of this guide, please contact JOHN CRAIG 01380 726343.

## NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN (continued)

Bruce and Janet Bringloe continue the report on their recent visit to Ground Zero, New York



Bruce and Janet Bringloe

Our next visit was to **St. Paul's Chapel**, the little church that stood without even a broken pane of glass after the Twin Towers fell across the street. This was the centre where 1400 volunteers worked twelve-hour shifts from September 2001 to May 2002. St Pauls opened its doors to recovery workers at **Ground Zero** serving meals, offering beds and counselling and praying with fire fighters, police officers, construction workers and others. Medical staff, massage therapists, chiropractors, podiatrists and musicians transformed the chapel into a sanctuary of hope and healing. There was a huge collection of police and fire service insignia depicting the services from many areas in USA and around the world who had been involved and supported the recovery work. A small bed was displayed with cuddly toys sent with letters of encouragement from which many a recovery worker had comfort and solace. For many it was the first time they had volunteered and they discovered that one's individual efforts could indeed make a difference.

The poem opposite about St Pauls Chapel was written by one of the volunteers. The chapel first opened its doors in 1766.

In the grounds surrounding the chapel is the **Bell of Hope** given by London and made in the Whitechapel Foundry.

This horrendous attack affected so many people worldwide and our lasting emotions were of the outpouring of love that mankind are capable of giving to each other at times such as these. ; the hope that was being expressed was that we should live our lives daily in this way; in the true spirit of unity.

As we sailed down the Hudson River that evening the lights of New York lit up the sky, but none more bright than the two vertical lights that represent the Twin Towers. The few hairs I have were standing on end, a very emotional and uplifting visit to New York. **BRUCE**



### St Paul's Chapel

It stood. Not a window broken.

Not a stone dislodged.

It stood when nothing else did.

It stood when terrorists brought September down.

It stood among myths. It stood among ruins.

To stand was its purpose, long lines prove that.

It stands, and around it now, a shrine of letters, poems, acrostics, litter of the heart.

It is the standing people want:

To grieve, serve and tend

celebrate the lasting stone of St. Paul's Chapel.

And deep into its thick breath, the largest banner

Fittingly from Oklahoma climbs heavenward

With hands as stars, hands as stripes, hands as a flag;

And a rescuer reaches for a stuffed toy to collect a touch;

And George Washington's pew doesn't go unused.

Charity fills a hole or two

It stood in place of other sorts.

It stood when nothing else could.

The great had fallen, as the brute hardware came down.

**It stood.**



## REMEMBERING A MAN WHO GAVE SO MUCH

FRED KIRBY has already been mentioned on page 6 of this publication but his record of public service is worthy of further comment. Fred died in 1995 .



Fred's fulltime job was as a foreman painter & decorator with the Devizes building firm, F. Rendell & Sons. The Rendell family had strong connections with **DEVIZES FIRE BRIGADE**, Ernest Rendell being its Chief Officer for many years. It was probably Ernest Rendell who recruited Fred into the brigade. During the World War II, Fred served as a fireman and saw action fighting fires started by air attacks.

The most significant of these was the bombing of Bath in April 1942 when Devizes fire



Fred and Sybil Kirby on the occasion of Fred being made a Freeman of Devizes in 1989

hard-pressed colleagues in Bath (see photo below)

After the war, Fred stayed on for a time as a retained fireman serving in Devizes at the fire station on the site now occupied by Morrisons supermarket.. But fire fighting was only one string to his bow and he became a very successful local politician.

Above, a young Fred Kirby in his Devizes Fire Brigade uniform. Below, a well earned cuppa for Fred (left of picture) after fighting air raid fires in Bath. All photos on this page by courtesy of Mary Johns





**KEN SEAGER, Chairman of the Board of Trustees has kindly agreed to write a piece in every edition of THE BRANCH**

**Here is his first article**

It is a pleasure to be able to write a piece about the Fire Fighters Charity for this excellent newsletter, THE BRANCH, and indeed Wiltshire Retired Firefighters Association itself are the envy of many other ex-service associations that struggle to survive whilst yours seems to flourish, and long may it do so.

I thought I would start my series of articles with a quick round up of recent changes that we've made to the Fire Fighters Charity (you may know us as the old *Benevolent Fund*).



- A new **re-ablement treatment centre** opened at **Marine Court** in Littlehampton last May. Opened on time and within budget, the new facilities enable us to treat a wide range of physical problems in serving and retired folks from the fire community. Offering recuperation stays and even private rental breaks as well., Marine Court has never looked better or offered more in the 50 years it has served our charity and its on your doorstep! Click here for more : <http://www.firefighterscharity.org.uk/what-we-do/marine-court>
- We moved to a **7-day week** working at our three centres this year. Now, we can make bookings for services that better suit our beneficiaries' needs. Treatments and rest over a weekend is proving especially popular with our retained fire fighters, many of whom cannot get time off from their day jobs during the week.
- All our treatment now includes **psychological support** where necessary. We are developing this aspect of our services in response to a clear demand from our beneficiaries. In truth, physical injury or serious illness is almost always accompanied by at least some stress or anxiety: we can now offer treatment for the whole person, not just the physical body.
- We have **swept away the need for applicants to get a form completed by their doctor as part of the application process**. Previously, this has proved time-consuming and costly for our beneficiaries. Now our staff make the medical assessment, speeding up the whole process.
- We have worked hard over the past couple of years **to make our beneficiaries experience consistent across our three centres, more welcoming and enjoyable**. We are proud of what we offer: world class facilities, friendly and supportive staff, and now whether you go to Sussex, Devon or Cumbria, we're confident you'll get the same standard of care and hospitality.

The net outcome of these changes has been to **increase our capacity to help people** at our centres **by an amazing 50%**. In other words, we can now treat half as many people again as we were able to do only a couple of years ago. Waiting times have dropped dramatically to only a couple of weeks at most, **so come on, put us to the test!**

**THERE REALLY IS NO NEED FOR ANYONE FROM OUR RETIRED COMMUNITIES TO SUFFER WHEN THEY NEED HELP.** So often, I hear it said by (my) older generation that feeling poorly, or not being able to do things, is part of the inevitable ageing process .... **NOT SO!** Worse still is the "*there are people in greater need than me*" philosophy. Well, now you know that we can help you all; getting the help you need does not stop someone else getting the help they need, so call our friendly helpline (number below) or visit our website at

[www.firefighterscharity.org.uk](http://www.firefighterscharity.org.uk)

to make an enquiry. Like thousands of others, I promise you'll be glad you did.

Until next time, keep happy and well.

**Ken Seager**

**Fire Fighters Charity Helpline**

**0800 339 8820**

**The first step towards getting support from your charity.**

## HIGH VOLUME PUMPS (HVP)



### **ABOVE LEFT :**

A HVP starts laying out its large diameter hose at Bradford-on-Avon

### **ABOVE RIGHT :**

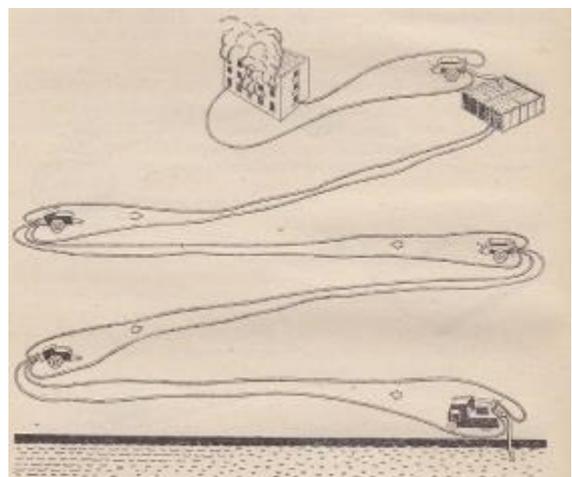
The River Avon at Bradford-on-Avon in flood requiring an HVP to be called in from Avon FRS.

### **LEFT :**

A hydrosub unit demounted from the HVP module

**All photos by courtesy of Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service.**

Moving large volumes of water over some distance has always proved challenging but the modern fire & rescue service has impressive HIGH VOLUME PUMPS strategically based around the UK to make this a much easier task either for fire fighting or for dealing with flooding. The Wiltshire FRS coped very well with the recent floods and utilised the HVP based in Avon to good effect. The HVP has a kilometre of large diameter hose that can be laid at a speed of 25mph. Up to 7,000 litres per minute can be pumped. More than one HVP can be coupled together to extend distances and pumping capacity.



**Above: How we used to relay water over a long distance.**

[www.wsun.co.uk](http://www.wsun.co.uk)



**Wiltshire & Swindon Users Network** is supported by the NHS, Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council . It began in 1991.

Volunteers are needed to ensure it continues to function effectively. WSUN is a voluntary organisation to empower disadvantaged people living in Wiltshire and Swindon to **improve the way health, public and community services are developed and delivered**. One of the ways that volunteers are used is by carrying out surveys aimed at assessing how well care organisations are doing in meeting the needs of their 'customers'.

You might be just the person needed to swell the ranks of volunteers. To find out more, view the website at [www.wsun.co.uk](http://www.wsun.co.uk) or email [info.wsun@btconnect.com](mailto:info.wsun@btconnect.com) or telephone 01380 871800.



**Volunteer Drivers  
needed  
In South Wilts**



**COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SOUTH WILTSHIRE** has asked members of the Wiltshire Retired Firefighters Association to become volunteer drivers for the charity. Kate Robinson is co-ordinating the appeal and has written to our association as follows.

**People tend to assume that charities always need money, but time is just as valuable and the volunteer can benefit just as much as the passenger. The scheme is so much more than a taxi service. It is a lifeline against isolation and depression. If you cannot afford taxis and are not able to walk to a bus stop, you can be just as isolated as those living in remote rural areas.**

Anyone interested is asked to phone Kate on **07906580361**.

Website at [www.wscf.org.uk](http://www.wscf.org.uk)



To become a **REGULAR GIVER**, contact  
01380 726343

### **REGULAR GIVING SCHEME**

The beginning of the tax year in April approaches and it is the ideal time to review your regular giving to our charity or to join the scheme if you are not yet in it. Tax payers can gift aid their contributions.



## SPRINGTIME SUNDAY LUNCH

We are again returning to the Grasmere House Hotel in Harnham Road, Salisbury for our Spring-time Lunch on **Sunday 16th March 2014**. A four-course lunch is on offer at only £14.00 inclusive of gratuity. A menu sheet plus a booking form are available for downloading from our website or with this newsletter if you received it by post. Some of our friends from Hampshire FRS Past Members Association will be joining us for this event that is sure to be very popular. Last date for booking is 7th March.

## WRFA WALKING SECTION



Our Walking Section is going from strength to strength. More information is available on the website. New members are always welcome. Next walk on **26th February**. Details yet to be finalised. Watch the website for these or phone Phil Appleby on 07801723625



## BLUE LIGHT NEWS

Updates & opinions on the  
Emergency Services



### WILTSHIRE MERGER REJECTED BY GLOUCESTERSHIRE FRS

As talks about Wiltshire and Dorset Fire and Rescue Services being merged gather pace, politicians in Gloucestershire have firmly rejected the proposal to merge their FRS with that of Wiltshire. Issuing a self-congratulatory statement, councillor Jeremy Hilton of Gloucestershire County Council claimed that their fire and rescue service was one of the most innovative in the country and was cheaper than Wiltshire. Gloucestershire FRS costs £30.31 per head of population compared with £53.84 in Wiltshire. There are no plans to merge Gloucestershire FRS with Wiltshire or any other fire authority.

### POLICE CRIME FIGURES INACCURATE

Faced with mounting evidence that the police service throughout the UK has been fiddling the crime figures for decades, the UK Statistics Authority has withdrawn gold-standard status from the statistics because they are seen to be unreliable. Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary, Tom Winsor, has issued a warning that his report to be issued later in the year on this matter is likely to show "a degree of fiddling, some of it owing to dishonesty."

### NORTHERN IRELAND AGREES TO FLEXIBILITY IN FIRE PENSIONS

In a move that is being hailed by the FIRE BRIGADES UNION as a victory for common sense the government of Northern Ireland has passed an amendment to the new fire pensions legislation that allows greater flexibility in the age limits applied to when a fire fighter can begin to draw pension. Just how this flexibility will be applied is to be the subject of further detailed negotiation but the approach adopted in Northern Ireland is seen as pointing the way for a settlement of the dispute that is still ongoing in England, Wales and Scotland. The FBU's argument is that to require fire fighters to work to age 60 before being able to claim their pension is to ignore the stresses and strains placed on the human body by operational fire fighting duties. The Fire Minister, Brandon Lewis MP, has so far stuck to his stance that the pension scheme being imposed is one of the most generous in the public sector.

### 'FIRE' EDITOR MAKES STRONG CRITICISM OF FRS LEADERS

In an editorial that is sure to have annoyed many still serving in the UK fire and rescue service, Andrew Lynch, editor of 'FIRE' magazine wrote in the January 2014 issue that the cultural shift towards recruiting personnel who reflect the communities in which they serve could easily backfire on fire and rescue services. He went on to write that another cultural shift that he believes has happened in the UK fire & rescue service is an abdication of personal responsibility; the top people in the service are waiting to be told what to do and then blaming outside forces when things go awry.

### WARNING THE UK FRS MAY BE ASSET STRIPPED

What might turn out to be a prophetic warning appeared in the January issue of 'FIRE' magazine in an article written by Julian Pinhey. The suggestion coming from certain quarters that UK blue light services should consider closer cooperation probably leading to mergers could present a threat to the fire and rescue service. Both the Ambulance Service and the Police Service are seen to be under pressure with very high utilisation rates compared to the Fire & Rescue Services. Any merging of these services could well result in the harder pressed services milking finance and other assets away from the FRSs that are seen to be having an easier time.



### SMOKE ALARMS AND CHILDREN

Following a house fire in Derby that killed six children, fire

Investigators were puzzled as to why the children were not awakened by the smoke alarm that was known to be in working order. This led to Derbyshire FRS conducting extensive research and the results of this are stated to show that children that are sound asleep are unlikely to be woken up by a smoke alarm. Derbyshire FRS has for several years been campaigning strongly for greater use of domestic sprinklers.

### FATAL CARE HOME FIRE IN QUEBEC

A fire that totally destroyed a care home for the elderly on 23rd January in Quebec, Canada, cost the lives of over 30 residents. This has reopened the debate in that area about fitting sprinklers to premises used to accommodate the frail and elderly.

# Fireboat 'Massey Shaw' Returns Home!

The ex-LFB fireboat MASSEY SHAW is back home on the River Thames having been restored to pristine condition by the restoration and education project. The work was carried out in Gloucester Docks.

Photos courtesy of  
Massey Shaw Restoration and  
Education Project



**Above: Showing off to the public at Blackfriars in 1935**

**Left: The restored boat is lowered onto her berth at Wood Wharf, London**

The famous ex-London Fire Brigade fireboat, MASSEY SHAW, has recently been fully restored and is back on the River Thames where she will act as a museum and education project. More can be learnt about her on her Facebook page and new members of the project are welcome. [www.masseyslaw.org](http://www.masseyslaw.org)

## How observant are you?



Where in Wiltshire are these? A road sign indicating it is half a mile to New Zealand? A jet fighter parked alongside a B-class road? The inn sign shown right.

Answers in the April issue of THE BRANCH.

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