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Newsletter of the WILTSHIRE RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

RUSSIAN MEDAL FOR ARCTIC CONVOY VETERAN, KEN



Ken Beard receives his medal from Mr Kramarenko

Between 1941 and 1945 Russia was supplied by sea with munitions and arms to help her fight the Nazis. The convoys of ships carrying these supplies from British ports to Russia had to sail across Arctic seas under virtually constant attack or threat of attack from German submarines, aircraft and surface ships. Many ships were sunk and the loss of life amongst their crews was very high with over 3,000 sailors laying down their lives.

One of those who survived this awful theatre of war is Ken Beard MBE, a member of our Association. Ken served as a gunner in the Royal Navy throughout the Second World War and he was member of the crew of a Flower Class corvette for much of his service. He saw action not only on the Arctic Convoys but also on some of the convoys sent into the Mediterranean to relieve the siege of Malta.

Although long overdue and following the much belated striking of a campaign medal for the Arctic Convoys by the UK Government, the

Russian Government has awarded the few surviving members of the Arctic convoys one of the highest bravery awards that nation can bestow, **The Ushakov Medal**. Ken was awarded his medal at a recent ceremony held at County Hall in Trowbridge. The presentation was made on behalf of the President of the Russian Federation by Mr Alexander Kramarenko from the Russian Embassy.

Ken is now 89 and is a widower living in Ludgershall, the town in which he served with distinction as a retained fire officer. Ken rose to become station officer in charge. However, Ken's amazing record of public service also includes 22 years that he served as a councillor on Kennet District Council. He was made an honorary alderman of the council before it was abolished with the creation of the unitary authority, Wiltshire Council.

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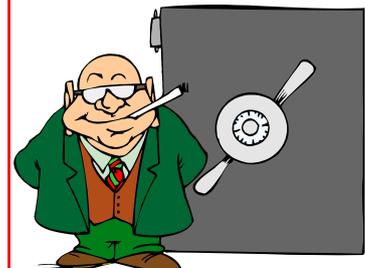
FIRE FIGHTERS CHARITY BENEFITS FROM FINES IMPOSED ON BANKS

The Government is dispersing some of the money to good causes that it has accumulated as fines upon banks found guilty of manipulating the financial markets improperly. One of these to benefit is our own charity, **THE FIRE FIGHTERS CHARITY**.

The one-off grant coming to the FFC is for £2m.

The fines have been imposed on the banks that have participated in the improper manipulation of the LIBOR bank rate, the interest rate banks charge each other for loans.

For more details of this exciting development, **TURN TO PAGE 13**.



The heavy fines have no doubt wiped the smiles from the faces of cheating bankers but the Government wants our charity to benefit.

DINNER AT THE ANGEL



The WRFA social programme continued with 'Dinner at The Angel' on Friday 19th September. The venue was The Angel Hotel in the heart of Chippenham and those attending were treated to a meal of the highest quality that did great credit to the Chef . Photos by JOHN CRAIG



TEA WITH THE QUEEN

In recognition of the outstanding public service that our Chairman, Chris Wannell, has given in a number of different ways he and his wife, Audrey, were invited to one of this year's Royal Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace.



Congratulations to the Wannell family for their Leyland Cub pump winning the Bill Budden Cup for Best Commercial Vehicle at this year's Great Dorset Steam Fair

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON FIRE MERGER

“Is bigger better?”

Forced into considering radical measures to cope with severe grant reductions from central government, the fire authorities of both Wiltshire and Dorset have been giving serious thought to the proposal by the two respective chief fire officers to merge the two fire and rescue services. Although there quickly emerged a fair degree of agreement between the two sets of fire authority members in support of the merger proposal, something of a spanner was thrown in the works when Wiltshire Council, led by Jane Scott OBE, challenged the amalgamation plan and criticised the lack of thoroughness in taking views of the public. It was the view of the Wiltshire Council that the merger might perhaps be avoided and the savings made if Wiltshire Council took over the back office services for the fire and rescue service.

To further add to the controversy, the Member of Parliament for North Wiltshire, James Gray, has voiced his concern over emergency service amalgamations having seen the way that he considers similar amalgamations in the ambulance service have degraded the service to the rural areas of Wiltshire.



JANE SCOTT OBE

Called for more time to be given to consultation on the merger plans. Would like to see Wiltshire Council providing support services for the fire & rescue service.

Although it has put the brakes on the preparations for merger with the fire authority coffers in danger of becoming empty, a new **public consultation** has commenced that will close on **20th October 2014**.

Any citizen of Wiltshire over the age of 16 is invited to respond to the request for views and a hard copy of the consultation document can be obtained from Fire & Rescue Service HQ in Potterne. It is also possible to file views online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/strengtheningourfrs



JAMES GRAY MP

Fears that rural fire cover will be degraded by merger in a similar way to what has happened to the ambulance service. He wants Wiltshire to retain its own FRS.



CFO SIMON ROUTH-JONES

Believes that the merger offers the best way forward and that it will safeguard the standard of fire service in both Wiltshire and Dorset. The massive savings have to be made very soon.

**Have
Your Say!
Your views are
invited now.**

**Public
consultation
closes on
20th Oct.**



Health

Matters

News of our colleagues who are ill and the world of medicine



GLENN FOREMAN

If all goes to plan, Glenn will have yet another operation at John Radcliffe hospital in Oxford to try to improve the functioning of his heart. We all wish for him and Angela that the surgery will achieve what is needed. The operation is scheduled for the first week in November.

MAURICE HANCOCK

Maurice and Fay Hancock have had to postpone their Golden Wedding celebrations. Maurice fell ill as the date approached and has been admitted to RUH, Bath where he has been diagnosed as suffering from gall stones. We wish Maurice a speedy recovery so that the celebrations can take place to mark a very long and happy marriage.

PROTECTION FROM FLU

Last winter passed with there being less flu cases than normal. Even so, **11,000 died** from flu. About a quarter of all over-65s in this country neglected to have a flu jab last year despite this protection being free on the NHS. Flu is not only an extremely unpleasant illness, it can weaken your defences against other more serious bacterial infections such as pneumonia. All members of the WRFA are urged to **GET A FLU JAB NOW** if you have not already done so.



BARRETT'S OESOPHAGUS

The oesophagus is the part of the body connecting the throat with the stomach, more commonly known as the gullet. About one in fifty of adults suffer with Barrett's oesophagus, or gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (GORD). This is a condition usually encountered in older folk where stomach acid washes back into the gullet. People with hiatus hernia are particularly at risk of this. GORD causes heartburn, indigestion, flatulence, hoarseness and an acid taste in the throat. If left untreated, GORD can cause cancer and the survival rate is very low. The good news is that antacids can be prescribed that control GORD effectively in the majority of cases. See your GP if you suffer with acid reflux on a regular basis.



More about Health



WOMEN DENIED MEDICATION THAT LIMITS BREAST CANCER RISK

More than a million women who could benefit from a drug that halves their chance of developing breast cancer are being denied it because of NHS 'red tape'. A warning about this has been expressed by researchers who are angry that about 4,000 cases of breast cancer in the UK could be prevented if the drug costing only 7 pence a day was to be prescribed. Cancer charities are saying it is "incomprehensible" that despite clear evidence that the drug works, bureaucratic rules are stopping the cheap pills from being used. The name of the drug is **anastrozole** that was originally licensed in the UK to treat advanced cases of breast cancer but experience has shown that it can be used to prevent 53% of cases in the women at moderate to high risk of breast cancer. The pen-pushers say that the drug cannot be released for use in the UK as a preventative until an application to do so has been made formally by the manufacturers. However, the drug companies stand to make no money out of making a fresh application and so a stale mate has developed during which many women are likely to succumb to the disease .



PROSTATE CANCER ; 'SECOND-RATE' CARE

The male cancer charity **ORCHID** has recently published a report that claims men suffering from prostate cancer receive inferior treatment to patients suffering from other forms of cancer such as breast , colon and liver. The charity claims that men suffering from prostate cancer struggle to gain access to specialist nurses and are often denied the latest and best drugs available.

At the recent launch of the report, a former health minister, Paul Burstow, declared this situation to be a form of discrimination against men. There are currently in the UK only 280 clinical nurse specialists caring for men with urological cancers compared to 400 available to treat women with breast cancer. The report by Orchid claims that the role of the clinical nurse specialists was under threat due to financial pressures but the Government was showing little interest in investigating the situation.

Prostate cancer is the most common male cancer in the UK



WIND FARMS COULD MAKE YOU DEAF

A recently published study emanating from Germany claims that living near to a wind turbine can damage the human ear and might even cause deafness. The research has shown that the low frequency noise emitted by wind turbines drastically effects the inner ear on those who live close to a turbine. Although the study was primarily aimed at the possible damage to the inner ear, scientists believe that what they have discovered may explain other health problems reported by people living close to a turbine such as high blood pressure and sleep deprivation.

ALBI RICHARDSON

The second in our series about fire brigade retirees enjoying a second career



ALBI TELLS HIS STORY IN HIS OWN WORDS. I

was born in Northampton in November 1949. I lost my father when I was 12 under circumstances that left a lasting impression. My father suffered a sudden serious illness and I made the call for an ambulance that took so long to arrive that the illness proved fatal. I then vowed to try to improve the ambulance service if given the opportunity.

From a very young age I worked in the retail trade during which I was given a management job at a very early age, I was married at age 20 and then saw a recruiting advert for the ambulance service. Here was my chance to do my bit to provide a higher quality of ambulance service and so I applied to the advert and was interviewed by the Chief Fire Officer who at that time had responsibility for both the fire and the ambulance services. I was given basic training in ambulance duties at a centre in Leicester that lasted for six weeks.

As my ambulance service career began I set up home in a fire station flat. I still vividly recall one night shift going on duty at 2200hrs in the evening. What sticks out in my memory is going on duty after having put my eighteen month old daughter to bed. She had long blonde hair and a red nightdress. At 4.30am that night I was a member of a crew called to attend a road traffic collision on the busy M1 motorway. An articulated lorry had hit the rear of an estate car containing a family of six. The victims were the mother,

father and four children. The lorry driver had fallen asleep at the wheel. As the casualties were cut free during a prolonged extrication, a fireman placed into my arms a young child about eighteen months old with long blonde hair and wearing a red nightdress! The little girl was beyond human aid and this awful tragedy deeply affected me. In fact only the mother and 12 year old daughter survived this crash.

In 1974 reorganisation struck and the ambulance service was placed under NHS control. I was overwhelmed by the changes this brought about starting that the staff were regarded as “no more than numbers on a piece of paper and the patients were treated like sacks of potatoes”. So, I took the decision to transfer into the fire brigade and was sent back to Leicester, this time for a 13 week basic training course that I found tough but very rewarding.



Albi polishing up his skills on the Fireman's lift

After passing out from training school I returned to my station in **Moulton**. My sub officer was a kindly gentleman who on the first morning said to me you can now forget all you have learnt (meaning 'metric') and we start again on imperial. "Forget the bars and lets be practical with pounds per square inch " was his motto. I learnt a great deal from him and throughout my career I would often refer back to the things that he taught me. Perhaps the only area of expertise that he could not help me to improve was first aid and he would always allow me to lead on this subject.

Four years into my service at Moulton, I was on a crew called out to a **fire at a mental hospital**. The predetermined attendance was two water tenders, a water tender ladder and a turntable ladder. Normally we would not bother to dress enroute because a 'stop' message would be sent before we were even half way there. However, on this occasion the message we heard being sent by the first pump to arrive was "**make pumps six**". There then came a few choice words from the sub officer as we all got dressed in haste to be met by a mushroom cloud of smoke as we approached the hospital. Within minutes, **pumps were made ten** with the addition of a hydraulic platform. The job became protracted and sadly there was loss of life. Crews remained at the scene for 36 hours.

During my time in the brigade I passed my leading fireman's exam and spent some time in the **public education department**, visiting schools, attending public exhibitions etc. One part of this stint led me to wearing a big, red elephant suit known as "**Welephant**" that was used to educate children in the elements of fire safety. This also led to me teaching children fire safety in the form of the **National Fire Prevention Youth Quiz**. I taught a team three years on the trot that reached the National Finals held in London. This was the icing on the cake for me.

Albi engaged on
teaching fire safety
dressed in the guise of
'WELEPHANT'



At the age of 40 and just prior to my medical I was part of a team carrying out an exercise for the annual Home Office Inspection. During the exercise I injured my knee. Although I felt it had healed the Brigade Doctor decided it was a risk for me to climb ladders and I was forced to take a medical discharge from the service. I was devastated....what was I going to do after serving in uniform for 20 years? I was at a loose end.

I decided to return to the fruit and veg trade but this didn't work out. My marriage was at an end, things were not good! Although during this time I met a lady who was also having difficult times and we became friends. It was just that, friendship. We could talk and cry on each other's shoulder.

I was then offered an opportunity to join a **security company** by a friend who I had met while in the fire service and he was a chief superintendent in the police force. He had retired from the police and set up his own business. So, here was my chance for a new career. I was back in

uniform, working for various large multi-national companies, striving to achieve that all important standard of service that seems to have followed throughout my service history.

A move to Scotland to a big IBM site that had a fire appliance and an ambulance was mooted but after a site visit I decided against the move and went back to Northampton. I was then asked to move to **Swindon** to manage Iceland's new distribution centre . This was the cause of me moving to Swindon and 23 years later after various other moves and promotions I am still in the security industry , working for **Carillion** under contract to **Virgin Media**. I run a **National Control Centre** for the entire Virgin Media portfolio. I work over 50 hours a week and have 15 staff producing access cards and master keys for 700 sites. We also set and unset intruder alarms for 100 sites in addition to monitoring PIR alarms linked to 2,200 cameras. The work keeps us very busy and we have about 600 phone calls per day....never a dull moment! I am also the data controller for Virgin Media and the Data Protection Act work is delicate and challenges the mind because it can get messy if mistakes are made.

Fifteen years ago I rekindled the friendship with the lady mentioned earlier who was going through difficult times. Her name is **Margaret**, and she is now **my wife**, my friend and my soul mate. Margaret does the same type of job as I do in the security industry so she understands when things don't just go according to plan.

During the last two years my health took one or two bad turns but with the help of my soul mate I seem to have turned the corner.

Although I am 65 this year and being a workaholic I will continue to work over the next year until Margaret retires in December 2015.

My hobbies after work include **gardening, flower arranging, cake making and craft work**. You see examples of my craft work at our social events because I make the place names for the meal tables. I find these hobbies very therapeutic and relaxing.

Due to my recent ill health that limited our ability to travel overseas, we have purchased a touring caravan so we can at our leisure get out onto the open road and travel.

To conclude, I think one of the most pleasurable things to have happened since moving to Swindon is **joining this association** . We feel we are **among friends within the family of fire service personnel**. This is an honour , to say the least.

Albi Richardson



Margaret Richardson
Photo by **JOHN CRAIG**

QUIZ ANSWER



This road sign is on the **A363 Bradley Road, NORTH BRADLEY**, opposite Organpool Farm. As far as we know, this area is still in the UK !!!!!



USING OUR WEBSITE

“I didn't know about that!” This is the complaint often heard from WRFA members, and then I reply that if they had logged onto our website they would not have been in ignorance. It is becoming clear that many members of the WRFA

fail to look at our website regularly and therefore miss out on the latest news and useful information. Members that have internet access are recommended to check the website at least two or three times every week or risk being in the dark about things we want you to know. **JMC**

OBITUARY

Richard James Knowlton CBE, QFSM

Richard James Knowlton (“Jim”) died in Salisbury in September after a long battle with cancer fought with bravery and dignity. Jim was a member of WRFA for many years although failing health restricted his ability to support our functions.

Jim was born in 1928 in Salisbury, his father being a station officer in the Salisbury Fire Brigade. The family lived in a flat above the fire station in Salt Lane. On leaving school in 1945, Jim joined **42 Commando, Royal Marines** seeing service in Hong Kong and Malta. He was demobbed in 1948 and joined the **Southampton Fire Brigade**. As he ascended through the ranks he moved to Worcester City & County Fire Brigade and then onto **London Fire Brigade** in 1963 where he was appointed ADO at Brigade HQ. He achieved further promotion in LFB and rose to the post of **Divisional Commander B Division**. He then was awarded a Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship and used this to study rescue methods in France, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and Italy.



Jim Knowlton

In 1971 Jim moved across the border into Scotland on appointment as Firemaster (Chief Fire Officer) of **South Western Area Fire Service**. A major reorganisation of the Scottish fire service took place in 1975 and part of this saw the creation of a large regional brigade to be known as **Strathclyde** with the so called ‘Tinder Box City’ of Glasgow at its heart. All the firemasters of the brigades to be amalgamated into the new regional service applied for the job as Firemaster of Strathclyde. There was a widespread assumption that George Cooper, the Firemaster of Glasgow, would be appointed Firemaster of Strathclyde. It was therefore a shock to many when Jim was appointed to the new post. His appointment to this post was to prove a very wise decision by the politicians because Jim proved that his personality, intellect and management style was exactly what was required for the very difficult task of bringing together the many different factions of fire service in his area and shaping them into a very effective fire service. This task was made more difficult by severe funding cuts and the increasing industrial unrest in the service that soon resulted in the national strike by the Fire Brigades Union in November 1977 that lasted for nine weeks.

In addition to fulfilling his firemaster role with distinction, Jim became President of Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers Association in 1980 and in the same year was Chairman of the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund. He was also Vice President of the European Association of Professional Fire Brigade Officers from 1985 to 1989.

To crown his very successful career, he was appointed **Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Fire Services (Scotland)** in 1984.

Jim retired to Salisbury with his wife Pamela in 1989.

He spent 19 years after leaving the fire service as a volunteer working for the **National Trust** until failing health forced him to give that up. Jim’s funeral took place on 6th October, 2014 followed by an interment attended by the family only.

Jim was widely liked and respected because in addition to his outstanding abilities and kind nature, he was a very quiet and modest man. He was a true gentleman who made a huge contribution to the British Fire Service. He was awarded the **QFSM** in 1978 and the **CBE** in 1983.

Rest in Peace, Jim .

JOHN CRAIG



SOCIAL EVENTS

Note your diary and book early



 **REMEMBRANCE** 

Saturday 8th November 2014

DEVIZES TOWN HALL

Dinner at 6.30pm

Devizes Town Band Concert 8.00pm

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Conducted by Revd. Canon Henry Pearson

Booking form with this newsletter or website



LEST WE FORGET

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Saturday 13th December, 2014



Three-Course Festive Meal

Marsh Farm Hotel, Royal Wootton Bassett

Booking form with this newsletter or download from website

Last date for booking 27th November



BOOK SHELF

Sharing news and
views about books



Wartime Farm

BY PETER GINN, RUTH GOODMAN & ALEX LANGLAND

This book, like the BBC2 series of the same name, describes the experiences of the three enactors who lived on a farm for a year under wartime-like conditions and were filmed doing so.

By 1939 70% of British food was imported and the Government realised that we could be starved into submission by the action of the enemy against our shipping from abroad, bringing essential supplies into our country.



The book lists the impact made on both the agriculture and domestic areas in the national effort to hugely increase the production of food, by switching from live-stock to arable farming. Thousands of acres of grassland were ploughed up and seeded in season.

Many farm workers were called up for military service and P.O.Ws and members of the Women's Land Army were enlisted to take their place. By radio programmes and in street posters, the people were urged to 'DIG FOR VICTORY'.

The book has a splendid time-line that lists World War II military events on one side against some dates on the agriculture and Home Front on the opposite side of the pages. It is a fascinating mix of historical background and practical information. It is impossible in this brief review to do justice to the amount of research obviously done to produce such an excellent book and TV series, covering a vast subject such as the wartime experiences of ordinary people. Explanation is given of how the wartime population coped with the rationing of food, furniture and clothing, the black-out, air raids and the arrival of huge numbers of foreign troops, especially the American G.I.s who brought colour and glamour to a war-weary people. Men and women were called-up but not always for military duty; some to work as lumber jacks and jills, miners, builders, munitions manufacturers and the National Fire Service etc. People learned how to 'make-do and mend' and regularly on the radio a food minister would give recipes for wholesome meals. Civilian motor cars were laid up for the duration because precious fuel was needed for military or very special use.

This is a book of interesting information and pictures (256 pages) that I can highly recommend. **ISBN 978 184533 7087**

Monica Tovey



BLUE LIGHT NEWS
About the Emergency Services



FIRE FIGHTING AT THE AVERIES RECYCLING CENTRE, SWINDON
Photo courtesy of Swindon Advertiser

LABOUR THREAT TO ABOLISH POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONERS

The Labour Party has made it known that if it regains power the Police & Crime Commissioners created by the Coalition Government will be scrapped.

There has been very little public enthusiasm for the creation of these commissioners who are meant to oversee the work of the chief constable. This lack of interest was evidenced by a very low turnout for the elections leading to the appointment of the commissioners.

The involvement of one of the recently elected commissioners in a national scandal placed the focus on the fact that the government had not built into the system for appointing commissioners any easy way to dismiss those that lose what little public confidence they had in the first place.

PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO PROTRACTED BLAZE

A fire that started at a recycling centre in Swindon in July took so long to extinguish and caused so much disruption to the local community that there is to be a public inquiry into all the circumstances that led to it taking over 70 days to put out. Swindon Borough Council is to conduct the investigation and the report from it is expected in January 2015.

The fire started in a large stack of waste being stored prior to recycling at the Averages Recycling Centre. The Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service crews could not get adequate access around the stack to secure complete extinction until some of the waste was removed from the site.

PARAMEDIC SHORTAGE

The London Ambulance Service is experiencing a significant increase in paramedics resigning. This is allegedly due to salaries not being increased in pace with inflation coupled with the increasing costs of living and working in the capital.

The rate at which qualified paramedics have left the LAS in recent months is said to have trebled. An article in *Spectator* describes the situation as being so serious that the service is close to melt down.

The LAS website shows that it is trying to recruit qualified paramedics from as far away as Australia. There are said to be plenty of jobs on offer to a qualified paramedic in the private sector and these do not suffer the same pay and conditions restraints that are imposed on the private sector. Unconfirmed reports received state that Wiltshire is also losing paramedics to the private sector.





Helpline number

0800 389 8820

The news that the FIRE FIGHTERS CHARITY is to receive a grant totalling £2m delighted me but there was a question raised by the fact that there appeared to be strings attached that required our Charity to extend its beneficiary base to include members of other emergency services, in particular, the Ambulance Service. I raised a question about this with top management of the Charity and Jill Tolfrey, the Chief Executive responded very quickly. Her reply appears below. **JOHN CRAIG Life Patron**



Dr Jill Tolfrey

Dear John,

As you may be aware, it was confirmed last week that the Government has awarded the Charity a one-off grant for the 2014-15 financial year consisting of £1 million to support existing provision of The Fire Fighters Charity. A further £1 million has been awarded to the Charity to be invested in an endowment fund; the income from this investment will enable ambulance and search and rescue personnel to access the Charity's rehabilitation centres.

The funding is part of a £10 million 'pot' from the LIBOR fund designated to support emergency services personnel. This money has been raised through fines imposed on banks for misdemeanours and attempted manipulation of financial markets. The grant is wonderful news for the Charity and we will ensure that this injection of funds makes a real difference to our beneficiaries and the services we provide.

It is important to remember that this is a one-off grant and **does not mean that our fund raising efforts can diminish.**

We have received some questions about how the endowment fund award will operate. We offer reassurance to our beneficiaries in the fire community that The Fire Fighters Charity has no plans to change its name, or its beneficiary base to include additional groups within the emergency sector. This one-off LIBOR grant funding arrangement does not require any changes of this nature and the Charity remains entirely focused on providing the best service it possibly can to the serving and retired fire and rescue community.

In order to support the funding of our existing services, we currently sell a small percentage of our rehabilitation capacity to other organisations. The endowment investment will provide ambulance and search and rescue organisations with the means to access those paid-for places, with the Charity receiving appropriate payment from the interest earned from investing the grant.

As it is only the interest that is available to be spent each year, the number of places available for this funding will remain a very small percentage of our overall capacity. This funding will therefore not impact the ability of existing beneficiaries to access the Charity's rehabilitation, recuperation and support services.

Regards, Jill

From Dr Jill Tolfrey MSc MCSP

Chief Executive

8th October 2014



If you haven't yet joined the
FIRE FIGHTERS LOTTERY
You are denying yourself the chance
to win up to **£25,000** every month.

Application form from
John Craig 01380 726343

CAPTION COMPETITION TIME



ENTRIES INVITED
Try your hand at submitting
an amusing caption
to this photo'

The winner will
receive a £10.00 gift token
or, if preferred, either a tin
of dog food or a pooper-
scooper.

Entries please to **JOHN CRAIG, 12a GAISFORD CHASE, WORTON, SN10 5RX**



AUGUST EDITION COMPETITION

Congratulations to **PETER CAPES.**

His entry won the last caption competition
with

*“The new recruit has proved very popular
with the Watch, particularly during live carry
down drills.”*

Other entries were:

“Get to work but what ever you do, don’t get wet” by Cyril Moseley

“He thinks it’s Play School” by Dan Gurney

“Add a length!” by Dan Gurney

“He’s ex-Light Infantry” by Dan Gurney

“That’s all we need, infantile pyrolysis” by Dan Gurney.

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