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## A MESSAGE FROM CHAIR MOIRA DUNN

Hi Everyone

Christmas 2022 is just around the corner - literally! Lesley has very kindly agreed to send out this circulation and for that we are very grateful. I am late arranging this so I will keep it brief.

So, a bit of a turn around with Lesley standing down as secretary and a new committee in place. The AGM in November was most poignant for the number of names read out of those we had lost since our last meeting.

Our thoughts are with those who will spend Christmas without that special someone and I wish you comfort in loving memories.

The Older Members' Lunch was held in early December, was well attended and seemed to be enjoyed by all. It was nice to see friends and colleagues enjoying themselves and the meal as usual was very good with one or two surprises along the way.

Missing from the company through ill health was Bert O'Donnell, a stalwart of such occasions. We all hope you are well recovered now, Bert. I must offer special thanks to Bert's wife Dorothy who, despite all that was going on, saw to it that each attendee received a chocolate orange with a hand-made Christmas Pudding cover – so beautifully done – a little work of art, personally delivered by Bert and Dorothy's son and handed out to each individual present. Such a kind and generous act.

So, from myself and the rest of the Committee, we wish each and every one of you a very merry and happy Christmas and Good Health for 2023.

**Moira Dunn**

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## POLICE TREATMENT CENTRE

If you do nothing else in retirement, an important benefit to give to your future self is to join the Police Treatment Centre.

The latest update from the Centre can



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be found in the Autumn/Winter issue of RPOAS News.

REMEMBER, you must join and donate a minimum of £4.50 monthly to access treatment as a retired officer. Download application forms from the PTC website. To apply for treatment, either as an in-patient or out-patient, download a form from the PTC website. It's a fabulous facility with amazing staff and we are so fortunate to have access to it on our doorstep.

**PAYMENT OF ANNUAL FEE –**

**The Branch's TSB Bank Account details are -**

**Account No 82075363**

**Sort Code 87-64-01**

If you have set up a Standing Order with your bank for your annual fee or the RPOAS lottery, do check that it is being deducted annually and not monthly. Lottery is also £12 and is deducted in December and can easily be confused with your Branch fee.

**PLEASE REMEMBER – LIFE MEMBERS ARE EXEMPT FROM ANNUAL FEE. YOU BECOME A LIFE MEMBER ON 1 JANUARY OF THE YEAR YOU REACH 80 - IF YOU JOINED RPOAS 10 OR MORE YEARS BEFORE THE YEAR OF YOUR 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY.**

**RPOAS NEWS MAGAZINE**

The Spring 2023 issue will be in circulation at the end of February/beginning of March 2023.

Adverts and interesting articles are always welcome. Please send on to me at **lascentralbranch@gmail.com**

**TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Details of the new provider with effect from 1 April 2022 can be found within the Spring/Summer issue of RPOAS News. Any issues please contact RPOAS Administrator Tracy McKenzie

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR OLDER MEMBERS**

**NEW LIFE MEMBER PRESENTATION**



**Chair Moira Dunn presents Alisdair Douglas with his life membership certificate.**

**Congratulations!**

Here are some other photographs from the day. As always it was lovely to come together at this special time of year.



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**Leslie Cumpstey and Peter Macdonald**



**George Fraser and Cecil Ferguson**



**John Wilson and Ken Pratt**



**Jim Hannah and Les Robertson**



**Jim Grant and Alisdair Douglas**



**Jim Lindsay and Harry Arbuckle**



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**Archie Murray presents a token of thanks to our lovely and hard-working waitress Nicola**



**Archie Murray and Alan Blue**



**Alan and Lesley**



**Bill Strang and Alex Ferguson**



**Helen and Bill Strang**



**Davie and Una Findlay**

Thank you very much to our volunteer drivers: Harry Arbuckle, Alan Blue, Jack Marshall and Peter Macdonald.



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## A BIG THANK YOU

And finally, many thanks from me for the very thoughtful gift of a voucher presented to me by Moira which I have already enjoyed spending.

## DIARY DATES

**14 March 2023** – Annual Lunch for Older Members at Torwood Garden Centre – 12.30 p.m. start.

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## NEW LIFE MEMBERS FOR 2023 –

Please remember to stop any future standing order bank payments to the Branch, while taking into account if you are a lottery member, the £12 fee for this is deducted in December.

**(LIFE MEMBERS DO NOT PAY AN ANNUAL FEE SO PLEASE REMEMBER TO CANCEL ANY STANDING ORDER YOU HAVE FOR PAYMENT OF ANNUAL FEE. YOU BECOME A LIFE MEMBER ON 1 JANUARY 2022 AND ARE THERAFTER EXEMPT FROM FEE.)**



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## OBITUARIES

## REMEMBERING

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**MIKE KIELY, 75 YEARS** who sadly passed away on 2 December 2022 after a long illness. The funeral will take place on Friday, 6 January 2023 at 10 a.m. within St Francis Xavier Church, Hope Street, Falkirk.

**MATT MORROW, 74 YEARS** died suddenly on 15 December 2022. This was a shock especially as he had enjoyed attending our recent lunch gatherings at the Hollybank.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Mike and Matt.



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