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'REBUILDING SHATTERED LIVES'

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*It is not how these officers
died that made them Heroes,*

*it is how
they lived.*



*Until today I felt I was left
in the wilderness when
my husband was killed,
today I felt as if I have
come home. Thank You.*





THE THIN BLUE LINE

The COPS Survivors Weekend brings together the families of police officers who have lost their lives on duty. It allows them to share their emotions and experiences with the only people who truly understand their feelings and to celebrate the lives of their officers.

Survivors are immensely proud of the British Police Service. No matter what it has cost them, you never hear them say that they wished their officer had not signed up to serve their community, because then they wouldn't have been the person they knew and loved.

On the Saturday night as we laughed, danced and relaxed at the reception attended by many senior officers, few were aware that riots were breaking out across London and that the Metropolitan Police Service was facing violence of an unprecedented level. Within a few short hours a dozen or more police officers were admitted to hospital, with many more having to receive treatment for injuries.

Survivors would awake to the knowledge that several more names could potentially have been added to the Roll of Honour, which was to be read later that morning at the Service of Remembrance.

At 2am the Metropolitan Police Deputy Assistant Commissioner had been recalled to London. As his wife and young son were attending the weekend with him, they also had to rise from their beds. How appropriate for that lady were the words of the poem 'A Police Officers Wife' read so poignantly by Sue Bishop later that morning, *'How often have meals been ruined - or tender moments disturbed, by a call for special duty, sparking loyalty un-swerved?'*

By Sunday evening many of the officers who had attended our service were back on duty attempting to restore calm and peace to the streets of our capital, including Chief Inspector Rob Atkin and his team and this year's Volunteer of the Year award recipient Inspector Phil Clare.

Standing shoulder to shoulder with those officers were our survivors who are also serving officers. How powerful must their emotions have been, having spent the day paying tribute to their loved ones and then donning public order kit and knowing their own lives might be in danger?

Over the next couple of days as the riots spread across England and levels of criminality reached new depths, survivors collectively held their breaths and prayed that there would be no police fatalities.

Our prayers were answered. The thin blue line may have buckled in places but ultimately it remained strong. Ladies and gentlemen we salute you and are proud that we remain a part of the police family.





‘What a perfect place to be on such a perfect day to honour our fallen officers.’





The COPS 2011 Volunteer Of The Year Award was presented to Inspector Phil Clare of the Metropolitan Police Service during the Survivors Weekend.

The award was made in recognition of his continuous support and numerous fundraising efforts over a number of years, including cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats three years in succession & running the New York, London and Edinburgh marathons.

Phil said, 'I am deeply honoured to have been presented with this award & I have met some truly inspirational survivors over the course of this weekend. Thank you.'

Phil will be cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats again next year. Please show your support on his Just Giving page at: www.justgiving.com/e2ea

Thank you to Strathclyde Police Federation for sponsoring the children's teddies and entertainment.

Jim Foster from Strathclyde Police Recreation Association and all the guys from the Met who drove the mini buses.

Staffordshire Special Constabulary, Nottinghamshire Police Pipe Band, West Midlands Police, Band Midlife Crisis & Diane Whyllie for their services. Sonic Communications for the Survivors roses, Janet and Debbie Murray for child care and all the staff and volunteers at the National Memorial Arboretum.

To all those who participated in Sundays service, especially Survivor PC Kate Parker, Sgt. Gary Byfield, Chief Constable Dave Whatton and Zak Jones who's 'poem made such an impact it made the Chiefs cry'.

Paul Jessup for the loan of the Teddy Bear suit.

Last but not least to Police Mutual, Geoff Martin & the Blue Knights for their ongoing support & everyone who contributed to make the weekend such a success.



More photographs from the Survivors Weekend can be seen on the COPS website Gallery or at www.copspictures.co.uk where you can view slideshows and download copies if you wish.

Pictures by: Paul Pickard, Phil Hitchman, Al Goold, Ian Kyle & Stu McAllister

NEW COPS WEBSITE



We have just had a major update of the COPS website which should make it easier to find what you are looking for and for us to update and manage. Web technology has come a long way since our old site was built and we intend to make full use of that to keep you up to date with everything that is happening.

In addition, it should be easier for you to purchase items from the on-line COPS Shop, including some of the new items which will be available soon. If you were at the Survivors weekend you will have seen our new jute COPS bags and new design wrist bands, not to mention this years Christmas Cards.

There is also a sign up tab at the top of the home page where you can subscribe to an electronic (PDF) copy of this newsletter should you would prefer to receive it that way.

The web site address has not changed and is still www.ukcops.org, further amendments, upgrades and stock items are planned for the forthcoming weeks so please check back regularly.

Hello, I hope you have all enjoyed the summer. We have even had some decent sunshine this year which I am sure has helped those of you who have been holding fundraising events.



Golf Tournament

The first major event for this quarter was a golf day organised by survivor Janet Graham in memory of her husband PC Robert Graham. Held at the Portal Golf Club, Tarporley the event was very well attended and included teams from Cheshire and Merseyside Police Federation. At the end of the day the prizes were presented by David Whatton QPM, Chief Constable of Cheshire Constabulary and over £1000 was raised for COPS, including a donation of £100 from Greater Manchester Police Federation. Our thanks go to local business man Rob Neil who sponsored the prizes for first place, to survivor Debbie Leach who donated a prize of a long weekend in her brand new log cabin in the Lake District and of course to Janet.



Blue Knights England III Rally

The following week it was our annual coffee morning in Newburgh, Fife. It was as busy as ever raising an excellent £550 in two hours. Thanks to everybody who donated home baking and raffle prizes and to Superintendent Ian Beese who came along and drew the raffle. Special mention to survivors Cathy McVicar, Shonagh Ferry and Jean and Bill Connolly who all helped me on the day and to Jane and Trevor Kell who did all the organising. The same weekend Blue Knights England III held their annual rally in Durham and COPS former President and Honorary International Blue Knight Christine Fulton was delighted to attend and

accept a cheque for £420.

In June Paul Devlin, an officer with Thames Valley Police organised a cricket match then in July he and two colleagues completed the Three Peaks Challenge. So far the total raised is £750. Congratulations Paul and thank you for supporting COPS. Also in July survivor Joanne Terry, along with many members of her family and friends took part in the second Ian Terry Memorial Run which raised a total of £700. Well done to all the runners, especially the children.

Being summer there have been lots of police open days and fetes where we have had stalls and quite often the COPS American Police Cruiser has been in attendance too. In June a magnificent day was had at



Suffolk Constabulary

Strathclyde Police where over £350 was raised in glorious sunshine, thanks to survivors Susan Gibson and Christine and Luke Fulton as well as Blue Knights Scotland I members Stu McAllister and Allan Alexander.

President Sue Brace (above) ably supported by her husband Simon and survivor Sue Bishop ran stalls at both Suffolk and Metropolitan Police family days raising £485 and £310 respectively. Their 'human fruit machine' proved very popular! Suffolk Constabulary Sports & Social Club also donated the entire proceeds from their event, an excellent £1639.50.

Stalls were also held at the British Motorcycle Association Bike Fest in Kelso and at the Durham Constabulary Motorcycle Bike Wise event where, as



SPRA Family Fun Day

well as the stall Enid Gardiner held a tombola raising £140. Thanks to Blue Knights England III for their ongoing support.



Durham Bike Wise

Sadly West Midlands Police family day was a total wash out but thanks to survivors Angela Bryan, Iris Long, Helen and Tracy Walker who did their best in the appalling conditions. If you are holding an open day of any kind and think you have space for us to hold a stall do please let me know.

Some donations to mention this quarter are a very generous £1500 from the Gibb family and £1000 from Strathclyde Police Benevolent Fund; your continued support is very much appreciated. £510 from IPA 8 Section, £320 from SO19, £300 from 'F' Division Retired Police Officers Association, £290 from Sidney Cook and £100 from the McMurdo family. Thank you all very much indeed.

We have many fundraising events coming up over the next few months including a number of people running 5 and 10K races and half marathons.



TVP 3 Peaks Challenge

Do please visit our justgiving page www.justgiving.com/careofpolicesurvivors and show your support by sponsoring them. The minimum donation is only £2 but if we all gave just that it would soon mount up to a very impressive sum.

Remember also if you are shopping online to do it via our easyfundraising page, it is so simple, doesn't cost you a penny and so far has raised over £777 of much needed funds for COPS. www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cops

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'REBUILDING SHATTERED LIVES'

Care of Police Survivors was formed in March 2003 by Jim McNulty & Christine Fulton MBE.

Jim was a retired Strathclyde Police officer who had a long relationship with COPS in USA, and with the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial there.

Christine is the widow of Constable Lewis Fulton, who was murdered in Glasgow in June 1994 as he tried to disarm a knifeman.

COPS aims to provide Survivors with the level of understanding and care that is required to help them rebuild their lives.

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President's Message

Our 9th Survivors Weekend and WOW what a weekend, it passed so quickly. What a difference a bigger hotel makes, plenty of room for us to grow and the swimming pool was a huge hit with the children. The food was great, the rooms excellent and the band 'Midlife Crisis' a real success. We have had so much positive feedback from you, thank you.

The weekend would not have been such a success without the trustees and volunteers. Planning starts on the weekend as soon as the last one is over and I can tell you the few months before the weekend is very stressful! We do tend to forget that some of the trustees and volunteers are survivors themselves, they worked so hard to make the weekend what it was. Thank you.

The Sunday service has had a tremendous thumbs up not only from the survivors but also the Chiefs and our guests. There were powerful readings by survivors Zak Jones, son of PC Stan Jones, Sue Bishop wife of A/Sgt Brian Bishop and Sue Beresford on behalf of her daughter Niki Dent, wife of PC Chris Dent. Very moving. We have had numerous calls from forces offering their support to COPS with a number of them wanting to take up the 30p donation scheme. On behalf of COPS thank you so much. This means such a lot and will enable us to continue to offer support to survivor families old and new.

My personal thanks and congratulations go to Inspector Phil Clare from the Metropolitan Police Service who received the Volunteer of the Year Award for his fantastic fund raising efforts, well done. Lastly thank you to everyone who has made the weekend such a success. The Service of Remembrance is an emotional end to the weekend and as our t-shirts stated: 'It Is Not How These Officers Died That Made Them Heroes, It Is How They Lived'.

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LINE OF DUTY OBITUARIES

Ian Paul Swadling (34) Police Constable, Metropolitan Police. Died 4 May 2011 when his motorcycle crashed near Hemel Hempstead whilst travelling home in the late evening from duty at Harrow. PC Swadling joined the police in 1997 and was working on the Harrow Weald Safer Neighbourhoods Team. He is survived by his wife, son & daughter.

Scott Eastwood-Smith (29) Police Constable, Metropolitan Police. Died 14 May 2011 when his motorcycle was in collision with a car at Twickenham, whilst travelling to report for night duty at Chiswick. PC Eastwood-Smith, had two years police service and was based at Chiswick Police Station as a patrol and response team officer. He is survived by his parents.

Tony Wright (47) Police Constable, West Mercia Constabulary. Died 9th August 2011 when his motorcycle was involved in a collision. PC Wright was a motorcyclist with a specialist unit & he was on duty at the time. He is survived by his wife, who is a serving West Mercia officer and his daughter.



REMEMBERING 9/11

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