

Obituary

Peter Haddock

It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden death of our Treasurer Peter Haddock, aged 73.

Peter died on Monday 23rd March having suffered two serious strokes while in Tenerife.

Peters family have said that Peter will be cremated in Tenerife and then brought home once the current pandemic crisis has abated at which time a memorial service will held.

Our thoughts and deepest sympathy go to Peters family at this sad time.

Tribute to Peter Haddock



Earlier this year our Treasurer Peter Haddock was taken ill suddenly while on holiday in Tenerife and sadly passed away on 23rd March 2020.

Peter joined the Admiralty Constabulary in 1967 beginning his career at HM

Naval Base Chatham. Starting shift duties on the gates and patrols, Peter was to work with a group of ex-service men, some from the Royal Marine Police who became members of the Admiralty Constabulary and others who were recruited from the Royal Navy and Royal Marines all of who had a wealth of knowledge of dockyard and navy activities.

In 1970 having passed the promotion exams and selection boards Peter was promoted Sergeant and transferred to Portsmouth Dockyard where he served for 4 years. In 1973 he successfully passed the Inspectors exams however that was the year when all Sub- Inspectors were automatically promoted to Inspector blocking the system for Sergeants who had passed their exams. This resulted in Peter opting for a sideways move to Shoeburyness and in March 1975 an opportunity arose for a return to Chatham where they were short of Constables and Sergeants.

Within a short time, Peter, as the only Sergeant who had passed the Inspectors exam, was appointed Acting Inspector. Uniquely Peter served as a Constable, Sergeant and Inspector at Chatham. In August 1977 he was promoted to the rank of Inspector and posted to RAE Farnborough, his second promotion out of Chatham. On 1st April 1981 Peter was posted to Feltham Garrison as Group Officer & Senior Police Officer. Here he commanded MDP at Feltham, Harefield, Uxbridge and West Drayton. Within 2 years he was promoted to Chief Inspector and given more London units to command including Central London and Mill Hill.

1986 saw further promotion to Force HQ based at Empress State Building, London. Here he became the Force guru on computing, gaining several master's degrees and leading the Force into the complex world of computers and communications.

During this time, he earned the rank of Superintendent and in 1988 was appointed Deputy Divisional Commander for all London stations as well as Colchester Garrison, Shoeburyness, Molesworth and certain USAF stations in Suffolk. He also attended the prestigious Joint Services Defence College Course based at the Royal Naval College Greenwich.

Peters promotion to Chief Superintendent in 1992 was followed by a year as Acting Assistant Chief Constable – Support Services. In 1995 he became Head of the Force Inspectorate finally retiring aged 49 in March 1996. On leaving the force Peter remained active and found work as a computer consultant working on the Fingerprint System at Avon & Somerset Police HQ followed by 3 years on the staff of a London University. In 2002 he undertook consultancy work at the Law Society.

In 2004 Peter returned home to Chatham Historic Dockyard and bought North Tower House, a 300-year-old, grade 2 listed building. When asked why, he said *“The best thing I ever did was to join the Admiralty Constabulary here at Chatham. My family links with the dockyard and its past history are part of me”*.

In later years Peter joined the MDPROA attending the annual reunions and in 2017 became Treasurer. He set about the role with enthusiasm and with his technology skills got on with computerising the accounts.

Peter was a lifelong fan of live music, enjoyed a pint of real ale, communicating with others and wintering in Tenerife. His other love was the Island of Jersey where he visited every year.