



County Borough of Swansea Police

Reunion

20th May 2022

***Morrison
Golf Club***





Order of Events

2pm

Arrival

2.30pm

Introduction, welcome and toast by Leighton Jenkins

3pm

Buffet

Introduction

In 1835 the Municipal Corporations Act came into force and created corporations in towns presided over by a Mayor. One of the Mayor's duties and responsibilities was to form a Watch Committee and appoint constables.

Thus, on 21st March 1836, the County Borough of Swansea Police Force was created with the appointment of day and night constables. Initially the force comprised one inspector and six constables.

Over the next 133 years the area of the County Borough was extended, and the number of constables increased as the population, and the commercial and industrial footprint of the Borough, expanded. This brought increased demands on the Borough force.

It should be remembered that the police force also provided cover as an ambulance service and borough fire brigade. In 1941 the Fire Brigade became part of the National Fire Service with some of the staff being retained in the force with the ranks they held.

To their credit many individual officers have achieved promotion to high ranks in other forces, both in this country and overseas.

The Swansea Police recreation club played an important part in the physical and mental wellbeing of officers of the force, providing facilities for indoor and outdoor sport. Over the years there have been many outstanding achievements by members especially in rugby, soccer, swimming, body building, weightlifting and local successes in cricket, rifle shooting, badminton, swimming, golf and judo.

On Thursday 28th October 1993, the first Swansea Police Reunion was held at the Celebration Suite, Llansamlet and was a great success. Today is the second reunion and possibly the last. Please enjoy the afternoon, exchange your many tales of the Borough and the personalities, but above all enjoy yourselves.

Leighton Jenkins (125)

Looking back...

Borough of Swansea.

NOTICE.

THE several Persons whose Names are hereunder written have been nominated and appointed by the Council of the above Borough, under the provisions of the Municipal Corporation Act, **DAY and NIGHT CONSTABLES**,--- and *Notice is hereby given*, that the said Constables will begin to act on **MONDAY**, the 4th day of **APRIL** next.--- Dated this **21st** day of **March**, 1836.

N. CAMERON, Mayor.

William Rees, *Inspector*,
George Luce,
William Lodwick,
John Woolley,
William Joseph,
William Webb,
Thomas Jones.

Notice of the formation of the Swansea Borough Police 1836.



Swansea Police Band, 1879.



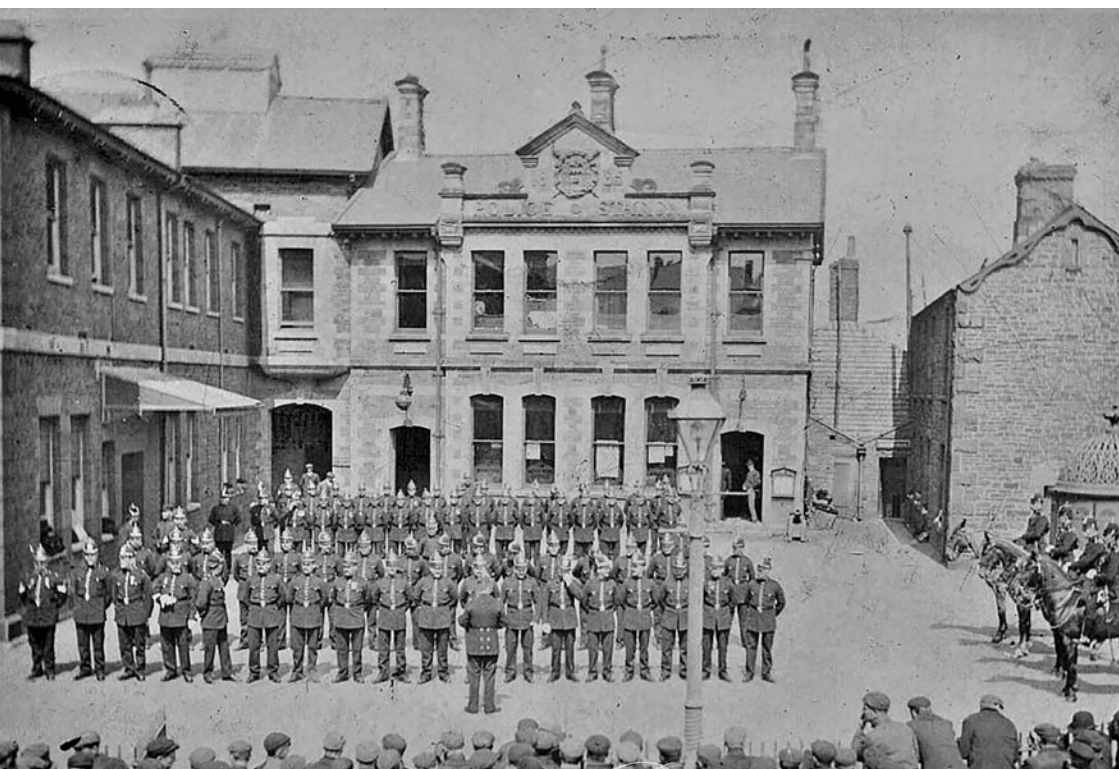
*Swansea Police
Fire Brigade, 1888.*





The first Swansea Police rugby team versus Swansea Butchers, 1891.

Force Inspection, 1905.





Swansea Police ambulance, 1908.



Swansea Police at the Tonypandy coal strike, 1911.



PC 90 Albert Appleton, killed in action 24th August 1914, one of the first British soldiers to die in the First World War.

Mounted Officers, 1930's.





Prison Van, 1929.

Chief Constable May and other officers, 1933.



Swansea Police Band, 1931.







The funeral of PC Gethin Harris killed in a fire in 1932.

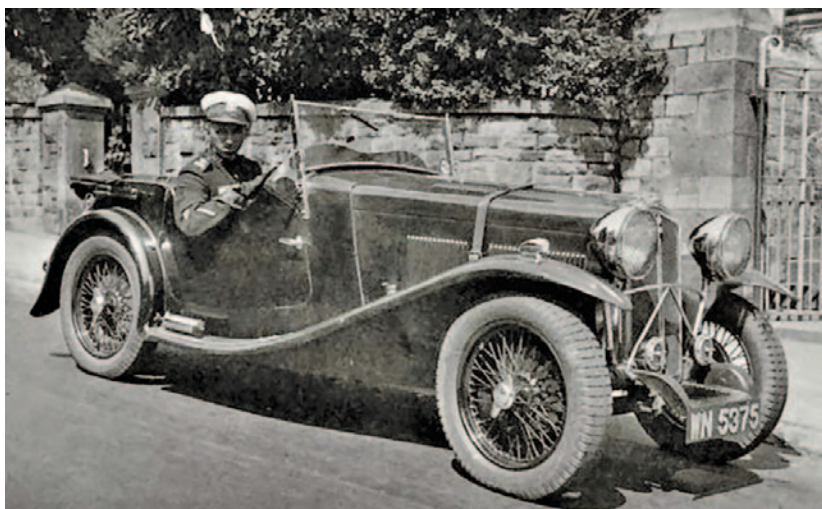
Proclamation of the abdication of King Edward VIII, Guildhall, 1936.



Policing, 1930's.



Swansea's first police car, 1930's.





A lone police officer, Swansea 1941.



Visit by Prime Minister Churchill, 1941.

Mumbles Lifeboat Disaster Funeral, 1947.





*Police box,
Oystermouth Road,
1950's.*



*Women police
officers, 1950's.*



Swansea Police v Birmingham Police at St Helen's 1956/57 season.

Swansea Police parading for the Queen's Coronation, 1953.





*Mayor's
Parade,
1960.*



*Swansea Police
Halberdiers, 1961.*



Policing, 1960's.



Football team 1960's. Seated third from the left is Mr. Sydney Roberts, the last Chief Constable of Swansea.

Central Police Station Swansea.





Dog Handler, 1969.

*Parade in 1986 to mark the
150th anniversary of the
formation of the Swansea
Borough Police.*







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*Organising Committee: Leighton Jenkins (125), Brian Davies (126),
Barrie Lewis (303), Philip Taylor (334), Norman Wilkinson (274)
and Gareth Madge.*