

PAPATOETOE CRIME WATCH PATROL INCORPORATED

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TEMPLE FOUR - Onslow Road, Papatoetoe



Arriving before the Police we started to think they are not coming and they were leaving us to do this one alone, now that would be really funny – NOT!!!! We are also this time joined by Grahame Healey from Papakura as a representative of Neighbourhood Support, (whose wife is a Member of the Papakura Patrol). Not to worry Constable Lavleen Kaur arrives and she said but they left before her when we asked where the others were!! Then into the street comes a car (unmarked) with flashing lights to announce their arrival, and a marked car as well, just as it starts to rain, but it did not last long.

Then the fun starts – Because Constable Lavleen Kaur does not have a tie Acting Inspector David Glossop decides none of them would wear one and they would be ‘unprofessional to night’ and due to it being colder they are all wearing jerseys (David proud in his VERY new one).

We set up on the front steps of the Temple (in case it does rain again) and once again the Temple members start taking photos of us all; as Sgt Pam DRAVITSKI says they sure love doing this – you know the story ‘everybody loves a uniform’ – even without a tie!!!



Joy Fisher, Grahame Healey (Neighbourhood Support), Sgt Dravitski, Karnail Singh, Linda Minnear, Jose Thomas, Nirmal Bhatti, Alex Jamieson, Constable Lavleen Kaur, Acting Inspector David Glossop, Constables Mandeep Kaur and Ravi Ravesh



Patrollers Karnail Sing and Nirmal Bhatti with the Police Team sitting on the Temple Step

The Temple members arrive and some visit the small shrine, praying and leaving gifts of food and incense before entering the Temple



The shrine (yes that is a bunch of bananas you can see among other things)

There are not as many children tonight, but those that have come are once again keen to get some stickers – where would we be without stickers for children.

The Temple leader brings us out several bottles of L & P and some drinking cups, which is much appreciated.

After some time giving out information and being told by the Temple Leader BJ that we MUST eat before we leave tonight.

The Police team start to take off their boots to go inside as they are doing this Constable Ravi Ravesh says 'Hope nobody has on holey socks' – well Sgt Pam Dravitski laughs remembering our first Temple Visit (re-read my first story), then he takes off his boots to reveal white socks, Sgt Pam says 'those are not regulation socks!' but it falls on deaf ears.



Lovely nice boots, some nicely tied up!!!



Shoes anybody??

When they go inside it is time for one of our Team (Nirmal) to have a bit of fun, and he unties and mixes up the boots, so that some have two left feet and others have a mix of sizes, told you before it was not all work and no play. (more later about this)

We are then signaled to come inside as well and we sit and sit whilst the prayers are done,



before the Temple Leader introduces Acting Inspector David Glossop and Constable Mandeep Kaur – we can make out that he is welcoming all the Police team and the Papatoetoe Crime Watch Patrol. Acting Inspector David Glossop gives his 'talk' to the members telling them that the police are their friends and then it is Constable Mandeep's turn to speak to them in their own language.



While this is being done behind us are plates laid out and being filled with food (banana's, grapes, slices of apples and pears, and other goodies). At this time I say to Nirmal, you had better be around when we go outside - he knows that I mean the boots!!! Sgt Pam Dravitski looks at us and we say nothing!!!!!! Everybody is given a small amount of milk in their hands, then a plate of food is given to every person in the Temple and at the same time they are singing and we can pick out the words Happy Birthday as they bless a large cake.



Notice who has finished eating already! (or is he eyeing up somebody else's food!!)

Thinking things are over how wrong can you be as we once again have to go and have photos taken at the front of the Temple



We then realize that Nirmal had disappeared and he reappears to get into the photo's – guess what he had decided he better fix up the boots or he might just get "Arrested". Somebody from our Team said to him "Chicken"

We then got taken to the front of the queue to get the rest of our meal, rice and about five different curries – very very nice they were and then we were given a plate with a piece of the cake on it.



Acting Inspector David Glossop & Patroller Nirmal Bhatti

Once back outside we have more members coming up to sign up for Neighbour Support and putting names down to have the CPNZ Security Forms delivered regarding joining our patrol – which is of course one of the main reasons we are doing these visits.



Constables Mandeep and Lavleen Kaur

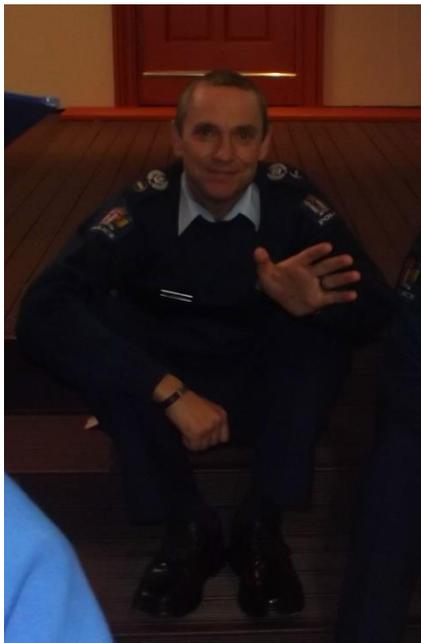


Patrollers and Police with a Temple Member



Yes we do have some laughs

As we start to pack up all our pamphlets, table etc we are asked please do come back inside and eat some more!! Or we can even take some food home on plates, which we all decline!!



Acting Inspector David Glossop

We can tell you David Glossop has got his new car – a Honda Accord of some sort (I forget what sort exactly but he did tell me) and says he is a ‘family man boy racer’ so it must be a quick car.

By the time we leave it is getting LATE!! And David Glossop for one has to go back to the Otahuhu police Station, get home to the Pukekohe area AND be back on duty at 6am!!!! When I got home it was 10:45 and only a few kilometres away; hate to think what time he got home.



Inside the Temple with the Priest talking to a lady



Sgt Pam Dravitski, Acting Inspector David Glossop, Constables Lavleen and Mandeep Kaur



Alex Jamieson, Karnail Singh & Nirmal Bhatti with
Constable Lavleen Kaur