

## SOUTHERN ALARMS SUFFERS ARSON ATTACK

Many taxi drivers will know about the excellent services offered by Southern Alarms in Barnham Street, SE1. The premises were recently burgled and set alight but the family run business has been working hard to get the premises re-opened. Linda Hall, wife of proprietor Steve Hall, said: "Our business has been running for many years and although we had to close for two weeks, we are now open and working again. We would like to tell drivers that we are open again and look forward to welcoming both our old customers and new customers to our refurbished premises. Although we cannot tell you anymore about the attacks, due to a court case pending, we would like to thank the trade for its support through this difficult time."

Steve, Linda and the team at Southern Alarms can offer a variety of services for your taxi including upholstery, carpets, vinyl roofs and leather interiors. They have a quality repair service for damaged seats, as well as

replacement Putnam driver's seats for those drivers looking for a new seat. The carpet service is an excellent opportunity to enhance your taxi as well as improving the sound insulation in the rear compartment. There is also a boot kit available, helping you keep everything in order in the boot space. The team have a good reputation in taxi trade for offering a great service at extremely competitive prices. For anyone looking to make their vehicle unique, for example as a wedding taxi, Southern Alarms can offer a wide variety of trims and carpets. You will find them at 41 Barnham Street, SE1 and the telephone number is 0207 403 3002.



## CONGRATULATIONS ON DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*by Derek Leone*

At the height of an air raid in 1940, a young lad of 16 years by the name of Jerry Cooper was in a shelter in Philpot Street E1. During the course of the raid, a young girl came into the shelter in a very distressed state. Jerry who was in the Scouts and knew first aid offered his assistance and stayed with her until the raid was over. This was the beginning of Sadie and Jerry's long lasting friendship.

In 1942, Jerry, along with many others, was called up and he joined the Army. In 1944 he was part of the D Day landings in Normandy and was part of the continuous battles throughout Europe until the end of the hostilities in 1945. Jerry and Sadie were able to resume their lives and in August 1947 they got married. Jerry went on to become a London Taxi Driver. He was involved in the children's charities; this came about from the time when he was in a Barnardo's Home when he was taken on outings by taxi drivers. It was their kindness and consideration that he never forgot and now he attends whenever possible the party held each year by The London Taxidivers' Fund for Underprivileged Children at The Grosvenor House Hotel.

In 1974 Jerry joined the committee of The London Taxi Benevolent Association for War Disabled and he is still serving on this committee

today. He is also involved in The Normandy Veterans Association. On 13th August 2007 in The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, a buffet was organised to celebrate the 60 years that Sadie and Jerry have enjoyed together. The President of The London Taxi Benevolent Association for War Disabled said a few words on behalf of the committee wishing them many more happy years together. He presented Sadie with a bouquet of flowers and a card signed by all members of the committee. Thanks go to Doug Sherry for supplying the refreshments on the day – it was very much appreciated.



*Editor's note: I have had the pleasure of meeting Jerry and Sadie on several occasions, both at the Grosvenor House and on the annual outing to Worthing and would like to add congratulations on behalf of Taxi Globe on the occasion of this Diamond Anniversary.*