



NARPO Bulletin (Merseyside Branch)

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FROM THE CHAIR

As I write this column summer has officially ended and we are in the Autumn. Let us hope though that we will still experience some pleasant and dry weather.

In my bulletin for the same period last year I mentioned that Eddie McGrath had taken on the role of secretary. His commitment in coming to terms with the role is worthy of recognition. During the last 12 months we have restructured the way we manage the Branch. This was done to ensure the workload was not only spread but also each role had a deputy so we had continuity, especially in the role of secretary, during a role holders' absences. Now all we have to do is to continue to attract members to join us on the committee and for members to be prepared to put themselves forward for one of the executive roles. By doing this we again ensure we have someone to shadow the current holder and as and when necessary to take on that role. Why is this important? The answer is a simple one. If we do not get members prepared to join the committee and to take on the executive roles then the branch would cease to exist. NARPO is celebrating its 100th birthday and that is only because over those 100 years members have been prepared to put themselves forward to serve. Indeed, we should not forget the amount of work done by spouses, partners and widows in that celebration.

Remember the ethos of NARPO relates to Pensions and Welfare. 100 years on it is still, if not more so, relevant and this Branch has not only helped a lot of members through difficult times but also provided advice in relation to individual pension issues. **SO PLEASE COME AND JOIN US TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THIS VITAL SERVICE.**

If you are interested, particularly if you are one of the younger retirees (remember it is vital we reflect the wide age spectrum of the branch), then please do contact me on chairperson@narpo-merseyside.org.uk and we can have a chat about what is involved.

In addition to the above we are now looking to increasing the provision of social activities. You will have already read many times about the success of the afternoon teas organised by Laura Lyons and Ruth Rowan. This year that has been widened to include a visit to the Edinburgh Tattoo and again this proved to be a popular and enjoyable venture. Plans are already afoot for a Christmas get together and a trip, being organised by Brian Starkey on the Daniel Adamson, a 1902 steam fired ship, along the River Weaver in Cheshire. Full details of events will appear in this or future bulletins as well as being circulated to all members on the email list. The committee are also looking for events for 2020. If you have any ideas please contact the secretary.

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of NARPO deserved **something special**. Well the event organised by Eddie McGrath, Frank Richardson and Julian Dearden certainly was indeed **something special**. The event was held on the 25th July at the Liner Hotel in Liverpool. Feedback from those who attended has been tremendous with deserved thanks to the organisers, the police band, the volunteer Police Cadets, the Liner Hotel and our guests. The atmosphere, the music, the service, the food and the comradeship were great. Its success does raise the question whether or not you would like something similar being organised on an annual basis. Again, let us know what you think.

During the last few months your secretary and I have attended The North West Regional meeting of Branches. A key area of discussion was the North West Police Benevolent Fund and the current Trustee changes. We also attended the meeting of the four local Branches when again I raised the question of the four Branches merging into one. As ever I was well and truly shot down in flames. They do not see the need or any benefits that would accrue. Your Branch would beg to differ and periodically we will continue to raise the question.

It was nice being the centenary year that this year's Conference was held in Southport on Friday 6th September. Naturally your Branch was well represented. The theme this year was 'Wellbeing and Pensions'. The morning session involved the presentation and acceptance of the reports from the President, CEO and Finance Officer. This was followed by the motions. Full details of the motions and outcomes will appear on National NARPO website. The afternoon session consisted of presentations and discussion on Widows Pension for Life, Wellbeing and the new Misconduct regulations and how they related to retired police officers. A number of speakers gave presentations and overall, they were interesting and informative. (Do remember that now the PMAS do not only provide the financial products but they also offer wide ranging wellbeing support so please do look at their web site to see the details) Details of these presentations will appear on the National website. (www.Narpo.org). It was a long day and conference did not finish until 6.00pm

As ever I end reminding you this is your Branch so please let us know how we are doing and if you have any ideas for the future.

EDDIE-TORIAL

What a great event at The Liner Hotel to celebrate 100 years of NARPO. The tributes have been flooding in and thanks for your messages of support and appreciation. Judging by the response perhaps we should start planning for 2119!

Our Chairman expressed a desire to conduct the excellent Merseyside Police Band. He got his wish and the change in profile picture at the beginning of his column will be a lasting memory.

The social side of the branch has improved beyond recognition. The trip to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo was an outstanding success, thanks to Lorna Lyons and Ruth Rowan. The ladies have also organised another Afternoon Tea event in December (details elsewhere in this newsletter).

In addition, the "Danny" cruise is scheduled for October and an event at an iconic venue with magnificent views across the Mersey Estuary early in February 2020. Leave February 2020 clear!

Recently went to P.T.C. Harrogate for treatment. The place hasn't changed much. Staff wonderful and accommodating and you definitely feel the benefit afterwards.



With Liz Light (physiotherapist extraordinaire), Patrick Cairns (C.E.O.). Behind us is the B.P. from "Wessy Road" (circa 1975)!

The NARPO National Conference in Southport provided the opportunity for networking and catching up with old friends and acquaintances. Merseyside branch is now highly regarded both locally and nationally.

Welcome New Members

Eric Binks, Andrew Martin, Michael Barrett, Jason Pulford, Brian Burrows, Kevin Marr, Richard Davies, Dorini Tambourini, Eddie Harrison, Patrick McGill, Susan Ryan (widow), Simon Irving, Stephen Adams, Anne Farrelly, Alan Wood, Tracy Hayes, Robert Mulcahey,

The "Danny" Cruise



The date for the cruise is Monday 7th. October 2019 and is limited to 80 passengers. Tickets are £20.00 per head and currently restricted to 2 per member. Call the office **0151 958 9922** for further details if you have not already booked.

Liverpool City Police ~ 'D' Division Reunion ~ 2019

The next re-union of ex members of 'D' Division at Rose Hill Bridewell will be held at 12.30 for 1.00pm on Friday 4th October 2019 at Riversdale Police Club. Riversdale Road. Liverpool. L19 3QN.

Those on my mailing list will be notified in early September but if there are any other former members of the Division, both uniform and CID, or former members of LCP Police Women's Section who were 'attached' to Rose Hill and who wish to attend, please contact:

Charlie Wass at: charlie.wass@gmail.com or 01704 831294

Christmas Is Coming!



The Christmas themed afternoon tea will be on Wednesday 4th December, 2019, 2.00pm at Riversdale. Tickets are £8.00 and there will be hot and cold festive fayre.

Contact Ruth Rowan on 07900 973056, ruthrowan@narpo-merseyside.org.uk, or Lorna Lyons on 07764 255070 assistantsecretaryadmin@narpo-merseyside.org.uk.

Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment!



NEWS FROM THE POLICE TREATMENT CENTRES - SEPTEMBER 2019

I was delighted to catch up with Eddie McGrath at the Police Treatment Centres (PTC) recently at the end of August, and indeed at the NARPO Conference in Southport in early September. The PTC continues to change and evolve and ensure that we are ready to respond to the needs of our patients. Last year in 2018 we treated 316 retired officers at the PTC, and this year we are significantly up on that figure from where we were last year, and I am delighted. Retired Officers remain a very important part of the PTC family, and we continue to believe it to be a great privilege to look after and support them when they come for us for treatment.

I am also very pleased that the numbers of retired Officers donating to the PTC has continued to grow, and is now close to almost 5000 donating Retirees. This has been a significant income boost for the PTC and generated a considerable sum of money for us, all of which is ploughed back into making the Police Treatment Centres better than ever. These extra Retired Officer donors have also helped to offset the falling number of serving officer donors who do not donate quite as readily and in such numbers as previous generations. I suspect that much of the readership of the Merseyside NARPO Newsletter signed up to donate to most charities simply because they could not imagine not doing so, and out of a sense of solidarity and esprit de corps in order to help their colleagues. I can assure you that we do have a close relationship with Merseyside Police Federation, who are well led and engaged with Tony Fairclough as the Chair, and indeed with Chief Constable Andy Cooke who is also a big supporter of the PTC, and we do work hard with them to encourage your serving colleagues to donate to the PTC.

I am very keen that as well as donating, that people also do make use of the PTC when they need to do so. There are 2 criteria, in that first and foremost you must be a current donor to the PTC to be eligible, and that will cost you the princely sum of 65 pence per week (and please ensure that you are donating to the Police Treatment Centres and not any other organisations), and you can get a copy of our sign up form either off our website or by ringing the Centre in Harrogate and we will send one out to you. Second there must be something that we can help you with in terms of our clinical criteria, however, in practise this is relatively straightforward, and the vast majority of our applicants from the Retired community, are accepted for treatment, and swiftly allocated a date for admission.

Many thanks for your support, if you do have any questions about the PTC, do have a look at our website in the link below, or feel free to ring us at the centre with their questions. I know that Eddie has benefitted from his recent stay with us, and I am sure that many of you reading this would as well.

<http://www.thepolicetreatmentcentres.org/>

Patrick Cairns - CEO PTC



Shoulder to Shoulder

Poppy Appeal 2019



October/November is a busy time for us in the Royal British Legion when the **Poppy Appeal** is in full swing and we will be selling **Poppies** from 26th October until 9th November 2019. We will be delivering over 180 **Poppy** boxes across Crosby, Blundellsands, Waterloo and Seaforth. We also sell **Poppies** in Sainsbury's (Crosby), Aldi (Thornton) and Tesco and Lidl (both in Litherland).



NARPO members can support us by volunteering their time for a few hours to resource our stands in the above stores and also assist in delivering boxes and re-supplying. Mileage expenses are paid. We are based in Endbutt Lane, Crosby.

So please call me and support the Royal British Legion in their important work and give a little of your time. ALL are most welcome.

Please contact me on 07881 671567 or email me at crosbylegion@hotmail.com I look forward to hearing from you.

Come and join us!



Robin McGrath

Poppy Appeal Organiser – Crosby RBL

Seminar hosted by Harvey Howell Solicitors Monday 28th October 2019

Following their past highly successful seminars Harvey Howell are holding another seminar for NARPO members.

Spouses and partners are welcome to accompany you.

Monday 28h October 2019 6.00pm for 6.30pm

The Britannic Suite, The Liner Hotel, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool L3 5QB

Free Pie and pint on arrival.:

WILLS, PROBATE, TRUSTS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY and CARE HOME FEES DEBUNKING THE MYTHS
 If you wish to accept this invitation then please telephone Harvey Howell on 0151 928 8597 to register.

OBITUARIES

Date	Name	Rank	Age
June 2019			
7 th	Audrey Lilian Shaw	Widow	
July 2019			
3 rd	James Edward Ryan	Constable 4982	67 years
4 th	John Sydney Chadwick	Sergeant 1585	82 years
August 2019			
13 th	Arthur Keith Waring	Constable 1351	83 years
14 th	Robert Lloyd Williams	Constable	72 years
20 th	Philip Walker	Detective Superintendent 2873	70 years
22 nd	David Thomas Knowles	Constable 5724 "T"	65 years
22 nd	Hazel Margaret Young	Widow	87 years
23 rd	Denzil Gordon Kefford	Detective Chief Inspector	94 years
24 th	Francis Derek Frankland	Constable 1969	76 years



NARPO Merseyside @ Edinburgh Military Tattoo



The Centenary Luncheon

Widows Draw Winners August 2019

Lily May Bailey, Kathleen Buckley, Elsie Carswell, Doreen Clague, Maureen Corcoran, Helen Dundas, Pamela Higgins, Ann McMeakin, Esther Vaughan, Cynthia Wilson, Lucy Rawlinson, Marie Kitto, Wendy Roberts, Thelma Mulrenan, Anne Black, Joan Pryce, Ann Jones, Barbara Powell, Doreen Prosser, Elaine Male, Joyce Carlyon, Belinda Nelson, Kathleen Byron, Patricia Wolfenden, Anne Marie Rimmer.

And Finally

A member recently rang the office enquiring why death message circulations had not been received via email. Simple really – there were no bereavements notified between 4th July and 13th August!

To date 421 members have opted to receive the newsletter via email. Those of you who don't please consider doing so as you will receive it a week or so before the "snail-mailers" and help save on printing and postage costs.

Well, that's Conference over for another year. Glad it was local. Plymouth next year. Couldn't get much further away!

Autumn Thought

There are 3 types of Accountant – those who can count and those who can't!