



# NARPO Bulletin (Merseyside Branch)

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Winter 2018/19



It does not seem long since I was writing last year's bulletin at Christmas and here we are again.

Firstly, could I just apologise to Dave, our former secretary, for a reference in the last bulletin, which mistakenly may have been read to suggest Dave was responsible for our state of flux. Dave was certainly not responsible albeit the loss of his experience and expertise, as secretary, was always going to be difficult to replace. Eddie McGrath took over a few months ago as you will probably all know, and I think I should take the opportunity to thank him on your behalf for volunteering for this vital role. He has done a sterling job in pulling together all the threads of the role, but he would be the first to admit he is still learning. Indeed, as a committee we all are, and I would hope if we have got the odd thing wrong that you will forgive us as we go through this learning curve. Responsibilities for various aspects of Branch duties have been spread out amongst individual members of the committee and as this develops, we are confident that the service to you will continue to be one of quality. As ever I ask you to let us know what you think about our service, are you happy, unhappy or whatever.

Since the last newsletter I have with other members of the Branch taken part in our Annual interviews with the Volunteer Police Cadets. We were all interviewed by a group of Cadets on a defined topic relating to our era of policing. The Cadets then do a presentation of their findings. It is really a rewarding morning for us all. They cannot comprehend that we used to walk around without 'mobile phones' or indeed any technology. Eddie Davies remains a key member of its organisation.



After a break in the Spring we held another one of our very successful Professional Evenings at Police HQ. For the first time we had a non-police presenter, Alison Hodgson, the cofounder of EVOLVE. Her presentation was headed **'Tackling Former Legal Highs and Volatile Substance Abuse'**. She talked about her work with young people

and adults to provide preventative education, early intervention, counselling, family support and training for professionals in relation to the abuse of "Former Legal Highs", especially Volatile Substance abuse (the abuse of gases, aerosols and glue). Without doubt this proved to be an extremely interesting, very moving, informative, enjoyable and insightful presentation. The feedback from members present was tremendous. We all learned a lot about the issues of today and their consequences. If you are involved in any organisation that is looking for a speaker or indeed need help with such issues, then do look up Alison at EVOLVE. She tailors her presentations to suite the audience. Thanks again to Community Services Department, especially Sergeant Keith Burke for their role in the organisation and hosting of this event.



Once again Lorna and Ruth organised another excellent and very enjoyable Afternoon Tea at Riversdale. They are already organising another one for early 2019 to start our 100 years of NARPO celebrations. The trip to the Edinburgh Tattoo is also being finalised. **(See later in the bulletin for further details)**

You may remember your Branch supports the Mini Police which was launched on Merseyside in 2016 and I was again pleased to be present at the launch of its extension to another group of schools across Merseyside. The youngsters are so enthusiastic and excited about being involved with the police. I know from people involved with the youngsters that they look forward to their duties supporting the police and helping at various community/crime prevention events. (P.T.O.)

The Annual Police Carol Service as ever remains a very enjoyable and welcomed event at the Parish Church. I know many of you enjoy attending.

A couple of years ago I mentioned that the 100 years of NARPO would be in 2019 and that before we knew it we would be celebrating. Well we are now ever so close to it happening. **Do remember that the major Branch Celebration will be at the Liner Hotel on the 25th July 2019.**

Full details of the event and how to apply for tickets will appear very shortly.

Once again, I ask you to remember this is your branch and we can only improve with your help. Please let us know if you have any ideas. Contact myself or the secretary.

In closing please do take care as winter progresses and make sure you keep warm and safe.

I do hope you will be able to enjoy Christmas and that 2019 proves to be a kind one to you all.

*Malcolm Parry*  
(Chairman)

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#### CONTACT DETAILS

It has come to light that the former NARPO Merseyside Secretary is still being contacted by members and outside agencies.

Please note that contact with the Secretary should only be made as follows:

Telephone - 0151 958 9922

Mobile - 07505 477162

email - [Secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk)

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## APOLOGY

It has come to notice that wording on page 2 of the Autumn 2018 Newsletter was open to misinterpretation. Mr. Anderton was **NOT** responsible for the branch being in a "state of flux" as he had given ample notice of his intention to retire. The problem arose when the identified successor withdrew for perfectly valid reasons at the last minute. This was mistakenly omitted from the text.

As Editor I unreservedly apologise to Mr. Anderton for this omission."

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**NARPO Merseyside member Jim Finn writes:**

Some time ago, I got permission from the Chief Constable to research the Archives relating to the unsolved Wallace Murder Case 1931. I subsequently produced a paper on this with some interesting observations. If anybody would like a copy, I can email them with an attachment.

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#### "THOUGHT OF THE DAY"

**Money isn't everything, but it does keep you in touch with your grandchildren!**



## EDDIE-TORIAL



In early October I attended the Branch Officers Course at Wakefield. This was certainly an eye-opener. I spent the "out of classroom" hours networking and chatting to other Branch Officers. This has resulted in a group of NARPO Secretaries forming online for exchanging ideas and experiences. The input on SuperSleuth was particularly beneficial as I had not realised its many useful components.

Once again, I must stress to NARPO members the importance of keeping us up to date with changes of address, telephone and mobile number, e-mail address, and any other relevant change of circumstances.

I was at the seminar conducted by Harvey Howell on 15<sup>th</sup> October which was particularly successful with 71 persons attending and enjoying "a pie and a pint." Another is being planned for January 2019.

There has been an immediate response to the suggestion that perhaps it would be better to receive the NARPO Bulletin via e-mail as opposed to a hard copy. The number opting for e-mail has virtually doubled. If you would like to opt for e-mail, please inform me:

[editor@narpo-merseyside.org.uk](mailto:editor@narpo-merseyside.org.uk);

**The BIG date for your diary is Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 when NARPO is 100 years old and will be celebrated in style with a Grand Luncheon at the Liner Hotel, Liverpool. The Countdown has begun!**

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### 2018 Liverpool City Police 'D' Division at Rose Hill Bridewell Re-union

On the afternoon of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October last, some 32 ex-members of L.C.P. 'D' Division who served at Rose Hill Bridewell met for their annual re-union at Riversdale Police Club. Sadly, the numbers are slowly diminishing but those who attended enjoyed a few hours swinging the lamp about their adventures during their days patrolling Scotland Road, Great Homer Street and the surrounding side streets. We also enjoyed a wonderful buffet supplied by Karen and we were well looked after by Johnathon and Dave behind the bar. There was a problem with the camera so no photo's this year.

Next year's re-union is pencilled in the Club Diary for the afternoon of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The usual invitation goes out to those who served at Rose Hill Bridewell and have yet to join us. I appreciate we are all ageing and it's a long walk from the bus stop but please make the effort, you will not be disappointed and very warmly welcomed. Contact Charlie Wass at:

[charlie.wass@gmail.com](mailto:charlie.wass@gmail.com);

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## Another Afternoon Tea!



By popular demand the NARPO Merseyside Great Afternoon Tea returns yet again!

**When?** – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Where?** – Riversdale Police Club

**Time** – 2.00pm

This signals the start of Centenary Celebrations to be opened by Chief Constable Andy Cooke QPM.

Book your place with:

Ruth Rowan 0151 420 5330 or 07900 973056

email [ruth.e.rowan@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.e.rowan@gmail.com)

or

Lorna Lyons on 07764 255070

email [lornalyons@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lornalyons@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Seminar hosted by Harvey Howell Solicitors

[www.harveyhowell.co.uk](http://www.harveyhowell.co.uk);

Following their highly successful seminar in October 2018 Harvey Howell are holding another seminar for NARPO members spouses and partners are welcome to accompany you.

**Details of the Seminar are: -**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

6.00pm for 6.30pm

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

**Free Pie and Pint on arrival.**

**The seminar will deal with:**

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 your interest.**

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## Cenotaph Parade 2018



Merseyside NARPO were represented at the emotional Cenotaph Parade by members including Stewart and Christine Parkinson and Frank Richardson (pictured above)

## WIDOWS DRAW NOVEMBER 2018

Pauline Blundell, Primrose Whitelaw, Sheila Abernethy, Patricia Sugden, Renee Roberts, Brenda Allen, Carole Fowewe-Holt, Philomena Preston, Marjorie Davies, Pauline Kelly, Marjorie Clarke, Ann Jones, Anastasia Goulding, Patricia Findlay, Gillian Bond, Elise Kellett, Rosalie Greenwood, Kathleen Ryding, Ruth Mason, Helen Wilmoth, Margaret Hesketh, Audrey Boyle, Edith Davies, Valerie Pringle, Joan Ruane.

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## ANYTHING KNOWN?



NARPO Merseyside member Alan Bonner BEM is researching the photograph above. There may just be someone in our knowledgeable membership who can help. Scant information is that he is William White (possibly early twenties in the photograph) dismissed for going on strike. He may have lived south-end (Dingle area). Looks like 67 "V" or "Y" on his collar but not aware of those divisional letterings.

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**16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

The cost will be £269.00 per person, based on two sharing a room. A small number of single rooms are available, at a supplement of £59.00. The cost includes coach travel and transfers, two nights half board accommodation, and Middle/High grade Tattoo ticket on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested, or would like further information, please contact either Ruth Rowan 0151 420 5330 or 07900 973056 email [ruth.e.rowan@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.e.rowan@gmail.com) or Lorna Lyons on 07764 255070 email [lornalyons@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lornalyons@hotmail.co.uk).

There is already plenty of interest in this excursion and places are limited. Once we have confirmed that there is a place for you, we will require forthwith a deposit of £50.00 per person. This is non-returnable, unless we can pass the booking on to someone on the waiting list, should there be one.

## OBITUARIES

### September

16 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Taylor	Widow	93years
26 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Walter Owen Balmer	Sergeant	88years
29 <sup>th</sup>	Colin Griffiths	Constable	77 years
29 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Boyle	Constable	82 years

### October

6 <sup>th</sup>	Molly Buchanan	Widow	89 years
10 <sup>th</sup>	William John Sutton	Sergeant	86 years
10 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph Carron	Sergeant	81 years
13 <sup>th</sup>	Kenneth George Moore	Sergeant	84 years
14 <sup>th</sup>	Elsie Follett	Widow	85 years
16 <sup>th</sup>	John Titterington	Constable 1931	76 years
24 <sup>th</sup>	Reginald Ransford Bird	Sergeant 591	88 years

### November

5 <sup>th</sup>	George Davidson Lawson	Constable 256"A"	93 years
9 <sup>th</sup>	James Edward Riley	Constable 2593	77 years
9 <sup>th</sup>	Norman Leslie Kirby	Det. Constable	80 years
13 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Barry Hutchings	Constable 201"G"	71 years
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Melvyn William Nelson	Constable 3033	68 years
26 <sup>th</sup>	Gerald Kermod	Det. Sergeant	85 years
26 <sup>th</sup>	Kenneth Maudsley	Constable	87 years
29 <sup>th</sup>	James Francis Finnigan	Chief Superintendent	82 years

**During the transitional period earlier this year the following death notifications were sadly overlooked:**

Sergeant 7666 Steve Bateman died on 26 April 2018, aged 59 years.  
 Superintendent James Anthony Heeney died on Sunday 20th May 2018.  
 Constable 4336 Steve McBride died on Saturday 19th May 2018.  
 Constable John Johnson sadly passed away on Sunday 27th May 2018. aged 88.  
 Inspector Alan Maguire sadly passed away on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

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### New Members Welcome to NARPO Merseyside

Martin Woosey, Garry Rawlings, Sarah Allardes, Albert Bellis<sup>1</sup>, Ian Hopwood, Ian Martin, David Smith, Shane Culley, Robert Clarke<sup>2</sup>, John Bushell, Gillian Wood, Stephen Holmes, Declan Sammin, Paul Smith, Phil Newall, Patricia Lacey, Tim Jenkins, Kevin Deveney, Janet Edwards, Nick Price, David Ronayne, Andrew Wignall

<sup>1</sup> Transfer from Southport

<sup>2</sup> Transfer from St. Helens

### Widows

Arlene Morton

Audrey Boyle

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### And Finally



**Wow! What a year. Totally overwhelmed by the support and good wishes of friends and colleagues.**

### And Finally Finally

**A thought to see you through the dark winter days:  
 "If you look anything like your passport photo you are not fit to travel!"**

### Chief Constable's Christmas Message



As 2018 comes to an end it is a time when we all reflect on the past year. Your Committee has shown exceptional compassion to those who have sought help and I would like to extend my gratitude to all members of NARPO who continue to support us in all that we do.

I have appointed a new Deputy Chief Constable Serena Kennedy took up the role in November, replacing Carl Foulkes who has left to become Chief Constable of North Wales Police.

Serena came to Merseyside 17 months ago as an Assistant Chief Constable with a wealth of policing experience. She is acutely aware of the challenges facing Merseyside Police and I know that she will continue her exceptional work with our communities, staff and partners.

On behalf of Merseyside Police, I wish you, your families and friends, a wonderful Christmas, and good health for 2019.