



NARPO Newsletter (Merseyside Branch)

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From The Chair

Since the last newsletter the committee has been working very hard to offer events that we hope, appeal to a wide range of our members. The Professional Evening held at Rose Hill HQ in June was well received by all those in attendance. The subject of Economic Crime, with a particular focus on fraud and scams was most interesting, informative and ably presented by Paul Kay and Jackie Long; thank you both, your passion and dedication to this aspect of policing came across loud and clear. Thanks to John Pope and staff for organising the evening along with the volunteer cadets.

My thanks go to Ruth Rowan for organising an excellent outing to Windermere on 21st June; this included a boat trip on the lake. Although I was unable to attend, I know that a good time was had by all. The Prenton Afternoon Tea organised by Kath Melling was another successful gathering enjoyed by those who attended. I thank Kath for the time and effort put in to organise this event. The planned Riversdale Afternoon Tea did not go ahead due to lack of bookings, however, details of the popular December 'Festive Fayre' will be published. The West Lancs. Afternoon Tea on 30th August was most enjoyable; my thanks go to Eddie McGrath for organising it. The Social sub-committee work hard to offer trips and social functions that we hope, appeal to a wide section of our members. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact our secretary.

We currently offer coach trips that are accessible if an individual can climb a few steps on and off the coach. I am aware however, that this may exclude some of our members who are not mobile enough to manage steps. Currently I am not aware of how many individuals would like to go on such outings or if we are able to hire alternative and suitable transport. Please contact our secretary to register your interest and then we will endeavour to research options for the future.

Although not specifically a NARPO event, I must make mention of the recent Cadet 50 Year reunion held in the City Centre. Those who attended joined the Cadets between 1972 and 1975. We had good fun reminiscing, looking at old photos, memorabilia and lists of achievements. I am hoping to hold future Cadet reunions, so please feel free to email me your contact details if you wish to be added to the list on: christineparkinson@narpo-merseyside.org.uk. Please note the proposed Cadet 75th Anniversary lunch on the back page, I hope to see many of you there!

Recently NARPO member Brian Curran, took a few committee members on an Architectural Walking Tour of Liverpool. This proved to be a most interesting couple of hours and Brian's knowledge of the buildings in our city is second to none. Brian has kindly offered to conduct tours to the wider NARPO community, so watch this space for further details. Thank you so much Brian, it is much appreciated.

Several of our committee members represented the Branch at the National NARPO Conference held at the Winter Gardens Conference and Exhibition Centre in Blackpool. Our Secretary, Eddie McGrath gave an excellent and well received presentation on Welfare in relation to our 'Over 80s' contact scheme in Merseyside. It was good to see our Branch being represented in such a positive light on the national stage, well done Eddie. Other subjects covered included Incorporation, the History Society, Cyber Crime, Police Treatment Centres and PMAS. A large majority of delegates voted in favour of incorporation, so NARPO will become a Limited Company at some stage in the future, once all the legalities of such a transition are complete. Prior to conference some of our committee members attended the national seminars provided locally, to achieve a better understanding of incorporation. Incorporation will not affect local Branch structures and we will still manage our own finances. The NARPO President provided more details in the recent edition of NARPO news, and I am sure there will be more information in future publications.

Once again, I thank our committee members for all their hard work behind the scenes on behalf of our members. We do have vacancies on the committee, so if you are able to join us, please contact our secretary for further details, you will be made most welcome and your assistance will be much appreciated.

Christine Parkinson MSc
Chairperson

EDDIE-TORIAL

Conference 2023 in Blackpool may well prove to be a turning point for NARPO as delegates voted overwhelmingly in favour of Incorporation and becoming a Limited Company. Members will probably not notice any difference, but rest assured that NARPO Merseyside delegates studied the legalities and attended seminars before voting in favour. It appears to be something of a minefield, but the bottom line is that Incorporation will protect the assets of us all.

Back in the day I saw Morecambe and Wise, Danny La Rue, Des O'Connor, Tommy Cooper et al at The Winter Gardens, Blackpool. Never dreamed I would be on stage in that complex but having been asked to do a presentation to Conference 2023 I was pleased to oblige. It was a most enjoyable experience and I need to thank Kate Rowley (NARPO Vice-President) and Alan Lees (C.E.O.) for inviting me. From the reaction of delegates from other branches I think it went well. My inbox has also been the subject of many congratulatory messages. Back to Torquay next year! Will I have a "speaking part?"

It appears that Merseyside Police are having difficulty filling places on their Pre-Retirement Courses resulting in the cancellation of some of those scheduled. These courses provide NARPO with a recruitment opportunity and have been instrumental in members joining. With this in mind the Chief Constable Serena Kennedy was approached, and she agreed to our request to contribute towards the in-house publication Mersey Talk. Hopefully this will bear fruit and increase membership of NARPO Merseyside accordingly.

Recently my son managed to obtain a pensioners ticket to an Everton home game at Goodison Park. I found myself looking at the "collar" number of officers on duty there to see if any of them had mine. Is it just me or is this a common practice?

I have highlighted on previous occasions that the NARPO Merseyside Committee is not up to the number of available places. This increases the burden on your committee members and especially the Executive. There is a saying my Gran frequently used, "many hands make light work." It is not hard work being a committee member but the more of us there are the easier it will become. Have a think. Would you like to help former colleagues and friends?

New Members

Paula Coley, Sarah Hamilton, Stephen Hardy, Neil Currie, Raymond Jones, Andrew O'Connor, Ceinwen Carlisle (widow), Catherine Belger, Kathy Grant (additional), Philip White, Joanne Harris (widow), Amanda Wildman, Kamel Toumi, Garry O'Toole, Dave Andersen, Judith Blease, Doreen Rafferty (widow), Michael Langdon OBE QPM, Timothy O'Hanlon, Patricia O'Hara (widow), Andrew Beggs, Michael Garvey, Lawrence Franklin, Rachel Roberts, David Brooks, Paul Morris, Andrew Bragg, Colette Peverall, Tracy Buxton, Thomas Holt, Brenda King (widow), Lady Carole Sharples (widow), Claire-Louise Winterbottom-Ross, Sandra Capkan.

Merseyside Police Carol Service

The Merseyside Police Carol Service will be on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at Our Lady and St. Nicholas Church. There will be a "Mince Pie" reception from 4.15pm at the Racquets Club, Chapel Street, followed by the service at 5.30pm.

Bookings will be taken throughout November 2023.



THE BEN FUND
Ball

Join us to support our first-ever benevolent fund ball. An evening of live entertainment, dinner, drinks, and dancing!

On Saturday 2nd December 2023 from 6:30 pm onwards

Stanley House Hotel, Mellor, Lancashire, BB2 7NP

Dress to impress in your best formal wear

Tickets- £42.50 pp including a 3-course meal (please inform us of any dietary requirements)

To purchase your tickets please call **01254244980** or Email **Smoores@nhwbf.org**

All funds raised go towards the Ben Fund



There will be a reunion for all retired colleagues from "T" Division, to be held at Riversdale Police Club. This event will start at 12.30pm on Wednesday 12th June 2024. There will be food and a raffle with wonderful prizes at the amazing cost of only £12.00. Please make the effort and come along.

Contact (nhorn1945@gmail.com) for further details.



Merseyside Committee Members Architectural Walking Tour

NARPO Excursion
Friday 3rd November 2023
(few remaining seats)

**Arrive at Oswaldtwistle Mill in time for Guided Tour
of PENDLE WITCH COUNTRY**

In the Pendle villages of Roughlee and Barley, you'll learn of the sad tale of Alice Nutter, Elizabeth Southern (Demdike) and Anne Whittle (Chattox), who were accused, tried and found guilty of witchcraft in 1612 in what is now one of the most famous witch trials in English history.

Admire the magnificent scenery, gaze at the moody hulk of Pendle Hill and see the 'eye of God' in the tower of St. Mary's Church.

Morning Tour lasting 1 hour to 90 min approx.

Followed by Multi-choice Weavers Lunch

NARPO Merseyside member plus spouse/partner/guest
£25.00 per person.

Bookings via Ruth Rowan 07900 973056
ruthrowan@narpo-merseyside.org.uk

Pick-up times and venues to be arranged.

Widow/ers Draw August 2023

Hilda Brown, Margaret Gordon, Joan Hodge, Helen Magoolaghan, Valerie Pringle, Sandra Tranter, Margaret Pickthall, Jessie Jeffrey Jane Duggan, Joan Novelli, Irene Gibson, Elena Hall, Gillian Swainston, Johanna Moran, Muriel Lanceley, Marjorie Davies Ann Jones, Dorothy Emerson, Susan Fairhurst, Jacqueline Blanchard, Pamela Hall, Sally Davies, Elizabeth Pugh, Jane Almond, Jan Bulteel-Adams.



West Lancashire Golf Club Afternoon Tea

Christmas Fayre Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 6th December 2023
From 1.00pm at Riversdale

£10.00 per person
(NARPO Merseyside member + spouse/partner/guest)
Bookings via Ruth Rowan 07900 973056
ruthrowan@narpomerseyside.org.uk

(bookings open on 4th October 2023)



Cadet Reunion



Conference Presentation



President Richard Critchley and Vice-President Kate Rowley applaud.



MERSEYSIDE POLICE

50th Anniversary of Merseyside Police
Liner Hotel, Liverpool
Wednesday 10th April 2024

£25.00 per person
(i.e., Merseyside NARPO Member & Spouse/Partner/Guest)

Please contact Hon. Secretary for bookings

OBITUARIES

Date	Name	Status	Age
June 2023			
9 th	Thomas Alexander McMaster	Detective Superintendent	88 years
11 th	Robert James Carlisle	Constable 1613	85 years
July 2023			
1 st	Brian Felton	Detective Sergeant 1996	88 years
5 th	David Ronald Walsh	Constable	81 years
13 th	George Terence O'Hara	Sergeant 2022	85 years
19 th	Charles William Ward	Constable 1570	91 years
20 th	James Philip Rafferty	Detective Constable 4892	70 years
20 th	Margaret Simmons	Widow	93 years
25 th	Donald Garton	Constable 888	91 years
25 th	Sir James Sharples QPM DL	Chief Constable	79 years
31 st	Kenneth John Wilson	Detective Constable 4651	73 years
August 2023			
1 st	Margaret Agnes Bolger	Sergeant 3074	73 years
4 th	Christopher Francis King	Chief Inspector	73 years
19 th	Vivienne Brooke	Widow	84 years
28 th	Janet Langton	Constable 5669	66 years
31 st	Eamonn Hallmark	Constable 4577	67 years
September 2023			
7 th	Horace Vincent Brown	Constable 1194	90 years

St. Anne Street – Reopening

The newly refurbished building will reopen in October 2023. Were you serving there in the early 1970's at the time of the original opening? If so please contact Inspector Elaine Collins:

Direct Line Tel: 0151 777 8504

Mobile Tel: 07921 698268

Email: Elaine.Collins@merseyside.police.uk

And Finally.....

Now that Conference is a thing of the past and the voting went the right way, perhaps now we can get back to normal (whatever that is!). Christmas is coming and will be here sooner than you think!

Stay safe and well and see you in December.

POLICE CADET REUNION

The 75th. Anniversary of the formation of the Liverpool City Police Cadet Corps is on Thursday 2nd. May 2024. From that date onwards many cadets joined the Liverpool City, Bootle Borough, Liverpool and Bootle and Merseyside Police Cadet Corps and it is now time to gather together and celebrate the anniversary.

The reunion will take place on Thursday 2nd. May 2024 at the Liner Hotel Liverpool with a lunchtime meal.

To give an indication of interest in attending the event please contact George Dafnis - email gandldafnis@talktalk.net. - and include year of service and contact number.

Further details of menu's will follow once the response to the reunion has been assessed with mid-January 2024 being the cut-off date.