



# NARPO Newsletter (Merseyside Branch)

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Spring 2022



## From The Chair

Welcome to our Spring newsletter, a time when we can look forward to longer and hopefully, warmer days with opportunities to enjoy more time outdoors. I am certainly looking forward to the start of the Bowls Season!

Sadly, the decision was taken to cancel the Merseyside Police Carol Service in December due to the rise of infection rates at the time. Hopefully this will be back on track for next December with NARPO being offered an allocation of places. The Christmas Markets trip to York proved a great success and I believe the participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thanks go once again to Ruth and Lorna for organising this popular event. Although I was unable to go on this trip myself, I look forward to meeting more of you at our future planned events such as the Police Memorial Arboretum and the Sunday lunch at West Lancashire Golf Club both taking place in May.

I wish to congratulate Kath Melling, our newest committee member, on her abseil down HQ Canning Place in aid of the Doyle Phillips Foundation. I know a lot of work went into this event and I congratulate the organisers and participants for their tremendous efforts in aid of such a worthwhile cause and for keeping the memory of our former colleagues in mind. For more photographs and information on past and future events you may wish to visit their website <https://www.doylephillipsfoundation.co.uk/> or the Doyle Phillips Foundation Facebook page.

Several of our committee members recently attended a National PMAS online course via video link entitled 'Introduction to Mental Health'. This course was both informative and interactive allowing for discussion and questions where appropriate. More courses are planned which will allow other committee members the opportunity to participate in the future.

Merseyside Police continue to progress their move from Canning Place to the new HQ building at Rose Hill. I am sure many of you will have fond memories of a very different building at a nearby location! The move is scheduled to be completed by the end of March. At some point after this date, we hope to resurrect the popular 'Professional Evenings', so watch this space.

I am currently preparing the Annual Report ahead of our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at the Liner Hotel, Liverpool. We will be offering a complimentary drink on arrival and a hot pot supper and dessert after the meeting. As we have not held an AGM in this format since 2019 it is difficult to estimate numbers for catering purposes and indeed social distancing arrangements. We very much look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to this meeting. Please let Eddie McGrath, our secretary know preferably by email or text message if you are intending to be there so we can prepare as efficiently as possible in terms of catering and room size.

Eddie can be contacted by any of the following methods: mobile 07505 477162; telephone message facility on 0151 777 4332; email [secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk](mailto:secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk)

A few of our longer serving committee members have decided to stand down after the AGM this year. This will leave vacancies on the committee. If anyone would like to volunteer or know more about serving on the committee, please feel free to contact Eddie (details above) or myself for further information [chairperson@narpo-merseyside.org.uk](mailto:chairperson@narpo-merseyside.org.uk) We very much hope to welcome some new members to the committee very soon.

I take this opportunity to send you and you families my very best wishes.

*Christine Parkinson MSc.*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting 2022 will be held at The Liner Hotel, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool L3 5QB on Wednesday 18th May 2022 commencing at 7.00pm. Members are urged to make every effort to attend and confirm their attendance as soon as possible.



"Scoff" will follow immediately after the meeting

# EDDIE-TORIAL

2022 didn't start too well. Went to a funeral and came back with Omricron Covid variant despite all the social distancing, mask wearing, booster injection, and obeying the guidance to the letter. Feel I was safer on the cruise at Christmas and New Year!

The Merseyside Police Carol Service 2021 was reluctantly cancelled at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour because of Covid concerns. I can give advanced notice that the 2022 event will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

We continue to arrange social events for the benefit of members, a cudgel we have taken up following the sad demise of the Comrades Association. Details are contained elsewhere in this edition. Rest assured that all events will be Covid-secure.

With the Annual General Meeting on the horizon perhaps members would consider putting themselves forward to join the Committee. Candidates' nominations duly proposed and seconded must arrive with me by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Unfortunately, the planned excursion to the National Memorial Arboretum on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 has been cancelled. A limited number of places are still available for the May excursion

Flight TOM 116 departs from Manchester Airport on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 bound for Barbados where P&O Britannia will be waiting. Return to duty on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 just in time for Easter turkey. Naturally, the usual emergency cover will be provided on 07505 477162.

Went on the December York Weekend Christmas Market trip. Had dinner on the Sunday at the Star Inn. Highly recommended, fabulous cuisine and ambience. Extensive menu including deer. Felt guilty eating "Rudolph" so close to Christmas!

As promised, the Committee have been sourcing venues for social functions and afternoon teas. At a recent meeting we agreed to hold an Afternoon Tea in Wirral area which will be more accessible to our membership on that peninsula. Full details later in this edition.

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## York Christmas Market Excursion



Following the enforced cancellation of the proposed Christmas Market Excursion to Bruges, Belgium, a weekend trip in December 2021 to the beautiful city of York was substituted. This proved extremely popular and two coachloads of NARPO Merseyside members enjoyed a fabulous weekend. Shall we do it again? Show of hands please. Motion carried!

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The winners of the charity lottery drawn 26th January 2022 are

£500 - Pensioner Mike Platt

£250 - Pensioner Noel Duke

# National Memorial Arboretum



NARPO Merseyside have secured a booking for a guided tour of the National Memorial Arboretum by Robert Astick CFRE on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Transport will be by coach. The cost is £20.00 per couple i.e. member plus spouse/partner/guest.

Booking forms for the excursion can be obtained from Hon. Secretary:

[secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk](mailto:secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk) or 07505 477162

Early booking is recommended as places are limited. Bear in mind that this a country-wide attraction.

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## Merseyside NARPO

Present

Post Covid-19 NARPO Lunch - 3 COURSE CARVERY



AT

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB  
Hall Road West, Blundellsands L23 8SZ

SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

12.30pm FOR 1.15pm

Tickets £15.00 each (Member + 1 Guest)  
(Booking Form available from Hon. Secretary)

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## Widow/ers Draw Winners

Charlotte Mountford, Margaret Rose Edwards, Una Joy McNaughton, Carole Fowewe – Holt, Joyce Irene Horrocks, Elizabeth Hilda Pickavance, Maureen Ann Mayne, Joan Gibson, Angela Ellen Thomas-Smith, Joan Evans, Kay Roberts, Lana Sayle, Audrey Makin, Kim Harries, Sally Elizabeth Benbow, Hilda Brown, Bridget Jacobs, Grace Edna Jones, Irene Lockwood, Irene Joan Rowe, Margaret Sabina Sherlock, Margaret Pickthall, Dorothy Cook, Susan Davies.

# The "Danny Cruise" 2022



**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

£25.00 per person  
(Merseyside NARPO Member &  
Spouse/Partner/Guest)

(Booking Form & Details available from Hon. Secretary)

## Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
2 nights, 3 days

**£249.00 per person**  
(NARPO Merseyside member + spouse/partner/guest)

Contact Ruth Rowan for latest availability  
[ruthrowan@narpo-merseyside.org.uk](mailto:ruthrowan@narpo-merseyside.org.uk) or 07900 973056

## Prenton Golf Tea



**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

At  
Prenton Golf Club, Golf Links Road,  
Prenton, Wirral,  
CH42 8LW

From 2.00pm entertainment and raffle **£8.00** per head.  
(member plus spouse/partner/guest)

Cheques should be made out to:  
**"NARPO Merseyside"**

Alternatively, payment by bank transfer:

**NatWest Bank**  
Sort Code: 60-13-19  
Account No. 87884208

Reference: Your family name followed by "Prenton Tea"  
**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL** Via Hon. Secretary  
07505 477162 or [secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk](mailto:secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk)

## Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022



Please book your place with Ruth or Lorna  
[Assistantsecretaryadmin@narpomerseyside.org.uk](mailto:Assistantsecretaryadmin@narpomerseyside.org.uk)  
or  
[ruthrowan@narpo-merseyside.org.uk](mailto:ruthrowan@narpo-merseyside.org.uk) or 07900 973056

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## Hello Abseiler!



On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021, NARPO Merseyside Committee Member Kath Melling had the most amazing experience, an opportunity of a lifetime. She was seen abseiling down the old Merseyside Police Headquarters at Canning Place in aid of the Doyle Phillips Foundation which was set up by the widows of two Merseyside Officers who sadly lost their lives whilst serving. The photographs above show Kath caught in the act and the delight on her face afterwards having raised in excess of £600.00 by way of sponsorship for the Foundation. She is now contemplating future dare-devil stunts to raise further funds.

## Welcome New Members

Elizabeth Pugh (widow), Stephen Jones, John Huddy, Peter Owens, Lawrence O'Donnell, Janet McGrath, Anna Jaques, Brian Roberts, Philip Mitchell, Moira Pope, Julie Cooke, Ronald Moore, Carl Lunt, Robert Spencer, John Neville, Alison Dickinson, Stuart Davidson, John Clayton, Mark Everard,

# Obituaries

Date	Name	Status	Age
<b>December</b>			
13 <sup>th</sup>	Derek Joseph Sutton	Constable 6746	63 years
19 <sup>th</sup>	Noel Francis Wright	Det. Chief Inspector	72 years
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Francis Taylor	Constable 1159	55 years
<b>January</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Kathleen Mary Fairclough	Widow	74 years
9 <sup>th</sup>	Edwin Geoffrey Furlong	Constable	75 years
25 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Filmer Wilson	Chief Inspector	85 years
27 <sup>th</sup>	Francis Thomas O'Neill	Constable 2079	82 years
31 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Colin Matthews	Inspector	60 years
<b>February</b>			
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sally Elizabeth Benbow	Widow	87 years
5 <sup>th</sup>	Angela Irene Dugdale	Constable 4702	76 years
6 <sup>th</sup>	Henry Doughty	Constable 6887	69 years
7 <sup>th</sup>	Shaun Richard Rothwell	Inspector	68 years

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Book a place on our FREE Seminar

Tuesday 26th April 2022

The Liner Hotel, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool, L3 5QB at 7pm.

Seminar is open to Merseyside NARPO members and their friends and family - limited numbers so book early.

Free "pie and pint" upon arrival for all attending

Email: [NARPO@harveyhowell.co.uk](mailto:NARPO@harveyhowell.co.uk)

or

Telephone 0151 928 8597 to book a place

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## NARPO IN NEED!

No doubt you have seen appeals for various causes on T.V., "Children in Need" and the like. Well, here is another "NARPO in Need." For various valid reasons 6 members of the current Merseyside NARPO will not be seeking re-election at the forthcoming AGM. This leaves a large chunk of our entitlement unfilled and those who remain will have to fill the void. Please give some thought to standing for election to the committee. It is not hard work, and it is extremely satisfying knowing friends and former colleagues are being well looked after.