



NARPO Newsletter (Merseyside Branch)

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Spring 2023



From The Chair

As Springtime approaches, we look forward to the longer, brighter and hopefully warmer days when we can spend more time outdoors. Some months have passed since I attended the Merseyside Police Carol Service; it was an enjoyable start to the Christmas season, showcasing the talents of the 'Mini-Police,' who welcomed us, LIPA Primary School choir, the Merseyside Police Band and some brilliant vocalists from Merseyside Police. It was a pleasure to be there and meet some of our members.

I wish to congratulate Merseyside Police Federation on hosting an excellent fundraising event in January at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, raising money for this year's chosen charity. The evening was a resounding success with dinner, entertainment, raffle and auction. It was supported by a wide range of businesses and organisations with proceeds from the evening going to Tom Harrison House for the provision of addiction recovery programmes for UK Armed Forces, veterans and emergency services personnel. For more information, please use the link <https://tomharrisonhouse.org.uk/>

In August this year, along with several friends and former colleagues, I look forward to celebrating 50 years since joining Liverpool and Bootle Cadet Corps. I was approached to organise a reunion event, which I am currently planning. I know there are other eras of former Cadets who meet up from time-to-time, but this celebration will be for those who joined between 1970-1975 to keep the numbers manageable. The event will be on Saturday 5th August in the afternoon at a City Centre venue with buffet food. I have included those from 1970 onwards as they did not have the opportunity to celebrate due to the pandemic. I am open to the idea of larger joint ventures in the future, however this one will concentrate on the 50-year anniversary. If there is anyone who is interested in the event and has not already contacted me, please email christineparkinson@narpo-merseyside.org.uk I will update those who have already made contact with venue details and cost of buffet.

We have recently formed a social sub-committee to enable us to more efficiently organise an annual calendar of trips and events for the benefit of our members. We aim to put social functions on at locations throughout the Merseyside area to improve accessibility. We hope that this gives more members the opportunity to participate in events and we will be looking to further develop accessibility and the range of outings in the future. I plan to attend as many of the social events as possible in order to meet with our members.

Happily, the number of members reaching the age of 80 is increasing. Each committee member has an over 80s contact list, so clearly the number allocated to each person is increasing. It is now more important than ever to maintain committee numbers at the maximum level to ensure we can provide support and a friendly ear to our members who reach 80 and beyond. If you feel you can offer your services to the committee, please contact Eddie, our secretary for more details secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk

Our AGM will be held at the Liner Hotel at 2:30pm on Wednesday 3rd May 2023. We hope to welcome as many of our members as possible to the meeting. The Chief Constable, Serena Kennedy will be in attendance and once the business part of the meeting is over there will be refreshments and time to socialise with former friends and colleagues. Although parking is available, the location is very convenient for public transport and an afternoon meeting means you can travel to and from the venue during daylight hours. Please show your support and book your place with our secretary to assist with catering arrangements.

Once again, I pay tribute to our hard-working committee who all contribute, often behind the scenes, in so many ways. I thank those members who have agreed to put themselves forward for the various sub-groups, which have increased in recent months. This allows fully researched and prepared proposals to be put before the committee meeting, thus making the meeting more efficient and productive.

Sending my very best wishes to all our members.

Christine Parkinson MSc.
(Chair Merseyside NARPO)

EDDIE-TORIAL

As indicated by the Chair, a sub-committee has been formed to oversee social activities. Details of these and how to secure your places are included later in this newsletter. Sadly, one of the proposed events has been cancelled – the Afternoon Tea at Bishop Road, St. Helens. There are still some in the pipeline and rest assured you will be kept well informed.

Dawn Collins and Alf Bean were co-opted on to the Committee at the Quarterly Meeting in April 2023 and they are a most welcome addition. They will be duly elected at the Annual General Meeting on 3rd May 2023. It would be gratifying for others to follow them, especially recent retirees who may be able to offer a different perspective. Contact me if you are interested 07505 477162 or secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk.

The office at Copy Lane is still closed as the whole building, inside and outside, is undergoing refurbishment. Meanwhile please do not ring the 0151 777 4332 telephone number. I am available on the mobile number above.

A problem has been highlighted regarding the recruitment of new members. Sadly, not every serving officer who has retirement on the horizon takes advantage of the Pre-retirement course on offer. These courses are the main source of NARPO recruitment. Any thoughts on how we could improve recruitment are welcome.

Once again I need to highlight the old chestnut of Social Media. Even if you are approached by the family of a deceased officer I beg you to contact me first before going to press. NARPO can alleviate anxiety and distress to bereaved families and provide reassurance in the time of most need.

Phil Griffiths, Peter Marsden, Mike Hogarth, and Robin McGrath have indicated that they will not be seeking re-election to the Committee for 2023/24 at the Annual General Meeting. I wish to thank them for their loyalty and support during their period of service and wish them well in whatever the future holds.

Members who move home, change telephone/mobile number, or email address are reminded to keep us informed so that we can continue our first class service to you.

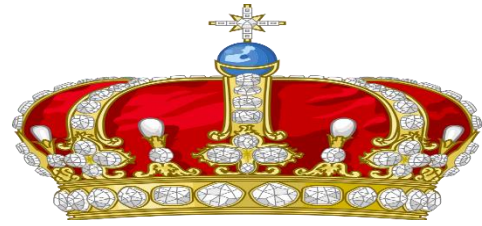
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Janet Ward (widow), Sue Parton, Keith Burke, Mark Parker, James Elliott, Amanda Smith, Judith Parkinson, Alison Webster, Sheila Anderson (widow), David Grisenthwaite, Helen Moss, Lynn Hardy, Anthony McLachlan, Elsie Tyrer (widow), Stephen Allen, Margaret McDonald (widow), Mary Daly (widow), Barbara Riddel, Paul Halewood, Kathleen Plant (widow), Stephen Twidale, Linda Roberts (widow), Dianne Copeland (widow), Kevin Smith, Wendy Williams (widow), Veronica Marsden (additional member).

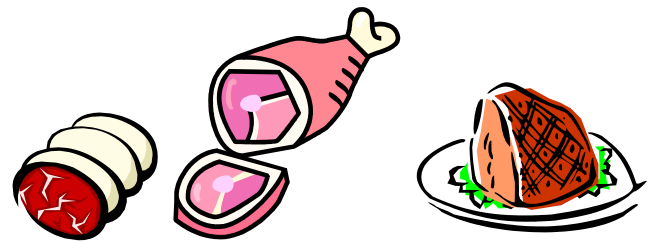
WIDOW/ERS DRAW WINNERS

Lily Bailey, Marjorie Faulkner, Valerie Pringle, Helen Whittaker, Helen Wylie, Catherine McCarthy, Ruth Hagerty, Marilyn Dinning, Abigail Allan, Margaret Sherwood, Brenda Allen, Susan Howcroft, Catherine Bland, Patricia Tunstall, Evelyn Frankland, Elizabeth Pickavance, Sylvia Mason, Ann Morrish, Doreen Prosser, Angela Tweedley, Beryl Barlow, Patricia Sandbach, Helen Wakefield, Irene Finch, Veronica O'Neill.

Merseyside NARPO Present Coronation Celebration Carvery



3 COURSES



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

(100 yards from Hall Road Station Merseyrail Northern Line)

SUNDAY 7th May 2023

12.30pm FOR 1.15pm

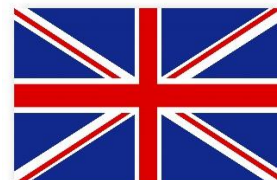
Tickets £18.00 each

NARPO MERSEYSIDE MEMBER & SPOUSE/PARTNER/GUEST

(please advise any dietary requirements)

Booking via Secretary 07505 477162 or
secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk

Book Early to Avoid Disappointment



Afternoon Tease!



When?
Tuesday 27th June 2023

Where?
Prenton Golf Club 2.00pm

Cost?
£10.00 per head
(NARPO Merseyside Member & Spouse/Partner/Guest)

Bookings?
Via Kath Melling 07787 526042
or
kathleenmelling@narpo-merseyside.org.uk

Afternoon Tease 2

When?
Wednesday 19th July 2023

Where?
Riversdale 2.00pm

Cost?
£10.00 per head
(NARPO Merseyside Member & Spouse/Partner/Guest)

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

Afternoon Tease 3

When?
Wednesday 23rd August 2023

Where?
West Lancashire Golf Club 2.00pm

Cost?
£10.00 per head
(NARPO Merseyside Member & Spouse/Partner/Guest)

Bookings?
Via Hon. Secretary 07505 477162
or
secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk

Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 8th October 2023
Carvery Luncheon
Prenton Golf Club

Tuesday 5th December 2023
Christmas Fayre Afternoon Tea
Riversdale

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

Windermere & Cruise



Wednesday 21st June 2023

£20.00 per head
(NARPO Merseyside Member & Spouse/Partner/ Guest)

N.B. This is an extremely popular excursion and places are limited. Early booking recommended.

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

Annual General Meeting

When?
Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Where?
Liner Hotel, Liverpool 2.30pm

Bookings
(essential for catering purposes)
Via Hon. Secretary 07505 477162
or
secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk

Please note that copies of the Annual Report will **NOT** be mailed out as a matter of course. Members who have email addresses recorded will receive it electronically. Hard copies will be available to other members on application to Hon. Secretary. Copies will also be available at the Annual General Meeting.

Copies of the Audited Accounts will be available to all members, again on application 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. Copies will also be available at the A.G.M. itself.

OBITUARIES

Date	Name	Status	Age
November 2022			
30th	Thomas Clifford Tyrer	Constable 1990	88 years
December 2022			
10th	Patricia Clarke	Widow	90 years
10th	John Keith Lewis	Sergeant 1009	89 years
16th	Alan Shiers	Constable 6037	73 years
17th	John William Rowlands	Inspector	80 years
21st	Dennis Gordon Roberts	Constable	75 years
23rd	John Graham Wiggins	Det. Constable	89 years
27th	Alan Plant	Constable 1037	89 years
27th	James Brian McDonald	Constable	82 years
January 2023			
2nd	Dorothy Smith	Widow	101 years
7th	James Wallace Evans	Superintendent	95 years
9th	Robert John Daly	Inspector	60 years
11th	Margaret Constance Rimmer	Widow	91 years
17th	Robert Anthony Wharton	Det. Constable 2667	75 years
17th	Brian Jones	Det. Constable 2015	88 years
February 2023			
3rd	Marjorie Thompson	Widow	94 years
5th	Sidney Copeland	Constable 7133	74 years
15th	William Sanderson Clucas	Constable 932	90 years

Pension Increase!

The **Chief Secretary to the Treasury, John Glen**, made a written statement to the **House of Commons** on public service pensions increase.

Mr. Glen stated that public service pensions will be "increased from 10 April 2023 by 10.1 per cent, in line with the annual increase in the **Consumer Prices Index** up to September 2022, except for those public service pensions which have been in payment for less than a year, which will receive a pro-rata increase." He noted that this was because "Legislation governing public service pensions in payment requires them to be increased annually by the same percentage as additional pensions (**State Earnings Related Pension** and **State Second Pension**)."

Mr. Glen further commented that "As announced by the then **Secretary of State for Health and Social Care** as part of the Government's **Plan for Patients** on 22 September 2022, the effective date of revaluation will be 6 April 2023 for the **NHS Pension Scheme England & Wales**, subject to a consultation by the **Department for Health and Social Care**. The **NHS Pension Scheme (Scotland)**, the **Local Government Pension Scheme England & Wales** and the **Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland)** will also use 6 April 2023 as the effective date, subject to consultation and other processes by the Scottish Government and the **Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities**. For all other schemes in scope of this Order, the effective date of revaluation remains 1 April 2023."

As my dearly departed Mum used to say, "Don't spend it all in the one shop!"

Cadet Reunion



And Finally.....

NARPO Merseyside have organised a series of social events for you to enjoy in the company of your former colleagues and friends. These are open to all members, and it would be good to see **YOU** at one if not all of them.

As you can see opposite the increase in Police Pension of 10.1% has been approved. Happy Days! Next edition in the summer. Meanwhile I'm off with the loot to buy a new suit!