



NARPO Newsletter (Merseyside Branch)

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Summer 2023



From The Chair

Firstly, I pay tribute to our former Secretary, Dave Anderton, who sadly passed away recently. Dave made a significant contribution to NARPO serving both nationally, as a former NEC President, and locally as Merseyside Branch Secretary. Dave also served on the committee of the North West Police Benevolent Fund (now known as 'The Ben Fund'). Our sincere condolences go to his wife Joan and their family at this sad and difficult time.

Finally, we seem to have some pleasant summer weather, let's hope it continues over the coming months. Since the last newsletter we held our AGM at the Liner Hotel, Liverpool. It was a pleasure to see so many of our members in attendance, when we welcomed the Chief Constable, Serena Kennedy who gave an interesting and informative update on an eventful year in policing within Merseyside. The Chief Constable is very supportive of NARPO and is always keen to make time in her busy schedule to support us. A number of committee members stood down at the AGM, including Robin McGrath, Mike Hogarth, Peter Marsden, Phil Griffiths and Steph Hayes. I thank them all for their respective contributions whilst serving on the committee, their hard work and dedication is much appreciated. Robin McGrath, former Vice-Chair, made a significant contribution to the Branch over a period of 14 years, undertaking a complete review of the communications system, including the introduction of the Over 80s database and many other challenging tasks. Robin was deservedly awarded life membership which was presented by the Chief Constable. We were pleased welcome and elect a number of new members onto the committee: Ann Aspinwall, Dawn Collins, Yvonne Doyle, Rob Pritchard and Anita Rotherham. We still have a couple of vacancies if anyone wishes to join us. Please contact our Secretary Eddie McGrath for more information.

We held our election of officers meeting at St. Michael's Lodge, Langho, the home of 'The Ben Fund' and saw first-hand what is available for contributing members in terms of rehabilitation, physiotherapy, counselling etc. The Ben Fund membership is open to serving and retired officers. If you wish to learn more, please visit the link provided to gain more information on how to join and/or access services: <https://www.thebenfund.co.uk>

Brian Starkey continues to administer the Message Board and recently Dawn Collins has agreed to assist. This provides members with an opportunity to keep in contact with other members and former colleagues in a safe and private way. The message board can be used by individuals to advertise events, share photographs, post job opportunities, have discussions and a whole host of other things. Please feel free to explore the link, request to join, or sign in to use if already a member: <https://www.merseysidenarpo.com> If you joined some time ago and have forgotten your login details, please send a message to admin@merseysidenarpo.com

The Coronation Celebration Carvery at West Lancs. Golf Club was a splendid event which you can read about in this issue of the newsletter. I thank Eddie McGrath for organising the event and Les Mercer for the photo and write-up.

Preparations for the '50 Year' (or thereabouts) anniversary of joining the Cadets are well under way. I have taken the decision to invite those who joined the Cadets between 1970 and 1975 on this occasion, to keep numbers manageable. This allows those who could not celebrate their 50-year anniversary due the restrictions 2-3 years ago, to be included. I will shortly be contacting those people who have expressed an interest in the gathering, which will be in Liverpool City Centre during the afternoon of Saturday 5th August 2023. If you joined between the years mentioned and have not already contacted me, please feel free to do so via email: christineparkinson@narpo-merseyside.org.uk This is not a NARPO event, so if you know of anyone who may wish to attend, please feel free to pass on my email address.

As always, I thank our committee for their continuous support and all the work they do behind the scenes on behalf of our members. I wish you all an enjoyable summer season and look forward to meeting some of you at one of our many social events.

Christine Parkinson MSc. (Chairperson)

EDDIE-TORIAL

Following the successful Annual General Meeting at the Liner Hotel the new Committee held a meeting at the BenFund premises, Langho and had a tour of the building and the facilities on offer. To say it was impressive would be an understatement. Currently it is open only to subscribing members and at £6.00 per month it is worth investing "Justin Case." They also do weekend B&B there; the rooms are newly refurbished and the lap of luxury. At the meeting the Officers of the Committee were re-elected for 2023/24. There was no change but here is a quick reminder:

Chairperson – Christine Parkinson
Vice-Chair – Stan O'Connor
Secretary – Eddie McGrath
Assistant Secretary (Admin) – Lorna Lyons
Assistant Secretary (Welfare) – Colin Lewis
Treasurer – John McDermott
Assistant/Deputy Treasurer – Bob Johnson
GDPR Compliance Officer – Bill Fallows

In March 2023 I was invited to attend at the Volunteer Cadets Final Ceremony and present the Award sponsored by NARPO to the cadets who have demonstrated the most progress over the course of the programme.



It was a privilege and hopefully in 30-40 years' time some, if not all of the Cadets will be welcomed as members of NARPO Merseyside.

The social scene continues to flourish. Already there has been successful events, and more are in the pipeline for members benefit. These functions provide the opportunity to meet friends and former colleagues and in my experience the "Blue Lamp" gets well and truly swung. Recent retirees are encouraged to attend and will be made more than welcome. Come on guys and gals make the effort, it would be great to see you.

We have managed to resurrect the ever popular "Professional Evening" after the Covid interlude. This provides members with the opportunity to catch-up with modern policing methods and become familiar with resources currently in use by Merseyside Police. The next such evening is on Monday 12th June 2023 at the new Merseyside Police Headquarters, Rose Hill, when Detective Sergeant Paul Kay will provide a presentation on "Economic Crime." This will enlighten members and make them aware of fraud and scams, and how to detect and combat them, something that will be useful to us all. Contact me if you wish to attend.

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

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We, as an organisation, are responsible for the protection and security of all information we hold on our members, and we will not disclose any information without the permission of the member. If, for example, a member does not want to have their name published in the newsletter you must contact The Secretary Eddie McGrath and advise him of your wishes. Withholding your name does not affect your chances of winning the Widow/ers Draw.

Bill Fallows (Data Compliance Officer)

Widow/ers Draw Winners April 2023

Mary Booth, Rosemary Bruce, Valerie Elderton, Doreen Clague, Sarah Glynn, Lorraine Harthill, Zena Howard, Hazel Mullard, Sylvia Sanders, Delia Marwood, Barbara Baldwin, Jane Duggan, Joan Welford, Christine Hooley, Laura Palin, Lesley Dutton, Geraldine Johnstone, Brenda Tewkesbury, Elizabeth Davenport, Ann Jones, Enid Vaux, Blodwen Prowting, Lynn Stewart, Jaqueline Blanchard, Christine Edwards.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kit Yorke, Adrian Rogers, Beverley Rawlinson, Anthony Turner, Mark Higgins, John Meadows, Karl Houghton, Julia Howard, Veronica Roberts, Carl Jennings, Linda Jones, Sylvia Ford (widow), Stephen Keefe, Edward Cawley, Joan Anderton (widow), Gary O'Rourke, Jane Wilson, Beverley Hyland, Veronica McDonough (widow), Ian Critchley QPM, Christopher Lloyd



Coronation Carvery Luncheon



(Les Mercer reports)

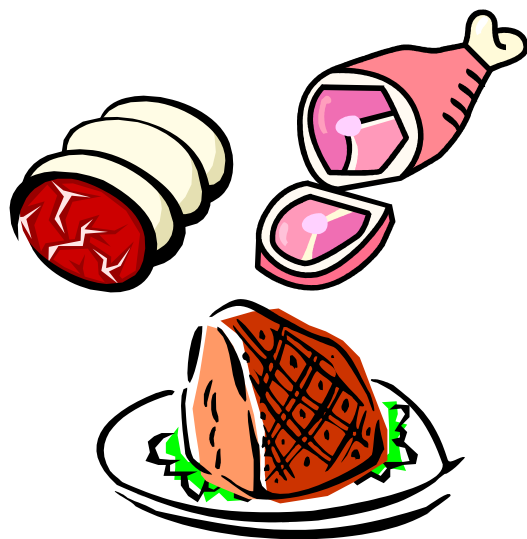


Sunday 7th May 2023 was a right royal occasion for our members at the West Lancashire Golf Club. From drinks on the top balcony to enjoying the sunshine and lush green course below the members were called into the club house to enjoy the best of a British carvery. The day was well orchestrated which was a credit the committee members and many thanks should be given to them.

Merseyside NARPO Committee 2023/24



MERSEYSIDE NARPO 3 COURSE CARVERY LUNCH



Prenton Golf Club

Sunday 8th October 2023

12.30pm for 1.15pm

£18.00 each (NARPO Merseyside member & spouse/partner/guest)

Booking now open

Kath Melling (07787 526042)

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or

Eddie McGrath (07505 477162)

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Annual General Meeting 2023



Retiring Committee Member Robin McGrath was presented with a Life Membership Award for outstanding service to Merseyside NARPO and its members over the years. The picture shows Robin receiving the award from Chief Constable Serena Kennedy and his wife, Pam, presented with a bouquet of flowers, as Chairperson Christine Parkinson and Secretary Eddie McGrath look on.

Obituaries

Date	Name	Status	Age
February 2023			
27 th	Janice Johnson	Constable 3917	73 years
March 2023			
3 rd	Richard Ernest Whitworth	Det. Constable 6494	63 years
15 th	Roland Kenneth Mobey	Constable	89 years
19 th	Kathleen Mary Wade	Widow	92 years
April 2023			
5 th	Michael Loughney	Constable 1422	89 years
12 th	Eric Martin Ford	Constable 1467	88 years
15 th	Dermott William Mulholland	Sergeant 2321	79 years
26 th	David Anderton	Chief Superintendent	82 years
May 2023			
3 rd	George Patrick Killoran	Constable 2263	95 years
3 rd	Norah Thompson	Widow	95 years
4 th	John Joseph McDonough	Constable 1044	90 years
20 th	Bernard James Brown	Constable	79 years
20 th	Jeremy Harris	Chief Inspector	65 years
28 th	Michael Edward Oughton	Constable 3527	70 years

Annual General Meeting 2023



Chief Constable Serena Kennedy addresses the A.G.M.



"Scoff Time"

And Finally.....

NARPO Annual Conference 2023 will take place in Blackpool at the Winter Gardens from 7th/ 9th September. I have a speaking part (postponed from 2022 due to the passing of Queen Elizabeth II). The big topic centres around Incorporation. Having attended presentations on this subject Merseyside NARPO have decided to vote in favour if indeed a vote is necessary. The Autumn newsletter will therefore be published mid-September after Conference.

Stand-by for the **BIG ONE** – Merseyside Police 50th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday 10th April 2024 at The Liner Hotel. Planning is already well advanced and details of how to book your place will soon be published. Keep your eye on your inbox!

To commemorate the 50 years of Merseyside Police there is a calendar being produced by the Archivists. Any photos, in uniform, of recruits on the April 1974 intake would be much appreciated.

NARPO H/Q are forever sending me details of correspondence, newsletters, and NARPO News that has been returned undelivered. This is because members are failing to inform **ME** of change of address and/or email. Please keep me up to date!

The Merseyside NARPO Social sub-committee have agreed to hold social events throughout the area as evidenced by functions at Prenton and West Lancashire Golf Clubs as well as Riversdale. This gives "locals" the opportunity to attend without too much travel, as the roads become more and more congested. We do, however, rely heavily on your unequivocal support for these ventures.

Off to NARPO Conference



See you in September!