



# NARPO Bulletin (Merseyside Branch)

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## SPRING 2020



## From the Chair

The new decade has started off with some wet, windy and cold weather but I hope that you have been able to keep warm and do whatever you would normally be doing.

You will be aware that in 2019 the branch organised a number of special events to celebrate the centenary of NARPO. Without exception they all proved to be very good and well supported. My thanks go to the various organisers within the committee and of course to the membership for their support. This response has strengthened our desire as a committee to continue to put on social events of a varying nature throughout 2020 and beyond. The committee, in deciding what events we should organise have always been conscious of the need to provide a variance of events to provide opportunities to all our members. No one type of event, venue or timing suits everyone and I am sure you can understand how difficult this can prove in our decision-making process.

More afternoon teas will be held, another trip on the 'Danny' and the one big new event being the visit to the Christmas markets. Details of several of them appear in other parts of this bulletin. Do have a look at them and if you are interested then please get your applications in without delay. The popularity of them means they are reaching their respective limits very quickly. Please also remember that the Branch subsidises these events, so they are excellent value for money.

In February Eddie McGrath organised a very successful Sunday Carvery at the West Lancashire Golf Club. The feedback from members who attended was excellent. Eddie should be congratulated on his enthusiasm and commitment to the organisation of this event. I have no doubt it will not be a one off. The one very pleasing factor, to me as your Chair, about the Carvery, apart from the food and company, was the number of members attending that had not attended previous events. This is how the membership can help us so please if you have any ideas as to a future event then talk to us about it.

In March I will be attending the annual Volunteer Cadet Awards and I will have the pleasure of presenting the NARPO award. It does not seem twelve months since I was presenting last years awards supported by crutches. I will provide full details in the next bulletin.

I am pleased that in the last few months we have had four new volunteers join the committee and they will be co-opted until the next AGM. As always can I remind those who are early in their retirement chapter of life to consider joining us as it is so essential for the continuance of our work that we have a committee representing the timeline of retirement from the younger to those of us a little more advanced in age. **Perhaps a visit to the Annual General Meeting at the Liner Hotel on May 6th at 7.00pm would prove helpful in your considerations.** Even if you are not interested in joining the committee please do come and join our regular members who come out whatever the weather to support us and have an enjoyable night chatting with former colleagues over some lovely food. It is an excellent venue and we do keep the official business side of the AGM to a minimum.

Currently the branch web site is under modernisation and over the next few months we should be launching it. It has a different look and should be more user friendly. One big change is that it has been designed to automatically resize if you view it on a phone or tablet. This is a feature we know many of you wanted. Ideas for content are always welcome as indeed is content for this bulletin. Why not share your hobbies with others? It may open up an opportunity to share ideas. I am sure many of you have interesting stories about your hobbies or other life experiences that members would enjoy reading. Discuss it with our secretary Eddie.

Our current mailing list is around 2500, roughly two thirds of the branch membership, but of all the emails we send on average the opening rate is only about 52%. Sadly, the most opened are normally the deaths of our former colleagues. If you are on our list and you no longer perhaps use your email or don't wish to be sent emails, then it would be good if you advise the secretary and he will delete you from the email database. If you are not on the list and want to be then again contact the secretary. Changes of email addresses or any other change of personal details should also be notified at your earliest opportunity to ensure our records are up to date.

In recent months our secretary has had to deal with some delicate situations resulting from deaths being circulated on social media. If you do hear about any deaths, then please check with the secretary before circulating on social media as it can prove hurtful and embarrassing to families. Not everyone wishes the death within their family to be circulated or at least not until all those close have been informed.

At our last committee meeting we had a presentation from Police Care UK. This proved to be informative as to its purpose and how it may be

able to help members and how members may be able to help members by becoming volunteers for the organisation. It was previously the Police Dependents Trust. If you wish to see what they offer or how you may help then please go to their web site at <https://www.policecare.org.uk/> for further information. They may be able to help you. Everything is strictly confidential.

*Malcolm Parry* (Chairman)

## Eddie-torial

I cannot stress strongly enough the words of our Chairman. Social media such as Facebook and Twitter are wonderful tools when used correctly and for the purposes for which they were designed. What concerns me is that deaths of members appear on there before NARPO Merseyside are notified, and on one occasion a close relative was informed, and condolences offered by a friend, who had seen the bereavement on Facebook, before she knew. I would urge members to take care with such postings as alarm and distress can be caused to families, and perhaps check with me before going to press.

They say, "Spring changes young man's fancy." I fancied a Caribbean Cruise, and therefore I will be away from 18<sup>th</sup> March until 4<sup>th</sup> April. The ever-reliable Frank Richardson will take over the reins in my absence.

NARPO Merseyside are currently operating with a Committee of 28 with one or two expected to stand down at the A.G.M. We currently have circa 3300 members which entitles us to a 33-person Committee. Members may wish to consider joining the Committee to serve retired friends and colleagues and not wishing to appear against recently retired people will be warmly welcomed.

Over the past few months several letters, cards, and telephone calls have been received in appreciation of what NARPO Merseyside do for our members. There are too many to reply individually but they are most welcome and demonstrates that we as a Committee are achieving our goals. Borrowed as a motto from elsewhere, "**Service Before Self.**"

They say that "self-praise is no recommendation" but the Carvery Lunch at West Lancashire Golf Club was an outstanding success. Thanks to all for their acknowledgements. Should we have another in August when the weather is better, and we can utilise the veranda?

Chief Constable Andy Cooke QPM has kindly granted us access to an office at Copy Lane Police Station to replace the current ABC Anfield. No date or timescale has yet been agreed for the move, but members will be kept well informed as to progress and any change of address and telephone number. As the current Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Deputy-Secretary all live in the South Sefton area such a move makes sense.

Don't forget to adjust your clocks on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Remember "*Spring Forward – Fall Back.*" I well remember a colleague with whom I shared a lift in the early days at Westminster Road hammering on my front door about 4.00am. When I opened the door, he was stood there with a big grin on his face believing I had overslept. I had the last laugh though as he had adjusted his clocks the wrong way!



Former FIM's (Force Incident Managers) got together on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 for their annual Christmas 'Do' at the Tai Pan Chinese buffet in Hanover Street. (left to right) Harry Round, Bob Johnson, Stan Preston, Graham Spencer, Mike Jarman, George Dawson, Tony (Dixie) Dean and Jon Denner.

### Interested in Archery?



Dave Alcock is the regional representative of the British Police Archery Association covering Merseyside and Cheshire.

The British Police Archery Association is a non-profit organisation, created to promote the sport of Archery amongst Police Forces throughout the UK.

It also welcomes individual serving and retired members of the Police family into its ranks, if the individual shoots within an Archery GB affiliated civilian club.

The aims of the BPAA are to draw together and encourage its members to undertake competitions and tournaments between themselves as individuals or as Force Archery Clubs which will be organised from time to time by the Association either as a central event, or undertaken as a Postal Shoot format.

If you are interested in joining the BPAA or if you require further information about participating in the sport of Archery. Dave can be contacted via [merseyandcheshire.bpaa@gmail.com](mailto:merseyandcheshire.bpaa@gmail.com)

# The "Danny" Summer Cruise



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Capacity is limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Booking form and full details available from [secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk](mailto:secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk)

or  
07505 477162

## IT'S TEATIME .....AGAIN

NARPO Merseyside ever popular Afternoon Tea



Where? - Riversdale Police Club  
When? - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 2.00pm  
Cost? - £6.00 per person

Please book via Ruth Rowan  
0151 420 5330 or 07900 973056  
[ruthrowan@narpo-merseyside.org.uk](mailto:ruthrowan@narpo-merseyside.org.uk)

or  
Lorna Lyons 07764 255070  
[assistantsecretaryadmin@narpo-merseyside.org.uk](mailto:assistantsecretaryadmin@narpo-merseyside.org.uk)

## Christmas Market Excursion



An excursion to Bruges, Belgium has been arranged.  
Contact Lorna Lyons for full details  
07764 255070  
[assistantsecretaryadmin@narpo-merseyside.org.uk](mailto:assistantsecretaryadmin@narpo-merseyside.org.uk)

**HARVEY HOWELL**  
SOLICITORS



*Wills, Trusts, Power of Attorney*

Why not book a place on the next free seminar?  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020

The Liner Hotel, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool, L3 5QB  
Start 6:00pm for 6:30pm - Free "pie and pint" upon arrival for all attending

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



**Did you serve in the Armed Forces?  
V.E. Day celebration on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

You may wish to support the Royal British Legion who have supported veterans since the First World War.

The 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 will be the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The Health and Safety Executive and Formby Hall Golf Club have joined forces to celebrate the event at Formby Hall. The tee off times are from 8.30am until 3.00pm and applications are invited from pairs of players. The cost is £25 per person with £10 of the fee being donated to the Legion.

The lounge will be set up in 1940s style and refreshments from the same era. Go back in time and have spam sandwiches etc. It is planned to have 1940s style dress in the lounge, music and memorabilia on display.

**To book a tee off time please ring Formby Hall Pro Shop  
01704 875699**

**COME ALONG AND ENJOY A ROUND OF GOLF AND  
SUPPORT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Valerie Williams (widow), Paul Fairfield, Jeanette Gittins, Peter Webster (transfer from Warrington), Lorna Olley (widow), Lynne Fletcher, John Rugen, Francis Breen, Emma Guest, Maime Johnson (widow), Andrew Lyon, Elaine Rafferty (widow), Christopher Hitchell, Gary Clark, Brenda Ardern (widow), Katherine Goodwin, Diane Rourke, Joseph Hogan, Joan Moore, David Corcoran.

# OBITUARIES

Date	Name	Rank	Age
<b>November 2019</b>			
18 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Michael Olley	Constable 3225	70 years
<b>December 2019</b>			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Liam Lynch	Constable	93 years
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Roy Frederick Weir	Sergeant 2330	76 years
12 <sup>th</sup>	Terence William Beattie	Sergeant 1616"D"	79 years
16 <sup>th</sup>	Olive Peers	Widow	89 years
18 <sup>th</sup>	Arthur Goodacre	Sergeant 287	92 years
18 <sup>th</sup>	Geoffrey Ardern	Constable	72 years
20 <sup>th</sup>	Anthony Edward Johnson	Constable 1855	77 years
21 <sup>st</sup>	Rebecca Worsley	Det. Constable 8720	54 years
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Francis Leslie Jones	Detective Superintendent	98 years
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Margaret Rose Dagger	Widow	88 years
<b>January 2020</b>			
5 <sup>th</sup>	Doreen Matthews	Widow	96 years
9 <sup>th</sup>	Beatrice Ann Hodgkinson	Widow	84 years
9 <sup>th</sup>	James John Rafferty	Inspector 1068	86 years
12 <sup>th</sup>	James Smith	Constable 2729"T"	72 years
19 <sup>th</sup>	Denis Guy Henaghan	Sergeant 2663	78 years
29 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Dodd	Inspector	81 years
<b>February 2020</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	James Frederick Thompson	Chief Inspector 4497	68 years
2 <sup>nd</sup>	William John Hogan	Constable 3093	69 years
4 <sup>th</sup>	Nora Elizabeth Laird	Widow	83 years
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Wilkinson	Sergeant 2357	74 years
8 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Richard Bird	Constable 2360	82 years
9 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Alan William Brown	Constable 7116	66 years
12 <sup>th</sup>	David Johnston	Sergeant 2531	73 years
17 <sup>th</sup>	Arthur Edgar Griffiths	Constable 965	93 years

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting 2020 will be held at The Liner Hotel, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool L3 5QB on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 commencing at 7.00pm.

Members are urged to make every effort to attend.



"Scoff" will follow immediately after the meeting

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## Charitable Trust Lottery Winners

### November 2019

£500 - Con 3491 John Borland, Wallasey  
£250 - Insp 8936 Stephen McGuinness, Wirral

### December 2019

£500 - Pens Alan James Butler  
£250 - Con 8655 Alan Sansbury, QE2 Courts

### January 2020

£500 - Pens. Roland Kenneth Mobey  
£250 - Sgt 5182 David Colley, Copy Lane

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### MERSEYSIDE NARPO

#### WEB SITE

Don't forget to visit the Merseyside

NARPO web site -

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and keep up to date on NARPO

activities and matters of interest.

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## THE MURDER OF HARRY BAKER 1958 (unsolved)

NARPO Merseyside member Jim Finn has produced a paper regarding this case. Copies are available from the Secretary.

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## And Finally.....

Another winter out of the way without major incident weather-wise here on Merseyside. Spare a thought for those elsewhere who have been flooded out of their homes.

Much as we love cruise ships it must have been horrible being confined to a cabin because of the coronavirus especially if it was an inside room.

Don't forget the AGM and if you are thinking about booking the "Danny" cruise do it **NOW** to avoid disappointment.

Next edition just prior to 30th May 2020 before my summer cruise.

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## SPRINGTIME SNAP

"People who use selfie sticks really need to have a good, long look at themselves!