



NARPO Bulletin (Merseyside Branch)



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The Chairman's Column

Hi Everybody. Hope you enjoyed Christmas despite the weather and that 2011 will prove to be a good one for you and your family. For those of us in the U.K. it has certainly been cold and snowy. Whilst having snow at Christmas was picturesque trying to get about was less than enjoyable to say the least. Did the weather stop any of you travelling abroad or to relatives? If you do not live in the U.K. what was the weather like for your Christmas? Why not let us know as I am sure members would be interested. Why not use our web site and sign in the guest book and leave us a message at - <http://www.narpo-merseyside.org.uk/guest-book.php>

Despite the economic difficulties we will be getting an increase in pension of 3.1%. Whilst, because of the change from the Retail Price Index figure (RPI) to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) it is 1.5% below the RPI, I suppose when one hears about what is happening to others then we should not be too upset, especially as we got nothing last year. Efforts are still being made at National level to have the calculation figure changed back to the RPI. In the current climate, personally, I cannot see this happening.

In the last newsletter I updated you on Conference and the debate on the future of NARPO. Thanks to those of you who responded with feedback. It is very much appreciated. I really do believe that the organisation as a whole is at a crossroads and its survival will be very much dependent on a lot of branches being prepared to change and for many of the smaller ones to be prepared to come together to form larger branches. This would be one key factor in preparing NARPO for the future. As you know we have tried many times to get all the branches on Merseyside to come together as one but have failed miserably. Let us hope that the committees, and members, of those branches see the advantages not only to their members but to the organisation as a whole. We would still be interested

in receiving your views on the future of Narpo.

You will be aware that I am always seeking members to join the committee. I am pleased that Chris Kelly, John Forshaw and Paul Whitby have taken up the challenge. Sadly, Bob Hodgson has had to resign from the committee and I wish him well for the future. Bob was a strong supporter of the message board and was an invaluable assistant to Brian Starkey. We are grateful to Dave Richards for agreeing to help Brian to administer the message board.

Last year proved to be an end of an era with our Annual General Meeting being the last to be held at Fairfield. This year the AGM will be held on Thursday 5th May at 7.30pm and the venue will be The Botanic Suite, Devonshire House Hotel, Edge Lane, Liverpool 7. Whilst a number of venues were considered we are hopeful that the location of the Devonshire House and facilities will still prove convenient for members. If you have not been to our AGM before then why not give some thought to attending. We would love to see you.

As always, I finish my thoughts with the reminder that Narpo is here to support all our members, from our new to more mature pensioners, the

needs of which may be very different. The Merseyside Branch will always challenge our current endeavours to ensure we are meeting all these needs.

We still have a few months of winter left so please be careful, keep warm and hopefully we can look forward to a nice Spring and beautiful Summer. Thank you.

Malcolm Parry

Chairman

NARPO
(Merseyside Branch)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 5 May 2011
7.30 p.m.

Botanic Suite
The Devonshire House Hotel
293 - 297 Edge Lane
Liverpool L7 9LD

Moving House?

Up-to-date records are essential so that you can have your NARPO News and Branch Bulletin posted to you at home. If you're moving house, just fill in the form below, cut it out and post it to:

David Anderton, 15 Childwall Park Avenue, Liverpool, L16 0JE.

Full Name Pension No.

New Address

.....

..... Post Code

Telephone Mobile

e-mail



Letters to the Editor



Family Protection Trust

I am in the process of renegotiating the legal ownership of my bungalow in order that it will definitely pass on to my sons even if, say, I or my wife go into care as the last survivor of each other. At the moment we own our property jointly and on the death of either one of us it is bequeathed to the other. No problem there then.

However after that event should a government department or local authority need to means test your assets for any reason (care) then the house is included in the equation. With care costs currently being around £2-3k per month your house is soon swallowed up and gone for ever.

We are now registering our house as owned 50% each i.e. not the whole jointly and then by having our wills rewritten so that the first to die bequeaths their half to the beneficiaries, in trust, the survivor retains the rights of 50% of the property and the other 50% passes on to the beneficiaries. The trust ensures the survivor is allowed to live in the property ad infinitum.

Thus whenever a means test is performed on the survivor's assets that person only owns half of the property and because it is not possible to sell half a house the value is nil. On the death of the second to die the whole title passes to the beneficiaries by their will.

The cost of this process via a local solicitor is £650 plus VAT. I commend it to the membership

John Robbins
Upton, Wirral

Walter T. Brown

I am searching for the whereabouts of Walter T. Brown. Walter was born in 1942 and lived in Greenfield Road, Dentons Green, St. Helens, to the parents of William and Nancy (nee Cull). He had a sister Helen, born in 1941, and a younger brother David, born in 1948.

Walter joined the police force in the 1960s and friends told me they thought at one time he was stationed in Widnes. It is believed that he left the police force to study law to either become a solicitor or barrister. His sister, Helen, married someone called Anderson.

His brother David was born in 1948 attended Rivington School for Boys, St. Helens, passed his 12+ and attended Parr Central High School in Fleet Lane, St. Helens. He supposedly attended the Goldsmith College of Art in London and upon graduation he went to live in Germany this would have been in the early 1970s and then the trail goes cold.

I appreciate that under the Data Protection Act you will be unable to forward certain information however, should any of your members know the whereabouts of any of the Brown family please ask them to contact me. It would be amazing if we could find them before our next reunion in May of this year.

Thank you for your help.

Helena Stitt (nee Birch)
helena.stitt234@btinternet.com

Humorous Stories

I was wondering whether you would include a column (suitable edited) of humorous real tales from our service days. These tales are told at various functions or when we see old colleagues. It might be a good idea for them to be told to a wider audience and not forgotten.

Phillip Johnstone
Moreton, Wirral

Editor's Note

I would be delighted to include any such tales in future editions of the Newsletter.

Employment Opportunities

If you wish to be included on the list of retired police officers seeking employment contact:

David Anderton

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secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk

Pension Pay Dates 2011

Tuesday 1 March

Friday 1 April

Friday 29 April

Liverpool Parks Police

A new website devoted to one of Liverpool's forgotten police forces circa 1832 to 1972 'Liverpool Parks Police' will be going live next month. Sadly most of the records of the Liverpool Parks Police were destroyed in April 1972. Along with a number of former police officers who have their career roots in the Liverpool Parks Police we are setting about trying to trace photos and documents to be put on the website. Only about twelve officers who served in the Parks Police are alive, the last officer sworn and appointed was in 1972, he retired as an Inspector in Kent but at one time was a Section Sergeant in Merseyside.

Family names who served in both the Parks and the Liverpool City Police are remembered such as the Smith brothers, one became the Chief Constable of the City Police, and the Wagner and Richart families. Among your members will be former Parks Bobbies and others who may hold photographs. Can you kindly note what we are doing and inform your members in the hope they can help to us develop the history of the Liverpool Parks Police and the role it played in the social wellbeing of the city and its people.

One person we are trying to obtain a photo of is Inspector Charles Dean Gibson of Liverpool City Police, circa 1948, who was the training officer seconded full time from the Liverpool City Police training Parks Police up to 1954. In 1954 he retired from the City Force and the following Monday was appointed and sworn in as a Constable with the Liverpool Parks Police. He then became the Head Constable with the rank of Chief Inspector. In April 1956 he handed over to Inspector John Buchanan. Any help you can give will be appreciated and will ensure that the Liverpool Parks Police is remembered for the role it played over the years in Liverpool's history.

John Hutchinson and Alan Leitch
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R E U N I O N S

TRAFFIC DIVISION

The next 'T' Division reunion to be held at Riversdale Police Club, Aigburth, commencing at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 17 May, 2011. All ex members of the Traffic Department will be most welcome. Finger buffet - £6.00.

Contact Geoff Nelson:
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LIVERPOOL CITY POLICE CADETS (1956) REUNION

The 31st Reunion Dinner for Cadets who joined in 1956 was held on Friday 15 October 2010 at the Liverpool Marina Restaurant, Coburg Wharf, Liverpool. Among those attending for the first time were Richard (Spud) Murphy and Robert (Bob) McKibbin who made the trip from New Zealand and hopes to come back again next year!



Back Row (Standing, L to R): Frank Breen, Al Bonner, Richard Murphy, Michael McWade, Dave Carswell, Peter Deary, Geoff Johnston, George Dafnis, David Olson QPM, Joseph Breden, Peter Johnston, Jimmy Jones.

Middle Row (Seated, L to R): David Graney, Robert McKibbin, Kenneth Hounsell.

Front Row (Seated, L to R): Michael Chapman, Malcom Brownbill, Roger Corker, David Liptrot, Brian McDonald, George Fowler, David Kay.

Sadly, John Edwards, who was the Drill Sergeant, was unable to attend; aplogies were also received from: Allen Walker, Dave Skinner, Eric Croston, Eric McGonagle, George Latham, Ian Brooks, Ian Petherbridge, John Rose, Mike Bramwell, Mike Pickett, Roger Heath, Stan Devine, Tony Roach

NARPO TRAVEL SCHEME

For an application form to join the Scheme: Freephone: **0800 3308 575**

or visit the web site:

www.healthinsurancegroup.co.uk/narpotravel

LIVERPOOL CITY POLICE 'E' DIVISION

The next 'E' Division Reunion will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday 14 April 2011 in the Exchange Bar, Old Hall Street, opposite Moorfields Station.

If you wish to attend please contact Al Money Penny:

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(0151) 638 8445
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NARPO Subscriptions 2011

As the annual percentage increase for police pensions in 2011 will be 3.1%, NARPO subscriptions have been increased, with effect from 1 January 2011, as follows:

Full Members
£17.52 (£1.46 per month)

Widow/Widower Members
£6.50 (£0.55 per month)

Additional Members
£10.83 (£0.91 per month)

Associate Members
£17.52 (£1.46 per month)

COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

Events 2011

Wednesday 13th April

PENSIONERS PARTY at Riversdale

Wednesday 11th May

COACH TRIP to James Pringle Weavers, Anglesey, North Wales

Monday 9th May

AGM at Riversdale

Contact

Lew May (0151) 648 5398

Bed and Breakfast in Aberdeen



Two double bedrooms for Bed and Breakfast (or rooms only) in four bedroom detached bungalow on main road. Ample parking within locked gates. Seven miles from Dyce Airport, Aberdeen. For further details telephone: 01651 862043 or email: abrown812@btinternet.com

Angus Brown (ex Constable 1719) Aberdeen



What do I do if I need help from the Benevolent Fund?

The North West Police Benevolent Fund was created in 1974 and covers the Forces of Merseyside, Cheshire, Greater Manchester and Lancashire. It is a Registered Charity and provides assistance with grants and interest free loans to assist retired officers and their

dependents that are experiencing hardship.

Typically these will cover the provision of equipment to assist with disabilities, for example, stair lifts, walk in showers and wheel chairs. The Fund can also assist members suffering short-term financial hardship and who are struggling with basic living requirements such as meeting priority debts. It should be remembered, however, that the Fund is a charity and should always be the last resort, if other solutions are available then these should be considered first and an application that does not consider other options is unlikely to succeed. When assisting with debt the fund will require evidence that a loan or grant will represent a solution to the problem and to assist in their decision making the committee members would look for evidence that the applicant has sought professional advice.

To apply for assistance you will need to discuss the matter with a Trustee and fill out an application form. This will include a non-intrusive and simple income and expenditure questionnaire. The Merseyside Narpo Secretary, David Anderton, is a trustee and he represents retired officers. All applications are treated in the strictest of confidence.

Obituaries

Police Pensioners

Died	Name	Age	Rank	Retired	Force
October					
19	Norman Vernon Parkes	56	Constable 6219	n/a	Merseyside
31	Walter (Dixie) Dean	89	Con. 613'A' (Crown Ct.)	1976	Merseyside
November					
1	William O'Connor	55	D/Insp. (L'pool North)	2005	Merseyside
14	Kenneth Taylor	85	Con. 215'E' (Lower Lane)	1973	Liv/Bootle
15	John Rowland Lyon	84	Sergeant 301 (Wallasey)	1974	Merseyside
17	Terence Joseph McKenna	57	Con. 5361 (Football Unit)	2007	Merseyside
19	Derek Walker	70	Con. 1784 (Kirkby)	1986	Merseyside
24	J.R. Collister	78	Con. 928	1977	Merseyside
27	Raymond Lewis	85	Con. 109'K' (Main B'well)	1974	Liv/Bootle
27	William Roberts	77	Sgt. 1869 (Crown Ct. Dept.)	1987	Merseyside
30	William Arthur Green	79	Con. 1099 Tuebrook)	1984	Merseyside
December					
1	William John Gibson	58	Con. 6629 C.J.U.	2006	Merseyside
9	Alan Parr	78	Con. 1407 Scenes of Crime	1987	Merseyside
25	Frank Ward	88	Ch. Supt. 925 Eaton Road	1982	Merseyside
29	Frank Walsh	85	Sgt., Mounted Department	1976	Merseyside
January					
10	Susan Mary Barnes	57	Constable 4264	2004	Merseyside
11	Charlie Deus	67	Con. 2089 Mounted Dept.	1992	Merseyside
13	Brian Jones	75	Con. 2243 (Wallasey)	1995	Merseyside
16	Colin Taylor	66	Con. 2201'T' (Prescot)	1992	Merseyside
16	Stephen John Dedman	59	Sgt. (Main Bridewell)	1995	Merseyside
20	George Birch	84	Con. 272 ('A' Division)	1972	Liv/Bootle

Widows

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Died	Name	Age	Died	Name	Age
October					
13	Mrs. Sylvia Osbaldeston	62	12	Mrs. Hilda Heague	87
30	Mrs. Margaret Stanton	76	21	Mrs. Joyce Brimage	83
30	Mrs. Jessie Chadwick	87	29	Mrs. Constance Stanley	80
31	Mrs. Minnie Muat	96	January		
November					
9	Mrs. Edna Joyce Jones	84	3	Mrs. Ingeborg Walmsley	84
			9	Mrs. Vera Brownie	95

New Members

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members of the Branch:

Full Members

Mr. Robert Allen, Mr. Stuart Andrew Allardes, Ms Denise Ashworth, Mr. Keith Peter Davenport, Mr. Walter Michael Dinn, Mr. Stephen Edwards, Mr. David James Evans, Mrs. Susan Jean Evans, Mrs. Leanne Everard, Mr. Ian Paul Fennah, Mr. Terence Hughes, Mr. Neil Igglesden, Mr. Terence Paul Kavanagh, Mr. Stephen Kernighan, Mr. Mark Langton, Mr. Martin James Leahy, Mr. Paul Thomas Lundy, Mrs. Lorna Marie Lyons, Mr. Wayne Charles MacKellar, Mr. Kenneth Mackie, Mr. Richard Stamford Mason, Mr. Francis Maxwell, Mr. Dean Stuart Owen, Mr. David William Peacock, Mr. John Stephen Rankin, Mr. David Gwyn Roberts, Mrs. Debra Ryall, Mr. Stephen Simpson, Mr. Geoffrey James Turner, Mr. Peter Michael Webster, Mr. Christopher Wilson, Mr. Richard Mark Winckle and Mr. Phillip Wynne

Widow Members

Mrs. Eva Eileen Axon, Mrs. Irene Marjorie Dainty, Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Dean, Mrs. Noreen Ferguson, Mrs. Irene Edith Gibson, Mrs. Lillian Green, Mrs. Edith Nora Marshall, Mrs. Susan Marie McKenna, Mrs. Eva Parr, Mrs. Renee Roberts, Mrs. Roma Taylor and Mrs. Ivy Williams

MERSEYSIDE NARPO

WEB SITE

Have you visited the Merseyside NARPO web site? If not, and you have access to the Internet, go to:

www.narpo-merseyside.org.uk

and keep up to date on NARPO activities and matters of interest.

Widows' Draw



The winners in the November 2010 Draw were:

Mrs. Jean Battersby, Mrs. Maureen Bird, Mrs. Olive Bramhall, Mrs. Vera Maxwell Bruce, Mrs. Monica Burns, Mrs. Marie Gloria Callaghan, Mrs. Joan Frances Catterson, Mrs. Patricia Florence Charles, Mrs. Maureen Corcoran, Mrs. Eileen Hart, Mrs. Marie Hemingway, Mrs. Pamela Higgins, Mrs. Beatrice Ann Hodgkinson, Mrs. Maureen Ann Lavelle, Mrs. Helen Margaret McLean, Mrs. Glenis Pattison, Mrs. Beryl Robinson, Mrs. Patricia Sugden, Mrs. Sandra Patricia Tranter, Mrs. Doris Waugh, Mrs. Joan Florence Winifred Welford, Mrs. Dorothy Greenwood Williams, Mrs. Lorna Williams and Mrs. Hazel Margaret Constance Young.

The Merseyside NARPO

Email Directory

If you would like to be included in the Merseyside Directory and receive up to date information, send an e-mail to: -

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A copy of the Directory will then be sent to you.

Editor's Note

The next Bulletin will be published on 1 June 2011. Items for inclusion in this Bulletin should be sent to David Anderton:

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