



# NARPO Bulletin

## (Merseyside Branch)

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### FROM THE CHAIR

Well a mixed summer but I suppose overall not too bad. It has been a quiet period during which your committee have re-elected the executive members, they have made contact with all our members who are over 80 and held their August meeting at the North West Police Benevolent HQ at Langho.

At your Committee's meeting in June I was re-elected as Chair, Robin McGrath Vice Chair, Dave Anderton secretary, Frank Kite treasurer and Colin Lewis and Bill Fallows as assistant secretaries. As I have written previously we are anxious to ensure we have members of the committee who are able to take on executive roles as and when. The role of secretary is without doubt the most important of these roles in any organisation not least our own. Bill Fallows is now shadowing Dave Anderton and coming to terms with the complexity of the role and one that Dave has done impeccably for so many years. In addition we are in the final stages of having a new database which will help to streamline some of the secretarial functions.

During the summer months those of you over 80 will have had contact from one of the committee under our over 80's contact scheme. As ever the feedback from you has been superb and it is obvious that such contact, albeit normally only once a year, is very much appreciated. This year we have had a few difficulties contacting such members as we have not been informed of a change of details e.g. telephone. It is important that all members irrespective of age do ensure we have the correct contact details.

Over recent weeks many of you will have received emails updating you on the developments that have taken place at St Michaels Lodge, Langho, Lancashire the home of the North West Police Benevolent Fund, In August your committee visited Langho to see the new facilities and extension to the premises. It really is impressive and as a member you may find the services of particular help to you. Have a look at their web site for details [www.nwvpbf.org](http://www.nwvpbf.org). If you are not a member then you may find the £5 per month a worthwhile expenditure.

Our fifth Professional Night has been arranged for Wednesday 18th October 2017. Titled "Hostage & Crisis Negotiation" it is likely be another enjoyable and informative session. Thanks to all of you who have already booked your seat. If not then please contact me at: [chairperson@narpo-merseyside.org.uk](mailto:chairperson@narpo-merseyside.org.uk).

Following the demise of the Comrades Association the committee are looking at the feasibility of providing a couple of events during

the year aimed particularly at our widow/widowers. See the separate article in this newsletter for details.

The Annual Conference was held in Scarborough on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Only one motion dealing with the new rules was debated. Several amendments were submitted and debated. Your Branch had submitted two amendments which were both carried. The new rules duly amended were approved. The new rules contain many administrative updates and confirm that NARPO is about retired police officers and therefore only such can become full members. The work of spouses and widows continues to be recognised with them becoming members. This means that members can serve on the committee but cannot take on any executive roles or be delegates at conference or serve on the NEC. The guest speaker was James Ketchell who following a serious race track motor cycle accident decided on recovery to achieve a childhood ambition to row across the Atlantic single handed. Following this success he went onto climb Everest and cycle 18000 miles around the World. He is now planning his next adventure involving a micro light. An excellent and inspirational speaker. A debate took place on "Caring for the Future." Four very good speakers provided their assessment of the future of Caring and how one might plan for that future. With increasing age and need a significant change in approach would be needed. The views came from the commercial caring sector, Age Concern UK and how their branches around the country are trying to help and the PMAS who are continuing to strengthen their support for police pensioners. The full details of this debate can be viewed on the NARPO National Page and will appear in the next NARPO news. Overall it was a very good conference.

The Branch AGM for 2018 will be held again at the Liner Hotel on Wednesday 9th May at 7.30pm. You will be most welcome so please put in your diary. If you have not been before you will find it an enjoyable evening.

Arrangements for celebration of the 100 years of NARPO are continuing and as soon as details are finalised then you will receive further information. The event will be at the Liner Hotel on Thursday the 25th July 2019.

Once again I ask you to remember this is your branch and we can only improve with your help. Please let us know if you have any ideas. Contact myself or the secretary. As ever as we move into the darker months please be careful and take care.

*Malcolm Parry*

## Eddie-torial

**SCARBOROUGH** – now there's a place! Went to my first ever NARPO Conference. Lovely venue. Even found a pub called "The Hole In The Wall" selling Tetley mild at £2.00 a pint. Just wish I had found it 40-odd years ago, 2/3d in those days! Hard to figure out why the main social event was on the evening BEFORE Conference and why it was not designated "Black Tie." I can only relate to the other Conference experiences when the "big" social event is at the conclusion. However, I look forward to Torquay next year. The only Tetley will probably be tea-bags though!

Summer came and went. I understand it was on a Friday this year. Sadly I missed it as I was in Iceland!!!

Let's look forward though. The tins of Roses and Quality Street are already on offer in Supermarkets together with Christmas cards and wrapping paper. Only 16 or so weeks to go to the big day. No wonder turkeys don't vote for Christmas! Me? I'm off on a Cruise!

We continue to plan for the Centenary of NARPO in 2019. Julian Dearden, Frank Richardson and I are working on the format to include all possible diversities. If you have any ideas please don't hesitate to contact one or other of us.

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NARPO Merseyside will be hosting a sumptuous Afternoon Tea event at Riversdale Police Club from 2.30pm on Wednesday 22nd November 2017. All members warmly welcome in particular widowed members and members who prefer to do their socialising during daylight.

There will be a charge of £6.00 which includes a free raffle. The bar will of course be available if you would prefer something stronger!

Our intention is to gather together members of NARPO who may welcome renewing old or making new friendships with a view, if successful, to holding similar events a few times a year.

Booking is essential and tickets and further information will be available by contacting either:

**Lorna Lyons** - 07764 255070 email [lorna@lyons2.plus.com](mailto:lorna@lyons2.plus.com) or  
**Ruth Rowan** - 0790 0973056 email [ruth.e.rowan@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.e.rowan@gmail.com)

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Recognise anybody on here? Photograph courtesy of Bob Woosey



A new state-of-the-art treatment centre in Lancashire is opening this summer. You may already have opted to become a member of the North West Police Benevolent Fund, which will be reflected by deductions in your pension/payslip. Either way, please read on to see the exciting new changes taking place at Langho, Lancashire - changes which will see the NWPBF build on its already outstanding reputation as a provider of high quality therapeutic services to Police Officers and NCOA staff in the region. For a small monthly payment, you can take advantage of the many services offered by the charity, such as confidential counselling, physiotherapy services, hardship grants/loans and use of the lodges at Windermere and Carnforth. St Michaels Lodge, in Langho, near Clitheroe, is just completing a multimillion pound refurbishment, which will offer increased services for members who find themselves in need of extra support. Available for use later this summer, the new development will provide state-of-the-art in-patient and outpatient treatment for physical and psychological problems, and includes a swimming pool, gym, spa / hot tub and hydrotherapy pool. More details about the lodge will appear in future Force Bulletins. The North West Police Benevolent Fund (which comprises the forces of Cumbria, Lancashire, Merseyside, Cheshire, GMP and NCOA) is a charity and, in lieu of the considerable increase in service provision, will require an increase in the monthly donation rates to ensure the best care and support can continue to be provided for members. From September this year, donations for serving officers will increase to £7.40 per month however this is subject to tax relief as it is paid to a charity so the actual amount is £5.92 for those on the lower 20% tax rate and £4.44 if you pay tax at 40%. The donation amount for retired officers will become £5 and again with tax relief that amount is £4 for 20% tax payers and £3 for 40% taxpayers providing it is deducted from pension. Although this is an increase of around £1-2 per month, this remains exceptional value and it will mean that the help you get, when you need it, remains at the expected exceptional level. Historically, new members to the NWPBF would have to wait 12 months to reap the treatment benefits of North West Police Benevolent Fund membership, but if you have joined before September 1st of this year, you will be able to access treatment services following the first payment. This development is an enormous investment for members, reflecting the pressures/challenges faced by our serving and retired colleagues in the modern world. For a very small monthly donation you will have access to the very best treatment and welfare services available.

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### MOVING HOUSE?

Please inform Dave Anderton  
Via "snail mail"  
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Liverpool L16 0JE  
Via e-mail

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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.



October/November is a busy time for us in the Royal British Legion. The **Poppy Appeal** is in full swing. We take our **Poppy** Boxes ready to sell the poppies from 28<sup>th</sup> October until 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017. We will be delivering over 200 Poppy boxes across Crosby, Blundellsands, Waterloo and Seaforth. We also sell **Poppies** in Sainsbury's (Crosby), Aldi (Thornton) and Tesco (Litherland).



I am asking for support during this period in order to help the Legion support our veterans and serving military and their families. NARPO members can support us by volunteering their time for a few hours to resource our stands in the above stores. Crosby RBL is in Endbutt Lane, Crosby and will be fully staffed from 26<sup>th</sup> October until 18<sup>th</sup> November. I will have a roster for each of the three stores.



So please call me and support the Royal British Legion in their important work and give a little of your time. ALL are most welcome. Please contact me on 07881 671567 or email me at [crosbylegion@hotmail.com](mailto:crosbylegion@hotmail.com) I look forward to hearing from you.

Come and join us!



Robin McGrath  
Poppy Appeal Organiser - Crosby RBL.

## Match of the Day

A re-union luncheon is being organised for members of the Force who were part of the Football Unit / Sporting Events Section.

This will be held on a date which has yet to be decided during March or April 2018 and will be at either Anfield or Goodison Park.

There will be a cost involved.

Members of staff who served in either of those Units and would like to attend are asked to make contact with either

Bernie Swift, Mobile 07710367502 e mail [swift1@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:swift1@blueyonder.co.uk)  
Or

Alf Bean, Mobile 07870403817 e mail [ambean5699@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ambean5699@yahoo.co.uk)

### Merseyside Police Federation Charitable trust Lottery Winners

#### April 2017

£500 Con. 5410 James D. Buckley (Admiral Street)

£250 Insp. 2019 Lee Schofield (PSD, HQ)

#### May 2017

£500 Con. 8776 John L Heath (Stanley Road)

£250 Con. 2836 Craig Peel (Speke)

#### June 2017

£500 Mr. Frank Corker (Retired)

£250 Mr. Joseph Tibke (Retired)

#### July 2017

£500 Con. 3277 Lisa Hurst (St. Anne Street)

£250 Mr. John Forshaw (Retired)

#### August 2017

£500 Con. 1192 Kirsten O'Brien (MCU, Stanley Road)

£250 Mr. Gary Cannell (Retired)

# Welcome!

## New Members

Mr. Peter Arnold, Mr. Carl Mark Beckley<sup>1</sup>, Mr. Peter Bioletti, Mr. Godfrey Booth, Mr. Stephen James Bradley, Mr. Martin James Clarke, Mrs. Deborah Clements, Mr. Thomas Crotty, Mrs. Janice Garvey, Mr. Clive Douglas Gleeson, Mr. Mark Gorton, Mr. Paul Arthur Harrison, Mr. Leslie Paul Harvey, Mr. Ian Douglas James Hayhurst, Mr. Paul Hulme, Mr. Randal James Hutchinson, Mr. Mark George Johnson, Mr. Barry Jones, Mr. Grant Michael Kershaw, Mrs. Susan Knowles, Mr. Keith Lawton, Mr. Thomas Lupton, Mr. Martin Edward McNab<sup>2</sup>, Mr. Gary John Mortimer, Mrs. Ruth Polhill-Siner, Mr. Kevin Patrick Reevey, Mr. Simon Mark Richards, Mr. Philip Riella, Mr. Ian Roberts, Mr. Robert Charles Robson, Mr. Neil Shaw, Mrs. Christine Dorothy Suffield, Mr. Carl Robert Thomason, Mr. Gary Titterington and Ms Karen Rosemarie Walker

## Widows & Widowers

Mrs. Diane Bargh, Mrs. June Irene Cowin, Mrs. Eva Nelson, Mrs. Doreen Prosser, Mrs. Margaret Quinn, Mrs. Lynn Stewart and Mr. Peter Whitehead

<sup>1</sup> Transferred from the Wirral Branch

<sup>2</sup> Transferred from the Southport Branch

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## OBITUARIES

### Police Pensioners

Died	Name	Age	Rank	Retired
<b>January</b> 14	Frederick William Bargh	74	Sgt. 2674 [Huyton ASU]	1996
<b>May</b> 13	John Bertram Tilford	71	Sgt. 2792 [Mounted Dept.]	1997
21	Thomas Handley	94	Superintendent [Traffic]	1981
23	Paul Stewart Bass	65	Sergeant 4459	2002
24	David Nelson	71	Sgt. 2352 [A Division]	1994
26	Edna Marion Lewis	88	Con. [Crime Prevention Dept.]	1984
31	Walter Derek Wade	79	Con. [Birkenhead]	1984
<b>June</b> 2	Gerald Davies	82	Inspector 1428	1985
15	William Hill	88	Con. 157 [Crown Court Dept.]	1985
24	Eugene McGrath	92	Sgt. 437 [Walton Lane]	1977
28	George Thomas Quinn	84	D/Con. 1825 [Port Unit]	1986
<b>July</b> 3	Sheila Criggall	80	Constable [Port Unit]	1985
4	William James Prosser	85	D/Con. 922 [MerCRO]	1984
12	Robert Gordon Fernandez	94	Constable 203	1975
27	Thomas Clapham Cowin	89	Con. 506 [Police Band]	1983
28	Gary Williams	56	Constable 6463	1998
31	Lawrence Anthony Kershaw	84	n/a	1982
<b>August</b> 5	Henry Stuart (Harry) Evans	83	Con. 1029 [Warrant Department]	1985
5	James Stephen Willis	69	D/Sergeant 3551	1995
5	Mavis McLoughlin	63	Constable	1982
6	Thomas Cragg	81	Con. 1319 [Admin of Justice}	1987
10	David Michael Bamford	71	Sergeant [Garston]	1991
12	Derek Ernest Rimmer	79	Sgt. 1615 [Prosecutions Dept.]	1987

### WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS DRAW

#### June 2017

Mrs. Lily May Bailey, Mrs. Elayne Margaret Beggs, Mrs. Anne Black, Mrs. Julie Ann Cain, Mrs. Patricia Eileen Glover Cook, Mrs. Patricia Mary Corker, Mrs. Beryl Trevelyan Dagnall, Mrs. Marjorie Davies, Mrs. Evelyn Glover, Mrs. Joan Graham, Mrs. Barbara Elizabeth Harrington, Mrs. Joan Jones, Mrs. Susan Lee, Mrs. Elsie Elizabeth Murray, Mrs. Norma Margaret Povey, Mrs. Beryl Colwyn Richards, Mrs. Patricia Jean Scullin, Mrs. Dianne Fleet Smith, Mrs. Eileen Sullivan, Mrs. Jean Olive Walker, Mrs. Hilary Williams, Mrs. Lorna Williams and Mrs. Helen Joyce Wylie.

#### August 2017

Mrs. Abigail Lily Allan, Mrs. Edna Allen, Mrs. Olive Ashworth, Mrs. Maureen Bird, Mrs. Audrey Carden, Mrs. Sylvia Vera Carruthers, Mrs. Patricia Copestake, Mrs. Joan Davies, Mrs. Maureen Selina Evans, Mrs. Ruth Hagerty, Mrs. Carol Ann Ham, Mrs. Carol Audrey Hughes, Mrs. Geraldine Ashley Johnstone, Mrs. Judith Catherine Keenan, Mrs. Elise Kellett, Mrs. Eileen Lloyd, Mrs. Marguerite Makin, Mrs. Margaret Constance Rimmer, Mrs. Ann Steel Robinson, Mrs. Ruth Mary Sawle, Mrs. Margaret Simpson, Mrs. Angela Ellen Thomas-Smith, Mrs. Elsie Thompson, Mrs. Pauline Tither and Mrs. Joan Margaret Waud

## CONFERENCE 2017



Lord Mayor Martin Smith Opens Conference



C.E.O. Steve Edwards Presents Review of the Year



Financial Controller Helen Morgan on Income & Expenditure



President Ian Potter's Final Address before standing down