



NARPO Bulletin (Merseyside Branch)

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FROM THE CHAIR



Well as we move into Autumn I suppose we can look back on a fairly reasonable summer. I hope it has been kind to you.

You will have noticed by now that we do have a new secretary. Eddie McGrath has taken on this exceptionally important task. Eddie, on behalf of the membership thank you. The change over, as you can imagine, has created a few difficulties but overall I am pleased that it has gone well and during the coming months we will be updating a few things which we are confident will enhance the service we provide to you. Frank Richardson is now the deputy secretary, Lorna Lyons is our assistant secretary dealing with administration and Colin Lewis remains the assistant secretary welfare.

In July Harvey Howell Solicitors held a seminar for our members at the Liner Hotel. This proved very successful and the feedback from the many members that attended was very good. In the light of this they have arranged another seminar for the 15th October 2018 at the Liner Hotel. Full details are published later in this bulletin.

Lorna and Ruth have organised another Afternoon Tea for the 24th October at Riversdale. They are also now going ahead with an excursion to the Edinburgh Tattoo in 2019. Again, full details of both events can be found later in this bulletin.

I was not able to organise a Professional Night in the Spring but have done so for Thursday 18th October at Headquarters, Canning Place. This time we have an excellent presenter to explain about tackling former legal highs and volatile substance abuse. **If you have not yet booked your place then please contact me soonest.**

The Narpo National Conference took place in early September with the theme for this year's Conference being 'Life, Work and Leisure after the Police'. The morning session consisted of the formal business of an AGM, annual report, the Presidents address, review of

the year by the CEO and the financial report. This was followed by the guest speaker, former MP, Ann Widdecombe. Without doubt she certainly brightened up conference with her humour, stories, and opinions and her straight to the point answers to members questions.

She talked about how her life changed on leaving Parliament and how without the tag of being an MP she did not have to worry about image. Hence the reason why she took on Strictly Come Dancing. It would be worth watching this part of the conference video link which should be available via www.narpo.org.

The only motion that had been accepted for conference was withdrawn as the NEC had already actioned it. The afternoon session therefore consisted of four retired police officers explaining what they did on retirement. One became an acclaimed writer of crime novels which have sold over 1,000,000 copies. She had left the job early for family reasons. One became a drug consultant and travelled the world organising police drug units. One became a speaker on local history and also did sessions on cruise ships. One became a cake maker of note.

The only negative aspect of conference was that three branches were not happy with the monies being spent on the National celebrations of the 100 years of Narpo in 2019. They had little support from the floor! Remember, your branch will be having its own celebration and full details will be released in the coming months.

As ever do remember that this Branch can only provide the service it does provide with the help of members volunteering to take an active part in its running. Without that support we cannot exist. Your feedback is always welcome.

As we move into the darker nights and colder weather please be careful.

Malcolm Parry
Chairman

EDDIE-TORIAL

Wow! What a summer we have had. Apart from the lovely weather and holiday opportunities this has been a season to remember.

It all started at the A.G.M. in May. With the new secretary elect having to withdraw with good reason it was left for the Chairman Malcolm Parry and the Vice Chairman Robin McGrath to take on the role between them. Together they did a marvellous job.

At the Committee Meeting in June I was, to quote the esteemed David Elleray, "Elevated to the Peerage," and elected as your Secretary, a post I am finding enjoyable and challenging. I honestly feel that within the Committee we have the skills and talents available that can take the Branch forward to new heights.

One of the main problems I have encountered is the failure of members to keep their details updated. There have already in a few short months in the past been several instances where attempts have been made to contact members only to find that the data we hold is outdated.

Please, please, keep me informed of changes of address, e-mail address, telephone number or mobile, and without wishing to sound morbid next-of-kin where applicable. This can be done in writing to the office at Anfield Business Centre, telephone 0151 958 9922, or E-mail Secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk.

I will, of course, continue to produce the quarterly newsletter and as always items to be considered for inclusion are most welcome be they nostalgia, reunions, events or the like. E-mail for newsletter contributions is Editor@narpo-merseyside.co.uk

The countdown has begun for the NARPO Centenary Celebration Luncheon at The Liner Hotel in Liverpool on **Thursday 25th July 2019**. A definitive meeting is scheduled for 25th September and full details of cost, how to apply to attend, and timings will be released in the December 2018 newsletter.

Should you decide that you would like to receive future newsletters via e-mail so that you can print off and read at your leisure please let me know. E-mail recipients are the first to have sight of the newsletter whereas those who opt for postal receipt are delayed by having to have it professionally printed, folded, and despatched to the mailing company before they send it out to members.

Conference 2018 was another great experience. The undoubted star of the show was that remarkable multi-talented lady Ann Wittecombe. Next year it's in Southport so thankfully no long drive up a rain-sodden M6.



Did you enjoy watching the Edinburgh Military Tattoo on television this year? Would you like to go and see it live next year? The NARPO Committee are arranging a visit next year on the 16th/17th/18th August 2019.

The cost will be £269.00 per person, based on two sharing a room. A small number of single rooms are available, at a supplement of £59.00. The cost includes coach travel and transfers, two nights half board accommodation, and Middle/High grade Tattoo ticket on the 17th.

If you are interested, or would like further information, please contact either Ruth Rowan 0151 420 5330 or 07900 973056 email ruth.e.rowan@gmail.com or Lorna Lyons on 07764255070 email lornalyons@hotmail.co.uk.

There is already plenty of interest in this excursion and places are limited. Once we have confirmed that there is a place for you, we will require forthwith a deposit of £50.00 per person. This is non-returnable, unless we can pass the booking on to someone on the waiting list, should there be one.

Even More Afternoon Tea!



By popular demand the NARPO Merseyside Great Afternoon Tea returns yet again!
When ? – Wednesday 24th October 2018
Where? – Riversdale Police Club

To book your places contact the ladies as above.



Ann Wittecombe addresses Conference 2018. She justifiably received a long standing ovation. The bar has been raised. Southport, beat that!

“B” Division Reunion



Where? – Victoria Public House, Great Georges Road, Waterloo

When? – Friday 28th September 2018 from 7.00pm

Colleagues past and present and friends welcome. This reunion is dedicated to Paul Frodsham whose presence will be sadly missed, and money will be raised in order to make a donation to Walton Neuro who cared for him.

Tickets are £5 which includes a buffet plus discretionary contribution towards the donation which will not be published. Even if it's just the price of a pint please help us to show support to Paul's family. Send your payment via PayPal to juliejenkinspost@gmail.com. Please select the "pay a friend option" to avoid fees being deducted. Once payment is received you will be added to the guest list. It would be great to have a "full house."

Seminar hosted by Harvey Howell Solicitors Monday 15th October 2018

Following their highly successful seminar in July this year Harvey Howell are holding another seminar for NARPO members in October. Spouses and partners are welcome to accompany you.

Details of the Seminar are:-

Monday 15th October 2018 6.00pm for 6.30pm

The Britannic Suite, The Liner Hotel, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool L3 5QB

Free Pie and pint on arrival.

The seminar will deal with:

WILLS, PROBATE, TRUSTS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY and CARE HOME FEES DEBUNKING THE MYTHS

If you wish to accept this invitation then please telephone Harvey Howell on 0151 928 8597 to register your interest.

Membership Numbers

In round figures there are 150,000 Police Pensioners. For some reason only 90,000 are NARPO members. With the decrease in the Police "population" the number of retirees will diminish accordingly. It is imperative that we bring those outside the fold in. The ball, as they say, is in your court.

REMEMBERING BRUCHE D.P.T.C.

Following mention of Bruche in the last edition, NARPO member John Smyth had paid an (uninvited) visit. His report is below:

"I managed to sneak onto the site during its demolition. I eventually got collared by Security and told to leave as (ironically) I was trespassing!



I was a student there on 4/86 and privileged to have been seconded as a Class Trainer from 1994 to 1997. I loved every minute I spent at the old place.

I stood on the dilapidated old rostrum for a moment or two and with great sadness recalled the many thousands of us who had proudly marched onto that square over the years - the whole lot of it destroyed by the stroke of a politicians pen.

For me at least, Bruche was a wonderful place, and it was truly heartbreaking to see it during its final days."

Happy days indeed with which many of us concur.

Widows Draw Winners – August 2018

Susan Perks, Pauline Tither, Sylvia Mason, Geraldine Yeardsley, Margaret Campion, Irene Garton, Pauline Smith, Ann McMeakin, E Potter, Helen Killilea, Frances Giltrap, Una McNaughton, Margaret Gordon, S Edgerton, E Carswell, Ann Robinson, Joan Tyrer, Barbara Derney, Enid Marshall, Pauline Clarke, Helen Willmoth, Kathleen Ryding, J M Jones, Pauline Kavanagh, Mrs Haynes

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kenneth Foulkes, Chris Healey, Christine Bateman, Philip Corlett, Mark Smith, Craig Thompson, Edmund Williams, William Green, Elaine Ho, Mike Gallagher, Nicola Holland, Adrian Smith, Delphine Park, Thomas Malone, Paul Marley, Ian Carney, Mary Donaghey, Dawn Hannon, Vincent Wood, Paul Levick, Ian Hoskisson, Peter Singleton

WIDOWS

Margaret Hesketh, Cheryl Frodsham, Joyce Carlyon, Ellen Heeny

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Don't forget to visit the Merseyside
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and keep up to date on NARPO
activities and matters of interest.



Shoulder to Shoulder

Poppy Appeal 2018

October/November is a busy time for us in the Royal British Legion when the **Poppy Appeal** is in full swing and we will be selling **Poppies** from 27th October until 10th November 2016. 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 and Lidl (both in Litherland).



NARPO members can support us by volunteering their time for a few hours to resource our stands in the above stores and also assist in delivering boxes and re-supplying. Mileage expenses are paid. We are based in Endbutt Lane, Crosby. 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 I look forward to hearing from you.

Come and join us!



Robin McGrath
Poppy Appeal Organiser - Crosby RBL.

Obituaries
Police Pensioners

Died	Name	Age	Rank	Retired
May				
24	William James Carlyon	82	Constable 1477	1989
25	Reginald William Downes	88	Chief Inspector	1986
25	Paul Frodsham	58	Inspector	2010
June				
14	Samuel Hesketh	85	Constable 966	1984
25	Kenneth Alfred Rutherford	79	Constable 1907	1986
30	Robert Albert Morton	84	Constable 1767	1986
July				
3	Ronald Lloyd	89	Constable 454	1978
11	William Maxwell	92	Sergeant Coroners Office	1979
13	Frederick Stocker	94	Constable 802	1982
29	Ivan Ashley (Jim) Brinkley	90	D/Constable 954	1981
August				
4	John Smith	87	Constable 922	1983
12	Harold Stuart Jeffrey	92	D/Sgt 140	1977
31	Ian Henry Gent	69	D/Constable 3367	2004

Obituaries - Widows

May		
12	Roma Taylor	85
26	Valerie Quinn	79
June		
9	Isobel McBain	86
July		
3	Eileen Berry	79

And Finally

The gist of the enthralling and motivational speech by Ann Widdicombe was "Never look (go) Back." Her advice is sound. We will not be dwelling on the past but looking forward with confidence. The road ahead may be hard, rocky in places but we will get there!

And Finally, Finally

A thought to last until the next edition in December:

"The people of Dubai don't like The Flintstones but those in Abu Dhabi doooooo!"

