



NARPO Bulletin (Merseyside Branch)

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FROM THE CHAIR

Well at least the weather seems to be on the up so I hope you are able to enjoy it wherever you may be.

The Annual General Meeting took place in early May at the Liner Hotel in Liverpool. Sadly, this year, the number of members attending was slightly down over previous years. Nevertheless some 70 plus members braved the damp and cold evening to support the Branch and feedback would suggest that they had an enjoyable and informing evening. Our guests this year were Serena Kennedy, the Deputy Chief Constable, and Jane Kennedy, the Police and Crime Commissioner. They both gave entertaining and informative presentations with Serena Kennedy explaining how a southern NARPO Branch had helped her to trace a member of her family. She went on to explain current policing issues. Jane Kennedy outlined the issues relating to her role and confirmed that she would be retiring from the role at the end of her current term of office in 2020. She referred to the extensive work being done to modernise The Training Centre at Mather Avenue and that when completed it will be something to be admired. She referred to her memories of the former Open Days that it used to host and how she would like to see something similar returning. This was met by spontaneous applause from the membership. It was my pleasure to express our sincere thanks to Jane for all the support she has offered to the Branch during her term of office and how throughout that term she has carried out her role with the Merseyside Community as her priority. Members wished her well for a long and healthy retirement.

All members of the committee, with the exception of Don Whittaker, were re-elected for the coming year. No further nominations were received prior to or on the evening. The Committee is therefore short of four members. I will come back to this in my closing remarks. On your behalf I would like to thank Don for all the work he has done for the membership during his time as a committee member.

In the centenary year of NARPO Ruth Rowan and Lorna Lyons organised another very successful afternoon tea at Riversdale. We are grateful to the Chief Constable, Andy Cooke, for taking the time away from his very busy schedule to attend the event and cut the very special centenary cake. Not only did that look and taste gorgeous but the weather was equally gorgeous. Nothing better than Riversdale on a glorious day especially when supported by prosecco, cake and sandwiches. Do keep your eye open for the next event later in the year. Its format is currently being decided but if you have not been to any of our events before then please do seriously consider it. On that topic the next big event is the Centenary Luncheon in July at the Liner Hotel. The response from the membership has been excellent but we still have space for some more. Remember it is not every year we get to celebrate something so significant as a 100 years anniversary so if you have not yet booked why not come along and join us, you will be most welcome (full details appear in this Bulletin). Lorna and Ruth have also organised a well-supported trip to the Edinburgh Tattoo later in the year.

You should have all received your anniversary booklet from NARPO HQ describing the history of your organisation. If you have not read it then I would urge you to dig it out and have a read. You will find it interesting and note that pensioners from the then Liverpool City were present at the inaugural meeting. You will also note how a widow of a retired police officer joined a Branch Committee and relentlessly fought for fairer pensions for police widows. Today the spouses and partners of committee members remain an integral part of the successful workings of the Branch. Their support is worthy of your recognition.

Your new executive committee will be elected at the committee meeting in June and a number of the committee will be attending the NARPO Annual Conference in September. In this centenary year it is being held in Southport and once again will be available live online.

I will now go back to my remarks earlier in relation the vacancies on your committee. NARPO is 100 years old and has only survived because NARPO members around the country have been prepared to volunteer their services and time to support their colleagues. They have been prepared to become active members and indeed to take on roles within the Executive, the Chair, The Secretary and Treasurer amongst others. Without an executive and a committee, a Branch ceases to exist. If Branches cease to exist then ultimately NARPO ceases to exist. It has survived for 100 years so please let us make sure it continues to move forward and provide essential support to our members. Perhaps you have not had the need for our services but please do remember that many do and many are grateful for the work done for them by your committee. I understand that today many organisations suffer from getting members and active members for a whole host of reasons. We have no problem getting members but we most certainly do getting people who are prepared to go one step further and join the committee. We need to cover the age spectrum of retirement so we have a consistency of experience and past difficulties of succession of executive roles are minimised. If you are interested and would like further information of what is involved then please do contact me.

I have summarised some of this year's events which only happen because of committee members being prepared to take on the organisation. Lorna and Ruth, as you will have read, are working tirelessly to provide social activities to as widest cross section of our membership as

possible. Currently your committee are looking at what other events/activities should be considered. Your ideas would be most welcome. Just outline your suggestion in an email or letter to Eddie or myself and the committee will discuss it.

In closing I once again remind you it is your branch and the committee need your help and feedback to ensure we continue to provide you all with what you require and deserve. Thank you in anticipation. As ever be safe, be careful and enjoy the summer.

Malcolm Parry
Chairman

EDDIE-TORIAL

Roadworks, roadworks everywhere. It recently took me an hour to get from Blundellsands to Riversdale. Good idea by someone to have work being carried out on the A565 and the "Dock" Road at the same time! The alternative, Queens Drive is likewise hampered. Wish I had blue lights and claxons fitted to the car!

I have recently returned from yet another cruise. While aboard there was a Guest Speaker, Paul Stickler. His subject matter was a number of murders and the circumstances behind them. This included the A6 murder following which Hanratty was hanged but of special interest was the Wallace murder in 1931 as it had a Liverpool connection. I know some members are interested in this and one or two have written about it. If you wish to know more please visit www.historicalmurders.com.

Time is marching on. It does not seem two years since the NARPO Centenary was highlighted and yet here we are now only a matter of weeks from the big day. As the Chairman has said the response has been great and those attending the luncheon will have a day to remember. The venue is superb and there are still a few places available should members wish to attend. Anyone travelling a long distance can take advantage of an overnight stay at the Liner at a specially negotiated rate of £72 per room "B&B." There are a limited number of rooms at this heavily discounted rate and any bookings should be made immediately through NARPO Merseyside and **NOT** the hotel directly.

SUMMARY OF ARRANGEMENTS

NARPO MERSEYSIDE CENTENARY LUNCHEON LINER HOTEL LIVERPOOL THURSDAY 25th JULY 2019

- No tickets will be issued.
- Members and Guests are requested to attend 12.30pm for 1.15pm
- Members and Guests will be greeted at the entrance and the party leader should ensure that his/her parties' attendance is recorded on the alphabetical list which will be held by a representative.
- Members and Guests will have the opportunity of a commemorative photograph taken by a professional photographer.
- Welcome drinks will be served on arrival.
- A cash bar will be available throughout
- Dress code is lounge suit for gentlemen and cocktail dress or trouser suit for ladies. (strictly no denims or football shirts).
- Cut-off date for bookings is Thursday 27th June 2019

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www.narpo-merseyside.org.uk
and keep up to date on NARPO
activities and matters of interest.

JUST FOR THE RECORD

by Alan Plant

Several months ago, my eldest and youngest daughters asked me if I would write down what they had got up too in their early childhood, and could I also write my life story. So commenced a racking of the old brain box.

I set about the quest, and believe it or not enjoyed the trip down memory lane. Having typed the stories on the computer, I was able to manipulate them into some sort of order, of how and when they happened.

The dreaded time eventually came when the daughters asked "How are you getting on with your life story and our childhood stories". I was able to say that as far as my memory went, I had finished it. Of course, the next question from them was "can we read it?"

The outcome of that was a seal of approval from both daughters, but with an adage, "Dad, what about all the stories you accumulated in the police, when you're gone, they will be lost forever". So once again I sat in front of the computer writing about the humorous stories of my police service (leaving out names). I must admit I enjoyed doing it, and felt quite proud of what we got up too.

It is only a thought perhaps you might think you did not do anything spectacular in your service, but your children may have other ideas.

I would encourage every member to do similar. This does not need to be a chore. I used to pop into the computer room, write a story and waltz out again, over the weeks the stories accumulated. I have just found out that I have written 120 A4 pages!

My father was a Sergeant in "A" Division, worked long hours through the blitz, lost three men in his section through Nazi bombing. All this I learnt from my mother. Think of the stories he could have told, but didn't. I wish now I had asked when he was alive, but it's too late now.

Moving



House

Change



**Telephone
Number**

New



**e-mail
Address**

WE NEED TO KNOW!

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LET THE FESTIVITIES COMMENCE!

The 100 years of NARPO Celebrations got underway recently with an Afternoon Tea at Riversdale. Chief Constable Andy Cooke was in attendance and opened proceedings by cutting the specially commissioned cake.



Pictured above are Lorna Lyons and Ruth Rowan, who organised the event, looking on as Chief Constable Cooke makes the first incision.

More NARPO Centenary events are in the pipeline so be sure to watch emails and circulations carefully.



Ruth Rowan & Lorna Lyons with Cake



Memories are made of this. Any (printable) stories?
(Now been converted to a hotel)

WELCOME TO NARPO MERSEYSIDE

Kathryn Deus, David Laver, Ian Bradshaw, Andrew Holmes, Jane Coyne, Sarah Tomlinson-Wheeler, Carolyn Jackson, Lesley Culley (widow), Sheila Holmes (widow), John Martin, Darren Clarke, Anthony Rogan, Alan Georgeson, Ian Cain, Anita Grant, Vivienne Brooke (widow), Jaqueline Bruce, Neil Clark, John Grace, Nick Keegan, Angela Tweedley (widow), Susan (Rita) Baird (widow), Christopher Dillon, Rose Cook (widow), June Cassidy (widow), Paul Simm, Jeffrey Ablett, Robert Austin

H&T Reunion

Message from Dave Graney:

I would like to thank all those who attended the retirement of the H & T Gathering at Riversdale Police Club on Wednesday 22nd May 2019. It went better than my expectations, and I have received nothing but messages of positive, and pleasant nature. You were the reason for making it such a fantastic occasion, and I give you all a big 'Thank You' for that.

In response 'never say never' so make sure that you are all available for May 2020, and tell your friends!

WIDOW & WIDOWER'S DRAW – APRIL 2019

Anne Marie Doyle, Edna Fennah, Brenda Tewksbury, Lilian Coulthard, Freda Flynn, Eryl Lynne Jones, Marion Clark, Arlene Morton, Mary Booth, Sheila Condon, Elizabeth Cook, Margaret Evans, Marjorie Faulkner, Irene Lockwood, Margaret Rimmer, Margaret Simpson, Lesley Stowell, Joyce Wylie, Lucy Rawlinson, Gillian Enstone, Theresa Hoole, Patricia Beaumont, June Donnelly, Margaret Sherwood, Mary Dodd.

The next draw will be a **SUPERDRAW** as part of the NARPO Merseyside Centenary Celebrations!



The Original "Spice Girls?"
Anyone recognise them?

OBITUARIES

Date	Name	Rank	Age
March			
19 th	Thomas George Hull	Constable 2187 (Dog Section)	82 years
20 th	Shane Culley	Detective Constable Seconded from Cleveland to Hillsborough Enquiry Team	59 years
23 rd	Lilian May Rutter	Inspector 1147 (Central Property Office)	90 years
24 th	Roland Edward Whittle	Sergeant 13"F" (915) ("F" Division Allerton)	86 years
April			
5 th	Maureen O'Hare	Widow	81 years
6 th	Maurice Roland Cassidy	Constable 1781 "T" Division	80 years
6 th	Edward Tweedley	Constable (Federation)	79 years
11 th	Alfred Edward Cook	Constable 1215 (Main Bridewell)	84 years
19 th	Francis (Frank) Dowie	Sergeant 6008	70 years
23 rd	James Stafford	Constable 1006 (131"E") (ACLO)	91 years
23 rd	John Patrick Leyland	Detective Inspector	86 years
25 th	Robert (Bob) Kennedy Baird	Inspector at St. Helens and Kirkby	84 years
26 th	Donald Frederick Dovaston	Deputy Chief Constable Derbyshire	79 years
May			
4 th	Patricia Sugden (nee Hurley)	Widow	93 years
6 th	Norman Douglas Brooksbank	Constable "A" Division	72 years
9 th	Philip John Halliday	Detective Constable 5556	64 years
24 th	Graham Walsh	Constable 356 "A"	89 years
30 th	Michael James Stanbridge	Constable 1696 Mounted Department	81 years

Charitable Trust Lottery May 2019

The winners of this month's lottery from the Charitable Trust are

£500 - Sergeant 4144 Neil Ogden, FIB

£250 - Pensioner Melvyn Lester

Thought for the Summer

You can't lose a homing pigeon. If your homing pigeon doesn't return then what you've lost is a pigeon.

AND FINALLY.....

The hard work is almost over. The band will soon be playing the overture. Together with Julian Dearden and Frank Richardson we have organised a day that will not be repeated in our lifetime. Special thanks, though, must go to Sergeant Mike Brumskill and his team for their co-operation. At the time of writing there is only half-a-dozen places available at the Centenary Luncheon. Do **YOU** want one of them?

The next edition will be published after the 2019 Conference at Southport early September. Will Brexit have been delivered by then?????