



# NEWSLETTER

## DERBYSHIRE BRANCH

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT



It is about a year since Len Smith 'retired' from the Chairmanship, and I took over as Chairman 'Pro-Tem,' and about three months since my election at the AGM, as Chairman, for what is now a two year term.

I have had time to look at how we operate as a Branch. I have always thought that as a Group, we were an effective Branch. I now think that without being in any way controversial, there are some areas where we can improve.

The size of the committee is related to the number of members we have. In our case, roughly 1400 in total, equating to 14 members. We have 14 now so there are no immediate vacancies. This causes a problem because we are always looking for new members (hopefully younger Members). We are also unbalanced in that we only have one female member on the committee. It would be nice to have an ex police woman or two to join her. I feel the committee would accept that.

The branch is financially sound, and we are able to continue our calendar of official meetings, social events and dinners, and our ongoing programme of trips. While these have been successful, we have been made aware that we need to increase or vary our activities. It has been suggested that we look at having entertainment at some of our socials.

Will it work? - I would appreciate your comments.

We shall continue to advertise our activities on our very successful Web page, and in our news letter and the annual report.  
Planning is in hand for our next year trips and details will be made available ( for booking ) from the 1st January 2018.

Our next event is a one off special, a visit to Doddington Hall in Lincolnshire in November for a festive meal and visit to the decorated hall with time to explore.

I would like to say thank you to all members of the committee for their support and especially to our secretary Sean for all his hard work on our behalf.

Finally our thanks must go to our new Chief Constable and his Senior Officers for their support to our ongoing activities

With my best wishes,

Michael J.Watson Chairman.

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## Updates.

The Derbyshire Branch website is being visited regularly (about 4800 hits per month) thanks in the main to member Pete Wise, who is our official webmaster and our newest member of the NARPO Committee. His experience is greatly appreciated and an asset to the Branch. Please visit us at [www.derbysnarpo.co.uk](http://www.derbysnarpo.co.uk) where you can place adverts, any specialisation that you may have, items for sale, or anything that you feel other members may be interested in. The Archive photos are of interest and I thank all of our contributors.

All deaths and funeral arrangements are placed on the website, when they are known. We do not put addresses of those who have passed away as it is an open site. Anyone wanting the address to send condolences please contact me tel 01773 609043 or via contact us on the website.

Have you looked at the revamped main NARPO website [www.narpo.org](http://www.narpo.org) There is a lot of information and help from computer help, house, car and travel insurance totax advice. It is so much better and user friendly.

If you need to contact the **Federation Office** they have moved from South Normanton to 104 Coney Green Business Park, Clay Cross S45 9JW Tel: 01246 252329 Mob: 07813 693638 or email [www.derbyshirefederation.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirefederation.org.uk) but don't worry Joanne is there to help.

The President of NARPO, Ian Potter stood down at this year's Conference in Scarborough and Brian Burdus from Notts has been elected as our new President and Richard Critchley from Wakefield has been elected as Vice President. Our congratulations to them both.

## Derbyshire Benevolent Society

The object of the Trust is “**To provide and permit welfare and benevolent facilities for members and their families**”. All retired officers and staff of Derbyshire Constabulary are entitled to use the services and facilities of the Trust, most are free to members. Unfortunately a lot of retired members, whether in NARPO or not, suffer from problems caused by bereavement, financial, loneliness or the strains of the ‘job’. Check the DBT website at [www.derbyshirebenevolenttrust.com](http://www.derbyshirebenevolenttrust.com) for more details; contact Ian Godfrey at [ian@derbyshirebenevolenttrust.com](mailto:ian@derbyshirebenevolenttrust.com) or if you are not on the internet, phone Sean who will pass on your details. On **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017 from 10am – 4pm** Derbyshire Benevolent Trust will be hosting a seminar and exhibition event to assist and support members who are considering changes within their working or personal life. Are you considering developing or changing your career path? Close to retirement? Recently retired? Simply wanting to take stock? If you would like to attend just let DBT know. Look at the NARPO website for full details.

### Injury on Duty.

If you recall in the last Annual Report I mentioned that Headquarters were contemplating whether to resume reviews of Injury Awards made to ex Police Officers in order to comply with the latest Home Office Guidance and Police Pension Regulations.

Headquarters have worked up a proposal, which is going through the authorisation channels. ‘Healthworks’ have agreed to provide the SMP support.

**IF** they do start a programme, they do not anticipate that it will begin until October. They will be arranging a meeting with the Federation and NARPO. So keep an eye on the website for further developments.

### Coach Trips.

During 2017, NARPO through Michael and Ruth Watson organised trips to Marsh Farm for lunch, The Gordon Boswell Romany Museum, Spalding, Bridlington and Sewerby Hall and Beningbrough Hall, Nr. York. The Christmas trip to Doddington Hall and meal is fully booked. These trips only cost £5 plus entry fees. Widow members only pay entry fees. Next year’s trips are as yet to be finalised and details will appear in the Annual Report and on the website.

### Villa Scylla, Italy.

I can’t recommend a visit to Villa Scylla enough. It is free to NARPO members; you just have to get there. Look at the main NARPO website [www.narpo-uk.org](http://www.narpo-uk.org) and the section on Villas. The villa sleeps six and the two gate bungalows sleep two.

### Closer to Home

Are you looking for a weekend break in Harrogate, North Yorkshire or Auchterarder, Scotland, then look no more. Did you know that the Police Treatment Centres there offer Bed and Breakfast? For availability and rates call 01423 504448 or email [enquiries@thepolicetreatmentcentres.org](mailto:enquiries@thepolicetreatmentcentres.org) The cost is £100 for a couple for a two night weekend stay. (No treatment available)

If you want or need treatment, have you signed up yet with Finance at Headquarters? You have until the end of October to sign up at a cost of £2.81p per month to be able to have treatment straight away, if places are available. Otherwise, after this date you can still enrol for £2-81a month but you have to pay in for 12 months before you can avail yourself of treatment. So what are you waiting for?

## NARPO and Friends

Following on from the successful trip to Austria, Ruth Watson mentioned that she would love to go on a cruise to the Norwegian Fjords, so I said I would organise a cruise instead of a NARPO and Friends trip. So I have booked a cruise with Fred Olsen on their ship 'Balmoral' departing on the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 from Newcastle to the Norwegian Fjords for a 7 night cruise. 10% off the brochure prices and help with coach travel to Newcastle and return. If you have thought about a cruise and were a bit hesitant, then travel with friends. Contact me on 01773 609043 or via the website. We have 22 already booked. The prices are being held until the end of October 2017.



Fred.Olsen Cruise Lines

### Scenic Fjords of Norway with Derbyshire NARPO Branch

8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 • 7 nights • Sails from Newcastle • *Balmoral* • L1810  
From only **£989** per person Adult travellers only (18+)



Date	Arrive	Depart	Destination
<b>MAY 2018</b>			
Tue 08		PM	Newcastle
Wed 09	late pm	late night	Cruising Lysefjord
Thu 10	early am	late night	Bergen, Norway
Fri 11	early am	late pm	Flåm, Norway ↓
Fri 11	late pm	late pm	Cruising Nærøysfjord (to Dyrdal)
Sat 12	early am	late pm	Olden, Norway ↓
Sat 12			Cruising Nordfjord
Sat 12	late night	late night	Cruising by Hornelen
Sun 13	early am	early pm	Hellesylt, Norway
Sun 13			Cruising Geirangerfjord
Sun 13	early pm	early pm	Cruising by Seven Sisters Waterfall
Sun 13			Cruising Sunnysjøfjord
Sun 13			Cruising Storjord
Sun 13	late pm	late night	Cruising Hjørundfjord
Mon 14			Cruising
Tue 15	AM		Newcastle

↓ Anchor port

#### Special Group Fares

Ocean View Room from: **£989pp**  
Balcony Room from: **£1,439pp**  
Superior Balcony Room: **£1,489pp**  
Balcony Junior Suite from: **£1,529pp**  
Ocean View Single Room: **£1,419**

Prices are correct at time of going to print, but may change at any time. Call for latest prices.

#### 5% Oceans members discount available

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Fascinating scenic cruising kicks off your holiday: sail the glassy waters of Lysefjord, past Pulpit Rock and the Kjerag mountain range: a feat only possible for smaller ships, due to a bridge located at the entrance of the fjord.

Your first port of call will be the city of Bergen, home to a vibrant fish market, inspiring art galleries and the colourful Bryggen Wharf. The pretty villages of Flåm and Olden are next, where you can marvel at the stunning scenery on a hike, see the magnificent Briksdal Glacier and journey up high into the mountains on the iconic Flåm Railway. You'll also cruise along captivating Nordfjord – past Hornelen, Europe's highest sea cliff – and divert down narrow Nærøysfjord, rated joint top in *National Geographic's* list of natural heritage sites worldwide.

Discover the enchanting Tystigen Glacier and Hornindalsvatnet – Europe's deepest lake – in Hellesylt, before concluding your holiday with more scenic cruising. UNESCO-listed Geirangerfjord and the beautiful Seven Sisters Waterfall, the picturesque Sunnysjøfjord and Storjord; and rugged Hjørundfjord – a maiden visit for Fred. Olsen, reached by heading away from the usual route – all are sure to leave you spellbound.

For group bookings and enquiries please contact **Mr. Sean Murphy** on **01773 609 043** or email **sean-eileen@hotmail.co.uk**

Bringing the world closer

Fares are per person, based on twin occupancy of the lead-in twin cabin, subject to availability. Offers may be amended or withdrawn at any time without prior notice, are subject to availability & cannot be applied retrospectively. All bookings are subject to Fred. Olsen's standard terms & conditions, available on our/their website & on request. Some ports may be at anchor, intermediate days are at sea. FOCL reserve the right to amend itineraries for operational reasons. The free group drinks party includes house wines, sherry, soft drinks and cold canapes and is subject to minimum numbers. \*The contribution towards transport is to be supplied by Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines in conjunction with Eavesway coaches and is subject to minimum numbers. 5% oceans discount is available when cruise is booked in advance depending on what level of oceans membership guests is at. Blue members to book at least 12 months in advance, Silver members to book at least 9 months in advance, Gold members to book at least 6 months in advance. 15% Deposit required at booking stage and balance due 90 days prior to departure. E/OE





Sewerby Hall and Bridlington Harbour area.



Gordon Boswell Romany Gypsy Museum

## Sports Club

Just to remind members that those who have retired will continue to pay £4-20 a month and continue to do so after the age of 65 years. However existing members of the Sports Club, who were 65 years of age prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2013, will continue to be classed as Honorary Members and pay no subscription. Corporate tickets are available to a variety of venues for members only. Details are on our 'download section' of the website or by telephoning during hours to HQ Reception, dial 101 and ask for reception. B Div. Tel 0300 122 8016. C Div.0300 122 8258 and D Div 0300 122 8010.

You will need to show that you are a member when collecting tickets, e.g; If you are still in the Lottery, it will show on your pension slip that monies are being taken out. You also have to be present at the venue, so you will have to accompany the children and grandchildren!

## Swanwick Men's Shed

Charlie Parkes has opened a 'Men's Shed'the above for all retired members at Turners Farm, Turners Lane off Crays Hill, Swanwick DE55 1AS. The shed will then be open to members on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 3.30pm. Finish off those projects or if you need help or can help others with your expertise. You will be most welcome.

## New Members

The following have become members since the Annual Report:

Mrs. Diane Tidman	Michael Anthony Fortune
Carl M. Walters	Shaun McElheron
Glynn Bevan	Mrs. Marion Burgin
Zulfiquar Sher	Mrs. Jennifer Jane Scott
Mrs. Jacqueline Elizabeth Corrigan	Mrs. Sylvia Jean King
Michael Astill	Kevin Steven Rigby
Mrs. Beryl Deacon	Carol Ann Walker
Mrs. Peggy Veronica Clay	Geoffrey Charles Parker
Mrs. Paula Andrews	Mrs. Christine Marie Beech
Lisa-Jane Macintyre	Nev Stocks
Brian Cain	Sarah Christine Major

## In Memoriam

*To the families, relatives and friends of our retired and serving colleagues who have passed away since the Annual Report, we extend our sympathies and support. May all who have departed rest in peace.*

Supt. Roy Morton	Pc Derk 'Taffy' Deacon
Pc Keith Gange	Mrs Mary Head 103 years widow of Pc George Head
Insp. Alan Tidman	Insp Michal Andrew Scott
Pc David Banton	Pc Robert 'Bob' Hollingworth
Pc Raymond Gregory	Mrs. Joan Holmes widow of D/C/Insp Graham Holmes
Pc Donald 'Don' King	Pc Ivor Walker
Pc Norman Clay	Pc Ken Holtham
Mrs. Marjorie Crosbie widow of Pc William 'Jock' Cosbie	Sgt. Anthony John Burgin
Mrs. Joan Carberry	D/Supt. Peter Burgess
D/Supt. Robert Julian Andrews	Pc Roy Musson
Sgt Paul Brammer	D/Insp. William 'Bill' Pickford
D/Sgt John Wilson	Sgt. William 'Bill' Cayton
Mrs. Sheila Doris Frearson wife of ex Insp. Eric Frearson	Sgt. Christopher Dent

# NARPO Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday 6th December 2017

The Branch Christmas Lunch will be held at Lumb Farm, Derby Road, Ripley, Derbys DE5 8JN. (Opposite Marehay Garage)

The cost will be £21 for members, £23 for non members, widow members free of charge. If you wish to attend please complete and send the slip below with your menu, any seating choice and remittance to ROY POTTS. No later than Friday, 17th November 2017. If you haven't got his details please contact the secretary.

## MENU

Wild Mushroom Soup  
Prawn Cocktail  
Melon Melody Cocktail  
Farmhouse Pate

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Traditional Turkey  
Derbyshire Roast Beef  
Fillet of poached cod with parsley and lemon sauce  
Vegetarian option available

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Xmas pudding and Brandy Sauce.  
Vanilla Cheesecake with berries and ice cream  
Chocolate fudge cake  
Brandy Basket with fresh fruit

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Cheese and biscuits £1.50 supplement

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Tea or coffee and mince pies

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I / We will be attending the above Branch Lunch and enclose a cheque made payable to Derbyshire  
NARPO £..... Contact tel. no.....

Name 1 ..... Name 2 .....

Menu choice.

1..... 2.....

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If possible I would like to sit with.....

(Every effort will be made to seat you with your friends. Early application is advisable.)

