

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE  
OFFICER



DERBYSHIRE BRANCH

2020



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## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions became due in January, 2021. For full members the annual subscription has risen to **£21- 60**. This is due to the rise in CPI of .5% in September. The good news is that our police pensions will see the .5% rise in April, 2021.

Would members who pay by cheque or direct debit, if they have not done so already, please send their cheque (payable to **Derbyshire NARPO**) to the Secretary, Sean Murphy, 34 The Delves, Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 1AR. Or update your bank with the new payment. You can pay by 'bacs'

## FOREWORD



It is my pleasure to be writing to you in my first year as Chief Constable of Derbyshire Constabulary. What a year it has been! Never did I imagine that we would find ourselves in the midst of a pandemic, and the immeasurable toll that this has taken on us all. As you would imagine, policing has had a significant role to play in the national response – and that has often been steeped in controversy. Between this, flooding and a myriad of national campaigns, it has not been without challenge. But policing thrives on challenge.

Covid-19 has dramatically brought forward our programme to increase agile working. A large proportion of the workforce has been working from home for the majority of the year in order to stay safe and support the national directive. I am eternally grateful to our IS department for making this possible. On the subject of technology, our lives have been revolutionised by Microsoft Teams. Though the days of not knowing who was speaking on a conference call are fading, remembering to unmute has become the nemesis for many. It has very much allowed us to continue to keep contact with colleagues, partners and communities, with the happy consequence of improving work-life balance by removing the need to travel. I must, though, pay tribute to all frontline officers, staff and volunteers who have continued their work in protecting our communities despite the risks to their own health.

This year will see our first cohort of PCDA students complete their degree. Derbyshire was one of a small number of forces to take up the challenge of the new entry route to policing in 2018, and as such have helped to shape it for future years. Our third cohort joined in February. We have also seen a further intake of police officers through Police Now.

I am delighted to say that we are also working with Therapy Dogs Nationwide, which will see visits to offices and stations from Hector, the French Bulldog we have been allocated. It would be fair to say that this initiative has proved very popular; I can honestly say that I have never seen an announcement which has built so much eager anticipation!

It would be remiss of me not to mention the changes to the Chief Officer team in the last year. I was delighted to be appointed as Chief Constable, following the retirement of Peter Goodman QPM in July 2020. After a rigorous recruitment process, Kate Meynell joined us as Deputy Chief Constable from Nottinghamshire Police. She has significant regional experience, having working in both Northamptonshire Police and at EMSOU. Paul Gibson has been seconded to EMSOU as Temporary Deputy Chief Constable, following the promotion of Chris Haward to Chief Constable of Lincolnshire Police. Michelle Shooter, who many of you will be aware of in her role as Head of Operational Support, has taken up the mantle as T/Assistant Chief Constable, Operational Support and Local Policing. Last, but

not least, Kem Mehmet took the decision to return to his substantive role as Head of Crime Support. I would put on record that his contribution to the work of the Executive Team has been phenomenal, and his candour and humour second to none. As a consequence, in February we welcomed David Kirby as T/Assistant Chief Constable, Crime and Criminal Justice. David returns to the force from his role as Head of EMSOU.

I hope that this summary of such an unusual year has been useful, and I wish all in NARPO the very best for the year ahead.

**Rachel Swann**  
**Chief Constable**

## **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **PRESIDENT:**

The Chief Constable                      Rachel Swann.

### **VICE PRESIDENTS:**

Deputy Chief Constable -      Kate Meynell

Assistant Chief Constable -      Paul Gibson on temporary secondment. T/ACC David Kirby

Assistant Chief Constable –      Michele Shooter

**Chairman:**                                  David Ashley

**Vice Chairman:**                          Vacant .

**Secretary/Treasurer:**                  Sean Murphy      01773 609043

**Financial Manager:**                      Keith Gibson

### **Committee Members**

Ian Louch

Tony Roddis

Gordon Lambourn

Kevin Wilson

Julia Fearn

Ron Taylor

Phil Smith

Frank Handford

Pete Wise

### **Membership:**

Full: 1237    Life Members: 5    Hon: 3    Widows/Widowers: 170    Associate Members 10

Additional Members 7    Total number of PreceptableMembers:1256    Total: 1433

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As I write this report in mid-February, temperatures are well below zero. We have had a fair old amount of snow now lying frozen on the ground and we are all still in lockdown. But, on the up-side, Gail and I have had our jabs with no ill effects so let's hope that Spring is just around the corner and that soon we will all be released from our individual solitary confinements.

It is now almost a full year since the country was overwhelmed by Covid 19 bringing pain, illness and even death to so many people and stopping all our normal activities in their tracks. This of course included all the planned branch activities that were scheduled to take place during 2020 and beyond.

However, the branch committee have managed to carry on meeting on a fairly regular basis using Zoom. Without this sort of technology any contact between the committee would have been extremely difficult, if not impossible. During the year, John Louch, one of our members has notified us of his retirement from the committee, to take effect from the AGM. I would like to offer my personal thanks to John for all the work he has done for NARPO and for the support that he has given to me whilst I have been involved with the committee.

During the year Pete Wise has done a great job of making changes to the website and keeping it updated with current activities. Similarly, Ian Louch has done a great job using Facebook to bring the Branch to a wider audience. My thanks to both of them.

The "Community Officer of the Year" Award, which is sponsored by the Branch was won last year by Constable Toni Rudd of South Division. Because the Presentation Evening was a victim of Covid I did write to Toni, to congratulate her on her award. I subsequently received a very nice reply from her acknowledging the support of NARPO.

It is now clear that as a result of the continuing uncertainty with Covid, we will not be in a position to hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on a face-to-face basis this year as we would have liked to do. Because we were forced to cancel the AGM last year, we feel that it is important that we do hold the meeting and so we are arranging for it to be available to all members using ZOOM. The Secretary, Sean, will be giving further details of the arrangements, agenda etc elsewhere in his report. It will be held at 3pm on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> May. Please do your best to join in.

Again, on a positive note the Branch finances are in a particularly healthy condition at the moment with there having been very little expenditure during the last year. At the last committee meeting, earlier this month, it was agreed that a substantial amount of our available funds should be used to support activities for members, once Covid restrictions allow. No decisions were taken as to the actual activities and events that we will be holding. We will do that once we have an idea as to when the restrictions will be relaxed and any conditions that will still apply.

We currently have slightly over 1430 members in the Branch. We have had a number of new members during the year, as well as, sadly, a number of deaths. Full details are shown in the report. Our condolences go out to all their families and friends.

I look forward to seeing everyone again in the not-too-distant future and in the meantime, please continue to look after yourself and stay safe.

Dave Ashley

## MUTUAL WELFARE FUND

The last meeting of the MWF was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2020. As of the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 the fund stood at £1,866,036.

Benefits remain the same. Below is just a reminder as when they were reported in 2018.

**Police Pensioners:** - £1.75p. In addition, Police Pensioners will pay up to the age of 75 years, not 65 years as previously. At which time they will become honorary members free of charge

**Birthday Gift:** -. This will be paid from the age of 75 years, not 70 years as at present. It will be increased from £15 to £20 and will continue to be paid with the pension.

Membership is down to around 900 members and they have sent out a reminder of the Objects of the Mutual Welfare Fund to all serving officers.

The objects of the fund shall include the provision of welfare benefits to members and pensioned members. All payments will be at the discretion of the MWF Committee.

The Police Treatment Centres in Harrogate and Auchterarder, Scotland, are at present closed due to Covid restrictions. but following a meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March they have decided to open on the 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, to at least 50% capacity. There is also provision for convalescent allowances, including fares and out of pocket expenses.

Members are assured that in circumstances of hardship the Welfare Fund may as always be approached for assistance, either directly or via the Secretary at [Derbyshire@narpo.org](mailto:Derbyshire@narpo.org) For more information please contact the Secretary

## FROM OUR SECRETARY

This is my 11th Annual Report and I hope that you continue to find it of interest. I would like to thank the assistance afforded to me by NARPO at Wakefield, XPS, formerly Kier Payroll, Police Federation, Headquarters staff and members of the Committee, most of whom are working from home.

On behalf of the members of NARPO, I would also like to congratulate the Police Officers of Derbyshire Constabulary, who continued to work under difficult and trying circumstances, during these unprecedented times.

What a year! it promised so much. The Committee had worked hard to arrange socials, meals and coach trips and then the Covid pandemic. David, our Chair has covered that so we don't need to rub it in.

The Committee has continued to hold regular virtual meetings by Zoom. We hope and pray that, together with the vaccination roll out, we may be able to resume some, if not all of our activities in the near future. Saying that, we intend to hold our Branch AGM on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 at 3pm virtually be zoom. Normally we hold it at Police Headquarters, Ripley followed by a free buffet tea. You can still have a cup of tea but in front of your computer, Ipad or iphone! Not quite the same I know. We would like as many members as possible to join us. You just have to download 'Zoom' on your apparatus and when asked, put in your I/d number and password number. If you are not technical, I am sure someone in your family, preferably someone over the age of 7, can set it up. I have put the i/d number and password on the Agenda page.

The website [www.derbysnarpo.co.uk](http://www.derbysnarpo.co.uk) is being used daily by members and others, averaging about 3,000 visits a month during 2020. Thanks goes to our webmaster and committee member Pete Wise. I put all items of interest on there so that you don't get bombarded by emails. We also have a Facebook site with over 10,000 visits last year. Thanks to

committee member Ian Louch, for setting it up and monitoring the site. Another way to get our messages across to members.

You will see from the '**In Memoriam**' list that it has been a sad year where we have lost a large number of members and spouses. Our thoughts are with their families. Contact me on 01773 609043 if you have a bereavement and I will contact all the authorities on your behalf, i.e. pensions, headquarters, mutual welfare etc. as it can be a very daunting task at this sad time. NARPO have produced a 'bereavement booklet', which is available on our website [www.derbysnarpo.co.uk](http://www.derbysnarpo.co.uk) under 'Useful Information'.

Have we got your up to date address and contact details? Have you moved house or changed your internet provider? If you have you can email me at [Derbyshire@narpo.org](mailto:Derbyshire@narpo.org) or phone me on the above number and I will update your records.

## **Pensions**

Headquarters have no plans to start '**Reviews**' of the pensions of Officers who had to retire due to Injury on duty or illness.

Were you in service as a member of a public service pension scheme on 31 March 2012 and remained in service on 1 April 2015? If so please have a look at the NARPO website [www.narpo.org](http://www.narpo.org) and see the letter sent to HM Treasury in response to the Government decision to implement the Deferred Choice Underpin as the remedy to the discrimination caused in public sector pension schemes, this follows the 2018 Court of Appeal's judgement in McCloud that found the Government had discriminated against public sector workers in their policy of transitional protection, which was part of the 2015 reforms to public service pension schemes.

## **Coach Trips**

Dear all due to the pandemic we had to cancel all our coach trips. The committee have taken the stance that when the Covid restrictions have been relaxed and more importantly when our members feel safe, we will resume Coach trips.

Just to remind you, the committee have decided to continue to subsidise coach fares at the present rate. This means that widows will continue to travel free. Members will pay £5 per trip, and non-members will be charged £10 (unless a very long journey is involved, when it may be a little higher.) The only change agreed was that we will no longer reimburse coach fares on a cancellation. While the fares are low the cost of reimbursing automatically can no longer be justified. Any entry costs are payable by all.

Please note, not all trips will be on a Wednesday, as before. We will travel on any day of the week due to availability. Travelling north we will pick up at Chesterfield – West Bars Old Court House and travelling South, Chesterfield members will have to go to Slacks depot. The pick up point at Derby will be on Full Street outside the Premier Inn.

Last but not least, Committee member John Louch has retired from the Committee. I am sure that you will join me, in wishing John all the best and thank him for all his hard work over the years, helping to arrange the Socials at Derby and the Centenary Gala. By way of appreciation the Chair presented John with a 'brass mariners' clock' virtually.



## **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM due to be held on the 10th May, 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic. This year 2021 we intend to hold our AGM by Zoom at 3pm., Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

**/d number 816 724 1152 Password 312903 Doors will open at 2.30pm**

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Absent Members
4. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting. None -Due to there being no meeting.
5. To receive the Annual Report for 2020
6. To receive the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for 2020
7. Election of Officers and Committee
9. President's address – This may not be possible.
10. Welfare
11. Sports Club
12. Annual Conference 2021
13. Any other business

Anyone wishing to raise any matter under '**Any Other Business**' is requested to give seven days' notice to the Secretary by emailing him at [Derbyshire@narpo.org](mailto:Derbyshire@narpo.org)

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS  
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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Subscriptions</b>		
XPS	24,444.24	24,161.28
Direct from Members	<u>1,071.32</u>	<u>704.45</u>
Building Society Interest	25,515.56	24,865.73
Close Bros. Interest	6.36	5.15
Social Evenings/Raffles etc.	483.34	482.02
Donation M Watson	0.00	231.00
	250.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>26,255.26</b>	<b>25,583.90</b>
 <b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Committee Travel	686.25	1,369.40
Subscriptions to NEC (Precept)	10,600.06	7,785.90
Branch Lunch	0.00	1,557.50
Less Member's cont. & refunds	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,277.00</u>
Christmas Lunch	0.00	1400.00
Less Member's cont. & refunds	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,101.50</u>
Trips	0.00	6,656.50
Less Member's cont. & refunds	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,243.00</u>
Social Evenings/Raffles etc.	0.00	1,495.11
Presentations/Donations/Folders	234.69	1,324.10
Committee Expenses with Guests/Hospitality	18.17	12.69
AGM Refreshments	0.00	469.00
National Conference	0.00	1,889.30
Website	750.00	750.00
Annual Report	36.42	68.28
Newsletter	29.52	23.22
Refund of Subscriptions	0.00	20.04
Chatsworth Centenary Dinner	0.00	8,705.75
Less Ticket Sales	0.00	<u>4,345.00</u>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Honoraria: Chairman/Secretary/Financial Manager	4,750.00	4,750.00
Postage, Stationery, Telephone etc.	218.90	214.43
Computer Maintenance/Upgrade	105.88	307.75
Professional Charges	200.00	200.00
Corporation Tax	92.72	93.86
Zoom Meetings	86.34	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>17,808.95</b>	<b>28,126.33</b>
 <b>Surplus/Deficit of Income over Expenditure</b>	 <b>8,446.31</b>	 <b>(2,542.43)</b>

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS  
DERBYSHIRE BRANCH  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

	2020	2019
Nationwide Building Society	0.00	5,873.61
Close Bros.	30,208.97	30,208.97
National Westminster Bank	19,404.38	4,954.66
Petty Cash	36.45	166.25
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	49,649.80	41,203.49
Less Creditor	200.00	200.00
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>49,449.80</b>	<b>41,003.49</b>
Represented by		
Accumulated Funds		
Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020	41,003.49	43,545.92
Surplus/Deficit of		
Income over Expenditure	8,446.31	(2,542.43)
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<b>Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020</b>	<b>49,449.80</b>	<b>41,003.49</b>

The above accounts have been prepared and presented by K Gibson, Financial Manager, Derbyshire Branch.

**Examiner's Report**

I have examined the above accounts of the Derbyshire Branch of the National Association of Retired Police Officers for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, and confirm that these are in accordance with the books, records and information as supplied by the Financial Manager.

Kenneth R Cope, ICPA,  
Certified Practising Accountant.  
9, Amber Heights, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3SP  
11 March 2021

## New Members of NARPO

Margaret Davis widow of ex Pc Barry Davis  
Jeff Wilson  
Paul Phoenix  
Carl Scrimshaw  
Julie Fay Thomas  
Pete Moss  
Roland Frank Lewis-Philips  
Karl Mortimer  
David Robert Heaps  
Janet Hulme  
Mark Steven Jennison  
Sandra Maureen Barker  
Gary Small  
Mrs. Lyn Bell widow of ex D/Insp John Bell  
Paul (Fred) Bassett  
Mark Andrew Walker  
Mrs Jane Gladwin widow of DS Graham  
Gladwin  
Paula Doyle  
Roderick James Harris  
David Anthony Brown  
Robert Finlay  
Paul Weston  
Dee Collins  
Russell Parish  
Peter Andrew Henderson  
Mrs. Barbara Mary Fenwick widow of ex  
Supt. Anthony Nicholas Fairfax Fenwick  
Adrian Gascoyne  
Robert Ian Annable  
Stephanie Thandi  
Rebecca Louise Wilde  
Richard David Smith  
Frank Christopher Murphy  
Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Tremayne Kemp  
widow of Pc Phillip Cole  
Clive Wesley Grayson  
Daryl Roland Robotham  
Mark Johnson  
Julie Anne De Nardo  
Michael Eccleshare

Andrew Govan.  
Trevor Varney  
Frances Varney  
Mark Andrew Taylor  
Paul Furniss  
Mrs Karen Julie Wilkinson widow  
of Sgt (395) John Phillip Wilkinson  
Andrew James Knowles  
Mrs. Susan Wilkinson  
widow of Pc (1208) John Wilkinson  
Adrian David Fry  
Michael Bramley  
Paul Anthony Cannon  
Mark Edwin Haythorne  
Dean Wheeldon  
Mrs. Jennifer Mary Torkington widow of Pc  
Andy Torkington  
Richard Parkin  
Mrs. Kate Salt widow of C/Insp Peter Salt.  
John George Griffin  
Jonathan Andrew Lowes  
Kevin Henry  
Mrs Elizabeth Swain widow of Pc Ian Swain  
John George Jameson  
Mrs. Jacqueline Dawson  
Mrs. Norah Miller widow of Pc Clive Miller  
Cheryl Slater  
Gary Stringer  
Mrs. Sylvia Diane Potten widow of Sgt Geoff  
Potten  
Mrs. Elizabeth Jepson widow of C/Insp Alan  
Jepson.  
Jools Proctor  
Mrs. Sandra Judkins widow of D/Sgt.  
Theodore (Tom) Thomas Judkins.  
Mark John Knibbs  
Rachel Baggeley.

## **Sports Club**

The last virtual meeting of the Sports Club by 'Teams' took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

Due to the Covid pandemic there has been little or no sporting activities taken place. The use of the Corporate Tickets has also been curtailed. The accounts up to the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 showed an income of £173,776 and an expenditure of £82,000 showing a surplus of £91,000. The Bank balance at the moment is £195,000.

There are 1342 members and 681 retired members. The Lottery raises £40,000 per annum with half being offered in prizes. £1200 per month in pay outs with extra at Christmas.

The Sports Club is now a Limited Company as reported in the Annual Report for 2019.

As soon as we know more, about the use of Corporate tickets and their use, I will update you via the website and Facebook.

Sean Murphy - Sports Club Rep

## In Memoriam may they rest in Peace

Pc Philip Lowe  
Sgt Graham Walton  
Mrs. Phyllis Mary Brown widow of Sgt 314 Philip Brown  
Mrs Brenda Pedley widow of Pc Brian Pedley  
Insp David Webster  
Mrs. Doreen Rodgers wife of ex D/Sgt Dennis Rodgers  
Mrs. Elsie May Smithurst widow of ex Pc Derek Smithurst  
Detective Inspector John Bell  
Supt. Anthony Nicholas Fairfax Fenwick Pc (633) John aka Jack Martin  
Pc Keith Westran  
Mrs. Iris Chalkley widow of C/Insp John Chalkley  
D/Sgt Graham Gladwin  
Insp. David Robert Skinner  
Mrs Dot Oliver widow of Sgt Don Oliver  
Mrs Doreen Horton widow of Pc Sidney Horton.  
Pc John William Henry Keetley  
Mrs. Ellen Ollerenshaw widow of Pc Clive Ollerenshaw.  
Pc Michael John Downes  
Mrs Sheela Fidler wife of ex Sgt. Brian Fidler  
Mrs Thorp wife of ex Insp. Anthony Thorp  
Insp Lee Colison  
DC James John Reid (BTP) husband of ex DC Karen Reid  
Pc Walter Leslie Buswell  
Sgt. Brian Fidler  
Pc (1144) Phillip Ralph Cole  
Insp Raymond Thomas Haynes  
Mrs. Patricia Jean Thorpe wife of ex Sgt. Albert Alan Thorpe

DC Howard Graham Loydall  
Sgt. John Shaw  
Sgt. John (395) Phillip Wilkinson  
Pc John (1208) Wilkinson  
Mrs Linda Mary Allen wife of Pc James Allen  
C/Insp. Peter Gerard Salt  
Mrs. Margaret John Roughton widow of Sgt Dick Roughton and Mother of ex Sgt John Roughton.  
Pc Ian Swain  
Mrs. Kathleen Mary Galliford widow of Pc Terence Galliford  
Pc Clive Miller  
Pc Adam Bentley  
Sgt. Norman Arrowsmith  
Supt Derek Walters  
Supt David Roy Ashton  
Pc Alan Burton  
Pc Kevin George Carruthers  
Pc Eric Geoffrey Tart  
C/Insp Leslie Alan Jepson  
Sgt. Geoffrey Thomas Potten  
Sgt. John Stanley Hodgson  
Mrs. Patricia Burton wife of Pc Allan Burton  
Pc Frank William Shaw 100 years  
Mrs. Dora Smith widow of Pc Jim Smith  
Mrs. Diane Tidman widow of Insp. Alan Tidman.  
Mrs. Joan Beal widow of Insp Derek Beal  
Mrs. Margaret Sanderson widow of Pc Jack Sanderson  
Sgt William 'Dennis' Hand.  
Mrs. Kate Salt widow of c/Insp Peter Gerard Salt.  
C/Insp Henry 'Harry' MacDonald Spencer  
D/Sgt. Theodore 'Tom' Thomas Judkins

## A Challenging Situation by Barry Woodcock

Arriving from the District Training Centre, I joined my Section in the town Police Station. The lads soon alerted me to the shenanigans of a very senior officer of the Division who would eventually come to visit and take me for a stroll, during which, he would love to say, 'Keep up with the pace, young man'. The time eventually came for the inaugural visit.

Standing by the Telephone box to make my 'point' for the customary 10 minutes, there had been no incoming calls. Then the gargantuan senior officer arrived. After a short introductory talk, the expected demand soon came, 'I think we will take a walk together, young man'. He pushed his head back, scrunched his shoulders and we set off together.

What my visitor was not aware of, is that he was walking with a '*victor ludorum*' trophy recipient from his old school and a local town relay harrier. Following that, served with the armed forces and taken part in a large amount of major unit football, when military exercises allowed.

The new intake at the Training School was mainly made up of ex-servicemen, who were returning from postings to West Germany in what was known as the Cold War or in the Malaya campaign. They came from County, City and Borough forces and the drill sergeant parades needed hardly any instruction

We had walked together for just about a quarter of a mile and I decided to quicken up the pace and lengthen my strides in my rubber soled boots. After, of around another quarter of a mile, the clatter of leather soled shoes behind me, began to get slower and the sound more distant. A distorted voice eventually called out, 'Hold it there, young man, just give me a minute or two. When he caught up with me, he took off his cap, wiped the inside with a handkerchief and then gave a hefty blow into it. There was no conversation on the steady stroll back to the town center. After he initialed my pocket book, with a rather unsteady hand, he departed to his car. Bizarrely, I never did see or hear of this senior officer again as a transfer to another division came along. It was me who went but I am sure it had nothing to do with our walk.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

It has been such a strange year for us all. There were two items in the last 12 months that brightened up our spirits. Both of which appeared in the NARPO News magazine. The first was ex Pc Frank William Shaw who was 100 years of age on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2020, but who sadly passed away a few weeks ago. If you recall, in 1974 whilst driving his patrol car in Buxton. Frank was kidnapped at gunpoint by an escapee from Broadmoor and made to drive to Blackpool, where the offender gave himself up. Frank was unhurt.

The other is ex Pc Ted Fell who has become a Chelsea Pensioner, following the passing of his wife. Doesn't he look resplendent in his 'scarlets'. Committee member, Ian Louch has spoken to Ted who has arranged to take the branch on a tour of the Chelsea Hospital, when we can resume our coach trips. Thank you, Ted.





