



# NEWSLETTER

## DERBYSHIRE BRANCH

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS

## Chairman's Chat

The Branch AGM was on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2011 and for the first time for many years was held in the Headquarters Canteen, which was closed on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, this year as part of the Force savings.

There was an electrical fault in the Multi Purpose Hall and was considered unsafe for our meeting. Members of the Committee directed those members attending to the Canteen which had been set out for the meeting. Most members thought it was quite pleasant having large windows allowing plenty of light.



Dee Collins, ACC, was the guest speaker and spoke about her responsibilities in the Force and it's up to date trend.

All members of the Committee were elected en bloc. This year a buffet was provided by the 'Cob Shop', Ripley and was paid for by the Branch. Over 60 members attended and a raffle was held which raised £79.

Due to the closure of the Canteen we were unable to use the crockery but Ripley Boy Scouts came to the rescue with the loan of teacups and saucers. £30 was donated to them.

Frank Gregory has retired from his post as Treasurer and we thank him for his services to the Branch.

Due to the fact that no committee members were desirous of becoming Treasurer, I advertised the post in the last copy, to be published, of the Force

Newspaper, Upbeat. I did not receive any replies. Malcolm and Sean both made enquiries and I asked several members of HQ staff but to no avail. Sean had a positive reply from his friend, Keith Gibson, who lives in Ripley and who has had experience in finance and book keeping. After interview Sean and I proposed Keith to the Committee Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 and after meeting him, the committee agreed to accept him onto the Committee as an Associate member. The Rules relating to Associate membership do not allow him to be named 'Treasurer' so he will be known as the Financial Manager.

The Branch continues to register new members and I welcome them and hope that they will attend some of our social functions. If you know of any retired Officer who has not yet joined 'NARPO', please encourage them to do so.

Please remember the object of the Association, 'To safeguard the rights of members and to promote measures for their welfare, with particular regard to pensions'.

Len - Chairman

### **UPDATES.**

As you are all aware, the Government changed our pension increase from the RPI to the CPI, resulting in a loss of 1.5% increase in our pensions. In the Annual Report I mentioned that NARPO together with other Pension Unions were taking the matter to Judicial Review. This is due to be heard on a date after the 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2011. We will keep you posted.

The Derbyshire Branch website is now back and up and running, thanks in the main to member Pete Wise who is our official webmaster. Visit us at [www.derbysnarpo.co.uk](http://www.derbysnarpo.co.uk) I have had a few comments but I would like more as to how we can improve the site eg: For Sale section. All deaths and funeral arrangements are placed on the website together with other items of interest, so put us in your 'favourites' and visit it as often as you can. There is a section called 'contact us' so if you are on the internet contact me so I can have your up to date email address.

The Chief Constable, Mick Creedon, has been awarded the Queen's Police Medal (QPM) for his work regionally, nationally and around serious and organised crime. Former Divisional Commander, Roger Flint has also been awarded the QPM for his work in the International Hostage Negotiation World, Bureaucracy Taskforce and the Superintendents Association. Our congratulations to them.

Sean - Secretary

## THE MUTUAL WELFARE FUND

It has become apparent from some of the questions asked recently, that there is a need to make clear the terms on which the fund operates.

Firstly it should be understood that it is operated by the Force, through the Finance Dept, with the assistance of our partners Sarasin Chiswell Ltd, through a committee. It is not operated by NARPO. We are members and have 4 representatives on the committee.

All officers of the Constabulary (Federated Ranks) are members unless they specifically opt out. Subscriptions continue to be levied on pay and / or pension until the age of 65 years, when pensioners who are members of NARPO become honorary members, receiving the full range of benefits without further payment. If members of the fund cease payment or do not join NARPO all benefits cease to be available.

Under the rules of the Mutual Welfare fund, paying members have had to subscribe to the Mutual Welfare Fund St Georges Police Trust and the Convalescent Home as a complete package. However it was agreed at the Annual General Meeting of the Mutual Welfare Fund that with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011, paying members of all three funds will have the right to subscribe to each one as a separate entity.

The Benefits and subscriptions for each element are as follows:

- 1- Convalescent Home – monthly subscription of £5.42p.  
This is the monthly subscription required by the Home to enable Officers to attend for a period of 11 night's convalescence, subject to being a paid up member for a year.
- 2- St.George's Police Trust – monthly subscription of 87p.  
The trust makes the provision of a weekly allowance to orphans who are under the age of 16 years or who are still in full time education. (Several are still in receipt of this allowance in Derbyshire.)
- 3- Mutual Welfare Fund – monthly subscription of £2.44p.  
Benefits as below:
  - i. Payment of out of pocket and travel expenses to Officers attending the Convalescent Home at Goring on Thames.
  - ii. A retirement gift is paid to all members retiring from the Force. The gift is currently £900.

- iii. Financial Assistance may be given to any member who has been put to exceptionally heavy expense owing to sickness, bereavement or other causes over which the Officer has no control.
- iv. A death benefit is paid to all members and pensioned members on the death of their spouses. The benefit is currently £800.
- v. A death benefit is paid to the spouse/nominee of all members and pensioned members. The benefit is currently £800.
- vi. A birthday gift, currently £15, is payable to all pensioners on attaining 70 year and annually thereafter.
- vii. An occasional grant of at least £55 will be paid at Christmas each year to all widows and widowers.

The above benefits from the Mutual Welfare Fund are dependant upon the Officer having been a paying member for the complete duration of their service.

NARPO's current representatives on the Welfare Committee are Len Smith (Chairman), Michael Watson ( Vice Chairman and Welfare Rep), Malcolm North (Welfare Sub Committee) and Sean Murphy.

Any information about Members who are ill or in need, should be passed to anyone of the above who ensure help is given where possible.

[Michael Watson.](#)  
[Welfare Rep.](#)

## **DERBY NARPO SOCIAL EVENING.**

This year's Social at Mickleover Golf Club, arranged by John Louch and Arthur Padmore is to be held at 7pm., 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2011. A hot supper of Steak pie and chips/mash and peas followed by a cheese platter is being provided free by the branch and will be served at 7.45pm.. The Club can only accommodate 65 so it would be appreciated if members can let Sean know if they are attending for catering purposes, at least two weeks prior to the Social at the latest. Sean can be contacted via the contact page on the website.

It is imperative you let us know as we have to confirm the exact numbers by the 24<sup>th</sup> October.

# BRANCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Branch Christmas Lunch will be held at Horsley Lodge on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 12.30 for 1 pm. The cost will be £15.50 per head and no charge for widow members who may bring a guest. Cost to guests will be £16.95. If you wish to attend, please complete and return the slip below to Mr. M.B. North by no later than 30th November.



Fruit Juice  
Leek & Potato Soup  
Prawn Salad  
Rosette of Melon with seasonal fruit  
Chicken Liver Pate and toasted French Stick

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Turkey & trimmings  
Roast Beef  
Roast Lamb with red currant gravy  
Salmon in a Dill Sauce  
Roasted stuffed red pepper and goats cheese



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Christmas Pudding  
Vanilla Cheesecake  
Trifle  
Chocolate Fudge Cake  
Cheese & Biscuits (£1 supplement)

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Coffee or Tea & mints



I/we will be attending the Branch Lunch on 7<sup>th</sup> December & enclose a cheque made payable to **Derbyshire NARPO** for £.....

My choice of menu is

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

## Financial Manager

Keith Gibson kindly took on the role to help the Branch. For the last 27 years he has worked at Derbyshire County Council responsible for University Grants until his retirement and was Treasurer for Ripley Amateur Dramatic Group for 21 years. He is married to Jean and has two children and three grandchildren with one on the way. He has been my friend for the past 34 years. He is keen to stress that if a member wishes to take over as Treasurer he is happy to relinquish the post. Thank you to Keith for taking over the reins from Frank Gregory, a hard act to follow.

[.Sean - Secretary](#)



## First Policewoman in Derbyshire



It is with deep regret that I have to inform members of the passing of Mrs. Iris Guest, previously WPC (1) Iris Dobney. It was only when I contacted her daughter Elizabeth Humphrey, that she informed me that her Mother Iris was the first Policewoman in Derbyshire and I thought it would be remiss of the Branch and the Derbyshire Police if we allowed it to pass without a mention.

Iris joined Derbyshire on the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1946. She attended the Police Training Centre at Bruce, Warrington on the 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1946. She came 10<sup>th</sup> out of a class of 26 with an average mark of 73%. She served at Ilkeston from the 24<sup>th</sup> August, 1946 and resigned on the 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1948 due to her forthcoming marriage to Sergeant (93) Guest based at Long Eaton. Her training certainly came in handy when she

rescued a neighbour from a house fire in about 1959 and was awarded a Certificate from the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire

[Sean – Secretary.](#)

## Len Smith celebrates **25 years** as Chairman of NARPO Derbyshire Branch



Len being presented with a bottle of whisky by Michael Watson, Vice Chairman to mark the occasion of him being elected as Branch Chairman for the 25<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, at the NARPO lunch in May. Congratulations to Len. He has promised to find some original jokes for the coming year.



## **NARPO Trip to Erddig House, Nr.Wrexham 22<sup>nd</sup> June,2011.**



Members and friends enjoyed a glorious day at the National Trust property, Erddig House. A fantastic house with magnificent gardens. The weather was warm and sunny which allowed us to stroll through the gardens at leisure and enjoy lunch in the restaurant.

## **NARPO trip to Hereford and the Cider Museum Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2011.**

Members and friends enjoyed a day in Hereford with its beautiful Cathedral and a visit to the Cider Museum. Again another lovely day enabling us to see the city and cathedral at its best.



Members and friends had enjoyed coach trips to Highgrove House on the 14<sup>th</sup> April, and London on the 20<sup>th</sup> August, this year. These trips are organized and subsidised by the Branch for the benefit of members. Guests pay the full amount. Yet we are still not managing to fill the trips. We ask ourselves, why? The charge to members is only £5 and for widows free. So it isn't the price. The locations for the trips are varied. So, Why? Please let us know what we are doing wrong or what you would like us to do.

### **HONORARY MEMBERS**

David Hawkins and Doreen Wood, who have been supporting all our social events over the years, were nominated to become Honorary Members by Michael Watson at the last Committee Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2011. This was unanimously agreed. We welcome them and thank them for their continued association.

## SPORTS CLUB DAY OUT TICKETS

Day Out tickets are available for use by Sports Club members and can be booked from the locations shown.

**Headquarters.** Chatsworth - enters 6 people  
Chucklebutties - enters up to 4 children + 1 adult  
Crich Tramway Museum - enters 2 adults and up to 3 children  
Twycross Zoo - 1 ticket per person (8 tickets available)  
Tickets can be booked through the Real Time Intelligence Office on ext

730 3750 (24 hrs)

**B Division** Chatsworth  
Haddon Hall - enters 6 people  
Tickets can be booked through Bakewell PS on ext 722 2200 (Mon - Fri

9am-5pm,

9am-1pm closed 1.10pm-2pm for lunch)

Crich Tramway Museum

Midland Railway Museum - enters 2 adults and 3 children

Tickets can be booked through Matlock PS on ext 720 2041 (Mon - Fri 9am-

5pm only,

Closed for lunch 1.30pm-2pm)

**C Division**

Chatsworth

Crich Tramway Museum

Haddon Hall

Midland Railway Museum

Twycross Zoo (6 tickets available)

Tickets can be booked through Chesterfield Enquiry Office ex 780 2167

(Mon - Sat 8pm-10pm, Sun 10am-8pm)

**D Division**

Chatsworth

Crich Tramway Museum

Haddon Hall

Midland Railway Museum

Twycross Zoo (9 tickets)

White Post Farm - enters 2 adults and 4 children

Tickets can be booked through Derby Enquiry Office ext 760 3205/2258

(Mon - Sun 8am-10pm)

These tickets are for Sports Club members only - proof is required on collection (most recent pay slip).

Tickets can be booked out no more than 8 weeks before date required and collected the same day or night before if not in use that day. They may be used only once on any given day.

They should be returned by 9pm the same day as used, the post box should be used at Bakewell and Matlock Police Stations.

The tickets can be used by any Sports Club member irrespective to which Division they belonged.

Pensioner members aged 65, who subscribed to the Sports Club until becoming honorary members at that age will be unable to prove their membership by means of a pay slip, but no difficulty is envisaged.



## **JACK WAGSTAFF CROWN GREEN BOWLS**

The competition for the Jack Wagstaff Trophy took place at Staveley Miners Welfare Green on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August and it was blessed with glorious weather. Unfortunately, only seven entrants took part which was disappointing in view of the fine day and hospitality of the hosts. There was insufficient numbers to run a pairs competition so for the first time since its inauguration in 1973 it was run as a singles competition. After playing each other over 11 ends the winner was Malcolm North and the runner up Brian Fidler. The cup was presented to the winner by Enid Wagstaff who in turn was presented with a bouquet of flowers. The other competitors were, Tony Thorp, Roland and Rosemary Bagshaw, John Dixon and Margaret Ward-Davies.

Next year's competition will take place at the same venue on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August. I would encourage all bowlers, whatever their standard to make the effort to attend, to make the effort to enter. I can assure them they will enjoy a good days bowling amongst excellent company

M.North  
Sports Club Rep.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

The following have become members since the Annual Report

David Payne

Enid Sewell (widow)

Ian Ward

Roger Flint

Christine Hardy (widow)

Damon Pipes

Ian Roe

Pauline Ellis (widow)

Rob Shooter

Stephen Cooper

Michael Henderson

Nigel Hill

David Payne

Sylvia Netley (widow)

Richard Marriott

## In Memoriam

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

Letty May Shaw passed away  
31.3.10.wife of Rtd ex Sgt Alan  
Shaw.

Lydia Williams passed away in  
2009 wife of Rtd. ex.Sgt.Sam  
Williams, after a hard fought  
struggle with cancer.

Irene Gapp, wife of Rtd.ex. PC Ted  
Gapp. Apologies to Ted he is alive  
and well.

Heath, J.K. (Ken) Rtd C/insp

Leslie Shillito Rtd Sgt

Michael J Sewell Rtd

Frank Troughton Ex.Supt.

Michael John Netley Rtd C/Supt

William (Bill) Fletcher Rtd C/Insp

Arnie Grace Rtd.ex.PC

Andrew Elliott.Rtd.ex.PC

Elsie Elliott (widow of Rtd. Ex.Pc  
Andrew Elliott just a few weeks  
later)

Maureen Falloon.Rtd.ex.Supt.

Derek Stoneley QPM Rtd.ex  
D/C/Supt.

Iris Guest, widow of Rtd.ex.Sgt.  
Guest.

Daniel Barlow Ex Pc.

### LAST MINUTE BONUS TRIP TO LINCOLN MARKET.

Due to popular demand and the fact that it was cancelled last year, for the first time ever, due to the inclement weather, Michael has booked another trip to the world famous market. The trip is booked for **Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2011**. The cost is £5 for members, £11.50 for non members and widow members are free. When booking please give your guest's name.

### Times of departure and pick up points:

**1500hrs** Slacks Depot. **1530hrs** Ripley Market Place. **1600hrs** St.Mary's Wharf PS., Derby.

Cheques (payable to **Derbyshire NARPO**) to be sent to Michael Watson

