



NEWSLETTER

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT



I would like to begin by recording a personal vote of thanks to outgoing Chairman, Len Smith. To survive thirty years in any voluntary position is a massive achievement. Well done Len.

Len has been largely responsible for the building of this Branch to its present position in the Association, where it is well regarded as being very well run and forward thinking.

Len has been offered and has accepted an appointment as Honorary President. He will be able to attend meetings and keep in touch with friends and colleagues.

I am honoured to be allowed to take the Chair of the Branch, for as long or short a time as it turns out to be. Not an easy man to follow.....

I think you will all agree that Michael Watson bears little or no resemblance to Len Smith. However Michael, as Vice Chair, has stepped up to the mark and is our Chairman until the next AGM. Len held the post of Chairman for 30 years as well as being on the National Executive Committee for 15 of those years. Due to recent health problems he has decided to step down, but I personally

think that he has run out of jokes. Len will however remain as a committee member. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Len for leading the Branch for so long.

Sean

Updates.

The Derbyshire Branch website is being visited regularly (about 3800 hits per month) thanks in the main to member Pete Wise, who is our official webmaster. Visit us at 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 our contributors. All deaths and funeral arrangements are placed on the website, when they are known. There is a section called 'contact us' so if you are on the internet, contact me so that I have your up to date email address. Also if you follow the link to the Main NARPO website, there is a lot of information and help, from Computer help, House, Car and Travel Insurance to Tax advice.

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 but don't worry Sue Fergusson is there to help.

Widows Pension for Life – Petition.

An enduring injustice in the 1987 Police Pension scheme is that widows or widowers' pension under the scheme lose their pension if they remarry or cohabit. Although improvements have been made to this aspect of the police pension in subsequent schemes, the provisions were not retrospective; so most police widows are still in the position of losing their pension in these circumstances. NARPO believe this provision is demeaning and not an appropriate condition in a modern age and should be abolished.

We encourage members to sign the petition, a link to which can be found on the national website www.narpo.org – click on 'Notices'.

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.

At present a report has been submitted to the Head of Human Resources for progression through the ranks. The author of the report suggests two options, **1.** That only those below 70 years of age be reviewed or **2.** Just review those awarded injury on duty 10 years ago, bearing in mind those reviewed only 3 years ago.

My advice is to wait and see how the report is progressed and as soon as I hear anything I will update you.

Villa Scylla, Italy and Villa Endymion, Holland.

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 and the section on Villa Scylla and Villa Endymion cottage, Bloemendaal near Amsterdam. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you decide to take up this offer.

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 Having just been to the NARPO Conference, their stall advised me that the cost is £100 for a couple for a two night weekend. (No treatment available)

Derby NARPO Social Luncheon

This year's Social at Micklever Golf Club, is on **Sunday, 23rd October, 2016**, and has been changed to lunchtime. If you would like to come all you have to do, is contact the Secretary put your name down and let him know whether you would like Beef or Salmon at least two weeks prior to the Social at the latest. Sean can be contacted on **01773 609043** or via email at sean-eileen@thedelves.freeserve.co.uk or via the website.

Coach Trips.

During 2016, NARPO organised trips to Marsh Farm, Abbots Bromley and Lichfield, Llangollen Wharf, Nth Wales, Nostell Priory and Park, Nr.Harrogate and Moorcroft Pottery Museum. The trips have become very popular so when the list comes out in the Annual Report, get your name down. You will not regret it. A trip to the Thursford Christmas Spectacular on the 23rd November has also been booked, there are only 4 places left.

The following trips have already been booked for 2017 with more to follow: Grateful thanks to Michael and Ruth Watson.

Wednesday, 18th April, 2017. (following this year's successful trip). **Marsh Farm, Abbots Bromley** for lunch. Menu and prices when available.

Wednesday, 16th May, 2017 – (New) Trip to The **Gordon Boswell Romany Museum**, Spalding. Prices/arrangements will be notified later.

Please see the last page of this Newsletter for the booking form for these two trips.

Austrian Adventure- NARPO and Friends

Michael is also organising a trip to Zell am See, Austria from the 3rd June, 2017 for 9 days travelling with Slacks Coaches, Matlock. The cost is £799-00 per person for half board accommodation and overnight bed and breakfast/dinner in Germany en route. Also included are all excursions including Salzburg, Grossglockner Road, Krimml waterfall, Berchtesgaden and Hitler's 'eagle's nest' and a train journey on a single cog steam railway from Jenbach to Seespitz. Deposit of £60 by 31st October, 2016. Contact Michael for more details.



Moorcroft Pottery, Nostell Priory, Marsh Farm and Llangollen trips.

Derbyshire Benevolent Society

The '**Derbyshire Benevolent Trust**' has been up and running for well over a year. The object of the Trust is "**To provide and permit welfare and benevolent facilities for members and their families**". The main focus of the Trust will initially be 'Wellbeing' in both physical and financial terms and as such the services offered should contribute to peace of mind through awareness seminars, financial advice surgeries, and complimentary therapies, such as yoga, physiotherapy and mindfulness. 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'. The Trust organise 'Pop Up' Offices around the County where you can arrange to speak to qualified financial and wellbeing advisors or administrators of the Trust. The Trust have agreed terms with a firm of Solicitors and Financial Advisors that allow members to have a free one hour consultation and private and with complete confidentiality. Check the DBT website at www.derbyshirebenevolenttrust.com for more details; contact Ian Godfrey at ian@derbyshirebenevolenttrust.com or if you are not on the internet, phone Sean who will pass on your details.

Sports Club

Apparently we are having problems with the 'Corporate Passes'. I have been asked by the Sports Club to make it clear that only the Sports Club member can collect the tickets and that they must be in their possession at all times. Current staff and officers are asked to bring their warrant or ID card when collecting the tickets and NARPO members are asked to produce their NARPO card. I would suggest that if you have a pension slip which shows you are paying into the Sports Club and or Lottery, it would avoid any embarrassment.

Apparently there have been a number of occasions recently when people other than the Sports Club members have tried to collect the passes, and this can make things difficult for all concerned. Just to remind members, 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 1st March, 2013, will continue to be classed as Honorary Members and pay no subscription. If you are still in the Lottery, it will show on your pension slip that monies are being taken out. You would recoup your monthly subscription by a visit to Chatsworth House or Haddon Hall.

As reported in the Annual Report the Jack Wagstaff Crown Green Bowls Competition has finished. Enid Wagstaff, who is 97 years of age, would like to thank everyone who has supported the Competition throughout its lifetime.

New Members

The following have become members since the Annual Report:

Ian Godfrey
David John Chambers
Mrs. Rita Coleman
Stephanie Anne Shirt-Gould
Barry Thacker
Mrs Janet Ball
Bruce Dieter Clarke

Erika Wendy Green
Nicholas George Lamb
Mrs. Jacqui Stocks
Bob Binnie
Patricia Ann Lewis
Michael John Nichols
James (Jim) William Taylor

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.

Mrs Jennifer Lenney wife of Pc John Lenney
Sgt. Dennis Toone
Sgt. John Ball
Mrs D. Shipton widow of ACC Shipton
Mrs. J. Bedson widow of DC Eric Holmes
Pc Sidney Pheasant
Sgt. Philip John Skelland

Insp. Ken Stocks
Chief Constable John Newing
Insp. Peter Lewis
Pc Robert Humphrey Garratt
Pc Kenneth 'Ken' Rogers
Sgt. Derek Woolley

NARPO CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wednesday, 7th December, 2016 1230pm for 1pm.

The Christmas lunch will be held at Lumb Farm. The cost will be £21 for members, £23 for non-members, widow members free of charge. If you wish to attend please complete the slip below with your menu, any seating choice and remittance to: Roy Potts.

NO LATER THAN MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

MENU

Potato and Leek Soup
Prawn Cocktail with Marie Rose sauce
Melon
Pate

Turkey with Seasonal Trimmings
Derbyshire Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding
Salmon with white wine and chive sauce
All served with seasonal vegetables

Traditional Christmas pudding with Brandy Sauce
Brandy snap basket, fresh fruit and ice cream
Black Forest Gateau and cream
Sherry Trifle
Cheese and Biscuits (£1.50 extra)

Tea or Coffee

I / we will be attending the Branch Lunch and enclose a cheque payable to:

Derbyshire NARPO for £..... My contact Tel. No.....

Name 1: Name 2:

Menu choice:

Starter Starter

Main Main

Sweet Sweet

If possible I / We would like to sit with:
(every effort will be made to accommodate your request).

Coach Trip Booking Form

Coach Trip to Marsh Farm, Abbots Bromley. Wednesday 18th April, 2017.

I wish to bookseats.
I/We will meet the coach at.....@.....am.
I enclose remittance of £.....cheques payable to **Derbyshire NARPO**.
Cost £5.00 members, widows free, non members £10.00 (coach only)
Name.....tel. no.....
Address.....
Names of any guests

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As usual the pickup points are Matlock, Ripley and Derby
Details of all trips will be published on the Branch Web Site as they become available.
They will also be published in the Annual Report.
Bookings with remittance will be taken **from 9th January 2017**.

NARPO News

NARPO is made up from retired Police Officers in England, Wales and the Isle of Man together with their spouses, widows and widowers. Its major objective was stated to be, '**To safeguard the rights of members, and to promote measures for their welfare with particular regard to pensions**'. That is still true – but its range of activities to achieve that aim, have widened significantly.

The Association originally attempted to obtain negotiating rights, but the creation of The Police Federation, with statutory powers, prevented further progress in that area. Despite this, the Association has progressed its image and abilities and now represents over 100 branches and around 100,000 Officers.

Originally the National body published a regular 'Bulletin', as a means of passing on information down to Branch level. This was superseded in 1992 by the 'NARPO News', published quarterly to all members.....it has been and continues to be a great success story. Its quality, content and production values are consistently first class. Remember its your magazine. Please take time to read it. It covers a large range of subjects and you can get your ideas/comments published by calling the National Office at Wakefield.

Michael J.Watson.

