



NEWSLETTER

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT



When our Secretary spoke to me a few days ago asking for my "report" for this newsletter I have to admit that for once I was almost lost for words. What was I going to write about? What had we done that was worthy of putting pen to paper? The last twelve months have been so strange. Because of the legislation brought in as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic the Branch, in common with every other Branch, has not been able to hold any social activities for members. The Force

has not allowed visitors to meet on its premises, pubs and restaurants have been closed and indeed face to face meetings have been non-existent.

The Branch committee has been meeting on a regular basis, but only on Zoom (oh how I wish I had the foresight to buy shares in it at the start of the pandemic) and we did manage to hold our 2021 AGM but again, this was only possible via Zoom. The AGM is normally the occasion for the membership of the Branch Committee to be considered and for any vacancies to be filled. However, on this occasion it was thought that under the prevailing circumstances, it would be best to delay the appointment of any new committee members until things get back to normal again. May I therefore thank all the committee for their continued support during these difficult times.

In a sign that we are in a position to think about a resumption to normality, at the last Branch committee meeting held on 14th July, we did make a start on arrangements for a gradual resumption of these “normal” activities. What the term “normal” will mean over the next twelve months or so however be open to interpretation and we may well find that activities that have been arranged might have to be cancelled or curtailed if the Covid situation deteriorates or legislation requires it. You will find the latest information on these arrangements elsewhere in the magazine.

Communication with members of the Branch has continued to develop recently with more use now being made of our Facebook presence. This however has not reduced the number of visits to the Branch website, indicating perhaps that a different demographic of members use Facebook to those accessing information via the website. My thanks as always go to Pete Wise and to Ian Louch for all their hard work keeping these aspects of our communications up to date.

As the Chairman of the Branch, it has always concerned me somewhat that there may be members who, for whatever reason, maybe ill-health, family issues, worries around Covid etc., might need an extra bit of help and may not know where to get it. Some members may be living alone and might just want someone to have a chat with on occasions. If you know of any members who might be in such a situation please give some thought to how it might best be addressed. Perhaps give me or our Secretary, Sean, a call to discuss it in confidence. Let's make sure we all look after each other in these difficult times.

I look forward to being able to get out and about, meeting our members again in the not too distant future.

Dave Ashley

Updates from the Secretary

We never envisaged that when we started with the pandemic that there would be an end to it but slowly, slowly, we seem to be getting back to normal, although it hasn't gone but we are living with it. I would think that the majority of our members have been double jabbed with a booster jab being offered in the next few months. We have been so used to being offered the 'flu jab every year so I can see that we will be offered a COVID booster every year.

During the pandemic, your committee have been meeting online to discuss the way ahead. Members of the committee ventured into Wales to attend the NARPO Conference. It was very good and the only difference was that we had to wear masks during the days programme. You can still watch it online by going to Narpo.org

Our President, Brian Burdus stepped down after 4 years and was replaced by Richard Critchley with Kate Rowley QPM as his deputy. Our congratulations to Brian, Richard and Kate.

The NEC put forward a motion to move the NARPO HQ in Wakefield, which they own, to other premises saying that the premises were not fit for purpose. It was poorly presented and the against motion was well presented and needless to say the motion was defeated unanimously. As

'scrutineer' I was not able to use my clicker counter after all those years of training! The CEO of NARPO Steve Edwards has resigned but we don't why, I am sure it will come out in the wash.

We have decided to resume our Socials, starting with a two-course luncheon at Mickleover Golf Club on Sunday, 14th November, 2021. This is a free luncheon for members and their partners. Numbers will be restricted due to the size of the premises. Please see the menu on Page 6 to make your choices and let Ian Louch know your requirements.

Also, we will be having our NARPO Christmas Luncheon at Lumb Farm Country Club, Ripley on Wednesday 8th December, 2021. Please complete your menu choices and let Gordon Lambourn, have your cheques please. (Details on page 5).

Are you registered with the Police Treatment Centre at Harrogate and their sister home in Auchterarder, Scotland? If not they are having a moratorium, so if you join now you do not have to wait 12 months before you can use their facilities. It costs about £2.81 a month. Certainly worth it as you never know when you might need it, hopefully you won't. The PTC at Harrogate is also open as a bed and breakfast at weekends.

Whilst on about health, I received an email from member Paul, who stated, 'I felt run down, I was peeing about 12 times during the day and night, I am 64. I spoke to my doctor via a telephone appointment. From the symptoms he suggested, I submit a urine and a blood sample for testing The urine test showed I had an infection and so I was prescribed a course of antibiotics which after a few days were working. I slept through the night. Blood tests results came through in less than a week. I AM ALL CLEAR. Not even a need for an internal examination'. This is a cautionary tale. Don't leave matters. Get to the Doctors. If it is problems with your prostate, early diagnose is key and in Paul's case just an infection. The same goes for all our members male and female, at least once a week check for lumps and bumps. Early diagnosis is imperative. 20 years ago, I found a lump in one of my testicles, had it checked and it was fine.

John Louch and Kevin Wilson have stepped down from the Branch Committee after many years of service. John was presented with a maritime brass clock and Kevin a NARPO Centenary Mug and coin. We wish them well.

Regards Sean

Injury on Duty.

With regard to members in receipt of injury on duty pension the latest information from Headquarters is as follows:
'Nothing further to report in injury reviews, we still have no plans to implement a review period'.
Good news but if and when they do, I will update you.

Derbyshire Benevolent Trust

The Derbyshire Benevolent Trust (DBT) is an independent organisation, which works to provide goods, services and benefits for its members.

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The trust's services are available exclusively to serving police officers, serving police staff and retired members of Derbyshire Constabulary.

The Board of Trustees seeks to provide services and benefits that support or enhance the wellbeing of members and works with a broad range of service providers to achieve this.

If you feel your organisation can offer something for the good of our membership,
email: admin@derbyshirebenevolenttrust.com

The object of the trust is defined as:

“To provide and permit welfare and benevolent facilities for members and their families”

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 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.

Coach Trips.

During 2021 there were no Coach trips. Slacks are now running as normal. However, they ask that their customers wear their masks when embarking or disembarking the coach and when moving around the vehicle. A small price to pay. We will be resuming trips in the near future so watch this space, the website or facebook.

Sports Club

The main news is that we have been informed by Chatsworth that all their Corporate Passes will expire on 31 October 2021. Therefore, our passes will not be valid for this Christmas Season due to them running at significantly reduced capacities. Chatsworth have said that they will contact us in the Spring to discuss new membership terms. Therefore, the Chatsworth Christmas raffle has been **withdrawn**. Tickets for the Chatsworth Christmas event go on sale to the general public on 15th September, 2021.

Corporate tickets are still available for a variety of venues for Sports Club members only. Details are on our ‘useful info’ section of the website or by telephoning during office hours to HQ Reception, 0300 122 8001, Central Support 0300 122 8041, B Div. Tel 0300 122 8016. C Div. 0300 122 8258 and D Div. 0300 122 8010 or email HQ.CentralSupport@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk with their requests. 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!

New Members

The following have become members since the Annual Report:

Apologies to Mrs. June Gladwin widow of D/Sgt Graham Gladwin, inadvertently I put Jane.

Mrs. Maureen Lowe widow of Pc Philip Lowe.

Mrs. Gillian Ford widow of Pc John Barry Ford

Kieran Durk

Jane Cycles

Paul Carrington

Wendy Jane Smedley

Paul Phoenix

Peter Adams

Adrian David Fry

Andrew Sidwell

Paul Anthony Cannon

Tom Strachan

Karl Mortimer

Robert Bowns

Andrew Bishton

Nigel Waring

Adrian David Fry

Benjamin Crane

Mrs Gwendoline Spencer widow of C/Insp

Ian Richardson

Harry Macdonald Spencer

Mrs. Jenny Crook widow of Sgt Phil Crook

Gillian Irene Halliday

Matthew James Mozley.

Darren Gyte

Nicola Atkinson

Derbyshire Police by Barry-Woodcock

The Derbyshire Constabulary was established on the 17th March 1857 with its Headquarters at Belper and with a strength of 156 men. The town of Glossop was policed by the County Force until it was considered a Borough on the 9th April, 1867.

In 1862 the Police Force in Derbyshire comprised of 43 men in Derby Borough at a cost of £2,768, 11 men in Chesterfield at a cost of £755 and 157 for the rest of the County, at a cost of £13,566.

The number of crimes committed in Derby were 43 with 48 arrests, with 387 suspected persons at large. The number in Chesterfield were 23 with 29 arrests and 61 suspects at large. In the remainder of the County there were 256 with 217 arrests and 1851 suspects at large. Derby had 76 houses of bad character, Chesterfield 26 and there were 420 in the rest of the County.

The County Jail, Assize and Quarter Sessions were at Derby.

Adding to their workload, the 201 officers in the County, became gamekeepers as well, when in 1862, a new piece of legislation was introduced for landowners. The Poaching Prevention Act, which gave a Constable, powers to stop and search any person coming from land they have been unlawfully in search of game. With this new legislation, it is reported that in some other Force areas, the legislation was used for other purposes, leading to an increase in minor larceny leading to the prosecution for stealing a turnip or a bundle of wood.

From the Secretary: Barry was quick to point out that he wasn't a Policeman until the 1950's.

Obituary

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.

Insp. Terence Cyril Roberts
Pc (100) Andrew George Wedd
Pc (1515) Peter Bryan Harrison
Sgt (500) Derek Killingsley-Smith
Mrs Jean Brenda Crane widow of Pc Derek Crane
Mrs. Doreen Joan Applegate widow of Pc Ron Applegate.
Mrs. Sharon Delia Cowley-Booker wife of ex Pc (478) John Cowley-Booker
Mrs. Eileen Hill widow of Sgt. Kenneth Hill
Pc (772) John Barry Ford
Sgt (651) Philip Ian Crook
Pc (531) Jack Norris.
Mrs. Molly Gascoyne wife of ex Sgt (558) Peter Gascoyne.

Mrs Glenys Moss widow of ex C/Supt John Moss.
Pc (583) Peter Max Kasprzycki
Pc (581) Desmond 'Des' John O'Brien
Mrs Marie Hodgson widow of Pc Joseph Hodgson and Mrs Margaret Todd widow of Pc Matt Todd
Mrs. Elizabeth Gray widow of Sgt. (282) James Gray.
The following widows passed away several years ago but we were never informed –
Mrs Betty Astle widow of Pc Derek Astle.
Mrs Donegani widow of Sgt Jim Donegani.
Mrs Jenns widow of Sgt George Jenns.
Mrs Hazel Ryan widow of Pc Frank Ryan.

NARPO Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday 8th December, 2021

The Branch Christmas Lunch will be held at Lumb Farm Country Club, Derby Road, Ripley, Derbys DE5 8JN.

The cost will be £20 for members, £25 for non-members, widow members free of charge.
If you wish to attend, please forward your menu and seating choices, to Gordon Lambourn c/o; 147 Warmwells Lane, Ripley DE5 8JE., no later than Friday, 26th November 2021.

MENU

Carrot and Coriander Soup
Prawn Cocktail
Melon Medley with a peach coulis
Farmhouse Pate
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Traditional Turkey and stuffing
Derbyshire Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding
Salmon with hollandaise sauce
Vegetarian option available
+++++
Xmas pudding and Brandy Sauce.
Bailey's Cheesecake and pouring cream
Meringue nest served with fresh fruit & ice cream
+++++
Cheese and biscuits £2-00 supplement
+++++
Tea or coffee and mints

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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.

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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.)

Derbyshire Narpo – Complimentary Sunday Lunch

Sunday 14th November 2021 at 12.30pm for 1pm at Mickleover Golf Club, Uttoxeter Road,
Derby DE3 9AD.

Main Course

Roast English Beef, Yorkshire Pudding and Rich Gravy

Grilled Salmon fillet, Courgette Ribbons & Prawn Butter Sauce

Baked Stuffed Chicken Supreme with Smoked Cheese with a Chorizo Tomato sauce

All served with fresh vegetables and potatoes

Desserts

Deep Filled Apple Pie with Lashings of Hot Custard

Citrus Tart with Mixed Berry Compote & Raspberry Sauce

Duo of Chocolate Cheesecake with Strawberries and Cream.

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Tea, Coffee with Dinner Mints

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Those wishing to attend should contact Derbyshire NARPO Vice Chair Ian Louch at louchy@ntlworld.com or by phone at 01332 518623 with their menu choices and details of any other members that they would wish to sit with on their table.