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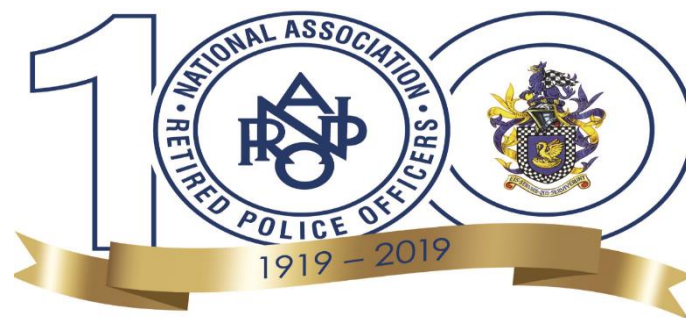
DERBYSHIRE BRANCH

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT



I have now been in the Chair of the Derbyshire Branch since our AGM in early May. I would like to thank the Branch membership for putting their faith in me to do this job, following in the footsteps of our vastly experienced previous chairmen, Michael Watson and the late Len Smith. I will do all I can to carry out the role to the best of my abilities giving it all the enthusiasm and vigour that it

deserves. I would also like to once again express my thanks to Michael for taking on the Chairman's role for the last couple of years following Len's resignation.

It is with sadness that I mention the passing of two members of the Branch Committee. We sadly lost Len Smith, and Don Dovaston over recent months and both will be sadly missed. Both were great characters in their own right. A full obituary list can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. Two other valued members of the Branch Committee also resigned at the AGM as Roy Potts and Mark Heath both stood down. One of these vacancies was filled by the election of Ian Louch from Derby and subsequent to the AGM, Phil Smith from Chesterfield has been seconded onto the committee. We are now actively seeking a representative from the old "B" Division to join the committee to help us even out the geographic spread of committee members. Also, we want some ladies to join the committee as they are very much under represented at present. If you are interested please give me a ring for details.

By the time you read this, our Branch Centenary Gala Dinner and Drinks Reception on 13th September, at which almost 130 members and guests attended will be just a memory. Held at the very prestigious Chatsworth House, often referred to as "the jewel in the Peak District's crown" this was the highlight of the NARPO year in Derbyshire. Entertainment during the meal was provided by a local brilliant magician, Ian Barradell and enchanting harpist, Laura Rose-Gee. After dinner entertainment was provided by Michael Moore, a well known local singer. Mr Peter Goodman, the Chief Constable, Mr Nick Hodgson, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and Mr Brian Burdus our National Chairman, together with their respective wives were our guests of honour. To further emphasise our links with the force, two cohorts of Police Cadets, were in attendance offering assistance to guests on their arrival. A good time was, as they say, had by all. I trust that if you attended, you had a really good night, with lots of nostalgia.

On 18th June I attended the Force's "Celebrating Achievement Awards" ceremony, held at the Derbyshire County Cricket Club ground in Derby and was honoured to join the Chief Constable in presenting an award to "The Community Officer of the Year". This award was sponsored by Derbyshire NARPO and will be presented annually. The recipient this year was Constable Amanda Burden who is based at Shirebrook. Our congratulations to Amanda on being the first recipient of the award since our sponsorship started.

Another recent initiative, that a number of members will no doubt already be aware of is the creation of a Derbyshire NARPO Facebook page. Many thanks particularly to Ian Louch for his work in getting this initiative off the ground. The Branch website is of course still going strong and will continue to be the first port of call for many members.

Speaking of initiatives, you may recall that some twelve months ago we introduced a scheme whereby the Chief Constable presented a Derbyshire NARPO conference folder to all officers who saw him for their pre-retirement interview. We have now expanded this scheme so that the folder is passed to all retiring officers, whether they choose to see Mr Goodman or not. Hopefully this initiative will in the long term help us in our efforts to recruit retiring officers to the Association.

A number of Branch activities have taken place over the summer months, including what I understand was a fantastic cruise around Iceland, organised by Sean Murphy. Many thanks to Sean. Several coach trips and social events have also taken place, thanks to the hard work of Michael Watson. We still have the Social Lunch at Mickleover Golf Club on 20th October and the Christmas celebrations at Lumb Farm, Ripley on 4th December to come, so if you have not yet booked for them – do it straight away to avoid disappointment.

Whilst recognising the great work done by my predecessors and the range of activities presently available to members, I do look forward to challenges ahead. All organisations must change if they wish to survive and NARPO is no different. We have to recognise that the Police Officer retiring today is a completely different animal to the one who retired 30 years ago and our approach needs to reflect the needs and aspirations of both. Charles Darwin pointed out to the world that it is not the strongest species that survive, but those that are the most adaptable to change. How true this has proved to be.

And lastly, the Branch maintains records of its membership. It contains all addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses – **if we have them.** Please help us to help you – if you think that any of your details may not be correct please contact either me or Sean so that your record can be updated. (Since becoming Chairman I have tried to email all members whose email address is on record. Almost 25% were not delivered as it appeared the address was incorrect. If you are on email and have not had an email from me then it may well be that your email address is either not known or is incorrect.)

David Ashley

Updates from the Secretary

2019 is the Centenary of NARPO and to celebrate this event Derbyshire had organised a Gala Dinner and Entertainment at Chatsworth House on Friday, 13th September, 2019. Hopefully by the time you receive this it will have taken place and I am sure it was a great evening. Thanks to Dave Ashley and the sub-committee who did all the arrangements on your behalf.

On the 13th June, 2019 Dave Ashley and myself together with our wives, attended the Tower of London for a celebratory Banquet in the presence of HRH The Princess Royal, Princess Anne, who has kindly agreed to be our Patron for the Centenary Year. I was fortunate enough to be presented to her.



No sooner did we return when on the 18th July, 2019, Princess Anne visited the Police and Fire Service Headquarters at Ripley and unveiled a plaque to commemorate the collaboration of both services. She had asked to meet with NARPO members, so after the unveiling she was introduced to Michael Watson, former Chairman, Phillip Smith, New Committee member. Malcolm North former Secretary, myself as Secretary and David Ashley our present Chairman.



Over the years the Branch Chairman has been invited to the Awards Ceremony and it was decided that this year we should sponsor a trophy. It was agreed that we would sponsor 'The Community Officer of the Year'. So, I am pleased to announce that the first recipient of this trophy was Constable Amanda Burden stationed at Shirebrook. The Photo shows Amanda receiving her Trophy and Certificate from the Chief Constable Peter Goodman and David Ashley, NARPO Chairman. This will help to raise NARPO's profile within the Force.



Amanda receiving her trophy. Our congratulations to her.

The Derbyshire Branch website is being visited regularly (about 5,000 hits per month) thanks in the main to member Pete Wise, who is our official webmaster. His experience is greatly appreciated and an asset to the Branch. Please visit us at www.derbynarpo.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. We have also entered the 21st Century and we are now on **Facebook - easy to access just click the 'f' on top right of the website front page**. Thanks to Ian Louch for setting this up. Also follow the links to the main NARPO website www.narpo-uk.org for information and help, from computer help, house, car and travel Insurance, jobs to tax advice

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 wishing to send condolences please contact me at my email address sean.murphy179@gmail.com or via 'contact us' on the webpage.

Injury on Duty.

With regard to members in receipt of injury on duty pension the latest information has not changed since the Annual Report.

'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 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 for more details; or contact Ian Godfrey at ian@derbyshirebenevolenttrust.com or if you are not on the internet, phone Sean who will pass on your details.

Buxton Social

The Buxton Social at the Conservative Club on Friday, 9th August was a great success with 48 members and their partners attending. The Social has always been arranged for the second Friday in August. No one seemed to know why, even Derek and Joan Beal, who have organised it for the last 10 years, didn't know why. He just followed on from Fred Allen who organised it before him. Anyway, members who attended asked me if we could have it earlier in the year and it was decided that we would have it in June, so next year we have booked it for Friday, 12th June. Please put it in your diary. Derek and Joan have decided to give up and Alan Brailsford has kindly taken over the reins. Thank you, Alan.



Coach Trips.

During 2019, NARPO, through Michael Watson, organised trips to: -



10th April, 2019 - Royal Worcester Museum and Worcester – Photo Worcester Cathedral.



15th May, 2019 Bletchley Park - Photo

12th June, 2019 Waddesdon Manor (NT) put off until the 18th September, 2019.

17th July, 2019 Hanwells Wine Tasting – No photo, too much wine!!

14th August, 2019 – National Iron Works museum, Oswestry. No photo too much rain!

DERBYSHIRE NARPO CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT RENISHAW HALL

11.45am., WEDNESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 2019

The Branch has organised a Christmas visit and lunch to Renishaw Hall. The itinerary is 11.45am., arrival at Renishaw Hall for tea/coffee and mince pies.
12.30pm., Guided tour of the Hall. 1.30pm., Lunch.

Menu – **Mains** – (a) Turkey Ballantine with pigs in blankets and cranberry sauce.
(b) Spiced Belly pork on a bed of aromatic braised red cabbage.
(c) Roast Butternut Squash and chestnut and mushroom wellington (V)

All the above served with roast potatoes, a medley of roast winter vegetables, sprouts with chestnuts and gravy.

Dessert – (a) Christmas pudding and Brandy sauce
(b) Chocolates Brownie and Ice cream
(c) Lemon Tart (V)

Followed by tea or coffee

Cost £32-50.

You will be able to attend using your own transport but you will have to wait until the Group is all present before entry (to assist staff). If this is not practical, the Branch will provide a suitably sized coach from Matlock, Ripley and Derby at a cost of £5 per person (Widows free)

Please complete the booking form (even if you have indicated that you would like to attend) and return to Michael Watson together with a cheque made payable to 'Derbyshire NARPO'.

I/We would like to book () places for Renishaw Hall.

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- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....

Menu choices are Mains:..... Dessert:
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My Cheque for £ is enclosed.

I will travel in my own vehicle.

I would like transport (£5 - Free for widows) to be picked up at Matlock at 10.15am, Ripley at 10.45am, or Derby at 11.05am. (Please state)

Villas and Apartments in Italy and Vienna.

I can't recommend a visit to Villa Scylla on Lake Lugano, Italy enough. It is free to NARPO members; you just have to get there. The villa sleeps six and the two gate bungalows sleep two. There are now apartments in Vienna too.

Look at the main NARPO website www.narpo-uk.org and the section on 'Villas' for more information.

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 The cost has been increased to £120 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 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? Contact Headquarters by dialling 101 and asking for Finance.

Michael McEllhinney is organising a nostalgic trip to RAF Dishforth on the **5th November, 2019**. You could do worse than have a weekend in Harrogate at the PTC.. If you are interested in visiting Dishforth contact me and I will forward it onto Mick.

NARPO and Friends

Due to unforeseen circumstances only 9 members were able to go on the cruise to Iceland on the 30th June, 2019, again with Fred Olsen on their ship Balmoral. It started with a coach trip to Rosyth, Scotland. Due to the fact that Rod and Kate Repton had to pull out at the last minute, (they were expecting their 1st grandchild) We took a re-useable coffee mug on behalf of the 'Derby Baby Unit', which Kate is heavily involved with.



I am sure that the 'mug' enjoyed the cruise as much as we all did.

Sports Club

Corporate tickets are available for a variety of venues for members only (Chatsworth, Magna Science, Conkers, West Yorkshire Safari Park, Crich Tramway, Whitepost Farm, Butterfly House etc.) Full details are on our 'download section' of the website. To book via email on HQ.Reception@Derbyshire.PNN.Police.UK or HQ.CentralSupport@Derbyshire.PNN.Police.UK or by telephoning, during office 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!

New Members

The following have become members since the Annual Report:

Mrs. Sallie James widow of Supt. Peter James
Mrs Claire Lambley widow of Insp Don Lambley MBE
Douglas Naden
Clive Gillon Hockenhull widower of DS Carol Hockenhull
James Allen
Mrs.Lorna Willoughby widow of Pc John Willoughby
David Archie Ritchie
Mrs. Jane Laughton widow of Pc Brain Laughton
Roy Prince
Mrs. Suzann Banks widow of DC Geoff Banks (Kent)
Mrs. Beryl Needham widow of Pc Owen Barton.

Mrs. Carole Alberta Dovaston widow of DCC Don Dovaston OBE., QPM.
Paul John Louis Tagg
Neil Matthews
Paul Frederick Harrison (QPM)
Peter Boyce
Janet Elizabeth Poyser
Dr. John Coxhead
Darren Paul Belfield
Caroline Susan Church
Simon Matthew Bulmer
Allison Loise Rigby
Paul Miller
Neal Forster

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.

Supt. Peter James
PC Owen Barton
Insp Donald (Don) Lambley MBE
PC Geoff Hollingworth
Sgt Eric George Naden
DCC Norman Leonard Chapple
DCC Donald 'Don' Frederick Dovaston OBE
QPM
C/Insp Dewi Roberts
PC 777 Alan Frederick Collier
PC Arthur Greatorex
PC Phillip Tipper
Insp Leonard 'Len' Smith

Mrs.W.Clark
Mrs M.Richings
PC John William Lenney
Mrs Molly Naylor (widow of Supt Thomas Watson Naylor)
PC Alan Greatorex
PC 525 Sydney 'Roy' Scattergood
C/Insp John Leonard Chalkley
PC 566 John Colin Gibbs
Sgt. Kenneth Harrop Blundell

Motorcycle Rally Raid to Normandy.

On Tuesday June 18th 2019 to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the D Day landings together with Jonathan Lambley, Eric Barthorpe and John Doddman we sailed to Cherbourg in France. On arrival we set off on our motorcycles for our base in Arromanches, calling en route at St Mere Eglise the town famous for the American paratrooper who got tangled on the church tower. (a manikin still hangs with a parachute as a permanent reminder). On the Wednesday we set off visiting the gun batteries above Gold Beach then onto Pont Du Hoc. Omaha Beach was followed by the American cemetery at Collerville then onto Bayeux to visit the British cemetery. We had intended riding to see the Pegasus Bridge but we encountered the worst storm Normandy had seen for ten years and therefore decided to return to our base.

Wednesday evening, we went down onto Gold Beach below Arramanches, the tide was out and all the Mulberry's were clearly exposed, this is the beach where 24970 British soldiers landed on D Day. We held a short act of Remembrance remembering the nine Derby Police Officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice in WW2, they were: - Herbert Valentini Baker, Willian Victor Bibby, Lloyd George Burton, George Cook, George Morley Lucas, James William Ewart Richardson, Desmond Arthur Richings, Edward Thomas Smith and Robert Tomlinson

We then laid a wreath on behalf of Derbyshire NARPO. Thank you to Derbyshire NARPO for the financial donation and providing the wreath.

On Thursday morning as we left Arromanches we called to see the Memorial garden from the Chelsea flower show that has now been permanently installed up on the cliff top. On route to the ferry at Cherbourg we called off at Utah beach to reflect on our Motorcycle Rally Raid to Normandy.



Thanks to Mark Phillips and his Raiders.

**NARPO Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday 4th December 2019**

The Branch Christmas Lunch will be held at Lumb Farm, Derby Road, Ripley, Derbys DE5 8JN at 12.30pm for 1pm.

The cost will be £22 for members, £25 for non-members, widow members free of charge. If you would like to attend please complete and send the slip below with your menu, seating choice and remittance to Gordon Lambourn no later than Monday 25th November 2019.

MENU

Mushroom and Chestnut 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
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 pouring cream
Chocolate Fudge Cake with pouring cream
Brandy basket served with fresh fruit & ice cream

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Cheese and biscuits £1.50 supplement

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Tea or coffee and mints

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.)

