



# **NOTTS NARPO NEWS**

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## **TIME FOR A SPRING CLEAN.**

A new layout, and why not! We thought it was about time our bulletin was updated and brought into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

It's your news in a new format to brighten up the bulletin. In addition to all the usual information we publish we want to include pictures, gossip, messages, reunions, requests, features, even free members advertising; anything supplied to us by you, the members, for our mutual benefit, information and enjoyment.

We would particularly appreciate it if those with digital cameras that take photographs at any of our organised events, pass them through to us for selected publication either in the newsletter or on the web site.

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### **Chairman's Letter**

"We have just had the AGM and the new committee have had their first short meeting where people find out what roles they are performing on your behalf. Since then I have attended a couple of other meetings and thought I would pass on a few points that I gleaned from them. It is now 90 years since R. Harris became the first president of NARPO and it is fair to say that we are as relevant today as we have ever been. Our major object revolves around the welfare of all our members, particularly at a time when Police forces appear to be reducing the size of their welfare commitment particularly to those who no longer serve. Then issue of welfare was a motion at Conference in 2007 and as a result the NEC and Conference in 2008 agreed to

trial the use of a company called Care First. Their publicity has not been as widespread as one might have hoped but it has been sufficient for people to have made use of their services including a number from Notts... There should be more information in the next NARPO news plus a small leaflet inside explaining a little more. The NEC knows the numbers using the service but do not appear to have any idea of the quality of the service given. I am therefore taking the opportunity to ask anyone who has had dealings to drop a brief line to our Secretary of the quality of service, we want no names or identifiable information just was it worthwhile or not. This will give your delegates to conference an idea on whether the service should continue. Should you not know Clint Elliott will become the new Chief executive of NARPO after Conference 2009 when Mike Thornton retires. I have thanked Mike personally for the work he has performed on the members' behalf, since he took over the role in very difficult circumstances. A new Deputy to replace Clint has after a formal selection process been appointed and his name is Steve Edwards from Lancashire area. Have a great summer. Brian Burdus"

## **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Your Committee applied to the National Office for Life Membership for a member. The Branch takes this honour very seriously and a report is sent to Wakefield, after consideration the National Office agreed to honour Brian Dewing with Life Membership, Brian has been a member of the Committee for 16 years working tirelessly on behalf of the members, he is also co-organiser of the Resettlement Courses which the Branch run on behalf of the Force, he together with Ged Clowes are personally responsible for the 95+% of officers joining NARPO on retirement.

The presentation was made on behalf of the National Office by our Regional Representative Len Smith, and on behalf of the Branch We would like to offer our congratulations to Brian

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## THE LEAVING OF....

Don't forget, **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** is the date of the free annual outing to **Liverpool** and the Albert Dock Museum. Demand is strong, if you want to be part of it contact Brian Marshall at [b.marshall9@ntlworld.com](mailto:b.marshall9@ntlworld.com) or by snail-mail **4 Hartington Avenue, Hucknall. NG15 6TA.**, Apart from the company, the location and the cost it's a great day out!

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## LOOKING AFTER THE LADIES.

**Ladies day** this year is on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**. We look forward to seeing as many of the ladies as possible. Anyone wishing to go please get in touch with John Kennedy.

If you can spare some time to help in any way, we're not actively looking for Gigolo's, although..... but your help is urgently required and would be appreciated particularly with transport. Let John know if you can help.

It's always a pleasant afternoon, despite the vagaries of the British weather. Whether you go as a guest or a helper, don't forget to take your camera.

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## MEN FROM MARS

Jim Platt (0115 9606867) and Roy Kirkham (0115 9523600) are busy sorting out the **City Police Reunion on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** at the Notts County Football Ground. Those of you who were fortunate to be what some considered in the finest Force in the country, should get in touch with either of them for a good night out. Nobody that goes looks any older, honest!

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## DO YOU REMEMBER WHO .....?

Used to spook the new probationers by rolling dustbin lids down Drury Hill in the early hours of the morning?



Drury Hill

Dropped fluorescent light tubes from a great height to explode behind them?

Hid round the back of shops with steel plates which when dropped, sounded like a plate glass window going in, when their colleagues were having a crafty cigarette in the front doorway.

Left the used coffin across St.Mary's Walk in the Lace Market for young Constables to trip over at four in the morning? (They never could get anyone to lie in it and shout "Boo" when the lid was lifted.)

Was the Constable that gave Mohammed Ali a good night out when he came to Nottingham?

The identity of the Detective who gave roses to all the attractive girls he met?

Were the Detectives that 'looked after' Eartha Kitt when she appeared locally?

They know, and so do we, but do you? Have you any amusing memories? No names no pack drill, just the facts, as long as it's true.

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Come on you former County men I sure you have similar anecdotes similar to these provided by former City men.

# MEMBERSHIP PAGE

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

### President:

The Chief  
Constable.  
Ms. J. Hodson

### Chairman

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### Assistant Secretary

**David Wheeldon**  
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**Mavis Davies**  
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**Varian Alflatt**  
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**Beryl Lamb**  
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**Mabel Marsh**  
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**Malcolm Holmes**  
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**Brian George**  
Tel 01636 813922  
**Fred Kirkham**  
Tel 0115 9604923  
**Michael Herbert**  
To be confirmed

## New Members:

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members:

Philip Wilson	Richard Cousins	Michael Ward
Stewart Bradley	Anthony Gullett	Graham Harper
Mark Rodgers	Matthew Richards	Nicholas Harris
Timothy Burch	Stephen Fox	Anthony Coulson
Robert Godley	Gerald Taylor	Deborah Lincoln
Anthony Mason	Paul Tupper	Manjeet Matharu
Peggy Brooks	Marjorie Merry	Simon Davies
Shirley Robinson		

## Obituaries:

It is with regret that I have to inform you of the death of the following members since our last publication. Our deepest sympathies are extended to their next of kin:

## Members

	Retired.	Date Retired.	Died.
Barry Robinson	Constable	1978	19.01.09
Graham Wilkes	Constable	09.02.09	27.01.09
Alan Merry	Superintendent	30.04.72	10.03.09
John Mogridge	Ch/Superintendent	30.10.72	26.03.09
William Wright	Superintendent	1977	24.04.09

## Widow Members:

	Died	Widow of:
Dorothy Sargison	31.10.08	Frederick Downing
Betty Martin	29.01.09	William Martin
Nellie Curtis	13.01.09	Frederick Curtis
Kathleen Winchester	10.02.09	William Winchester
Margaret Gotheridge	16.02.09	Ex Supt Gotheridge
Patricia Brown	19.02.09	Bertram Brown
Joan Loddington	27.03.09	Bill Loddington

## Spouse of Members:

	Died	Spouse of;
Susan Mycroft	27.11.08	Clive Mycroft
Audrey Twigg	04.02.09	John Twigg
June Strickson	08.03.09	Arthur Strickson

## LEST WE FORGET

Notts NARPO is trying to list all those Police Officers in County and City who served and died in World Wars I & II. We would ask members to check the list to see if any of their relatives are among them and to see if you know of any others we may have missed. For those that are underlined we have very few details, so if you can help it would be appreciated.

### CITY OFFICERS - KILLED IN ACTION - WWI

John CLARKE. Pc. 166. 12.09.16  
Frank GREEN Pc. 105 04.10.16  
George HANSON Pc 57 30.04.15  
George KERTON Pc 287 12.10.17  
Frederick MATTHEWS Pc 301 10.10.17  
David Henry SUMNER Pc139 24.10.14  
John THOMPSON Pc 48 30.07.16  
George WARRENER Pc 229 25.09.16

### COUNTY OFFICERS – KILLED IN ACTION – WWI

Reginald ANSTEY	02.06.16
John George BALLARD	07.11.14
Harold BETTISON	15.09.16.
Charles CURSLEY	03 09 16
Albert Edward GARRETT	08. 02 17
Frederick Richard HAYES	25 09 16
Frederick James HICHLIFFE	25 04 18
Thomas Anthony KERRY	01 06 16
Stephen KETTLE	04 10 17
William LOWE	23 06 16
Charles MITCHELL	25 09 14
Walter SLATER	29 10 14
Arthur SPOWAGE	30 03 18
James TOMLINSON	10 10 16
Arthur WALL	01 12 17
Vincent WILKINSON	15 09 16
William WILLIS	26 09 16

### **The following died from wounds or illness caused by the WAR.**

Frank JOHNSON Died 14.3.1917

William F. BRUTNELL-LEES. Died 1923 of Wounds.

?????? SISSONS. Died of Pneumonia 25 8 1915

Samuel BAILEY. Died 1 Jul 1918 at the Chilwell Depot Explosion.

### **The following we are trying to find details of.**

??????? MILLER. Died of Wounds 1916  
Thomas LAMB Killed in Action 1916  
George Ernest CHAPMAN. K in A 29 Oct 1914.

Albert Henry MITCHELL. ??????  
Richard GOSLING Killed in Action 16 09.16.

James THOMLINSON Killed in Action 10 10 16.

John THOMPSON Killed in Action 1917  
William BROWN Killed in Action 1916  
Frank WILLERBY Killed in Action 1916

If you need or can add any further details about the above or you know of any we may have missed you can contact Brian Marshall by letter, tel 0115 9556563 or e-mail [b.marshall9@ntlworld.com](mailto:b.marshall9@ntlworld.com)

We also have a list of Policeman who served and survived the War. We will try and publish them in later newsletters.

This is an abridged list the full details with known next of kin can be found on the Notts NARPO web pages.

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### **WELFARE**

At some times in our lives we all need the assistance of another person, sometimes these can be an encumbrance but generally these intrusions are most welcome, just to see a friendly face or a listening ear can be of immense help, but NARPO is unable to help unless we know about the individual, so if a friend or ex colleague is in need of a visit or just a telephone call, let NARPO know

Contact will be sensitively made either by letter, phone, email or a visit, we respect the views of the member, but too many are now criticising the Committee for not doing enough

## REUNION DINNER

The Reunion Dinner was discussed at length by the AGM, at this time the Dinner will go ahead as scheduled subject to building works at Police Headquarters, a number of suggestions were put forward by the members present, it has been decided that a small working group will look at these suggestions and we will report their findings in the next newsletter.

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## ONE WISE MAN

One night, a man who was in no shape to drive - wisely left his car parked and walked home.

As he was walking unsteadily along the road, he was stopped by a policeman.

"What are you doing out here at 2 A.M.?" said the officer.

"I'm going to a lecture." the man said.

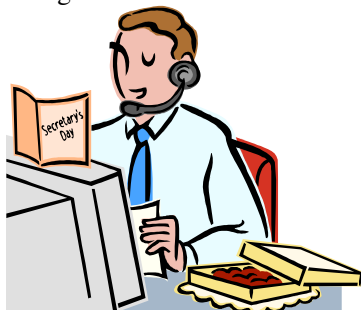
"And just who is going to give a lecture at this hour?" the cop asked.

"My wife." said the man.

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## COMMITTEE CHANGES

As a result of the AGM a number of changes have been made on the Committee and these changes will reflect on who to contact.

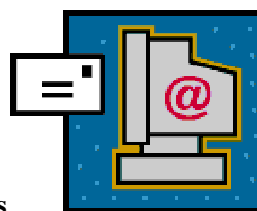


## Assistant Secretary

David Wheeldon was elected as the Assistant Secretary

## Death Warning Scheme

This has now been taken over by Brian Marshall as co coordinator, one simple phone call by your nearest and dearest to Brian can result in all the relevant bodies being notified and a lot of strain removed at a time when other have things to think about.



## Emails

Brian Marshal has also taken on this role.

## Contact Information

All correspondence should now be directed to the Secretary either by telephone 0115 8451619 (Evenings), mobile 07851430645 , email [secretary@nottsnarpo.com](mailto:secretary@nottsnarpo.com) or by letter to The Secretary, Notts NARPO, 139 Cavendish Road, Carlton, Nottingham, NG4 3ED. It will be the Secretary's responsibility to distribute the query to the relevant person who will then make contact with the member.

Any other details for contact should be disregarded.

The main reason that the Secretary now has his own email is that in his absence the Assistant Secretary will be able to access this address.

After the next Committee Meeting a full list of roles will be circulated by Newsletter.

Contact information for all Committee Members can be found on the Membership Page

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### LADIES DAY

I wish to attend the Ladies Day

Name.....

Address.....

Telephone.....

Do you have your own transport Yes/No, (If yes could you assist by picking up other Ladies in your area, Yes/No)

Do you have any special dietary arrangements .....

### ANNUAL OUTING

The trip this year is to Liverpool and the Albert Dock Museum and is on Tuesday 2nd June 2009.

The pick up points will be Mansfield and Carlton.

If interested please contact Brian Marshall by letter at 4 Hartington Avenue, Hucknall, Nottingham, NG15 6TA. Or by e-mail [b.marshall9@ntlworld.com](mailto:b.marshall9@ntlworld.com)

### REUNION DINNER

I wish to attend the Reunion Dinner

Name.....

Telephone Number .....

Guests.....

Special Dietary Arrangements.....

**Please return the Annual Outing Form to Brian Marshall; otherwise send all forms to The Secretary Notts NARPO, 139 Cavendish Road, Carlton, Nottingham, NG4 3ED.**

## Prostrate Cancer Seminar

The Force is organising a Prostrate Cancer Seminar as part of awareness month an initial date for the presentation is Wednesday the 13th of May 2009. Commencing at 5pm in the Amenities Block at FHQ Arnold. At the moment this is the projected time and date. Contact Fred Kirkham on 0115 9604923 for more information.

## Force Volunteers

The Force is looking for willing volunteers in time of serious disorder or emergency, they are particularly interested in Retired Officers and are setting up a list of those who can be called upon, the roles are unpaid but assistance can be given with travelling, if you are interested contact Fred Kirkham 0115 9604923