



# National Association of Retired Police Officers

## Nottinghamshire Branch (076)

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### POLICE DAY OF ACTION

The Police Day of Action took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008 in London and upwards of 20000, serving and retired officers attended to show their support, along with various Members of Parliament and Unison representatives, but more poignantly was the presence of Ken Livingstone, Mayor of London, all that could be seen for about 3 miles was a sea of white caps.

As one would expect it went off extremely well, with the Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police saying it was the most well behaved and orderly demonstration that he had had to Police, and despite the Home Office trying to interfere with the route I think the message got across to those in power.

The Police Federation have now won the right to take the matter to a Judicial Review.

How does this affect Pensioners I hear people ask, quite simply is the answer, our yearly pension review is undertaken in a similar way to that of Police Pay, should this or any Government renege on a deal after the matter has been dealt with by an arbitration panel, this would set a precedent, so although you may not agree with the amount of Pay rise the Police received, it is not the amount that is in question but the way it has been dealt with by the Home Secretary even after the Police Arbitration Tribunal recommended a binding figure for both sides

### ASHFIELD REUNION

Malcolm Scothern is setting up another ASHFIELD Buffet Reunion at St Josephs Social Club, High Pavement, Sutton in Ashfield on Saturday 18th October 08. Anyone having served at Ashfield either with the Force or Support Staff and their partners are welcome. Price is £7.50. If anyone is interested please contact Malcolm at [malcolm.scothern@ntlworld.com](mailto:malcolm.scothern@ntlworld.com) or 01623 459778 or 4000288.

Malcolm is also trying to trace Martyn Wells so anyone knowing of his whereabouts please give a bell

### HM CUSTOMS AND REVENUE

Originally I was going to devote a page to this issue however having seen the latest issue of NARPO News, they have covered Inheritance Tax, Self Assessment and the change of dates and the dates when Tax Returns are due.

However I have been asked to bring one issue to the attention of members of the Death Grant Fund, as a result of communications by a member and HMRC over the issue of Inheritance Tax and how the Death Grant Fund fits within this Tax, All I will say is that if your assets at the time of your death or the death of your spouse exceeds the limitations as set out currently( Nil Band Rate £300, 000.00p ) than please seek Independent Advice as to whether the Death Grant Fund Donation should be declared. The NARPO News Cover Inheritance Tax in far greater detail.

Finally as from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2008, the 10p and 22p Bands on Personal Allowances will cease, both will be covered by a 20p Band, in the main if you earn or receive in Pension more than £10,000.00p per annum, and are not paying National Insurance you will see a slight increase in your 'take home' each month, in the case of someone who is still employed the increase in National Insurance Contributions will probably swallow all of this increase, those receiving less than £10,000.00p per annum **could** see a slight decrease in their 'take home' dependent on how much they are receiving

### CONTACT DETAILS

We are still receiving information from the National Office that circulations and magazines that are sent out to our members are being returned as undelivered, the National Office automatically take you off their circulation list if this is the case, if you move address it is most important that you inform the Branch Secretary or the National Office of any changes otherwise you may miss out on Magazines and Diaries.

If you know of anyone or have contact with anyone who has recently moved get them to contact either the Branch Secretary or the National Office who will update their records.

**Receiving the information twice is better than not receiving it at all.**

### NOTTS IPA ANNIVERSARY

You may already be aware that the Notts Branch IPA is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2008. We are in the process of arranging a program for this event to take place Thursday 12th - Monday 16th June, 2008.

To make this event a success we need hosts to accommodate and look after our guests.

A Festival Committee has been set up, if you are able to host please contact Geoff Tootell on 01623 793447 or email: [pattootell@hotmail.com](mailto:pattootell@hotmail.com)

### LADIES DAY

Ladies Day this year is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008, all Ladies who would like to attend are requested to complete the attached tear off slip on page 4 and return it to the Secretary, as in previous year the secretary will be requesting volunteer drivers to help transport the Ladies to Police Headquarters, a circulation will be put out via the email system nearer the time

### INVIGILATORS WANTED

Invigilators required for examinations during 2008. Would suit retired or semi-retired persons. Current rate of pay for these positions is £8.36 per hour. Interviews will be carried out during late April and on site training will be given to successful applicants.

If you are interested please contact Garibaldi College on 01623 464220 or alternatively email the College at [gsadmin@garibaldi.notts.sch.uk](mailto:gsadmin@garibaldi.notts.sch.uk)

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS	<b>New Members</b>		
<b>Chairman</b> Brian Burdus <b>Secretary</b> John Kennedy <b>Vice Chairman</b> Brian Marshall <b>Assistant Secretary</b> Fred Kirkham	A warm welcome is extending to the following new members to our ranks		
	David Shaw	Wendy Thompson	Kevin Vamplew
	Peter Jones	Russell Tunstall	Andrew Plant
	David Hewett	Stephen Womack-Telford	Martin Bexon
	John Rhodes	Paul Duckworth	Brenda Collishaw
	Barbara Hiscock	Edith Storer	Eileen Walker
	William Brown	David Morley	David Sharp
	Kevin Smith	Ian Fallows	Aileen Cook
	Sylvia Fletcher	Kathleen Woolley	Frances Yarnall
	<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Obituaries</b>	
Ged Clowes	<b>It is with regret that I have to inform you that the following members have died since the last publication</b>		
John Lilley	Retired	Date Retired	Died
Brian Dewing	Charles John Cook	Constable	30.12.93 20.12.07
Mavis Davies	Earnest(Monty) Woolley	Sergeant	08.10.80 20.12.07
Marian Alflatt	Willie Storer	Sergeant	07.10.74 28.12.07
Beryl Lamb	John Fletcher	Inspector	19.05.78 26.12.07
David Wheeldon	Thomas Elliott	Inspector	02.09.76 04.02.08
Malcolm Spencer	<b>WIDOW MEMBERS</b>		
Malcolm Holmes	Died		
Mabel Marsh	Gladys White	18.12.07	Widow Jonathon White
Tracy Walker	Joyce Craddock	22.12.07	Widow Ernest Craddock
	Ada Towle	20.01.08	Widow Alan Towle
	Audrey Heath	27.01.08	Widow John (Jack) Heath
	Mabel Rook	06.02.08	Widow Samuel Rook
	<b>The thoughts of the membership are with the families at this time.</b>		
<b>Dates for your Diary</b>			
<b>Committee Meetings</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> January, 4 <sup>th</sup> April, 15 <sup>th</sup> June, 5 <sup>th</sup> October		
<b>NARPO AGM</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> April		
<b>Ladies Day</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> June		
<b>Annual Outing</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> June		
<b>Ashfield Reunion</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> October		
<b>Reunion Dinner</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> December		

**CONGRATULATIONS**

William (Bill) Brown and his wife Millie, celebrate 60years of marriage (Diamond Wedding) on the 18th of September 2008.

**AGM**

The AGM is due to take place commencing 1800 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at Police Headquarters, the format will be the same as last year in so much that we will eat prior to the meeting. This has been caused by Working Time Regulations and the amount of time the Catering Staff would have to be on duty. Those who attended last year gave a very positive response to the change of format.

If you intend to attend please contact the secretary by letter or email of your intention.

This will be our President Stephen Greens' last AGM as he retires in June, so if you want to get your point of view across to him this may be your last opportunity.

Your Committee is always on the lookout for new members, if you can spare a few hours a month, visiting ex colleagues or being involved in NARPO activities please consider joining the committee, a nomination form can be obtained from the Secretary or from the Notts NARPO web site at [www.nottsnarpo.com](http://www.nottsnarpo.com).

All nominations must be received by the Returning Officer by first post on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

**ANNUAL OUTING 2008.**

The trip this year is to the Black Country Museum at Dudley and is on Tuesday 3rd June 2008.

Part of the museum includes a school lesson lasting for about 20 minutes and a visit to a coal mine lasting about 25 minutes. The mine is a walk in type and not via a shaft. The ground is level but a bit uneven in places.

Those who have already requested to attend will be notified of the arrangements nearer the time. We are restricted to two buses. One will pick up first at Mansfield and then travel to Carlton, where both buses will then leave for the museum.

There are still some places left 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)

**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 .....

Please return complete Form to the Secretary at the address below

### **SPONSORSHIP**

Dan Wallace a retired Dog Handler was diagnosed with Alzheimer's 9 years ago & is currently in the 'latter' stages of this devastating disease. His daughter and friends are undertaking a 'Coast to Coast' (St Bees to Robin Hoods Bay) trek, a mere 190 miles in 15 days starting on 18th June 2008.

All money raised through this walk is to give a little back for the invaluable support these charities offer to those whose lives are affected by Alzheimer's.

Should you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact Jos Wallace via this email address [h.wallace77@ntlworld.com](mailto:h.wallace77@ntlworld.com) or my mobile 07967 533905.

### **POLICE CONVALESCENT HOME**

Slight changes to the applications to attend the Northern Police Convalescent Homes at Harrogate and Scotland.

If you intend applying for a place at one of these homes then you must be prepared to supply a pay slip from your time in the police force, where possible. If you have destroyed your old payslips then be prepared to give the date that you retired. This applies even if you have previously attended one of the Homes. This came into force on the 1st of January 2008.

This is so that they can check if you have been contributing to the scheme.

### **NEW NARPO SCHEME FOR VISION EXPRESS**

Following a review of their corporate eyecare scheme, Vision Express is pleased to announce our relaunch date for the corporate benefit package they offer to NARPO members, as of Monday 18th February 2008.

- £5 off an eye exam has been replaced with:  
£10 standard eye examination.
- Save £30 off complete glasses with frames costing £69 or more - stays as is (proved to be a strong performer)
- £45 contact lens package (enhance) changes to:

Save £70 when joining the Contact 7 direct debit scheme - FREE registration & consultation and first 3 months supply of lenses to value of £44.85. Terms and conditions apply.

### **WARNING - CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL**

- May lead you to think people are laughing with you
- May cause you to think you can sing
- May cause you to tell your friend over and over again that you love them
- May make you think you are whispering when you are not

### 11 PEOPLE ON A ROPE

Eleven people were hanging on a rope under a helicopter, ten men and one woman. The rope was not strong enough to carry them all, so they decided that one had to leave, because otherwise they were all going to fall.

They weren't able to designate a person, until the woman gave a very touching speech. She said that she would voluntarily let go of the rope, because as a woman, her role in life is complete. She married a nice, genuine man, gave him four healthy children and raised them to be the strong, independent young adults they are today. She also said that she was used to giving up everything for her husband and kids, and that this last sacrifice is just a symbol of the many sacrifices she has made for her family and friends throughout her life.

As soon as she finished her speech, all the men started clapping!

There must be a moral behind this story!

### **DOCTOR LIVINGSTONE I PRESUME**

Our very own Dr Livingstone i.e. Paul (Max) Gascoigne is due shortly to depart these shores for Namibia, he hopes to take up residency there and eventually assist people who wish to set up safari holidays in the Southern Africa area.

Max has in the past set up holidays and assisted many of our members and serving officers with their itineraries in the area of South Africa, Namibia and Botswana. He has a wealth of knowledge of the area, from plants to wildlife, and will only be too please to give guidance, assistance and even arrange that holiday of a lifetime.

We all wish him well in his endeavours. Once settled the Secretary will have contact details.

### **County Traffic and Dog Section Reunion**

Once again Michael HOLMES is doing his bit for nostalgia. He is attempting to organise the re-union of the Ex-County Traffic and Dog Section members, for Friday 19th September 2008 before we forget who we are, well some of us anyway.

Those who wish to attend and do not have Michaels contact details, please contact the Secretary who will pass your details on.

### **And Finally**

Do you run a business or know someone who you could recommend, Have holiday accommodation for rent, you can advertise on our web site at [www.nottsnarpo.com](http://www.nottsnarpo.com) or include on our Trades list. Forward details to the Secretary at the address below.