



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BRANCH

*President: Ms J Hodson Chief Constable. Chairman: Mr B Burdus
Secretary: Mr J Kennedy*

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CHAIRMAN'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Once again we have passed the Festive season and hopefully most of us managed to avoid the cold and flu bugs.

To those who had wanted to attend the Christmas meal I will repeat the Secretaries disappointment that it did not take place. I for one was looking forward to meeting old colleagues.

We have a strong and thriving branch but events seem to be less and less well attended, perhaps we could ask for ideas as to what you feel we should be providing.

We can all see what is happening in the economy and now it is as important to keep a watchful eye over our old colleagues and their families so that if they need help or contact we can arrange the best response possible.

The committee has worked hard on your behalf this last year and I wish to place on record my thanks for the support they have given me and the members. I am taking this opportunity to wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year

Brian Burdus, Branch Chairman

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

As another year draws to a close it would be remiss of me not to thank individuals who have made my role so much easier, Brian Burdus the Chairman for his continued support. Fred Kirkham the Assistant Secretary who as you all know undertakes a tremendous amount of work with the email system and Death Warning Scheme. Brian Marshall the Vice Chairman, who organised the Annual Outing and is soon to take on more work in connection with the email and Death Warning Scheme. Brian Dewing and Ged Clowes for all the work they do on the resettlement courses without their efforts our Branch would not be the strongest in the region with nearly 2000 members, in fact their efforts ensure that well in excess of 95% of retiring members join the Branch and with Mabel Marsh ensure the Welfare of our older members letting them know they are not forgotten. Mavis Davies, Marian Alflatt and Beryl Lamb, who deal with the widows, organise the birthdays and Ladies Day in June. Not forgetting our most senior member John (Jack) Lilley, who with other members of the committee has led the NARPO deputation on the Force Benevolent Funds.

On behalf of myself and the Branch I thank you for your sterling efforts long may they continue.

REUNION DINNER

However on a sadder note it was with great disappointment and reluctance that this years Reunion Dinner had to be cancelled, whether the date clashed with other events or the format is now lacking we do not know, perhaps you as the members can give some idea as to which way forward we should go, we have sufficient funds without the members having to dip too deeply into their own pockets, it is considered a vitally important event in our calendar and a time when old friends meet and share some of their past experiences, we will try again next year but if you have any suggestions please let the Secretary know.

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YOUR COMMITTEE NEED YOU

This years AGM is fast approaching from the Dates for your Diary it can be seen that the date is scheduled to take place on Friday 17th April 2009, at Police Headquarters.

At present we are running 3 light on the committee, your committee is always on the lookout for willing volunteers, if you have a few hours to spare each month and are willing to become involved with visiting or the welfare of our members please contact the Secretary at john.kennedy107@ntlworld.com or 0115 8451619 (evenings only).

All the positions will be up for election and the role and responsibility of each position can be obtained from The Secretary together with nomination forms, any member can stand for the committee and this includes the spouses or partners of Full Members.

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.

If we don't know we can't help. Help us help your colleagues and friends

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs increase takes effect on 1st January 2009 and will rise to £1.41p per month or £16.92 for those who pay yearly; widows will remain the same at 15p per month or £1.80p for those who pay yearly. Letters will be going out over the next few days to those members who are not paid through County Hall Payroll

QUEEN'S SILVER AND GOLDEN JUBILEE MEDALS

NARPO House is regularly contacted about the question of entitlement to the Queen's Silver and Golden Jubilee Medals. Members enquire about the basis upon which these medals were awarded.

Briefly, the Silver Jubilee Medal was a limited award to nominated individuals serving during the year of the Queen's Silver Jubilee. The Golden Jubilee Medal was awarded on broader criteria to all officers with a minimum of 5 years service and still serving at the date of the Golden Jubilee.

A current petition to the Prime Minister seeks to make both medals more widely available to current and former police officers and other members of the armed forces and emergency services. If members wish to support this petition, it can be found at <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/silvergold>.

We have also placed a direct link to the petition on our website at www.narpo.org - click on 'Notices' then on petition address to access petition.

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Dates for your Diary

9 th January 2009	Committee Meeting
27 th March 2009	Committee Meeting
17 th April 2009	NARPO AGM
2 nd June 2009	Annual Outing Liverpool
6 th June 2009	Ladies Day
26 th June 2009	Committee Meeting
10 th -12 th September 2009	Annual Conference, Scarborough
2 nd October 2009	Committee Meeting
7 th October 2009	City Reunion
4 th December 2009	Annual Reunion Dinner

CITY POLICE REUNION

The City Police Reunion for 2009 will take place on Wednesday 7th October 2009 at Notts County Football Ground, anyone who wishes to attend is advised to contact Jim Platt on 0115 9606867 or I Roy Kirkham on 0115 9523600 for further information

REUNIONS

If you wish to hold a reunion let the Secretary know, NARPO may be able to assist in some small way, if you let the Secretary know of dates etc details can be published in the newsletter

NARPO ACTIVITIES

This year I am changing the format slightly, on page five there are the necessary booking slips for the events that are to take place this year, in order that you can finalise your diaries please return the slips to the address provided, please do not send any money at this stage, those who express an interest will be contacted at a later day and the costs of the event will then be disclosed, I do not expect the Reunion Dinner to be in excess of £5 per person, the AGM, Annual Outing and Ladies Day are free of charge. However there may be costs to gain admittance to the various venues within the Liverpool Trip. I emphasise that these forms are only an expression of interest at this stage

DRIVING LICENCES

Do you hold one of the photo-card type Driving Licences, if so check the expiry date, the DVLA through the Government have change the expiry dates, a photograph on the Licence now only lasts 10 years from the date that application was made for a photo-card Licence, after which time the Licence has to be renewed at a cost of £17.50, DVLA should send you a renewal notice to your last known address, which should be the address on the Driving Licence, however if you have failed to notify change of address and/or are not aware of the expiry date and/or have not received renewal notification and have not renewed your Licence by that date you may be committing the offence of Driving whilst not the holder of a current valid Driving Licence.

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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

AGM

I will be attending the AGM

Name.....

Contact Telephone.....

Do you have any special dietary arrangements

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 John Kennedy, Secretary Notts NARPO, 139 Cavendish Road, Carlton, Nottingham, NG4 3ED.

**It is hoped to run other events during the year such as Summer B-B-Q, and Trips to the Theatre
Once these are finalised details will be published in the newsletter**

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COMMUTATION FACTORS – LATEST

We are once again receiving enquiries about the situation in respect of the introduction of new commutation factors in the Police Pension scheme. As reported earlier, the Judicial Review of the commencement date of the new commutation factors was heard by the High Court on 17th December 2008. Although the evidence from both sides was heard in full, no judgement was made. The court did not indicate either when a judgement would be announced. This is not unusual in cases of this kind and no conclusions should be drawn from the court decision to reserve judgement.

We are in contact with the Police Federation and will publish further information on this subject as it becomes available. An entry to this effect has been included on our website 'Pensions' page at www.narpo.org for the information of members.

FREE & CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT SERVICE

At Conference in 2008 an agreement was reached that NARPO would make use of the service of CARE FIRST, the cost of providing this service to the membership will be met by the Central NARPO Funds, and with effect from 1st November 2008 members have had access to the following independent, confidential support resources;

- 24 hours Telephone Counselling Helpline
- Information Specialists (8am-8pm Monday to Friday) covering a whole range of issues including, Debt, Housing, Family & Personal Concerns, Benefits, Legal Enquiries, Health Related Issues, Consumer, Travel, Transport and Holidays.
- Referral to short term Face to Face counselling (up to 3 sessions), if necessary the first sessions will take place within 5 working days of the referral.
- Immediate Family Members are also eligible to the support, (immediate family member is someone who permanently resides with the member, i.e. spouse, son, daughter, not extended family)

Care First employing professionally qualified staff has a great deal of experience in providing support for the practical and emotional aspects of a very wide range of issue.

These services are available free of charge to all NARPO Members, 24 hours a day seven days a week.

The counselling takes place over the telephone which means it is immediately available whenever you may need the support. The service strictly adheres fully to the Code of Ethics of the British association for Counselling and Psychotherapy.

This new service although highly comprehensive is provided as an additional support to members to supplement the services that the Branch already provides, and is not intended to replace those services.

NEWSWORTHY ITEMS

Do you have a newsworthy item for inclusion in the newsletter, if so please let the Secretary have details so they can be published.

BOXING DAY DIP

As in the previous 9 years Phil Pendleton has braved all the ice, wind and rain that the North Sea can throw at him for the Annual Boxing Day Dip.

On behalf of all the members' congratulations on your fund raising efforts.

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