

Chairman's Newsletter

Chelmsford Branch – June 2022 Newsletter

Branch AGM

Our Branch AGM took place at police headquarters on Saturday 7 May, thank you to all those who were able to attend. Ahmed Ramiz, one of our regional National Executive Committee members, also attended and we are grateful for his input. Your Branch officers gave their reports and the accounts for the previous year were approved.

Your current committee members are: Chair – Bob Good, Vice Chair (and Auditor) – David Hull, Secretary – Sue Heaton, Treasurer – Andy Drane, Welfare – Tim Stokes and Anne Walker, Membership Secretary – Brain Ladd, Benevolent Fund Representative – Graham Furnival, Newsletter Editor – Gary Sanderson, Auditor – Roy Bracey.

Martin Reed has stood down from the committee, I have written and thanked him for his previous service.

Further details will be available in the AGM minutes.

As many of you will know your committee has been seeking to appoint a Social Secretary for some time. I'm pleased to announce that, immediately after the AGM Pat Mahoney agreed to take on the role. Thank you Pat, much appreciated. Pat has already begun making enquiries on suitable events for the Branch and he can be contacted at: narposocialsec@gmail.com I anticipate Pat's appointment will be formalised at our next committee meeting.

NARPO Travel Insurance

A new arrangement has been made regarding travel insurance, please see page 2 of this Newsletter for the latest update. Contact details: <https://narpo.lighthousetravelinsurance.co.uk/quote/> or by calling Towergate Health & Protection on 0800 389 7724.

Cost of Living

Your committee are aware that the current cost of living crisis is beginning to affect some of our members. Our Welfare Officers have already helped members with applications for Personal Independence Payments (PIP) and Universal Credit. If you believe we can assist you please get in touch: timstokes0890@hotmail.co.uk or telephone: 07710 086589

Widows/Widowers Pension for Life

NARPO HQ has received confirmation that Mr Justice Fordham's Judgement on the legality of Regulation C9 of the Police Pensions Rules 1987 that affects so many of our members will be handed down in Court on Friday 27 May at 10am. As soon as they receive the Approved Judgement a copy will be posted on the national website: <https://www.narpo.org/widows-pension-life/>

Pensioners Garden Party

This year's garden party will be held at the Essex Police Sports Association Pavilion at Police HQ on 12 August, 2 pm for 2.30 pm. If you would like to attend please contact sam.barkway@essex.police.uk or telephone: 07834 321613. The event is again being sponsored by the Essex NARPO Branches.

Bob

Robert Good

NARPO Chelmsford – Branch Chair 25 May 2022

A message from the Towergate Health & Protection Team - Travel insurance launch for NARPO members

Following the approval by the NARPO executive committee, Towergate Health & Protection is pleased to confirm the launch of the new travel scheme.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank members once again for their patience in recent weeks. Our team have been working tirelessly to support the launch of the scheme and also working to support members, and we know it has been a frustrating time waiting for news of when the new scheme will launch. Members will be aware that the combination of Brexit and the pandemic caused significant disruption to the UK travel insurance market, and it has taken us far longer than we had hoped to source the underwriting capacity necessary to deliver a solution suitable for members.

The new scheme is provided by Tifgroup and insured by Arch Insurance (UK Ltd); and will offer members new cover options (single trip as well as annual multi-trip) plus an online 'quote and buy' website and the ability to pay for cover by credit and debit card. The new scheme also provides the continued support and advice of the Towergate team who can support members through the application process and provide advice on the options available to ensure members receive the most suitable cover.

Below are the details of the new scheme.

Arch Insurance (UK) Limited is an award-winning, A rated insurer, part of the global Arch insurance group of businesses. Tifgroup is one the UK's leading travel insurance providers, who specialise in providing innovative and tailored travel insurance solutions. The product is designed by tifgroup, insured by Arch, and arranged by Towergate Health & Protection. The maximum age for annual multi trip cover is 85 years, with higher age limits available via a single trip cover policy.

Summary of the cover available

The policy premium will be based on your age, medical history and area of travel as well as any additional benefit options if chosen, such as cruise cover. A summary of the main benefits is below, but please refer to the policy document for more details:

- A bespoke policy with specially negotiated premium terms for members of NARPO
- Comprehensive cover terms negotiated specially for members of NARPO, including extensive cancellation cover options
- Single trip cover available
- Annual multi trip cover available
- Choose geographical options from Europe, Worldwide excluding USA or Worldwide including USA
- Maximum 85 years old for an annual multi trip policy
- Choose from 3 levels of cover to suit your requirements
- Choose from optional extras such as cruise cover; winter sports; sports equipment
- Medical underwriting terms designed specifically for older customers
- Comprehensive Covid-19 cover as standard

Please see below from our new social secretary Pat. As you are aware I have been trying to develop the social side of the branch for some time. We now have a dedicated social secretary and I really hope we can start arranging things, so please support Pat and come forward with some suggestions.

Dear NARPO Colleagues Now the AGM minutes have been circulated I thought it a good time to say hello as your new Social Secretary for our branch. Having volunteered for the role, well, being the only name nominated, I am pleased to accept the role and hope we can build on past events and arrange some new ones. To that end I would invite you all to suggest some ideas for future events. At this time I am happy to collate ideas, look at any costs and look at their viability. I am aware that we represent a wide range of interests, ages and abilities so hopefully we can reflect that and arrange some local events and others further afield. To assist in the scoping process I have the email address of narposocialsec@gmail.com and ask that any replies are sent to it. Looking forward to your ideas and hopefully some future events. Regards Pat Mahoney. Our Branch website is at www.narpo.org/branches/chelmsford You will find lots of information about the Branch including the latest newsletters and updates as well as details of forthcoming events. You can also link to the main NARPO site which has a wide range of useful information

Obituaries

- John Randell who retired as a sergeant in 1997 and served at Southend Borough, Basildon, Brentwood and Canvey. He passed away on 7th March 2022 aged 74 years.
- Derek Harris who retired as a Constable in 1975 and served with the Metropolitan police and Southend Borough. He passed away on 19th March 2022 aged 93 years.
- Timothy Crux who retired as an Inspector in 2012 and served at Basildon, Brentwood, Harlow, Epping, Ongar and Headquarters. He passed away on 20th March 2022 aged 68 years.
- John Wright who retired as a sergeant in 1984 and served at Hornchurch, Abridge, Harwich, Hutton and Clacton. He passed away on 21st March 2022 aged 87 years.
- Peter Whatling who retired as a Constable in 1984 and served at Southend Borough and Traffic. He passed away on 26th March 2022 aged 89 years.
- Malcolm Porter who retired as a Constable in 2004 and served as a Traffic officer at Rayleigh, Billericay, Laindon and Saffron Walden. He passed away on 27th March 2022 aged 76 years.

- David Robinson who retired as a Constable in 1989 and served at Pitsea, Halstead, Marine Unit, Grays, Dedham and Copford. He passed away on 2nd April 2022 aged 84 years.
- Michael Pearce who retired as a Constable in 1988 and served at Saffron Walden and Newport Village. He passed away on 13th April 2022 aged 93 years.
- Richard Harrington who retired as a Constable in 1997 and served at Basildon. He passed away on 15th April 2022 aged 79 years.
- Keith Steven Jones who retired as an Inspector in 2006 and served at Colchester and Chelmsford. He passed away on 16th April 2022 aged 65 years.
- Leslie Bramhill who retired as an Inspector in 1994 and served at Rayleigh, Traffic, Benfleet, Basildon, Grays and Billericay. He passed away on 2nd May 2022 aged 78 years.
- Sydney Batten who retired as a Sergeant in 1983 and served at Brentwood, Ingrave, Grays and South Ockendon. He passed away on 2nd April 2022 aged 84 years.

May they all rest in peace

Gary Sanderson - Newsletter Editor