



# NARPO ESSEX

The National Association of  
Retired Police Officers in Essex

## Chelmsford Branch – September 2022 Newsletter

### *COMMUNICATION - WELFARE – SOCIAL*

#### **Branch Priorities**

People occasionally ask, ‘*What does NARPO do for its members?*’ Your branch committee has recently addressed that question and the three words at the top of this article set out our agreed priorities.

At the centre of all we do is the welfare of our members and their immediate families.

Supporting the NARPO themes of *Life, work and leisure after the police*, the branch committee leads *Communication, Welfare and Social* programmes.

Whilst we have a full committee, we aim to:

Communication – provide regular branch updates including news & offers, an up-to-date website and newsletters by post to those without email.

Welfare – have committee members dedicated to welfare who can help with tailored responses according to need. We donate to charities relevant to the welfare of our members and have close links with the Essex Police Force Benevolent Fund.

Social - actively support events led by others, such as sponsorship of the Essex Police pensioners’ garden party and maintain a regular social programme meeting the wide range of interests of a diverse membership.

At national level other resources are available to members via the website at: [www.narpo.org](http://www.narpo.org)  
Our Branch website is available at <https://www.narpo.org/branches/chelmsford/>

#### **NARPO NEWS**

Some of you may have seen Sue Heaton’s article in the August issue of NARPO News magazine concerning our member Joyce Manning, her 100th birthday and a visit from Anne Walker our Welfare Officer, accompanied by Cassie – ‘a well-being dog’ together with handler Garry Talbot.

Joyce is the widow of former Chief Inspector George Manning who tragically died following a police vehicle accident in 1976. It’s great to see we can keep in touch and support a member of the police family after so many years. And well done to Sue for securing space, yet again, in the magazine!



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Should you or anyone you know be in need of welfare assistance please do not hesitate to contact Tim Stokes, our Welfare Officer: [timstokes0890@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:timstokes0890@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone: 07710 086589

## Widows and Widowers Pension for Life

We have recently been notified by head office that the appeal hearing has been scheduled for 29 or 30 November 2022 at the Royal Courts of Justice. It is anticipated the appeal will last for one day and will be open to the public.

## Social Events

It was great to meet some of our members at the Pensioner's Garden Party in August. The Chief Constable was away on holiday, the opening address was given by DCC Andy Prophet.



DCC Andy Prophet



Guests enjoying the event

The Essex NARPO Branches continue to sponsor the garden party and it would be good to see even more of you there in 2023!

Pat Mahoney, our Branch Social Secretary, has been busy arranging visits to the Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London and to the Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift and Food Fair.

The first visit to the Tower of London took place on 16 August, the weather was fine, the company great and a good time was had by one and all.



Members and families gathering outside the Tower of London



'The Keys' social club

Pat is arranging further visits to the Ceremony of the Keys and new dates will be available in November. We have a day visit to the Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift and Food Fair on 18 November and we would also like to invite you to join us from 1200 – 1500 hours on Saturday 10 December at the Essex Police Sports and Social Club at HQ for our branch Christmas Get Together with mulled wine and Christmas treats.



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If you are interested in these events, please contact Pat via email: [narposocialsec@gmail.com](mailto:narposocialsec@gmail.com) or if you do not have access to the internet, please ring him on: 07935 400002. He will be pleased to hear from you.

Members should note that Saturday Morning Meetings, previously held at the Sports & Social Club, HQ have been cancelled and will be replaced by our new social programme.

Bob  
Robert Good  
NARPO Chelmsford – Branch Chair

As we enjoy the summer months it seems strange to mention Christmas events but here are two dates for your diary, talk about forward planning !

The Ely Christmas Market event on 18th November has attracted a great response but I still want to fill that coach and have some seats still available. I am happy to extend my deadline until the end of the month but will then need to circulate payment details ect.

All it takes is a quick email to me at [narposocialsec@gmail.com](mailto:narposocialsec@gmail.com) and I will confirm your spot and those you want to join you.

Secondly it would be good for an informal get together before Christmas so I have arranged the EPSA Clubroom to be open on **Saturday 10th December between 12 noon and 3pm.**

The bar will be available for those who want a tippie but after great arm twisting I have obtained some Christmas cheer from our branch and free mulled wine and Christmas snacks will be available.

Make a note of the date and I will seek numbers attending later so we can ensure enough mince pies are obtained.

The Ceremony of the Keys on 16th August was a great event and enjoyed by members, family and friends. The second visit is due on 18th October and whilst fully booked I will try and fill any vacancies that occur.

New dates will become available in November and I will circulate them as soon as possible.

I have a few ideas for future events, both local and further afield but always open to suggestions if viable. Looking forward to meeting some new faces as events evolve.



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Regards

Pat Mahoney  
NARPO Chelmsford-Social Secretary

### Obituaries

- Terry Dobbyn who retired as a Constable in 1999 and served at Basildon, Grays and Saffron Walden. He passed away on 6th May 2022 aged 68 years.
- Keith Southgate who retired as a Ch/Supt in 1994 and served at Tilbury, Grays, Harlow, HQ, Rayleigh and Basildon. He passed away on 26th May 2022 aged 78 years.
- Trevor Crosby who retired as a Detective Ch/Insp in 1997 and served at Scenes of Crime. Chelmsford and Rayleigh Traffic. He passed away on 3rd June 2022 aged 73 years.
- Frederick Hagon who retired as a sergeant in 1971 and served with Colchester Borough. He then re-joined as a support staff member in CID Admin until he retired in 1991. He passed away on 18th June 2022 aged 97 years.
- Sharon Hunter who retired as a Constable in 2003 and served at Basildon, South Woodham Ferrers and the Force control room. She passed away on 17th June 2022 aged 52 years.
- Derek Fuller who retired as a Constable in 1993 and served with the River police, Tilbury, Grays and East Tilbury. He passed away on 26th June 2022 aged 88 years.
- Dave Ware who retired as a Constable in 1997 and served at Witham and Braintree. He then re-joined as a support member of staff working in the Crime Bureau. He passed away on 4th July 2022 aged 66 years.
- James Pearce who retired as a Constable in 1994 and served at Witham and Chelmsford. He then re-joined as a support staff member working as a civilian driver for Chief Officers. He passed away on 26th July 2022 aged 82 years.
- Dennis Johnson who retired as a Sergeant in 1988 and served at Romford, Laindon, Southend and Rayleigh. He passed away on 13th July 2022 aged 88 years.
- James Dwyer who retired as an Inspector in 1990 and served at Brentwood, Chelmsford, Rayleigh and Hutton. He passed away on 17th July 2022 aged 86 years.
- George Cartledge who retired as a Supt in 1987 and transferred from South Yorkshire Police and then served at HQ CID. He then re-joined as a support staff member in HR. He passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 aged 89 years.



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May they all rest in peace

**Gary Sanderson - Newsletter Editor**