

NARPO Newsletter – September 2023



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Dear Members

Welcome to our September Newsletter.

The summer seems to have slipped by quite quickly this year and no doubt we will soon be talking about Christmas!

Two significant events took place on 4 August at Essex Police Headquarters:

The first being the **Pensioners Garden Party**. As you may know this is partly sponsored by the three Essex NARPO Branches. It was great to see so many of you there but I'm always conscious that many colleagues are also missing. The garden party is always a relaxed affair with the opportunity for members to meet up with former colleagues and to engage with current senior officers. For the second year running the Deputy Chief Constable, Any Prophet, took the lead.

NARPO will continue to sponsor the event into 2024 and I would encourage all members to consider attending. Should you have particular travelling issues please let us know and we will see what can be done to assist.

The second event being the **Force Support Unit (FSU) 50th Anniversary**. I'm proud to say that I was one of the founder members and served with the FSU three times during my career – Constable, Inspector and Chief Inspector. They were good times and we did exactly what it said on the tin – *supported the force* in all manner of both routine and special operations. Once again it was great to meet former colleagues and to learn something of the Units current work.

Former ACC Geoff Markham, as the original Chief Inspector FSU Commander, gave a short speech and outlined the origins of the Unit. It was also good to see that Derek Thomas, the original FSU Inspector, was also present. We are all just a little older but still going strong!

During both events our NARPO Secretary, Sue Heaton, was busy signing up new members – well done Sue!

NARPO Conference, Blackpool 7/8 September 2023. Our Secretary, Sue, and I are scheduled to attend. As usual there is a full agenda but by far the most important topic is ***'Motion No 2 in the name of the NEC – That this Conference approves the transfer of NARPO to become a company limited by guarantee....'*** Explanatory Note: *This is the necessary authority for the NEC to transfer NARPO from an Unincorporated Association to an incorporated (limited) company.*

At the time of writing this article in mid-August, Sue and our Vice Chair, Kevin Street, are due to attend a further workshop/briefing on the subject in Reading. We do not expect any changes to our current stance – that is to vote in favour of the motion but we must, of course, await the outcome of the Reading meeting and the debate at conference.

Further details have been published in NARPO News and in our Branch Newsletters, we are yet to hear any substantive arguments against the proposal.

We will keep you updated on developments at the earliest opportunity.

Branch Matters

As ever if you have matters to raise with your committee, you can contact Sue Heaton, our Secretary at EssexChelmsford@narpo.org or me at chairman.narpo.chelmsford@gmail.com (mobile 07941083696).

Bob

Robert Good - NARPO Chelmsford – Branch Chair

Social Secretary Update
August 2023

Dear Friends

Well, where do the months go and I hope you continue to enjoy the summer months.

To those who attended the Pensioners Garden Party on 4th August it was great to see you all and another lovely day with grateful thanks to our friends at EPSA for the arrangements and the three Essex NARPO branches for funding the buffet.

Our third visit to the Tower of London, Ceremony of the Keys rapidly approaches on 29th August and a full contingent of twenty members and guests is set to enjoy this historic military event and a great evening of socialising.

As recently circulated we managed to secure an additional visit to The Tower on 12th September and thank you to those at short notice who registered their attendance. Thankfully we were able to fill our allocation of twenty places very quickly and we look forward to seeing you all.

I hopefully will be able to secure the new dates for 2024 in late November and will circulate in due course. I do maintain a Standby List for these events and am happy to take your application to attend at any time.

As ever I will try to prioritise members and their guests who have not been before but second or even third time visitors are welcome.

A small group of us are attending the IWM Duxford, Battle of Britain Flying Display on 17th September and we look forward to enjoying this popular flying day.

The next major branch event is the Thursford Christmas Spectacular on 17th November with 24 of our members and guests signed up for what I am told is a great show.

Attendees will shortly be circulated final event arrangements including the pick up points etc.

Our last scheduled Tower of London visit is on 28th November and currently fully booked and attendees will be contacted in early October to get the normal administrative details.

Finally a date for your diaries is Saturday 9th December for our annual Christmas Get Together at the EPSA Pavilion at Headquarters.

Building on last years successful event we will meeting between midday and 4pm for this seasonal gathering. I will again circulate detail in October to establish numbers for the free Christmas type buffet provided.

The bar will be available for those happy to indulge in a seasonal drink or a glass of mulled wine. A non alcoholic version will be available as well as tea and coffee.

So while a few months away I hope to see you on the date and hopefully the EPSA Shop will be open at the same time, for those last minute Christmas gifts, but I will confirm nearer the date.

I have started to pencil out ideas for our 2024 social events and as ever happy to receive ideas for future events.

We hope the other circulations sent out such as Warner Late Deals and the Southend Branch events assist in the planning of your hectic social calendars.

Wishing you all the best and thanking all who support the events and those in the background supporting my role.

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Obituaries

- Graham Anderson who retired as a Constable in 1994 and served at Witham, Colchester, Grays, South Ockenden, Birch, Copford and Dunmow. He passed away on 8th April 2023 aged 79 years.
- Terence Dempsey who retired as a Chief Inspector in 1987 and served with the Huddersfield Borough and then transferred to Essex and served at Clacton, Harlow, Chelmsford and Rayleigh. After retirement he re as a support staff member and set up the central ticket office. He passed away on 14th April 2023 aged 87 years.
- James Fletcher who retired as a Constable in 1995 and served at Basildon and Grays.. He passed away on 15th May 2023 aged 72 years.

- Patrick White who retired as an Inspector in 2013 and served at Colchester, Dunmow and Braintree. He passed away on 16th May 2023 aged 64 years.
- Sue Harrison who retired as an Assistant Chief Constable in 2013 and served in various roles within CID, football match commander in Southend, Head of professional standards at HQ, and was an authorised firearms officer for over 10 years. She passed away on 31st May 2023 aged 59 years.
- Peter McCormack who retired as a Sergeant in 2017 and served at Basildon, Billericay, Pitsea, HQ, Colchester, Witham and Chelmsford. He passed away on 9th June 2023 aged 62 years.
- Lee Ward who retired as a Constable in 2022 and served at Basildon, CPT, Crime Squad, and Force Intelligence Bureau. He passed away on 12th June 2023 aged 56 years.
- James Cunningham who retired as a Constable in 1998 and served at Leigh on sea and Southend. He passed away on 19th June 2023 aged 72 years.
- Andrew Gibson who retired as a Constable in 2002 and served at Rayleigh, Chelmsford and FIR. After retirement he rejoined as a support member of staff in FCR. He passed away on 26th June 2023 aged 72 years.
- Ronald Hayford who retired as a Constable in 1983 and served with the Southend Borough. He passed away on 1st July 2023 aged 92 years.
- Alexander Gartshore who retired as a Constable in 2014 and served at Southend, Basildon, Canvey Island, Chelmsford and Benfleet. He passed away on 5th July 2023 aged 66 years.
- Peter Donovan who retired as a Sergeant in 1990 and served with the Southend Borough, Leigh on sea and as a warrant officer in Shoebury. He passed away on 8th July 2023 aged 89 years.
- Reginald Calver who retired as a Sergeant in 1973 and served at Chelmsford, Romford, Pitsea and Hatfield Heath. He passed away on 13th July 2023 aged 95 years.
- Joel Henderson who retired as a D/Inspector in 2015 and served at Thurrock and Basildon. He passed away on 14th July 2023 aged 60 years.
- John Waddington who retired as a Sergeant in 1984 and served with the Driving School and Traffic. He passed away on 15th July 2023 aged 90 years.
- Beverley Alexander who retired as a Constable in 2012 and served at Harlow, Traffic and Serious Crime Directorate. She passed away on 24th July 2023 aged 61 years.
- Susan Yeoman who retired as a Constable in 2004 and served at Thurrock. On retirement she rejoined as a support member of staff at Thurrock, Basildon and Billericay roads policing unit. She passed away on 5th August 2023 aged 69 years.

- David Ruff who retired as a Constable in 2000 and served at Basildon, Grays, Tilbury and Corringham. He passed away on 5th August 2023 aged 77 years.
- Herbert Dawson who retired as a Chief Supt in 1984 and served at Basildon, Chelmsford, Grays, Saffron Walden and Colchester. He passed away on 12th August 2023 aged 88 years.
- Alfred John Newberry who retired as a Sergeant in 1998. He passed away on 17th August 2023 aged 78 years.

May they all rest in peace

Gary Sanderson - Newsletter Editor