

The Staffordshire Knot

Staffordshire Branch of Narpo [96]

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WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Name	Sub-branch
Claire SCOTT	Northern
David GRAHAM	Leek and Cheadle
Lee HARDY	Wombourne
Karen Linda FISKE	Burton and Uttoxeter
Brian BEECH	Leek and Cheadle
Terry DAVIES	Leek and Cheadle
Martin WILDES	Tamworth
Richard LOVELOCK	Burton and Uttoxeter
Ian GOULD	Stafford and Stone
Emma HUGHES	Northern
Darren BURNEY	Stafford and Stone
Clare Dawn REYNOLDS	Northern
James GODDARD	Stafford and Stone
Carl Wayne CALLEAR	Leek and Cheadle
David MILLER	Burton and Uttoxeter
Nicholas Paul HEALY	Leek and Cheadle
Paul CRUTCHLEY	Northern

We wish you all a long and healthy retirement!

Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the Spring Edition of the Staffordshire Knot, although the news around the world is bleak, what with the Ukrainian War, Turkey/Syria earthquake and British Policing being on the anvil due to the behaviour of a minority of police officers who have done much to damage the reputation of the service.

Disappointingly the campaign for Widow's Pensions for Life has floundered, as the High Court of Appeal has rejected NARPO's submissions and come down on the side of the Government. Whether a change of Government in the future will take a different stance we will have to wait and see.

The Staffordshire Police has recently appointed two new Assistant Chief Constables, Rebecca Riggs from the City of London Police and Stuart Ellis from the Greater Manchester Police. We wish them well in their new roles.



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

XPS Pensions administer the **Staffordshire Police Pension**,
XPS Pensions 01642 030692

ARE YOUR CORRECT CONTACT DETAILS HELD BY NARPO?

KEEP IN TOUCH.

Please notify the Branch Secretary if contact information needs updating, E.g. email change, new address, new phone number, or changed spouse/partner.

Many email addresses are removed from the database in a clear out because of undelivered messages bouncing back, contact the Branch Secretary if you are missing out.

Let us know if you want magazine and/or newsletter mailing deliveries stopped.
Narpo News is available on the website www.narpo.org.
The Staffordshire Knot is available on our website www.narpo-staffs.co.uk

The reviews of Injury on Duty Pension Awards is still on-going and I have recently posted the latest update from the Force on the Staffordshire NARPO Website under the ADVICE section.

I am also exchanging correspondence with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) in Cheshire following an issue that was raised by a NARPO Member regarding Staffordshire Police and the Pension Administrator, XPS, outsourcing the printing of our payslips and P60's to a third- party

printers, potentially without informing our members. I am currently awaiting a reply from the ICO, and I will update you when I have received the result of their investigation.

Nationally, the NEC of NARPO are promoting the issue that NARPO should become an Incorporated Body, which in effect turns NARPO into a limited company. There may be advantages of this, as well as disadvantages, and to this end National NARPO are holding several seminars around the country which are being facilitated by Bernard Seymour our retained Legal Advisor. At the conclusion of these seminars the matter will then be discussed at NARPO's National Conference in Blackpool on 9th September 2023 when a vote will be taken to decide if further work should be undertaken before a final decision is made over Incorporation.

May I also invite you to our own AGM which will take place at Staffordshire Police HQ, Weston Road, Stafford on Saturday, 18th March 2023, commencing 11:00 am. A key election of officers will include voting for a new Branch Treasurer following the retirement of Reay (Bruce) Pearman who has held the post for many years. Having been steward of the funds for so long you will note that his successor has a healthy fund to maintain on behalf of you all [See page 5]. Nominations for any of the executive positions, with seconders, to be submitted to the Branch Secretary in accordance with the Branch Rules.

.Mark Judson [Chairman of the Staffordshire Branch of NARPO]

Members Called to Higher Service Oct 2022 – Feb 2023

<i>Your Branch records with regret the deaths of the following members:</i>				
	Name	Sub	Age	Died
Ret'd Sgt	Elwyn (Taff) RICHARDS	Stafford	76 yrs	17/10/2022
Ret'd PC	Michael John BRADBURY	Stafford	78 yrs	19/10/2022
Ret'd Ch/Insp	Kenneth T AMPHLETT	Leek	92 yrs	19/10/2022
Ret'd ACC	George Kenneth GIBSON	Stafford	94 yrs	10/11/2022
Ret'd Insp	Christopher John CHATTERTON	Northern	81 yrs	17/11/2022
Ret'd Sgt	David Harry N BULLOCK	Leek	71 yrs	27/11/2022
Ret'd PC	Ivor John OWENS	Northern	56 yrs	12/12/2022
Ret'd PC	Norman William STOCKTON	Leek	80 yrs	20/12/2022
Ret'd Ch/Supt	Arthur Edward VITTA	Northern	92 yrs	02/01/2023
Ret'd PC	Neville BOULD	Leek	85 yrs	25/12/2022
Ret'd PC	Alan LYCETT	Stafford	92 yrs	12/01/2023
Ret'd Ch/Insp	Philip Joseph GOODWIN	Lichfield	83 yrs	21/01/2023
Ret'd PC	Trevor Grinyer FELTHOUSE	Burton	75 yrs	30/01/2023
Ret'd PC	Anthony HALL	Lichfield	80 yrs	04/02/2023
Ret'd PC	Pater David PINGREE	Wombour	78 yrs	07/02/2023
Ret'd Insp	Ernest H TALBOT	Northern	81 yrs	15/02/2023

Widows and Spouses Called to Higher Service

	Name	Sub Branch	Age	Died
Mrs (Wife)	Wendy Lawley	Stafford	74 yrs	14/10/2022
Mrs (Wife)	Sheri FINLOW	Stafford	54 yrs	26/10/2022
Mrs	Sheila BURTON	Stafford	86 yrs	27/11/2022
Mrs (Wife)	Susan Dorothy HUGHES	Northern	78 yrs	29/11/2022
Mrs (Wife)	Rosemary Ellen SEVILLE	Burton	75 yrs	27/11/2022
Mrs (Wife)	Rosemary BIRCH	Abingdon	65 yrs	08/12/2022
Mrs	Enfys STOCKTON	Stafford	86 yrs	14/12/2022
Mrs	Sheila LEITH	Stafford	78 yrs	29/12/2022
Mrs	Irene ROYLANCE	Northern	87 yrs	11/01/2023
Mrs (Wife)	Elizabeth Jane WHITEHOUSE	Stafford	81 yrs	02/02/2023
Mrs	Winifred Barbara BLOOR	Stafford	92 yrs	19/02/2023
Apology to the family Milli Johnstone who passed away in August 2022. The obituary in our last edition inadvertently stated that she was a member of Wombourne but in fact she was a member of Burton & Uttoxeter Sub-branch.				

Weirdest Facts

During the Second World War the US Military tried to develop a pigeon-guided missile. American Scientist B. F. Skinner received funding during the Second World War to build a missile control system. Pigeons were trained to tap on a screen showing the target whilst inside the missile. The missiles were never made, but pigeons were used in both the First and Second World Wars to ferry important messages.

They were also used as experimental aerial photographers, carrying tiny automatic cameras to take pictures of the battlefields below.

The next **Staffordshire NARPO BRANCH Annual Reunion Luncheon** is to take place on **SUNDAY 4th APRIL 2023**, with 12noon, Bar Reception, and 1:00pm 3 course Luncheon at

The Chase Golf Club, Penkridge Road, Huntington, Penkridge, ST19 5RN.

The booking form with the menu choices etc, is on our website and **page 4** of this newsletter.

From the archive:

Recruiting Advertisement for Policewomen 1945.

Policewomen Constables are wanted in the Staffordshire County Police to carry out the many and varied Police duties in which women, girls and children are especially involved.

Policewomen on joining the Force must be between 22 and 35 years of age, single or widows, and not less than 5ft 4 in in height, and of good physique.

The Service is pensionable and pay on appointment is 79 shillings weekly (£3.95p), rising by annual increments to 102 shillings weekly (£5.10p). Rent and other allowances are payable as laid down by the Police (Women) Regulations.

Much of the work is done in uniform, which is provided, and is smart and modern in design.

Prospects of promotion are good for women of intelligence and integrity, who show initiative and qualities of leadership.

Applications should be sent to the Chief Constable of Staffordshire at the Police Headquarters, Eastgate Street, Stafford.

STAFFORDSHIRE NARPO Annual Reunion Lunch.

Organisers. Carole & Gerry Robinson MBE.

La Tour Apartment, 42 Drakeford Court, Wolverhampton Road, Stafford. ST17 4BS.

Tel. Mobile 07902 915500.

E Mail. gerryu3a@gmail.com

An Invitation is extended to all members to join us at

The Chase Golf Club Penkridge Road, Huntington, Penkridge, ST19 5RN

There is good disabled parking and access points for those members with walking difficulties right up to the front entrance. PLEASE contact Gerry for details.

SUNDAY 2nd April 2023

12:00pm reception for 1:00pm Meal

3 courses for £20 (Special price. Each guest will also receive their first drink FREE)

PLEASE complete the menu choice form below and send it to Gerry & Carole Robinson. (address above)

(Before 20th March 2023 please.) Max number 150 persons. BOOK EARLY.

FREE RAFFLE . Prize donations are NOT required.

MENU CHOICES.

Starters.

1. Home made soup of the day with warm bread roll.
2. Chicken and bacon Caesar Salad.
3. Traditional prawn cocktail with lobster mayo.

Mains.

4. Roast Beef & all the trimmings.
 5. Chicken fillet on spring onion mash with wild mushroom sauce.
 6. Salmon fillet, lemon & herb crust with white wine sauce.
 7. Mediterranean vegetable stack, red pepper & tomato sauce VE V GF.
- (All served with seasonal vegetables.)**

Desserts.

8. Home made vanilla cheesecake with strawberry coulis.
9. Rich chocolate fondant, chocolate sauce and mint chocolate ice cream.
10. Brandy snap with pouring cream filled with fresh fruit

Coffee & Mints to follow.

Please mark and keep the above copy to remember your menu choice/s.

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BOOKING FORM. The Chase Golf Club, Cannock, Sunday 2nd April 2023 from 12:00 noon onwards.

Cheques ONLY made payable to 'Staffs NARPO' please.

Choices * Please use numbers only.

Name. 1. (Capitals please.)

First name Family name

Tel. No e mail address

Menu Choice. Starter... *..No. Mains... *..No. Deserts *..No.

Name. 2. (Capitals please.)

First name Family name

Tel. No e mail address

Menu Choice. Starter... *..No. Mains... *..No. Deserts *..No.

If possible seat me/us with..... Send the booking forms in together if you can.

Please send this to G & C Robinson, 42, Drakeford Court, Wolverhampton Road, Stafford. ST17 4BS.

Please indicate if you have any mobility access needs so that contact can be made with you ☐

Data Protection: In submitting this form I consent to NARPO holding the personal details supplied and recording them in written or electronic forms for the purpose of arranging the event. I consent to being contacted by telephone or email given, if necessary, to discuss the booking and the relevant information to be shared with the venue management/caterers. I am aware that privacy & data protection policies are available on the Staffordshire NARPO website and in writing on request

National Association of Retired Police Officers

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Receipts	£	Payments	£
Members' Subscriptions	40,500.53	Precept to NEC	17,315.27
Reunion Lunch	1,292.00	Stationery printing etc.	482.10
Force Welfare Fund Donation	1,000.00	Postage	335.84
Legacy Donation	13,000.00	Telephone/Internet	927.45
Memorial Donation	51.45	Computer Services	323.90
Miscellaneous	20.00	Computer Equipment	975.10
		Travel Expenses	2,781.31
		Room Hire	261.75
Interest		Refreshments	28.45
Leek United Fixed Bond 1	27.11	AGM Expenses	288.00
Leek United Fixed Bond 2	170.81	Welfare Gifts & Cards	714.71
National Savings Bonds	Deferred	Donations Memorials	1,370.00
Britannia Building Society	Deferred	Memorial Services (Covid19)	3,280.60
		Branch Reunion Lunch	2,692.07
		Annual Conference	2,472.22
		Branch Newsletters	1,733.70
		Branch Officials' Honorarium	5,228.00
		Honoraria Assistants	200.00
		Accountancy	498.00
		Branch Donation	101.73
		Life Membership	0.00
		Sub-Branch Functions Subsidy	300.00
		Miscellaneous	98.00
	[A] 56,061.90		[C] 42,408.20
Opening Balances		Closing Balances	
Cash & Stamps in Hand	1.73	Cash & Stamps in Hand	0.00
Lloyds Bank Current Account	26,472.77	Lloyds Bank Current Account	43,030.80
Leek United Fixed Bond 1	5,422.92	Leek United Fixed Bond 1	5,450.03
Leek United Fixed Bond 2	34,161.03	Leek United Fixed Bond 2	34,331.84
National Savings Income Bonds	12,000.00	National Savings Income Bonds	12,000.00
Britannia Building Society	3,100.52	Britannia Building Society	Closed
	[B] 81,158.97		[D] 94,812.67
	[A + B] 137,220.87		[C + D] 137,220.87

Stafford and Stone

We had our AGM at the end of October when our Chair, Mike Kozam, told us he could no longer carry out the duties of Chair as he had taken over as interim Branch Treasurer, due to the current treasurer having to stand down for health reasons. Mike will continue as a committee member but not as Chair. At the AGM there were no other nominations for Chair, but the other members of the committee were re-elected. We are carrying on for the time being without a chair. Hence this editions update is from me. We gave Mike a big thanks for his huge contribution to the sub branch, and we wish Reay well and hope he recovers soon.

Over the last few months we have helped St Mary's church in Stafford with stewarding for the Christmas Tree Festival which attracted a huge amount of people over the few days it was on, and I would like to thank all those from the sub branch who gave up their time to help. I know it was much appreciated by the church and visitors.

Stafford NARPO sub branch lunch group.

The quarterly lunch group meeting for May this year will be the **Special Coronation Afternoon Tea** at Brocton Hall Golf Club on Thursday 4th May at 3:00 pm. **Booking form is on page 8.**

The next lunch group meeting will be in August, date to be fixed.

Please let Gerry know now if you are interested (email Gerryu3a@gmail.com; Tel 01785 212394).

My last words are to invite all the sub branch members and any other members to our next meeting on 22 June at the usual place and time; 7:30 pm at the Constitutional Club in Lloyd Street Stafford.

We have a bit of formal business and then a chance to mingle and talk about old times with old friends. We hope to see you there.

Phil Challinor, Secretary Stafford and Stone Sub Branch

Northern

Another spectacular Northern Dinner and Cabaret will be held on Friday 17th March 2023 at Trentham Park Golf Club.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place at the 45 Club, 92, Lancaster Road, Newcastle ST5 1DS at

7:30pm on Thursday 6th April 2023. Refreshments will be available, paid for by the Sub Branch. To assist with the catering please inform Dave Malam (07971 594950) or by email (davidmalam@virginmedia.com) as soon as possible and by no later than the 1st April 2023.

Kevin Waters, Chairman Northern Sub Branch

Burton and Uttoxeter Sub-branch Annual General Meeting 2023

Will now be held on Wednesday, 15th March 2023 at Marston's Club.

BRANCH CONTACTS

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Cannock and Rugeley

Our long overdue Christmas buffet was a resounding success. Our AGM will be held on Thursday 16th March 2023 at 7:30 pm at Lea Hall Social Club, Sandy Lane, Rugeley when we hope to see a better turn out to elect the officers. The chairman and secretary wish to stand down, so nominations are invited to replace them. There is a bar, but no buffet.

Tamworth

Our Annual Luncheon will be held on Sunday 21st May 2023 at Drayton Park Golf Club, Centenary Drive, Drayton Park, Tamworth.

A booking form is available to download on the Staffordshire NARPO website, or contact the secretary.

Bob Vaughan, Secretary Tamworth NARPO Sub-Branch

Leek and Cheadle

We have arranged for meetings of Leek sub branch to take place at 7:30pm on Tuesday 7th March (AGM), 4th July and 7th November at Leek Hockey Club, White's Bridge, Macclesfield Road, Leek. All members and partners are most welcome.

Mike Smith Leek sub branch Secretary.

Wombourne

Following our successful, hastily changed venue, Christmas lunch in December, we held our AGM and first meeting of 2023 on Tuesday 7th February in a new venue, Wombourne Club, Mill Lane.

Plans are in hand for our members to attend a brewery tour and tasting on Saturday 1st April. Details will be emailed in due course or contact me. Our next meeting is Tuesday 6th June 2023.

John Cooper, Secretary Wombourne Sub Branch.

Security of Members Data

A member of the Branch Committee in Staffordshire NARPO on Thursday 23rd February 2023 became the victim of a fraudster who got remote access to the victims personal computer. Though a small chance, the offender had the opportunity to access a file containing other NARPO members personal details, which is legitimately held by this member for NARPO business.

The member properly reported to Narpo the potential breach. Analysis of the Log Files by a security consultant does not show that the fraudster actually accessed the file, but it cannot be ignored that the file (and others on the computer) was there at the time.

The Narpo Data Protection Officer, and Information Commissioners Office (ICO) were notified, in accordance with our established policy and procedures. The ICO is satisfied with the actions taken and issued general advice.

All members are urged to treat with suspicion unsolicited letters, phone calls, email messages, social media messages, text messages from anyone that is unexpected. Do not allow anyone else to have remote access to your computer/phone/device by permitting them to activate a screen sharing tool. Additional security measures have been adopted and further training is now available for the Branch Committee members who hold member information.

SUB BRANCH CONTACTS

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Bowel Cancer Screening

Many members in their 60s will have been offered the service of Bowel Cancer Screening.

Be aware this service is not routinely offered when you reach age 75 years.

If you wish to continue to be checked, you have to request a test kit.

You use a home test kit, called a faecal immunochemical test (FIT), to collect a small sample of poo and send it to a lab. This is checked for tiny amounts of blood.

Make sure your GP practice has your correct address so your kit is posted to the right place.

If you're 75 or over, you can ask for a kit every 2 years by phoning the free bowel cancer screening helpline on

0800 707 60 60.

Your newsletter is edited by our website manager Joe Molloy,

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NARPO Stafford Sub Branch

Coronation Celebration Afternoon Tea.

Organisers. Carole & Gerry Robinson MBE

Mobile only 07902 915500. E Mail. gerryu3a@gmail.com

BROCTON HALL GOLF CLUB, Sawpit Lane, Brocton, Nr Stafford. ST17 0TH

Thursday 4th May 2023

2:30pm Reception for 3:00pm tea. £20 per person.

Menu. A selection of sandwiches, pork pie, quiche, scone, clotted cream & jam, Lemon tart, Chocolate tart, Victoria sponge, Carrot cake, Lemon cake, with a selection of teas or coffee.

NUMBERS are limited to 80 max. (Tables of 8.) Book early please.

BOOKINGS will close on 22nd April 2023.

SEND TO Gerry Robinson, at 42 Drakeford Court, Wolverhampton Road, Stafford, ST17 4BS.

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BOOKING FORM. Please reserve me a seat/s at The Coronation Celebration Tea. On Thursday 4th May 2023.

Name (1).....E mail.....

Tel No.....

Name. (2).....E Mail.....

Tel No.....

If you have any special dietary needs, indicate here.....

Forward cheques made payable to 'Stafford NARPO Sub Branch' to Gerry at the address above.

THIS BOOKING FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO C & G Robinson, to confirm your reservation by

Saturday 22nd April 2023 at the latest.

Data Protection: In submitting this form I consent to NARPO holding the personal details supplied and recording them in written or electronic forms for the purpose of arranging the event. I consent to being contacted by telephone or email given, if necessary, to discuss the booking and the relevant information to be shared with the venue management/caterers. I am aware that privacy & data protection policies are available on the Staffordshire NARPO website and in writing on request.