NARPO Newsletter - June 2024



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Dear Members

Welcome to our June Newsletter.

A message to our widow(er) members from our Membership Secretary, Brian Ladd

In our March newsletter, I told you that I would be writing to ensure the details we hold for you are correct. This is an important legal requirement for us.

I wrote to 65 widow members and received 44 replies. Thanks to those of you who replied - it has been very useful. I've been able to confirm or update your details and, for many members, gained additional contact information.

Almost all those who replied provided their bank details and several supported the idea of a bank transfer rather than a shopping voucher at Christmas time.

These does mean however, that 21 of our widow members have not replied and this causes us some concern. We may have incorrect contact details or perhaps some need help to reply. Over the coming weeks our welfare team will try and make contact.

If you still have my letter and are able to reply, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Brian Ladd Membership Secretary Telephone: 01245 284652

Reminder - Pensioners Garden Party – A Message from Joanne Brown Club Steward EPSA

Please can you contact all your members to invite them to this year's pensioners garden party, which is Friday the 26 July 2024, arrival 2pm for 2.30pm please. The invite is open to all in receipt of a police pension.

Please ask them to email myself directly for confirmation of attendance or they can ring on the numbers below.

Joanne Brown Club Steward EPSA – Sports Pavilion HQ email: Joanne.Brown@essex.police.uk

01245 491491 Extn 130174 Mobile 07871 519618

Branch Summer BBQ - Sunday 30th June

At the EPSA Clubroom, Headquarters between 12 noon and 4pm.

The bar will be open for liquid refreshments (unfortunately at your expense) and a small charge is made towards the food. The branch covers the venue hire and tea and coffee on the day.

If you could indicate your attendance and that of any guests as soon as possible but by 15th June so I can make catering arrangements.

We would like to see you there!

Pat Mahoney Social Secretary Mobile: 07935 400002 narposocialsec@gmail.com

Contacts

As ever if you have matters to raise with your committee, you can contact Sue Heaton, our Secretary at <u>EssexChelmsford@narpo.org</u> or me at <u>chairman.narpo.chelmsford@gmail.com</u> (mobile 07941083696). Welfare matters can also be sent to either of these addresses or by phone and we will forward direct to our Welfare Officer in confidence.

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Robert Good - NARPO Chelmsford – Branch Chair

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At our AGM held on 20th April 2024, Life Membership was presented to Brian Ladd by the Branch Chair Bob Good.

Brian has been a member of the committee for many years and holds the post of membership secretary. The work undertaken by Brian in this role greatly assists the secretary. Brian deals with new memberships, agendas and minutes for meetings, condolence cards and widow membership amongst other administrative duties. Brian regularly contributes good ideas at meetings and is passionate about NARPO and the role he has within the organisation, a worthy recipient of the award.



Following on from this to the surprise of the Branch Chair Bob Good, Life Membership was presented to him by the Branch Treasurer Andy Drane

Bob has also served on the committee for many years and prior to becoming The Chair has also held the post of Secretary. Bob is passionate about the work of NARPO and is always looking at ways to develop the Branch to support the members, his favourite saying is "We will never turn anyone away" meaning he and the branch are always available to assist retired officer's whatever issues/problems are brought to us. This award demonstrates the commitment Bob shows to the Branch and the time he devotes to the role, liaising with senior officers within the force, sometimes dealing with contentious issues to ensure our members are protected and not forgotten.



Graham Furnival was also awarded Life Membership, but unfortunately was not able to make the meeting to be presented with his certificate.

Graham is currently the Force Benevolent Fund representative for the three Essex NARPO Branches and has been a member of the committee for several years in other positions. Graham works hard to support our colleagues, helping them complete forms to obtain financial support from The Benevolent Fund and attending meetings speaking on their behalf to secure funds. Many have benefitted from the work Graham undertakes on their behalf in times of need, and rightfully was nominated for this award in appreciation of the compassion and effort he puts in for others.

Susan Heaton

Chelmsford Branch Secretary

Obituaries

- Roger Crane who retired as a Constable in 1993 and served at Halstead, Weeley, Clacton and St Osyth. He passed away on 2nd March 2024 aged 86 years.
- Michael Taylor who retired as a Sergeant in 2018 and served at Leigh, Southend , Grays, Basildon, Rayleigh and Custody. He passed away on 6th March 2024 aged 62 years.
- Eric Cook who retired as a Sergeant in 1974 and served at Colchester. He passed away on 18th March 2024 aged 104 years.
- Roy Breaks who retired as a D/Insp in 1972 and served in Yorkshire and transferred to Essex where he served at Chelmsford. He passed away on 16th April 2024 aged 98 years.
- Graham Yore who retired as a Constable in 2002 and served at SWF, Kelvedon and Hatfield Heath. He passed away on 17th April 2024 aged 70 years.
- Derek Nichols who retired as a Sergeant in 1978 and served at Braintree, South Ockendon, Aveley, Grays and Clacton. He passed away on 19th April 2024 aged 88 years.
- John Green who retired as a Constable in 1993 and served at Grays and Harlow. He passed away on 27th April 2024 aged 87 years.
- Stewart Rowe who retired as a D/Insp in 1999 and served at Southend Borough, Basildon, NSY (C11), Brentwood, Training School, Grays and Chelmsford. On retirement he rejoined as a employee relations officer in a support staff role. He passed away on 30th April 2024 aged 74 years.

May they all rest in peace

Gary Sanderson - Newsletter Editor