



NARPO Newsletter (Merseyside Branch)

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Winter 2023/24



From The Chair

As the shorter days are upon us, I hope you are keeping warm and well, and looking forward to some Christmas cheer. There was plenty of Christmas cheer at the recent Festive Afternoon Tea held at Riversdale! The food was excellent; sending thanks to Ralph Ryan for providing fitting music and entertainment for the occasion, good fun was had by all. It was lovely to see our members enjoying themselves and reminiscing with former colleagues and friends. Thanks to Ruth for organising this ever-popular event, which I am sure will be repeated next year.

We held the Committee Dinner at the Liner Hotel in October; it was a pleasure to welcome the Chief Constable and her husband along with committee members, some of whom had recently stood down from the committee. Colin Rowan has organised the committee dinner most efficiently for the past 14 years, our thanks go to Colin for doing such a magnificent job, particularly when he noticed that the Chairperson inadvertently forgot to send her payment this year. It was rectified immediately of course!

Unfortunately, the Oswaldtwistle Mills and Pendle Witches tour was cancelled at short notice due to the guide being unwell. Ruth was certainly kept busy cancelling people and has managed to rearrange the trip for February. Watch this space for further trips in 2024. We have discussed options for making our day trips more accessible to those who may be confined to a wheelchair. Clearly this will incur additional expense, so we need to know how many people will attend if such a trip is made possible in the future. I did ask in my last article for people to contact Eddie McGrath if they wish to be included on such a trip. To date, we only have one response, so please register your interest via Eddie if there are any more of you via secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk

Although not specifically a NARPO event, I must make mention of the planned 75th Anniversary of the Cadets as many former Cadets are indeed NARPO members. The lunchtime event will take place at the Liner Hotel on 2nd May 2024. Please contact George Dafnis if you wish to be added to the list: gandldafnis@talktalk.net

You may recall me mentioning that NARPO member Brian Curran, conducted an excellent Architectural Walking Tour of Liverpool for a few of our committee members. Brian has kindly offered to conduct further tours free of charge to NARPO members and £5 per guests who are non-members. Proposed dates and booking instructions will be published via email and in the Spring Newsletter.

David Smith from Merseyside Police Records Management Unit recently gave a presentation prior to our last committee meeting. It was most interesting and sparked a lot of interest. David has shared some information you will see in this newsletter. The team are most enthusiastic, so if you have any Police memorabilia or 'stories' of interest, the Unit will be very pleased to hear from you.

Recently the committee took the decision to close the Message Board down with effect from 1st December 2023. Brian Starkey created and administered the Message Board on behalf of NARPO for 16 years. I wish to thank Brian for all his hard work and the many hours spent on administration, it is very much appreciated.

Once again, I thank our committee members for all their hard work behind the scenes on behalf of our members. We do have vacancies on the committee, so if you are able to join us, please contact our secretary for further details, you will be made most welcome and your assistance will be much appreciated.

I take this opportunity to wish you and your families all the very best for the Christmas Season that you would hope and wish for, and may 2024 be kind to you all.

Christine Parkinson MSc (Chairperson)

EDDIE-TORIAL

The highlight of this year was undoubtedly the NARPO Conference in Blackpool. The motion with regard to Incorporation was passed with a more than healthy majority, and my "speaking part" went well. The entire Conference is available on YouTube. It is 7 hours long but fast forward to 51st minute.

It is sad to report that the Professional Evening at Merseyside Police H/Q scheduled for 30th November 2023 was cancelled due to the disappointing response from members. Merseyside Police look upon NARPO Merseyside as an integral part of the Police family, and they help us out behind the scenes. The Chief Constable herself has suggested that perhaps we could hold a Professional Evening in the New Year at the newly refurbished St. Anne Street. Anyone interested?

The NARPO Merseyside Committee remains short of members. It is not an onerous task; the main job is keeping in touch with those over 80 years of age and attending at quarterly Committee Meetings currently held at Mather Avenue Academy.

Personally 2023 is a year I prefer to forget. I will not go into graphic detail, but gentlemen of a certain age are urged to consult your G.P. and insist on a PSA Test.

POLICE CADET REUNION

The 75th Anniversary of the formation of the Liverpool City Police Cadet Corps is on Thursday 2nd May 2024. From that date onwards many Cadets joined the Liverpool City Police, Bootle Borough Police, Liverpool and Bootle Police and Merseyside Police Cadets Corps and it is now time to gather together and celebrate the anniversary.

The Reunion will take place on Thursday 2nd May 2024 at the Liner Hotel, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool with a lunchtime meal.

To give an indication of interest in attending the event please contact George Dafnis - gandldafnis@talktalk.net and include year of service and a contact telephone number.

Further details regarding the lunch will follow once the response to the Reunion has been assessed with mid-January 2024 being the cut-off date.

2024 Subscriptions

The annual reporting of the CPI, published for September 2023 is 6.7%. This should mean an annual percentage increase for Police Pensions in April 2024 will be the same (previously 10.1%).

However, this is yet to be confirmed by the Government.

Rule 11.3 states that Subject to Rule 11.4, the level of the Minimum Subscription shall be increased annually by the same percentage as the percentage increase in police pensions as determined in the previous year, and where the Minimum Subscription as so increased is not divisible by 12 without involving fractions of a penny, the amount shall be rounded up to the nearest figure which is so divisible. This figure shall be implemented on 1st January of each year.

Therefore, as from 1st January 2024 the minimum subscription will be £26.28 (previously £24.60), this amounts to £2.19 per month (previously £2.05)

ARCHIVES

The Archives and Heritage section of the Merseyside Police is asking NARPO members for their help with sourcing historic police memorabilia. If you have any items you think may be of interest they would be happily received, the hope is that they can be used in future public displays planned to start in 2024 as part of the 50 years celebrations of Merseyside Police.

The department will welcome any items and or donations of items. Please contact the following to collect.

Dale Bradshaw 07876885656 or John Forrest 0774063434

Further, if any members wish to get involved in the Archives and Heritage Department as Volunteers they can get details from the following email address.

David.Smith1@merseyside.police.uk;

New Members

Thomas McNamara, Mike Blakeley, Daley Woods, Gwyneth Brown (widow), Giles Davidson, Colin Rennison, Keith Hampson, Paul Roberts, Angela Smith, David McCaughrean, Paul Sutcliffe, Kenneth Patterson, Martin Duffy, Donna Williams, David Jones, Steve Bovill, Ian Allum.

100 Not Out! - Another NARPO Centurion

It was my pleasure to visit NARPO widow member Joan Pryce on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Deputy Chief Constable Chris Green attended with flowers from Merseyside Police, and I presented a bouquet on behalf of NARPO. Joan was in good spirits enjoying her celebration with friends and family at her home.

Christine Parkinson (Chairperson).



Pictured L to R: Joan's daughter Vanessa, Joan, her NARPO Welfare representative Bob Johnson and Chris Green, Deputy Chief Constable.

WIDOW/ERS DRAW NOVEMBER 2023

Christine Bateman, Nora Fanning, Irene Lockwood, Kathleen Lowe, Florence May Owens, Marjorie Whittacker, Glenis Pattison, June Owen, Lillian Frodsham, Beryl Williams, Renee Irene Roberts, Frances Giltrap, Marion Clark, Lisita Baker, Victoria Tasker, Patricia Mary Findlay, Philippa Fawcett, Helen Willmoth, Arlene Morton, Kay Roberts, Denise Martin, Josephine Morris, Maureen Morris, Janet Ward, Mary Daly

KEEPING UP TO DATE

As Christmas approaches it is vitally important that changes in members addresses, phone number(s), and email address is updated. There has been several instances where NARPO correspondence has been returned to the P.O. Box marked "gone away," or "not at this address."

Please make sure your details are current and ensure that NARPO Merseyside is aware of any changes.



50th Anniversary of Merseyside Police
Liner Hotel, Liverpool
Wednesday 10th April 2024

£25.00 per person
(i.e., Merseyside NARPO Member &
Spouse/Partner/Guest)

Please contact Hon. Secretary for bookings

HOW DO YOU PAY YOUR SUBS?

As indicated earlier NARPO subscriptions will Rise to an annual fee of £26.28 or £2.19 per calendar month from 1st January 2024. Those members who have their subscription deducted at source from monthly pension (this will show on pay advice as "Merseyside" followed by the appropriate deduction) need not do anything.

However, those who pay by other means plus Additional and Associate members are required to pay the annual subscription in full (£26.28) on or about 1st January 2024.

Payment may be made by cheque payable to NARPO Merseyside
And sent to:

PO Box 282
Liverpool
L23 6YU

Alternatively, payment may be made via Bank Transfer:

NatWest Bank
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A/c 87884208

Please remember to use your name and NARPO membership number (if known) as the reference.

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



As this year comes to a close I am delighted to wish all NARPO members a very happy Christmas.

We have managed several high-profile incidents in the last year which has again put Merseyside on the national stage. We had a number of firearm enabled murders last summer including Sam Rimmer, Ashley Dale and Olivia Pratt-Korbel. This was followed by the murders of Jacqui Rutter in October and Elle Edwards, the anniversary which falls on Christmas Eve. The force has worked hard to bring the offenders to justice for the families and our communities. Thomas Cashman was sentenced to 42 years in prison for the murder of Olivia, Connor Chapman 48 years for the murder of Elle, and the four killers of Ashley were sentenced to a combined total of 173 years in prison. Good progress has also been made in the other investigations.

We have showcased the very best of our officers and staff in the planning for and policing of the Labour Party Conference, Aintree Race Festival and the Open Golf, which had additional challenges this year around protest. Of course, we successfully delivered Eurovision on behalf of Ukraine which is the biggest operation the force has ever had to resource – with the eyes of the world on Liverpool. Eurovision attracts a TV audience of 161 million people, with the World Cup Final being the only single event which is watched by more. It really was a fantastic event to host.

The way in which our force dealt with these tragic incidents and global events has attracted praise from our communities and beyond.

This year we have continued to recruit more officers and staff which has resulted in our headcount being at its highest for 13 years. We are proud to have re-opened St Anne Street Station after significant refurbishment which provides our teams with a state of the art building to equip them to do their roles effectively.

I would like to thank all members for their support and wish you and your families health and happiness in the coming year.

Serena Kennedy KPM, Chief Constable

OBITUARIES

Date	Name	Status	Age
September 2023			
20 th	Stephen Lawrence Finan	Det. Sergeant 1032	66 years
21 st	Dennis Alfred Jones	Constable 3542	71 years
October 2023			
2 nd	Edna Catlow	W/Constable 22 (Liverpool City)	93 years
7 th	David Thomas Ford	Chief Inspector	72 years
7 th	Terence Quinn	Constable 8823	59 years
14 th	Elizabeth Pugh	Widow	88 years
22 nd	Colm Lyng	Sergeant 4478	69 years
23 rd	David Frederick Birch	Det. Chief Superintendent	77 years
31 st	Sheila Condron	Widow	87 years
November 2023			
10 th	Ronald Thompson	Sergeant 1336	88 years
12 th	Lily May Bailey	Widow	94 years
14 th	Paul Tracey	Constable 4092	68 years
18 th	Jean Margaret Morrison	Det. Constable 1474	87 years
27 th	Stuart Quirk	Inspector 7498	59 years
28 th	Julian Greaves-Smith	Constable 4464	76 years

CHRISTMAS FAYRE AFTERNOON TEA!

Yet another tremendously successful event at Riversdale. Next year's is already pencilled in for 4th December 2024!



The Entertainer!

The Party!



The Event

Merry Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

AND Finally.....

As the 50th Anniversary of Merseyside Police creeps up on us, so too do the bookings. It may seem a while off, but you need to book your place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

A further Carvery Luncheon has been booked for May 2024 at the iconic West Lancashire Golf Club. Full details in the Spring 2024 newsletter.

Members should note that I am away from now until the New Year. I cannot disclose where but here is a clue:



The legend that is Stan O'Connor will be looking after "the shop" in my absence.

That's almost that for another year, a year that despite some highs the lows were more prominent for me personally. I sincerely wish each and every one of you a very Happy Christmas and a New Year full of health, wealth, and happiness. I would also like to thank the Committee for their unfailing support in times of adversity, and members for their best wishes and supporting telephone calls and emails. We **WILL** one day defeat the **CRUEL BIG "C."**

