



NARPO Newsletter (Merseyside Branch)



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Summer 2024 From the Chair

The 50th Anniversary Celebration in April was enjoyed by many of our members. We were delighted to welcome the Chief Constable Serena Kennedy and her husband Ian, along with the President of NARPO Richard Critchley, the Vice-President Kate Rowley, the CEO Alan Lees and our generous NARPO Gold Partner sponsors, Tony Harvey and John Howell (Solicitors) along with John Pope, Hazel Fothergill (both Merseyside Police) and Angela Calvert (NARPO), all of whom support and assist our Branch throughout the year. A great deal of time and effort goes into planning such events and I thank Sergeant John Pope (Community Engagement) for organising the attendance of the Horses, Cadets, Police Band and vocalist Chris Hubbard. All were outstanding and proved very fitting for the occasion. Committee members Eddie McGrath, Stan O'Connor and Julian Dearden were involved in the planning which started over 2 years beforehand and I thank them for their respective contributions which made the celebration such a success. I was delighted that Richard Critchley was able to present Julian Dearden with NARPO Life Membership as he stood down from the committee after 18 years' service. Julian was an absolute asset to the Branch undertaking many roles which he carried out reliably and with professionalism. I wish Julian, and Janet (who has always been a supportive presence), the very best for the future.

Two weeks later, we were back at The Liner for the AGM. It was a pleasure to welcome ACC Jenny Sims who stood in for the Chief Constable whilst she received her KPM. Jenny gave a most informative talk followed by an excellent video reminding us of what our current Police Officers and Staff deal with daily. It was most poignant, moving and enlightening. As well as Julian, three more committee members stood down. Dawn Collins, Jane Arrowsmith and Yvonne Doyle for their respective service on the committee, it was much appreciated. NARPO member, John McCarthy spoke of his role as Lead Chaplain to Merseyside Police. John has kindly provided information in this newsletter, and we hope you will contact John and his team as I feel their support will be beneficial to many of our members. Thanks to Sally Ann Fidler, Mike Gardner and Phil Green who were newly elected to the committee, we look forward to your involvement in the future.

The 75th Anniversary of the Cadets took place on 2nd May with lunch at the Liner Hotel. This was not a NARPO event, however the vast majority present are members. It was good to see over 100 people in attendance ranging from the early 50's intake right up to the early 80s. Thanks to George Dafnis for his efficient organisation, it was such an enjoyable, successful and special celebration.

Back in February several of the NARPO Committee had the pleasure of attending Edge Lane Police Station to tour the Police Records Unit. It was a most informative and interesting tour and I thank David Smith and his staff for facilitating the visit. The staff and volunteers were busy preparing for the Merseyside Police Open Day on 12th May, which I hope many of you will have attended by now. I am so sorry to have missed it myself as I was away on holiday.

As I write this the first of the Architectural Walking Tours led by NARPO member Brian Curran is due to take place. Future dates were circulated - 10th June and 10th July, so please contact Eddie if you wish to book on either of those dates. Brian is very knowledgeable, and the tour is most interesting.

As always, I must record my thanks for another year of being supported by a hard-working and dedicated committee. I thank you all for your contributions throughout the year be it contacting your 'Over 80s', helping to organise social events and trips, providing administrative support, sending out birthday, Christmas and bereavement cards, reviewing Roles, Policies, Procedures, GDPR Compliance, IT Support and Retirement Course inputs, just to name a few of the duties our committee members undertake.

Sending our members all my very best wishes for a happy and healthy summer season.

Christine Parkinson MSc
Chairperson

EDDIE-TORIAL

To quote Peter Kay, "first things first!" The Annual General Meeting took place recently and although fairly well attended, there could have been more members present. The booking system was initiated to ensure there is enough "scoff" for everyone which has to be paid for per head in advance. No problem in "backing out" with sufficient notice, but those who book and then just don't attend on the day are costing the branch money.

The following members were elected to serve on the Committee 2024/25: Ann Aspinwall, Lynn Boardman, Eddie Cowan, George Dafnis, Sandra Dean, Tracey Denton, Bill Fallows, Jackie Holder, Bob Johnson, Colin Lewis, Lorna Lyons, Gerrie McConaghy, Lorna Lyons, John McDermott, Eddie McGrath, Kath Melling, Arthur Monk, Stan O'Connor, Christine Parkinson, Colin Rowan, Ruth Rowan, Malcolm Schroeder, Brian Starkey, Mike Gardner, Sally-Ann Fidler, Phil Green.



Assistant Chief Constable Jenny Sim with Stan O'Connor, Christine Parkinson, and Eddie McGrath

Immediately after the A.G.M. the Executive was elected:

- Chairperson – Christine Parkinson
- Vice-Chair - Stan O'Connor
- Secretary – Eddie McGrath
- Treasurer – John McDermott
- Assistant Treasurer – Bob Johnson
- Assistant Secretary (Admin) – Lorna Lyons
- Assistant Secretary (Welfare) – Colin Lewis
- I.T. Co-ordinator – Brian Starkey
- GDPR – Bill Fallows

We are entitled to 30 Committee Members. We only have 26. Care to volunteer?



Guess what we are talking about! Got it in one. The 50th Anniversary Celebration of Merseyside Police. In the presence of the Chief Constable and distinguished guests from NARPO H/Q the celebration was more than a remarkable success. The Merseyside Police Band did us proud, and vocalist Chris Hubbard was brilliant proving beyond doubt he has the "X" Factor. It was a fitting occasion for Julian Dearden to be presented with NARPO Life Membership by NARPO President Richard Critchley as he retired from the Committee having contributed locally and nationally with outstanding success over many years. We thank Julian and wish him all the best as he fishes in the lakes of Ireland!

I have been inundated with letters, text messages and email from those who attended, including the Chief Constable herself and the hierarchy at NARPO H/Q. It was a pleasure to organise such a successful event, although there was one or two bumps in the road, and would like to thank Harvey Howell Solicitors, The Liner Hotel, and Merseyside Police, and especially the Volunteer Cadets, for their sponsorship and contribution. The big question is, **"Shall we do it or something like it again?"**

The NARPO Annual Conference reverts to Torquay this year in early September. Merseyside NARPO will be sending 7 delegates. Following Incorporation, for the first time Committee Members are able to vote by proxy. It will be interesting to see how this progresses. Torquay is a long way away from us here on Merseyside, the only plus point is the Farm Shop on the M5 Motorway where, in Beverley Hillbillies parlance we can stock up with "vitals" on the return journey. Back to Blackpool in 2025. I must obtain the words to "I do love to be beside the seaside" and perhaps get Chris Hubbard to sing it!

Photos Galore

I have a memory stick with over 600 photographs of the big day taken by ace photographer Ray Farley. I do recognise many people but there are some who I either don't recognise or cannot name. If Ray took your photograph and you would like a copy please let me know. Your table number would be a good starting point.



SUMMER SOCIAL
Merseyside NARPO
Present



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AT

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB
Hall Road West, Blundellsands L23 8SZ

SUNDAY 9th June 2024
12.30pm FOR 1.15pm

Tickets £20.00 each
(NARPO MERSEYSIDE MEMBER + SPOUSE/PARTNER/GUEST)

(please advise any dietary requirements)

Bookings via secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk 07505 477162

MERSEYSIDE NARPO
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<p>Steak Bar</p> <p>Aperitifs before your meal Dry Fish Sherry 15/- 3/1/1 Sherry 19/- Chilled Fruit Juice 1/8 or Tomato Juice 1/8</p> <p>Prime Fillet Steak (when available) 21/- (Half pound approximate uncooked weight) £1.05 Grilled to your liking and served with button mushrooms, tomato, french fried potatoes, roll and butter, and to follow, ice cream or a choice of cheese and biscuits.</p> <p>Prime Rump Steak 16/- (Half pound approximate uncooked weight) 80p Grilled to your liking and served with button mushrooms, tomato, french fried potatoes, roll and butter, and to follow, ice cream or a choice of cheese and biscuits.</p> <p>Prime Sirloin Steak 15/3 (Half pound approximate uncooked weight) 76p Grilled to your liking and served with button mushrooms, tomato, french fried potatoes, roll and butter, and to follow, ice cream or a choice of cheese and biscuits.</p> <p>Golden Fried Fillets of Plaice 14/9 (1/2 pound approximate uncooked weight) 74p Served with tartare sauce, lemon, french fried potatoes, roll and butter.</p> <p>21/- Golden Fried Whole Dover Sole £1.05 when available (1/2 ounce approximate uncooked weight) served with tartare sauce, lemon, french fried potatoes, roll and butter, and to follow ice cream or a choice of cheese and biscuits.</p>	<p>Wines with your meal</p> <p><i>By the glass (one-fifth of a bottle)</i> 3/5 Spanish Red, or White 17p 4/- Lutener Riesling 20p</p> <p><i>By the canole (one-third of a bottle)</i> 5/7 Spanish Red, or White 28p 6/9 Lutener Riesling 34p</p> <p>Red</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Bottle</td><td>Half</td><td>1</td><td>Spanish Burgundy</td><td>84p</td><td>47p</td></tr> <tr><td>18/9</td><td>9/5</td><td>2</td><td>Bordeaux: Medoc</td><td>£1.04</td><td>57p</td></tr> <tr><td>20/9</td><td>11/5</td><td>3</td><td>Burgundy: Beaupolis</td><td>£1.14</td><td>62p</td></tr> <tr><td>22/9</td><td>12/5</td><td>4</td><td>Rhone: Chateau de la Pape</td><td>£1.20</td><td>65p</td></tr> <tr><td>24/-</td><td>13/-</td><td>5</td><td>Italian: Chianti (Large Flask)</td><td>£1.45</td><td>77p</td></tr> </table> <p>Rose</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>19/9</td><td>11/-</td><td>6</td><td>Loire: Anjou Rose</td><td>59p</td><td>55p</td></tr> <tr><td>27/-</td><td>14/8</td><td>7</td><td>Portuguese: Mateus Rose</td><td>£1.35</td><td>72p</td></tr> </table> <p>White</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>16/9</td><td>9/5</td><td>8</td><td>Spanish: Sauternes</td><td>84p</td><td>47p</td></tr> <tr><td>20/-</td><td>11/-</td><td>9</td><td>Yugoslav: Lutener Riesling</td><td>£1.00</td><td>56p</td></tr> <tr><td>25/-</td><td>13/7</td><td>10</td><td>Bordeaux: Sauternes</td><td>£1.25</td><td>65p</td></tr> <tr><td>24/-</td><td>13/-</td><td>11</td><td>Hock: Liebkefarnlich</td><td>£1.20</td><td>65p</td></tr> <tr><td>47/-</td><td>24/7</td><td>12</td><td>Champagne: Heidsieck O.M.V.V.</td><td>£2.35</td><td>£1.23</td></tr> </table> <p><small>The management and staff of this Steak Bar are pleased to welcome you and would appreciate any helpful suggestions for the improvement of the standard of service. Please talk to the Manager or write to the Managing Director. Berni Inn Ltd, Broad Street, Bristol BS1 2EU</small></p>	Bottle	Half	1	Spanish Burgundy	84p	47p	18/9	9/5	2	Bordeaux: Medoc	£1.04	57p	20/9	11/5	3	Burgundy: Beaupolis	£1.14	62p	22/9	12/5	4	Rhone: Chateau de la Pape	£1.20	65p	24/-	13/-	5	Italian: Chianti (Large Flask)	£1.45	77p	19/9	11/-	6	Loire: Anjou Rose	59p	55p	27/-	14/8	7	Portuguese: Mateus Rose	£1.35	72p	16/9	9/5	8	Spanish: Sauternes	84p	47p	20/-	11/-	9	Yugoslav: Lutener Riesling	£1.00	56p	25/-	13/7	10	Bordeaux: Sauternes	£1.25	65p	24/-	13/-	11	Hock: Liebkefarnlich	£1.20	65p	47/-	24/7	12	Champagne: Heidsieck O.M.V.V.	£2.35	£1.23
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Sunday 20th October 2024 12.30pm for 1.15pm

£20.00 per person NARPO Merseyside member plus spouse/partner/guest

STEAKS WILL BE COOKED TO ORDER

Book via telephone 07505 477162 or

email secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk:

This event is proving very popular. Book now to avoid disappointment.

SUMMER EXCURSIONS

5 th August 2024	Edinburgh Military Tattoo	Waiting List
19 th June 2024	Caernarvon Steam Train	Waiting List

Also Arranged

4 th December 2024	Christmas Fayre Afternoon Tea	Bookings open October 2024
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MODERN DAY SCAMS

The Economic Crime Unit has forwarded the latest issue of the **Little Big Book of Scams** for the information of the Retired Community.

It is really worth a read. Attached as a weblink.

[NWROCU LBOBS 5th Edition \(control & click to open\)](#)

Cadets 75th Anniversary Celebration

I had the honour to be invited to the celebratory event at The Liner Hotel recently as, for the first time, Bootle Borough Cadets, of which I was the only one present, were recognised. George Dafnis did a great job fulfilling a promise to the Late, Great, Johnny Edwards. There was a persistent sound of the Blue Lamp swinging, many acquaintances renewed and some "legends" present. Well-done G.D. Better start planning for the Centenary!

Legends Galore



Welcome New Members

Richard Clark, Alistair Park, Rachel Jones, Neil Jones, David Shaw, Stephen Duke, Florence Harper, Jason Goulding, Hilary Fullard (widow), Joan Hatton (widow), Maria Brookman, Michael Fox, Daniel Kirwin, Diane Tole, Matthew Kerr, Lisa Ryan.

Widowers Draw

Margaret Crawford, Patricia Cook, Jean Whalley, Audrey Carden, Kelly Coulton, Barbara Dunkerley, Ann Morrish, Ruth Mason, Lesley Culley, Rose Cook, Julia Bayne, Liesel Aspinwall, Kathleen Plant, Shirley Gould, Kay Green, Gwenfyl Haynes, Margaret Kidd, Joan Micklewright, Joan Mulligan, Linda Rimmer, Irene Robinson, Ruth Hagerty, Elayne Beggs, Geraldine Yardsley, Julie Blanton

Obituaries

Date	Name	Status	Age
February 2024			
14 th	William Frederick Lea	Det. Constable 7129	73 years
15 th	Derek Ronald Hatton	Sergeant 2012	89 years
21 st	Edwin Williams	Inspector	92 years
23 rd	Joseph Breden	Inspector	83 years
25 th	Kenneth Fullard	Inspector	83 years
28 th	Ernest Harper	Constable 1720	85 years
April 2024			
9 th	William Bennion	Det. Chief Inspector	77 years
13 th	Anthony Thomas (Bill) Bolan	Constable 5514	65 years
19 th	Terence John Norrington	Constable 4741	73 years
21 st	Robert Watts	Sergeant 1889	87 years

From John McCarthy the Lead Chaplain to Merseyside Police:

I am a member of the Merseyside Branch of NARPO, having retired from Merseyside Police, after thirty years' service, in 2015.

After retiring I decided to volunteer in whatever areas in life that I could, to give back to society after the huge benefit I had received through a very fulfilling career, which enabled me to lead a comfortable life. This led me to being ordained as a Deacon in the Archdiocese of Liverpool, then becoming one of Merseyside Police's Volunteer Chaplains and eventually becoming the Lead Chaplain.

I have purposely declared being a Deacon, to identify myself as a person of Faith and then make the point that chaplains are not here to preach or try to convert anyone. It is rare that you will get a chaplain to talk about Faith.

It is important that I state this as I still meet Police Officers and Police Staff who have that understanding that Chaplains 'Do Faith,' we don't. We can, but we don't.

The role of a chaplain is to offer vocational care to all police personnel and their families regardless of religious affiliation or lack thereof. Chaplaincy's sole aim is to support all people to flourish. That is to accompany them and walk alongside them in all that they do. In simplistic terms this means being there and being present.

Where a chaplain comes into their own is when they meet someone and listen. Chaplains listen, allowing a person to talk through their concerns and anxieties or even just to have a timely and purposeful conversation. They do all of this in confidence and without judgement.

Despite chaplains being professionals, they will never try to solve any concerns or anxieties raised but will guide and support an individual to the most appropriate Service that can assist them.

My experience of Chaplaincy as a serving officer was that there were a handful of chaplains that existed but were not seen very often. Merseyside Police currently has twenty chaplains, including myself, spread right across Merseyside. My aim is that every Police establishment on Merseyside will have its own chaplain and that that chaplain becomes one of the Team in that place.

The service of Merseyside Police Chaplaincy Team is also there for its retired officers and NARPO members. Please feel free to contact me as follows:

johnmccarthy@merseyside.police.uk or jamacCarthy@icloud.com or 07828 766421

And Finally.....



Comes to something when a Teddy Bear is more loved than me! He/she was a special guest at the 50th Anniversary Celebration and stole many hearts.

So, you finally get to attend the former Cadets "bash" and look to meet old friends and colleagues. Shock of my life! Haven't seen her for well over 50 years, Pam Page (nee Mitchell). Same class at Bruche. She has hardly changed, and me.....?



Pam, second from left front row, me second from left back row.