



NARPO Newsletter



(Merseyside Branch)

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From The Chair

This year the National NARPO Conference was held in Torquay, a bit of a journey for those of us who attended to represent Merseyside, but important nonetheless to ensure we represent our members. Full incorporation took place on 1st July 2024, so this was a milestone conference, the first under the auspices of the newly formed limited company that offers us and all our members protection devoid of personal liability. NARPO nationally has undertaken a tremendous amount of work to ensure a timely and successful transition. It will not make much difference to the way we conduct business locally, so please be assured you will not notice many, if any, changes in the way we do things.

During conference we had a presentation by Rev. David Wilbraham from the Police Remembrance Trust, a charity that exists to ensure all those police officers who lost their lives on and in the line of duty are never forgotten. This link provides more information about the trust: <https://www.policememorial.org.uk/> Further lively and amusing presentations were given by former colleagues Paul Griffiths and Kate Halpin from The History Society, more information can be found via the following link: <https://www.policehistorysociety.com/>

At our August meeting I was delighted to welcome back John Forshaw and new members John McCarthy and Wendy Sudworth all of whom were co-opted onto the committee. I thank them all for their commitment to joining us and look forward to working together. We still have vacancies if anyone else wishes to join us, please feel free to contact our Secretary Eddie McGrath for more information.

The recent Architectural Tours conducted by former colleague and NARPO member Brian Curran have been a resounding success. A recent addition to the wonderful Waterfront Tour is that of the 'Cathedral to Cathedral' Hope Street Tour. I have attended both tours myself; Brian has outstanding knowledge, and we really value his dedication and generosity in volunteering to conduct numerous tours on behalf of our members and guests. The feedback had been outstanding; it is a wonderful way to learn more and explore the hidden history of our city.

It was marvellous to hear how much our members enjoyed the August trip to the Edinburgh Tattoo. Thanks to Ruth for her tremendous efforts in organising another successful and entertaining trip which is truly appreciated by many of our members.

Since incorporation it seems apt to take advantage of the national NARPO website which has the facility to provide a website for individual branches, at no cost to us. Brian Starkey is currently populating these pages with our branch information and although not yet complete, it has the added benefit of support from Head Office. The latest information can be found by clicking on the 'Members Area' button but please bear with us as not everything is yet copied over and is a work in progress. Once the website is complete an email will be sent out with instructions on how to access it fully. <https://www.narpo.org/branches/merseyside/>

As welfare of our members remains high on the agenda both nationally and locally I wish to share the newly populated Welfare Hub link from the national NARPO website, where you will find lots of useful information: <https://www.narpo.org/welfare-hub>

Finally, as always, I thank our committee who support our members in many different ways; the additional work undertaken by some of our committee is significant and I wish to record my appreciation for their ongoing support and dedication.

As we approach the Autumn season, let's hope that the weather isn't too unkind. I send you and your families my very best wishes.

Christine Parkinson MSc

Chairperson

EDDIE-TORIAL

The Social Scene is certainly looking good for the remainder of this year and the early part of 2025. The Social sub-committee have listened to members and have acted accordingly. The "Berni Inn" event was organised from one such suggestion and if you are old enough to remember Berni's (Albany in Old Hall Street, Fox and Goose in Southport and many more) you won't want to miss this nostalgic event.

The Bi-Annual Lunch was another suggestion, and it was thought that members would appreciate a January 2025 date after the rigours of the Festive Period. The template will be similar to the Merseyside Police 50th Anniversary Celebration which went down well, but not on such a grand scale. It is envisaged that this will become a regular event where members can enjoy the company of their "old muckers."

The Christmas Fayre Afternoon Tea is at Riversdale on Wednesday 4th December 2024. These are always popular, and Ruth and her team do a great job.

The excursion to "ABBA Voyage" in April 2025 is a new venture for this branch on which places are were much sought-after so much so that it has sold out but there is a waiting list. Previous excursions whether day trips or overnight stays have been an astounding success.

The Spring Carvery Lunch in May is once again at the West Lancashire Golf Club. This venue has been chosen specifically because members residing in North Merseyside, and particularly Sefton, asked for something within easy reach, but it is handy for everybody as Hall Road station on Merseyrail Northern Line is only 100 yards away and there are extensive parking facilities.

Later in 2025 events are being arranged:

- June - Beamish Living Museum with overnight stay in Newcastle
- July - National Arboretum
- October - Harvest Lunch at West Lancashire Golf Club
- November - Chatsworth House
- December - Festive Afternoon Tea

Full details will be circulated and included in December newsletter.



Although a long and arduous journey to Torquay and back Conference 2024 was a huge success. In the picture with me is NARPO President Richard Critchley who chaired proceedings. Thankfully, Blackpool in 2025.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mark Schuler, Carol Norrington (widow), David McLean, Kevin Courtney, Glyn Roberts, Marian Breden (widow), Neil Hughes, Barbara Hebden, Terri Ann Walker, Gary Hoey, Wendy Sudworth, Martin Earl, Jonathan Davies, Maud Formby (widow), Jason Ennis, Keith McLachlan, Sophia Bridge, Sue Candler (widow), Sharon Wright, Diane Williams (widow), David Donoghue, Heather Hyde (widow), Barbara Stacey (widow), Sally Ainscough, Chris Sullivan, Sylvia Howard (widow), John Reynolds, John Salter

WIDOW/ERS DRAW WINNERS

Kathleen Byron, Valerie Campbell, Marjorie Hayes, Brenda Rimmer, Shirley Williams, Theresa Hoole, Norma Wright, June Owen, Jean Sumner, Mary Dodd, Pauline Blundell, Renee Roberts, Margaret Edwards, Margaret Williams, Barbara Jones, Marion Clark, Patricia Thom, Jennifer Peterson, Denise Harvey, Johanna Cleary-Bamford, Sarah Doyle, Patricia Sandbach, Lady Carole Sharples, Dorothy Ash, Marian Breden.

WALKING BACK TO HAPINESS!

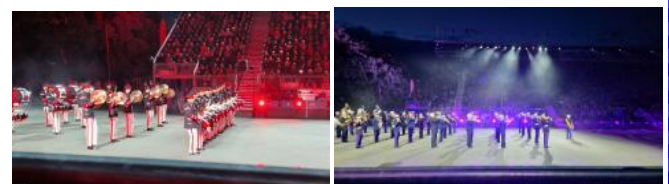
NARPO Merseyside members had the benefit of Walking Tours of Liverpool conducted by member Brian Curran. Separate tours of the Waterfront and Cathedral to Cathedral were on the itinerary and these were very popular and booked up almost immediately. Additional dates had to be arranged to accommodate demand, and there is still a waiting list. Several testimonials have been received:

Thanks to Brian Curran, who once again excelled himself by providing us with an interesting and informative tour of Hope Street and the surrounding area. The tour started at the Metropolitan Cathedral and finished at the Anglican Cathedral. Brian's knowledge of the Architecture is second to none and it was enlightening to hear about the Doric, Ionic, Corinthian and artistic influences in this quarter. Brian took us to places slightly off the main route to explore more of the hidden areas in our amazing City with its rich history, often combining the old with the new whether we like it or not!



EDINBURGH TATTOO - Ruth Rowan Reports

Merseyside Narpo arranged a trip to Edinburgh Tattoo beginning of August. The group travelled from Merseyside to a very pleasant hotel in Stirling and enjoyed a leisurely evening with dinner included. We left late morning for Edinburgh with ample time to sightsee and wandering in the lovely sunshine. Later we made our way to the castle and our great seats to watch the performance which was most enjoyable. After breakfast at the hotel, we travelled back to Merseyside. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip and the first class service from the onboard coach team too.



BERNI INN REVIVAL @ WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB



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
(Fish Alternative Available)

Book via telephone 07505 477162 or email secretary@narpo-merseyside.org.uk

FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA



Wednesday 4th December 2024
From 1.00pm @ MPSSA Club, Riversdale

£12.00 per person NARPO Merseyside member plus Spouse/Partner/Guest

Bookings via Ruth Rowan
07900 973056 or ruthrowan@narpo-merseyside.org.uk

Merseyside Police Carol Service



Tuesday 10th December 2024
Mince Pie Reception @ Raquet Club 4.15pm
Carol Service 5.30pm Our Lady and St. Nicholas Church

Booking via Hon. Secretary
(bookings close 1st December 2024)

NARPO MERSEYSIDE Bi-Annual Lunch



Wednesday 22nd January 2025
Liner Hotel, Lord Nelson Street Liverpool

12.30pm for 1.15pm
(£22.50 NARPO each Merseyside Member plus Spouse/Partner/Guest)

Booking Forms Available from Hon. Secretary

ABBA Voyage & Windsor

SOLD OUT – WAITING LIST ONLY

SPRING CARVERY LUNCH



WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB
Hall Road West, Blundellsands L23 8SZ
SUNDAY 30th May 2025

12.30pm FOR 1.15pm

£20.00 per person
(NARPO MERSEYSIDE MEMBER + SPOUSE/PARTNER/GUEST)
(please advise any dietary requirements)
BOOKINGS VIA HON. SECRETARY

Liverpool and Merseyside Branch I.P.A.

Cordially invite members of NARPO Merseyside to their Festive Christmas Dinner at
The Liner Hotel
Lord Nelson Street
Liverpool.

Tuesday 3rd December 2024
7. pm. for 7.30. pm.

Dress code smart casual: £44.00 per person
(including wine and entertainment)

The IPA are hosting a friendship week and are showing serving and former Police Officers from around the World our city and gives you the opportunity to meet people from different cultures including Ireland, Scotland, USA, Italy, Sri Lanka, Nigeria and Kenya.

To book please contact
Rob Smith IPA Secretary by email
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or phone 07885 228838

OBITUARIES

Date	Name	Status	Age
February 2024			
15th	Derek Ronald Hatton	Sergeant 2012	90 years*
May 2024			
22nd	Edna Evans	Chief Superintendent	100 years
June 2024			
11th	Christopher Richard Healey	Det. Constable 4626	68 years
July 2024			
1st	David William Formby	Inspector	68 years
12th	Timothy John Leahy	Det. Constable 7318	60 years
13th	Roy Prentice	Sergeant 6117	78 years
20th	Gary Williams	Constable 5722	64 years
22nd	Thomas Patrick McMahon	Constable 1425	93 years
25th	Kenneth Candler	Det. Sergeant	93 years
August 2024			
1st	Hilda Cross	Widow	104 years
7th	Robin Hyde	Detective Constable	76 years
9th	George Raymond Howard MBE	Constable 3163	81 years
12th	William George Stacey	Inspector 3454	80 years
13th	Paul Stephen Hurst QPM	Constable 6588	72 years
17th	Donald Sampson	Constable 1943	88 years
26th	Richard Mark Alexander Gray	Constable 1010	59 years
28th	Herta Farrell	Widow	96 years
September 2024			
9th	Thomas Joseph Hall	Inspector 1130	92 years

* age correction



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Debbie Bennett Funeral Directors is an independent family run business, with branches in Prescot, Rainhill, Bootle & Copy Lane, offering a fair priced, professional, high quality and caring funeral service.

Having worked in the funeral industry for over 25 years Debbie is an exceptional Funeral Director, holding a National Diploma in funeral directing. Debbie is currently holder of the prestigious 'Business Person of the Year' award, a much sought after accreditation presented to her at the Liverpool Echo Awards ceremony in June 2021.

Debbie is married to Alan Rogers (6924), a former Merseyside Police Officer. Debbie and Alan are offering a £200 discount for serving and retired police officers off pre-paid plans and funerals.



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On display at Merseyside Police 50th Anniversary open day. Not a Merseyside "Panda Car" fortunately!

And Finally.....

Once again I implore members not to resort to social media, even with permission or at the request of the family, in cases of bereavement until NARPO Secretary is aware. Members should be aware that colleagues and their families may be located overseas and in completely different time zones. Think about it, how would you like to wake up in, say, Australia and find that a dear relative or friend has passed away on social media before being officially informed? Social media has its place in life these days but please think before posting.

Planning for Christmas, what am I going to do without my fuel payment? That puts Christmas presents on the "back burner." May have to resort to the white shirts and black gloves I used to use!

Wrapping paper and decorations, tinsel etc. in the shops and it's only September. Let's at least get Halloween and Bonfire Night out of the way first. Having said that, Strictly Come Dancing is back, and we all know what that means!

STOP PRESS: National Memorial Arboretum excursion booked for Thursday 3rd July 2025, a date for your diary. Full details soon.



Congratulations and Best Wishes Assistant Secretary Colin Lewis & Fianceé Marian who are to be married later this month.