



**Hastings &
Rother
NARPO**



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Phoenix News



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A Message from our Chair

Hello

Well as I write this, we are experiencing strong winds and heavy rain, nevertheless I hope that this message finds you all well and like us, looking forward to the good weather returning.

Last year was quite busy for the Committee. We held our usual buffets and Christmas Lunch and we also tried to interest everyone with planned outings - Portsmouth War Room trip, brewery trips, 2 x theatre trips and just recently a Burns Supper dinner and dance. The buffets and Christmas Lunch were popular and well attended in most cases but sadly the other outings were not.

The Committee had a few changes over the year. Almost as many changes of Chairman as Prime Ministers last year. However, towards the end of the year we were happy to welcome Mike Turnbull and Grahame Brown onto the team. Grahame has agreed to monitor and manage the new web page which is now up and running. This page can be accessed using the link <https://narpo.org/branch-pages/news-events/> where there are some photos of the Burns Night. (Scroll down to NARPO branches).

With regards to new NARPO Company, I am unable to update you with regards to any changes, I expect we may hear more as the year progresses.

Well, it's almost time for the AGM again, which will be held at the usual venue, Horntye Sports Complex, on the 19th March 2025 at 1pm. During the meeting we will be asking for members who feel they would like to be a part of and contribute to your Branch Committee. I would encourage some of our younger members to step up. I would also like to see a dedicated Welfare Officer on the Committee. We do have some older and vulnerable members out there who would benefit and probably appreciate a visit.

If you can make the AGM please do so and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Regards to All
Ken



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Our next meeting is our AGM at Horntye Sports Club, at 1pm on Wednesday 19th March, 2025. There will be a free buffet and raffle. We look forward to seeing you there!

A Message from John our Secretary

Hi all,

Firstly Happy New Year to you all and I trust you all had a good Christmas. The Burns Night organized by Ken and Karen went really well despite being arranged at very short notice. Many thanks to John Ash, one of our members, who was our piper for the night. I know Ken is keen to run more events but we do need the membership to support such events.

It is that time of year that we need to collect the subs for the year. Those full members who have subs deducted from your pension don't need to do anything. However full members from other forces, additional members (those who are already a member of another NARPO Branch and pay full subs), Associate members, need to make your payments ASAP. Rates are as follows:-

Full members £26.70 per annum.

Additional membership for those who are already members elsewhere - £10 per annum.

Associate members £20 per annum.

Widows/Widowers are free

Payment is by BACS to NARPO Hastings and Rother Branch Acc No. 35824068, Sort 30-97-66 and include Subs and surname in the notes field or Cheque to NARPO Hastings and Rother Branch posted to John Levett, 6 Henderson Close, Hastings TN34 2DU.

We look forward to seeing you at our AGM. As usual partners are welcome. We do need more people to step forward to be on the Committee for the branch to continue in its present form.

Take care,

John.

Janet Mileham

What do you call a pig with no clothes on?
Streaky bacon!

Interesting Fact

Did you know that butterflies taste with their feet?
That's where their taste sensors are!





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Social News from Ken

Since our last AGM we have tried to accommodate all requests which were proposed by members. However to do so, we were obliged to lay out money, (your money), on the provisional bookings of theatre tickets, transport, venues and catering deposits. However, sadly the actual participation of members attending these events was poor. So much so, that with every function we ended up with an unacceptable number of guests to help recoup our outlay.

Having said this, the members who attended these functions had an enjoyable time and expressed their thanks for a lovely time.

The Burns Supper was a very successful evening, with all attending having a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Regards to everyone
Ken

A joke from Grahame :)

A burglar breaks into a house one night. As he's tiptoeing through the living room, he hears a voice say ...

"Jesus is watching you!"

He freezes, shines his flashlight around, but sees nothing.

He takes another step, and again hears ...

"Jesus is watching you!"

This time, he spots a parrot in a cage.

"Did you say that?" the burglar whispers.

"Yep," the parrot replies. "I'm Moses."

"Moses? What kind of people name a parrot Moses?" the burglar laughs.

The parrot squawks:

"The same kind that names their Rottweiler Jesus!"





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Our President
Gordon Message



New Members:-

Jason Tuck
Fiona Castle
Graham Fox

Burns Night

The Burns Night was a great success thanks to Ken's hard work organising the venue, food and music. Thanks also to John Ash who did a splendid job of piping in the guests and the haggis!



Thank you to everyone who supported this event. Hopefully we will have more take up next year as it was a great success and a really enjoyable evening.