The Staffordshire Knot

Staffordshire Branch of Narpo [96]

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WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Sub branch
Stafford and Stone
Stafford and Stone
Northern
Lichfield
Northern
Northern
Stafford and Stone
Burton and Uttoxeter
Leek and Cheadle
Leek and Cheadle
Leek and Cheadle
Cannock and Rugeley
Cannock and Rugeley

We wish you all a long and healthy retirement!

Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Staffordshire Knot. Sadly, this period has seen the Branch and Sub-Branches dealing with increasing issues surrounding the Call to Higher Service of colleagues and members. I wish to thank all the current Staffordshire NARPO officers and members for doing their very best to render assistance and comfort to the bereaved families and friends.

In early December, Branch and Sub-Branch members volunteered to assist in stewarding the Annual Christmas Tree Festival, which was held at St Mary's Church in Stafford Town Centre. It was a worthwhile and well-attended event and took place for just over a week. It encouraging to meet many Staffordshire NARPO members who we normally do not see at our regular NARPO meetings.



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

XPS Pensions administer the Staffordshire Police Pension, XPS Pensions 03300 545505 (new)

ARE YOUR CORRECT CONTACT DETAILS HELD BY NARPO?

KEEP IN TOUCH.

Please notify the Branch Secretary if contact information needs updating, e.g., email change, new address, new phone number, or changed spouse/partner.

Contact the Branch Secretary Kevin Waters if you are missing messages.

Let us know if you want magazine and/or newsletter mailing deliveries stopped.

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The former Staffordshire Traffic Police Facebook Group and Staffordshire NARPO have joined forces to arrange, courtesy of Staffordshire Police, a visit to the newly formed Road Crime Team which now operates from the Doxey Works Unit in Stafford, and which is situated alongside the M6 Motorway. The visit has been arranged for 1100hrs on Wednesday 12th March 2025. To date 30 people have expressed an interest in attending. It will be an opportunity to see the new high-tech equipment that the police are using to combat road related crime.

You will see that in my article below [From the Archive] it concerns the long career of an officer who served on the Staffordshire County Police Mounted Branch. Coincidently an Ex-West Midlands Police Officer is due to give a talk concerning the West Midlands Police Mounted Branch, which is to take place at 1430hrs on Tuesday 11th March 2025 at Walton Village Hall, Green Gore Lane, **Stafford**. ST17 0LD. It is one of the regular talks arranged there by The National Trust. There is a cost involved of £4.50 to attend, pay on arrival. It should be an interesting presentation, bearing in mind that many years ago Staffordshire County Police covered parts of the now West Midlands Police area, and there was in fact a Mounted Branch Section based at West Bromwich Police Station which was then in Staffordshire.

Finally, NARPO Staffordshire will be holding its Annual General meeting at the Police Headquarters, Weston Road, Stafford at 11am on Saturday 22nd March 2025.. A buffet lunch will be available, after the meeting. If you would like to attend, please email staffordshire@narpo.org or call 01785 540500 with the name/s of the people attending for catering purposes.

Mark Judson [Chairman Staffordshire Branch of NARPO]

From the archive: Research by Mark Judson

In April 1952 Ch Insp Thomas Arthur Currall, head of the Staffordshire County Mounted Police retired aged 60 years having served 33 years.

He joined Staffordshire Police in 1919 following his demobilisation from the Third Hussars Army Regiment. His Army career saw service in South Africa in 1909 and during the First World War he served in the Mounted Military Police in France and Belgium.

He was promoted to Sergeant in 1921 and then to Inspector in 1929. On the retirement of Ch Insp Dalkins in 1943, Insp Currall was promoted to Ch Insp to be the head of the Force Mounted Branch.

During his long career, all served on the Mounted Branch in Staffordshire he was a familiar figure riding his horse at the head of the Judges Assizes Parade and at the Stafford Mayor's Parade.

Although a native of Netherton in Warwickshire he will be retiring to Llandovery in South Wales, where he hopes to continue his long association with riding and horses. [He died in Llandovery in May 1968, aged 76 years]



Members Called to Higher Service Oct 2024 – Feb 2025

Your Branch records with regret the deaths of the following members:						
	Name	Sub Branch	Age	Died		
Ret'd D Insp	William Kenneth Hulse	Stafford and Stone	77 yrs	21 Oct 2024		
Ret'd Insp	Frederick Coleman	Burton and Uttoxeter	96 yrs	29 Oct 2024		
Ret'd Insp	Kevin Murcott	Stafford and Stone	76 yrs	30 Oct 2024		
Ret's Sgt	Bryan Joseph Shaw	Northern	70 yrs	5 Nov 2024		
Ret'd PC	Graham A Jennings	Northern	75 yrs	14 Nov 2024		
Ret'd DC	Patrick McNulty	Stafford and Stone	78 yrs	13 Nov 2024		
Ret'd DC	Andrew George Thompson	Lichfield	68 yrs	14 Nov 2024		
Ret'd PC	Ian Terence Rawlins	Cannock and Rugeley	81 yrs	19 Nov 2024		
Ret'd Ch Insp	John Alan Phillips	Leek and Cheadle	78 yrs	23 Nov 2024		
Ret'd DCS	Peter Ashton Broomhall	Stafford and Stone	80 yrs	25 Nov 2024		
Ret'd Insp	Ian H Perry	Cannock and Rugeley	79 yrs	3 Dec 2024		
Ret'd Sgt	Stanley T Tiso	Stafford and Stone	87 yrs	3 Dec 2024		
Ret'd Sgt	Gerard Hogan	Northern	72 yrs	12 Dec 2024		
Ret'd PC	Neil Ellerton	Leek and Cheadle	84 yrs	27 Dec 2024		
Ret'd D Sgt	Dennis Walker	Cannock and Rugeley	95 yrs	14 Jan 2025		
Ret'd PC	John William Snape	Northern	87 yrs	19 Jan 2025		
Ret'd Sgt	David M Griffiths	Stafford and Stone	76 yrs	30 Jan 2025		
Ret'd	Frank B Reynolds	Northern	90 yrs	11 Feb 2025		
Widows and Spouses Called to Higher Service						
	Name	Sub Branch	Age	Died		

Cannock and Rugeley

Cannock and Rugeley

Stafford and Stone

Northern



Diana Elizabeth Scott

Sheila Mary Nadine

Patricia Jane Cooper

Margaret Montgomery

Mrs (Wife)

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A visit to the Staffordshire Police HQ Garden of Remembrance took place in November.

71 yrs

90 yrs

77 yrs

96 yrs

Unknown

31 Oct 2024

25 Nov 2024

7 Dec 2024

1 Feb 2025

Unknown

Primarily a place to commemorate police officers and police staff who have died in service, the garden provides a tranquil and sheltered place for quiet reflection and allow visitors to pay respects to our colleagues.

During the visit there was also a chance to see a selection of the Police History Project exhibits displayed in the HQ Reception.

Stafford and Stone

The years are passing very quickly now. Yet another sign of old age. Because of the Christmas Festivities it has been a relatively quiet time. We had the Subbranch reunion lunch on 1st February with the Quarterly Lunch Club a few days later. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend either as I was on my own winter break, but I am told it was a very nice afternoon with almost 50 people attending. Thanks Gerry and Carol for all the organisation.

Our next Subbranch meeting is on 27 February at 7:30pm at the usual venue of the Constitutional Club in Lloyd Street, Stafford. It is the most important meeting of the year as it is the Annual General Meeting. It is the opportunity for all the members to elect new officers for the subbranch, so please come along.

One of the things we, as the committee have been discussing is how to make NARPO more relevant to those that might need help either now or in the future. Also, how to make our subbranch more inclusive, for example having daytime coffee mornings for those that don't like coming out at night. It's something other subbranches have done and it seems to work OK. If it's agreed, we need to discuss it and see if we can get a volunteer or two to help organise it.

Anyway, please come along on 27th even if only to have a chat and some sandwiches.

Here's an early reminder for our next quarterly lunch: at Ye Olde Dun Cow at Colton, on Wednesday 7th May at 12:00 pm.

Phil Challinor, and the rest of the Subbranch Committee

Tamworth

We continue to meet bi-monthly at the Coton & Hopwas Social Club, School Lane, Hopwas, Tamworth, B78 3AD.

Our AGM was held on Tuesday 7th January 2025. A hot buffet was provided by the Social Club and this, together with a first free drink, was funded by the Subbranch.

On Tuesday 4th March 2025 we are holding a Quiz Night prepared and hosted by Terry Bond, our Welfare Officer, and Assistant Secretary. There will be a buffet provided by the Social Club, funded by the Subbranch. This is a social event with no agenda or minutes, so this is a terrific opportunity to socialise with your former colleagues. Partners are very welcome.

On Tuesday 6th May 2025 will be a formal meeting with buffet provided by Subbranch members.

Our Annual Luncheon will be held on Sunday, 18th May 2025, at Drayton Park Golf Club.

Robert Vaughan, Subbranch Secretary.

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XPS Pension Website and Email Services

We encourage members to make use of the Pension Administrator online access to pension information.

Members of the Staffordshire police pension scheme can access their pension account by registering with XPS website for self-service through www.myownpension.org.uk

If your email address is held by XPS you can sign up for self-service on the internet at: https://www.myownpension.org.uk/home/non-member/thinking-of-joining.html

Pension Remedy

Eligible members of the police pension scheme taken for service between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2022 have been given more choices about the benefits they could have received. However, the dates by which to change the option taken is reaching finalisation. This is known as the Remedy Period and these choices are referred to as 'remedy' – you may have also heard them linked to the 'McCloud' review. Briefly, pension choices taken in the qualifying period allow pensioners to seek a correction if they were adversely affected by the choices given at the time of taking their police pension.

Please visit the NPCC national website at www.policepensioninfo.co.uk where you will be able to find a link to the useful information, FAQ's, member remedy documentation and a video to help you understand your choices.

Burton-on-Trent and Uttoxeter

Our next meeting takes place at Marstons' Sports and Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton commencing at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, 9th April 2025 whereas usual a buffet will be provided. Raffle prizes would be appreciated.

Further meetings for 2025 are on the website.

Roy Dimelow, Chairman and Interim Secretary

Leek and Cheadle

The next meeting of the Leek Sub branch will be on Tuesday 5th March 2024, 7:30pm. We hold Spring and Autumn Meetings at Leek Hockey Club, Macclesfield Road, Leek ST13 8LD.

We look forward to your company and contribution on that evening. A light supper will be served, and the bar will be open for refreshments.

Mike Smith (Leek and Cheadle Subbranch Secretary).

Cannock and Rugeley

Our next meeting at 12 midday on Thursday 20 March 2025 will be the AGM at The Conservative Club, High Green, Cannock. The formalities will be brief, followed by a **free lunch for those that confirm attendance by 10th March 2025**. If you need help getting there, please call me on 07976 426228, or email cannock-rugeley@narpo-staffs.co.uk.

Maurice Cryer, Cannock and Rugeley Subbranch Secretary.

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Weirdest Facts

More than 120.000 golf balls are lost every year on a single golf hole. The killer hole is the 17th at the TPC Sawgrass golf course in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, USA. It is a short at around 120 metres from tee to the hole, but it features an island green surrounded by water. As a result, professional players and amateurs alike frequently see their ball land in the

The course employs divers to recover many of the lost balls!

Your newsletter is edited by our website manager Joe Molloy,

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STAFFORDSHIRE NARPO Annual Reunion Lunch

Organisers. Carole & Gerry Robinson MBE.
La Tour Apartment, 42 Drakeford Court, Wolverhampton Road, Stafford. STI7 4BS.
Tel. Mobile 0790 291.55.00.
E Mail. gerryu3a@gmail.com

An Invitation is extended to all members to join us at

Brocton Hall Golf Club, Sawpit Lane, Stafford, ST17 0TH There is disabled parking and access points for those members with walking difficulties.

PLEASE contact Gerry for details.

SUNDAY 6th April 2025

12:00 pm reception for 1:00 pm Meal.

2 Courses £18 or 3 courses for £22

(Special subsidisd price. Each guest will also receive thei<u>r first drink FREE</u>)
PLEASE complete the menu choice form below and send it to Gerry & Carole Robinson. (address above)
(<u>Before 24th March 2025 please</u>) Max number 80 persons. PLEASE BOOK EARLY.

FREE SUPER RAFFLE.

MENU CHOICES

Starters

- 1. Carrot and coriander soup.
- 2. Chicken liver Parfait, warm toast, red onion chutney and dressed leaves.
- 3. Creamy garlic mushrooms on toasted ciagatta. (v)
- 4. Prawn cocktail with brown bread and butter.

Mains

- 5. Roast topside of beef, Yorkshire pudding & gravy.
- 6. Roast loin of pork, crackling, seasoning and apple and sage sauce.
- 7. Poached Salmon with parsley sauce.
- 8. Mediterranean vegetable wellington. (v)

Desserts

- 9. Sticky toffee pudding with butterscotch sauce and vanilla ice cream.
- 10. Vanilla Panna cotta with mixed berry compote.
- 11. Apple crumble and custard.
- 12. 2 x cheeses and biscuits with celery and grapes.

(All served with seasonal vegetables)
Included Coffee & Mints to follow

Please keep the above copy to remember your menu choice/s.

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BOOKING FORM. Brocton Hall Golf Club. Sunday 6th April 2025

Police Officers, a company limited by guarantee incorporated and registered in England and Wales with company registration number 15415367.

Cheques made payable to 'Staffs NARPO' please and posted to Gerry at the above address with your order.

OR Pay by BACS to 'Staffs NARPO' a	t Lloyds Bank -	Sort code. 30-98-00 - NARPO STAFFS Account No 00349756.
Referencem Your Surname + SRL2	25.	
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Menu Choice. Starter *No	Mains *No	
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		Send the booking forms in together if you can.
Please send this to G & C Robinson,	42. Drakeford C	ourt, Wolverhampton Road, Stafford. ST17 4BS.
I am paying £ by BACS	date	or Cheque enclosed [tick relevant box]
this event. I consent to being contacted by the telephone or	email given if necessary	recording them in written or electronic forms for the purpose of arranging to discuss the booking and for relevant information to be shared with the n the website and in writing on request. National Association of Retired

Narpo Staffordshire Branch Annual General Meeting 2025

All members are cordially invited to the Branch Annual General Meeting. The AGM which will take place at Staffordshire Police HQ, Weston Road, Stafford on **Saturday, 22nd March 2025**, commencing 11:00 am. Nominations for any of the executive positions, with seconders, to be submitted to the Branch Secretary in accordance with the Branch Rules.

Changes to the Branch Rules will be on the Agenda, as a consequence of the Incorporation process. Under our constitution, the changes may only take effect by resolution at the AGM.

Annual accounts for 2024 have been prepared for acceptance, see **pages 9 and 10**. You will see, as a result of us becoming an Incorporated body, the accounts are split into first and second half years. Full incorporation having taken effect from 1st July 2024. This is a one off, and going forward the accounts will be presented for the calendar year.

Buffet refreshments will be served. For catering, please notify the Branch Secretary you are going preferably by email to staffordshire@narpo.org or phoning 01785 540500 (voicemail available).

Please allow for a few minutes time to access the premises, via the security gates.

Northern

The Northern Annual Dinner and Cabaret, is to be held on Friday 21st March 2025. Anyone interested who does not use the website can request details and a booking form from Keith Houlston (Tel 01782 616118). The next meeting is at 7:30pm on Thursday 8th May 2025 at the 46 Club, 92 Lancaster Road, Newcastle, ST5 1DS. Our Half Yearly Meeting is to be held at 7:30pm on Thursday 2nd October 2025.

Dave Malam (Secretary, Northern Subbranch)

Lichfield

Our meetings are held at Burntwood Rugby Club, The Sportsway, Chasetown, Burntwood, WS7 3PH, 7:00pm for 7:30pm. We use a first-floor meeting room, with a bar, also there is a lift from the ground floor. The Rugby Club has its own Catering Manager, and with this in mind, at our first Meeting of the year in January, food was provided. We intend to provide food at the next meeting, which is on Monday, 25th. March, then the next on 19th May. Our Summer Buffet is planned for 28th July

Linda Hicken, Lichfield Subbranch Secretary

Wombourne

The Wombourne Subbranch meeting dates for the remainder of 2025 are as follows; Tuesday 10th June and Tuesday 14th October

They all start at 7:30pm at Wombourne Club, Mill Lane, Wombourne. WV5 0LE.

We held our AGM on Tuesday 11th February, when your officers were re-elected.

We thank you for your support and will be organising further social gatherings for our members.

John Cooper, (Secretary, Wombourne Subbranch)

Social Media When We Die

Managing Our Digital Legacy

We often plan for the arrival of the Grim Reaper by arranging our affairs with Lasting Power of Attorney, writing our Will, and informing family and friends about our funeral wishes and property distribution. However, what is often overlooked is the fate of our social media accounts.

What Happens to Social Media Accounts When You Die?

How are they closed when you die? Who can access them and close them?

Deceased individuals' social media pages can pose several risks:

Privacy Risks: Unmanaged accounts can be vulnerable to hacking and unauthorised access, exposing private messages, photos, and other sensitive information.

Identity Theft: Deceased individuals' identities can be stolen and used for fraudulent activities, affecting family and friends.

Emotional Distress: Seeing posts or memories of deceased loved ones can be distressing for friends and family, especially if the account is not managed.

Misinformation: Unmonitored accounts can spread misinformation or inappropriate content, harming the deceased's reputation and their connections.

Security Risks: Hackers can exploit these accounts to access other connected accounts, posing broader security threats.

Close, Delete, or Memorialise

Managing accounts by deleting, closing, or memorialising them can reduce risks. Include in your legacy documents a list of accounts, groups you are in, and your wishes for securing the information.

Deleting Accounts: Deleting accounts ensures all content and connections are removed, preventing risks associated with unattended accounts.

Closing Accounts: Some platforms offer options to close accounts without deleting them, restricting access and interactions while preserving memories for a select group.

Memorialising Accounts: Platforms like Facebook offer the option to memorialise accounts, transforming profiles into remembrance pages for friends and family to leave messages and memories.

Steps to Take

Take proactive steps in managing your digital legacy:

- Create a Digital Estate Plan
- Include all your social media accounts in your estate planning documents, clearly stating your wishes for each account.
- Designate a Digital Executor
- Appoint someone you trust to manage your digital accounts after your passing.
- Communicate Your Wishes
- Discuss your digital legacy with family and close friends.
- Utilise Platform Tools
- Familiarise yourself with platform tools and settings to manage your digital legacy.
- Regularly Update Your Plan
- Update your digital estate plan to reflect changes in your online presence.

Conclusion

Planning for the management of your social media accounts after death is essential. By taking steps to secure and manage these accounts, you protect your privacy, prevent identity theft, and provide comfort to your loved ones. Your digital legacy is part of your overall legacy — handle it with care.

[Note: this article has been composed with the assistance of Generative Artificial Inelligence (AI) Meta CoPilot and edite for context by Joe Molloy]

National Association of Retired Police Officers Staffordshire Branch (96)

Receipts and Payments for period 1st January to 30 June 2024 (Cash-Based Accounting Method)

	£		£
Receipts		Payments	
Members' Subscriptions	20,415.00	Precept	9,769.05
Reunion Lunch payments	1,521.00	Honoraria	4,520.00
Sheila Green legecy donation	4,984.95	Branch Reunion	2,651.06
		Travel	2,104.44
		SB Expenditure Subsidy	1,681.75
		Conference (2023)	1,355.25
		Telephone / Internet	1,088.98
		Donations	1,000.00
		Newsletter	915.24
		Room Hire	880.00
		Misc	859.10
		Refreshments	738.95
		Welfare	696.29
		Printing Stationery	586.93
		Accountant	552.00
		Postage	482.57
		AGM	378.00
		Memorials	149.50
		Computer Services	11.99
		Office / Computer Equipment	0.00
(A)	26,920.95	(C)	30,421.10
(A - C)	-3,500.15		
Opening Balances		Closing Balances	
Stamps & Cash in Hand	0.00	Stamps & Cash in Hand	0.00
Lloyds Bank Current Account	45,283.56	Lloyds Bank Current Account	41,783.41
Leek BS Fixed Bond 1	5,477.28	Leek BS Fixed Bond 1	5,477.28
Leek BS Fixed Bond 2	34,503.50	Leek BS Fixed Bond 2	34,503.50
National Savings Income Bonds	12,000.00	National Savings Income Bonds	12,000.00
(B) Bank Funds Sub-Total	97,264.34	(D) Bank Funds Sub-Total	93,764.19
(A + B)	124,185.29	(C + D)	124,185.29

Note: Cash-based accounting method has been adopted. Receipts exclude 2024 subscriptions received in 2023 (£67.20). Payments include sums paid in 2024 for 2023 liabilities (£5,281.41).

M. Kozam (Treasurer) 08/10/2024

M/2000 25/4/2024

National Association of Retired Police Officers Staffordshire Branch (96) Provisional Central Branch Receipts and Payments

for the period 1st July 2024 to 31st December 2024 (Cash basis accounting)

Receipts	£	Payments	£
Subscription Income	27,430.91	NARPO Precept	10,872.59
Individual Subs Income	722.52	Organisation Meetings	5,494.20
Other Income	14.25	Events & Functions	4,012.16
		Charitable Donations	2,330.00
		Officers' Allowances	940.00
		Telephone & Internet	763.88
		Administrative Costs	717.27
		Member Welfare	466.66
		Newsletters & Magazines	441.20
		Computer Equipment	399.00
		Travel & Mileage	217.69
		IT Support & Maintenance	92.20
		Other - Subscription refund	26.76
(A)	28,167.68	(C)	26,773.61
(A - C)	1,394.07		
Opening Balances		Closing Balances	
Lloyds Bank Current Account	41,783.41	Lloyds Bank Current Account	43,177.48
Leek BS Fixed Bond 1	5,477.28	Leek BS Fixed Bond 1	5,477.28
Leek BS Fixed Bond 2	34,503.50	Leek BS Fixed Bond 2	34,503.50
National Savings Income	12,000.00	National Savings Income	12,000.00
Bonds	12,000.00	Bonds	12,000.00
(B) Bank Funds Sub-Total	93,764.19	(D) Bank Funds Sub-Total	95,158.26
(A + B)	121,931.87	(C + D)	121,931.87

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief that this summary is a true and accurate record of the Central Branch accounts of Staffordshire NARPO

Míchael Kozam

Branch Treasurer

Date: 07/02/2025

Mark Judson Branch Chairman

Date: