



NARPO Newsletter



(Merseyside Branch)

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Winter 2024/25



From The Chair

Welcome to the Winter edition of our newsletter. Since September we have been busy organising some options for exploring our wonderful city further. The Architectural Tours led by NARPO member Brian Curran, continued into the Autumn due to their popularity. The feedback continues to be exceptional, and I am pleased to say that more tours are scheduled from April onwards. Brian is introducing a new two-hour tour, which will start at the Met. Quarter taking in surrounding areas of great historical and architectural interest, no doubt it will bring back memories for many of you on your former stomping ground whether it be at work or play! All tours will be strictly limited to 10 people per tour due to health and safety reasons.

I'm pleased to announce that committee member Mike Gardner has generously offered to conduct tours of the Metropolitan Cathedral and Crypt in January and February. Again, these tours will be restricted to 10 people per tour.

Our former Chair, Malcolm Parry has kindly offered to provide the opportunity to tour the Williamson Tunnels. Each tour will take 40 minutes and can accommodate 15 people. There are some uneven surfaces (cobblestones) and steps of up to 6 or 10 at a time, other parts are relatively flat.

Full details of all the above will be advertised in this or future newsletters and by email. My thanks to Brian, Mike and Malcolm for offering their time to support fellow NARPO members, it is very much appreciated.

We were delighted to welcome Assistant Chief Constable Jenny Sims and her husband to the Annual Committee Dinner, where we were able to thank Merseyside Police for their ongoing support of NARPO Merseyside. Those members of the committee who stood down at the AGM were invited as a mark of appreciation for their service and dedication whilst serving on the committee. I thank Colin Rowan who excelled himself as always, in organising a wonderful evening enjoyed by all.

The Berni Inn Revival at West Lancs. Golf Club certainly brought back nostalgic memories for many with the traditional prawn cocktail, steak and black forest gateaux on the menu. An excellent salmon dish was available for those who didn't opt for steak. It was an enjoyable afternoon allowing friends and former colleagues to spend time together reminiscing. Thanks to Eddie for organising the event and to his wife Kathryn for being on 'door duty' to assist people as they arrived.

The Festive Afternoon Tea recently took place at Riversdale. We were entertained admirably by Ralph Ryan, who brought Festive cheer to the occasion with his musical repertoire. The buffet as always, was well received and our members had a lovely time celebrating the start of the Christmas season with much fun and laughter. Thanks as always to Ruth for continuing to organise this popular and very much looked forward to event for so many of our members.

Brian Starkey has continued to populate the new website, it is still a work in progress, but it is certainly taking shape. An email instruction was provided and again I remind you of the link for accessing it – please take a look: <https://www.narpo.org/branches/merseyside>

I was delighted to co-opt two further members to our committee at our November meeting and welcome Pauline Trubshaw and Barbara Hebden, thank you both for volunteering your services and I look forward to working with you.

As always, my sincere appreciation goes to our committee members who all make contributions in many ways to ensure NARPO Merseyside is there for our members. Everyone has something different to offer and your help and support throughout the year is very much appreciated. If you feel able to join our team, please contact Eddie.

I close by wishing all our members and your families the warmest of wishes for the Christmas Season.

Christine Parkinson MSc
Chairperson

EDDIE-TORIAL

My Gran used to say the older you get the quicker time flies by. I didn't take this on board until now. It doesn't seem long ago since I was working on last year's Christmas Newsletter!

Members are asked to note that I will be on leave from 6th-28th December 2024. Stan O'Connor will be looking after "the shop" in my absence.

Notification has been received that the subscription for the year 2025 will be £26.76 i.e.£2.23 per month. Members who do not have their subscription deducted from pension at source are advised that the new figure of £26.76 per annum is due on 1st January 2025.

At a recent Committee meeting it was decided that we have an official Deputy Secretary instead of Stan O'Connor, who over the years has done a great job, standing in for leave etc. I am delighted to welcome Phil Green to that post as we know each other from Kirkby days 1979/80.



This is the NARPO Merseyside Bench situated at the National Memorial Arboretum. I was not aware of its existence until recently. It obviously needs some T.L.C. This has been arranged and an updated photo when complete will appear hopefully in the February edition.

It is apparent that some members who are "single" are reluctant to attend NARPO functions and events, As Sister Sledge famously sang "We are a Family" (Police) and we always will be so. You will be made more than welcome.

Welcome New Members

Dawn Devanna, Richie Salter, Neaire Waine, Nicholas Gunatillek, Mark Fallows, Simon Vaughan, Brenda Sampson (widow), Cliff Shaw, Francis Stott, Mark Baker, Margaret Jenkinson (widow), Cheryl O'Shaughnessy, Colin Burton, Jeanette Patterson, Mark Ryan, Amanda Hamilton

Widow/ers Draw

Patricia Charles, Helen Magoolaghan, Florence Owens, Sylvia Sanders, Doris Thwaites, Barbara Baldwin, Pamela Hayhurst, Elayne Beggs, Wendy Roberts, Carole Firth, Roseanne Noonan, Kathleen Smith, Buddug Jones, Sheila Brown, Patricia Leahy Myrtle Fleming, Pamela Hall, Cheryl Frodsham, Lesley Culley, Johanne Anderson, Jan Bulteel-Adams, Janet Ward, Diane Quirk, Janet Hogan, Lesley Wilcocks

Metropolitan Cathedral Tours

Merseyside NARPO Committee member Mike Gardner will be conducting tours of this iconic building, including The Crypt, on the following dates:

Tuesday 21st January 2025 1.00pm maximum of 10 persons
Tuesday 28th January 2025 1.00pm maximum of 10 persons
Tuesday 4th February 2025 1.00pm maximum of 10 persons

Bookings open on 1st January 2025 via Hon. Secretary

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

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Lorna Lyons, our admin secretary, was invited to attend the Merseyside Police Community First Awards Night as a nominee in the 'Leadership and Me - Police Volunteer of the Year' category for her work as a volunteer with NARPO and Neighbourhood Watch. The event was held at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Liverpool on 12th November 2024.

OBITUARIES

Date	Name	Status	Age
April 2024			
	Thomas James Jenkinson	Det. Sergeant	90 years
August 2024			
28th	Herta Farrell	Widow	96 years
October 2024			
19th	Teresa Hoole	Widow	91 years
21st	Dennis Edgar Redvers-Jones	Sergeant 1877	86 years
23rd	Frederick Amoray Revill-Johnson	Superintendent	82 years
November 2024			
5th	David William Olson QPM	Det. Chief Superintendent	82 years
12th	Janice Daphne Keeley	Constable 7906	60years
29th	Ronald Higham	Chief Superintendent	92 years
December 2024			
1st	Joseph Thomas Tapner	Constable 993	93 years



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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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Chief Constables Christmas Message



As 2024 concludes, I am delighted to wish all NARPO members a very happy Christmas.

We have once again managed several high-profile incidents in the last year which has put Merseyside on the national stage. You will all have undoubtedly seen the appalling murders of Elsie, Bebe and Alice in Southport which had a significant impact on the public of Merseyside and beyond.

Sadly, this subsequently resulted in disgraceful violence towards our officers and staff whilst further blighting our communities. I am pleased, as I am sure you are, to see the swift justice that has been delivered and we will continue to progress these thugs through the courts.

We have also had some fantastic events as we again safely policed the Grand National Festival at Aintree along with the Taylor Swift concert which attracted significant interest. The Labour Party returned to Merseyside again, this year as the government in power.

I am extremely proud of what my officers and staff have achieved in the last 12 months, and I am grateful that our communities have been overwhelmingly supportive, standing side by side with us throughout.

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

Serena Kennedy KPM, Chief Constable

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NARPO Corporate and Gold partners Harvey Howell Solicitors are offering our members a free consultation on Wills, Powers of Attorney and Family Trusts – including advice on how to avoid losing the family home to pay for the cost of care.

This free advice is invaluable and could save your families tens of thousands of pounds!

To book your free consultation email NARPO@harveyhowell.co.uk or telephone 0151 928 8597 quoting "Merseyside NARPO".

And Finally.....

Best wishes for Christmas and New Year to you and your family and I would like to acknowledge the support from NARPO Merseyside Committee in what has been a personally trying year.