

# NARPO

NORFOLK BRANCH NEWSLETTER  
*Of service to those who served*



## Sad Loss of our Branch President Basil Kybird.

It was with great sadness that we learned that our Branch President, retired Police Sergeant Basil Kybird, passed away on Saturday 6th April 2013 aged 84 years. Basil joined the Constabulary on 29th December 1950 and retired on 28th January 1981 after 30 years exemplary service. He was a Norwich City officer who spent the majority of his career working in CID and was a crime prevention officer at the time of his retirement.

He was a founder member of the Norwich City Police Association and was their Vice-Chair as well as being a long serving committee member of the Norfolk Branch of NARPO and our President.

Basil was a very talented man, enjoying writing and painting and was, of course, our official photographer capturing all the important moments on film. It is testament to his writing prowess that the EDP is publishing some of his tales of life on the beat.

It was standing room only at St Faiths Crematorium on Thursday 9th May where family, friends and old colleagues gathered to celebrate his life.

We will all miss him greatly.

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**Our new website is now live.** You will find useful information, latest items of interest, social events around the county and details of colleagues who have passed away. There are also links to the national website and much more.

**Do you have an e-mail address?** I would like to move towards e-mailing the Branch Newsletter to those members with an e-mail address. I appreciate there will be a number who have no access to e-mail and I will of course continue to post your copy to you in the normal way. There would, however, be considerable savings on postage if we used e-mail. In that context, if you don't think your e-mail address as entered on your original NARPO application is current please send me your current one using the contact form on the web site [www.narponorfolk.com](http://www.narponorfolk.com).

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those members who offered their services to help when needed. You can rest assured we will call on you. If anyone is aware that a member is in need of help, please let us know or urge them to make contact with us.

### TELL US....

**We believe the welfare of our members is a top priority and Committee Members are eager to identify and provide assistance to any member who may need us. Please tell your nearest and dearest that you are a member of NARPO so they can contact us if appropriate. An example of the small things we do; we provide a grant of up to £50 for those members who are in hospital, to help with TV costs, phone costs and car parking fees. Mr Tom Hodge, our Welfare Rep, is also on the Force Benevolent Fund where applications for assistance for things such as specialist equipment can be taken forward.**

**PLEASE CONTACT US AND LET US TRY AND HELP.**

### IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness we announce the death of the following:

Alwyn FRED Blyth, Geoffrey COLIN Stoker, Vernon Barrett, Jack Coleman, Mrs Jocelyn Strange, Mrs Dent, Terence Sturman, John Thompson, William PADDY O'Brien, Malcolm IAN Youngs.





**Would you like to work flexible hours and make a difference to Norfolk's wildlife?**

Norfolk Wildlife Trust is the county's largest environmental charity, committed to the protection and enhancement of Norfolk's wildlife and wild places. Membership Recruiters will raise vital funds for the Trust through increasing membership.

You will be responsible for recruiting new members for the Trust door to door, by handing out and then collecting in charity booklets, and completing sign-up forms with individuals who wish to join. This is a well-practised approach and involves no hard selling or persuasion. There will also be some simple administration to complete on a weekly basis.

If you are a good communicator, organised, enjoy meeting people and want to do your bit for the county's fabulous wildlife, please apply. Hours are to suit the recruiter but evening and weekend working will bring you by far the best results. Standard commission is 70%, plus bonuses for above-target recruitment.

For more information go to our website [www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/jobs](http://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/jobs) or send an A4 SAE (£1.28p stamp) to Reception, Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Bewick House, 22 Thorpe Road, Norwich, NR1 1RY.

If you would like to discuss the position further please contact Lucy Denman, Membership Administration Officer, on 01603 625540.

Reg. Charity No. 208734

**DEREHAM NEEDS A POPPY APPEAL ORGANISER.**

If there is anyone in the Dereham area who would be interested in helping to organise or help with this years appeal, please contact :

**Lyn Hatch**

**Community Fundraiser Norfolk and West Suffolk**

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## WANTED

**Can you give your time to make a big difference to somebody's life?**

Equal Approach is searching for volunteers to support disadvantaged individuals, including those with disabilities and health conditions. We want to train you to be a mentor or befriender to enable you to effectively support disabled people who have been made redundant or who are under the threat of redundancy from Remploy factories.

The programme aims to enable individuals to achieve their personal aspirations and reach their potential by supporting re-engagement into mainstream employment or integration into local communities.

As a volunteer Mentor you will meet with a mentee locally, for an hour a week, on a 1:1 basis, for a period of up to 18 months. The Mentoring & Befriending Foundation (MBF) will provide initial training, ongoing support and contribute to out-of-pocket expenses.

The opportunity provides a rewarding and inspiring volunteering opportunity for a wide range of individuals from a variety of walks of life – whether it is creating a unique experience to enhance career opportunities, develop new skills, build up CV's or for personal satisfaction.

For more information go to the Equal Approach website [www.equalapproach.com/mentoring.php](http://www.equalapproach.com/mentoring.php) where you will find further information and an online application form or contact Gary Draycott – Regional Attraction Specialist on 07809 338756 or email [gary.draycott@equalapproach.com](mailto:gary.draycott@equalapproach.com)

## SOCIAL EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTY

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October from 6pm Get– Together for a drink and something to eat** at The Copper Beech, Alex Moorehouse Way, Norwich, NR5 0JT (Behind Sainsbury's just off A47 at Costessey)

It would be handy if members could let Brian Pincher know if they are interested in attending so he can tell the venue how many to expect. They have an extensive very reasonably priced menu. Contact Brian on 01508 578409 or 07795507421 e-mail [b.pincher@btinternet.com](mailto:b.pincher@btinternet.com)

**West Norfolk Christmas Lunch Monday 9th December 2013** – 12noon for 12.30pm at The Crown Inn, Gayton Maximum 64 people & Bookings start 1st October on first come first served basis (number counts when cheque received) £12 per person Cheques made payable to NARPO (Norfolk Branch). Please forward to Mr Stan Watkinson, St Winifreds Lynn Road Gayton Kings Lynn PE32 1QJ. and any cancellations will need a minimum of 48 hours for a refund.

### Dates for diary:

Ian Taylor is organising a buffet lunch at the Railway Tavern, North Elmham **on 8th October 2013**

Bob Adams is organising Great Yarmouth Christmas dinner at the Furzedown Hotel Grt Yarmouth on **Saturday 30th November 2013**