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Ladies and Gentlemen,

May I start by being a bit parochial. You may or may not know that the Force are building a new Police Station at North Walsham. It is on the site of the "old" one, which to my knowledge was rebuilt in 1970/72 and now described as not fit for purpose.

I have had a request from P.C. Ed Watson, son of Jackie Watson, a civilian member of staff for many years and grandson of former Constable Stan Newby. Ed has floated the idea with the District Commander that former officers and civilian staff, who worked in the North Walsham Division/Sub Division might like to attend an opening ceremony. The new building is to retain the old Police Station/Courthouse frontage which may bring back a few memories. The opening ceremony is now scheduled for "early Autumn". Anybody interested should contact Ed by e-mail ejwatson@hotmail.co.uk or his mobile:- 07814466690. Any problems contact me and I will pass your details on. This is not a "Narpo event" I am simply using my column to advertise for Ed. Remember not everybody are members so perhaps you will be kind enough to pass this on to both retired officers and civilian staff who you think might be interested. It is up to the individual to make contact with Ed.

Stan Watkinson has covered the latest "Boat Trip", but I cannot let it pass without thanking members for their excellent support and Stan for organising once again. Another success. The weather was superb and a good time had by all. Hopefully we will do it again next year as this year was over-subscribed and some missed out. In 2019 we will be holding the Narpo Centenary celebrations at Thursford, so please put 27th July in your diaries/calenders for that year.

Sadly we have lost Brian Roberts since I last wrote. Brian had been Vice Chairman before me but resigned owing to ill health. He proposed me and the rest, as they say, is history. Although not 100%, Brian insisted attending the AGM in March. He subsequently had a fall at home, breaking a hip and underwent a successful operation but lost the battle with his heart condition and later died in hospital. Brian was a staunch supporter of the Branch and will be sadly missed.

Can I conclude by wishing you all good health and an enjoyable Summer. I know that we have a few members who are suffering with illnesses and injuries and our thoughts are with them, also, and thankfully, we have others who have gone through the "pain barrier" and returned to reasonable health.

Best Wishes,

Colin Fox. Chairman.

PENSION OMBUDSMAN DETERMINATION ON TAX LIABILITIES ON RE-EMPLOYMENT

The Pension Ombudsman in a South Wales case has determined that the Police and Crime Commissioner had a duty of care, as an employer, to have informed the Applicant of the tax implications of re - employment on his retirement benefits. Its failure to do so has led to the Applicant incurring tax charges on his retirement benefits.

As a responsible employer the Commissioner had a duty of care to inform the Applicant of the tax implications of re-employment on his retirement benefits. I find that as a consequence of their failure to do so that they should reasonably meet the tax PO-7096 liabilities incurred by the applicant in this regard. So, I agree with the stance taken by the Commissioner that it proposes to pay the tax liability for the applicant in relation to this issue on confirmation of the amount from HMRC.

Full case link: <https://www.pensions-ombudsman.org.uk/determinations/2015/po-7096/police-pension-scheme/>

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness we announce the death of the following: Brian Roberts.



Message to all Great Yarmouth Members from Helen Wickens

It was my intention to organise the Great Yarmouth Christmas event again this year but unfortunately, I have had increasing demands on my time particularly on the family front and I just cannot fit everything in. I am very grateful to Gus Williams who has taken on the responsibility of the Newsletter and web site this year which has been a great help to me, however November is a busy time for NARPO business as I have to prepare the lists for the annual subscription deductions for the Pension Administrators in addition to the normal routine matters so I have had to make the decision to step aside from organising this local event. If there is anyone who is willing to pick up the baton of organising the Great Yarmouth Christmas event then I will of course do everything I can to support you.

I do hope you all understand I have not taken this decision lightly.

Kind Regards,

Helen.

ACCESS TO SPECIAL OFFERS FOR NARPO MEMBERS

NARPO HQ (Wakefield) often send us details of special offers available to NARPO members. These take the form of an e-mail from a company and a link to access the information. Of course I am unable to transfer this content of this link onto this newsletter, but, you can get access to this information via:

<http://www.narpo.org.uk/index.php/member-services.html>

For instance the latest offers are from:

1. VoiceMobile: Who are offering "EU Roaming Now FREE on all Plans | Fantastic Pre-Owned iPhone deal | SIM plans from just £5.49".
2. Fred Olsen Cruise Lines: Would like to invite you to an exclusive ship visit event at the port of Leith, Scotland on 1st September 2017. Full day on board one of Olsen's ships with refreshments and tour of the ship.
3. Hotpoint: Who are offering a 15% discount on products till end of July.

NORFOLK NARPO WALKS

I would have liked to have been able to write here about the first walk of our "walking club". But, unfortunately I had a bit of a mishap while walking in Yorkshire a few weeks ago and managed to tear a tendon in my ankle. This has been most annoying and has forced a reluctant pause to all things ambulatory. I am making progress and hope to have something to report in the next newsletter.

Gus Williams, Walks (limpingly) Co-ordinator.



SOCIAL EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTY

NARPO NATTER

Next Norwich NARPO NATTER is

Monday 4th September 2017

From 6.30pm at

The White Horse

Trowse

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