

NARPO

NORFOLK BRANCH NEWSLETTER



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 13th MARCH 2018

We hereby give notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Norfolk Branch of NARPO will take place on Tuesday 13th March 2018 at Aldiss Park, Dereham Football Club, Dereham at 2.00pm. There is ample car parking and tea and coffee will be available from 1.30pm so please come along and hear what your Committee have been doing in your name throughout 2017. The Treasurer will, of course, present the accounts. We hope to have the National President, Mr Brian Burdus with us. Brian is from our Region and he has been one of the two National Executive Members representing our Region for some time.

This meeting is the first after the new rules agreed at National Conference, come and find out what changes have been made on your behalf.

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100 YEARS OF NARPO

NORFOLK NARPO CENTENARY EVENT

Saturday 27th July 2019

As you may be aware we have booked Thursford Pavilion and Gardens to celebrate our 100 year anniversary. This is a date you do not want to miss, so put it in your diaries now. It is planned to have a buffet style luncheon at 12.30 and Afternoon Tea later in the afternoon. We will have access to all of the facilities on site, which we will have entirely to ourselves. Entertainment is being arranged to make sure the event is a success. Of course a pay bar will be available. There is ample parking and the Committee is investigating the possibility of laying on mini-buses or small coaches to collect and return our members and family to and from the event.

JUST A QUICK REMINDER

Can I please make an appeal to all members of the Norfolk Narpo. I seem to be spending a lot of my time chasing up non-existent or redundant e-mail addresses. If you change your e-mail address can you please let me know as soon as possible. If you are not sure if we have the right e-mail address for you please contact me at the address below so I can ensure we are all up to date. Can I also ask those members who prefer to have the Newsletter sent to you by post, to consider having it delivered by e-mail, (it saves us a lot of money and you get the newsletter at least 2 weeks before the posted version). If you want to swap—let me know.

Thank you. Gus Williams, Assistant Secretary. mjwilliams171@outlook.com or mobile 07774037611.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness we announce the death of the following: Kenneth SIZELAND.
Donald WATERS. Ann BULL. Colin PAGE.



THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN ISSUED BY KIER

KIER—POLICE PENSIONS

BRIEFING NOTE

Police Pension Scheme 1987—Adult Survivors Awards

NARPO recently contacted retired police officers about the option previously available to increase the benefits that could be paid in the event of their death.

The information provided by NARPO does not affect members of NPPS2006 or CARE2015 and only some members of PPS1987 so please take the time to read the following information. This should reassure you that the correct level of benefits will be paid at the appropriate time and avoid you having to make an unnecessary enquiry with us.

If you have already contacted Kier we hope to be able to respond to your enquiry in the very near future. We are experiencing an unprecedented number of calls and would like to thank you for your patience.

Widows' pension

The widow of an officer who joined the Police Pension Scheme on or after 1 April 1972 will automatically receive a half-rate pension (i.e. half the officer's gross pension before commutation). In 1973, all active officers with pre-1972 service had the opportunity to uprate their pre-1972 service to half-rate. This could have been done by paying a lump sum, paying additional pension contributions, or by the officer taking a reduction to his own pension.

A widow who married after the officer's retirement will be entitled to a half-rate pension based on the officer's service after 5 April 1978 only.

Male Spouse/Civil Partner of a male officer

A pension payable to a man who is the surviving spouse or civil partner of a male officer is entitled to a half-rate pension based on the officer's service after 6th April 1988 only.

Widower's Pension

The widower of an officer is entitled to a half-rate pension based on the officer's service after 16th May 1990.*

Female Spouse/Civil Partner of a female Officer

A pension payable to a woman who is the surviving spouse or civil partner of a female officer is entitled to a half-rate pension based on the officer's service after 16th May 1990.*

* In 1994, 2003 and 2006 female officers had the opportunity to elect to uprate service between 5th April 1988 and 16th May 1990 to count it towards a half-rate pension.

If, at the time an adult survivors pension is payable, and on the rare occasion there is no proof of uprating such as a reduction to the officers benefits or a copy of the form of election held on their pension record, we refer the matter back to the police force. If they are unable to provide a copy of a form of election they will make the decision as to the level of benefits to be awarded.

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>

FROM THE CHAIRMANS PEN

May I start by wishing you all a Happy and healthy New Year. I appreciate we are getting into it now and the days are already "pulling out", so here's hoping for a nice Spring?

Casting back to the last few weeks of 2017, saw the long awaited visit to the new North Walsham Police Station come to fruition. This was very well attended, nicely organised and a good public relations exercise for the past and present. The Divisional Commander, Supt. Chris Harvey, is keen to continue this relationship with the possibly a barbecue in the Summer. He also arranged a visit of a few of the remaining "Bure Valley Constabulary" Officers to visit the new Aylsham Police Station and the adjoining Police Investigation Centre. Well worth a visit and subject to approval and interest, I can probably arrange other visits and not necessarily to Aylsham, but also the other Centres in the County. Please contact me if you are interested.

More recently the Chief Constable decided we should celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the amalgamation of Norwich City, Great Yarmouth Borough and Norfolk County Constabularies. The event took place on the evening of 9th January, 2018 at OCC Wymondham. The Archivists laid on a good display, as usual and there was a short film showing the introduction of Unit Beat Policing which was relevant to the time of amalgamation. The event was well attended despite the short notice given to us by the Force. Notification was circulated in early December and we were therefore only able to circulate it to our e-mail contact members, plus a few by word of mouth. We have arrangements with Wakefied for the printing and distribution of these Newsletters which are circulated by post. This saves the Branch a lot of money, bearing in mind the cost of a postage stamp. It therefore follows we need early notification of any item to be circulated.

The Chief has intimated that he would like to make this an annual event and has set a date for 2019 without any consultation. The Branch has written to him asking if he will review his decision and whether any such future events could be held in daylight hours and on a Saturday or Sunday. Those of you who have visited OCC will know that parking is difficult and such events should be at non-peak periods and many do not like driving in the dark.

Please try and attend the AGM, details enclosed. We will be joined by the Association's new President, Brian Burdus, Vice President, Richard Critchley and our new NEC member, Bob Mabbutt.

Kindest regards,

Colin Fox.

Chairman.



SOCIAL EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTY

Norfolk NARPO has again joined with Broads Tours to produce a boat trip for NARPO Members and Guests, and this year it will be on:

Saturday 16th June 2018 11am to 3pm.

Instead of a Hog Roast we have invited Norfolk Caterers to come up with a Ploughmans Style Buffet which your committee has approved of and I believe is looking forward to.

Last year the trip was well over subscribed. On the next Newsletter I will have a booking form which you will be required to complete and return to me with your cheques this will also provide you with our booking conditions.

Make a note of the date now in your diaries.

Those of you on our e-mail list get an earlier newsletter than those who receive it by post, so make sure your email with NARPO is up to date.

Thank You—Stan Watkinson

HORNING EVENING

The Horning Evening will be on:

Monday 5th March 2018 7pm,

(Flooding permitting—but Richard has been told that this is low tide week). It will start a bit earlier at 19.00 hrs at Horning Ferry Public House.

Meals have to be booked with Richard Andrews before the event. You can check menus online:

horningferry.co.uk

Richard can be contacted on 01603 782426 or:

richard.andrews4@btinternet.com

Thank You—Colin Fox



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CARE AND SUPPORT ALLIANCE'S SOCIAL CARE SURVEY

Do you, or someone close to you have experience of needing care and support?

Are you willing to spare 15minutes to fill in our survey?

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CSAsurvey/>

Organisations across the Care and Support Alliance - which represent carers, older people and different disability groups - want to collect the experiences of those that actually know what it's like to need care and support so we can share them with Government, who are currently looking at reforming care and support in England.

Please fill in our survey by [Friday 9th March 2018](#).

The [Care & Support Alliance](#) will use these results as part of our campaigning work. We represent over 80 of Britain's leading charities campaigning for a properly funded care system alongside the millions of older people, disabled people and their carers who deserve decent care and support.



MONTHLY MONDAY WALKS

Some of you will be aware of the Monthly Monday Walks that we have been doing. For those of you unaware, perhaps I can give you a little information that might just edge you out of your comfortable armchairs and encourage you to come and join us.

So far we have a hearty dozen or so walkers, not everyone can make every walk so the number of actual walkers varies. The walks are between 5 and 7 miles, and are carried out at a pace that keeps everyone comfortable. The walks are not treated as a brisk hike, more of a leisurely stroll.

We try to keep off roads, but it is sometimes necessary to use them to join up footpaths. As we walk in Norfolk most of the terrain is flat and easy going. We usually stop off about 3/4 of the way round for refreshments at a pub, then continue to end of walk.

Spring will be upon us before long, and walking Norfolk in Spring is a marvellous experience.

All members, partners and well behaved animals are welcome to join us.

For details or more information contact: Gus Williams on 07774037611 or mjwilliams171@outlook.com

[The next walk is planned for Monday 5th February 2018 at 10.30am at Upton Fen](#)

FURTHER TO THE ARTICLE ON PAGE TWO

Dear Branch Secretary,

At the meeting of the Joint Police Pension Board administered by Kier last Friday, I raised the issue of the enhanced survivors pension as promised and I will circulate the minutes when they are published.

However, to reassure members, Kier were able to confirm that they **do** have records of the options exercised in 1972 and 1990 for all fourteen pension schemes covered by the board. I was also able to dip-test this with the co-operation of a member, who not only has an excellent memory, but also keeps comprehensive records and still had his original receipt from 1973 when he opted to upgrade his widows pension by payment of a lump sum; this check confirmed that the record was correct, and all the relevant information had been transferred to and recorded by Kier.

Since the e-mails sent by our NARPO Chief Executive (copies below), Keir have received over 1000 e-mails and telephone calls about this issue. They will answer every query individually but have asked me to point out that the unprecedented demand will mean that they are likely to take longer than their normal two weeks to reply to some. If any member has not already contacted Kier and is still concerned or wants confirmation of them upgrading their pre-1972 (male officers) or pre-1990 (female officers) survivors pension by paying a lump sum or increased contributions, please contact Kier via e-mail on: penmail@kier.co.uk, the police pensions team would prefer members to use e-mail if possible, as the volume of telephone calls on this issue are causing them significant logistical issues.

I hope this assists and reassures members, if you have any further queries for the Pension Board, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Bruce Cameron JP

Vice Chair, Nottinghamshire NARPO

FINALLY

BULK E-MAILS FROM NARPO HQ

Helen and I have had many enquiries in relation to bulk e-mails sent out to Norfolk Members.

Many of our members (and many others around the country) have received bulk e-mails sent out from Narpo HQ at Wakefield, which has in many instances resulted in members' computers and phones being inundated with the same e-mail sent over and over again.

Very annoying!!.

Enquiries with Narpo HQ has resulted in a humble apology from Steve Edwards, Chief Executive Officer at Wakefield. The mass e-mail hits was "a technical matter with the BT mail exchange server", which we all hope has now been rectified.

I feel that I also owe everyone an apology, I keep asking for your e-mail addresses for local use, (see page one), but, of course I have to record the e-mail address with *Supersleuth* (requirement of Data Protection Act), and now some of you have been subject to an e-mail bombardment.

So, sorry folks, let us hope it does not happen again.

Gus Williams

Assistant Secretary

Norfolk Narpo Branch