

NARPO

NORFOLK BRANCH NEWSLETTER



FROM OUR CHAIRMANS PEN

Ladies and Gentlemen,

If you remember, last time I started by saying, "I will not mention the weather", while we were experiencing yet another cold and wet Spring, . Now, that seems to be in the distant past and we have had one of the hottest, if not the hottest Summers, on record. I do not want to see another cold Spring but it would be nice if the Summer holds out again for our Centenary event at Thursford Steam Museum on Saturday 27th July, 2019. A note for your new diaries please. We will have the entire place to ourselves, as you probably know, they do not normally open on Saturdays, except for special events like ours. We need 400 of you, as individuals, to say "Yes", as we can seat 200 in the marquee and another 200 in the Museum building. There will be a drinks reception, hopefully outside near the marquee, accompanied by a "Barber Shop Choir" including some of our members, a very good comedian, Robert Woolf playing the Wurlitzer organ, a close of hand Magician, Fair Ground Rides, and time for a chat. The Force Historians will provide a display in the main foyer of the Museum. The buffet will be served to your tables between 1.00pm and 2.30pm. I don't think you will be disappointed, but we will, if you do not support us to celebrate our Centenary. The event will be heavily subsidised but we will be asking for an "Admission ticket fee" by way of a commitment by yourselves to attend. Bookings will start early next year, but NOT before, please.

The Annual Conference was held at Torquay on 7th September, 2018. The Fund Rules having been debated and hopefully finally concluded in 2017, and with no other motions to debate, there was little on the agenda. It was the first year for both the new President, Brian Burdus, who is also one of our regional representatives; and the new Vice President Richard Critchley. Also in attendance was our other regional representative, Bob Mabbutt. Six delegates from our Norfolk Branch attended. I did not attend but watched the entire proceedings via the NARPO video link. The guest speaker was the well known former politician, Ann Widdecombe, who I thought was excellent. Whatever your politics she did justice to all she spoke about, or whoever she was asked to speak about, and all without a script, it was very entertaining. I understand that our NEC have set up a small working party to look at a two year review of Conference, what that entails I am not sure at present, but hopefully, in the absence of any debate, there is a need to make Conference worthwhile and interesting. Also, Conferences do not come cheaply.

I am not a sales person, but having recently booked a holiday, I then had to look for travel insurance, and having experienced heart problems, I dutifully answered all the necessary questions. The quote for myself and my wife came to the same price, for a week, as Narpo Group Travel Insurance charge for a single member's annual premium, without any health conditions applying. I am aware several members have complained within the scheme for the hike in prices this year, which Narpo insurers say is due to the high level of claims for the previous year, but it still takes some beating. Again, with Police Mutual car insurance, we have been hit with above inflation rated rises, but it pays to negotiate and in most cases get the required cover.

In conclusion, please look after yourselves through the coming Winter months and "Keep you troshin bor."

Very Best Wishes,

Colin Fox. Chairman.

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NEXT NORFOLK NATTER

Date: Monday 12th
October 2018

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: White Horse
Public House, Trowse.

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IN MEMORIAM

John Southgate, Dick Scott, Brian Ogden, James 'Jimmy' Dent, Ray Tilbury,
Clarence Hazelwood, David J Allen, Les Huckle.



NARPO CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year the Christmas Lunch will be held at the ANVIL INN, CONGHAM, PE32 1DU.

Friday 14th December 2018.

Meet at 11.30hrs for drinks and sit down 12.30hrs.

The cost will be the same as recent years - £13.00 per head for members and principal guest.

Additional Guests - £15.95

This is not limited to West Norfolk any members can join us.

We have to order starters in advance so please select from the following and enter onto the booking form. I will keep a list of what you ordered just in case you forget.

1. Country Pate, served with chutney and toasted bloomer.
2. Crispy Potato Skins, filled with bubbling cheese and bacon, salad garnish and ketchup or Mayonnaise dip.
3. Homemade soup of the day, with sliced bloomer. GF (no bread).
4. Whitebait, deep fried served with buttered **brown** bread tartare sauce and lemon wedge.
5. Creamed Mushrooms on Toast, cooked with white wine and cream and served on toasted bread GF (no toast).
6. Scampi, deep fried and served with tartare sauce dip, lemon wedges and **brown** bread.
7. Garlic Bread, Homemade flat bread smothered in Garlic butter and grilled with cheese or cheese and crispy bacon.
8. Breaded Mushrooms, deep fried. Served with salad garnish and Garlic Mayonnaise Dip.
9. Prawn Cocktail served with Marie Rose Sauce and buttered **brown** bread. GF (no bread).

GF = Gluten Free.

Please indicate your choice by inserting the relative number(s) on the order form.

Main Course

Either Roast Norfolk Turkey or Roast Beef served by the Chef then your choice of vegetables etc.

Desert Selection

There are eight to choose from order on the day from the menu.
Coffee and mince pie to follow.

ORDER FORM

I require place(s) for the Christmas Lunch and require starters No(s) _____

Name:

I enclose Cheque Payable to "NARPO Norfolk Branch" for £.....

Please send to Mr S R Watkinson, St Winifreds, Lynn Road, GAYTON, Kings Lynn. PE32 1QJ.

Closing date 7th December 2018

Please note : No refunds after 7th December as we have to pay the complete bill in advance.

BROADS BOAT TRIP

Saturday 16th June 2018

This Review was sent to your Editor for inclusion in this October Newsletter, from Mick COX, Committee Member.

I must start by giving a big thank you to Stan Watkinson for all his hard work and patience in organising this trip, he has given his time and effort for the benefit of our Members and their family and friends. He organises this event all by himself without any assistance from the Committee.

So, "Thank you, Stanley"

The date was fixed for Saturday 16th June, which unfortunately clashed with the east coast air show. This is probably why the boat trip was not a sell out as it usually is, but we still had a good turn-out.

People started to arrive up to an hour early to sample the different teas and coffees in local establishments. Plenty of smiley faces, some new and some regular attenders. There were 60+ members on the day, after 11 apologies for absence.

The weather was kind to us although there was a hint of rain, but this did not dampen any spirits.

The trip started promptly after Stan made sure there were no escapees or illegal boarders. Most chose the upper deck. I selected a table on the ground floor to be near the buffet. Far more practical, food being an important part of my life these days. The buffet proved to be a great success. Catering for vegetarians and carnivores alike, and from my point of view everything was very well presented.

The journey was, as usual, pleasant, and the Captain gave an interesting talk on various places as we passed by. He explained who had been resident at properties that he pointed out to us. Obviously including that north country man, you know the one, "e' used t' lean on lampposts on t' corner of t' street".

All in all an enjoyable trip, giving members a chance to catch up, and have a natter.

Looking forward to next year's event already.

Mike Cox.

Website Contact Form

We have had lots of problems with the Narpo Norfolk Branch Website Contact Form. We were receiving hundreds of e-mails from spammers which swamped the system, and caused a lot of extra work. In August this year we had amendments made to the website in an attempt to stop this unwanted spamming.

Unfortunately, it has been discovered that all recent contacts have gone into the trash folder, which has meant that a number of you that sent a question, haven't had a reply. I can only apologise for this and would ask that if you used the web contact form and have not had a response could you please send your query again direct to our Norfolk Branch Secretary.

Our Secretary is Helen Wickens and contact is: helenwickens007@btinternet.com

Helen will then be able to reply to your requests.

MONTHLY MONDAY WALKS

Just a few words about our Narpo Monthly Monday Walks for those new members who may not know about us, and a reminder to those members who may have forgotten about us.

We have done 11 walks now, and we walk about 6 to 8 miles across the Norfolk landscape. The walks are designed to cater for all ages and abilities and usually are completed within 4 to 5 hours (which includes a stop for refreshments). As the name suggests we walk on Mondays, once a month, starting usually at 10.30am from various locations.

The group has a 'hard-core' of regular, friendly, happy walkers, and the group is usually about a dozen in number, sometimes more, sometimes less. The walk is open to all members, partners and children, (during holiday time). Well behaved dogs are welcome to join us.

Next walk is on Monday 5th November 2018. Starting at Cromer, walking inland to Northrepps and return to Cromer.

If you are interested or want more details contact:

Gus Williams on 07774037611 or mjwilliams171@outlook.com

NARPO BRANDED PRODUCTS

NARPO HQ (Wakefield), have started a new arrangement with a clothing company Stitch & Print to sell a range of "NARPO" branded clothing. This includes men and women's polo shirts, hoodies and jumpers. Baseball caps and other items will also be added to the range. Orders are made direct to Stitch & Print. Please see the link below for further information.

<http://narpo.stitchandprint.co.uk/>

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>