

NARPO

NORFOLK BRANCH NEWSLETTER



FROM OUR VICE - CHAIRMAN

As we are short of space, I will keep my comments short this time.

Firstly, thank you to those who responded to my call for members to take part in the Cenotaph Parade in November, all of you who responded will have your names put forward in the order they came in. Not everybody will go this year, as there were more applicants than we will get allocated places. There is no guarantee we will get any places, but we should do, as is it usually undersubscribed,

Thank you all for attending the Christmas Lunch at Congham, members came from far and wide. It is unfortunate that we can only take 48, and as it sells out very quickly my apologies for those who missed out. The raffle made a profit of £90 which was sent to the Police Dependants Trust a Registered Charity which helps families who have lost a loved one in service.

Gus has volunteered to try and set a up a Christmas Lunch nearer to Norwich this coming Christmas. When he has some news, we will let you know.

Do please try and come to the AGM at Aldiss Park Dereham on 14th March at 2pm. If you would like to join our Committee, and have the time to dedicate to NARPO, I would love to hear from you. We meet in Committee four times a year at Wymondham plus the AGM.

Kind Regards
Stan Watkinson
Vice Chairman.

January 2019

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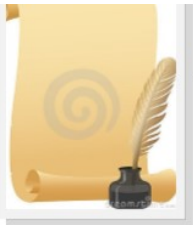
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This is the column that Colin Fox would write under the title *The Chairman's Pen* and the way he would communicate with the membership. If he was with us today, he would be urging you all to support the Centenary Celebrations by booking your tickets to our Garden Party on Saturday 27th July 2019. This Summer event has been organised by your Committee especially for you, to mark the 100th birthday of NARPO, which is an amazing milestone.

We are all sad that Colin will not be with us on the day, but I know his spirit will be. He was passionate about our Branch and all that it does, so please, in memory of Colin, let's make this event extra special by making it a sell-out. We can all raise a glass to him.

Helen Wickens MBE

Secretary/Treasurer.

IN MEMORIAM

Leonard HARRIS, Glen SCoulAR, Geoffrey PECK.





1919 is the year the National Association of Retired Police Officers was formed and in that context 2019 is the year we celebrate 100 years. The Norfolk Branch was formed much later but we are proud to be a member of the National organisation and so we, the Norfolk Branch, will celebrate this incredible milestone.

At the AGM in 2015 I proposed that we mark this 100th birthday with a significant event and suggested a budget in the region of £10,000.00 would be a realistic figure. This would be made up of £2500 per year for the four years running up to 2019. There was a need to look that far ahead as the size of event envisaged would need a venue that generally caters for large weddings and so an early booking was essential. The AGM of 2015 supported the proposition and at each subsequent AGM following, a full update on the preparations has been provided.

We are now in 2019 and the organisation of the Norfolk Branch Event is well underway. We are hosting a Garden Party for 400 members and friends at the Thursford Steam Museum on Saturday 27th July 2019.

Afternoon Tea will be provided by Back to My Place, Caterers connected to the Byfords Hotel, Holt.

Entertainment at the drinks reception will be provided by Fine City Chorus, (Barber Shop Style singing), which includes two of our Branch members.

Award winning Magician Ed Crafer will mingle with guests performing close hand magic, the like of which, you have never seen before.

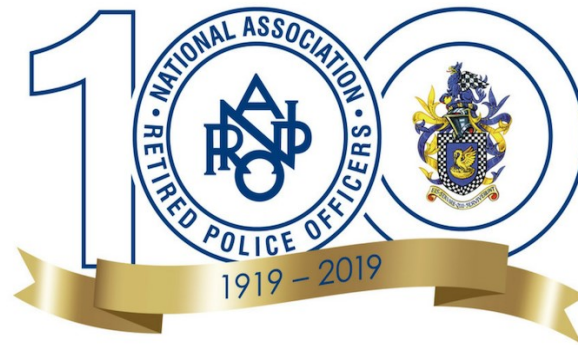
Afternoon Tea will be served to you at your table following which Robert Wolfe, world famous organist, will entertain you on the mighty Wurlitzer organ followed by Comedian, Paul Eastwood.

There will an exhibition of "times gone by", policing wise, courtesy of the Norfolk Constabulary Historians.

We have the whole of the Thursford site at our disposal, so if the sun fails to shine, it will not spoil this celebration. If the sun shines, it will only add to what we hope is a memorable day.

We appreciate that some of our members may not relish the thought of travelling to Thursford, so we are hoping as people book their tickets they will indicate if they are prepared to give a lift to others. We will coordinate those who need a lift with those who are prepared to provide a lift.

ALL WE NEED IS YOU, OUR MEMBERS, TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT. Please find attached more details of how to book your tickets together with a proforma application.



NORFOLK BRANCH of NARPO CELEBRATES

with a

GARDEN PARTY

SATURDAY 27 JULY 2019

12 noon to 5.00pm

The Pavilion at Thursford Steam Museum

• DRINKS RECEPTION & AFTERNOON TEA •



ENTERTAINMENT BY

Fine City Chorus

Award Winning Magician Ed Crafer

World Famous Robert Wolfe on the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ

Comedian Paul Eastwood

**TICKETS £15 PER HEAD FOR MEMBERS & PARTNERS
£22.50 PER HEAD FOR ADDITIONAL GUESTS**

To order tickets

Download an application form from www.norfolk.narpo.org

or

Email Stan Watkinson stanwatkinson1@btinternet.com



BOOKING FORM FOR NORFOLK BRANCH GARDEN PARTY

The Pavillion, Thursford Steam Museum, Thursford, NR21 0AS.

SATURDAY 27TH JULY 2019

12 NOON TO 5PM

Name.....

e-mail address:.....

Telephone number(s)...H.....M.....

I require.....tickets at £15 per head for members and partner.

I requiretickets at £22.50 per head for additional guests. (Guests must be 18+).

I enclose a cheque for £.....made payable to “Norfolk Narpo Branch”.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ENTERTAINED AFTER YOU HAVE RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF BOOKING

There will be a seating plan, (which is why we need all your names, below), and tables will seat a maximum of 10 persons. Those who want to sit together in a group, apply by sending **ONE** application, naming all the person in the group, in the space below. We will then do our best to get you seated together.

Along with your application form please supply a *stamped addressed envelope* OR an *e-mail address* for confirmation of your application and table allocation.

If you can help someone with transport to and from the event, please complete the following:

I have spare seats in my car and would be willing to give a lift to someone who lives in my area who has difficulty in getting to and from Thursford. The area I live in is.....

Any member who has transport problems please contact Michael Cox on mike.cox@btinternet.com or 07584660474. Michael will make the best effort to try and arrange a lift for you with someone who lives nearby.

List of names persons attending for whom this application form applies:

- 1.....2.....3.....
- 4.....5.....6.....
- 7.....8.....9.....
- 10.....

This application form should be forwarded with your cheque to:

Mr Stanley Watkinson, St Winifred’s, Lynn Road, Gayton, Kings Lynn PE32 1QJ.

(Do not forget the SAE if you have not supplied an e-mail address)

MESSAGE FROM NEIL FRAME
MOTOR CYCLE TOUR OF SCOTLAND JUNE 2019.

"I have made a decision. Between 2nd-9th June 2019, I will be touring Scotland on the bike.

I have booked bed and breakfasts for myself and Colin Lowe.

If anybody wants to join us, they are most welcome. Over the eight days, we will cover about 1800 miles.

I already have all the routes, and I can guarantee they are awesome.

If you want to join us, I will let you know where we are staying for you to book your accommodation .

The whole trip will cost around £600. Its not a lads holiday, ladies and pillions are most welcome.

A word of warning, the bed and breakfasts we use state they are very busy, so if you want to come, an early booking is recommended. They don't take deposits, so it is fairly easy. Looking forward to hearing from you".

Regards Neil

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NARPO NATTER

The next Narpo Natter will be held on:

Monday 11th February 2019
6.30pm onwards
The White Horse
Trowse

If anyone want to eat please let me know so I can tell kitchen how many may turn up to eat!

Brian Pincher

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NARPO 'NORWICH AREA' CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2019 - INTERESTED?

As you will have read from our Vice-Chairman, the West of County Christmas Lunch was a great success and was well supported by our members. Therefore, your Committee, has suggested that I organise a similar Christmas Lunch for the Centre of the County. I have made enquiries in the Norwich area and have had a favourable response from Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett. They will set aside our own private room for up to 50 guests. The Christmas Luncheon is the usual 3 course Christmas Turkey Dinner (with vegetarian options) with coffee. The cost for the 2018 dinner was £25.75 per head.

I have provisionally booked the Seasons Restaurant for Thursday 12th December 2019 at 1pm.

In order to gauge the numbers likely to attend, I would like people to register an interest with me, so that I can make a decision as to the viability of running the event. So, contact me and let me know.

Gus Williams - Assistant Secretary

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FORCE AMALGAMATION EVENT 2019

Message from Inspector Stacey Murray, Staff Officer to Chief Constable

“Following the success of the last Event, the Chief wanted to make this an annual event for all of the groups to get together and share memories. The Chief was concerned about the driving conditions in the winter months and so has postponed the event to take place on a Monday morning in April instead of a winters evening in January.

The new date will be Monday 8th April 2019 from 08.30am to 11.00am.

The event will be similar to the last one, with a meet and greet at the front of the building, followed by short speeches, presentations and displays in the Filby Room. A group photograph in the Atrium will be taken and then teas and coffees.

As last time, we can incorporate a tour of a department. As the event is in operational hours, it will give us more choice of departments and so if there are any suggestions from your groups, please forward them”.

There will be no parking available for the event within OCC (HQ) grounds. Parking in the immediate area of OCC (HQ) is prohibited. On-street parking close by is limited, and usually taken early on by OCC (HQ) staff working at OCC. A bus route runs right past OCC (HQ) at Wymondham.

So, if there is anyone interested in attending the 2019 Event, please let me know. I will collate numbers and inform Inspector Murray how many to expect as they need numbers to organise the ‘catering’.

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NORFOLK NARPO CENTENARY GARDEN PARTY

THURSFORD

Message from Norman Balls

“With regard to the July Thursford Celebrations. I have booked 2 nights at the Little Snoring Green Man. There are 11 Caravan Pitches at the pub, all with electric hook ups. Wondering if this was included in the next newsletter for members information. The pub has its own website. Hope this is of assistance”

This may be of help to our caravanning members who wish to attend the event.

The pub website is: thegreenmannorfolk.co.uk

NARPO NORFOLK BRANCH AGM 2019

Please note that the 2019 Narpo Norfolk Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on:

THURSDAY 14TH MARCH 2019

2PM

DEREHAM FOOTBALL CLUB, ALDISS PARK, NORWICH ROAD, DEREHAM. NR20 3PX

All members are welcome to attend; we will have to vote in a new Chairperson, due to the unexpected and sad death of Colin Fox.

Tea and Coffee will be available from 1.30pm.