

NARPO

NORFOLK BRANCH NEWSLETTER



CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Thank you all who attended the AGM at Dereham on Thursday 14th March, it was a good attendance and good to welcome Brian Burdus, President of NEC, and Bob Mabbutt, our regional representative. Unfortunately, our President Bert Herrington was unable to attend, due to not feeling well. I can assure you he is fine now as I have recently spoken to him.

Thank you for electing me as Chairman and more importantly awarding me Life Membership, this was completely unexpected and a well-kept secret. It wasn't until I saw the agenda that I had to question why Life Membership was on it as I hadn't been consulted, and I wondered who it was. Then I was told it was all done by telephone so I didn't know. It is a great honour and one I will treasure.

I also welcome Mick Cox as my Vice Chairman. The remaining committee were elected en-bloc.

As you may know, I am coordinating the Thursford Centenary Event seating arrangements. Following the unexpected request from the Caterers asking for numbers by the end of March, (which we have now re-negotiated to the middle of April), we sent out an additional appeal to our e-mail recipients asking them to book, and they have responded magnificently. We are now on the homeward straight, but we still have tickets for sale. So, if you are thinking of attending please get in your application soon. We started out hoping to get 400 to attend, this is a big ask, but with 950+ members this shouldn't be difficult. We will get there I have no doubt. It would be great to get members from the Yarmouth area, and those who have joined more recently to book, as these are noticeably the areas lacking.

If you haven't booked please be quick and get your applications to me as soon as possible, and please, if you want to sit in a group put all the applications in one envelope. I keep getting asked "Can I sit with so and so?" I then have to try and remember who wants to sit with who, but I will do my best to accommodate everyone. But, if you make one application as a group, it is easy to keep you together. You can put as many cheques in one envelope as you like. If you have lost your application form you can download one at www.narponorfolk.org and follow the link to 'events', or use the one in this Newsletter. If you can't do email, then write to me, clearly on a piece of paper, with the details of your application and members of your group.

And now just a gentle reminder—when you write your email address on the application form, particularly if you use underscore, dots etc, make sure it is legible. I can check your e-mail address on our database, but it is surprising how many are out of date, because you have changed your e-mail address and not informed us.

I am sure with the next Newsletter I will be able to tell you we have achieved our target of 400 guests.

Stan Watkinson
Chairman.

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IN MEMORIAM

Barry John WELLS



Treasurer's Report
Financial Year
1st January to 31st December 2018

I am pleased to present my sixth Treasurers Report and once again I can report the Branch Funds are very healthy. The Balance Sheet is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National office and can be summarised as follows:

Total balance carried forward from 2017	£45603.90
Total Income in 2018	£20168.82
Total expenditure in 2018	£22141.35
2018 Income over expenditure	- £1972.53
Balance at year end	£43631.37

This is the first occasion whilst I have been Treasurer that there has been a loss when annual income is compared with annual expenditure. The reason for this related to the need to plan well ahead in making and securing some of the relevant arrangements for the Centenary Garden Party later this year. For example the cost of the invoice for the hire of the Thursford complex and drinks reception alone is £5480.00 which was settled in June 2018. There are others.

In effect, year 2019 costs were settled from the 2018 budget and, if hypothetically, these amounts are set aside, it leaves expenditure in 2018 very much in line with recent history

There has been a steady growth in our income due to the continued increase in our membership numbers and the annual increase in subscriptions which is set in our Fund Rules and relates to the annual increase in the Police Pension. The Branch retains 60% of the total and has to send 40% (the precept) to Wakefield, the national office.

Under Income there is a donation of 327.00. Our Chairman Colin Fox died in October 2018 and his wife and family asked for donations to NARPO in lieu of flowers at the funeral. This represents this collection.

On the expenditure side, there is an expected increase in the precept. As the subscription income increases so it follows the precept payable to the National Office (40%) will also increase.

The expenditure under Newsletters has returned to the normal level which represents the printing and posting of the newsletter five times this year. You will recall I reported last year there was a reduction in the number of occasions the newsletter was published which would be rectified in 2018 and the increase in cost represents this. More members than ever now receive the Newsletter by e-mail and we hope this trend will continue.

Cost of Stationary/postage was reduced to a minimum due to buying in bulk in 2017. As the stocks diminish there will be an increase in expenditure under this heading in 2019.

Treasurer's Report Continued

Travel and Mileage costs have increased in 2018. This is due to all members of the Branch Committee now claim for their travel costs in respect of attending NARPO Branch meetings, in accordance with the Branch policy and NARPO Fund Rules. In addition this figure includes travel costs for six delegates attending the national NARPO Conference which was held in Torquay.

The figure under Social Subsidies has to be put into context. To get an accurate figure it is necessary to deduct the income under ticket sales from the expenditure which reveals a true figure of £1035.20 for 2018.

Miscellaneous expenditure includes discounted costs for 6 people attending the National NARPO Centenary Dinner at the Tower of London, in June 2019.(£250.00) Refund of cancelled tickets for Kings Lynn Christmas lunch event (£52) and refreshments purchased at the Remembrance Wreath Laying in Norwich Cathedral (£10.80)

Expenditure under the remaining headings has remained very much the same.

Finally, total monies at the bank at the 31st December 2018 £43631.37

I commend this report to you

Helen Wickens MBE

I apologise profusely for the quality of the Balance/Account Sheets on the following two pages. My laptop is not of the best quality, but it just about does the job.

Gus Williams

Assistant Secretary and Publisher of this Newsletter

NARPO - NORFOLK BRANCH BALANCE SHEET FOR 2018

	2018.00	2017
Balance Brt Fwd from 2017	45069.81	40614.69
INCOME		
SUBSCRIPTIONS - KIER	17626.56	16673.28
SUBSCRIPTIONS - MISC	414.52	329.23
SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2019	295.32	
SOCIAL EVENTS TICKET SALES	1453.45	1854.00
BANK INTEREST GROSS OF TAX	51.97	18.61
CONFERENCE REFUND	0.00	80.00
DONATIONS	327.00	
TOTAL	20168.82	18955.12

Trasfer to Chq Account

23000.00

14500.00

Balance

42238.63

45069.81

31.12.2018 Balance HSBC
42238.63

SUMMARY

Recorded income for current year

2018.00

2017

Recorded expenses see over for detail

20168.82

18955.12

Income over expenditure

22141.35

14319.40

4635.72

Balance brt fwd from 2017

45069.81

40614.69

Balance at HSBC 61426680

42238.63

Acc 61426672

534.09

353.49

HSBC 61426672

1392.74

TOTAL

45603.90

40968.18

Deficit 2018

-1972.53

4635.72

Balance sheet figure y/end 2018

43631.37

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signed:

date:

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Balance sheet figure y/end 2018 43631.37 45603.90

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A. A. A. Smith.
12.02.2019.

signed: *[Signature]*
date: 28.01.2019

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS

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OP BANNER 50 – 14 AUGUST 2019 : NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

The Royal British Legion has announced plans to host a commemorative event at 14:00 on Wednesday 14 August 2019 to mark the 50th anniversary of the UK Armed Forces' deployment on operations in Northern Ireland – the longest continuous operation in British military history.

The event will be held at the National Memorial Arboretum, near Lichfield, Staffordshire, and home of the Armed Forces Memorial.

Event registration and accreditation

Please note that the event will be a closed, accredited event.

Invitations and accreditation will be managed using a similar process to the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph.

Invite process

To attend, individuals must have been awarded the GSM (NI) (or civilian equivalent in the case of the emergency services).

If you wish to be nominated to attend please send your details as below to helenwickens007@btinternet.com or phone her 01493728166 or 07793846524 by **Monday 20th May 2019**.

The nominations must include the following information to enable us to complete the online electronic application process:

Title/Rank

First Name (this must be the name on photo ID)

Last Name

Date of Birth (please use the format DD/MM/YYYY)

Place of Birth

First line of address

Town

Postcode

Military number (where applicable)

For verification purposes your details will be shared with the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) and the Civilian Services Contingent.

Tickets will be sent via email in the final week of July.

Please visit the British Legion website <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/op-banner-50/> for more information and event FAQs.

Yours sincerely



Alan Lees. Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

INVITATION FROM CHIEF CONSTABLE SIMON BAILEY

Norfolk Constabulary Chief Constable, Simon Bailey, will be hosting the Annual Norfolk Constabulary Retired Officers and Staff Event, and invites all Narpo Members to attend.

The date: **Monday 8th April 2019**

Location: 'The Gym', Norfolk Constabulary Headquarters (O.C.C.)
Falconers Chase, Wymondham, NR18 0WW.

Timings to be confirmed but the event will be in the morning and is likely to start around 0830am for around 2 hours.

The event will showcase the changing face of crime in Norfolk and there will be demonstrations of the Police Drone, Police Porsche and Mobile Technology

Exact details will be sent out in due course but could I ask you send out to your members to take note and to save the date.

As you are aware parking is restricted at Headquarters and there will be a limited amount of spaces for your members.

Any questions please call me [01953 424220](tel:01953424220) or email forceexec@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

Regards,

Sgt. David JERMAN.

Staff Officer to ACC Nick Davison and ACC Simon Megicks, Norfolk Force Executive.

IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND THIS EVENT PLEASE DIRECT YOUR CONTACT TO SGT, JERMAN AT THE ABOVE PHONE NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS. IF YOU HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED AN INTEREST TO ATTEND WITH GUS WILLIAMS HE HAS ALREADY PASSED YOUR DETAILS ONTO SGT JERMAN

NARPO 'NORWICH AREA' CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2019 - INTERESTED?

I posted this banner headline in the last Newsletter

I have received only 4 replies from Members who would be interested in attending the event and therefore I have had to cancel the provisional booking with the Hotel before they made a charge to us to make a cancellation.

Thank you to those members who did show an interest, and I am sorry to have to cancel the event.

Gus Williams, Assistant Secretary.

NARPO NATTER

The next Narpo Natter will be held on:

Monday 13th May 2019 : 6.30pm

[The Coachmakers Arms](#)
Upstairs Function Room
St Stephens Street
Norwich. NR1 3SP

Food available, just let Brian know if you intend eating :-)

Brian Pincher

07795507421 or b.pincher@btinternet.com

NARPO MONDAY MONTHLY WALKS

The group has now completed 16 walks within the confines of Norfolk. We are now a band of 40 walkers, not every walker makes every walk, and this month (March) we had a record 18 walkers and one dog. We all enjoyed a wind swept walk along the Norfolk Coast Path, Burnham Deepdale to Holkham.

The next walk is on **TUESDAY** 16TH APRIL 2019—10.30am

I am sorry to have to walk on a **Tuesday** but I have no Mondays free in April. And just to make things a bit more different I thought we would stray over the border into Suffolk. Do not panic!!!! We will be safe, I speak the language, (as I was born in Suffolk), and the walk will be worth it. We will meet at the Redgrave and Lopham Fen Nature Reserve, Low Common Road, South Lopham, IP22 2HX. This is just over the border into Suffolk off the A1066, just south of South Lopham. Free parking. (See website at: suffolkwildlifetrust.org). Lunch will be taken 'au-sauvage', that is, in the outdoors. Bring a packed lunch and hot drinks and we will stop somewhere convenient to eat. The walk is about seven and a half miles.

If you wish to join us and are a 'new member' give me a call or e-mail for further details.

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



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).....

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 and tables will seat a maximum of 10 persons. Those who want to sit together in a group, please apply by sending ONE application, naming all the person in the group, in the space below.

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, who 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 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)

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>

Widows Pension For Life

As you may know already, in relation to police officers widows pension protocols, there three differing schemes that operate separately throughout the UK.

In Northern Ireland - all survivors continue to receive their widows or widowers pension regardless of their current relationship status and regardless of how and when their spouse died.

In England/Wales - survivors whose spouses died on duty - or as a result of an injury on duty - continue to receive their pension should they remarry/cohabit but only if they remarried/cohabited on or after 1 April 2015. If they remarried or cohabited before 1 April 2015, they are not eligible for the pension to be reinstated, even if their former spouse died on or as a result of injuries sustained on duty. Anyone whose spouse didn't die on duty or as a result of an injury on duty and subsequently remarries or cohabits does not continue to receive their pension.

In Scotland - survivors whose spouse died on duty - or as a result of injury on duty continue to receive their pension even if they are remarried or cohabiting, from 1 October 2015, regardless of the date of their remarriage or cohabitation. Anyone whose spouse didn't die on duty or as a result of an injury on duty and subsequently remarries or cohabits does not continue to receive their pension.

Do you agree that this is a glaring inequality in the treatment of Police Widows throughout the United Kingdom?

Between **2pm and 4pm on Wednesday 1st May 2019** in Room R, Portcullis House, London, we will hold another drop-in reception to raise awareness of our Widows Pension For Life campaign, which calls for parity for police widows/widowers within the United Kingdom, should they choose to remarry or cohabit following the death of their husband/wife.

The reception will be a good opportunity to reach Members from both Houses.

We encourage NARPO members to write to their MP to highlight this extremely important campaign. Please find a template letter for members to complete at www.narpo.org/widows-pensions-life

You can find your MP at: www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/mps/

Further information about the campaign is contained in these leaflets:

www.narpo.org and follow links to Widows Pension for Life and An inequality in a United Kingdom