

NARPO

NORFOLK BRANCH NEWSLETTER CENTENARY EDITION



Chairman's Notes

Since our last Newsletter I have had a very busy time working and representing members at various courses and events.

I have been on an Officers Course in Wakefield, and a Contact Course in Reading. I have represented the Branch with others at a Dinner at the Tower of London to celebrate NARPO's Centenary and jointly represented the Branch with Helen at a House of Lords Reception. Not forgetting our own Celebrations held at Thursford Steam Museum on 27th July, a wonderful event Helen will report on. However, I would like express my thanks to Helen for organising the Centenary event with me. With regard to the Thursford Event I have had numerous emails thanking us for arranging the event. I reproduce one with permission a typical email.

"Hi Stan, I am writing to thank you and your committee for a wonderful afternoon on Saturday. It was good to see old colleagues who I had not seen for years. The venue was perfect together with the entertainment and food. Those who stayed away do not know what they missed. Well Done".

I can only add to that by asking, why do you not support us? Of 963 members only about 150 with partners attended, it was a central venue and easy for all to get to.

The next event will be the Christmas Lunch for West Norfolk, by request the Venue is the same as last year the Anvil Inn, Congham, on Friday 13th December the application form will be emailed out later book the date in your diary now. It will be a 12noon for 12:30 sit down.

We would really like a volunteer to organise a Christmas dinner in the Yarmouth area please let me know if you have a willing pair of hands, and remember that NARPO subsidises all events.

I always try to attend funerals in the Western area of NARPO members. I have just attended that of retired PC 492 David Woodhouse who died suddenly at just 65 years of age. The Crematorium at Kings Lynn was packed, with many standing outside.

The Chief Constable was unable to attend but arranged a motor cycle outrider for the hearse which I thought was a very kind gesture. A guard of honour was also arranged by retired officers.

I must also thank the NARPO Committee for making me a Life Member of NARPO in recognition of my work for the Branch, this award was presented to me by the Chief Constable at Thursford. I am very pleased and honoured to receive such an award. I hope I can serve you for several more years.

Finally, I often get asked "Why am I not on your email list"? Here in West Norfolk we have a group of about 100 who I am in contact with, this is just something we do. The answer is, if you want to be on the list email me and ask. Do to data protection I have to have your permission to add you on. I know you say oh yeh data protection but I must comply so if you want to be added contact me on narpowest@btinternet.com and I will add you on.

Stan Watkinson – Chairman.

August 2019

Helen Wickens. MBE
Secretary / Treasurer
8 Yare Close
Caister on Sea
Norfolk
NR30 5RR

01493728166

07793846524

helenwickens007 @
btinternet.com

www.narponorfolk.org

IN MEMORIAM

Keith Charles DAVEY, Russell BROWNE, Jane JOHNSTONE (nee Foxwell),
Michael GEDGE, David John WOODHOUSE and Reginald PYATT





On Friday 25th July 1919, 500 retired police officers gathered in London, representing forces from all over England and Wales and the first National Executive Committee of the Retired Police Officer's Association was established. NARPO has grown to where it is today, 100 years later, to be the largest Public Sector Pensioner Organisation in the United Kingdom, representing nearly 90,000 retired police officers and their widows and widowers.

The Norfolk Branch has 960 members, however the history of our Branch has been lost over the years so we can not be sure when it was first established. Nonetheless 4 years ago I discussed with our then Chairman, the late Colin Fox how we could celebrate the centenary. In January 2015 the Committee supported the concept of a large event, possibly a lunch with entertainment and the first thing we would have to book would be the venue. I presented the idea to the AGM that year and they too supported a large scale celebration in 2019.

Colin and I set about considering venues and costs and at the time Colin passed away in October 2018, we had everything in place for a Garden Party with entertainment at a magnificent venue. Sadly, Colin did not live to see the final event but I am sure he would have been extremely satisfied with the outcome.

The Norfolk Branch Celebration of the centenary of NARPO came to fruition on Saturday 27th July 2019 at the Thursford Steam Museum. The Chief Constable was guest of honour together with the National President of NARPO, Mr Brian Burdus. It began with a drinks reception at 12.00 noon during which Ed Crafer a magical magician mingled with the 290 guests performing his brilliant magic.

The Force Historians created a superb display of photographs of yester-year which was appreciated by all. Lionel Hewitt brought three photographs depicting three generations of his family as serving officers 1900 – 1916, 1925 – 1958 and 1964 - 1993 . What treasures.

The fairground carousel was powered up and everyone could have a ride, taking them back to the old fair ground days of their youth , whilst a steam organ played.

At 1.30pm everyone took their seats in the theatre to be entertained by Comedian Paul Eastwood and the mighty Wurlitzer was played by Robert Wolfe.

The Norfolk president Mr Albert Herrington thanked everyone for supporting the event before inviting the Chief Constable Mr Simon Bailey to present, on behalf of the Norfolk Branch, the current Norfolk Branch Chairman, Mr Stan Watkinson, with his Life Membership pin and framed certificate, in recognition of his work on behalf of NARPO. The Branch President then presented the Chief Constable with a commemorative coin specially commissioned to mark the centenary.

3.00pm was the time for afternoon tea to be served, and Pat Abendroth from 'Back to Your Place' caterers, produced a variety of sandwiches and sumptuous cakes and finally our celebration came to an end at 5.00pm.

We wanted to have a memorable event for the Norfolk membership to enjoy and based on comments on the day and all the messages, both the Chairman and I have received since, I think we can say the day will be remembered for some time to come.

I wish to express my thanks to everyone that played a part in making the this centenary celebration so very special.

The following pages depict the day in photographs and capture the essence of the celebration.

Helen Wickens MBE

Secretary/Treasurer

Norfolk Branch









NARPO CENTENARY EVENT—TOWER OF LONDON

On Thursday 13th June 2019, I was one of four of our Committee Members who attended the NARPO Centenary Banquet held at the Tower of London to celebrate NARPO's 100 year anniversary. The event was honoured by the attendance of HRH The Princess Royal, who is the Patron of our Centenary Year. Over 500 guests from branches across the country attended the event, which was held in a special built marquee erected in the moat of the Tower.

Guests started to arrive at 6.30pm for the drinks reception, where there were Tower of London Beefeaters in full regalia at the entrance for guests to take the opportunity to talk to and have photographs taken. This was a nice touch, and much appreciated. The drinks reception gave guests the chance to meet up with old friends and acquaintances. The reception room quickly filled up and people soon spilled out into the Banqueting Hall.



THE BANQUETING HALL

The tables were set out for twelve guests, the Norfolk contingent were joined by members from the Kent Branch. This gave the chance to make new friends and compare notes on how our respective Branches were run.

After we were all gathered at our tables the Toastmaster, Mr David Barnes called upon our President, Mr Brian Burdus to open proceedings. Brian kept his opening speech short and succinct, as is his usual approach. Grace was then said by the Chaplain to the Police Service, the Reverend David Wilbrahams. The four course meal was served in a very efficient way, and it was agreed by all on our table that the food was excellent. The meal was accompanied by a string Quartet who played a selection of music old and new. After the meal the first Toast was proposed by Mr David Barnes. The Royal Toast followed and was proposed by Mr Richard Critchley, Vice President of NARPO. After the Royal Toast Princess Anne gave a very informed and light-hearted speech, which was greatly appreciated by guests. The Princess spoke of the formation of NARPO and of it's history, and she finished her speech with an observation that having been surrounded by police offers for all of her life she now felt able to identify a "copper" at a hundred yards!

NARPO CENTENARY THURSFORD EVENT PHOTOGRAPHS

As you might know, we employed a professional photographer to attend the Centenary Event at Thursford on Saturday 25th July 2019.

You can gain access to the photographs by following the below link to the website:

<http://narpo.simonbrattphotography.com>

The password is NARPO100.

The photographs are grouped together, in five separate groups:

'Drinks Reception', 'Carousel Ride', 'The Show and Address', 'Afternoon Tea' and 'General'.

Each group is accessed separately from the top of the page of each group of photographs, by clicking the "More" dropdown. If you place your cursor over the photograph you require you will see a number come up: For example "IMG-0255W". Make a note of this number and you can order you photographs through me.

On the last page of this Newsletter you will see a price list/order form.

Fill out the order form with your requirements, fill in your name and address in the top right hand box, so I know who the order is from. Will you please add £1 to each order to cover postage and package. Post the order form with your cheque made out to "**Narpo Norfolk Branch**" to me at the following address:

Gus Williams. 7, Grenville Close, Hethersett, Norfolk. NR9 3AG.

If you have any problems, give me a call or e-mail:

Mobile 07774037611 or mjwilliams171@outlook.com

NARPO NATTER

The next Narpo Natter will be held on:

Monday 2nd September 2019: 6.30pm

The White Horse,
Trowse, Norwich.
NR14 8ST

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

Brian Pincher

07795507421 or b.pincher@btinternet.com

Simon Bratt Photography Print Price List (Sept 2018)

Paper Option

Lustre Prints - Fuji DP II Professional Colour Paper

Gloss Prints - Fuji Crystal Archive Paper

Edge Option

White border

No border

This price list is based on 'Per Order'

Standard Print Size (Inches) Other sizes on request	Single Print Orders or First Print	Additional Prints 2-10	Additional Prints 11-100	Number Of Prints	Print Number(s)
Yellow sizes match your image size. Other sizes may crop your image to fit					
4x4	£10	£2.50	£1.00		
5x3.5	£10	£2.50	£2.00		
5x4	£10	£2.50	£2.00		
5x5	£10	£2.50	£2.00		
6x4	£10	£2.50	£2.00		
6x6	£10	£2.50	£2.00		
7x5	£10	£2.50	£2.00		
8x6	£10	£2.50	£2.00		
8x8	£10	£2.50	£2.00		
9x6	£10	£2.50	£2.00		
10x7	£10	£2.50	£2.00		
10x8	£10	£2.50	£2.00		
10x10	£10	£2.50	£2.00		
12x8	£10	£2.50	£2.00		
12x9	£10	£2.50	£2.00		
A4 (8.27 x 11.69)	£10	£3.00	£2.00		
12x10	£10	£3.00	£2.00		
12x12	£10	£3.00	£2.00		
14x11	£15	£10.00	£5.00		
16x12	£15	£10.00	£5.00		
A3	£15	£10.00	£5.00		
18x12 (A3 Approx)	£15	£10.00	£5.00		
24x10	£20	£12.00	£5.00		
24x12	£22	£12.00	£5.00		
24x16	£30	£20.00	£15.00		
28x11	£25	£15.00	£5.00		
30x10	£25	£15.00	£5.00		
30x12	£28	£15.00	£8.00		
32x12	£29	£15.00	£8.00		
36x12	£30	£20.00	£10.00		
45x30	£65	£55.00	£45.00		

Sample Frame Options (Inches)

Canvas 12"X18" £60.00

Canvas 16"X20" £70.00

Canvas 16"X24" £90.00

Canvas 20"X30" £120.00

Strut mounts £5 each

Printed on the highest quality 100% natural art canvas material, utilising the very latest Epson wide format printing technology. Epson Ultra Chrome inks to ensure you always get the best results from your photo. They are then coated with a protective varnish for proven long lasting UV protection. It is then hand stretched on to 1.5" thick gallery stretcher bars.

Prints supplied with black strut mounts lustre finish only.

Wooden frames available on request

Digital Copy Option

Full Res

Web Only (Emailed free with Print order)

Up to 10 images

£30.00

£20.00

up to 20 images

£60.00

£40.00

up to 30 images

£84.00

£60.00

up to 40 images

£108.00

£80.00