## NARPO

## NORFOLK BRANCH NEWSLETTER Of service to those who served



## **Norfolk Branch President Retires**

Our Branch President, Bert Herrington has made the decision to stand down from his post, due to ill health. The Branch has a lot to be grateful to Bert for, as he has been a Member of the Committee since 1983 and for many years served as the Branch Chairman and subsequently was appointed President in 2015. His knowledge of all things NARPO is second to none; and we all have benefited from his wise counsel on many occasions. It gave us great pleasure in presenting him with a special lapel pin, to mark his service with the Norfolk Branch Committee.

The position of Branch President is usually offered to a longstanding Member of the Branch who has served the Committee well and is an appointment for as long as the holder wishes. It is for the Committee to make the appointment. At the meeting of the Committee held on 13th April 2023, it was unanimously decided to leave this position vacant at this time but revisit it in the future, as appropriate.

I am sure you would want us to wish Bert a speedy recovery and good health in his ninetieth year.

Stan Watkinson, Chairman

Helen Wickens MBE, Secretary

<u>April 2023</u>

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## The 2023 Branch Committee

At the AGM held on Thursday 16th March 2023, we lost three more Members who made the decision to stand down.

Tom Hodge, Mike Cox MBE and Pete Body. Although they have left the Committee, they have all made it clear they will continue to support the Branch as best they can in the future. We thank them all for their commitment and they, too, have been presented with a special lapel pin to mark their service on the Norfolk Branch Committee.

The new Committee for 2023 is as follows:

Chairman—Stan Watkinson
Secretary—Helen Wickens MBE
Treasurer—Jane Stevens

## **Committee members:**

Ian Taylor, Malcolm Chubbock, Eric Bradley, Brian Pincher and Mark Scott

The Annual reports of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, can be found at the end of this Newsletter

## IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness we announce the death of the following:

Mike Lee, Maurice Morson, Geoffrey Cason



## A BIG Thankyou

I recently e-mailed everyone with a request for help for a member who needed transport to Hospital for an appointment. The Chairman and I were overwhelmed by the response and we can't thank you enough . The Member concerned also wishes us to express his gratitude to you all.

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## **SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2023**

**Members of the Committee** have arranged a few things for the Summer. Jane has organised a another popular Treasure Hunt, Helen has organised three separate day outings for our less mobile members in conjunction with the Waveney Stardust Trust and Stan has been able to organise a BroadsTour again with Hog Roast. Details of all of these, and how to book your place can be found below and on the following pages. We need your support for these events to be a success, all of which are being heavily subsidised for Members.

In addition to this, NARPO will have a pitch at the 2023 Force Family Day to be held on Saturday 10th June 2023 at the Norfolk Showground, so come and see us there.



## **Walking Treasure Hunt**

Following on from last years success we have arranged another Walking Treasure Hunt in Norwich City Centre. As we are limited to numbers the same hunt will take place on two dates.

The first date is Tuesday 13th of June, starting and finishing at The Forum in Norwich.

The second date is Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of June, again starting and finishing at The Forum in Norwich.

Teams of two although individuals can enter and be paired with another person. A staggered start with half meeting at 10am and half at 10.30am.

A buffet lunch (with chips!!) has been arranged for 2pm in a private room at the Assembly House (opposite the Forum on Theatre Street) on the first floor, (lift available) where prizes for the Treasure Hunt will be awarded.

The cost for each Narpo member and partner/spouse is £12.50 per head and that includes either tea or coffee with the buffet. For non Narpo members the cost is £20.

There is very limited availability for the 13<sup>th</sup> of June due to past attendees wanting a rematch! Please contact me as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

Jane Stevens jrsnorfolk@outlook.com or text to 07747 590440

## **Holiday Accommodation**

Don't forget to check the 'Holiday Rentals' page on our website. We have some lovely properties available to hire and very reduced rates.

We have recently been fortunate enough to add several self catering properties in North Wales, all offering Narpo members at least a 10% discount and in some cases 25% discount.



If you don't have internet access and would like a printed copy of all the holiday accommodation on the website please contact Jane our Treasurer, who will happily send you a printed version. Text please due to hearing issues 07747 590440.

All the properties listed are owned and run by fellow Narpo members.

## **Waveney Stardust River Cruises**

We are pleased to announce we have hired the Waveney Stardust river cruiser for three Separate Day outings throughout the summer. Theses are targeted at our less mobile members who would not normally be able to access a cruiser because of their



mobility. Having said that, we only need one such member per day trip to meet the Waveney Stardust criteria.

On each of the dates we can take 5 members with partners (total 10 people) at a cost of £7.50 per head. Manual Wheelchair users can easily be accommodated, both on the quay and the boat which has disable toilet facilities which can take a wheelchair.

Tea , coffee and biscuits will be provided throughout the day and we will provide a picnic lunch on board. Cruise Dates:-

If all three dates are oversubscribed, names will be pulled out of a hat. I will request payment when I

1. Wednesday 5th July 2023, 10am—4.00pm departing Beccles

E-mail address

- 2. Wednesday 16th August 2023, 10am—4.00pm departing Brundall
- 3. Wednesday 13th September 2023, 10am—4.00pm departing Beccles.

confirm your booking . If you would like to have the opportunity to enjoy a peaceful day on the river then please complete the below application and post it to me , Mrs Helen Wickens MBE, at 8 Yare Close, Caister-on Sea, NR30 5RR.

Enter DATE of Outing

Name of Member

Wheelchair user \_\_\_YES or NO\_\_\_\_\_

Accompanying Partner name

Your Contact details:
Home address:

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

The above is needed so that I can confirm your booking and provide you with the full arrangements for the day including parking.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY UNTIL REQUESTED TO DO SO



## Queen of the Norfolk Broads Boat Trip with Hog Roast

By popular demand we shall again be having our day out on the Broads, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023 11am to 3pm.

As before we will be joined by Suffolk NARPO Members so operating on a 50/50 basis

I have again booked Cawdrons Butchers for the Hog Roast and agreed with them a vegetarian option which will be Cranberry. Brie and Mushroom Puff Pastry Wellington, you can then help yourselves to roll etc.

Vegetarian meals must be ordered at the time of booking as there will be the exact number brought on the day.

The cost will be £12.50 per head per member and guest; this is the cost when subsidised by NARPO, any additional person will pay the full price of £20.20.

Please indicate when you pay if you want a vegetarian option.

Please pay by bacs NARPO Norfolk Branch 40 35 50 61426680 and ref Norfolk Broads and your name. If you pay by BACS please email me your meal choice(s).

If you wish to pay by cheque, please make the cheque payable to NARPO Norfolk Branch and add 50p to cover bank charges. Please include a note with your meal choice(s). Send Cheques to Mrs J Stevens 46 Coniston Road Brooke Norwich NR15 1HX, please do not make cheques out to individual officers.

You can email me as organiser <a href="mailto:stanwatkinson1@gmail.com">stanwatkinson1@gmail.com</a> for any details or with any queries you may have, or phone 01553 636629, please leave a message if I am out and I will get back to you.

I will give further details in next newsletter as regards parking etc. If we exceed our 50 person allocation I will keep a reserve list and allocate if any cancellations occur.

Enjoy the day and meet old collegues.

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## Thinking about fostering?

## Take your first step into fostering with Nexus Fostering.

Join our Nexus Fostering family of carers and you'll be given full training and round-the-clock support from our social work team, plus a competitive weekly allowance and other benefits. We run regular support groups and activities including family outings and events. And we're rated Cfsted - Outstanding. Not only are the children and young people in safe hands, you are too.

Start your fostering journey with us today. Check out our website www.nexusfostering.co.uk or telephone 08003890143

# JOB OPPORTUNITY We often receive requests to advertise job opportunities; when we can we pass them on, in case someone is interested: SNETTERTON RACE CIRCUIT Looking for additional income to deal with the rise of the cost of living? Have previous experience teaching children between the ages of 11 – 17? Snetterton Race Circuit may be able to help! Legendary motor racing circuit Snetterton delivers thousands of driving experiences each year to the general public. One of its most popular courses is YoungDrive! - an introductory driving lesson in a new MINI One / BMW One Series for 11 to 17 year-olds, which takes place on closed-off sections of the race

We are currently recruiting instructors to join our experienced team to enable us to fulfil increasing demand. This experience typically takes place on weekday evenings (5pm-8pm) and throughout the school holidays. Sessions run on average twice a month.

## **Duties will include:**

circuit.

Teaching 11 - 17-year-olds the very basics of driving (starting the car, moving, stopping, clutch control, changing gear & turning the vehicle)

Providing a fun and engaging driving session combining both a great customer service with health and safety

Using dual control (passenger brakes and clutch) to keep the vehicle under control when needed Provide clear instructions to participants to ensure they get the most out of the experience Effectively working as part of an instruction team

## You must be / have:

Over 5 years' experience driving on UK roads

A current and in date Enhanced DBS Certification (or be able to complete one)

Previous experience teaching 11 – 17 year olds is desirable

The ability to remain calm and collected whilst in the passenger seat

Previous experience in driver training or coaching would be desirable although not essential

This is a fantastic opportunity to earn extra cash whilst still in a Monday – Friday full time role. YoungDrive! events take place on average twice a month and are offered on a casual work basis.

Renumeration for this role is a day rate of £135 per day (£50 for evening sessions). Sessions may also may run over school holidays, bank holidays and weekends.

If you are interested in applying on average twice a month 17:00 – 20:30 on weekday evenings as a YoungDrive! instructor. Please email a copy of your CV and some reasons as to why you think you'd make a good instructor to ben.fuller@msv.com

## **Chairmans' Report**

## **NARPO Norfolk Branch 2023**

Ladies & Gentlemen following on from enforced cancellations of our AGMs I am pleased that we can now meet in person again.

Although we had restrictions due to the Covid pandemic your branch Committee continued working and meeting via Zoom this was successful for all but two of our committee members. One who doesn't use IT and the other who found it difficult to log in.

We are grateful t the Chief Constable for allowing us to hold Branch Meetings at the new Training centre at Hetherset this has no cost to NARPO

We switched the AGM to Aldiss Park for accessibility and for welcoming refreshments.

The main item for the year was the Pensions for life for Widows If you are not aware if a widow wishes to remarry following the death of her husband, she loses her Police Pension. This is particularly harrowing to young widows.

The Fire Service and NARPO together with the Police Federation brought the case against the Government to try and overturn this. The first hearing was in April 2022 in the High Court the case was lost but the Judge gave advice and leave to appeal. The appeal was heard in January of this year and lost Whilst the Justices had sympathy for the widows it would cost the Government to much. The Police Federation and Fire Service pulled out of the proceeding's and NARPO has now decided not to appeal to the Supreme Court.

Your branch committee has an agreement with the Chief Constable to have a uniformed officer at retired officers funeral this is of course subject to work commitments. The Chairman or Secretary will arrange this via Police HQ. The funeral director will not be involved.

I would like to pay tribute to Eric Bradley for updating our membership records this has been no mean task. We have to comply with Data protection and records have to be kept up to date. When members move its probably the last thing, they think of to notify NARPO of any changes.

I am also grateful for those who do hospital visits. I would like to mention the efforts Dave Gerrard from Kings Lynn he takes unless he tells me he does this in a quite manner and nobody knows. I am sure others do similar things in a quite manner without us knowing.

Moving on to the Committee I am grateful to Helen for returning as Secretary she will tell you this is just temporary and we still need a secretary.

Jane who does tremendous work as treasurer. Also, I would thank all the committee for their commitment in particular those who organised Christmas Lunches we had record numbers attending 2022 year these are proving very popular.

We also joined with Suffolk NARPO with our day on the Broads again this was a sell-out we had lots of emails and calls thanking us for the day.

We had a 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration which myself and Ian Taylor visited Mrs Dorothy Beamis and presented her with a card a bottle of her favourite whisky and a bouquet of flowers sadly Mrs Beamis died shortly after 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Its time to say goodbye. Our President Bert Herrington who will be 90 this year is standing down from the Committee Bert has been a stalwart to NARPO joining when he retired in 1985 serving on the Committee and as Chairman. Bert is now in poor health What always impressed me with Bert is that you only had to mention a name and Bert would say yes, I remember him he was PC 123 he served at and he could tell you where.

Tom Hodge. Tom again is in poor health and has had to retire from the Committee. Tom always amused me as he never kept up with the agenda we would be discussing the next item when Tom would chip in with something we had past on. One of the most amusing things I remember is when Tom suggested hiring a train from Norwich to take us to the Arboretum in Staffordshire What the cost of that would be is unimaginable.

Mike Cox who is with us today and was my Vice Chairman Mike has decided to stand down due to family commitments Mike was a reliable member of NARPO and would talk to me on the telephone from time to time. Mike was also our representative on the Benevolent Fund.

Peter Boddy another long standing Committee member Peter is also a member of the historical society for Norfolk Police.

Whilst these are all standing down others will come along to fill their places I'm sure I sincerely thank them all for their past time with NARPO. NARPO is retirement association and old age comes to us all far too quickly.

We have some badges we have had made to present to all those retiring. Incidentally when Helen ordered these, she said she would order an extra one I said are you telling me something as I am by far the oldest Committee member.

### Conference.

I would just like to mention changes to Conference for the next 6 years conference is to be held alternating between Blackpool and Torquay. 2023 is Blackpool Wherever it is held it is a long Journey for Norfolk. Other changes are No pre drinks on arrival this was a glass of wine per attendee apparently some branched abused this and took more than one drink there is now a pay bar. Branches now have to pay for the meals some £30 per head. Due to this Norfolk Branch has elected to take 4 members of our committee to Conference and instead of having the Conference meal eat at a local restaurant or the hotel. The Conference meal is not really worth £35+ There will be no packed lunches however Norfolk never purchased these as they were not value for money. All this is still to be confirmed where we eat. I can assure members we as a committee look for best value when spending funds.

It will be interesting to see over the next year or two how conference plays out as to what branches do.

I frequently speak with other Chairpersons and I understand some will be doing as Norfolk is doing.

Just one further thing I would like to mention I get telephone calls regarding travel insurance Towergate are still providing this with age restrictions I suggest each member looks at various options as Towergate is expensive and compare, we as a committee cannot advise you.

Stan Watkinson

Chairman NARPO Norfolk Branch

## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR AGM 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023

I last stood before you and presented the Secretary's report in March 2020 and at that time I retired from the post, believing it was time to pass on the baton, and for me to give time to my family.

Since that day there has been 2 Secretary's, first Gus Wiliams and then Eric Bradley, both of whom decided for different reasons that they didn't wish to continue in post. I clearly understand and respect their decisions. As a result in December 2021 I offered to step back into the post of Secretary until a new candidate could be found and here I am today.

We have discussed at Committee the need to forward plan and seek a candidate for Secretary but we feel that person must join the Committee and serve along side the Chairman and Secretary and Treasurer to gain a full understanding of how the Branch works and the workload that falls on the Secretary's shoulders. Until that person is found or comes forward, I am prepared to stand again this year.

Since the restrictions of Covid began to be lifted allowing us to get back to some kind of normality we managed to resume some of the social events that you were used to, as outlined by the Chairman.

Looking to the future, we are building on that, and hope to have some more varied social occasions that you will support and enjoy.

For our less mobile members we are looking to have 3 or 4 individual day outing s on the Broads and River Waveney through the Waveney Stardust River Trips organization and the Nancy Oldfield Trust.

Waveney Stardust has boats which will take 12 including a maximum of 6 wheelchairs. Their boats and moorings and stopping places are all wheel chair friendly. They mainly cruise the River Waveney

The Nancy Oldfield Trust has boats which take 8 and they leave from Neatishead and Ludham Bridge. I hope to finalise dates and details, in due course so that I can circulate everything in the Newsletter

Jane is organizing another Walking Treasure Hunt building on the success of last year and Brian is looking at the possibility of organizing a summer BarBQ. As you know, there were 4 Christmas lunches across the county in December, and we hope to repeat that again next Christmas.

We are always looking for new ideas for social events and will investigate the feasibility of any ideas you have, so don't hesitate to contact us.

The Force has re-invented the Force Family Day. I am sure you will remember the days when they joined forces with the Radio Norfolk Old Car Rally and produced a brilliant event at the Showground.

We have been invited to have a stand this year which we have accepted but to date we have no further details of what the day will consist of, but apparently it will be at the Showground. The date we have penciled in is Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023. So, watch this space.

On the Welfare front, we have continued to support members where we can and we also continue to work closely with the Force Benevolent Fund.

We do need you the membership to tell us if you know someone who is ill or in hospital because their families don't always think to do so.

Before I finish I would like to turn to a subject that is currently on the national agenda and is at the heart of the structure of our organization NARPO .

When the national President, Richard Critchley, took up post he wanted to review the legal structure of NARPO to ensure it was fit for purpose in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Afterall NARPO was born in 1919 and remained the same for over 100 years. During that time there has been new legislation put in place to govern organisations, and it was only right the legal structure of NARPO was looked at to ensure it was the best it could be.

Once the President had received his expert advice, he felt he had to inform the 100+ Branches of NARPO across the country, of the findings.

The Chairman and I attended a seminar last month, run by the National Office, (one of five held across the country) to provide as much information as they have on this subject. I have to say it is very complex but we must take it seriously to ensure NARPO, its Branch Committees and Members are protected and work under the best legal structure to do just that.

Currently we are a not for profit 'unincorporated association' set up through agreement between a group of people who come together for a reason other than to make a profit.

At the time NARPO was formed, an unincorporated association was the most common legal structure for organisations of our kind.

An unincorporated association has flexibility as it can easily change its constitution and objectives. However, they are exposed to risk. As legislation has changed and we have become a more litigious society, individual members of the association are personally responsible for debts, liabilities and contracts, entered into.

We are advised the Branch officials AND the Committee Members could all be liable if a case was brought against the Branch and lost.

A simple example of this could be a data breach by our system being hacked. If the Information Commissioner's Office deems the Branch at fault, then the penalties can be quite severe.

Under today's legislation there are alternative structures

The best alternative would be to change the legal structure to becoming a Company limited by Guarantee. This is a company registered at Companies House. The members agree to pay a fixed sum should the company be dissolved which is usually £1.00.

NARPO would become NARPO Limited. The registered office would be the current NARPO HQ at Wakefield. The NEC members would be classed as Directors (unpaid). The Branches we are being told would continue in their current form, remain autonomous and retain funds as they do now. Branch officials and members would be protected against personal liability.

There is a wealth of legislation the Directors would have to comply with and the NARPO accounts would be open to public scrutiny.

The forgoing is a simple resume of a very complex system which I have yet to fully comprehend.

One thing is for sure, I personally was not aware that the professional legal indemnity insurance that is in place, may not give us the protection from litigation as I thought, so for me, this is such an important issue that does need to be fully explored for the protection of our wonderful organization that is here to help our colleagues in need.

The NEC will gauge from the responses from the seminars whether they will bring a motion to conference 2023 to further explore the path to incorporation with a view to bringing a final motion to Conference 2024.

The cost achieving this has been estimated at around £25,000 for legal and consultancy fees, but like everything, when e stimated, it usually costs more.

There will be articles in the forthcoming NARPO Magazine in an attempt to inform as many members as possible of this subject.

If any of you have any knowledge or expertise in the world of 'Incorporation' then please don't hesitate to e-mail me your views or comments. I will collate them all so that your Committee can discuss them as they consider the way forward.

FINALLY THANKS MUST GO TO YOU the MEMBERSHIP for supporting me throughout the year AND ALSO TO THE COMMITTEE, AND OF COURSE TO JANE AND STAN.

MY PERSONAL BEST WISHES I SEND TO BERT, who was Branch Chairman when I joined the Committee 20 years ago this September. He steered me down the path of the ways of NARPO when I became Branch Secretary and he was always there if needed as he became the Branch President.

I also send my best wishes to Mike, Tom and Pete who have also stood down from the Committee this year but will continue to always support us if they can.

Thank you

Helen Wickens MBE Branch Secretary

## **Treasurer's Report**

## **Financial Year**

## 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

This is my third Treasurer's Report as Treasurer of the Norfolk Branch of Narpo. The Balance Sheet is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National office and can be summarized as follows:

£58,380.76

Total Income in 2022 £26,259.50

Total balance carried forward from 2021

Total expenditure in 2022 £23,791.97

2022 Income over expenditure £2,467.53

Balance at year end £60,848.29

The Branch Funds continue to be healthy with the growth in capital taking place over many years. As can be seen, our expenditure is less than our income for the past year but is greater than the previous year due to several factors which have been outlined below.

With the exceptional circumstances we found ourselves in with the Covid-19 pandemic of 2020 and 2021 it was decided that no new member would be charged any subscription for 2021 or part of the year. From July 2022 the Committee decided that all new retiring members should not be charged when they initially join Narpo. This is to continue for the foreseeable future.

The annual increase in subscriptions is set in our Fund Rules and relates to the annual increase in the CPI. For the subscription for 2022 this increase amounted to 3.1% and resulted in the subscriptions being £22.32 per member per annum. The total subscription amount received for 2022 was £21,109.56, this includes those members who joined part way through the year. The Branch retains 60% of this total and sends 40% (the precept) to the national office in Wakefield. The precept for 2022 was £8,563.87, this was for 959 members.

I am pleased to report that the Chief Constable has kindly continued to give permission for our Committee meetings to be held at the training premises in Hethersett with no cost to the branch The only costs incurred are refreshments for lunch and mileage. Again, to save money sandwiches are bought from a local supermarket. The Narpo Conference at Torquay was due to go ahead in September with 4 delegates attending. To keep costs as low as possible the delegates stayed at a Premier Inn which was within walking distance of the Conference venue. Very sadly HM The Queen passed away the evening before conference, whilst we were at Conference dinner, and it was decided by the National Executive Committee that Conference for 2022 would be cancelled. Costs for attending Conference had already been incurred by the Branch. Once again travel costs were substantial as the event was the opposite side of the Country, even though the cheapest rail journeys possible were claimed by all. In total £2,938.50 was spent on attending conference.

We have continued to celebrate the birthday's of members when they reach the age of 80, 85, 90, 95 and 100, sending birthday cards and a National Garden Scheme gift voucher. This continues to be well received. One member reached 100 during the year and special gifts were purchased to mark the event. In total £948.04 was spent on the cards and gifts during 2022.

We also continued with the Christmas gift bags for members aged 90 and over. The idea originally was to deliver Christmas gift bags due to Covid and the strange times we found ourselves in. However, the gift bags were so welcome and well received that the Committee decided to continue with this. These bags contained numerous Christmas goodies, including chocolates, biscuits (sweet and savory), Norfolk chutney, wine and puzzle books. The gift bags for those in Care Homes were slightly different with toiletries as well as chocolates and biscuits. For the two members who live out of the County again the presents were tailored for ease of posting. This year we had 23 members who were of this age, this included Full members and Widows. Where practical these gift bags have been personally delivered by the Committee members and have been very well received by everyone. A total of £640.58 was spent on the bags and contents. This does not include any mileage claimed for delivering the bags or the postage for sending to those who live out of the county.

Postage costs have been low, a vast majority of work is conducted via email. A total of £53.96 was spent on postage and stationery. This does not include the cost of posting newsletters as this is done by Wakefield and the cost is included in their invoices.

The IT costs for 2022 includes the work carried out by Wakefield on newsletters, our three branch licences for the national database and also the website hosting. Locally we only pay for security for the laptops used by the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and a small amount for paper and ink. In total IT costs during 2022 amounted to £663.57

Welfare Grants continue to be made and a total of £994.40 was spent. Once again, I would like to reiterate that we are completely reliant on our membership telling us when our assistance would be appreciated. Additionally, if we hear someone has been unwell for a prolonged period or has had a period of hospitalization then we are able to send a small gift.

Social events were resumed this year with several events. A Broads Trip and Hog Roast lunch was organized by the Chairman. The 100 places were shared with Suffolk and the event was subsidized locally by £10 per member. It was a lovely day, the weather was glorious and there was the chance to catch up with old friends and colleagues.

There was a Walking Treasure Hunt around the city in September and this was organized by the Treasurer, 35 people attended with lunch following the event. Again, another success, enjoyed by those who attended. This was subsidized by £5 per member, plus prizes for the winning couple and small prizes for the couple who failed to finish.

4 Christmas lunches were held, in Norwich, King's Lynn, Great Yarmouth and Dereham, all arranged by Committee members. Members and guests attended the lunches and very enjoyable times were had by all. These events were again subsidized by £10 per member. Raffles were held at two of the lunches and over £330 was donated to local charities.

In total the income for the 6 social events totalled £4,130.90, this included Suffolk's 47% of the Broads Trip. The expense for the events was £6,185.51. The net cost to the branch was £2,054.61

We continue to support the British Legion Poppy Appeal with wreaths laid throughout the County. £210 was spent on the wreaths.

The cost of mileage has increased this year as members have been able to travel more, to meet together for the Committee Meetings, to travel to Regional Meetings and to represent the Branch throughout the year. The cost of mileage for the year was £1,123.80.

It was decided at our first committee meeting of 2022 to pay our Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer out of pocket expenses of £10 per month. They all work on behalf of the Branch from their homes, in their own time and all have Branch owned computers and printers and all electricity costs they meet themselves. In total the three officials received £360 during 2022.

When I took over as Treasurer in March 2020 it was my intention to ensure we spend most, if not all, of our annual income on our members and on running the branch without over-spending. Due to Covid this was not achieved during 2020 and 2021. As a committee we have introduced or arranged several activities throughout 2022 and as can be seen from the figures at the front of this report we have spent 90% of our yearly income.

Total monies at the bank at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 is £60,848.29.

Jane Stevens
Branch Treasurer

## NORFOLK BRANCH OF NARPO - BALANCE SHEET FOR 2022

2022 2021	£347.32 £512.51 £23,700.00 £16,000.23 £75.64 £440.00	£24,122.96 £16,952.74	£8,563.87 £7,888.32	£2,938.50 £1,976.74	£171.96 £370.98			£0.00	£1,123.80 £505.35	£6,185.51 £1,925.00	£994.40	£75.64 £440.00	£948.04 £913.42	£640.58 £740.34	£442.00	£360.00	£67.20	£352.94 £103.56	£23,791.97 £16,605.42	£330.99
	EXPENSE ACCOUNT - BALANCE B/F Received from Income Account Cheques Credited to Account	TOTAL	EXPENDITURE PRECEPT	CONFERENCE	NEWSLETTERS	IT & CONSUMEABLES	WREATHS	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	TRAVEL & MILEAGE	SOCIAL EVENTS WITH SUBSIDY	WELFARE PAYMENTS	TRANSFER TO INCOME ACCOUNT (Chas credited)	BIRTHDAY CARDS & GIFTS FOR 80+	CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS FOR OVER 90'S	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE	OUT OF POCKET EXPS - CHAIR, SECRETARY & TREASURER	BANK CHARGES	REFUNDS	TOTAL	Balance

## NARPO - NORFOLK BRANCH BALANCE SHEET FOR 2021

Helle !	year end 2022	Surplus	Balance brought forward 2022	Income over expenditure	Recorded expenses (see next page for details)	SUMMARY Cheques credited to expense account Recorded income for current year		Less Transfer to Cheque Account		LESS HSBC BANK CHARGES	BANK INTEREST PAID GROSS	DONATION	SOCIAL EVENTS TICKET SALES (6 EVENTS IN TOTAL)	SUBSCRIPTIONS - via XPS - Pension Administrator SUBSCRIPTIONS - NON NORFOLK RETIREES & NEW JOINERS SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2023 - NOT VIA PENSION	INCOME ACCOUNT - BALANCE B/F	Total Balance Brought Forward from previous year	
	fred		Acc 61426680 Acc 61426672 Total		Total Income		Balance		Total	Sub Total				VERS			
Date 17.2.223	£60,848.29	£2,467.53	£58,033.44 £347.32 £58,380.76	£2,467.53	£26,259.50 £23,791.97	<b>2022</b> 75.64 £26,183.86	£60,517.30	£23,700.00	£26,183.86	£26,190.86 £7.00	£126.70	£434.70	£4,130.90	£20,579.04 £530.52	£58,033.44	£58,380.76	2022
Man of Anua 10.03. 23	£58,380.76	£4,604.28	£53,263.97 £512.51 31, £53,776.48	£4,604.28	£21,209.70 £16,605.42	<b>2021</b> 440 £20,769.70	£58,033.44 31	£16,000.23	£20,769.70	£20,769.70	£6,69	£56.36	£534.96 £925.00	£19,986.40 £260.29	£53,263.97	£53,776.48	2021
0.03.13	Total £ 60,848.29		31/12/2022 HSBC 6 £ 330.99				31/12/2022 HSBC 6 £ 60,517.30							136,033.44			