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Pensions and Co-habiting Couples Information from NARPO Wakefield HQ

A recent Court case judgement has generated several enquiries from our Members. We have yet to see the full judgement. However, from the information in the media, it appears to us that this decision was based on the specific point of unmarried couples being mandatorily required to complete a nomination form. In this case, the nomination form had not been completed and the pension authority determined that no benefits were available to the claimant. The claimant challenged that decision and the Court ruled that the claimant had been treated differently, because there is no requirement for married couples/civil partners to complete a nomination form.

Since 2006, the Police Pension Scheme has provided benefits for adult survivors including spouses, civil partners and unmarried partners who are not civil partners. All adult survivor awards are payable for life, irrespective of whether the survivor remarries or forms a new partnership. In the case of unmarried couples, there is a requirement for the pension scheme member to complete a nomination form.

In our view (NEC NARPO), the probable impact of this recent judgement will be that unmarried couples will no longer have to complete the nomination form, but will still have to prove they had been living together for 2 years.

Prior to 2006, The 1987 Police Pension Scheme provided entitlements payable to adult survivors i.e. widows, widowers and civil partners *but not cohabittees who were not married* or in a civil partnership.

Furthermore, there is no indication that this recent judgement will be retrospective beyond 2006.

However, we await the full judgement and will consider its findings.

Employment Support Allowance and letter from Kier Information from NARPO Wakefield HQ

A letter has been sent by Kier to members in receipt of **injury pensions**. However, other Pension Administrators may also send out something similar. Understandably, we have been inundated with queries from members, particularly with the tight deadline. In response to Members' queries, we have contacted the Home Office to seek clarification on the effect of this change in legislation. **The advice to members is that if they believe they are entitled to the contributions based ESA, they should apply.** The below links to the Government website and Disability Rights UK Factsheet provide additional advice on this matter. The DWP may be able to assist further.

If you are in the process of applying for ESA, please add this to the form when returning your reply to the Pension Administrator. Kier letter Benefits Entitlements Disability Rights UK Factsheet

The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Amendment) (Police Injury Benefit) Regulations 2017

This is effective from 10th February 2017, but not retrospective.

These Regulations amend the Police (Injury Benefit) Regulations 2006 to insert a reference to the employment and support allowance paid under sections 1(2)(a) or 1B of the Welfare Reform Act 2007. This means that the amount of injury benefit pension received by a person who is also entitled to employment and support allowance must be reduced by the amount of employment and support allowance to which they are entitled.

Abolition of the ESA Work Related Activity Component

The Welfare Reform and Act 2016 legislated for the abolition of the Work-Related Activity Component (WRAC) of ESA for new claimants from April 2017.

Work-Related Activity Component paid to those in the WRAG would be abolished for new claims from April 2017. The equivalent element in Universal Credit will also be abolished. This will be a reduction of £29.05 a week (based on 2016-17 rates) and aligns the rate of payment with those claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (2016-17 rate: £73.10 a week). Existing claimants will not be affected; while there will be protections for those who may move into the WRAG or Universal Credit equivalent from the Support Group.

- See more at: <http://www.narpo.org/index.php/pensions/injury-pensions.html#sthash.SQRa26Yj.dpuf>

MEMBER SURVEY PRE BUDGET (NARPO HQ)

This survey is part of our Later Life Ambitions Campaign as we seek views on members in relation to what they think the forthcoming budget should prioritise. The survey can be accessed at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FQJGJDC>

MOTORS FOR SALE AT SPECIAL PRICES

I have been asked by NARPO HQ to make you aware of these companies who offer cars at competitive rates to members/retirees of the Armed Services and Emergency Services. Go to:-
www.motorsourcegroup.com or phone 01522 500 055, for details of their current offers. They also lease vehicles. There are also car deals at Motorfinity.uk/NARPO for Hondas. No phone number for this one.

NARPO Holiday offer from Devon NARPO

From £72 per night! For more details please go to finlakefairways@gmail.com or 01392 354770

TRAVEL with NARPO. ABTA K9413

The latest NARPO travel newsletter is available on line and covers trips to India, Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Thailand. You can, of course, contact them for help with other travel matters. Tel 0800 1777 854 Email narpo@notjusttravel.com

Contestants wanted for Series 2 of BBC1's Quiz Show 'Impossible

The new BBC daytime quiz show is returning. Most quizzes have right or wrong answers but this has the 'Impossible' answer. Could you use £10,000? (I assume you can win this, but the blurb doesn't say so) To apply for an application form to participate, e-mail Casting@mighty.productions
(This is from the advertising material; I've never heard of this programme.)

New Members

We extend a warm welcome to John and Wendy Burton and Philip Hogan

‡ Obituaries ‡

I regret to inform you of the deaths of:-

Robert Enoch BARLEY, on the 13th February, aged 95. He served in Sussex but I have no further details. On retirement Bob spent quite a bit of his time in Perpignan, France.

Peter SAVAGE on the 1st February. He was a former DC in Sussex Police; again no other details are recorded.

Reginald HOAD, who was a retired Sussex Officer and also a member of Hastings and Rother District NARPO. He will be well known to many, from his service at Hastings, both on uniform patrol and in the later stages of his service as a Gaoler.

NARPO DISABILITY SURVEY

The National Association of Retired Police Officers (NARPO) aims to support all of our members as fully as possible. We would like to build a clearer picture of the needs of our members in relation to disability and long term health conditions. To create greater support for our disabled members and their families NARPO has created a partnership with Disability Rights UK (DR UK), whereby all NARPO branches are now organisational members of DR UK. As part of our Partnership with Disability Rights UK they have designed a survey for our members to complete in an effort to collate information in relation to disability issues within our membership.

Please encourage all members to complete the survey using the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NARPOMEMBERS>

SOCIAL

Theatre trip to Kinky Boots, on Wednesday 19th April, coach and a seat at the theatre for the giveaway price of £37.50 p.p. We will leave Brighton Marina at 10.00 am and arrive in time for you to get some lunch. The show starts at 2.30 pm, and we return immediately after, to be back in Brighton about 7 – 7.30 pm. There are a few seats left, so get in now or you'll regret it!!! Phone Ray on 01273 551349 or 07761023339 (a new number) or e-mail him ray.castle1@yahoo.co.uk If you want to park at the marina, don't forget to include your car details.

Thames River Cruise with on board BBQ Wednesday 7th June

The price has been agreed at £39.00. Full details and booking form in April's Newsletter. Do nothing at present except to put the date in your diary and save your pennies.

And finally.....some signs on restaurants doors and advertisement boards.....

'No Senior Citizens Discounts! You've had long enough to get the money'

'No we don't have wifi..... talk to each other!'

'**PUSH.** If that doesn't work, **PULL.** If that doesn't work, we must be closed.'

'Teach your kids about taxes. Eat 30% of their ice cream.'

'Today's special offer... Buy two drinks and pay for both of them'

'Alcohol may not solve your problems, but then, neither will milk or water!!'