

National Association of Retired Police Officers Eastbourne & District Branch

Spring 2017 Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter. It takes time to produce and edit it so please find time to read it; and give your spouses a chance to do so as well. Some of the items you may have knowledge of as I've previously sent them by email. About a third of our members (100+) do not have the internet. For those of you that are on line, please visit narpo.org regularly as this is continually being updated with offers, information and requests.

The AGM is being held at the Fishermens Club on 11 April 2017. The Social Committee have booked an ex-colleague, John Bishop, as a guest speaker. Knowing John, this should be an amusing presentation. A free finger buffet will be available together with a members' only cash draw of £25 and £50 together with a tombola. Please make an effort to attend and swell the numbers above the usual 10%. Further details are set out below.

The Spring Lunch at the Hydro is on 26 May 2017. Full details are also set out below. It's one event that Sue and I look forward to but will miss it this year as we will be cruising in Alaska!

Each Christmas, the Branch sends a £10 Boots voucher to each of our Widow Members. It's our way of keeping in touch. Occasionally, these letters are returned undelivered. It is important that Members keep me updated with changes to their contact details. I would prefer Members to contact myself direct and leave it to me to update the National records. If you do hear complaints from Members that they never receive emails, Newsletters or NARPO magazine, please ask them to contact me.

Thanks to those 100 members who returned the 'Service Record' questionnaire. I've updated local and national records. If you've forgotten to return the form or misplaced it, please let me know and I will forward a copy to you.

New Members

I would like to welcome the following new Full Members and hope to meet them at future social gatherings:

Rudolf and Sarah Scobie – Sussex
Paul and Princes Beazer – Sussex
Jacqueline King and Steve Furguson – Sussex
Philip and Pamela Marsh – Sussex
Melanie Locke – Sussex

Amendment to New Member

In the last Newsletter I welcomed Peter Thomsett. This should have read Andrew Thompsett. My apologies to Andrew.

Obituaries

P C Keith Palmer – murdered on 22 March 2017 at Westminster - RIP

Eastbourne

John Lawrence, aged 82 years, passed away on Saturday 4 March 2017. John was a Full Member of this branch. John joined East Sussex Police in 1974 and served in Hailsham, Heathfield and Ops Room at Lewes. He retired March 1989.

Additional Member (Eastbourne)

Bryan Mahon. I have been informed by the West Mercia NARPO Branch Secretary that Bryan Mahon has passed away. I have no date or other details. Bryan was a Full Member of the West Mercia branch and an Additional Member at Eastbourne.

Chichester and District Branch

Cyril Moore aged 93 years passed away on 18 January 2017. Cyril joined West Sussex Police in 1947 and retired in 1977.

Hastings and District Branch

Reginald Hoad aged 78 years passed away on 1 February 2017. Reg 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.

Worthing and District Branch

Peter Savage aged 70 years passed away on 1 February 2017. He joined Sussex Police in 1973 and served in Brighton, Haywards Heath CID and Commercial Branch at Lancing, retiring in 2000.

Brighton & District Branch

Dinke (Dinks) Williams passed away on 24 March 2017. (I have no Police service information). Dinke's funeral will be taking place 1.40pm 10 April 2017 at Worthing Crematorium. Those attending are requested to wear bright clothing in line with Dinke's wishes. Family flowers only but donations can be made to St Barnabas Hospice c/o Caring Lady Funeral Directors, 68 High Street, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5DB

Non NARPO Member

Terry Fallon passed away on 12 March 2017. Although Terry was not a member of NARPO he would have been well known to a number of NARPO members. Terry originally joined Staffordshire Police in 1955 and served in Stoke on Trent, where, I am told that at one point he worked alongside Ray Reardon, the snooker player, formerly a police officer also serving in Stoke on Trent. Terry later transferred to Sussex Police serving at Bexhill, Hastings, Crawley and East Grinstead. He also worked on Operation Countryman. Terry retired from Sussex Police in 1985 in the rank of Detective Chief Inspector as Head of the Force Commercial Branch.

Upon leaving Sussex Police he took up a post in the Papua New Guinea Police where I understand he worked on a review being undertaken of the Papua New Guinea Police Service. Following his return to the UK he then went to work for the Department of Trade & Industry and in 1996 he was awarded the OBE for services to the DTI.

Our condolences and thoughts are with all their families.

Social Events

Annual General Meeting - The Annual General Meeting is being held at 7.15pm Tuesday 11 April 2017 at the Fishermens Club, Royal Parade, Eastbourne BN22 7AA. I am expecting the business side of the meeting to be fairly short as the controversial issues relating to amalgamation of the Sussex Branches and the new National Rules appear to have been resolved. Let's hope so!

Following the 2017 AGM, one of our members, John Bishop will be giving a talk on 'Historical Motor Vehicles'. I have been told that his talks are both enjoyable and humorous. The evening will include a free finger buffet, members free cash draw and the normal tombola.

The existing Committee Members have agreed to stand for another year and will be proposed at the AGM. Your

Committee Members are: Keith Bowman (Chair), Kit Bentham (Vice-Chair), myself (Secretary), Eric Reed (Treasurer), Liz Garner (Welfare Officer), Ray Woolston (Chair of Social Committee), Caroline Place (Secretary Social Committee), Edna Osborne (Auditor), Peter Head, Nick Dimmer and Tony Place. I know this request will probably 'fall on deaf ears' BUT the Branch is still looking for volunteers to join the General Committee. The Committee convenes quarterly at the Fishermens Club and the meeting usually last about an hour.

...and please remember, Volunteers are not free; they're priceless and NARPO couldn't survive without them!

Please make an effort to attend this AGM.

Friday 26 May 2017 – Spring Lunch 12.30pm for 1.15pm at the Hydro Hotel, Mount Road, Eastbourne BN20 7HZ. If you wish to join us at this excellent social gathering please complete the pro-forma on page 9 and forward it to Mrs Caroline Place, 26 Medway, Hailsham BN27 3HF as soon as possible and **NO LATER** than 28 April, 2017. Alternatively, you can send Caroline an email but please ensure it contains the details as set out in the pro forma. **Guests are very welcome.** Early replies help Caroline and her team. The cost this year is £22.50. Payment can be made by BAC (internet transfer) to **NARPO Social Account Sort Code 52 41 00 Account No 40312755 using your surname and initial as the reference.** If you wish to pay by cheque please make it payable to Eastbourne & District NARPO and forward it to Caroline.

Spring Lunch Menu

Starters

Smoked mackerel and trout pate, Mediterranean salsa, toasted focaccia
Smooth duck liver parfait, red onion marmalade, toasted brioche, Cumberland sauce.
Assiette of honey dew melon, mango and vanilla salsa.
Braised root vegetable soup.

Main

Main Chicken Supreme, creamed celeriac, roasted parsnips, Marsala sauce.
Braised medallions of beef, cannon potato, tender steam broccoli, parsnip puree, port jus
.Pan seared salmon, tiger king prawns, sauteed potato, cauliflower puree.
Baked red onion and goats cheese tart, beetroot and plum tomato salsa.

Desserts

Quenelled strawberry pavlova, Chantilly cream, creme de fraise coulis.
Lemon posset, almond biscuit.
Fruit salad.
Cheese and biscuits.

Tea or Coffee

8 June 2017 - A day trip to Canterbury. 12 seats are available which will be sold on a 'first come - first served'. Guests are welcome. The cost is £14 for members and £15.75 for guests. If you are interest in going on this coach trip, please contact Caroline for more details.

11 July 2017 – Henry VIII & 'Nosh 'n Natter Nite' at the Fishermens Club. Historically, this gathering was to give *local* ex-retired members a chance to get together to reminisce. As our branch now has many retired officers from other parts of the Country, the Social Committee decided to slightly change the format of the evening and invite an outside speaker in the form of Tony Harris attired in his Henry VIII regalia. His presentation of Henry VIII is both amusing and informative. For any of you who have visited Hampton Court you may have seen Tony as he wandered the grounds as Henry VIII. There is no charge for this event and guests are welcome. There will be a tombola and free finger buffet.

19 August 2017 - Beaulieu Motor Museum. 12 seats have been reserved. Guests are welcome. The cost is £25 which is a £7.50 discount on Lynns normal price. Fuller details will be published in the next Newsletter. If you wish to secure an early seat please contact Caroline.

Federation Insurance Scheme

I received the following information from Colin Moules in the Sussex Police Federation Office:

“As you may be aware, in the Autumn statement 2016 the Chancellor announced a further increase in the standard rate Insurance Premium Tax (IPT). It was confirmed in the latest budget. This increases the previous standard rate of 10% to 12% and is effective 1st June 2017. Please find attached the amended prices applicable to retired officers. Arrangements have been made with the Pension provider and Sussex Police payroll for these increased premiums to be deducted on 1st June and in subsequent pension payments. Unfortunately we have no control over this latest increase imposed by the government.”

George Burrows Insurance Scheme - Premiums applicable from 1st June 2017

Category	Premium
Retired Officers to age 59	
Retired Officer Only	£28.64
Retired Officer & Spouse / Partner	£40.78
Retired Officers aged 60 – 64	
Retired Officer Only	£28.55
Retired Officer & Spouse / Partner	£40.18
Retired Officers aged 65 – 69	
Retired Officer Only	£19.28
Retired Officer & Spouse / Partner	£28.36
Retired Officers aged 70 plus	
Retired Officer Only (incl. Spouse / Partner)	£8.10

Police Widow Pension for Life

I received an email from Steve Edwards, NARPO CEO asking members to support our Widows for Life campaign by petitioning our local MPs by letter. Further details are available at narpo.org

“ ****Name of your MP ****

House of Commons,
London,
SW1A 0AA

Dear

POLICE WIDOWS PENSION FOR LIFE

I write to you to urge you to sign and support EDM 1063 sponsored by Tim Farron, which supports the Campaign to achieve parity with Northern Ireland police widows/widowers for those police widows/widowers in England, Scotland and Wales, who remarry or co-habit following the death of their husband/wife.

It is an absurd situation where police widows[ers] in one part of the United Kingdom are treated more favourably than police widows [ers] elsewhere in the United Kingdom. From figures received from the Government Actuaries Department this affects 131 police widows in England and Wales who have remarried so the costs of implementing this are affordable.

The motion reads:

That this House recognises that police officers often place themselves in the way of harm to protect their communities, sometimes making the ultimate sacrifice and leaving behind families and loved ones; is deeply concerned that the Police Pension Regulations 1987 do not allow police widows or widowers the opportunity to

marry or cohabit, without losing their right to a police widows or widowers pension for life; agrees with the Police Federation of England and Wales that it is morally and ethically regrettable to make police widows and widowers and their dependents effectively choose between future financial security and the possibility of future personal happiness; welcomes the fact that the Police Pension Regulations 2006 allow new entrants or serving officers to transfer to a new scheme which permits their survivors to access benefits which are payable for life regardless of whether they remarry; regrets that nevertheless many police widows and widowers still remain disadvantaged by the Police Pensions Regulations 1987; calls on the Government urgently to review the situation; and notes that this would achieve parity with police widows and widowers in Northern Ireland and military widows in all parts of the UK.

Please take the time to support the motion and put right an injustice within the UK.

Yours sincerely

(Sign)..... “

Police Mutual Care Line & Disability Rights UK and Care Quality Commission (CQC)

I received the following two (unrelated) emails from NARPO Head Office:

“In partnership with Police Mutual, NARPO are pleased to be able to announce the launch of the **Police Mutual Care Line** providing support for the police family, serving and retired, in times of need. The service will be provided by Red Arc, a nurse led advice service, who are at the end of the telephone to help with a range of concerns, including coping with bereavement, serious physical or mental health problems, disabilities, trauma, post-hospital care or dealing with long term elderly matters. All nurses are specially trained advisers with a great deal of knowledge who treat all callers with compassion, sensitivity and in confidence. This is another useful Welfare resource for Branches and Members to consider when facing difficult situations.”

“**Disability Rights UK** have recently entered into a year long partnership with the **Care Quality Commission (CQC)** to gather feedback from disabled people about their experience of health and social care services, via CQC's 'Tell Us About Your Care' initiative. The CQC would really like to hear from disabled (and non-disabled) people on their experience of using any of the services they regulate, including GP and dentist surgeries; hospitals; services in the home; etc. A full list of these services can be viewed by visiting email: cqc.org.uk If you would like to tell the CQC about your experience, positive or negative, of any of the services they regulate, please visit disabilityrightsuk.org. You can also provide feedback by contacting Disability Rights UK by telephone on 020 7250 8181.”

Another SCAM !

I have received an email from Head Office warning members of another SCAM that is currently sweeping the USA. It involves a telephone caller asking you a series of question to which they need you to say ‘Yes’. Your conversation is then edited and formed into a fake conversation where you allegedly agree to make a major purchase. ‘Agreeing’ to such a contract over the telephone is legally binding. If victims challenge the company after receiving the invoice/bill, the company threaten legal action having the ‘fraudulent’ telephone agreement as proof. The favourite question is ‘Can you hear me?’ However, how can you have a telephone conversation without using ‘Yes’? So take my advice and do as I do. If it’s a ‘cold caller’ - hang up. The full details of the scam are available on the national NARPO website.

(PS – Now you know why when you phone me I sometimes sound abrupt until I know that you’re one of our Members!)

Accommodation in Katigiorgis - South Pelion Greece

I received the following from one of our Full Members, Phil Ashby:

“Beautiful modern 3 double bedded apartment – Sleeps 6 overlooking the beautiful Greek fishing village of

Katigiorgis which sits 3 nautical miles from Skiathos. This is a beautiful tranquil setting which as far as we know is not advertised in any of the main tour operators holiday brochures. Its somewhere that once you have stayed you will not want to tell anyone else about preferring to keep it a secret all to yourself for next year! Fly into Thessaloniki (EasyJet or BA) and drive down (easy to follow Instructions provided) or fly into Skiathos and come across on the licenced water taxi from Heleni beech 12 miles from the airport on the opposite side of the island. Stunning sea views from the apartments 40ft terrace only 5 minutes walk to the beech. Village is self contained with two great Tavernas, a bar, 2 mini markets and a great café coffee shop although a hire car is recommended to see the surrounding area which can be arranged in the village.

See website southpelion-katigiorgis.godaddysites.com for more details, photos and booking information and calendar.

I have set up a website to provide additional information, photos and contact details as its almost impossible to convey the details properly in a short paragraph of words. It is advertised exclusively for serving officers and their families and members of NARPO.

I have not gone down this route before so it's all a new venture which I hope my friends and other colleagues in the Police family will enjoy."

The National Trust

A special two months free deal on new memberships is being offered to NARPO Members when you pay by annual Direct Debit.

	Usual Price	Offer Price
Individual	£64.80	£54
Two Adults	£108	£90
Family Group (2 adults & under 18s)	£114.60	£95.50
Family One Adult (1 adult & under 18s)	£71.40	£59.50
Young Person (13 – 25)	£32.40	£27

Your membership gives you free entry to over 500 places across the UK

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For further information or to avail of this discount please contact Eoin McDowell:
email: eoin.mcdowell@nationaltrust.org.uk or telephone 07483438518

Swan Films' documentary on homosexuality

I received the following email from Caroline Marsden a Producer for Swan Films. If you wish to contribute, please contact Caroline direct.

"I'm a documentary producer and I'm writing because I'm looking for retired police officers to share recollections of what it was like working as a police officer when homosexuality was still being prosecuted.

I'm with a documentary production company called Swan Films. We make high quality, award-winning documentaries for the BBC, Channel 4 and Sky Arts, including the multi BAFTA award-winning Grayson Perry series about class, identity, and masculinity. We are currently producing an hour-long documentary for Channel 4 with the actor and writer Rupert Everett. Rupert will be looking at developments in gay life, culture and rights in Britain since the decriminalisation of homosexuality 50 years ago. Rupert will ask what has really been gained, but also what has been lost. Let me be clear: we are not looking to criticise a police officer. This isn't a current affairs programme. It's a cultural historical look at the issue with a brief section looking at a specific time in policing history. We are looking for someone who worked in that specific area of policing who will speak candidly about their experiences and reflect on that time. Would it be possible to send this email out to your members? That way they can get in touch with me directly. Caroline Marsden, Producer, Swan Films, Studio 91, Hackney Downs Studios, 17 Amhurst Terrace, London, E8 2BT email: carolinemarsden@swanfilms.tv Tele: 02030959704"

Save up to 30% off your new car

Motor Source Group provide specialist car discounts to current serving and retired Police. You can take advantage of great savings across a wide range of makes and models. Motor Source is an approved partner of the Federation of England and Wales and has great customer feedback, which you can read on the independent review site, Trust Pilot. As well as the considerable savings, Motor Source also offer:

* Local participating dealership collection * Low rate finance options * Part exchange programme To find out more and to browse all our prices visit our dedicated Police website at www.police.motorsourcegroup.com/ or call us on 01522 500055.

Motorfinity is another company offering discount to NARPO members. I do not have a telephone number for this company but their website is motorinfinity.uk/narpo

ESD Scheme

A reminder that the '**Emergency Service Discount Scheme**' is continually offering discounts for a range of products to all serving and retired emergency service personnel. Members are required to register by visiting emergencyservicesdiscout.com or telephoning 0800 151 2604

South Devon Holiday?

The following accommodation is on offer from £72 per night through Devon and Cornwall Police Federation from finlakefairways@gmail.com or telephone 01392 354770

Fred.Olsen Cruise

The 2018/2019 Fred.Olsen Cruise brochure is now available. NARPO Members receive a 10% discount. If you wish to receive a copy go on line at fredolsencruises.com or telephone 0845 527 6403

And finally...

I struggled to find a suitable joke this time but this one made me smile as it could be describing my 3 year old grandson – and I'm sure several Grandparents will identify with him! "A boy was taking care of his baby brother while his parents went shopping. He decided to go fishing and begrudgingly took him along. "I'll never do that again!" he told his mother that evening. I didn't catch a thing and it was all his fault!" "Oh, next time I'm sure he'll be quiet and not scare the fish away," his mother offered. The boy shook his head, "It wasn't that, mum. Whist I was setting up my gear he scoffed all my bait!"

Do make a habit of visiting narpo.org.uk for up to date news and offers. Access to previous Newsletters and those published by other Sussex branches can be found by visiting the Sussex Police Federation web site and following the links to Retired Police Officers.

Do not hesitate in contacting me regarding any NARPO related matters.

I wish you all a healthy Spring and hope that those of you that enjoy spending your pensions continue your 'globe trotting' ventures!

Kind regards,

Bob Diplock

Branch Secretary,
Eastbourne & District NARPO
Tele; 01323 761462

National Association of Retired Police Officers
Eastbourne and District Branch

Annual General Meeting

7.15pm Tuesday 11 April 2016

Fishermens Club, Royal Parade, Eastbourne BN22 7AA

AGENDA

- 1 Opening of Meeting
- 2 Apologies for absence
- 3 Tribute to past members
- 4 Welcome to New Members
- 5 Minutes of last AGM held on
- 6 Matters Arising
- 7 Reports
 - (i) Chairman
 - (ii) Secretary
 - (iii) Treasurer & Social Committee
- 8 National Matters
- 9 Election of Officers
 - (i) Chair
 - (ii) Vice Chair
 - (iii) Secretary
 - (iv) General Committee
 - (v) Social Chair
 - (vi) Welfare Officer
 - (vii) Auditor
- 10 Election of Representatives for:
 - (i) Annual Conference Torquay September 2017
 - (ii) Co-ordinators Meeting & No 5 Region Meetings
- 11 Any other matters

Refreshments/Raffle

Guest Speaker – John Bishop

Spring Lunch Friday 26 May 2017

Please complete the pro-forma and send it to Mrs Caroline Place at 26 Medway, Hailsham BN27 3HF.

If you wish to sit with a particular group, member or guest, please indicate this on the pro-forma and the Social Committee will endeavour to ensure that this happens. If you wish to email Caroline but please ensure that you include the details as set out on the pro-forma.

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Please clearly circle your choice – the full description of the menu is set out above

Name.....Phone No.....

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Main Course:	Beef	Chicken	Salmon	Tart
Desserts:	Pavlova	Lemon Posset	Fruit Salad	Cheese and Biscuits

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I would like to sit with the following who are not listed above:

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