



## NARPO Newsletter – June 2023

### *COMMUNICATION - WELFARE – SOCIAL*

**Dear Members**

#### **Matters in NARPO News**

Two matters of particular importance appeared within the covers of the latest edition of NARPO News (May 2023):

**Travel Insurance** (page 26). It will be disappointing to members that the new scheme excludes new applicants over 74 years of age. According to our head office that is around 46% of the membership!

Once eligible members have joined there is no age limit but that is of little comfort to our older colleagues. I am pursuing the matter with head office but should you wish to raise your own concerns, please email [ceo@narpo.org](mailto:ceo@narpo.org) and copy me in (my email below). Full details of the new scheme can be found at: [www.narpotravelcover.org.uk](http://www.narpotravelcover.org.uk)

**A Review of NARPO's Legal Structure (Incorporation)** (page 20). This is a very important topic going forward and will shape NARPO for many years to come. Please take the time to read the article in full and let me have your views.

Your Branch Committee currently takes the view that the advantages of incorporation massively outweigh the disadvantages and in due course we will need to vote whether or not to accept the proposals. We need to hear your views so that we can properly represent our local Branch. Please contact me at the email address below.

#### **Chelmsford Branch AGM**

Many thanks to all of you who were able to attend our AGM in April. Those present will know, through no fault of our own, the meeting coincided with the booked room being refurbished! With the help of Sam Barkway, we cleared space, moved paint pots, curtains, stepladders etc. and had a successful meeting.

It was particularly pleasing that we were able to appoint a new Welfare Team to replace those who were retiring. Mick Gurden now heads up the team, assisted by Nicky Mahoney and Kevin Street. Should you need welfare assistance please email: [chelmsfordnarpowelfare@gmail.com](mailto:chelmsfordnarpowelfare@gmail.com) Should you not have access to email, please contact me on 07941083696 and I will put you in touch.

Certificates were presented to our retiring committee members: Roy Bracey, Anne Walker, Dave Hull and Martin Reed (retired in 2022).

## **Branch Matters**

As ever if you have matters to raise with your committee, you can contact Sue Heaton, our Secretary at [EssexChelmsford@narpo.org](mailto:EssexChelmsford@narpo.org) or me at [chairman.narpo.chelmsford@gmail.com](mailto:chairman.narpo.chelmsford@gmail.com) (mobile 07941083696).

*Bob*

Robert Good - NARPO Chelmsford – Branch Chair

## Obituaries

- Peter Saunders who retired as a Constable in 1994 and served at Leigh on Sea, Traffic, CID, Major Investigations and the Regional Crime Squad. He passed away on 24th January 2023 aged 67 years.
- David (Bryan) Morris who retired as an Inspector in 1977 and served with the Metropolitan Police, transferred to Essex where he served at Colchester and CIU. He passed away on 27th January 2023 aged 94 years.
- Ray Skillin who retired as a Sergeant in 1977 and served with Traffic and Driving School. He passed away on 14th February 2023 aged 94 years.
- William Hawes who retired as a Constable in 2004 and served at Ongar and Chelmsford. He passed away on 16th February 2023 aged 74 years.
- Alfred Bacon who retired as a Constable in 1977 and served with the Northumberland Police, transferred to Essex to the Southend Borough. He passed away on 23rd February 2023 aged 97 years.
- Roger Beales who retired as a Constable in 1981 and served at Brentwood, HQ Traffic and Colchester Traffic. He passed away on 14th March 2023 aged 94 years.
- Bruce Irwin who retired as a Supt in 1985 and served at Maldon, St Osyth, Benfleet and Southend. He passed away on 23rd March 2023 aged 91 years.

- Richard Gardner who retired as a Constable in 1998 and served with the Metropolitan Police, transferred to Essex where he served at Basildon, Chelmsford and Burnham Marine Section. He passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 aged 76 years.
- Peter John Knight who retired as an Inspector in 1991 and served with West Mercia Constabulary, transferred to Essex and served at Rayleigh, Chelmsford, HQ and Training school. He passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> April January 2023 aged 84 years.
- Ian Packer who retired as a Constable in 2004 and served at Grays. He passed away on 9th April 2023 aged 55 years.
- John Alfred Ball who retired as a Sergeant in 1999 and served at Corringham, Tilbury and as a motorcyclist at Laindon. He passed away on 15th April 2023 aged 73 years.
- Eric Stevens who retired as a Constable in 2000 and served at Braintree, Stebbing and Dunmow. He passed away on 16th April 2023 aged 77 years.
- Gordon Baldwin who retired as a Constable in 1984 and served at Romford, Southend Borough and Leigh on Sea. He passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 aged 85 years.
- Peter Manterfield who retired as an Inspector in 1988 and served at Basildon, Grays, Wickford and Billericay. He passed away on 7th May 2023 aged 90 years.
- Stephen Euston who retired as a Constable in 2004 and served with the Metropolitan Police, transferred to Essex and then served at Grays and Canvey Island. He passed away on 17th May 2023 aged 67 years.

May they all rest in peace

**Gary Sanderson - Newsletter Editor**