

NARPO Newsletter – December 2023



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Dear Members

Welcome to our December Newsletter.

2023 Conference and Incorporation of NARPO

Your Branch was represented at the NARPO Annual Conference by our Secretary Sue Heaton and myself. As many of you will already know Incorporation of NARPO was the main topic on the agenda and I'm pleased to say that motion was carried with a large majority.

Our CEO has recently circulated branches with an update on progress towards the change of our status. Highlights are as follows:

Application has now been made to Companies House to register the new company. Initially, it will be a shell company, not an operating company, and will have two Directors, Richard Critchley and Kate Rowley. Other members of the NEC will be added in due course.

An Incorporation Agreement has been drafted and is being considered by the Solicitor and Accountants.

Clarification will be provided by the Solicitor regarding the format of Conference, to include an AGM.

Timeframe - There may be a delay caused by HMRC and VAT registration but is still anticipated to transfer to the limited company before the end of the first quarter of 2024.

This is all good news and we look forward to a positive outcome.

Branch Membership

I'm pleased to say that membership of our Branch now stands at a total of 537, with 3 more in the pipeline. This includes 66 widows/widowers and 9 life members. Well done to all who have been involved in promoting the Branch over recent months and a special thanks to Sue Heaton for her efforts.

If you are aware of anyone who would like to join us please ask them to view the national website at www.narpo.org select the 'Join Us' tab and nominate 'Essex Chelmsford' as their branch of choice, alternatively ask them to contact Brian Ladd, our Membership Secretary, at EssexChelmsford2@narpo.org

Social Events

Our Social Secretary, Pat Mahoney, continues his good work, well done Pat.

Recently 27 members, together with family and friends attended the Thursford Christmas Spectacular in Norfolk. Our coach picked up from Chelmsford town centre and from the Sandon Park & Ride car park. It really was a great day out with an excellent show. I would go as far to say the show equalled and surpassed anything I have ever seen in the West End. I'm sure we will run this trip again at some date in the future – watch out for our circulations!

The next date in our calendar is the Christmas Get Together at the Sports & Social Club, Police HQ in Chelmsford, 1200 – 1600 hours on Saturday 9 December. A buffet will be provided and our resident magician, Paul Clancy, will entertain us. If you would like to come along, please let Pat know at narposocialsec@gmail.com For those of you without the internet, you can ring me on 07941083696.

Branch Matters

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

As usual we shall be distributing Christmas vouchers to our widow and widower members during December, please look out for them in the post.

It just remains for me to wish you all Seasons Greetings and I look forward to meeting you again soon.

Bob

Robert Good - NARPO Chelmsford – Branch Chair

Obituaries

- Colin Benham who retired as a Constable in 1985 and served at Braintree, Chelmsford and Witham. He passed away on 6th August 2023 aged 82 years.
- Kenneth Sylester who retired as a sergeant in 1987 and served with Southend Borough, Rochford and Shoeburyness. He passed away on 11th August 2023 aged 86 years.
- David Frampton who retired as a D/Insp in 1999 and served Southend Borough, Training School, Drugs Squad, Basildon and Southend. He passed away on 5th September 2023 aged 74 years.

- Paul Cornish who retired as a Constable in 2015 and served at Laindon Traffic, ARV, FSU, Firearms Training and as a staff member at Firearms Licensing. He passed away on 22nd September 2023 aged 58 years.
- Geoffrey Frost who retired as a Constable and served 30 years at Corringham and Grays. He passed away on 30th September 2023 aged 76 years.
- John Gaut who retired as a Constable in 1991 and served at Billericay, Laindon Traffic, Brentwood and Regional Crime Squad. He passed away on 3rd October 2023 aged 80 years.

May they all rest in peace

Gary Sanderson - Newsletter Editor