

The Staffordshire Knot

Staffordshire Branch of Narpo [96]

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WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

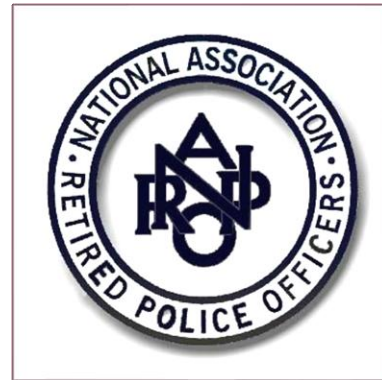
Name	Sub branch
Julie Davies	Northern
Wayne Elden	Northern
Jason David Allport	Northern
Catherine Elizabeth Hardt	Stafford and Stone
Mark Julkian Thorley	Northern
Kennith Keith Foxall	Northern
Anthony Ian McKenzie	Stafford and Stone
Shaun Ashworth	Northern
Stephen Roy Thomas	Stafford and Stone
Simon Freeman	Tamworth
Keith Butlin	Burton and Uttoxeter
Richard Roy Hudson	Northern
James Howard Byrne	Stafford and Stone
Philip Gareth Cartlidge	Lichfield
Jonathan Bradbury	Leek and Cheadle
Simon McTrusty	Northern
Andrew Heathcote	Stafford and Stone

We wish you all a long and healthy retirement!

Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Staffordshire Knot. The nights are beginning to close in, and it is becoming markedly colder after the exceptional warm Summer we have all experienced.

Chris Noble, the former Chief Constable, who was facing gross misconduct allegations fell on his sword and resigned on the day before the Misconduct Hearing was to take place. The exact nature of the allegations is still not known at this stage as the Independent Office of Police Conduct state that there is still an investigation ongoing, possibly concerning criminal allegations. That is their explanation as to why nothing has been made public to date.



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staffordshire Police Pension, is administered by XPS Pensions
03300 545505

ARE YOUR CORRECT CONTACT DETAILS HELD BY NARPO?

KEEP IN TOUCH.

Please notify the Branch Secretary if contact information needs updating, e.g., **email change, new address, new phone number, or changed spouse/partner.**

Contact the Branch Secretary staffordshire@narpo.org if you are missing messages.

Let us know if you want magazine and/or newsletter mailing deliveries stopped. **Narpo News** is available on the website www.narpo.org. [Password XPOL1919]

The Staffordshire Knot is available via the website
See address on header

A process to appoint a new Chief Constable is now underway, and two candidates have been identified, one internal and one external. The final decision concerning the new Chief Constable will be announced on 16/10/2026., after this newsletter goes to print.

The National NARPO Conference took place at Torquay on 11/9/2026, Staffordshire NARPO sent four delegates and registered several proxy votes. Our Interim Secretary Joe Molloy addressed the conference asking three questions about the NARPO Financial Report on behalf of our Treasurer Mike Kozam.

One technical Special Resolution submitted by the London Branch concerning delegated authority was debated at length, but the vote was subsequently lost because it did not meet the 75% requirement of the organisation rules.

Locally, Joe Molloy and I had a meeting on Thursday 16/7/2026 at the Weston Road Headquarters with the acting Chief Constable Becky Riggs. We felt that the meeting was a productive one and we made progress on a couple of issues.

One of our Staffordshire NARPO Members David Greenwood reached the milestone of 100 years of age on 6/10/2026. Although the Branch considered having a formal celebration and presentation to mark this occasion, David (although thanking us for our offer) reluctantly declined due to ongoing health issues. The Acting Chief Constable Becky Riggs sent David a letter from Staffordshire Police marking his achievement and thanking him for his previous police service.

On Sunday 16/8/2026, as a result of an invitation from John Chawner, I attended a memorial service for veterans of the Cyprus Emergency at the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas. The memorial is for both Military and Police personnel and is just off the Police Memorial garden known as "The Beat". John has had a long association with the Cyprus Memorial as he resided in Cyprus after his retirement from Staffordshire Police for approximately 15 years. He became involved with the sister memorial that is situated in Cyprus. Staffordshire Police was represented by Chief Superintendent Matt Morgan.



The Staffordshire Branch of NARPO again held a service of memory for fallen Staffordshire Police Officers at the National Memorial Arboretum on 29/9/2026. The service was conducted by the Reverend Brian Williams. The service was well supported and appreciated by all of those who attended.

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The Staffordshire Branch of NARPO is again taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival which runs from the 2/12/2026 until 8/12/2026 at St Mary's Church in Stafford. In the past NARPO Members have assisted with the stewarding of the event. It is a worthwhile spectacle, and the organisers of the event would appreciate volunteers to act as stewards during the event. [Please contact parishoffice@stmarysstafford.org.uk].

For those ex-Traffic buffs with a view to nostalgia, a large group of photographs with a forward from me have been placed on the Staffordshire NARPO Gallery Website. The photographs were taken by Terry Godrich, a mechanic at the old Friars Terrace Garage. The photographs were handed on to Angie Newbon a long serving admin person at the garage. When she passed the photograph albums were passed to her brother ex DC Martin Woollaston. I encourage readers to go onto the NARPO Website Gallery, under the heading of " Transport" to view the selection of photographs.

Mark Judson [Chairman Staffordshire Branch of NARPO]

Members Called to Higher Service Jun 2026 – Oct 2026

<i>Your Branch records with regret the deaths of the following members:</i>				
	Name	Sub Branch	Age	Died
Ret'd PC	Paul Foster	Wombourne	68 yrs	29 Jun 2026
Ret'd PC	Clive Holloway	Stafford and Stone	81 yrs	6 Jul 2026
Ret'd Sgt	Colin Barsted	Northern	83 yrs	10 Jul 2026
Ret'd DCI	Ian Keith Talbot	Stafford and Stone	85 yrs	11 Jul 2026
Ret'd D/Sgt	Robert Colin Holmes	Leek and Cheadle	55 yrs	2 Jul 2026
Ret' PC	Clement Ernest Wheawall	Wombourne	87 yrs	22 Jul 2026
Ret'd Insp	John Roddy Horton	Northern	83 yrs	30 Jul 2026
Ret'd Sgt	Linda Dorilyn Lea	Leek and Cheadle	80 yrs	5 Aug 2026
Ret'd PC	Terrence ET Watts	Leek and Cheadle	89 yrs	27 Aug 2026
Ret'd Sgt	Leslie Mellor	Northern	90 yrs	29 Aug 2026

<i>Widows and Spouses Called to Higher Service</i>				
	Name	Sub Branch	Age	Died
Mrs	Dorren Biggs	Northern	92 yrs	27 Jun 2026
Mrs	Elaine Ann Webster (Wife)	Stafford and Stone	77 yrs	26 Jun 2026
Mrs	Anna Maria Shenton (Wife)	Burton and Uttoxeter	72 yrs	10 Jul 2026
Mrs	Eileen Awty (formerly Jarvis)	Stafford and Stone	83 yrs	10 Jul 2026
Mrs	Karen Kirkland (Wife)	Burton and Uttoxeter	64 yrs	25 Sep 2026
Mrs	Kathleen Boden	Stafford and Stone	92 yrs	25 Sep 2026

Wombourne

The Wombourne Subbranch meeting dates and format has changed. We held a **Brunch at the Red Lion, Wombourne on Tuesday 13th October 2026.**

Our annual Christmas Buffet Lunch has been arranged for Monday 7th December 2026, 12:30pm for 1pm at The Wombourne Club, Mill Lane, Wombourne. WV5 0LE.

For further details contact John Cooper.

Our next meeting will be the AGM, which will take place at The Three Stirrups, Engeleton Lane, Brewood. ST19 9DZ starting at 12:00pm on Tuesday 9th February 2027.

John Cooper 07779050244

Secretary Narpo Wombourne Subbranch

Stafford and Stone

Important Notice

As we have mentioned before, we no longer have our regular evening meetings, we now have regular coffee mornings to replace them.

However, there will be an evening AGM held on Thursday, 25 February 2027 at 7:30pm. That will be the opportunity for members to vote for new subbranch officers and come up with other activity and event ideas. This will be at the Constitutional Club, Lloyd Street in Stafford.

Next Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee morning on 26 November 2026 at the Swan Hotel, Greengate Street in Stafford from 10am to 12 midday. This will be our Christmas get together.

We will be in the courtyard bar which is closest to the car park, accessed from Mill Street.

As usual the first coffee will be on us (possibly with a cake). We all hope to see you there.

All members from any subbranch are welcome to come for a coffee.

Subbranch Quarterly Lunch Club

Gerry and Carol are organising the next lunch club for 4th November 2026 at the Bell in Haughton. See page 6.

Keep a lookout for further information

Sub Branch reunion lunch

Sunday, 7th February 2027 at Brocton Golf Club, Sawpit Lane, Brocton.

This is being organised by Bob Lee who has taking over arrangements from Gerry.

Full details with menus are shown on page 10.

Phil Challinor, and the rest of the Subbranch Committee

Burton-on-Trent and Uttoxeter

Our next meeting takes place at Marstons' Sports and Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton commencing at 7:30 pm on Wednesdays, where, as usual a buffet will be provided. Raffle prizes would be appreciated.

We will update you on the fate of the club after the announcement that the brewery is to be closed.

Our Christmas Celebration Meal will take place again at Dovecliff Hall Hotel on WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2026. See the booking form on page 8. The Festive Menu is on the Dovecliff Hall Hotel Website.

Further meetings for 2027 will be on the Branch website.

Roy Dimelow, Chairman and Interim Secretary

Lichfield

Our meetings are held at Burntwood Rugby Club, The Sportsway, Chasetown, Burntwood, WS7 3PH, 7:00pm for 7:30pm. Next one 23rd November 2026.

Christmas Lunch Thursday 3/12/2026.

Linda Hicken, Lichfield Subbranch Secretary

From the archive: Research by Mark Judson

The Metropolitan Police in September 2026 had an exhibition celebrating the pioneering work of Sir Edward Henry who developed the work of forensic fingerprinting.

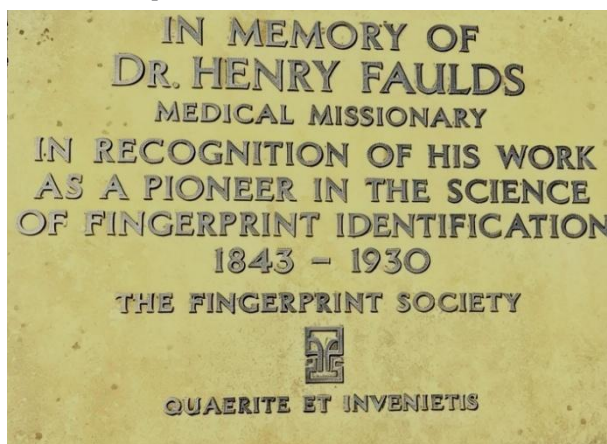
This article gives a different perspective on how the art of fingerprinting started. You may recall that recently I wrote an article in the Police History Society Magazine concerning PC/SGT/ INSP Hugh Lupton. Some part of this officer's career was based at Wolstanton Police Station in Staffordshire. Whilst researching this officers service I discovered that an emanant man named **Dr Henry Faulds**, renowned for his early work in the field of forensic fingerprinting lived for a considerable amount of time and subsequently died in Wolstanton in 1930. He is buried with other members of his family at St Margarets churchyard in Wolstanton in Staffordshire. [See Photograph below] and plaque on his former house.

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Northern

At our AGM on 8th October, all positions were refilled *en bloc*. The Northern Annual Dinner and Cabaret, is to be held on Friday 19th March 2027. See page 7 for your menu and booking form. Anyone interested who does not use the website can request details and another booking form from Keith Houlston (Tel 01782 616118).

Dave Malam (Secretary, Northern Subbranch)

Leek and Cheadle

The next meeting of the Leek & Cheadle Subbranch will be **10:30 for 11:00 am** Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at **Leek (Birchall) Golf Club, Cheddleton Road, Leek, ST13 5RE**.

It will be an informal gathering anytime from 10:30 hrs with free tea and coffee available all morning and only a brief mention of welfare and events at 11:00hrs.

There will be a buffet of sandwiches and chips served 12 noon to 12:30 hrs.

All Narpo members are welcome to join us and feel free to pop in at any time between 1030 hrs and 1230 hrs. Unfortunately our Secretary Mike Smith has need to take a break from the role temporarily while some medical matters are treated. If anyone is willing to assist with some admin for a while, please contact me (see side panel).

Glyn Dyer (Leek and Cheadle Subbranch Chairman)

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Cont'd from page 5: Henry Faulds was born in Scotland in 1843 he studied medicine in the 1870's in his home country of Scotland until he was sent to Japan where he worked as a doctor. He later founded the Tokyo's Institute for the blind, but his time in Japan was a life changing experience for other reasons.

He claimed that when bloody finger marks or impressions on clay are found, they may lead to scientific identification of criminals. His theory was the first to be published, yet his discovery turned out to be controversial.

Approximately one month after his article was published in the Nature Magazine in 1880, a British civil servant named Sir William Herschel claimed that he had already been using fingerprints to identify criminals as early as 1860. Even on his return to England in 1886, Scotland Yard turned down Dr Henry Faulds's theory

It was not until 1917, when historians say Herschel admitted it was Faulds who made the discovery of using fingerprints for forensic use. It was unfortunate that Dr Henry Faulds never received a fair recognition for his work

Dr Faulds returned to the Stoke -on-Trent area and worked at Fenton, Hanley, and Longton as a Police Surgeon. When he retired, he moved to Wolstanton where he suffered with ill health until his death in 1930 aged 87years.

Since his death campaign groups have been active in commemorating his work in the field of forensic fingerprinting. The Scottish Parliament has recognised his work; there is a memorial in Japan, and the Fingerprint Society help keep his memory alive.

Please see plaque on Dr Henry Faulds grave, and picture of the man himself.

Mark Judson [Chairman of Staffordshire NARPO].

Image Source: [travelsinshizuoka.files.wordpress](https://travelsinshizuoka.files.wordpress.com/2016/06/henry-faulds.jpg)



Stafford Subbranch Quarterly Lunches.
The next one is at The Bell at Haughton, ST18 9EX,
Meet at 12:30 pm for lunch at 1:00 pm.

Wednesday 4th November 2026

See their website for all menu choices including their popular special fixed price lunchtime life bites menu. 2 courses for £12.95p

<https://thebellinnhaughton.co.uk/menus/>

To book send an e mail to gerryu3a@gmail.com or text to 0790 291 55 00
Pre orders required please. by 1st November, 2026



Widows & Benevolent Fund Society

MEMBERS OF THE FUND SHOULD SEND IN A BENEFICIARY NOMINATION FORM TO ENSURE PROMPT PAYMENT OF THE DEATH GRANT IN THE EVENT OF THEIR DEMISE. MANY MEMBERS HAVE NOT SUBMITTED ONE. THIS OFTEN DELAYS A PAYOUT.

UPDATE YOUR NOMINEE IF YOUR PREVIOUS CHOICE HAS CHANGED.

GET A FORM FROM THE BENEVOLENT FUND SECRETARY,
STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE HEADQUARTERS, PO BOX 3167, STAFFORD,
ST16 9JZ, OR FROM THE NARPO STAFFORDSHIRE WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/2JSU2525](https://tinyurl.com/2JSU2525) OPEN – PRINT – FILL - SEND

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Weirdest Facts

When Sir Robert Peel founded the Metropolitan Police in 1829, officers wore stiff blue tailcoats and reinforced top hats that could double as step-stools to look over walls. [Ripon Museums]

Our Branch comprises

Full Members 1824

Widow/er Members 387

Life Members 34

Additional Members 17

Honorary Members 2

Your newsletter is edited by our website manager Joe Molloy, ☎ 01785 540500 or email:

staffordshire2@narpo.org

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NARPO – STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH - NORTHERN SUB BRANCH

DINNER AND CABARET

Friday 19th March 2027 7:00 for 7:30pm at Trentham Park Golf Club

Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 8AE

(off Whitmore Road, Trentham)

FEATURING CABARET – The Belagios (The Magic of Las Vegas)

STARTERS

- (1) Home Made Leek & Potato Soup with roll and butter, GF roll is available.**
- (2) Pan cooked Creamy Garlic Mushroom (with herbs and finished with cream served in a teacup with roll and butter) GF roll is available**
- (3) Fan of melon served with Fruits of the Forest berries.**

MAIN COURSES

- (4) Homemade steak & ale pie.**
- (5) Spanish Chicken (with tomato, paprika, hint of spice and chorizo (Spanish sausage).**
- (6) Vegetable Nut Roast (savory rice and mushrooms formed into slices and served with a sharp beetroot puree).**

All above served with seasonal potatoes, chips and vegetables.

Desserts

- (7) Individual Baileys Cheesecake**
 - (8) Finest Dark Chocolate Fudge Cake**
 - (9) Cheese and biscuits (Stilton & Cheddar served with celery, grapes & chutney)**
- Tea or Coffee with chocolate mint.**

£25 PER HEAD (subsidised from Sub Branch funds)

**Payment with meal choices to Keith Houlston, 17 Fountains Avenue,
Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 3PD by 31st January 2027.**

Cheque payable to "NARPO Northern Sub Branch Social Fund"

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Booking Form NARPO Dinner Friday 19th March 2027

***(use above numbers only please)**

Name 1 (Capitals please) First name Surname

Tele. No Email address

Starter * Main * Dessert *

Name 2 (Capitals please) First name Surname

Tele. No Email address

Starter * Main * Dessert *

CHEQUE FOR ENCLOSED

Signed Date

In submitting this form I consent to NARPO holding the personal details supplied and recording them in written or electronic forms for the purpose of arranging this event. I consent to being contacted by the telephone or email given if necessary to discuss the booking and for relevant information to be shared with the venue caterers. I am aware that privacy and data protection policies are available on the website and in writing on request. National Association of Retired Police Officers, a company limited by guarantee incorporated and registered in England and Wales with company registration number 15415367.

BURTON & UTTOXETER SUBBRANCH OF NARPO
CHRISTMAS MEAL
DOVECLIFF HALL HOTEL
WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2026
ARR 12:30 FOR 1:00 PM

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED MENU AND INSERT YOUR CHOICES BELOW

PAYMENT BY BACS to National Association of Retired Police Officers

ACC 71122681 SORT CODE 40-15-31

Add Reference "Xmas + Last Name "

OR CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO NARPO

2 COURSES £22 (none members £32)

3 COURSES £28 (none members £38)

BOOKING NAME

2 OR 3 COURSES

STARTER

MAIN

DESSERT

GUEST NAME

2 OR 3 COURSES

STARTER

MAIN

DESSERT

PLEASE BRING RAFFLE PRIZE. **PAYMENT TO BE RECEIVED BY THE 30TH OCTOBER**

R. DIMELOW CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY BURTON & UTTOXETER NARPO

To Roy Dimelow, 39 Mellor Lodge, Town Meadows Way, Uttoxeter, ST14 8ES [Tel. 07485 000932]

I would like to sit with..... Cheque Enclosed £ OR Paid by BACS £

Please advise any dietary needs when booking.

A telephone contact number

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Tamworth

On Sunday 23rd August 2026 48 members and guests enjoyed another excellent Afternoon Tea at Drayton Park Golf Club. Once again the weather was kind to us and after the meal we were able to have a drink and socialise on the terrace.

Tamworth Sub-Branch continues to meet bi-monthly at the Coton & Hopwas Social Club, School Lane, Hopwas, Tamworth, with alternating formal meetings and social events.

Our last event of the year will be on Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 7.30pm. This will be a Skittles Competition followed by a buffet, provided by the social club and funded by the Subbranch. There is no Agenda or Minutes, so is a great opportunity to socialise with former colleagues.

Our next formal meeting would usually be held in January 2027, however last year the meeting had to be cancelled due to adverse weather. We will now hold the meeting on Tuesday 2nd February 2027 at 12.30pm in the afternoon. A buffet will be provided by the social club and funded by the Subbranch. Hopefully this will assist members to attend.

On Tuesday 2nd March 2027 we are holding our Quiz Night, prepared and hosted by Terry Bond, our Welfare Officer and Assistant Secretary. There will be a buffet, provided by the social club and funded by the Subbranch.

On Tuesday 4th May 2027 we will hold our formal meeting and AGM. There will be a buffet provided by members

We hold a Raffle at every meeting and event and these are generously supported by our members.

Bob Vaughan**Robert Vaughan, Subbranch Secretary**

Stafford & Stone NARPO Reunion Lunch

Organisers: Bob & Mary Lea, 1 Keswick Grove, Rosedale, Stafford, ST17 9QX

Mobile. 07910 09 69 87 E mail. maryandboblea@btinternet.com

Brocton Hall Golf Club, Sawpit Lane, Brocton, ST17 0TH

Sunday, 7th February 2027

Bar Reception 12noon. Meal 1:00pm. 2 Courses £24 3 Courses £28.

(Subsidised by our Subbranch Grant) Each guest will also have their first bar drink FREE.

PLEASE complete the menu choice form below and return by post or email to Bob and Mary at the above address **before 24th January 2027** with your cheque.

IF you wish to pay by BACS, please notify Treasurer Gerry Robinson at gerryu3a@gmail.com that you have paid by BACS and he will inform Bob & Mary.

STARTER.

1. Sweet potato and rosemary soup with warm roll and butter (v).
2. Traditional prawn cocktail with brown bread & butter.
3. Poached pear, orange, beetroots and walnut salad.
4. Breaded whitebait with garlic mayonnaise.

MAIN.

5. Roast topside of beef, Yorkshire puddings & gravy.
6. Pan fried chicken supreme with white wine, mushroom and herb sauce.
7. Poached Salmon with parsley sauce.
8. Mediterranean vegetable wellington (v).
8. Wild mushroom gnocchi.

(ALL meals served with Roasted potatoes, cauliflower cheese and vegetables)

DESSERT.

9. Sticky Toffee Pudding with butterscotch sauce and vanilla ice cream.
10. Warm chocolate brownie, chocolate sauce and vanilla ice cream.
11. Apple crumble and custard.
12. 2 x cheese and biscuits with celery and grapes.

If required, TEA or COFFEE it can be purchased from the Bar upstairs.

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BOOKING FORM. Brocton Hall Golf Club. Reunion Lunch. Sun 7th February 2027.

NAME 1.

First Name Last name

Tel. No Email address

Enter Menu Number: Starter Main Dessert

NAME 2.

First Name Last name

Enter Menu Number: Starter Main Dessert

Seat me/us with.....

I am paying by BACS ☐ BY CHEQUE ☐ Tick applicable. Sum Paid £.....

BACS details. Pay 'Stafford Sub-Branch of NARPO' at Co-Op Bank Sort Code: 08 92 99

Bank A/C 65361263 Enter Ref: SSBRL2027 + last name

Cheque payable to 'Stafford Sub-Branch of NARPO'.

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