

The Staffordshire Knot

Staffordshire Branch of Narpo [96]

Stafford Police Station, Eastgate Street, Stafford, ST16 2DQ

www.narpo-staffs.co.uk ☎ 01785 234039 (Voicemail)

We welcome our new members!



www.narpo.org.uk

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Kier Business Services, Pensions, administrators of the **Staffordshire Police Pension**, has encountered problems with the data received from HMRC containing tax codes. You are advised to check your last HMRC Tax Code Notification with the code contained in your last received pension pay slip. Any discrepancy must be notified to HMRC on the Tax Office phone number given on your pay slip.

Kier Pensions ☎01642 727333

Defence Discount Service Card

This is available to all HM armed Forces Veterans, MOD Civil Servants, Bereaved Family members, War/service widow.

To get one you have to register online at defencediscountservice.co.uk

Name		Sub Branch
JEREMY MARK I	HEATH	NORTHERN
DAVID HARRY N	BULLOCK	LEEK
DAVID JOHN	FREEMAN	LICHFIELD
SHAUN DAVID	STANTON	CANNOCK
DAVID	SMITH	NORTHERN
JULIE A	HARGREAVES	STAFFORD
PAUL	BEVAN	STAFFORD
IAN	MARTIN	NORTHERN
SUSAN JANE	HEWETT	STAFFORD
JOHN STEPHEN	BUTTLE	WOMBOURNE
BARRY GEORGE	TILSTON	STAFFORD
ANTHONY	HUXLEY	LEEK
PAUL	RICHARDSON	CANNOCK
JONATHAN	BELL	LEEK
IAIN	HYDE	STAFFORD
ALLAN (JOCK)	LORIMER	STAFFORD
HELEN HILL	O'BRIEN-COLEMAN	WOMBOURNE
STUART	DAVIES	BURTON/UTTOX.
MARTIN RICHARD	CARTER	STAFFORD
CRAIG	HENSHAW	NORTHERN
DIANE MICHAELA	BEWLEY	STAFFORD
CHARLES	HAYCOCK	BURTON/UTTOX.
CARL PATRICK	EDWARDS	NORTHERN
JILL	CHAWNER	STAFFORD
STEVEN DALE	MEACOCK	NORTHERN
MICHAEL	PRENDERGAST	BURTON/UTTOX.
JASON PAUL	ROBERTS	STAFFORD

Can we wish you all a long and healthy retirement!

Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Staffordshire Knot, let's hope the weather is kind to us all this year so we can break the Barbecues out and enjoy holidays away from home. This edition is slightly delayed due to publication problems and we thank the editor for his patient persistence in resolving the issues.

Locally it has been reasonably quiet for Staffordshire NARPO, the majority taken up with welfare, organising events and Sub Branch meetings.

The Force is continuing with the Injury on Duty Award Reviews and we are monitoring the situation and providing advice and support when it is requested.

Gareth Morgan the Chief Constable has recently been in the local press explaining the re-organisation of the Force. Stating that it his intention over the next few years to increase Neighbourhood Policing by the addition of 150 officers and boosting the Detective operation by 50 more officers. These extra officers will be deployed by reducing the number of Response Officers. This is to be achieved by concentrating the remaining Response Officers at 3 centres, namely Hanley, Cannock and Burton -on- Trent. It will be interesting to see how this change pans out.

The Chief Constable has been criticised in the press by the statement he made stating that the “Force should not be judged solely on its visibility.”

Following the last Force Welfare Meeting the Chief Constable agreed that the Staffordshire Police Federation and NARPO should explore the feasibility of transferring affiliation from the Police Treatment Centre at Flint House to the Police Treatment Centre at Harrogate. To this end representatives from the Police Federation and myself visited Harrogate on 10/4/2018. The Chief Executive made us very welcome and expressed his keenness to take Staffordshire onboard. A decision was made at the Force Welfare Meeting in June 2018 to pursue this change.

It has recently been announced that ACC Nick Adderley, who has been with Staffordshire Police for 2-3 years, has secured a temporary promotion to Deputy Chief Constable. He will be heading up Operational Communications In Policing, which is based in London. NARPO wishes him well in his new role.

Nationally NARPO are forging ahead with the Centenary Celebrations, sufficient bookings have now been achieved for the 100 years gala dinner to take place in London in June 2019. HRH The Princess Royal has accepted an invitation to be a Patron of NARPO during the Centenary year.

National NARPO have also agreed for a one off 10% reduction of the 40% precept that we pay to HQ funds. Branches can use this saving to assist in funding their own local celebrations.

Owing to concerns about the age and suitability of the National NARPO Headquarters at Wakefield. The National Executive Committee of NARPO have agreed that the old premises should be sold and new more suitable premises should be purchased in the Wakefield area. It is likely that this project will take a couple of years to complete.

Mark Judson, Branch Chairman

BRANCH CONTACTS

CHAIRMAN

Mark Judson

☎ 01785 660095

SECRETARY

Des Lockwood

☎ 01785 615190

TREASURER

Reay (Bruce) Pearman

☎ 01782 625502

SUB BRANCH CONTACTS

BURTON

Ralph Seville

☎ 01283 790527

Lesley Bennett

☎ 07896 809130

CANNOCK

Joe Edwards

☎ 01543 503113

John Hartshorne

☎ 01889 620286

LEEK

Peter Sims

☎ 01782 315383

Bob Scrimgeour

☎ 01782 503755

LICHFIELD

Brian Williams

☎ XXXX XXXXXX

Linda Hicken

☎ 01922 452572

NORTHERN

Keith Houlston

☎ 01782 616118

Dave Malam

☎ 01782 620955



From the archive.

This photograph is of the old Cannock Police Station in Wolverhampton Road, Cannock.

To the right of the old white Police Station is the scaffolding and building work for the replacement Cannock Police Station, which is still operational today.

Before it became the Police Station the building was known as Highland House and was owned by an eccentric Doctor John Kerr Butter.

He set up his doctors practice in 1890 and became somewhat of a celebrity not particularly for his medical skills, but for the fact that he was a keen zoologist and he kept a private zoo which was housed at the rear of Highland House.

Animals that he kept included a giraffe, ostriches, chimpanzees, kangaroos and an elephant.

He also had a zebra which he unsuccessfully tried to train to pull his pony carriage around Cannock.

When Highland House was vacated by him it became Cannock Police Station, "housing different kinds of animals", but no doubt just as interesting!

Highland House was demolished, circa 1968, to make way for an extended Cannock Police Station.

Weirdest Facts.

The principality of Monaco is surrounded by France and the Mediterranean Sea. It is only 347.4 metres wide in places and has a total area of 1.96 square kilometres. Hyde Park in London is only a little bit smaller than that at 1.42 square kilometres.

Your Branch records with regret the deaths of the following members.

Members Called to Higher Service Feb 2018 – Jun 2018

	Name	Sub Branch	Age	Died
Ret'd PC	John Michael GEORGE	Stafford	80 yrs	23.02.1028
Ret'd DC	Frederick Trevor WILLIAMS	Stafford	85 yrs	08.03.2018
Ret'd Supt	Derick ROYLANCE	Northern	84 yrs	08.03.2018
Ret'd D/C/Sup	Harold WRIGHT	Stafford	98 yrs	16.03.2018
Ret'd PC	Michael Denis P CAULKIN	Northern	83 yrs	16.03.2018
Ret'd PC	Alan ROBINSON	Cannock	80 yrs	23.03.2018
Ret'd PC	Alfred John HOUGH	Northern	90 yrs	13.04.2018
Ret'd Supt	Thonas SCOTT	Stafford	87 yrs	23.04.2018
Ret'd	Richard Arthur FORSTER	Gwynedd	92 yrs	05.04.2018
Ret'd PC	Alan Geoffrey OATES	Leek	69 yrs	29.04.2018
Ret'd PC	Richard Alfred PERRENS	Wales	72 yrs	02.05.2018
Ret'd Ch/Insp	David Bryn PHILLIPS	Bristol	86 yrs	Dec. 2017
Ret'd Sgt	David James BATES	Abergele	72 yrs	30.04.2018
Ret'd PC	Richard Henry (Ian) WHEELER	Stafford	80 yrs	12.05.2018
Ret'd Supt	William Morgan LONGMORE	Shrewsb'y	79 yrs	17.05.2018
Ret'd DC	Donald N GOOD	Leek	80 yrs	30.05.2018
Ret'd Sgt	Joseph HILL	Northern	81 yrs	03.06.2018
Ret'd Insp	Eric L SIMPSON	Stafford	89 yrs	08.06.2018
Ret'd Insp	Nancy THOMPSON	Burton	96 yrs	14.06.2018

WIDOWS and WIVES CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

	Mrs FREDA LLOYD	Lichfield	-	2018
Wife	Mrs PAULINE HANCOCK	Northern	64 yrs	06/03/2018
Wife	Mrs MARION SHELDON	Burton	89 yrs	10/03/2018
	Mrs MARGARET HAMPTON	Stafford	82 yrs	15/03/2018
Wife	Mrs JOAN HEWITT	Devon	89 yrs	17/03/2018
Wife	Mrs TERESA HILL	Northern	79 yrs	18/05/2018

The Peel Society – Volunteers Wanted.

The Peel Society was founded in 1979. It is a national, non-political, historical society which is a registered charity. The Society promotes the study of the life, works and times of Sir Robert Peel and the Peel Family.

The Tamworth based Peel Society are in the process of updating their museum at Middleton Hall, Tamworth, which is about half a mile from Drayton Manor, where Sir Robert Peel lived. The museum is actually in Warwickshire, very close to Drayton Manor in Staffordshire.

The society has an active committee and membership. It brings to Tamworth speakers of national and international importance to talk on subjects related to Sir Robert Peel and the period in which he lived.



Tamworth Town Hall is home of a statue to the memory of Sir Robert Peel, one of 16 statues erected in the United Kingdom shortly after his untimely death 1850. They could be found as far afield as London in the south and Montrose in the north.

He is remembered for many notable Acts of Parliament and policies, such as Catholic Emancipation in 1829, the first party political manifesto, known as the “Tamworth Manifesto” and the repeal of the Corn Laws. Also in 1829 he was responsible for the founding of the Metropolitan Police force and is remembered in our daily life by policemen being called “Bobbies”, a nickname for the new police in London, which has stuck. In his time policemen were sometimes also called “Peelers”.

Anyone who has collectables, memorabilia and items with historic interest which they no longer need could donate items to the museum collection.

The Peel Society are seeking new members, especially with police background who might be able to assist with the Police part of the museum. Do you think you might be able to help? Are there former officers or staff locally who are looking for something to fill some time?

More information about the Society can be seen on their website <http://thepeelsociety.org.uk/> or contact may be made directly with one of the Trustees, Roger Field, a NARPO member and former West Midlands Police officer [e-mail: field.roger@sky.com].



SUB BRANCH CONTACTS

STAFFORD

Mike Kozam

☎ 01785 257578

Phil Challinor

☎ 07908 617946

TAMWORTH

Glyn Thomas

☎ 01827 67545

Robert Vaughan

☎ 01543 257624

WOMBOURNE

Roger Jones

☎ 01902 847299

John Cooper

☎ 01902 344867

WEST BROMWICH

Ken Speed

☎ 01283 533461

Peter Toghill

☎ 0121 423 3978

**Events tabled
on rear page.**

Tamworth NARPO Summer Casual Luncheon

Sunday 29 July 2018

Dear Member/Guest,

Our Summer Casual Luncheon will again be held at Drayton Park Golf Club, Centenary Drive, Drayton Park, Tamworth, B78 3TN. As in previous years, a Carvery will be served followed by dessert. Pre-order is not required as you choose from the Carvery on the day.

If you and your friends would like to join us, please complete the reply slip below and return with payment to: Bob Vaughan, 35 Giles Road, Lichfield, WS13 7JU (telephone 01543 257624 in case of query) by **4 July at the latest**. We very much hope you can join us.

Please arrive from 12.30 pm - Luncheon will be served at 1.00 pm.

Dress Code for gentlemen: Smart casual (no requirement for jacket & tie, no denim please)
Cost is **£13.00** per person. Cheques payable to **Tamworth NARPO** please.

CARVERY: *(from the servery however assistance is available if required):*

Choice of Roast Beef or Roast Pork with Yorkshire pudding,
served with roast potatoes and a variety of vegetables.

DESSERT: *(served at your table)* - Fruit of the Forest Cheesecake

Tea/coffee and chocolates

Vegetarian or Gluten-free options are available upon request

I/We **will be** attending the Tamworth NARPO Summer Casual Luncheon

(Please print names and indicate whether a Vegetarian or Gluten-free option is required)

**Please indicate (✓) if a Vegetarian
or
Gluten-free option is required**

	Please indicate (✓) if a Vegetarian or Gluten-free option is required	
	Vegetarian	Gluten-free
1 Lead name & contact telephone number:		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

Branch Committee	Saturday 20th October 2018	
Burton and Uttoxeter	Wednesday, 11th July 2018 Wednesday, 10th October 2018 Christmas lunch at Branston Golf & Country Club Wed 12th December 2018	12:30pm for 1:00pm sitting.
Cannock and Rugeley	Thursday, 14th June 2018 (Rugeley) March 2019 AGM TBA venue Rugeley	
Leek and Cheadle	Tuesday, 3rd July 2018 Cheadle Cricket Club Tuesday, 6th November 2018 Leek Golf Club	
Lichfield	Wednesday, 18th July 2018 Wednesday, 19th September 2018 Wednesday, 21st November 2018	
Northern	4th October 2018	Social events to be circulated.
Stafford and Stone	Wednesday, 27th June 2018, Stone Golf Club AGM Thursday, 1 st November 2018, Stafford Cons Club	
Tamworth	Tuesday, 3rd July 2018 Tuesday, 4th September 2018 Tuesday, 6th November 2018	Tamworth NARPO Summer Casual Luncheon Sunday 29 July 2018
West Bromwich	Monday, 3rd September 2018	Monday, 3rd December 2018 Xmas Party 12:00 noon
Wombourne	Tuesday, 2nd October 2018	

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The GDPR is new legislation that replaced the Data Protection Acts in all EU countries (including the UK) from 25th May 2018. It affects the way we gather consent for use of personal data, such as your name, postal address, phone number or e-mail address. Our Branch has reviewed all our member records to ensure compliance with the law. We do not share your information with any other organisations or people. New policies and procedures have been adopted and these are published on the website. The new laws give stronger rights to individuals about access and protection of personal information held by all organisations.

If you do not wish to be contacted by NARPO Staffordshire please notify the sender or the Branch Secretary.

Your newsletter is edited by our website manager Joe Molloy, ☎ 01889 583991 or e-mail. joemolloy@narpo-staffs.co.uk .
Contributions and articles for the website and newsletter are welcomed.