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SUBSCRIPTIONS UPDATE

Due to the fact that the recently announced CPI figure for September '16 was set at 1% your full subscription to NARPO will for the year 2017 rise by a small amount I believe no more than **24p** to **£20.04** which, as usual, will be taken as a one off payment from your January Pension. This has not been ratified yet by the NEC however. As I needed to get this newsletter out I wanted to inform you of a worst case scenario. Widow membership will remain at **£2.00**. Those officers who retired and joined within the last year will have their subscriptions paid in 2017 by the Humberside Police Federation and I would like to thank the Federation for continuing this arrangement and supporting the continued increase in our branch membership.

CONFERENCE 2016 - Torquay

Conference at Torquay this year was not quite as hostile as last. We sent three delegates staying in the local Premier Inn but had no motions to present. The highlight of Conference I think all three would agree was a very moving but motivational speech from Simon Weston CBE, OBE based around his life experiences since that fateful day on the Sir Galahad during the Falklands war when, as we all know, he suffered horrendous injuries the result of an Argentinean bomb dropped on the ship. A truly inspirational presentation which as well as its serious side produced a moment or two of Simons cheeky Welsh humour. He later completed a book

signing for his 3rd book of which I secured one copy as a raffle prize for the Christmas lunch. Rightly so he received a standing ovation at the end from all present. There were only three motions presented two around the amount of money smaller branches should pay to the National HQ, both of these fell and the third which proposed an overall of the Super Sleuth Database system which is the system where all your records are stored Nationally. This was agreed and we will be putting our suggestions forward regarding any changes.

It was to be the last Conference as our NEC Regional Representative for Mike Thornton. I would personally like Mike for all his efforts for the region whilst he has been on the NEC,



Mike & Jenny Thornton with Simon Weston CBE, OBE

NARPO nationally are still doing work around Widows pensions for Life pushing for all Police widows to retain their widows pension in any case where they re marry or cohabit following the death of their spouse. We should not be putting a price on someone's future happiness and we will continue to look at every avenue to secure what we believe is right.

2001-06 COMMUTATION ISSUE

I am not aware of anyone involved in this whose case has not been settled. There are still a test case with the Pensions Ombudsman to try and seek the pushing back of the date used in 2001. This is still ongoing. However both the Fire Brigade and NARPO legal teams do not believe there is any mileage in any changes before that time. I am aware that there is an individual challenge which is a very slow burner around equality issues and pensions but this is very slow and IF there is any news on that front I will let people know, however please don't get excited about it as personally I don't think it will go anywhere.



POSTAL, TELEPHONE & EMAIL SCAMS

As Christmas draws ever closer so will those hateful people who try to steal your money by way of scams. Please all remember, **if it sounds to be good to be true it will be.** NO Bolivian Prince will need to trace you to hand you some money, NO bank will ring you up and ask for your account details and passwords and certainly NO POLICE OFFICER will ring you to tell you your bank account has been breached and you should take out your savings and hand them to the officer that comes around to see you. We all think it wont happen to us but ladies and gents, I can assure you it is doing. Please don't get caught out. **IF YOU ARE UNSURE RING A RELATIVE/ FRIEND OR RING ME/STUART AND WE WILL ADVISE.**

Also do not allow yourself to be bombarded with junk mail about lottery tickets or such, YOU WONT WIN if it is happening tell someone please.

PENSION SAVINGS STATEMENTS 2015-16

It has come to our notice that a number of members have received a document recently from Kier the Pension Administrator with the above title. It is a lengthy document written in some form of centuries old English making it difficult to understand. I have spoken to Kier about it and I'm told it is document they are obliged to send if certain things happen, for instance your Pension grows to quickly and breaches the Annual Allowance for pension growth. It therefore only seems on this occasion to be those members that have recently retired and either were promoted through the ranks quickly in their last three years or received an enhanced pension the result of retiring on ill health grounds. There is an awful lot of figures on tables that mean nothing to anyone really. However there are some important parts. If you have received such a letter you need to look at just two columns on the table in the document. Along the row that says 09/07/15 - 05/04/16 look under the column that says PENSION INPUT AMOUNT. If that figure is above 40,000 **you should notify the HMRC**, however you then look at the column that says TAXABLE PENSION INPUT, if that says 0 then you are not liable to any tax as your unused allowance over the past three years has catered for it. I would suggest copying the document, put a quick note with it saying you have been informed by the Pension Administrator that

you are obliged to notify the HMRC and send it to them by registered post. There are lots of reasons why it happens and far to confusing to go into on here.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

CARAVAN/CAMPING SECTION:-

Whilst there hasn't been a meeting for a couple of months due to people travelling the world this section still thrives and a small group of 8 vans attended their first rally event in September on a site near Ripon. I am told by the organiser of the event that it was well received and a good time was had by all doing what we do best, drinking, eating and chatting. I am not sure who won the quiz that was held but if it wasn't the organiser Phil Blogg then something went wrong. My thanks to Phil for overseeing the event. The next meeting will be in November, you will be notified of the date when the Section organiser returns from his adventures. Anyone else who would like to join the Section just let me know.



NATIONAL BREWERY & ARBORETEUM TRIP;-

26 of us enjoyed a wonderful weekend which I will report on next issue due to space on here. Photographs are on the website.

CITY VARIETIES, LEEDS

We have secured 50 tickets for the Christmas production at the City Varieties Music Hall in Leeds. This years production is Sleeping Beauty - The Rock 'N' Roll Panto. A traditional Christmas Pantomime with plenty of top pop and soul hits to sing along to. We have

tickets booked for the Matinee performance on Saturday **3rd December 2016**, the intention would be to arrive in Leeds around 10am, some time for a little individual Christmas retail therapy then onto the theatre for 2pm. Afterwards we will be visiting the well know NASHs fish and chip restaurant only a short walk away for fish and chips before we leave Leeds.

There are around 7 tickets left to be sold. I must know however by 30th October if anyone else wishes to attend as I have to actually commit to paying for the tickets on the 31st of October. Please if you haven't booked to attend and would like to please let me know ASAP using the form attached and sending a cheque for the amount required **£25 per member & £30 per guest**. This is a very good value for money trip. Pick up points will be notified nearer the time.



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL FUNCTION:-

This event will be held on **Sunday the 11th December 2016 at the GOODFELLOWSHIP INN, COTTINGHAM ROAD, HULL, HU5 4AT 1.30 for 2pm**. The Goodfellowship served us very well last year with around 100 people present on what turned out to be a lovely afternoon. A slight change to the format of the entertainment this year in that Sean Finch a fabulous singer and former colleague will be singing background music during the dinner and maybe a short spell afterwards. This is to give people the opportunity to catch up after

for a chat with folk who they may not have seen since last year.

The cost will be £5.00 for members and £11 for guests which will include a three course meal with coffee/tea and entertainment. There will also be a raffle. This does present very good value for money for a Christmas function. Please support it, come along and enjoy an afternoon with former colleagues.

Attached you will find a document for guests names & choice of meal Could I ask you to complete it and return it please to me at the address stated and by:-

22nd November 2016.

URBAN 44 COFFEE LOUNGE:-

The pop in coffee mornings are still well attended at Urban 44 the next one will be **Wednesday 9th November 2015 from 0830**, feel free to pop in anytime. A nice opportunity just to get together for good coffee and cakes and a little bit of discount.

NARPO GOLF:-

A number of members played in the annual Big 'D' event in memory of ex Ch/Supt George Densley and received a small subsidy. It was a very sad occasion this year as Mrs Densley who has attended every tournament since its inauguration 30+ years ago passed away recently. Her son Nick represented the family as he has done alongside his mum for a number of years. Thanks to Bill Glanville for organising the event. hopefully a full NARPO golf day can be sorted soon.

FUTURE EVENTS:-

Future Social events being considered are an overnighter to the Duxford Air Museum via and

Burley House, Emmerdale Tour, Millstones, an evening with dinner on the NYMR and a trip to another Steam train venue as the last was so well supported. Let us know if you have any other ideas.

NEW MEMBERS

The following retired officers have joined NARPO since our last newsletter, we welcome them all and would actively encourage them to get involved in the NARPO social functions and also should anyone wish to join the Committee please contact the Chair or Secretary. We are now sitting at 1018 members which is excellent.

Andrew Baxter, Jim Duncan, Steve Bates, Stephen Calvert, Brian Bell, Dave Hartley, Cath Nadin (our 1000th member), Mark Klinger, Andrew Campling, John Doyle, Andrew Lindsley, Gary Caygill, Kevin Guy, Zoe Cooper, Steve Winstanley, Neil Maskell, Andrea Hughes, Pete Ogden, Gary Neal, Ian Holliday, Dave Littlewood, Bob Wragg, Grahame Bullock, Nick Jackson, Dave Littlewood & Graham Jeffrey.

Please encourage others to join, the more the merrier.

OBITUARIES

Finally it is with great sadness that we have to report the passing of some of our dear colleagues and friends since our last newsletter.

Those members were:-

**Tom Hawsworth (73yrs)
Douglas Woodward (84yrs)
Fred Barrett (90yrs)**

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families left behind; our colleagues will never be forgotten.



SLEEPING BEAUTY - THE ROCK ' N' ROLL PANTO
CITY VARIETIES MUSIC HALL, LEEDS
SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2016
(Timings to follow)

Cost - Members £25/person Guests £30/person

I would like to attend the Rock 'N' Roll Panto trip, please reserve me Member places & Guests.

NAME

Vegetarian/Gluten Free Options

EMAIL/PHONE

SIGNED

Postal replies/cheques made out to Humberside NARPO to Kevin Rack, 460 Cottingham Road, Hull, HU68QR.
To arrive please by the 28th October 2016.

YOU CAN RING ME ON 01482 443282 TO ADVISE ME YOU WISH TO GO BEFORE FORWARDING THE CHEQUE IF TIME IS GETTING TIGHT.

ONLY 7 TICKETS LEFT FOR THIS EVENT

Christmas Party
Goodfellowship Inn
Cottingham Road, Hull

Please reserve me Member Places at £5.00 each and Guest Places at £11.00 each for the Christmas Party on Sunday 11th December 2016 at the Goodfellowship Inn, Cottingham Road, Hull. 1.30pm for 2.00pm meal.

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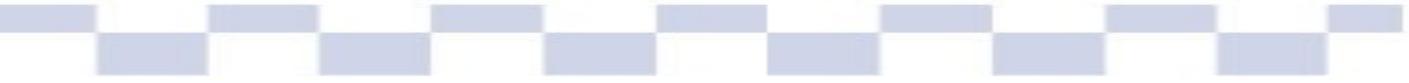
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Please make cheques payable to Hull City NARPO. Please don't staple them and remember to date and sign them. Due to issues with accounts changing, cheques will be cashed shortly after receipt. Thank you.

Replies to Kevin Rack, 460 Cottingham Road, Hull, HU6 8QR

Any issues please feel free to give me a ring.



Humberside NARPO Xmas Party

There will be a choice of food this year details as below, please indicate your choice by putting the letters against the name of your guest on the rear of this form and post to Kev Rack at the address below.

Starters

- (A) *Parsnip and Celeriac Soup (V)*
- (B) *Salmon & Prawn cocktail*
- (C) *Breaded Mushroom Baubles (V)*
- (D) *Yuletide Pate*

Main Course

- (E) *Hand Carved Turkey, Beef or Gammon*
- (F) *'Yule' Love this Burger*
- (G) *Vegetable & Chestnut Tart (V)*

Desserts

- (H) *Christmas Pudding (V)*
 - (I) *Chocolate Orange Nemesis (V)*
 - (J) *Spiced Cheesecake (V)*
 - (K) *Toffee Apple Mulled Cider Crumble (V)*
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NAME (Identify Member or Guest please)	Starter (letter)	Main (letter)	Dessert (letter)