



# NARPO- DYFED POWYS BRANCH

## Autumn Newsletter – 2018



### Chairman's Notes



Hi everyone – and can I firstly introduce myself, as your new Chairman. Before doing so however, I wish to take this opportunity to express – on behalf of myself and all Branch members – our grateful thanks to my predecessor, Phil Hopkins, for his excellent and whole hearted service to us during his 14 years as Chairman.

I have served as Vice Chair to Phil over the past 12 years, so am in a position to vouch for the fact that throughout this time, he has done all within his capability in the best interest of our members. Thank you for that Phil, from us all.

Can I assure you all that, for whatever period I serve as your Chair, I will be doing my utmost to continue to protect – and hopefully even improve – the interests of each and every one of you. With the invaluable support of our Secretary – Phil Addicott – we aim to keep you abreast of any decisions or changes that may affect you.

Now, a little about myself – aimed particularly at those who do not know me: I joined 'Carms & Cards', which, within a week of starting at my first posting – Aberystwyth – became, on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1968, Dyfed Powys. In my early years I enjoyed sport – particularly football, rugby and tennis – and was pleased to be in the first ever Dyfed Powys football team which played and beat the then Swansea Borough Police team, 3-1.



How many do you recognise? (No need to let us know, answers in the next newsletter)

After 4 years at Aberystwyth I transferred to Llandeilo changed to rugby – then 3 years later I moved to Brecon, where, upon meeting the legend known as 'Budgie' (Brian Evans), I went back to football. I spent 16 wonderful years there, during which time I married and had 3 fantastic daughters. In 1991 I moved to Pembrokeshire – Tenby – and after 18 months by the sea, moved to Carmarthen. From 1993 I worked on the Fraud Squad, Ops Room then Llanelli, finishing as Section Sergeant for Llandeilo/Llandovery. Prior to retiring I served as Acting Inspector for Ammanford sub-division, alongside – then Chief Inspector – Tom Edwards. At the time I retired I had served for over 32 years, which is testament to how much

I enjoyed my time in the Force. Since retiring, in 2000, I have done various part-time and voluntary work. Currently I am the Group Leader for Carmarthen Walking Well, a member of CAMRA – and I also sing with Carmarthen Male Voice Choir, our current President being retired Detective Chief. Supt. Jeff Thomas. I recently re-married and we continue to live in Carmarthen, where for the past 6 years I – together with Clive Cowey – have run a very successful monthly Coffee Morning for Narpo members.

### **Chairman's Address**

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When I became Chairman at this year's AGM, despite having served as Vice Chair for 12 years, there was nevertheless no guarantee that I would succeed Phil, so consequently I had not prepared any sort of acceptance speech. 'I do however clearly remember what were my 'visions going forward'- should I be successful – so now to share with you all, the content of my address to those present that day.

1. Coffee mornings: Knowing how successful and beneficial the Carmarthen and other areas 'social events' had proved, it was my hope that similar events could be held throughout the Force area, at strategic locations. It was hoped that any 'new' ventures could be assisted financially with the inaugural event – and also that should anyone be willing to consider setting one up, that both I and Phil Addicott (Sec.) would be more than willing to advise and/or assist during the organisational stage, NB – Since the AGM – thanks to the work of Phil Addicott – we have been successful in receiving a grant of £500 from the Dyfed Powys Lottery Fund, to be used towards setting up such events in new areas.

2. Divisional Welfare reps: I stressed the important part they all play in keeping colleagues in touch with each other – and especially in arranging welfare visits/calls where necessary. Also, for the part they play in informing the Secretary when member had been hospitalised and was entitled to a small gift from the Branch. Whilst expressing my sincere personal thanks to all current reps – I also felt there was a need in some areas for more members to offer themselves for these important roles as, the more ears we have out there, the less chance there is of anyone slipping the net. I felt that this matter - with additional new personnel, could be formalised at the next AGM at which time an up to date list could be distributed. The current list is appended to this newsletter

3. This brings me nicely on to my main objective, which is:- Loneliness and Wellbeing: At this moment in time, the Dyfed Powys Narpo Branch has in excess of 1000 members. Whilst I have no doubt that the majority have regular contact with one or more of - family, friends, neighbours or ex-colleagues. It would be naïve however to believe that we are all that fortunate. I am also aware that we have a number of retired officers, widows and widowers who currently reside in the Dyfed Powys area, having served elsewhere. With this in mind – particularly having regard to the vast and mainly rural area we cover – in an attempt to reach out to those of you who might otherwise be experiencing loneliness or isolation, I make the following offer:- Should any member wish to receive a 'social visit' from their local 'bobby' – I have visited the Chief Constable and he has agreed to adopt this scheme. It would then be between the member and the officer as to how often these visits occur. I appreciate that there might not be a huge take-up on this offer – which might indicate there isn't a problem – however, if only ONE member makes contact through this scheme then I feel it will have been worth it. Please give it some thought. Anyone interested in having this 'visit' arranged should make contact with our Secretary – by e-mail if possible. The closing date for receipt of the first phase of requests will be; 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

**Peter Davies- Chairman**

# Dyfed-Powys Branch General Meeting

A Branch meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13th November 2018** at  
Tafarn y Tanerdy, Tanerdy, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire, SA31 2EY

**Commencing at 11.00 am**

Tea and Coffee will be available from 10:30am onwards, lunch will be served at approx.  
1pm. Attendees will make a menu selection on the morning.

Numbers are required to assist with catering

NOTE: the meeting is open to all members, all meeting costs are covered by the Branch and

**If you require lunch, then a booking is essential, inform the Secretary before  
Wednesday 7th November 2018 of your attendance via email at [narpodppsec@gmail.com](mailto:narpodppsec@gmail.com)**

There is no need to inform the Secretary if you are attending the meeting only.

**Phil Addicott – Secretary**

## Some Good News

September CPI Published. The ONS have now published the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for September 2018 which shows an increase of 2.4%. As a result, Police Pensions will increase by 2.4% as of April 2019. Full details can be found on the ONS website

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/bulletins/consumerpriceinflation/september2018>

Huw Rees and Nick Ingram, members of Carmarthen Golf Club, qualified as county winners to compete in the finals of the Welsh Seniors Greensome Foursomes Championships held at Denbigh Golf Club at the end of September. They came third in the finals, scoring a very creditable 38 points, which in golfing parlance equates to a very good round! Congratulations to them both.



## **Golf Day 2018**

The sixth annual Dyfed Powys branch golf day was held recently at Builth Wells Golf Club. Three members of the assembled throng (including yours truly) had attempted to steal a march on the rest of the competitors by trying out the current state of the course the previous Thursday. However, their dastardly plan backfired when the day turned out to be the wettest by far of the year. All three agreed that they had never been as wet during the whole of their police service – although it is questionable how much time that one of the three, a retired Superintendent, had actually spent outside in the rain during his time in the job! The day of the competition however, proved to be much improved and we were blessed with almost wall to wall sunshine.



There were a number of unavoidable absences due to holidays, golf competitions elsewhere and work commitments, but there was still an excellent turnout of fifteen competitors. There were a couple of firsts this year – the first time that a female has entered (Jane Ingram) and the first time that a serving police officer has played (Gareth Wheatman). This was perfectly within the rules, as Gareth has recently joined NARPO at a pre retirement course, planning for his retirement next year. It was also very encouraging that there were a record six members making their debut at the golf day – as well as Gareth and Jane, it was also the first time that Robin Wilson, Paul Jones, Des Parkinson and Mark Edwards had participated. The day got off to a good start with the usual coffee and bacon bap and concluded with a superb two course meal provided by the catering staff, who as usual could not do enough to help.

In between was the small matter of the golf! There was another first here. In the previous five competitions, we have had a different winner each year. On this occasion however, last year's winner, Gary Evans retained his title, scoring a very creditable 38 points – four more than he scored last year. It was actually just as well that Gary won the competition, as this prevented a possible embarrassing situation, as he had actually forgotten to bring the winner's trophy with him, despite ensuring that it was freshly polished! He must have had a premonition!



Alan Jones took second place with 36 points and Phil Hopkins took third place with 34 points. Mention should be made here of Jane Ingram, who narrowly missed out on the prizes by one point, scoring 33 points. This despite suffering a nasty fall in Saundersfoot the previous week, necessitating several stitches in a head wound. This was followed by a visit to the doctor's in Carmarthen on the morning of the competition to have the stitches removed and rushing up to Builth, making it just in time for tee off.

Bearing in mind the rule that a main prize-winner can only win one prize, the other winners were as follows:-

Lowest gross score – Gareth Wheatman, nearest the pin – Phil Small, longest drive Des Parkinson, lowest points total – Mark Edwards, hidden holes – Colin Finch and Mike Benbow.

Thanks must be given to Simon Edwards and his staff at Builth Golf Club. If you had seen the amount of running water on the course the previous week, you wouldn't have believed that it could recover so quickly to the immaculate condition that it was.

Finally, a huge thank you to branch member and competitor David Jones, who sponsored the event for the fourth consecutive year. This makes my job of organising the event so much easier.

Following a discussion among this year's players, next year's event has already been booked. It will again be held at Builth Wells Golf Club on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**Phil Hopkins**



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **North Powys NARPO Christmas Lunch**

The inaugural Christmas lunch for the North Powys area will be held at The Lakeside Golf Club, Garthmyl, on **Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30 pm.**

The cost will be £24.95 for a three course lunch with coffee and mince pies.

A (non refundable) £10 deposit per person is required by the venue one month before the function – cheques to be made payable to **Dyfed Powys NARPO Branch**. If you intend coming to the lunch, I would be grateful if you could send names of those attending to me at the address below with your deposit **by the end of October**, along with e mail address where appropriate or telephone number, so that I can acknowledge receipt of your deposit.

The menu (including a vegetarian option) is available and will be circulated at a later date.

The Lakeside requires a list of choices no later than one week before the lunch.

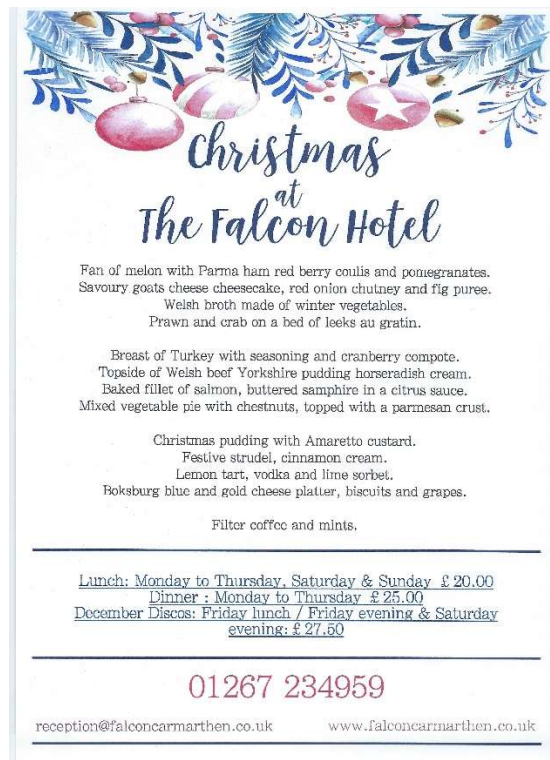
I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

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### **Carmarthen Christmas Lunch**

The Carmarthen NARPO Christmas Dinner, to be held at The Falcon, Carmarthen at **1pm on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018.**

To assist the Hotel with other functions, all who wish to attend to notify me (Peter) by **13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** – the full amount of £20 also needs to be paid by this date please. (The Coffee Morning on the 6<sup>th</sup> November would be an opportune occasion for some to make their choices and payment.)



## **Peter Davies – Branch Chairman**

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## **Carmarthen coffee Mornings**

Dates for 2018 are on the first Tuesdays in the month at the usual venue of The Falcon Hotel.

## **Funding Available.**

As mentioned in The Chairman's address we have received a grant from the force lottery. This is intended to be used to set up Coffee mornings, or similar, in areas of the branch where there are no current NARPO functions. The current Carmarthen and Welshpool mornings do not pay any room hire as they are held in local hotels on a casual arrangement. This would be the ideal way for others to progress. The grant is £500. We are available to advise regarding any future arrangements.

New Member and Obituary will be updated on the next newsletter

All notified obituaries are placed on our Website.

**Reminder \*\*\*Please notify me of any changes to your address or E Mail. \*\*\*\***

**Phil Addicott - Secretary**

## Dyfed Powys Remembers

With the approach of the centenary of the end of WW1. Below are the names who made the ultimate Sacrifice and were members of the constituent forces that now make up Dyfed Powys Police.



### BRECONSHIRE

|                                                |                               |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| L/Cpl William DAVIES (37119) R.W.F.            | 22nd June 1916                |
| Cpl Arthur Allen GRIFFITHS (1319) Welsh Guards | 5th March 1917                |
| Pte Edward HATCHER (1321) Welsh Guards         | 10th September 1916           |
| Gnr Chas E. MARTIN (57582) R.G.A.              | 16 <sup>th</sup> January 1917 |
| Bombadier (Cpl) Thomas PITMAN (57583) R.G.A.   | 9th May 1918                  |

### CARDIGANSHIRE

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|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| P.C. Thomas DAVIES (1446) Welsh Guards             | 27th September 1915 |
| P.C. Thomas Lewis BENNETT (175528) Royal Engineers | 20th November 1917  |
| P.C. Rees CONNICK (K/53680) R.N.                   | 20th September 1918 |
| P.C. Edgar Emlyn EVANS (25838) Grenadier Guards    | 4th April 1918      |
| P.C. John William FARRELL (W5188) R.F.A.           | 10th June 1917      |

### MONTGOMERYSHIRE

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|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| P.C. George BREESE (355441) R.W.F.             | 22nd November 1917  |
| P.C. Charles HAMER (1770) (L/Cpl Welsh Guards) | 10th September 1916 |

### PEMBROKESHIRE

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|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| P.C.69 Walter EDWARDS (1750) Welsh Guards       | 1st December 1917  |
| P.C.76 Arthur EDWARDS (64876) R.F.A.            | 25th March 1918    |
| P.C.66 Henry Thomas COFFEY (Pte 3/31843) S.W.B. | 6th September 1918 |

### RADNORSHIRE

(Chief Constable) Major Harold Hickman BROMFIELD 10th September 1916



**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At  
the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will  
remember them.**

## **The Executive and Committee as at 26th March 2018.**

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