

Summer Newsletter

The IPA and NARPO branches in Dyfed-Powys agree to work together



The branch agreed at the AGM to formalise links with the local IPA branch for the mutual good of both branches and members. The IPA Branch Chair, Mr Gareth Cowley is a NARPO Branch member and a large proportion of the IPA Branch members are also members of the NARPO Branch. This brings benefits to both Branches with the ability to share information and access to members. The Branch Secretary/Treasurer is also an IPA member and has also been appointed as the IPA Branch Treasurer.

Forthcoming joint events include, The Police Memorial day at St. David's Hall, Cardiff, 29th September, admission is free, Transport will be arranged, and refreshments we need names for the Organisers, please email or use the reply slip on the last page.

A Visit to the WW1 battlefield in France and Belgium in September, places are limited, some may still be available, the Coach will leave from Brecon, if you are interested please contact the Secretary for details.

We hope to organise a trip to Southern Ireland hopefully in May 2014. The trip should last 5 days, (Mon to Fri) departing from the UK by ferry at Fishguard, to Roslaura, then on to Wexford to be hosted by the local Guardee, the following day moving on to the west of Ireland, Co. Kerry, Killarney to

Stay for 4 nights at The 4 Star Lake Hotel, on the shores of Muckross lake, Trips on the lake, Muckross House, also to Dingle and the Ring of Kerry are planned. Fishing and Golf are available in the area which is covered by the Killarney national Park.

The lake views are stunning and the food and accommodation excellent.

Please use the reply slip on page 6 to express an interest, cost is estimated at £4/500 per person, but this will be confirmed when numbers are finalised.

The Lake Hotel has an excellent website, www.thelakehotelkillarney.com for further information about the hotel and the area, one of Ireland's premier tourist areas.

O&F Carmarthen to Close

O&F will close for the last time on 31st July, the venue for the Carmarthen Coffee Morning in August will be The Ivy Bush Royal Hotel, Ground Floor Bar, where we can discuss arrangements for the rest of the year, the dates are on page 4.

We are all very sorry to see O&F go, but offer grateful thanks to the Staff, especially Sara for the excellent welcome we have always received, and we wish her and all the Staff who have lost their jobs good luck for the future and that all will work out for the best.



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Comments from the Chair

A couple of weeks of fine weather puts a different perspective on the British summer! Then, when we think it's safe to fire up the barbecue, back comes the rain, which is when I'm writing this. Let's hope the recent sun and warm weather is a sign of things to come for the next few months.

I know that I have written at length in previous newsletters about the topic of Police and Crime Commissioners and my thoughts were that I have given the subject a good airing. However, I make no apologies for making it my lead item again, with the recent developments close to home. As we went to print for the last edition, the appointment for the post for Chief Constable in Dyfed Powys was still pending. Mr Prince got the nod over Ms Roberts, which I understand was not entirely unexpected. However the issue I am referring to is the current situation in Gwent, where the Chief Constable has effectively been fired by the Police and Crime Commissioner. When I spoke and wrote twelve months ago about the power that these Commissioners would hold in being able to hire and fire Chief Constable, I didn't expect it to ring true so soon! Ian Johnston, the Gwent PCC stated, just after the Chief Constable had left her post that he had been democratically elected to represent the people of Gwent. While that may be correct, the fact is that on a 14% turnout he was voted in by 7% of the electorate! A meeting between ACPO and the Home Secretary to try and sort out these powers is now on the cards, and this is in my view much needed.

Due to the changes at ACPO level in Dyfed Powys, plans for Clive and I to have a meeting with the Chief Constable have not yet come to fruition. We are still working on it and hope to find a suitable date for a meeting soon.

Another matter I mentioned in the last newsletter was the matter of the NARPO News and the flyer inserts. I have been in touch with Wakefield and the matter was also discussed at the last Regional meeting. The reality is that while there is a consensus that the inserts are a nuisance, the revenue generated helps towards the costs of the magazine production and is a valuable source of income for the organisation. The actual amount will be available when the

Annual Report is published, but as a guide, the income generated from advertising in 2011 was almost £100,000.



As I write these notes, the G8 summit is just a few days away. Thousands of officers from the mainland are being deployed to Enniskillen, including several from Dyfed Powys. I know that these officers will bring credit on the police service and I wish them all a safe return.

Can I issue another plea for those authors, poets, cartoonists etc. amongst you to rack your brains and submit an article, anecdote or similar for inclusion in the newsletter. To retain the newsletter as an interesting read, I feel that it is important for contributions from someone other than Clive and me from time to time.

Finally, again my thanks to Clive Cowey, for all his work in keeping the Branch running smoothly and also to our Webmaster, Jeff Davies from the Swansea Branch, but who started his service in Dyfed Powys.

Phil Hopkins

General Meeting, Plas Hyfryd,
Narberth, October 7th 2013
See Page 4 for dates of forthcoming events

APOLOGY, I have had to hold back the newsletter due to circumstances outside my control, apologies for that and also from Phil, whose item above may be a little out of date. I hope to get the next newsletter to you before Christmas, any items for inclusion to me by 1st November 2013 please.

Clive

Mr Arthur Rowlands



Arthur Rowlands (L) on Basic Training and in later life (R).

If you recall, I wrote in the last edition following the death of Arthur Rowlands about the officers from the old Mid Wales Constabulary who were involved in the arrest of Robert Boynton, who had shot and blinded Pc Arthur Rowlands of the Gwynedd Constabulary. My thanks to Onw Hughes of Llandrindod Wells, who sent me an article about the incident. Three Mid Wales officers were decorated for their part in the investigation. They were Tommy (TO) Davies (who finished his service at Headquarters) who was awarded the George Medal, and Duff Edwards and Ivor Bennett (Insp in Llandrindod and Sgt in Presteigne respectively) who received the BEM. TO is the only one of these three still alive. I knew all three who were (are) characters in their own right and could be the subject of an article in the newsletter themselves!

Arthur Rowlands himself and a PC Robert Carswell also received the George Medal. Further research revealed that PC Carswell was a Liverpool dog handler who had been called in under the Mutual Aid procedure. Dai Richards from Welshpool (ex PC 474) was playing golf quite recently in Portugal and was talking to a retired officer from Liverpool who told him the same story unprompted – quite a coincidence.

International Police Association. **Dyfed-Powys Branch**

May I first thank Phil and Clive in allowing the IPA to use the Narpo newsletter as a means to inform its members of activities involving the IPA at Branch and Regional level.

It became apparent that a number of retired police officers are members of Narpo and the IPA so it seemed sensible for us to work more closely, where we can, to be more proactive and help bring about social and educational events for our members benefit.

I do not see the aims of Narpo and the IPA conflicting, the IPA's key aim to unite through friendship and professional understanding serving and retired police officers and police staff through local, regional, national and international contacts and exchange opportunities.

Clive, in this newsletter, has outlined events taking place over the forthcoming months and proposed for next year, and I would like to see us using this newsletter as a means of updating members of what is happening locally and offering all the opportunity to propose and participate in formal and informal activities to keep us all "young at heart"!

Yours in Friendship

Gareth Cowley Branch Chair



NARPO Golf Competition

This has been confirmed for

10th September at Bwlth

Wells Golf Club, with the

itinerary for the day as follows:-

10.00am – 10.30 am Tea/

coffee and a bacon roll

11.00am – First tee off time

4.00pm 4.30pm – Two

course meal followed by

prize giving.

Total cost for the day £26.

We have been fortunate

enough to have obtained

sponsorship for the day

from Roland Smith Insurance.

A £5 deposit is required to

secure attendance. If any-

one who has not already

confirmed their attendance

with me is interested in

taking part, could they

please send a cheque for £5

made payable to Bwlth

Wells Golf Club to me at 22,

Adelaide Drive, Red Bank,

Welshpool, Powys SY21

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For any further information,

please contact me at

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01938554302 or

07801865386.

Coffee Morning and Event dates, 2013

August 6th Ivy Bush Royal Hotel

September 3rd TBA

October 1st TBA

December 3RD TBA

Llanelli 4th, Thomas Arms

Ammanford—October, final date
be notified

General meeting, 7th October, see
below.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

AT
Plas Hyfryd Hotel

NARBERTH

Monday 7th October
2013

Buffet lunch at 12 noon

Meeting to commence
at approx. 1pm



Dyfed-Powys PCC appoints a new Chief Constable

Simon Prince joined the Police Force in 1990 and has spent all of his service in Gwent serving in every area of the Force in a variety of different roles and ranks. In 2007, as a Chief Superintendent, Simon was appointed to lead the change programme in Gwent Police. His responsibilities were Operational Policing, Crime Investigation, Protective Services, and Neighbourhood Response Policing. Simon attended the Strategic Command Course in 2010 and in July 2011 was promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief Constable in Gwent where his strategic responsibilities include territorial policing, crime investigation, specialist operations and protective services.

In March 2013 Simon was appointed as Chief Constable for Dyfed Powys



Mr Simon Prince

Police, the first Chief Officer in Wales to be appointed by a Police and Crime Commissioner. He has a B.A. Honours Degree from the University of Wales and a Masters Degree in Business Administration

Events at Llanelli and Ammanford

Ammanford, Badgers, is proving to be an excellent venue, a very good atmosphere, 28 people attended, it is hoped that many more will be encouraged join the next one, date to be fixed but hopefully October.

Llanelli, The next 'Pint and a Curry' night at the Thomas Arms will be on Wednesday, 4th September 2013, go along and enjoy meeting old colleagues at these ever successful events.

Gwyndaf would like to thank Alan Davies and Michael Price and we all work together to arrange the dates and venue. We add our thanks to Gwyndaf and Harry for all their hard work on behalf of members.

Welcome to New Members

Mr. P.A Davies, Newtown, Mr. S.R. Mears, Llanelli, Mr. R.A.W. Lewis, Carmarthen, Mr. P. Havard, Pembs, Mr. R.A. Price, Llanelli., Mr. G.O. Davies, Carmarthen, Mr. J.C. Jenkins, Llanelli, Mr. H.M. Williams, Carmarthen, Ms. Lynda Phillips, Llanelli.



Sad Goodbyes'

Mr. Norman Welch, Newtown, Mr. Peter Guise, Reading, Late of Builth Wells, Mr. Huw Hopkins, residing in New Zealand.

Sincere condolences to all the families and friends affected by their bereavements, there loss is great and a memorial page is to be found on the branch website.



Lottery Winners May 2013

£6000 - PC N R Wheeldon 44, Powys, £2000 - Mr A G Price (Ret),
£1000 - Mr T Rees (Ret), PC G D Williams 287, Powys, Mr K M
Lewis, HQ, £500 - Mr R K Wilson (Ret), Mr R C Eagles (Ret), Mrs N
Pearce, HQ., £400 - DC C M Fish 337, HQ, Mr A B Crowdie, HQ, PC
R L Gallier 104, Powys, DC P W Blanchard 487, Powys, Mrs E M
Evans (Ret), £300 - Mr C S James (Ret), Mr D N Herbert, HQ, PC E
A Davies 525, Carmarthenshire, PC J W Parker 1077, Powys, PC E I
James 17, HQ, £200 - Mr G J Lewis (Ret), Insp A M Ward, Carmarthenshire, DC M I Hermitage
673, HQ, PC N A L Pateman 584, Powys, Mr G E R Thomas (Ret), £100 - Mr L K Rofe (Ret), PC D
Crockford 780, HQ, PC J S Williams 69, Pembrokeshire, Mrs R Greatrick, HQ, Mrs W J Clark,
HQ., PC J J McWilliams, 331, Carmarthenshire, Mr I W Edwards (Ret), Mrs S J Waters, HQ, Mr
P G Davies (Ret), PS S D Williams 950, Carmarthenshire, Total Amount Won - £18,000.



Remember please promote NARPO whenever you get the opportunity,
be an **ACTIVE** member, the more members we have the more we can
do.

Welfare Bulletin from Rev. Martin Spain



Police Mutual Member Care Service

Now there's a long title, but in brief, if you are a member of the PMAS or have car or home insurance with Roland Smith, you can access a Care Service that provides a confidential and independent care advisory service from qualified nurses who are experienced in supporting those with critical illness, terminal illness and bereavement. This means if you or someone close to you has a serious illness, chronic health condition, a disability or suffering from a bereavement, you can get practical advice from qualified people who can offer you expert advice, reassurance and access to complementary treatments.

To find out more, contact the PMAS on **0845 450 5220** or email membercare@pmas.co.uk



who are also members of Police Mutual and this service provides Convalescence facilities by providing tailored support for members of the Police Service, retired officers and their families who've been through a traumatic event or bereavement, helping them to get away from it all and recuperate.

Applications **must** be authorised and submitted by Branch Secretaries using the relevant application form available via the website at:
www.policemutualfoundation.co.uk

The Police Mutual Foundation is another new service provided for NARPO members

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And Finally

Join the Coffee Mornings, Meetings Curry Nights and other events and make your views known, this is your Branch, we are part of a national framework but Branch is yours, not owned by the NEC in Wakefield, let us know what you think and what you want from it.

I intend to get the next newsletter out in time for Christmas, hope to meet a lot of you before that, remember the General meeting is in October in Pembrokeshire.

Kind Regards,

Clive Cowey



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Reply Slip. Please detach and return or send your request by email to: narpo36@gmail.com.

Name

Membership Number

Address:

I would like to attend the police memorial day on 29th September 2013

Number and names of attendees:

I would like to provisionally express and interest in the 2014 IPA trip to Ireland

Number of places requested:

I would like further details of the battlefield Tour 2013.

Number and names of attendees: