



DYFED-POWYS NARPO NEWSLETTER

Spring 2021



FROM THE EDITOR: Hugh Colley



A few weeks ago, I was struggling to find material for this newsletter. However, thanks to contributions from several members, this has developed into a bumper issue and some items have been held over until the next issue.

While Covid still makes the news, there are a wide variety of articles which I hope will be of interest. During the pandemic, scammers have come up with numerous ways of getting people, especially the elderly, to part with their hard earned cash. Please take time to read the excellent article by DC Gareth Jordan – it may prevent **YOU** becoming a victim! My personal thanks to members that have submitted articles and photographs – if you have items for inclusion in the next issue please send them to me, preferably by email: hughcolley144@btinternet.com.

(Ideally, articles should be no more than 500 words equivalent to one page of A4 and photos preferably in JPEG format).

Finally, feedback and suggestions for future issues would be greatly appreciated.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Peter Davies



I truly hope that by the time you receive this newsletter we will be well on our way to some form of normality. Many Covid 19 restrictions will be behind us and I am sure that the roll out of the vaccinations will provide reassurance as we move forward.

I know that meetings, social gatherings and other group activities seem a thing of the past, but I am positive about their re-commencement soon.

To keep branch NARPO matters ticking over, the Executive Committee have engaged in periodic Zoom meetings over the last 12 months: I would like to thank members for their input at these 'meetings.'

Furthermore, my sincere thanks go out to our Welfare Representatives throughout the force area who have notified us of illnesses, welfare issues or hospitalisation of members; you carry out such an important role. The more 'eyes and ears on the ground' the better, if any member wishes to join the team of 'Reps', please notify our Secretary or myself.

In conclusion, I wish to commend Hugh Colley on the work he does in maintaining and updating our website. It contains so much information, topics of interest, photographs etc, that I strongly advise all members with online access to pay regular visits to the site. If you have never accessed it, please give it a go.

Finally, on the next page is the farewell letter which I sent on behalf of the branch to Mr. Mark Collins (Rtd. Chief Constable) prior to him departing our shores to take charge of the British Virgin Islands Police together with his reply.

My fondest regards to you and your families.

Peter Davies (Chair)

LETTER TO MR MARK COLLINS QPM

I have great pleasure in writing to you on behalf of all members of the Dyfed-Powys branch of NARPO.

May we firstly congratulate you on such an outstanding appointment, which truly brings honour, not just to yourself, but to Wales and the residents of Dyfed-Powys in particular.

From the NARPO point of view, both myself and our Secretary acknowledge the support you have afforded our branch, making yourself so available and approachable to us where necessary.

It is because of this that our Branch Executive had absolutely no qualms in agreeing to Clive Cowey's proposal, that we purchase a bench to be placed in the Memorial Garden at HQ. The fact that it was your idea to introduce such a garden is indicative of your care and empathy and indeed love for the force and area that you hold so close to your heart.

I will conclude Sir, on behalf of all our branch members, in thanking you for all you have done for Dyfed-Powys Police and wishing you well and every success in your new venture abroad.

Yours sincerely,
Peter G. Davies (Branch Chair)

REPLY FROM MR MARK COLLINS QPM

Mr. Peter Davies,
Chair,
NARPO,
Dyfed-Powys Police Branch.

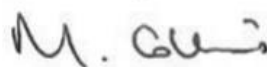
Dear Peter,

Thank you for your recent letter and your kind remarks, on behalf of your members, on my retirement as Chief Constable. I am sad to be leaving but I am very much looking forward to the next challenge in my career as Commissioner of Police in the British Virgin Islands.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Chief Constable and I have been fortunate to work with hard working and committed officers and staff who do their utmost to safeguard our communities. I am proud to be leaving the force in a good position for my successor and I am sure that T/CC Claire Parmenter will continue where I left off.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you and your members for your support during my term of office and I look forward to continuing as a member of the Dyfed-Powys Branch.

Best Wishes.



Mark Collins QPM
Chief Constable.

DEREK'S UPDATE ON RECOVERY FROM COVID 19



In the spring of 2020, NARPO member Derek Edwards spent nine days unwell at his home and 14 days at Glangwili Hospital fighting Covid 19. His experience featured in the Summer newsletter and in NARPO News - Derek has provided the following update on his and Laura's recovery: 'It's exactly a year since I came out of hospital. I am pleased to report that Laura and I have made a full recovery. In my case it was six months before I could say I felt back to normal.

Losing your health and strength virtually overnight was a very sobering experience, I do feel incredibly lucky to have got through and recovered so well.

I have now had my first vaccine which gives a little extra assurance that should COVID come my way again it hopefully will not be so bad.

Best wishes to all NARPO members.

Note: Since Derek and his wife become infected with the virus, other members of DPP NARPO have also contracted Covid – we wish them all a full and speedy recovery.

SON OF NARPO MEMBER IN CHARGE OF VACCINE ROLL OUT

The army logistics expert brought in by Prime Minister Boris Johnson to help speed up the coronavirus vaccine roll-out is the son of NARPO member, Gwyndaf Prosser of Llanelli.



Brigadier Phil Prosser (left), commander of the 101 Logistic Brigade, also known as the Iron Division, spoke alongside Prime Minister Boris Johnson at a press conference, where he outlined the army's involvement in delivering millions of doses of the vaccine in the coming weeks.

'We are extremely proud of the role he is playing,' said Gwyndaf. 'He has served all over the world, including Afghanistan, Bosnia and Iraq and it is great to see him now taking on this role at home'.

'He was heavily involved in the early stages of the pandemic last year, helping distribute PPE

equipment to the NHS.

Phillip was awarded the CBE in the New Year Honours List for his role in that operation'.

Formerly in the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Brigadier Prosser studied at Welbeck College, Sandhurst and Cranfield University in Bedfordshire, before doing a master's degree with the Open University.

His wife Shani is from Fishguard and they have a daughter Emily.

Brigadier Prosser was under no illusions about the size of the task ahead. 'We aim to deliver the vaccine as soon after it is supplied as possible, not leaving vast quantities in the warehouse - it needs to be in arms not on shelves' said Brigadier Prosser.

He added that the operation would be 'unparalleled in its scale and complexity. It is the equivalent of setting up a major supermarket chain in less than a month'.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE: Lynn Rees (NARPO Chaplain)



We enter the summer months in the hope that this summer will be an improvement on last year. Many of us have received the Covid vaccinations and the newfound freedom that Covid Passports may bring. Restaurants and pubs are open for 'outside customers' and some travel destinations will be open for holidays this summer. The COVID pandemic has brought much that we would wish to forget – the isolation of restrictions and being unable to visit our families and loved ones; the loss suffered by families of those who have died are

at the forefront of all our minds.

However there have also been positives. A reignited sense of community, looking out for our neighbours, people delivering shopping supplies for those who are shielding and greater public recognition of the important work of our key workers and emergency services - of who have continued to turn up for work and serve the public throughout the pandemic, putting themselves at risk in doing so.

I don't believe that life will ever be the same – indeed I hope that it won't. The small things that we used to take for granted have a newfound significance in our lives, be it visiting our families or going to the pub. Many who are now retired and no longer work may not have benefited from the increased opportunities to 'work from home' that look likely to continue for some time, although many "retired" people have volunteered to help in the community, be it at food banks, or through the local church or other community organisations

One of the things that's emerged from those challenging times has been a huge recognition that there is a lot of goodness and kindness and compassion and love around in our communities – long may it continue.

IN MEMORIAM

The following have sadly passed away since the last newsletter:

Mr Hugh James (Rtd. PC476)

Mr David Glyndwr (Dai) Williams (Rtd DC563)

Mr Eurig Davies (Rtd PC62)

Mrs Glenys Mary Edwards, widow of the late Mr Glyn Edwards (Rtd. PC399)

Miss Ann John (Rtd. WPS818).

Mr Ivor Gwyn Evans (Rtd. C/Insp)

Mr Colin Finch (Rtd. PC47)

Ms Anne Christine Lewis (Rtd. WPC835)

Mr Peter Morgan Evans (Rtd. C/Insp)

Mrs Vera Bowen, widow of Mr Meurig Bowen (Rtd. PC25)

Mr Hubert Jones (Rtd. PC MWC / DPP)

Mr Thomas Emrys Jones (Rtd. PS 63)

Mr Hywel Bevan (Rtd. PS48)

Mrs Sybil Tutty (Widow of the late John Tutty (Rtd. PS611)

Mrs Jessie Mason (Widow of the late Cecil Mason (Rtd. PC)

Mr Roger Butler (Rtd. Supt.)

Mr PC Keith Lewis (Rtd. PC367)

Mr. Anthony (Tony) John Allen (Rtd. PC523)

Mr Michael (Mike) Cox (Rtd. DC608)

Mr Isaac Harold Davies (Rtd. PS 260)

Mr Trefor Davies (Rtd. PS)

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES

Many of our members on becoming aware of the passing of retired and serving officers wish to send condolence messages to the bereaved family. Requests have been received for the family's postal address to be included in the bereavement notice which is posted on the website and circulated by email.

Please note that due to implications of the Data Protection Act, this is not permissible.

However, whenever possible, details of the funeral director arranging the funeral will form part of the notice. This will enable members to contact the funeral director and arrange for messages of sympathy to be delivered to the family.

Note: A donation in memory of the departed member, payable to the charitable cause nominated by the family will be sent to the nominated representative, usually the Funeral Director.

HOSPITAL GIFT FUND

When a member of Dyfed-Powys NARPO is hospitalised, or undergoing extended treatment for a serious condition, the Secretary should be informed as soon as possible. If required, the Secretary will arrange for a payment (currently £25:00) to be made to the member from the Hospital Gift Fund. Due to the current crisis the preferred method of payment will be directly into the member's account.

If you, or you know a member that is eligible please inform the Secretary (Phone: 07807956928 or Email: dyfedpowys@narpo.org)

NORTH POWYS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Following the cancellation of last year's event, this year's lunch will be held at The Lakeside, Garthmyl, on **Tuesday, 30th November 2021**.

An email with more details will be circulated in due course, but this is an early opportunity for you to pencil the date in your diary.

NARPO GOLF DAY 2020

The 2020 NARPO Golf Day was held at Builth Wells GC on Monday 14th September with 15 golfers competing for the prestigious trophy.



It must be said that the general standard of the golf did not match the beautiful weather.

Des Parkinson (left) was the clear winner, compiling a huge score of forty points and romping home by seven points from Huw Rees.

It was good to see our sponsor, NARPO member David Jones, making his way slowly to the thirteenth green to meet some of the groups – many thanks to David for his continued support.

There was not a lot to report on the golf – other than three times winner Gary Evans removing his shoes and socks on one occasion to go paddling in the stream and attempt to play his ball out of the water!

The course was in pristine condition and the fine weather enabled us to enjoy the high-quality meal provided al fresco. The club hosted us superbly and it was agreed to hold the 2021 event at the same location on **Monday 13th September**. Further details will be circulated in due course.

Phil Hopkins

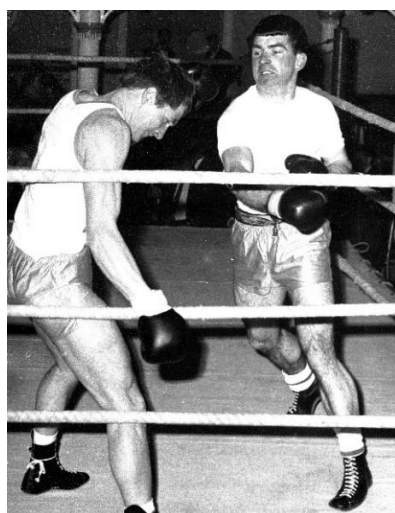
SPORTING BLASTS FROM THE PAST

Many thanks to Nick Evans of Pembroke for the below photo of a group of keen Pembrokeshire golfers that enjoyed a golf tour in 1992 to picturesque Golf De La Bretesche in north west France.



Back Row: (L to R) Nick Evans, Adrian Pride, Dave Allen, Bob Phillips, Geraint Phillips, Phil Ingram, Steve Cole, Ken Small. Front: Gareth Roberts, Don Owen (guest), Dave Perry, Jeff Davies, Dai Rees, Mike Allen, Hugh Colley.

Barrie Davies was a skilful footballer who represented DPP on many occasions. In his younger days Barrie was also a hard hitting boxer.



The photograph taken in 1968, shows Barrie (right) in action at the Albion Hall, Pembroke Dock. Shortly after the end of the bout, Barrie paraded for an eight hour night shift!

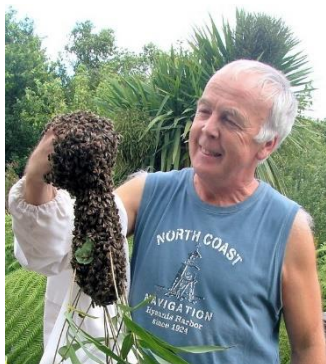
Eirian Williams was a Traffic Officer at Llanelli before becoming a professional snooker referee.



Eirian refereed numerous top class tournaments including four World Championship finals at The Crucible in Sheffield. Having seen them all in action, he rates Stephen Hendry as the absolute master.

THE AMAZINGLY DOCILE WELSH HONEYBEE: Jeff Davies

Since the spring of 1988, the year I took up beekeeping, I have been fortunate to have had my beehives located at the bottom of the garden. Being in close proximity means I can walk amongst the hives daily and I'm convinced the bees have got used to my presence. As a result, they have become very docile and a pleasure to work with.



Last year was an exceptional time for swarming; no matter what I did to prevent it happening, once they had made their mind up, off they went to pastures new! The bees obviously thought that we were going to enjoy a nice hot summer and decided to make the most of it.

One such swarming session last year ended up with my precious bees ending up in the dense jungle of bamboo at the bottom of my garden. This bamboo plantation is well over 12' high - it surrounds the apiary and forces the foraging bees to fly high, instead of venturing into neighbouring gardens. This nearly impenetrable jungle according to my wife, neighbours and friends is the new home of Lord Lucan!

I guessed that retrieving a swarm from these canes was not going to be an easy task as the swarm was entangled in the 'jungle'.

Donning my protective beekeeping suit and clutching secateurs, I scaled the ladder and tenderly cut each bamboo cane below the cluster of bees with one hand, whilst holding the top of the canes in the other. Fortunately, the bees remained calm as they knew they were in good hands.

Having cut back all the canes, I walked down the ladder, carrying my precious bundle and took the opportunity of taking a few photographs. Meantime, the bees continued to hang on to the canes, and climbed their way, to the top and onto my hand!

They were placed into their new home and after surviving the long, cold winter are now well on their way to rewarding me with surplus honey. Collecting a swarm, despite enjoying over 20 years of beekeeping, continues to be an amazing experience and makes me feel close to nature.



Due to Varroa and other pests, as well as human interference, the global declining health of the Honeybee now needs our help to ensure its future and of course the future of mankind. It's therefore very encouraging to see that recent nationwide publicity has led to an increase in the number of beekeepers in the UK.

Long may they enjoy their new hobby; I know that I do and always will.

Jeff Davies (Associate Member)

HOW STRONG ARE YOUR PASSWORDS: DC Gareth Jordan



Gareth has been a police officer for 14 years and prior to that was employed in the IT sector. He is now based in The Economic Crime Team at Police HQ and has been involved in investigating all forms of crime that have a cyber- element to them.

Gareth is knowledgeable on the latest cyber-crimes and scams and by dealing with the victims of these crimes, he knows the effects that these crimes have on both businesses and individuals.

Passwords can only do so much, even when implemented correctly; password are limited in helping prevent unauthorised access. If an attacker discovers or guesses your password, they can impersonate you!

A few words about Passwords:

- **Boring:** Yes, everyone knows that they are a pain and no one wants to be told any more about them.
- **Essential:** Yes, nothing in life seems to work without a password anymore.
- **Key to your Digital front door:** Think of your password as just that – if you use a simple password and use it on multiple accounts – it's the same as having the same key for everything you have in the real world – and if you lose that key or someone finds it and uses it – they have access to all of your doors and drawers. If someone guesses or hacks your password – how many digital doors and drawers can they open?

What is the worst that could happen? Using your email address and password, criminals can lock you out of your online life, pretend to be you and even sell your accounts.

Be Cyber Savvy, Not Cyber Sorry. Passwords need to be strong secure and unique to each account

If someone knows or guesses your password, then they will have access to that online account.

So, if you used the same password on more than one account, the criminal now has access to those accounts as well.

"It won't happen to me, I live in Dyfed Powys, and cyber criminals aren't interested in me".

Hundreds of Cyber related incidents are reported to Dyfed Powys Police each year and those are just the ones we know about; many are never reported.

- PINs and passwords are your first line of defence on your computer, mobile device, apps, online bank accounts and social media.
- Create passwords that are strong, **don't** share them and use a different one for every online account in case one or more gets hacked.

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One secure password for all accounts is not the answer. If you use the same password on all your accounts, no matter how strong it is; if that one password gets hacked or known, all your accounts are now at risk.

Instead of creating extremely long and complex passwords, choose three random words. Examples used on the NCSC website are: 'coffeetrainfish' or 'walltinshirt'.

Avoid using easy to guess passwords, such as 'onetwothree' or the names of family members or pets as this will make you an easy target for hackers.

You can write it down safe and securely – not the best solution, but it's better than having one easy to guess password – if you do it this way, use a little black book that you keep safe somewhere. You could use a Word document which is password protected or possibly look at using a Password Manager.

Google, 'Password Managers' to find out more or visit the websites mentioned below:

- <https://www.howtogeek.com/445274/how-safe-are-password-managers/>
- <https://www.getsafeonline.org/blog/password-managers-how-to-remember-all-your-passwords-by-remembering-only-on/>

Whatever you do: Make sure you have a unique and strong password for each of your online accounts. In that way you are making yourself a much harder target for the cyber-criminal and 95% less likely to get hacked in the future.

Next time we will look at **Two Factor Authentication (2FA)** – but until then, take some time to look at sorting your passwords out.

TELEPHONE SCAMS – CUT OUT AND KEEP BY YOUR PHONE



Telephone Scams

Be careful when answering calls from strangers...

- NEVER disclose any personal or banking information, PINs, passwords, authorisation codes, card details, Passport - the list goes on.
- The bank, police or any other trusted company will never ask you to transfer money to another bank account to protect your money from fraud.
- Someone calling pretending to be from your bank, police or any other trusted company will sound professional. Don't be fooled by their professionalism.
- If you're unsure about a caller, challenge their identity by calling them back on a number you can obtain from the company yourself. Use a different phone line if possible.
- If you feel as though the caller is pressuring you into handing over details, hang up.
- You will never be asked to pay HMRC or TV Licensing by gift cards.
- Remember, whatever they offer you; if it sounds too good to be true, then it usually is.
- Ask a trusted friend or relative for help if you believe you have received a suspicious call.
- If you are worried about your bank account following a call, ring your bank.

Note your bank contact details here:



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If you believe you have been subject to a scam, call your bank and then inform Dyfed Powys Police on **101**.

THE LEWIS HAMILTON OF CEREDIGION: Huw Nicholas

Having been retired for some years, the children thought I needed some excitement, (or perhaps they had thoughts on getting their inheritance early) so for my 60th birthday they bought me a racing experience day at Silverstone, the home of the British Grand Prix.

During my time as a police officer, I had undergone a standard driving course with Ken Lewis (No 64) - later Inspector Lewis at Lampeter, but I never held any desire to be a traffic officer.



On the day of my visit to Silverstone, I was determined to finish in the first 10 and as I completed lap after lap of the circuit, I imagined the commentary of the late Murray Walker. (My car was number 17 shown in the centre of the photo).

Sadly, no podium finish but a brilliant day out and before you ask, I didn't spin off the circuit, even though it was a rainy day!!

RETIREMENT - WHAT RETIREMENT: Martin Spain

Martin retired from Dyfed-Powys Police in 2010 and this brought opportunities to expand his work with the Royal Army Chaplains Department (RACHD), where he has served on and off since his first commission into the RACHD in 1998.

In 2008, he re-entered the RACHD and after attending the Professionally Qualified Officers' Course at the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst became the Chaplain to the Welsh Field Hospital (203 Welsh Field Hospital – Reserves) where he continues to serve.



In recognition of his service, Martin was recently awarded the Volunteer Reserve Service Medal (VR) – which used to be known as the Territorial Decoration (TD). Although awarded last summer, because of the pandemic, Martin received the actual medal at a socially distanced training event on the Sennybridge ranges in April 2021. The picture shows Colonel Simon Lawrence (right), Royal Army Medical Corps, Commanding Officer of the Welsh Field Hospital, presenting the Reverend (Major) Martin Spain, CF, VR, Royal Army Chaplains Department with the VRSM.

A LOOK BACK IN TIME

Brian Wiley of Aberystwyth came across this extract taken from the Chief Constable of Cardiganshire's Quarterly report to the Standing Joint Committee on 3 July 1897:



"On 23 April 1897 a horse, trap and harnesses were stolen from outside the Bear Inn Cardigan by two young men who were afterwards arrested and committed for trial at Quarter Sessions. Upon hearing of the robbery, information was immediately circulated and PC Denis Williams 4 and PC Thomas E Young 17, at once proceeded on bicycles in search of the offenders and although they travelled some 90 miles each, they failed in capturing the

offenders. PC Owen 7, and PC Jones 9 also made long rides but unfortunately to no purpose beyond circulating the information.

The Carmarthenshire Police were exceptionally active and I cannot but refer to the following: PC W Powell 26 who travelled 24 miles on foot, PC James Williams 71 – 36 miles on foot, PC W Thomas 63 – 18 miles on foot, PC Thomas Davies – 12 miles on foot and 86 miles on bicycle.

The prisoners were eventually arrested 2 miles beyond Abergavenny by the last named Constable."

Note: The Chief Constable Mr Howell Evans (pictured) was appointed Chief Constable of Cardiganshire on 1st January 1891 and headed the force until his death in 1903

CAR CRASH IN TENBY



A wonderful photograph circa 1910 showing a car crash in High Street, Tenby. The photograph shows Colonel Goodeve of St. Florence perched in the back of his car waiting for the repair whilst Inspector Johns stands guard to the rear of the vehicle with three constables on the right.

Credit: Tenby Museum & Art Gallery

BRITISH POLICE HISTORY WEBSITE



Are you interested in the history of Policing in Britain? If so, the following may be of interest:

From Aberdare Canal Police to Zetland County Police, the British Police History website (<https://british-police-history.uk>) is an ongoing effort to chronicle every British Police force known to

exist. It is made possible by the research efforts and the many fine content submissions of Police Historians and serving and retired Police Officers and Staff. The site is accessible to all and, if you sign up on the site, you can access a free quarterly Journal as well as other police publications and special features.

More details of British Police forces both past and present are added each weekend and submissions are most welcome of photographs and articles relating to British policing. The email address is: admin@british-police-history.uk

SEARCH FOR GUNMAN WHO BLINDED POLICE OFFICER

During the early hours of Wednesday 2nd August 1961, PC Arthur Rowlands (Gwynedd Constabulary) was patrolling Dyfi Bridge, near Machynlleth. There had been several burglaries in the area, Arthur together with PC Dai Williams (Mid-Wales Constabulary) were checking persons and vehicles with a view to catching the person responsible.



At the end of his shift, Dai started the short journey to Machynlleth - in the distance Arthur saw the outline of a man. A few moments later, Arthur was confronted by Robert Boynton who fired a shotgun into the officer's face, causing horrific injuries, blinding him in both eyes.

NARPO member, Mr Tom (TO) Davies took part in the largest manhunt ever mounted in Wales. Days later, Boynton broke cover and after a chase was arrested by Tom after a violent struggle. Boynton was still armed with a loaded .410 shotgun.

In recognition of their brave conduct the following received awards: Awarded the George Medal: Thomas Owen DAVIES, Constable, Mid-Wales Constabulary (pictured with George Medal)), Robert CARSWELL, Constable, Liverpool City Police. Robert William ROBERTS, Constable, Shropshire Constabulary. Arthur Rees ROWLANDS, Constable, Gwynedd Constabulary. Awarded the British Empire Medal for Gallantry: John Francis Ivor BENNETT and Geoffrey Seymour (Duff) EDWARDS, Mid-Wales Constabulary.

A first-hand account about the manhunt for Boynton can be found on the DPP NARPO website and it is envisaged that a similar article will appear in the August issue of NARPO News – 60 years after the shooting that shocked the nation.

NO. 8 DPTC BRIDGEND

The below course photo taken in 1955 has been received from Mr Eurfyl Jones who joined the Cardigan Constabulary as PC 15. On amalgamation with Carmarthenshire Constabulary his number changed to 215. Eurfyl retired from Dyfed-Powys Police in 1985 and resides in Cardigan.



No.1: I Owen (Pembrokeshire) 2: HA Williams (Pembrokeshire) 3: R LI Williams (Mid-Wales) 4: E Evans (Cardiganshire) 5: DE Jones (Cardiganshire) 6: WI Harding (Mid- Wales) 7: JE Jones (Cardiganshire).

Eurfyl wonders whether how many are still with us - can you help?

LIVING IN LOCKDOWN IN TENERIFE: Rob Wilson

I retired from the Dyfed Powys Police (PC682) in September 2000 but went back to work as Support Staff for three years, employed as a Firearm Enquiry Officer.



My wife Julia and I moved to Tenerife in November 2004 to take advantage of the beautiful weather all year round and the cheap way of living. It is a fantastic place to live and is so different to the UK in so many ways. Having lived here for so many years we obviously miss

our family and friends in the UK so in July 2017 we bought a car and new caravan in the UK and spent a couple of months touring around visiting them.



In 2018 and 2019 we spent the summer touring the UK. Unfortunately, 2020 was the start of Covid 19 which ruined our plans. Tenerife was extremely strict about lock-down.

For a few months you were not allowed to leave the house except for shopping (one person only) medical emergency or a visit to a Chemist. No going out to exercise like the UK. We could take dogs out, to relieve themselves, but could only go 50 metres from the property and then straight back home. This was a bit of a problem for our one year old Labrador but not

so bad for our two Yorkies.

Also, we always had to wear a face mask outdoors which still applies. After a time, restrictions were relaxed slightly and we were allowed out at set times, depending on your age, but only for a maximum distance of just one kilometre from home.

At the time of writing (May 2021), things are a lot better as a lot of the restrictions have been lifted. Like in the UK, shops, restaurants, bars and other nonessential shops and businesses, which had been closed, are now able to open with some restrictions.

The tourist trade here was non-existent but is slowly being relaxed. Tenerife is a beautiful Island with fantastic views, beaches and walks. The summers can be extremely hot but the winter temperatures hover around the 20 to 25 degrees with beautiful sunshine most days. It very rarely rains but when it does it is very heavy. Hopefully, we will soon get back to our plans of spending six months in the UK and return to Tenerife for the winter months.



DPP NARPO WEBSITE

The website contains pages of useful information for members and has recently undergone a 'makeover' with a new **Scam Alert** section. The slideshow on the Homepage contains photographs of landmarks within the DPP force area mostly taken by members of DPP NARPO. Some areas are conspicuous by their absence - if you have a photograph for the slideshow, please send it to Hugh Colley email:

hughcolley144@btinternet.com

THE SCOVESTON MURDERS REMEMBERED

On the Sunday evening three days before Christmas 1985, Helen Thomas and her brother, Richard were brutally murdered at their home at Steynton near Milford Haven.



The photograph supplied by Glyn Cole features Scenes of Crime Officers at Scoveston Manor: (L to R): Les Clark, Glyn Cole, Brian Edmunds, Brian Mainwaring with Eurfyl 'Corgi' Evans in the background.

ROYAL VISIT TO HAVERFORDWEST

HM The Queen and the late Duke of Edinburgh visited Haverfordwest on Maundy Thursday 1982 – were you on duty that day?



The photograph shows the huge crowd that welcomed Her Majesty together with several officers that lined the route – can you identify any of them?

Photo credit: Phil Gale

WALLY THE WALRUS IN SUNNY TENBY

Over the years, beautiful Tenby has attracted many famous visitors but few have enjoyed the same celebrity status as the Arctic walrus, nicknamed Wally.



In March, Wally who normally lives near the North Pole, made the lifeboat slipway his new home. Using a telephoto lens, Gareth Evans of Tenby captured Wally basking in the spring sunshine. As walruses are an endangered species, they are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, it is a criminal offence to go within 50 metres of Wally.

Tenby Police and the RSPCA made a joint plea, appealing to onlookers not to approach or disturb the charismatic marine mammal.

Tenby officers made patrols of the area to deter people from disturbing the global celebrity.

Gary Jones, our incredibly talented cartoonist has come up with his own interpretation of the local Inspector keeping a watchful eye on Wally!

YOU COULDN'T MAKE IT UP: Phil Hopkins

You may have read in the May edition of NARPO News, a new section entitled '*You Wouldn't Believe It*'. This section contains several interesting / humorous anecdotes by NARPO members – one of the stories about a giraffe is accompanied by a brilliant cartoon drawn by our own Gary Jones.

I have commented over the years that members of our branch must have a wealth of stories which would fit this category and be suitable for inclusion in our branch newsletter.

Our newsletter editor, Hugh Colley, would be delighted to receive any contributions. However, he reserves the right however to withhold publication of any item not considered suitable!

So, why not send in your anecdotes – a gift voucher for the best entry!

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER: Hugh Colley

Following on from the above excellent suggestion, I will get the ball rolling with the following anecdote:

In January 1970, I attended my Continuation Course at RAF Dishforth, North Yorkshire along with my good mate Phil (Hoppy) Hopkins together with Ray Horton, Phil Richards and over 100 young bobbies from all over the country.



During the last week of the course, Leeds United were playing at home against West Bromwich Albion so six of us crammed into Hoppy's pride and joy – a lime green Hillman Husky estate car (like the one on the left) to make the trip to Elland Road. With Hoppy at the wheel and me sat up front acting as navigator (no Sat Nav), nothing could possibly go awry. Wrong!!!!

As we drove through Leeds city centre, we spotted that oncoming cars kept flashing their headlights and it soon dawned on us that we were going the **wrong** way along a one-way street crowded with fans making their way to the match.

Completely unfazed, Hoppy brought the traffic to a standstill while he executed an immaculate three-point turn before continuing the journey to Elland Road.

Leeds put on a terrific display that night beating a strong Albion side 5-1. Fortunately, the journey back to Dishforth passed without further incident and was spent chatting about the match.

However, it was ironic that the first lesson the following day dealt with road traffic offences, including failing to comply with traffic signs and NIP'S!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Due to current restrictions, the 2021 DPP NARPO Annual General Meeting has not been held - the meeting will be convened once restrictions allow.

AN APPEAL TO THE LADIES FROM THE EDITOR

During the many hours spent putting this newsletter to bed, it dawned on me items from the fairer sex are noticeable by their absence. There **must** be ladies reading this who have stories to tell.

Perhaps you have a hobby or interest you can write about. Do you carry out voluntary work in your community or have a new career? Why not tell us about it? Memories and photos of your time in the Police would be great, so come on ladies don't be shy - let's hear from you!