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Diary Dates 2025

Old Comrades Lunch

Thursday 24th July 25

Kent Police Open Day

Details TBC

Summer Lunch

Thursday 12th June 25 at
the Howfield Hotel

Ashford Reunion

Thursday 3rd July 25
Sandy Acres

Thanet Reunion

Friday 26th September 25
2pm to 6pm

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th December

Police Panto

19th -21st February 2026



*'I was using the self-checkout
till, but I seem to have
accidentally launched a cyber
attack on your whole system'*



Chairman's Column



Hi everyone.

Welcome to my Spring Column, as I write warmer days are due, it cannot come soon enough as the cold weather seems to have been around for ages.

I was pleased with the attendance at the AGM it was good to see some new faces, to hear from Dicky Bird for National NARPO and from Kent Police Federation Chairman, Neil Mennie who both updated the meeting over current issues and members were able to ask questions. A buffet was enjoyed after the meeting.

One of the issues raised was concerning Pre Retirement courses for Officers and the profile of NARPO. It was clear that a lot of Officers nearing retirement were not aware of NARPO and we will be working with the Force, the Federation to ensure that our profile is raised and officers are given an opportunity to join us. A lot of work has been undertaken by John Grace regarding the standard of the courses and work needs to be done to improve the quality for attendees and will be ongoing.

Ian Drysdale, Deputy Chief Officer will be retiring from the Force shortly. Ian who is a member of the Branch has been a great help to all the Branches in Kent has taken a great interest and assisted us over some of our projects. Particularly the Force Museum and the Force open days. I wish Ian well in his retirement and I look forward to seeing him at our functions.

Talking of the Force Museum I would urge if you can its well worthy of a visit at Faversham Police Station, free to enter and great place to take children/grandchildren.

We do have some social events coming up in the Summer so do think about coming and support the branch, details are in the newsletter.

Do have a great time and best wishes

Bob

On The Move

Stuart Harvey Lytham St Anns

Hugh MOORE Cumbria

David SHAW Folkestone

David MAY Deal

Robert BENNELL Birchington

Robert PEARS Norfolk

Peter ROTHERMEL Broadstairs

Hugh QUIGLEY Birchington

Keith DOWLING New Zealand

John MURPHY Dover

Nicholas JONES Deal

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*If you hold this shell to your
ear you can hear the sound
of a flushing loo'*



Editorial



PLEASE NOTE MY NEW EMAIL ADDRESS
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Hi all,

Well I'm pleased to say that we have had a great summer, well a few weeks of nice weather anyway.

We had a great Panto, thanks to those who were able to attend and support colleagues and local charities that benefitted from some £7500. Over the years we have raised an amazing **£232.500**

This years Panto (Feb 2026) is **Fanny Folkly**.

Tickets are on sale now with discounted rate for those purchased by 25th December 25.

Mrs G completed the Manchester Marathon, well done and I am pleased to give my full support from the local pub and KFC!. Well done wifeeee.

Congratulations also for Kent Police Cadet scheme honoured with The King's Award for Voluntary Service. The Lord-Lieutenant of Kent representing the King at the ceremony at KPC on Saturday 26th April 2025.

Please keep submitting your stories and articles for future editions. Photos are also helpful if you have any.

Stay safe and don't get sun burnt!
Graham.

Ashford Reunion

Thursday 3rd July 2025
Midday until 1600 hours.

This year's annual reunion will once again be held at the Sandyacres Sports Club, Sandyhurst Lane, Eastwell, Kennington.

A buffet will be provided at NARPO expense however I do need numbers for catering purposes.

Please note that although this event is marked as "Ashford Reunion" you do not have to have served there to attend. It is purely the location of the event and is open to all members who wish to attend.

Thank You Tony Bartlett

New Members

John HARBOTTLE Birchington

Alison NORRIS Canterbury

Lynne SHORT Westgate

Jacqueline HARRISON-SMITH

Ramsgate

Stephen HAILEY Margate

Kenneth LADUMS Whitstable

Acknowledgements

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Large Print

Large print Newsletters are available by arrangement with John Pears [see page 12] for any member who is visually impaired.

The Newsletter is double the normal size.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NARPO East Kent's AGM and William Thrift fund took place on Monday 14th April 2025 at Thanington Community Centre, Canterbury. The meeting was opened by the Chairman's address along with the Treasurer's, Secretary's and Membership reports with the opportunity for questions and any other business.

Election took place for the Executive Committee for 2025 – 2026 followed by Guest Speakers.

Mr Dickie Bird - Regional NARPO representative

And

PS Neil Mennie, Kent Police Federation Chairman
Members reunion and buffet took place for attendees.



Diamond Wedding Anniversary

DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATION

Richard and Glenys Clements were married on 20th February 1965 at St Faith's Church, Maidstone.

There was snow on the ground at the time. They then honeymooned at the London Strand Palace.

Richard met Glenys when he was her parent's paperboy while living in Maidstone.

Richard served at Rochester, Dartford, and Margate where he retired as a DS in 1993.

Both Richard and Glenys are regulars at EK Narpo Functions with Glenys winning the main raffle prize at last year's Thanet Reunion.



Jason and Michelle Deacon surprised Richard and Glenys Clements with gifts of a Bouquet of Flowers and a bottle of Chapel Down sparkling wine to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

We wish them many more happy years together sending them all our congratulations.



Golden Wedding

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATIONS



Kevin and Yvonne Stones have celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary.

They married on 15th February 1975 at St Faiths Church, Maidstone. It was a very cold day and it started to snow.

They honeymooned in Guernsey having flown from Southampton in a prop plane rather than a jet. They hired a mini to explore the Island.

They have held a celebration with family in Lanzarote.

Both agreed you needed a good sense of humour and according to Yvonne the patience of a saint!

Bob Pollard presented the happy couple with flowers and champagne on behalf of the branch. Many congratulations and many more happy years together.





Summer Lunch

Thursday 12th June 2025 Howfield Manor

The Summer Lunch has been booked for 12th June 2025 at
Howfield Manor, Chartham, Canterbury. CT4 7HQ

Bar opens at 12:00 for a 13:00 meal.

The Lunch cost is £30 per person for Members and £35 For Non - Members and £15 for widows and widowers.

Your choice of Menu are:

Starters

Pressed ham hock terrine with mustard aioli, herb salad

* Salmon rillette with horseradish, caper and shallot dressing

* Baked flat mushrooms with garlic and rosemary, rocket salad (ve)

Mains

* Roasted loin of pork with duck fat roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Smoked haddock fishcake with mixed greens, grain mustard cream sauce

Vegetable Pithiver with roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables and gravy (v, ve)

Desserts

Lemon curd tart with raspberry sorbet

* Vanilla crème brulee with berry compote

* Mango and passion fruit salad (ve)

Tea & Coffee

The items marked with an asterix * are either gluten free or can be made GF if necessary

Please email Tony Bartlett to book you place(s) on socialsec.eknarpo@gmail.com

Please complete payment via bank transfers.

Account Name: NARPO East Kent Branch.

Sort Code: 60 – 83 – 01 Account No. 2016 7473

Please use the reference "Summer 2025"



First Marathon Completed



Congratulation on a great achievement by Sharon Galvin who completed her first marathon in Manchester at the end of April..

This was the result of months of training and hard work, many evenings and weekends running with others who gave her great support and encouragement.

26.2 miles

Sharons run time was

6hrs 41.03



Lung Cancer Screening Programme

I'd like to introduce myself; my name is Annmarie, I am the new Programme Manager for the Targeted Lung Health Check Programme (lung cancer screening).

A little bit about the lung cancer screening programme:

Lung health checks are currently available to people who are registered with a GP on the South Kent Coast and if all of the following apply to you:

- * If are over 55 but younger than 75 years old
- * If you are registered with an GP in the pilot area
- * If you have ever smoked, and this is recorded with your GP.

One of the highest mortality rates

NHS Kent and Medway Cancer Alliance first launched its pilot lung check programme in November 2022 on the **South Kent coast** as it has one of the highest mortality rates for lung cancer in England.

Over 9000 people from the area have already had a lung check, with 31 lung cancers already been diagnosed, the majority at an early stage. The programme is also live in Deal, Sandwich and the Romney Marsh.

We rolled out the programme in Canterbury in March 25 and then launching the mobile screening programme in Thanet in summer 25.

Thank You.


Kent and Medway
Cancer Alliance

Did you know that lung cancer often doesn't display symptoms until it's too late?

We are offering free lung health checks to those aged between 55 and 74 who currently or used to smoke.

If you are displaying any of the below symptoms, please contact your GP as soon as possible:

- A persistent cough or change in your normal cough
- Coughing up blood
- Shortness of breath
- An ache or pain when breathing or coughing
- Unexplained tiredness or weight loss
- Loss of appetite



For further information about the programme visit:
lungcheckskm.nhs.uk





Diamond Wedding Anniversary

DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATION

Pat and Gill Gleeson have celebrated 60 years of marriage.

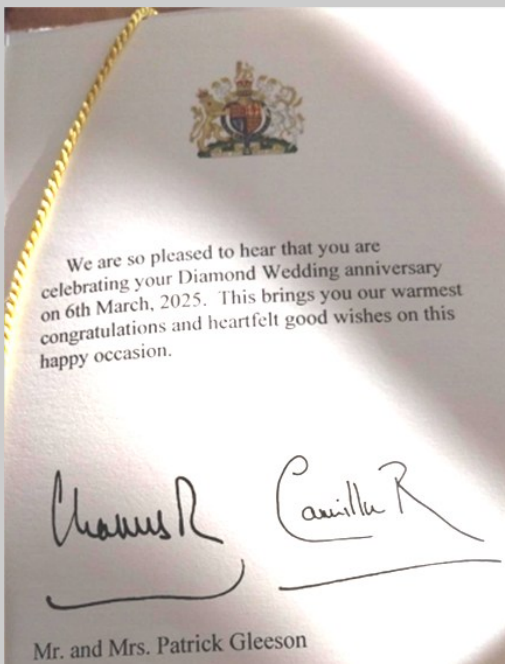
They were married on 5th March 1965 at St. Mary's Church, Dover. It was a cold snowy day and the ceremony did not go without a hitch as the vicar forgot to attend.

A replacement was quickly found and all went well.

They did not have a honeymoon and moved into a flat in Castle Street, Dover.

They both agree that a similar sense of humour is essential to see you through the ups and downs of married life.

They celebrated this momentous occasion with family in Spain.



Both were pleasantly surprised to receive a letter from the King and Queen in recognition of their 60 years of marriage.

Bob Pollard presented them with flowers and champagne on behalf of the branch we wish them many more years together and our congratulations.



Thanet Reunion

Friday 26th September 2025

Thanet Wanderers RUFC

The second Thanet Reunion will be on

Friday 26th September 2025 2-6pm

Thanet Wanderers RUFC Callis Court Road, Broadstairs CT10 3AE

Jason Deacon has arranged an EK NARPO members reunion in Thanet.

Open to members and partners and the bar will be open as well

A buffet will be provided courtesy of the EK Narpo Branch.

There will also be a raffle the proceeds of which will go to the William Thrift Fund.

(Any donations gratefully received)

Please let Jason know on jasondeacon@sky.com or 07733111799

so we have numbers for the buffet.

Parking is available at the club and only a short walk from Broadstairs Railway Station.

Welfare Booklet

This booklet has been produced by all of the Kent NARPO Branches together with the Benevolent Fund.

It is intended to help and guide you and your family members through a number of situations, provide contact details and signposting information to assist you in difficult times.

Each Kent NARPO has members who deal with welfare matters and may be able to assist and support you.

Details on page 12.

To view, download or print the booklet please visit our website and click the link on the home page.

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Dover CID

Well, were you correct or have any other ideas ?

Back row left to right:

John JACKSON (SOCO), Bob JOYCE, Barry THOMAS (Aide), Bob STOCK, Ian LAKER, "Dusty" Miller (Office Manager.)

Front row left to right:

Typists (names unknown) Bernie Swift (DS), DCI STUART, Bob BUGDEN, Typists - Tina and Ann.





OBITUARY NOTICES

It is with great regret that I inform you of the following deaths. We send our sympathies to their families.

Please note: Information available at the time of publication is often very limited.

Please report any colleagues deaths to FHQ

Obituary.notification@kent.police.uk

Phone 07870 252889

For widows pensions, XPS Pensions department will require copies of

- Widowers birth certificate
- Marriage certificate
- Death certificate.

XPS phone 0330 054 5552

Pension payments stop immediately and nothing more will be done until they receive the required documents.

Everitt Darren former Constable 8227 aged 56 years.

Darren Everitt born, 20 September 1968 who sadly died on 24 January 2025 aged 56 years 4 months.

Darren joined Kent Police in December 1987 serving at Dartford, Coldharbour, Swale Tac-Ops, Firearms Training and was seconded to Bosnia. He retired in June 2013, however he returned as a volunteer within Firearms Training in May 2020 until April 2022

Darren was living in Rochester and leaves a son and a daughter. There is no widow.

Dorey Philip former Detective Constable 4988 aged 72 years.

Philip Dorey born, 6 October 1952 who sadly died on 14 February 2025 aged 72 years 4 months.

Philip joined Kent Police in July 1972 serving at Sittingbourne, Nackington and Port of Dover before retiring in July 2002. Philip was living in Herne Bay and leaves a widow Elisabeth.

Bourne John former Sergeant 4868 aged 76 years.

John Bourne, who was born 1 July 1948 who sadly died on 13 January 2025 aged 76 years 6 months.

John joined Kent Police in November 1971 serving at Maidstone, Rochester, and Ops Room HQ until May 1990.

John was living in Marden and leaves a widow Sandra.

Lockey Geoffrey former Detective Constable 9743 aged 61 years.

Geoffrey Lockey born on 28 November 1963 who sadly died on 15 February 2025, aged 61 years 2 months.

Geoffrey transferred from West Midlands Police to Kent Police in January 1996 serving at Ashford, Tactical Firearms and Firearms Training, SB-Dover and Cheriton before retiring in March 2012. Geoffrey was living in Folkestone and leaves a widow Kerry.

Hinton John former Inspector 2443 aged 90 years.

John Hinton born, 5 March 1934 who sadly died on 2 February 2025 aged 90 years 10 months.

John joined Kent Police in November 1955 serving at Gillingham, Chatham, Ashford, FHQ - Maidstone, Gravesend, Dover and lastly was the Joint branch board Secretary for the Police Federation based at Nackington before retiring in February 1988.

John was living in Ashford, there is no widow.

Burgess Robert former Constable 3440 aged 80 years.

Robert Charles William (Bob) Burgess born, 16 June 1944 who sadly died on 28 February 2025 aged 80 years 8 months.

Robert joined Kent Police in October 1963 serving at Maidstone, Canterbury, Faversham, FHQ - Ops, West Malling and Herne Bay before retiring in October 1990. Robert was living in Herne Bay and leaves a widow Maureen.

Tandy Christopher former Constable 4856 aged 78 years.

Christopher Tandy born, 17 September 1946 who sadly died on 15 February 2025 aged 78 years 4 months.

Christopher joined Kent Police in November 1971 serving at Maidstone, Swanley, Dartford and was the Road Legislation trainer based at Coldharbour for 17-years. He retired in September 2001. Christopher was living in Leybourne, Aylesford and leaves a widow Kathleen.

Perryman Michael former Sergeant 9086 aged 60 years.

Michael Perryman born, 23 July 1964 who sadly died on 3 March 2025 aged 60 years 7 months. Michael joined Kent Police in February 1992 serving at Ashford, Sevenoaks, Firearms - Coldharbour, West Kent Task Team and SCU before retiring in March 2020. Michael was living in Tonbridge and leaves a widow Lyanna.

Welfare Information Booklet

Is available on our website

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Pain Barry former Kent Chief Constable aged 94 years.

Barry Newton Pain CBE, QPM, born 25 February 1931 who died peacefully 19 March 2025 aged 94 years 3 weeks.

Barry started his police career in Birmingham City Police, joining in October 1951. He served predominantly as a Detective but was also involved in Detective Training at Tally Ho, Birmingham. In May 1968 he was promoted from Superintendent and transferred as Assistant Chief Constable to Staffordshire and Stoke Constabulary. During this time, he was seconded to Turkey, where he spent 6 months and was instrumental in reorganising the Turkish Police Service.

Between 1 April 1974 and 1 November 1982, he served as Chief Constable of Kent, and whilst in that post he was appointed for a year as President of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO).

After leaving Kent Police Barry became Commandant at the Police Staff College, Bramshill and member of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary. He retired from that role in 1987.

His first wife Marguerite died in August 2009, and he is survived by his second wife Gail, his daughter Sarah (ex DI 7943), son Godfrey (ex PC 8207) and his two grandsons Godfrey and Mitchell. Barry lived in Rolvenden from 1982, until his death.

Ford John former Constable 4192 aged 82 years.

John Eric Ford born, 1 April 1942 who sadly died on 30 March 2025 aged 82 years 11 months.

John joined Kent Police in January 1968 serving at Chatham, T3 Traffic – Canterbury, SB-Ports and Dover Rural before retiring in February 1994.

John was living in Deal and leaves a widow Linda.

Thompson Norman former Sergeant 4450 aged 75 years.

Norman Thompson born, 25 November 1949 who sadly died on 8 March 2025 aged 75 years 3 months.

Norman joined Kent Police in September 1969 serving at, Canterbury, Gravesend, Ashford, SB – Port of Dover, Folkestone, CCRU-FHQ before retiring in November 1999. He immediately returned as a PSE as a Case Review Officer in Folkestone and then within Major Crime until finally retiring in April 2012 after serving 43 years with Kent Police.

Norman was living in Ashford and leaves a widow Linda.

Rackliffe David former Detective Superintendent 2495 aged 89 years.

David Rackliffe MBE, born, 16 February 1936 who sadly died on 16 March 2025 aged 89 years 1 month.

David joined Kent Police in July 1956 and served at Chatham, Sheerness, Traffic – Maidstone, Ops Room Maidstone, and Special Branch before retiring in June 1987.

David was living in Maidstone, there is no widow.

Tilley Alan former Inspector 2276 aged 92 years.

Alan Tilley born, 26 September 1932 who sadly died on 22 March 2025 aged 92 years 5 months.

Alan joined Kent Police in December 1953 serving at Rochester, Tunbridge Wells, Bidborough – Village Bobby, Ashford and Ramsgate before retiring in January 1984. He returned soon after this and served in a civilian role as Divisional Finance Officer until 1999.

Alan was living in Broadstairs and leaves no widow.

Howland Keith former Detective Constable 7325 aged 66 years.

Keith Howland born, 21 December 1958 who sadly died on 19 April 2025 aged 66 years 3 months.

Keith joined Kent Police in October 1981 serving at Ashford, Major Crime – Maidstone and Bouverie House, Folkestone and Folkestone CID before retiring in January 2011.

Keith was living in Ashford and leaves a widow Alison.

Thomas Alan former Constable 3472 aged 80 years.

Alan Charles Thomas, born 26 November 1944 who sadly died on 23 March 2025 aged 80 years 3 months.

Alan joined Kent Police in December 1963 serving at Sevenoaks, Canterbury, Whitstable, Margate and the Major Crime (FHQ, Nackington and Folkestone) before retiring as an Constable in January 1996, when he then re-joined as a support Worker, before retiring in November 2010

Alan was living in Canterbury. He does not leave a widow.

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Obituary email notifications

From Terry Gabriel

I manage the Obituary email notifications, referred to as the Obituary Snowball.

Anyone wishing to subscribe to the Obituary snowball scheme please contact Terry Gabriel via email.

'If any member currently subscribed to the obituary snowball scheme who wishes to unsubscribe, please notify me first'.

The problem is, Mailchimp tells me when members unsubscribe but I never know if it was because they have changed their email address or if it was deliberate or by accident. (one member has accidentally done it 4 times).

It's not a problem to re-subscribe, but I have to chase members and ask if they want to reconnect.

Some simply don't answer my emails and if I don't have a phone number I have to go via the Members Secretary, Helen. It takes up my time and does become a bit annoying.

Your assistance is appreciated.

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