



# East Kent NARPO Newsletter

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## Thanet Reunion

**Friday 20th September 2024  
Thanet Wanderers RUFC**



The first Thanet Reunion will be on  
Friday 20th September 2024  
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.

Please let Jason know on [jasondeacon@sky.com](mailto:jasondeacon@sky.com) or 07733111799  
so we have numbers for the buffet.

Parking available and a short walk from Broadstairs Railway Station.

### Diary Dates

**Summer Lunch -**

13th June 2024

**NOTE** at Broome Park

**SEE WEBSITE FOR  
FULL DETAILS**

**Kent Police Open Day**

Weekend 29th June 2024

KPC, Maidstone

**Old Comrades' Lunch**

25th July 2024

Maidstone. See page 8

**Ashford Reunion -**

8th August 2024

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Lane Ashford

**Thanet Reunion -**

20th September 2024

Thanet Wanderers RUFC  
Broadstairs.

**Christmas Lunch -**

12th December 2024

Cathedral Lodge Canter-  
bury

**Any changes to your details - address email etc, queries or  
questions regarding membership please contact Helen on**

**01843 868202**

**or email**

**[membership.eastkentnarpo@gmail.com](mailto:membership.eastkentnarpo@gmail.com)**

### Large Print

Large print Newslet-  
ters are available by  
arrangement with John  
Pears [see page 12] for  
any member who is  
visually impaired. The  
Newsletter is double  
the normal size.



**Chairman's Column**



Hi Everyone

Welcome to my Spring column. It has been a long and hard winter which never seemed to end but as I write the sun is shining.

We recently held our AGM I was delighted with the response due in part I am sure that the Chief Constable Tim Smith attended. He gave an interesting presentation regarding the Force and the way it will progress. He paid tribute to all former Colleagues whose legacy is the way the Force has developed over time. He answered Questions put to him and met many members for a chat after the meeting.

Our Regional Representative Ahmed Ramiz gave a talk on NARPO issues particularly the benefits of incorporation and the protection it affords our members whilst each branch maintaining their independence. Ahmed was presented with a gift from the branch following the announcement of his retirement.

There were also presentations of life membership to John Pears on recognition of his work on behalf of the branch. A certificate of Merit to Tom Witney and a gift, following the announcement of his retirement from the Committee.

As a result of a Regional Meeting of NARPO I became aware of the Force Pension Board and that Narpo in some Forces attend therefore I will be participating in a Teams meeting in July with the board and report back on any issues affecting members across the County.

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The Force Open day is scheduled for families, staff and NARPO members on Saturday 29th June tickets are available.

I do hope to see some of you at the summer lunch and I hope you enjoy the warmer weather.

Lastly, I was surprised and humbled to receive Life Membership from the Chief on behalf of the Branch. I am most grateful for the award and the trust that the Committee and you have placed in me..

Stay safe and well

Kind Regards

Bob

***On The Move***

**Mark & Karen KELLETT  
Battle**

**Irene MILLER Herne Bay**

**Julia JENNER Folkestone**

**Stephen HALLIWELL  
Tenterden**

**Paul BRANDON Cumbria**

**Neville SMITH Huntley**

**Fred GRUNDY Broadstairs**

**Alex TAYLOR Ramsgate**

**Anthony SMITH New Romney**

**Pat GULVIN Moray**

***Summer Lunch***

The Summer Lunch has been booked for 13th June 2024 **Broome Park** Country Hotel and Golf Course Folkestone Road, Denton (the A260). 12:00 for a 13:00 meal.

The Lunch should have cost £48 per person but the hotel have kindly reduced it to £35. As a result Members attending will be charged £30, Non - Members £35, and widow(ers) £15.

Please complete application details as below and email to Tony Bartlett to book you place(s) on **[socialsec.eknarpo@gmail.com](mailto:socialsec.eknarpo@gmail.com)**

Name, Address, Post code, Telephone, Email

Please send . . . . . tickets @ £30 members, £35 guests , £15 widows

BACs transfer to the following account:

Acc no: 20167473 Sort code: 60-83-01 Acc name: East Kent Branch NARPO Please use reference. Summer for Summer Lunch.

See website for full details **[www.eknarpo.org](http://www.eknarpo.org)**

**PRESENTATION TO RETIRING REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

At the AGM Ahmed Ramiz announced his retirement from the National Executive of NARPO. Ahmed has been 5 Region representative for 10 years. Ahmed who lives in Sussex has always enjoyed a good relationship with our branch and is well respected throughout the Region. To mark his retirement, he was presented with a Bottle of Malt Whisky by way of thanks for his excellent service to our Branch, Region, and the organisation.





**Editorial**



PLEASE NOTE MY NEW EMAIL ADDRESS  
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Hi all,

Well I survived my first and possibly last 5k run. Las Vegas was a great place to visit, bit expensive but clean and tidy as you would expect. I put my Dollar on the black and lost, oh well in it to win it.

I helped with the Panto but due to my sporting activities wasn't able to show off my acting skills this year. Oh NO I hear you shout, don't worry I will be in it again next year.

Whilst putting together your newsletter, I was pleased to see three Diamond Wedding notifications, 60 years is great achievement, well done to Mr and Mrs Ticehurst, Hibben and Avery.

I have booked my tickets to see Alfie Moore in Faversham, very funny ex colleague (from another force) and nice to see police humour on stage and radio, although some may not get it.

Thank you for sending me stories and photos for your newsletter, I am always looking for articles and can fit in to future letters.

Stay safe and try to keep dry !  
 Graham.

**Acknowledgements**

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"Might wanna get dressed, landlord's here, she said I'm not on the lease or somethin. I bit her. 🐶"



**New Members**

**Dean BATHO Devon**

**Alex HILL Scotland**

**John WELLER Folkestone**

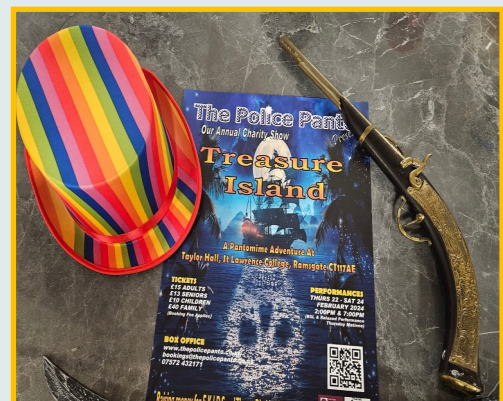
**Dean MATTHEWS Ashford**

**Another Great Panto . . . . .  
 Thank You**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March the Cast of the Police Panto met with representatives of East Kent Independent Dementia Support as well as Thanet Disabled Riding Centre and presented them with their equal share of the £7500 raised from this year's panto Treasure Island. In February, Rosie Rum, Jack Tar, Ma'Tar, Jim Hawkins, Captain Crook as well as others took to the stage at Taylor Hall, St Lawrence College, Ramsgate.

From speaking to the local Thanet charities this year the money will assist in the outings that EKIDS take their members on and for Thanet Disabled Riding Centre will go towards the £250 daily running costs.

The Police Panto has been raising funds for local charities for the last 25 years and now their fundraising total is amounting to over £225,000 raised.



Planning has already started for the 2025 show, and we will return to our traditional February half term dates, and the 2025 show will be ????? Well you will have to follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/thepolicepanto](http://www.facebook.com/thepolicepanto) and details on our website [www.thepolicepanto.co.uk](http://www.thepolicepanto.co.uk)

**Email change**

Please note that Tony Bartlett's social events secretary email has changed from his personal to

**[socialsec.eknarpo@gmail.com](mailto:socialsec.eknarpo@gmail.com)**

For all social event details see our website

**[www.eknarpo.org](http://www.eknarpo.org)**  
 (Dates for your diary)



## Renewing old acquaintances

A recent spur of the moment decision to pop in and see one of my old section sergeants, brought back some fond memories, he reminded me of an incident from way back in 1984!

We were on night duty and for some reason I was in the front office with said sergeant and our inspector when a call came in to the local railway station. BTP had a report of a man discharging a firearm on a train from London due in shortly and they had no one to attend.

As we had nothing better to do according to the inspector he suggested that the three of us should attend. This being the "olden days" there was no firearms support to call on as there is today. So it was down to us to deal.

On arriving at the station we were directed to the platform that the train was just pulling in to. At this point the inspector suggested that we walk through the train to find the person and as I was the biggest (6ft5in tall not wide) I should be first and he would bring up the rear. Never being one to shirk responsibility but also having a very strong sense of self preservation I felt it my duty to point out that he had got this back to front.



It was all about job creation not size. If the inspector was first and got shot then there would be three vacancy's, a replacement for our much liked inspector which in turn would create a vacancy for a sergeant which in turn would create a vacancy for a constable whereas the inspector's suggestion only made a vacancy for a constable if it all went horribly wrong. So off we set inspector in the lead followed by the sergeant and me bringing up the rear thanking my lucky stars that I had an inspector who was open to job creation.

After a couple of carriages we saw our target he fitted the description we had been given and to give the game away he had a very real looking automatic pistol in his hand!

The other thing I immediately noticed was that I knew him! He had been in my year at secondary school and I knew him to have a very short fuse back then and a liking for cannabis if I recalled. He was what we would now call very much on the spectrum but in those days he was just a big problem to all and I don't mean that just metaphorically. Fortunately for us luck was on our side and he was sound asleep.

Without any to do the inspector walked up to him introducing him self with a right to the nose which caused the man to drop the pistol to the floor and before he could gather his wits I had handcuffed him and dragged him to his feet.



"What did you do that for?" Was the first intelligible thing he said. He stank of booze and there was a distinct herbal aroma about him. It might have been more than a dozen years since I had last seen him but some things never change he looked and smelt just the same as I recall during those last few months at school.

The ex-school "friend" I never saw again after charging him just before going off shift, the sergeant went on to become our esteemed chairman and the inspector, Fred Skinner remained a very approachable person whom I had a lot of respect for.

And the automatic pistol? A blank firing replica but we had no idea of that until much later back at Ashford police station.



Chris Clifford (5802)



## Membership Secretary Update

I thought now would be a good time to give an update on my role and issues that I come across.

I am responsible for membership within the Branch, which entails, receiving membership application forms, submitting these to XPS (Payroll) and NARPO HQ for inclusion in the Countrywide NARPO database.

I liaise with XPS, Gary Sutton the treasurer and NARPO HQ to ensure that the names all work out - no mean task, at times.

I am responsible for any changes that a member makes - address, email contact numbers, and the database held by NARPO HQ contains all this information, which I also update.

If you have any changes to your data then they should come to me and I will update all relevant people and departments. This means that your newsletter will either get delivered to the correct address or emailed to the correct address

### Common issues

Members move - I know that NARPO is probably way down on the list to notify any movement, but usually the first I find out is when the NARPO magazine is returned 'gone away', 'moved'. If you could let me know I would be grateful.

When emails are received from the Branch Secretary, some members will 'unsubscribe', if this is intentional there is no problem, but the result of this is they will no longer receive emails from the Branch Secretary. Again if you unsubscribe in error, just let me know and I can make the relevant amendment

NARPO membership numbers - I have access to these and you only have to drop me an email and I will let you know yours. Some insurance companies and blue light want your number.

In the NARPO magazine there is the password for the NARPO website, this password does not change.

Thanks Helen.

## CERTIFICATE OF MERIT



A certificate of merit has been awarded to Chris Clifford.

Chris has been delivering the newsletter in the Sturry area for 18 years and maintaining contact with his local members.

He has decided to retire from his round and we would like to express on behalf of the branch our thanks to Chris for his commitment to NARPO and wish him well for the future.

Bob Pollard called round to his home and presented Chris with a certificate of merit on behalf of the branch to express our thanks .



# Diamond Wedding Anniversary

## *DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATION*

Many congratulations to Colin and Bridget Ticehurst

Colin and Bridget have recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary.

Colin and Bridget were married on the 14th March 1964  
at St Lawrence Church, Ramsgate

They honeymooned in London, seeing various shows

They celebrated by going back to have a meal at the same restaurant they had their wedding reception in

A happy marriage built by enjoying each others company

Flowers and wine presented by John Pears

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





# Diamond Wedding Anniversary

## *DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATION*

Many congratulations to Vic and Vicki Hibben

Vic and Vicki HIBBEN celebrated their 60th Anniversary on the 28th March 2024

They honeymooned in Bournemouth and Vic returned and attended a course at Sandgate just four days after their wedding

Vic and Vicki celebrated with a family meal at home and were pampered all day

Vic and Vicki put down their secret to a long and happy marriage to love, friendship and a good sense of humour, with a little give and take

John Weller presented them with flowers and a bottle of champagne on behalf of the branch



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



# Diamond Wedding Anniversary

## *DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATION*

Many congratulations to Graham and Joan Avery  
Graham and Joan Avery have recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

They married on Saturday 4th April 1964  
at Pembury Parish Church.

They were hoping to have a honeymoon, however Graham was informed by his Superintendent the day before the wedding that they had been allocated a police house and they both decided to use what little money they had to help towards furnishing their new home instead.



They celebrated on the day with their son Christopher and daughter Susan with an afternoon tea. Further celebrations took place with approximately twenty friends at the stroke club.

Graham and Joan put down their secret to a happy marriage as 'Go with the flow'

Mike Davis presented them with flowers and champagne on behalf of the branch, we wish them many more years together and our best wishes







## Alfie Moore returns!

Ex Police Officer Alfie Moore is returning to the Alexander Centre in Faversham, on Sat 1 and Sun 2 June.

His stage show “A Face For Radio” on Saturday has now sold out but they are delighted to say that Alfie is staying on for a special warm up show on Sunday, in preparation for the next recording of his BBC Radio 4 show “It’s a Fair Cop”.

This is the show where the audience are sworn in as “audience cops” and are invited to tell Alfie what they would have done in his place as a copper on the beat.

It’s fair to say that the funniest responses come from serving and ex Police Officers – so I do hope that some of your members will be tempted to come along!

Here are the details for you: <https://thealex.org.uk/event/alfie-moore-work-in-progress/>



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD



At the AGM a very well deserved Life Membership award was presented to our Chairman, Bob Pollard by the Chief Constable, Mr Tim Smith.

This was kept secret from Bob so no one was more surprised than him, which is unusual.

*“I was surprised and humbled to receive Life Membership from the Chief on behalf of the Branch. I am most grateful for the award and the trust that the Committee and you have placed in me”.*

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

At the 2024 AGM of the East Kent Branch member John Pears was presented with a life membership award on behalf of the Branch. John has been a member of the branch committee for many years and has amongst his other duties been responsible for the distribution of the Branches newsletter, maintaining a network of deliverers and distribution to over 1200 members.

Nothing is too much trouble for John and the award was well deserved.

His wife Judith was presented with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the branch by Mrs Dottie Pollard, wife of Chairman, Bob Pollard.





## 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](mailto: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.

**Cable** Colin former Detective Constable 4493 aged 80 years.

Colin Cable who was born on 7 September 1943 and died on 11 December 2023 aged 80 years. Colin joined Kent police in November 1969 and retired in 1996.

He served at Tunbridge Wells, Ramsgate, Ashford, Maidstone, Serious Crime and was also involved in VIP protection.

Colin leaves a widow Valerie residing in Northfleet.

**Clifton** Lionel serving Constable 11102 aged 55 years.

Lionel Clifton who was born on 13 July 1968 and sadly died on 30 January 2024 aged 55 years 6 months, having been diagnosed with a terminal illness in the autumn of 2022.

Lionel joined Kent Police on 4 March 2002 and served in Deal, Special Branch and finally on the Missing Child and Exploitation Team in East Division.

Lionel was living in Deal and leaves a partner Amanda and two grown up children, Alice & Joe.

As a mark of respect I feel in these rare occasions we pensioners should remember the serving officers as much as the retired ones.

**Hare** Ronald former Detective Sergeant 2221 aged 96 years.

Ronald Charles Hare, born 3 June 1927, who sadly died 30 December 2023 aged 96 years 6 months.

Ronald joined Kent Police in April 1953, serving in Gillingham, Rochester, Chart Sutton and Canterbury before retiring in April 1983. He does not leave a widow.

**Ingleton** Roy former Superintendent 2115 aged 92 years.

Roy Ingleton, born 1 December 1931, who sadly passed away 26 February 2024 aged 92 years 2 months.

Roy joined Kent Police in April 1952, serving in Sittingbourne, Maidstone- Traffic, Ashford, Dover, Folkestone and FHQ before retiring in August 1978.

Roy was in a care home in Maidstone, there is no widow.

**Croll** Wayne former Detective Constable 7426 aged 71 years.

Wayne Croll, born 11 June 1952, who sadly died 14 April 2024.

Wayne joined Kent Police in June 1982 serving in Canterbury and local Intel before joining CID. He retired in July 2008 but immediately re-joined in a Support role with in the Witness Care until April 2015.

Wayne was living in Whitstable and leaves a widow, Margaret.

**Sharman** Keith former Constable 8390 aged 70 years.

Keith Sharman, born 29 April 1953, who sadly died 9 April 2024 aged 70 years 11 months.

Keith joined Kent Police in 1973 serving as a Special Constable and reached the rank of Special Constabulary Sergeant before joining as a Police officer in September 1988, serving in Chatham, Rainham, Rochester and Gillingham before retiring in April 2013.

Keith immediately returned as a Police Support Employee and worked with Professional Standards until April 2018.

Keith gave 45 years' service in total to Kent Police and was living in Rainham leaving a widow, Dawn.

**McMeel** James former Constable 5126 aged 84 years.

James McMeel, born 14 November 1939, who sadly passed away 25 April 2024 aged 84 years 5 months.

James joined Kent Police in March 1973 serving in Sittingbourne, Faversham, Dog and Marine Sections and FHQ before retiring in November 1996

James was living in Sittingbourne and leaves a widow, Sandra.

## Welfare Booklet

A new welfare Information booklet is available on our web site to read or download/print It has useful information in one place with contact details.

[www.eknarpo.org](http://www.eknarpo.org)



## CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

At the AGM of the Branch Tom Witney announced his retirement from the Committee after many years of service. Tom a life member, had been Vice Chairman and then Chairman of the Branch from 2009 to 2014.

He had remained on the Committee and acted as NARPO representee for the Canterbury area for his period on the Committee.

He was presented with a Certificate of Merit on behalf of the branch together with a gift voucher.

Tom will be missed on the Committee and we send our thanks and best wishes to him.



He is pictured receiving his certificate from Branch Chairman Bob Pollard.

## Las Vegas run February 2024

Well, after a lot of hard work, well, a little work, myself and Mrs G completed the Las Vegas 5k run. For runners amongst us who read this, I know the first question you will be asking, what was my time.

I'm pleased to say it was within the 1hour cut off, I completed the run in **47.13**

Now when I say run . . . . . I obviously mean the run—walk system.

As Mrs G put it, the walk walk run system.

The good news, it was my personal best time for the 5k, but then it was my first so would have always been my personal best.

I have now peaked in my physical fitness and feel it may be time to hang up my running shoes !

Or will I ?





# The East Kent Branch of NARPO

Serving those who served  
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## Those with bikes will know ....



*'Something seems to have spooked those Tory MPs...'*

For all social event details see our website. [www.eknarpo.org](http://www.eknarpo.org) (Dates for your diary)

Any changes to your details - address email etc, queries or questions regarding membership please contact Helen  
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