

# **The Staffordshire Knot.**

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*Keeping the ties with former colleagues.*

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**'Serving those who have served'**

## Winter Edition.

**This is the 35th Edition of YOUR very own NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2011.**

We keep the font size of this Newsletter as large as possible to assist our members with failing sight.

### **LIST OF MEMBERS JOINED SINCE LAST STAFFS KNOT.**

We welcome you as new NARPO Members. Thank you for joining us in what is the only organisation who will help to look after your interests

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SUB BRANCH</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>SUB BRANCH</b>
Gary William HALL	Northern	Peter James CANTRELL	Northern
Susan BUFTON	Stafford	Peter James WRIGHT	Stafford
David NEAGLE	Wombourne	Rhiannon TITLEY	Burton
Alison Rosemary TURNER	Leek	Neil HEMMINGS	Stafford
Richard TITLEY	Burton	Christine RAFTERY	Stafford
Darryn Michael STANYER	Northern	John David SELWOOD	Stafford
Nicholas Allan JONES	Stafford	Graham Stanley ATTWOOD	Northern
Loretta Joanne MILLIGAN	Cannock	Guy Edward TITCHENER	Northern

**Can we wish you all a long and healthy retirement?**

**Remember – ‘you can’t buy time’ – enjoy good health, take as many holidays and join in as many NARPO social activities as you can!**

**Check out our very own NARPO Website ‘[staffs-narpo.co.uk](http://staffs-narpo.co.uk)’ which is there for you and your family. It has many links to other useful websites.**

**Take a Look.**

*Members Called to Higher Service. Obituary 2011*  
*Deaths since Last Staffordshire Knot.*

Your Branch Committee record with regret the deaths of the following members.  
Our sympathy is extended to all the bereaved families.

Rank.	Name.	Sub Branch.	Born.	Died.
Ret'd Ch/Insp	Brian Burton	Stafford	09.11.1934	03.08.2011
Ret'd Sgt.	Arthur HARVEY	Northern	08.05.1934	17.08.2011
Ret'd Sgt	Roy MARTIN	Lichfield		23.08.2011
Ret'd Dc	Leslie Gordon BINFIELD	Cannock	16.04.1928	02.09.2011
Ret'd Pc	Frederick Henry HOLLAND	Stafford	30.01.1921	10.10.2011
Ret'd Sgt	Wesley FRY	Northern	30.01.1925	16.10.2011
Ret'd Dep. C.C.	Ian HOLDING	Northern	18.09.1952	27.10.2011

*Widows & Wives called to Higher Service. Obituary 2011.*

Your Branch Committee record with regret the deaths of the following members.  
Our sympathy is extended to all the bereaved families.

Name	Name	Sub Branch	Born.	Died.
Mrs.	Joyce CARTWRIGHT	Burton	11.09.1919	17.08.2011
Mrs. (Wife)	Ann GIBSON	Northern	16.06.1947	02.09.2011
Mrs. (Wife)	Jean Elizabeth RUSHTON	Leek		10.09.2011
Mrs.	Winifred Constance BARNES	Northern	21.02.1923	11.10.2011
Mrs	Pamela J JOHNSON	Leek	15.09.1927	16.10.2011
Mrs (Wife)	Margaret Adair WHALLEY	Northern	31.05.2011	02.11.2011
Mrs. (Wife)	Catherine L. BRADLEY.	Newcastle.	15.5.1926	31.10.2010.

**Staffordshire Police Widows and Benevolent Fund Friendly Society**

If you are a member, you may wish to note that the new Administrator for The Society is now **Hillary Moss**, who may be contacted at Staffordshire Police Headquarters, PO Box 3167, Stafford, ST16 9JZ or by telephone **on 01785 23 43 50.**

Can we take this opportunity to remind you if you have any change to make to your nominated beneficiary, you should contact Hillary in the first instance.

**Banking, E Mail Club, Postal Address & E-Mail Changes**

**HQ Pay & Pensions Dept.** have asked us to remind you that whenever you change home address or bank/s you MUST inform them. Failure to do so may result in no pensioner's cheque for some time.

**Contact them of 01785 23 22 34.**

*If you wish to join our e mail club and receive updates and information concerning your membership*

**PLEASE register with Branch Secretary Des Lockwood.**

***If you have recently changed your home address or e-mail address, don't forget to let him know too.***

*You will not receive your Staffordshire Knot by post if we are not informed.*

## OUR PROUD HISTORY

### **Staffordshire's longest serving officer.**

#### **James Adams. Ex-Chief Superintendent, Staffordshire.**

Born on 4th October 1834 at Salehurst, Sussex.

Died on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1906 aged 72 years, after 52 year's service with the Staffordshire Constabulary. He is Staffordshire's longest serving police officer.

He joined Staffordshire Police on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1851, aged 17 years, just 160 years ago.

He was made Sergeant in February 1855 (aged 20 years after 3 ½ years service), Inspector in August 1859 (aged 23 years with 8 years service, Superintendent in January 1863 (aged 28 years with 12 years' service) and Chief Superintendent in July 1869 (aged 35 years after 18 years service.) He retired on 1st January 1904 having been Chief Clerk at Force Headquarters, Stafford. He died just 2 years later.

James served under four of the first Chief Constables of Staffordshire.

Capt. Hatton who took command of the force on its formation in 1842, three years after the passing of the Police Act 1839.

Col. Hogg who was appointed in 1857.

Cpt. Wm Congreave, who was appointed in 1866.

Hon. G.A.Hanson, who was appointed in 1888.

James served the first ten years of his service in The Black Country during the period of prize fights, colliers' strikes and when acts of violence were frequent. Soon after joining the force he was found lying insensible in one of the streets in Bilston, having been struck on the head with a piece of slag while trying to put an end to a street disturbance. During some of the colliers' strikes in those days the police were so persistently stoned that many officers were known to sharpen their cutlasses.

During his long service he attended only one execution, that of William Palmer, the Rugeley poisoner at Stafford Gaol. Barricades had been set up to hold back what was probably the greatest crowd to witness an execution in Stafford.

To celebrate his Jubilee year of service, he was presented with a handsome gold watch inscribed by Chief Constable G.A.Hanson and ex-Chief Constable Wm. Congreave, both of whom attended the presentation as a mark of their esteem and great respect of him.

This valued presentation watch is now in the possession of West Midlands NARPO member, Ex Sergeant Ron Adams, who is himself now aged 75 years.

*(Thank you Great Grandson Ron for this information.)*

### **YOU'RE POLICE PENSION INCREASE 2012.**

In line with the 31<sup>st</sup> September C.P.I. (Consumer Price Index.) your pension will increase by 5.2% for the next financial year. Your NARPO Subscriptions will also increase by the same amount by £1.54p to £18.48p per annum.

The Judicial Review in respect of RPI and CPI has met but has delayed publishing its findings until the New Year. Watch this space! Don't get too excited!

*Meeting dates for your diary.*

**Burton Sub Branch.** All meetings at 8:00pm on Wednesdays at Marston's Brewery Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton on Trent. 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2011 Xmas Lunch at Craythorne Golf Club, Rolleston, Nr Burton on Trent. 12:30pm for 1:00pm meal. BOOK NOW.

8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012. AGM. Social evening and buffet. ; 11<sup>th</sup> April. Meeting & Social evening.

11<sup>th</sup> July – Meeting and Garden Party at Val & Joe Smith's home in Stanton Road. 7.30pm drinks & buffet; 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. Meeting and Social with buffet.

5<sup>th</sup> December 2012–Christmas Luncheon at Craythorne Golf Club, Rolleston, near Burton on Trent. 12:30pm for 1.p.m meal.

**Cannock Sub Branch.** All meetings on Thursdays at 7:30pm for 8:00pm at Cannock Ex-Servicemen's Club, Walsall Road, Cannock. : 15<sup>th</sup> March; 14<sup>th</sup> June (Rugeley); 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct.

**Leek Sub Branch.**

Meetings and socials at 7:30pm.at Leek Golf Club (New venue)

Sub Branch Lunch. 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012, at Leek Golf Club. (See booking form on page 7)

Meetings & Social at 7:30.p.m on 6<sup>th</sup> March (AGM) Leek Golf Club; on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Cheadle Cricket Club; and 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012 Leek Golf Club.

**Lichfield Sub Branch.** All meetings at 8:00pm on Wednesdays at Lichfield Rugby Club, Lichfield:  
2012 Dates 18th January 2012 - A.G.M.; 21st March 2012; 16th May 2012; 18th July 2012; 19th Sept 2012; 21st November 2012.

**Northern Sub Branch.** The Tollgate Hotel, Blurton (off Trentham Road), Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012; Annual. Dinner at The Upper House, Barlaston. 7:00. pm; AGM Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012; Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

**Stafford Sub Branch.** All meetings at 7:30.p.m The White Eagle Polish Club, Riverway, Stafford.  
2011 Meeting dates - Xmas Social Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. 7:30pm with entertainment and buffet refreshments. Book your place with Angela Newbon on 01785 256946. (See also page 6.)  
2012 Meetings -21<sup>st</sup> Feb: 19<sup>th</sup> June: 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct (AGM)

**Tamworth Sub Branch** - Meeting on Tuesdays at 7.30.p.m. at Coton & Hopwas Social Club, School Lane, Hopwas, Nr Tamworth. 2012 AGM 10<sup>th</sup> January.  
Meetings & Socials 8<sup>th</sup> March: 3<sup>rd</sup> May: 5<sup>th</sup> July: 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.: 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.

**West Bromwich Sub Branch.** All Meetings at The Royal Naval Association Club, Bull Lane, West Bromwich: Call Terry Barton for details. AGM Mon. 5th Dec 2011; 14th May 2012 (AGM); 3rd September 2012; November 2012 Xmas Lunch - to be arranged; 3rd December 2012

**Wombourne Sub Branch** Meetings on Tuesdays at Wombourne Police Club at 7:30pm.  
2012 Meetings: 7<sup>th</sup> Feb; 12<sup>th</sup> June; 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

**BRANCH REUNION LUNCH 2012 Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012:** Staffordshire County Showground.  
See booking form on page 8.

**BRANCH AGM 2012 with Afternoon Tea. 2.30.p.m. Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012.** The Amenity Block, The Police Headquarters, Weston Road, Stafford, 2:30 pm. Meeting, followed by afternoon tea at 5:00pm.  
Booking form in next issue of Staffs Knot.

**Wombourne NARPO Sub Branch  
Celebrated 40 years at Wombourne Police Station Club.**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September saw Wombourne Police Club welcome members both past and present to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Wombourne Police Station.

There was a magnificent turnout for the festivities which gave the opportunity to catch up with some old colleagues. By far the most distant visitor was Frank Jones who now makes his home on the Gold Coast in Australia. He was almost matched by Barry Sheldon who had just returned from a stint of teaching in Rwanda.

It would be impossible to try to name everyone who attended, suffice to say that it was a marvellous occasion which was tinged with a hint of sadness when Inspector Pat Shannaghan, announced during his speech that the Police Station would be sold in the near future and a new building, 1 Rees Drive, was a possible location for a base in the village. Despite this, the social club put on a delicious spread which was much appreciated by all those present.

A big thank you to all those who helped in organising a wonderful evening and a fitting celebration of 40 years of Wombourne Police Station.

**SUB BRANCH CHAIRMAN & SECRETARIES.**

Burton.	Secretary. Rosemary Poole. <b>01283 567112</b> Chair. Ralph Seville. <b>01283 790527</b>	Cannock	Secretary – <b>Vacant.</b> <b>Contact Chairman.</b> Chair. Joe Edwards. <b>01543 503113</b>
Leek.	Secretary. Bob Scrimgeour. <b>01782 503755</b> Chair. Peter Simms. <b>01782 315383</b>	Lichfield	Secretary. Linda Hicken. <b>01922 452572</b> Chair. Ron Hill. <b>01543 685524</b>
Northern.	Secretary. Dave Malam. <b>01782 620955.</b> Chair. Keith Houlston. <b>01782 616118</b>	Stafford.	Secretary. Maureen Poole. <b>01785 603999</b> Chair. Paul Gallagher. <b>01889 803627 / mobile - 0797 418 15 52</b>
Tamworth.	Secretary. Joe Baker. <b>01827 66582</b> Chair. Glyn Thomas <b>01827 67545</b>	Wombourne.	Secretary. Geoff Sproson. <b>01902 844416.</b> Chair. Roger Jones. <b>01902 847299</b>
West Bromwich.	Sec. Terry Barton. <b>01902 495249</b> Chair. Ken Stevens. <b>01384 85 06 77</b>		

## Re-Dedication of Staffordshire Police Memorials at New Police H.Q. Weston Road.

In 1995, the Chief Constable, Mr Charles Kelly had a memorial made to commemorate all those officers who died during the First and Second World Wars. The following year a similar memorial to those officers killed on duty through criminal action was also made and following a Dedication Ceremony both plaques were placed in the entrance to the Police Headquarters at Baswich.

It was found that not all officers who died during both world wars had been included on the memorials and therefore further research was undertaken to establish the officers who were missing. A thorough search was made of the Attestation Book which was held in the Staffordshire Police Museum and a further 11 officers were found who had died in the Great War of 1914-18. It was also established that no officer from Stoke-on-Trent police had been included in the Roll of Honour so further research took place at Hanley Archives in all available books and documents. It was found that 12 officers had died during the Great War and a further 5 officers during the Second World War making a total of 55 Staffordshire Police Officers including the three known police officers from Newcastle Borough Police.

To rectify this, 4 new Memorial Plaques were commissioned which included not only the name of the officer but his Rank, Regiment or Service, and date of death. Each plaque is made of polished steel with black lettering surmounted by a Staffordshire Knot in the arc at the top of the plaque. This plaque is placed upon a dark oak backing

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011, a Dedication Ceremony was held at Staffordshire Police HQ's which was attended by the Chief Constable Mike Cunningham, The Bishop of Stafford The Rt Reverend Geoff Annas, The Reverend John Davis MBE Rural Dean of Stafford, Mr Gerry Robinson, NARPO and invited guests. The opening address was read by ex Inspector David Baldwin followed by the Address, Prayers and the Act of Re-Dedication. The Last Post was played and then The Reverend John Davies gave the Exhortation followed by the Reveille. The Chief Constable then laid the wreath on behalf of all members and former members of Staffordshire Police.

Following the Dedication Ceremony, Chief Constable Michael Cunningham presented David Baldwin with his '**Certificate of Commendation**' to mark the tremendous amount of work and dedication he had displayed in researching and finally assembling these memorial plaques for display. A well deserved tribute. (Ed)

**A fitting tribute to all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Lest we forget.**

### Stafford NARPO Sub-Branch Christmas Party.

Dear Friends

It's that time again when we get together to celebrate Christmas. You are cordially invited to the party, which will take place at the **Polish White Eagle Club**, Riverway, Stafford on **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011**, commencing at **7.30 pm**. All members of NARPO and retired civilian staff are invited to attend.

Tickets are held at £6.50 per person which includes a buffet supper and entertainment.

The entertainment is the comedian Phil CHASE and The Crooked Bawbees (a folk band).

In view of the room restrictions, it will be strictly 'first come – first served'. To confirm you are attending please make cheques payable to Stafford NARPO- Stafford Sub Branch and forward them to:

Angie NEWBON (address below) **by no later than 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011.**

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**Please return to:-**

**Mrs A NEWBON, 81 School Lane, Moss Pit, Stafford, ST17 9JB. Tel. 01785 256946.**

**I/We wish to attend the Stafford Sub Branch Christmas Party 2011**

**Name** .....

**Address** .....

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**Tel. Number** ..... **email address** .....

**Cheque made payable to 'Stafford NARPO Sub Branch'**

**Leek NARPO Sub Branch  
Annual Luncheon.  
at Leek Golf Club,  
Cheadle Road, Birchall, Leek  
Wednesday 14th March 2012.  
Meet at 12:30 pm for sitting at 1:00 pm.  
3 courses for £14.00p.**

Please complete the below slip indicating the number attending and if a vegetarian meal is required. The cost will be £14.00 per person for 3 courses. Cheques should be made payable to 'Leek NARPO Sub Branch'. There is a limit on the number attending so an early reply is essential please.

For more information please contact Bob Scrimgeour, Leek Sub Branch Secretary, 8 Marlborough Crescent, Endon, Stoke on Trent, Staffs. ST9 9HN.

**Leek NARPO Sub Branch Annual Luncheon.  
Booking Form**

Name/.....  
Contact address.....  
.....Post Code.....  
Tel No: .....e-mail .....

Amount enclosed £.....for Number of persons .....

Starters – Soup or Pate'..... Mains - Beef or Lamb.....

Vegetarian Meals Required. (Yes/No) .....

Send this booking form by post or deliver to:  
Bob Scrimgeour, 8 Marlborough Crescent, Endon, Stoke on Trent,  
Staffs., ST9 9HN

Cheques payable to 'Leek NARPO Sub Branch'.

**Northern Sub Branch- New Year Dinner & Cabaret.**

**Featuring Trevor Leeson, Guitar Vocalist.**

**Ex 60's – 70's Merseybeats.**

**26<sup>th</sup> January 2012.**

**The Upper House, Barlaston, Stoke on Trent.**

**7pm for 7:30pm meal.**

**Menu**

**Starter – Rustic Country Vegetable Soup.**

**Mains – Roast Sirloin of Beef & Yorkshire Pudding. (Veg. Option)**

**Dessert – Strawberry Cheesecake and fruit coulis. Coffee.**

**£20 pp (including wine with meal.)**

To book call David Malam (01782 620955)

Keith Houlston (01782 616118)

David Scrivens (01785 816095)

Payment by cheque please made out to 'NARPO Northern Sub Branch Social Fund'  
Send to David Malam, 22 Churston Close, Westbury Park, Newcastle, Staffs. ST5 4LP

**STAFFORDSHIRE N.A.R.P.O.**

**Reunion Lunch.**

**Saturday 31st March 2012.**

**Reception & Bar. 12:00pm for 1pm meal.**

**Ends at 5:00pm.**

**The Ingestre Suite at Staffordshire County Showground, Weston Road (A518), Stafford.**

**Please Book Now. To make sure that you are able to sit with whom you want to please get together and book a group table.**

**Price of £14 per person. (Subsidised)**

Menu.

Starter.

Fanned Melon with a Raspberry Coulis

Main Meal.

Roast Leg of Lamb with a Port & Redcurrant Sauce.

Melody of Seasonal Vegetables.

Minted New Potatoes.

Honey Glazed Parsnips.

Vegetarian Option.

2 Half Roasted Peppers filled with Mushroom Risotto.

Dessert.

Homemade Chocolate & Orange Mousse served in White

Chocolate Cups with Orange Slices.

Entertainment

Duo singing songs from the shows, followed by David Huband, Comedian

FREE Raffle.

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**2012 Reunion Luncheon BOOKING FORM.**

Please reserve.....places at The Reunion Lunch on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

Name..... In capitals please.

Address.....

Postcode ..... Tel. No .....

I would like to be seated with..... I require .....Vegetarian Meal/s.

Please advise if any Special requirements. SEND to Des Lockwood, 97 Pirehill Lane, Walton, Stone, Staffs. ST15 OAS.

**Cheque made payable to 'Staffs NARPO'.**

**Take a look at the National and our own Staffordshire Website for more new photos and useful information about this  
and all the other matters of interest.**