



## **SWANSEA NARPO - BRANCH (98) SPRING NEWSLETTER 2026**

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter. Many of our members long to see the end of winter, especially the rainfall, the dark mornings and evenings. As Spring arrives and the days start to get warmer and brighter, we all start to smile a little more. Don't forget to save the dates of events from the newsletter to your diaries for 2026.

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026**

The Swansea Narpo 2026 AGM will be held on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April** at the Malthouse bar in the Grand Theatre Swansea.

The meeting will be held at the same venue and on the same date as the April coffee morning. The AGM meeting will start at 10.45am and should last approximately 45 mins.

**All members are welcome to attend the AGM.**

### **MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING'S**

The Swansea NARPO coffee mornings take place each month at the Malthouse Bar located in the Grand Theatre Swansea.

***Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, and Welsh cakes are at the expense of Swansea Narpo.***

***Coffee mornings commence at 10.30.am until 12.30.pm.***



### **CONFIRMED DATES FOR 2026**

The Coffee mornings will take place on the 'Third Thursday of each month in 2026'

**19<sup>th</sup> March – 16<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> May - 18<sup>th</sup> June - 16<sup>th</sup> July 20<sup>th</sup> August –  
17<sup>th</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> October – 19<sup>th</sup> November – 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

**"Please come along and enjoy a chat with colleagues and friends old and new"**

### **SWANSEA CID GET-TOGETHER FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026**

After the success of previous get-togethers, we have confirmed with the Swansea Yacht Club a date to hold the next get-together on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at the;

***'Swansea Yacht and Sub-Aqua club'*** in Swansea Marina from **4 p.m.** onwards.

The date has been chosen to avoid the main summer holiday months, also not to clash with the Queens monthly meet-up and the Neath retired police events.



**Please could we have names of those who will attend (see contact details below)**

David Rees and Suzanne will post regular reminders on Facebook.

Try and make every effort to attend.

Hopefully we can get even greater numbers than on previous get-togethers.

**Anyone wishing to attend can message**

**David Rees by mobile 07521293843 or email: - [davidrees129@gmail.com](mailto:davidrees129@gmail.com)**

**BEST WISHES - On their Special Birthdays in the coming months.**

Dave Elias – David Annis – Margaret Morris – Colin Wooldridge – Angela Jones – Tegwyn Curtis – Margaret Thomas - Brian Bray – Paulette Walters – Bob Richards – Jan Francis - Joan Hunt – Paulette Eynon – Julian Evans – Brian Hopkins – Neil Rooney – Gethin James – David Lowe – Jean Jones – Simon Francis – Mike Bramley – Mair Gill – Ian Hamilton-Shaw – Chris Mort – Sonia Heatley – Simon Hughes – Susan Griffiths – Patricia Williams – June Gronow – Judith Michael – Janet Huxtable – Carol Fender.

**CONGRATULATIONS – On their Special Anniversary.**

Steve and Irene Roberts.

We have also been contacted by John and Anne Smith to say they will be celebrating their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary in March this year. *“Congratulations”*

**NEW MEMBERS – Welcome to**

Sarah Roderick (P.C. 3314) – Tim Barrell (P.S. 393) – Graham Pennock (P.S. 3403) - Steve Grant (P.S. 1020 Associate member)

**SINCERE CONDOLENCES FROM ALL AT SWANSEA NARPO**

**Our thoughts are with those who have lost loved ones.**

John Williams.  
Selwyn Davies.  
Brian Emmanuel.  
Islwyn Evans.  
Malcolm Mages.  
Leighton Rogers.  
Ron Draisey.  
Morien Lyn Richards.  
David O'Brien.



Leighton Jenkins. (Ret. Supt.)  
It was with great shock and regret to hear of the Death of Swansea NARPO President **Leighton Jenkins**, who passed away suddenly but peacefully in Morrision hospital with his family at his bedside.

Swansea branch secretary Phil Taylor was contacted in January this year by Suzanne Isaac informing Phil that her mum **Mrs Joyce Hughes** had passed away early last year, 2025, at the age of 98 years. She was the wife of the late **John Hughes (PC.195)**. Joyce lived in Gelli Fach Crescent, Morrision and would have been 100 yrs old in April this year.

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

A committee meeting was held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

The next committee meeting will take place on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 6 pm.**

If you would like any issue raised, please contact any Committee member or Swansea NARPO branch secretary Phil Taylor Tel. 01792 842378 or email [swansea@narpo.org](mailto:swansea@narpo.org)

## SWANSEA NARPO GOLF DAY FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026

The event will take place at Clyne Golf Club, Mayals, Swansea.

Bacon roll and coffee on arrival.

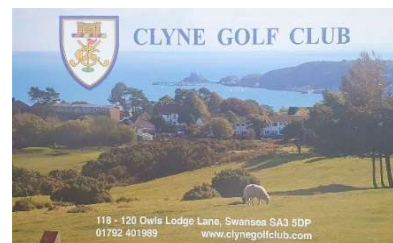
18 holes of golf.

One course meal after your round of golf.

The format of the day is yellow and red tee boxes, stableford with a maximum handicap allowance of 28 men and 36 ladies.

Those with a WHS. handicap/CDH number will compete for the 'Joe Trigg Trophy' and the best score will be this year's Swansea NARPO Champion.

Numerous other prizes for nearest the pins, longest drive etc.



Tee times start from 09.30 through until 11.00, thereby giving us a maximum of 39 players going out in 3 balls. Cost for the day is currently £52; there will hopefully be a reduction on this cost nearer the day depending on the final numbers.

Richie Jones and Warren Williams are organising the day on behalf of Swansea NARPO. If you are interested in playing, please message one of them.

Due to high demand, there are limited spaces, so please notify Richie or Warren below a.s.a.p. There will also be a reserve list, so please put your name down.

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Warren Williams email; [1465ww@gmail.com](mailto:1465ww@gmail.com) Mob; 07969 577304

## ABERFAN DISASTER

The collapse of a colliery spoil tip which happened on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1966.

Swansea NARPO secretary Phil Taylor has received a request for information regarding the Aberfan disaster. **'Please see the details below'**.

I know that several of our older members attended Aberfan.

If you are interested, could you please contact Catrin on the phone number below.

***We have been commissioned by S4C to produce a one-hour documentary with 'The One Show's Alex Jones' to mark the 60th anniversary of the Aberfan disaster. We are particularly interested in speaking to those who were involved with the rescue or who have any connection to Aberfan.***

***Ideally, they would need to be Welsh speakers.***

***If anybody is or are interested, please do get in touch on my email, or mobile number below.***

***No obligation to take part in the documentary at this stage, just a chat for research purposes.***

***Diolch.***

***Catrin.***

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## SWANSEA NARPO WELFARE INFORMATION

If you should have any concerns and need help or advice regarding ill health, bereavement or any welfare matters. Please contact Swansea NARPO secretary Phil Taylor.

Tel; 01792 842378. Mobile; 079619142. email; [swansea@narpo.org](mailto:swansea@narpo.org)

**All communications and correspondence are dealt with in the strictest confidence.**

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH DECEMBER 2025

The Swansea NARPO Christmas lunch at Norton House in December was well attended as always, the festive decorations were lovely and the food as always was superb and the hotel staff were excellent, nothing was too much trouble.

It was a pleasure to have the Chief Constable Mr. Jeremy Vaughan (K.P.M.) in attendance. The Chief made a huge impression on everyone at the Swansea NARPO Christmas lunch, taking the time out of his busy schedule. Can't fault the man!  
"Gareth Heatley"



It was a lovely afternoon, and a BIG thanks to Gerry and Hilary Coad for all their efforts organising the venue.

After Christmas lunch, flowers were presented to Cheryl Taylor as a thank you for all the photos that Cheryl has taken at various functions over the years and posted on the Swansea Facebook and Website for everyone to enjoy.

**Cheryl replied;**  
***"I would just like to thank the committee for presenting me with the lovely bouquet it was much appreciated".***



***These are just a few of the photos Cheryl took at the Christmas lunch. You are able to see more, that are posted on Swansea NARPO and Facebook.***



## NEWSLETTER

If you have anything that would be informative or of interest that could be included in the newsletter, please send to Andrew or Carole Milne.

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OFFICERS AT WESTERN TRAFFIC SECTOR

CAREERS HUB - NARPO

Colleagues,

Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 saw the launch of our new '**Second Career Hub**'

A new and innovative project aimed at supporting those leaving the job and wishing to find new employment and navigate into new and fulfilling careers that make use of the vast number of skills and experience built up during a career in policing.

Although the 'Second Career Hub' has been publicised on our website and social media channels, I would ask that it be forwarded out to members locally, featured in branch newsletters and actively promoted when speaking to prospective members in your normal day to day business or when attending events.

The 'Second Career Hub' can be found at [Careers Hub - NARPO](#)

As always, thank you for your continued work and support. If you wish to clarify anything outlined above or require any further assistance, please do contact me direct.

Regards,

**Steve Wilcock BA (Hons), MCMI**

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LINK-WORD QUIZ

Can you find the word which has a link with each of the 2 clue words.

Each pair of words are linked by the missing word.

Here is an example **Wedding Cake Stand**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Blue _____ Ache     | 2. Sunday _____ Delivery |
| 3. Pine _____ Pie      | 4. Fork _____ Strike     |
| 5. Tennis _____ Gown   | 6. Chain _____ Box       |
| 7. Vertical _____ Side | 8. Wind _____ Cleaner    |
| 9. Privet _____ Fund   | 10. Cricket _____ Stick  |
| 11. Funny _____ China  | 12. Looking _____ Jar    |
| 13. Traffic _____ Tart | 14. Kate _____ Bros.     |
| 15. Rubber _____ Aid   | 16. Games _____ Room     |
| 17. Times _____ Cloth  | 18. Cat _____ Bin        |
| 19. Horse _____ Paper  | 20. Blue _____ Bank      |

Answers on page 6.

**A LITTLE HUMOROUS “ONE – LINERS”**

“I’m not Lazy, I’m just relaxed”

“I’m not weird, I’m a limited edition”

“Always forgive your enemies, nothing annoys them so much” – Oscar Wilde.

“I’m not arguing, I’m just explaining why I’m right”

“My wallet is like an onion, every time I open it, it makes me cry”

“I’d agree with you, but then we’d both be wrong”

“Enjoy Spring with its  
longer warmer days”



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Retired Inspector 1490 Ray Milne is now assisting his son Gareth Milne at Swansea Legal Solutions Ltd. Gareth and his team specialise in Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney [‘LPA’s’], Probate, Property Trusts, Care Fee Planning and Tenants in Common. PROTECTING FAMILY HOMES. Please see Free wills [basic] and an excellent 25% reduction in price for LPA’s, in advert alongside.

Any questions/queries or for an informal friendly chat simply give Gareth a call on; - **07540607378** or **01792 420844**.

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**ANSWERS TO QUIZ**

1. Blue **Tooth** Ache. 2. Sunday **Express** Delivery. 3. Pine **Apple** Pie.
4. Fork **Lightning** Strike. 5. Tennis **Ball** Gown. 6. Chain **Mail** Box.
7. Vertical **Blind** Side. 8. Wind **Pipe** Cleaner. 9. Privet **Hedge** Fund.
10. Cricket **Match** Stick. 11. Funny **Bone** China. 12. Looking **Glass** Jar.
13. Traffic **Jam** Tart. 14. Kate **Moss** Bros. 15. Rubber **Band** Aid.
16. Games **Board** Room. 17. Times **Table** Cloth. 18. Cat **Litter** Bin.
19. Horse **Fly** Paper. 20 Blue **Bottle** Bank.

**Photo - Blast from the past;**

**Comment by Ian Williams – ‘Legends’**

**Peter Shopland, Jeff Tuckett (R.I.P. my good mate), John Hughes, Huw Edwards, Clive Benson Waller and Lloyd Handley**