



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS



West Midlands Fire and Rescue Branch

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Welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter which looks a little different than usual. The last newsletter was not posted out because of the Covid 19 Corona virus, it was however put on the NARF website.

Chairman's Comments.

As you are probably aware the virus had had a great impact on all organisations including NARF. All NARF meetings at Branch and Borough levels have been cancelled until further notice although a few have been held on zoom. The Erdington Office has been closed and e-mails dealt with remotely. As AGM's were cancelled the various decisions that would have been made have been delayed and the 'Status Quo' has prevailed until the time when we can ratify things.

The National Council at their October 2019 meeting agreed to raise the national subscription for NARF to £12 from it's current £9. This will take effect from 1st January 2021. Although this increase appears to be above inflation it will be the first increase in National Subscriptions for approximately 15 years. Over that time the associations costs have risen and are a lot higher than they were then with the publication and postage of the NARF News a good example. Postage went up again on 23rd March 2020. The West Midlands Committee hope members agree this is still good value for the work undertaken at National, District, Branch and Borough levels.

In order to allow the Pensions and Payroll departments to arrange deduction from your pension a new mandate will be required and is enclosed with this newsletter. Please sign it and return it to the NARF Office, Erdington Fire Station, Orphanage Road, Erdington, Birmingham. B24 9HR. Further copies are available on the NARF Website www.wmnarf.net

Prize Draw 2020

The Prize Draw this year was again delayed by Covid but we are now in a position to go ahead with it again. Monies raised from this draw go towards a Christmas gift for widows of ex NARF members. Prizes are the same as previous years but this year we have included two books of tickets. This is to try and raise little more this year as our 'cushion' of monies to cover our costs is now gone. As we had already had the draw tickets printed when we went into 'Lockdown' we are using tickets which now show the incorrect draw date. The new date for the draw is 31st October 2020

1st Prize £500
2nd £200

3rd £100

4th £50

10 Prizes of £25

We hope you will take part but there is **no** obligation either to take part at all or take the two books.

There is no need to return unwanted tickets.

Please make cheques out to

'WMFS Pensions Association'

Put your name & address on the stub (small part) of the ticket & return them to us in the envelope provided, remembering to put a stamp on it. Keep the main part of the ticket (large part) for you.

Should you require more tickets please contact Ian Forrester on 0121 451 2086 or e-mail on **valandian@hotmail.co.uk**

Thank You and Good Luck !

Firefighter's Memorial Trust

It is with deep regret that the trustees of the Firefighters Memorial Trust have cancelled both the Service of Thanksgiving at Arlewas and the Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony in London for 2020, due to Covid 19. The Trustees will arrange a small marking of these events attended by Officers of the Trust.

Deaths

Unfortunately, we have been notified of the following deaths :-

Graham Newman	BFAS/WMFS FF A4 Erdington Red
Antony Russell	Wolverhampton FAS/WMFS
Andrew Williamson	Notts FB/WMFS
Jim Duff	WMFS StnO Handsworth
Robert Insley	Smethwick & W. Brom FB/Warley FB/WMFS 'D' Div F.P
David Venables	WMFS ADO Sutton F.P
Bob Kreisler	N. Ireland FB/WMFS
George Stokes	NFS/Walsall FB
Alan Jenkins	Notts F.S/Lincs F.S/Humberside F.S/Wiltshire F.S/WMFS
Stuart Dutton	BFAS/WMFS
Michael Leslie	WMFS FF Sheldon
Paul Buckingham	BFAS/Hong Kong FB/WMFS D.O
Robert Seeley	Warley FB/WMFS StnO Dudley Red,Halesowen,Oldbury
Bill Wilkins	BFAS/WMFS DO1 HQ & 'C' Div.
Tony Guy	WMFS FF Erdington White, Sutton
Henry Hughes	WMFS Ex Res StnOFallingsPark.
Johnny Mace	Wolv FB/WMFS Sub O Smethwick, Tipton, Oldbury,
Graham Jefferies	Warley FB
FF C3 Smethwick	Cyril Renyolds BFAS/WMFS StnO HQ Staff Office

Graham Hughes
Robert Horton

Staff FB/WMFS
Smethwick & W.Brom FB/WM FF West.Bromwich

Our thoughts go out to families and friends at this sad time. (Not all details available owing to Covid)

