

NEWS FROM BURY ST EDMUNDS BRANCH 139

The deadline for these notes is 1 August 2025 in readiness for the Magazine on 1 September.

Although we only have four Magazines per year nowadays, the time to prepare a new bulletin comes around very quickly. So here is another one.

Firstly, I would like to welcome our newly merged friends from Ipswich Branch. I hope that some of you will be able to make the journey across to attend our Branch Meetings. We will be very pleased to see you.

I have it from John Davies that a good number of us enjoyed the Summer Lunch at the Manger Public House. Thanks to Sue for organising this event. We are pleased that John was able to attend following his recent hearing problem and consequential hospital stay. We all wish him well and thanks for the splendid job he does as our Treasurer. On this occasion Pauline and I were unable to attend because we had family celebrations in London.

At this time, we have planned our next meeting on 13 August. The subject of our speaker will have been "Tales of a Norfolk Bobby" which sounds as if it might be quite amusing. We shall see!

Thanks to David Gray for his efforts in giving us a balanced range of speakers.

After this, our next event is the NFOP outing. At this moment of writing no details are available. It is expected that limited numbers will put their name down so we will tag on to a public coach tour again. However, should a large number of our newly merged friends from Ipswich like to come, then maybe we can hire a coach. By the time this Bulletin is read we shall know.

Normally we do not hold a committee meeting before the Branch Meeting in August but this year we will do so. The main considerations for this meeting are matters arising from the Ipswich merger. For one thing we have to consider any increase in numbers attending our meetings. Something else, is the increased funding that will come our way. I have been informed that an amount over £2000 will be transferred to our account. We need to decide whether or not we need this extra money. One option is to make a donation to HQ in order to help out with their cash flow. This matter was discussed at the Scarborough AGM and Conference when the level of funds held by Branches was considered. John will no doubt have an opinion on this.

Following this Bulletin our next dates of interest are as follows:

Wednesday **9 October 2025** – Branch meeting, preceded by Committee meeting

Magazine 1 December 2025

Early **December 2025** – Meeting or lunch TBA

Finally, anyone wishing to be added to the mailing list for my regular monthly Newsletter, please let me know so that I can send you the appropriate consent documentation.

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