

The Norwich Traffic Club

2016-17 Newsletter – Issue 1



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We are rapidly approaching the start of a new season. Numbers attending meetings towards the end of the last season were dropping off. Hopefully we can reverse that trend over the next few months. I will be moving house in the next few weeks. However, because of the extensive internal work on the new property I will be without a permanent address and regular access to a computer, printer and my files for around 2 months as I will be staying with family and friends in and away from Norfolk. Consequently, this is likely to be the last newsletter this side of Christmas. I have therefore tried to cover all the matters you need to be aware of for the next 3 months. Over those 2 months it sometimes may be difficult for members to contact me or for me to contact you. A text message or phone call will probably be best. Postal communication will be problematic. Early notification to me of your October and November meal bookings will help. If you cannot reach me please try one of the other Club Officers. I will let members know my new address in due course.

Barry. Hon. Secretary

Annual Subscriptions:

The annual subscriptions are due on 1st October as usual and remain at £25.00 or £12.50 if over 65 and no longer employed. Payment by standing order or online bank transfer are preferred, the former ensuring you do not always have to remember payment is due. Last year a large number of unpaid subscriptions had to be chased and a few were not paid before the following April despite in a few cases repeated reminders. Consequently, the Committee has decided to review payments in January and following a single reminder will, where necessary, apply Rule 11 i.e. "Any member who has not paid the appropriate fee by 31st December shall be deemed to have resigned".

If you require any clarification of the fee you should be paying or payment methods please contact David Baxter, Hon. Treasurer -07770 343359.

Increase in Meal Cost:

The Holiday Inn has this year increased the charge for our meals by £0.50 per head. After due consideration it has been decided that we have no choice but to pass this increase on to members. Consequently, starting with the October 2017 meeting, the cost of a meal will be £16.50 per head. The price for cheese and biscuits, other than the first 5 pre-ordered, remains at £2.50 per head.

October Meeting – Wednesday 12th – 6:00pm for 6:30pm

Guest Speaker: Mike Powell – Light Aircraft Inspector.

Menu: - Cumberland sausage ring, creamy masher potato, seasonal vegetable, rich onion gravy followed by Bramley apple & rhubarb crumble tart, vanilla custard.

Last date for bookings by email, text or phone call to Hon. Secretary by Sunday 25th September 2016.

November Meeting – Wednesday 16th – 6.00pm for 6.30pm. *N.B. Due to lack of room availability on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, on this occasion the meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday. Sorry if this may be inconvenient to some of you.*

Guest Speaker – Richard Pace, General Manager, Norwich International Airport.

Menu:- Slow cooked Beefsteak, bacon lardons, confit shallots & button mushrooms, herb mash and buttered carrots & sugar snap peas in red wine gravy. Warm Treacle tart, raspberry coulis and clotted cream

Last date for booking by email, text or phone call to Hon. Secretary by Sunday 30th October 2016.

December XMAS Meeting - Wednesday 14th December 6.00pm for 6.30pm Halifax Suite.

Guest Speaker – Derek George, Secretary, Caister Volunteer Lifeboat Service.

Menu: - Traditional Christmas turkey roast followed by Christmas pudding and custard.

We will be holding the usual raffle, members to provide prizes please, and given the Guest Speakers role inviting all present to donate to the Caister Volunteer Lifeboat.

Last date for bookings -Wednesday 9th November 2016. The Booking Form, which is to be returned with your cheque payment to David Baxter, Hon. Treasurer, Mill Road Farmhouse, and Low Road, North Tuddenham, NR20 3AB, not the Hon. Secretary is enclosed with this Newsletter. **Do not send to the Hon. Secretary.**

As we are not in the Lancaster Room this year attendance will be restricted to 100. Don't be caught out, get your booking in early. Business colleagues/staff; clients; family and friends are all very welcome.

2017 Meeting Dates:

Wednesday 11th January 2017

Wednesday 8th February 2017

Friday 17th March 2017

Wednesday 12th April 2017

Wednesday 10th May 2017 (including the Annual General Meeting)



Membership –

Last season we welcomed 4 new members, Pippa Redmond of Norwich Print Solutions; Lord Russell Baker of Amber Developments Ltd, Tim Pitt of Norfolk Cars Direct and Nigel Andrews from the Diver & Vehicle Standards Agency. We start this new season with a total of 83 members. We are always looking to increase the Club membership and the attendance at our meetings. If you know of a colleague, client or acquaintance who you think would be interested in joining the Club bring them to one of the meetings as your guest. They will be made very welcome.

Currently we are still communicating with 36 members by post with the attendant increasing cost of printing and stamps. Whilst accepting not everyone has a computer and makes use of email; I am hoping some of you who always receive your monthly Newsletters by post are now in the position to provide an email address for future communication. Not only is this more cost effective for the Club but enables us to provide a greater number of members with information in a timely manner.

Sadly we have to announce that John Cleminson, a long standing member of the Club, passed away on 3rd August 2016.



Future Guest Speakers -

As usual the Committee is racking its brains to come up with speakers for our meetings. Can you help? We need suggestions. If you belong to other Clubs, have attended events as a guest or just through personal acquaintance have heard or know of a good, interesting speaker who you believe would fit the bill for one of our meetings please advise the Hon. Secretary. In particular we need to find a motivational, well known person to be the keynote speaker at the March 2017 Annual Dinner.



A copy of the 2015-16 Review booklet is enclosed. Unfortunately there is an error in the list of Committee Members on the back page. The Keeper of the Book is now Donna Howlett and not David Howard as shown. Please accept my apologies for that error and any other you might find.

Barry. Hon. Secretary

<p>ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE 1ST OCTOBER 2016</p> <p>£25.00 per annum (£12.50 if over the age of 65 or no longer employed/earning).</p> <p>Payment by standing order or online transfer preferred -</p> <p>Barclays Bank, Sort Code 20-62-53 Acc No. 50682829</p>	<p>Officer Contact Numbers</p> <p>The President – -Maurice Morson Tel: 01603 744226</p> <p>Vice President --Janice Howell Tel: 07730 399731</p> <p>Hon. Treasurer --David Baxter Tel: 07770 343359</p> <p>Hon Secretary - Barry Parnell Tel: 07789 103154</p>
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