

The Norwich Traffic Club



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A message from the President:

Since the inception of the Norwich Traffic Club in 1933 there have inevitably been peaks and troughs in the membership and the social get-togethers within the club. A world war did bring about some interruption to proceedings but the club survived and renewed again with fresh enthusiasm. Today we are moving forward with an encouraging response to our annual outings – so far encompassing trains, boats and planes, but monthly meetings and our annual dinner have seen a downturn. The last three meetings of 2016 have been enjoyable with well received speakers. That is the good news! Not so good is the increasing pressure involving organisation of these events. Barry, our secretary, is operating on fine margins when booking well ahead of relevant dates. The hotel charges the club on a guaranteed attendance and when that attendance falls below the agreed figure the club faces a loss. We cannot afford significant losses. The Annual Dinner in March is well down on expected figures and on current bookings must be seriously reviewed. This is our club and we need to maintain what history has established for us. Best wishes to you all in 2017.

Maurice Morson

Xmas Dinner –

Attendance at the December meeting ended up at 57, well down on the 79 we had in 2015 and over 90 in 2014. In the event it was a very enjoyable evening and we received an interesting and comprehensive history on the formation and work of the Caister Volunteer Lifeboat Service from their Secretary, Derek George. A collection at the meeting raised a donation of £166 for the Service.

January Meeting: –Wednesday 11th 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Guest Speaker – Trevor Eady, North Norfolk Railway.

Menu – £16.50 per head - Slow roasted pork shoulder, sage mash, roast root vegetables, broccoli and a rich pan gravy. Lemon meringue pie with raspberry coulis and cream. Cheese and biscuits as alternative to desert, first 5 ordered at no extra cost otherwise an additional £2.50 per serving is payable.

19 members and guests are booked in. Although the deadline for confirming numbers to the Hotel has passed, if anyone else wishes to attend or add a guest please text 07786103154 or email thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com within the next few days.

February Meeting – Wednesday 8th February 2016. 6.00pm for 6.30

The speaker for this meeting who we hope will be from the Freight Transport Association has yet to confirm.

Menu: - .Chargrilled chicken breast, roast potatoes, peas a la Francoise, Vichy carrots and chasseur sauce. Coffee and mandarin gateau and Chantilly cream.

Bookings to the Hon. Secretary by Monday 23rd January please.

Annual Dinner: - Friday 17th March 2017

We have now almost finalised arrangements for the Annual Dinner. As previously announced this season, instead of an after dinner speaker we have engaged Ian Richards, a popular professional comedian to entertain you. As in the past the event will be held in the Lancaster Suite, Holiday Inn North, Norwich and the bar will be open from 6.00pm with the 4 course dinner served at circa 7.40pm.

As the President mentioned in his message if numbers are insufficient we will have to seriously consider whether the event can go ahead or we run the event at a loss. As the Committee will need to consider this at its meeting on the 11th January we asked in the last Newsletter that you let the Secretary know your intention to attend and the number of guests you will be bringing by Friday 6th January 2017 at the latest. To date only 20 places have been booked. We need 120. Please give this your urgent attention.

If you can submit your completed booking form with fee by that date all the better. If you are unable to finalise your full guest list by the 6th January please submit your booking by that date and follow it up with the guest names by 8th February at the latest.

Notices of intent by text to 07789103154 or email to thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com. Booking forms with fee to the Hon Secretary at the address at the top of this Newsletter.

Finally we are hoping that if you are planning a corporate table one or more of you would be willing to help defray the cost of the guest speaker; VIP meals and table programme card printing by making a donation. In return we will record your company's sponsorship of the event on the table cards and the Club website. Please contact as soon as possible so that we can make appropriate printing and publication arrangements.



Other Meeting Dates

- Wednesday 12th April 2017
- Wednesday 10th May 2017, including the AGM

We are also planning –

- A barbeque with the opportunity to take glider or airplane trips at Tibbenham Airfield on Sunday 11th June 2017
- Taking up an offer from the Caister Volunteer Lifeboat Service of a visit and tour of the Lifeboat Station.

More details on these two events will be given in a future Newsletter.



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