

The Norwich Traffic Club



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This Month's Reminders:

11th October meeting 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm – We kick the 2017-18 season off with a talk about the Norfolk Blood Bikes from a representative of the SERV Norfolk Charity. As this is a charity fund raising event we hope as many members as possible attend bringing a guest. The menu will be Beef & Ale Pie, mash potato, carrots and broccoli followed by sticky toffee pudding with toffee sauce. A cheese and biscuit alternative to the desert is available. Meal price £16.50, first 5 orders received for cheese and biscuits will be at no extra cost, further orders will be at £2.50 extra. **Bookings, including guest names, any dietary requirement and request for cheese and biscuits to be made to the Hon. Secretary, by email of phone call, a.s.a.p. and certainly no later than 29th October 2017.**

2017-18 Meeting Venue- All our meetings for this year will be held at the **Mercure Norwich Hotel** on Boundary Road unless advised differently ahead of the meeting,

- Committee meetings will be in the Statesman room,
- Bar service and meal, other than for the November and December meetings in the Chairman's Suite. The November meeting will be in the Club Room with table drinks service. The December meeting in the Presidential Suite
- The March Annual Dinner will be held in the City Suite.

Annual Subscriptions – Your annual subscription, £25.00 (£12.50 if over 65 years of age or already retired) is due by 1st October 2017. If you already pay by standing order please check it is for the right amount. If not get your bank to amend it. If you are one of the few still paying by cheque please post your payment, by the 1st October, to the Treasurer David Baxter at Mill Road Farmhouse, Low Road, North Tuddenham, NR20 3AB. A bank standing order form was enclosed with last month's newsletter. Please consider changing to that payment method rather than by cheque for your future payments.

Notices:

1. New Member -We are pleased to welcome Michael Artherton. Mike is the Proprietor and Managing Director of Mike Artherton Footwear Design and owner of Shipdham Airfield.
2. With regret we announce the resignation of Peter French who, because of family commitments, has been unable to attend meetings for some time.
3. Nick Barrett, has agreed to take on the role of Press Secretary, a committee post which has been vacant for a number of years. The role will be to increase the Club's visibility, both through the media and directly with transport related companies and organisations, so as to increase personal and corporate membership numbers. This is vital to ensure the long term sustainability of your Club. He will no doubt be seeking members help in achieving this.
4. David Turner of the Narborough Historical Society has agreed to be the guest speaker for our 8th November meeting. He will be speaking about the role of the Narborough Airfield and Royal Flying Corps in World War One. As you can see from the meetings programme overleaf we are still seeking guest speakers for the February and May 2018 meetings. Suggestions please.
5. Club Outings - Unfortunately, in response to the request in last month's newsletter, no preferences were received from members in relation to Club Outings. Consequently and as time is short, the Committee has decided we will not seek to arrange an outing for this Autumn/Winter. We would still like to hear from you regarding preferences from the list of suggestions included in last month's newsletter for one or two outings next summer.

Christmas Dinner Meeting – Bookings for the Christmas meeting are needed a.s.a.p. so that we can gauge the size of room required. The Presidential Suite will hold 100/120 dinners. This is the number we normally attract. However, because the event is being held in support of Help for Heroes who will be the guest speakers, we hope to attract a larger audience. Details of the event are contained in the booking form enclosed. The event is open to family and friends as well as business contacts as your guests, At this time the hotel cannot guarantee a larger room will be available if we need it. The earlier you can let the Secretary have your booking, even if the names of all your guest is still not finalised, the sooner we can resolve the room required. If necessary, because a larger room is not available, bookings will have to be accepted on a first come basis. Bookings and any queries should be sent to the Hon. Secretary.

Link Your Companies Website to The Club's – Would your company like to have a link on the Norwich Traffic Club website to their own web site. If you go to the 'Member' tab on the Club's site <http://norwichtrafficclub.co.uk> and double click on the tab heading you will see a number of members have already done this. Clicking on the logo will reveal the link

If so just supply a copy of your company's logo, ideally in jpg format, plus the company website address to the Hon. Secretary.

Member Recruitment - : We need your help.....

As mentioned at the AGM and subsequent Newsletters, the number of members has reduced over the last 2 or 3 years. As a result it was agreed at the last AGM we should, from the start of the 2017/18 season, take a number of actions, including the introduction of Corporate Membership to actively recruit new members. The involvement and help of all members is vital to the success of this recruitment drive.

Details and cost of Corporate Membership is included in the application form enclosed with this newsletter. A copy of the Personal Membership form is also enclosed for your use when recruiting.

How you can help:

1. Endeavour to bring at least one guest to every one of the Club meetings and other events.
2. When talking to customers, suppliers, colleagues and friends make them aware of the Club and its function as a networking and social opportunity for proprietors, managers, etc working in or having roles/interest in the transport industries or related organisations. Encourage them to **"get to know us"** by attending one or two of our meetings before having to apply for membership. All they need to do is contact the Hon. Secretary.
3. Assist in a Corporate Membership mailing exercise by providing the Hon. Secretary with contact details of your customers, suppliers etc who you think could be interested in Club membership.

The 2017/18 Season Programme:

Date	Room	Guest Speaker
Wed. 11 th October 2017	Chairman's Suite	Keith Grisedale, Norfolk Blood Bikes, SERV
Wed. 8th November 2017	Chairman's Suite	David Turner, Narborough Historical Society
Wed. 13th December 2017	Presidential Suite	Help For Heroes (see enclosed booking form)
Wed. 10th January 2018	Chairman's Suite	Mike Mizen, Member of Guild of Battlefield Guides
Wed. 14th February 2018	Chairman's Suite	To be confirmed
Friday 16th March 2018 Annual Dinner	The City Suite	Roger Daykin, After Dinner Speaker and entertainer
Wed. 11th April 2018	Chairman's Suite	Aviva. The future for motor insurance
Wed. 9th May 2018 including A.G.M	Chairman's Suite	To be confirmed

The monthly Committee Meetings will be held in the Statesman Suite at 5.00 pm

The last date for booking the places for yourself and guest(s) will be the Friday 12 days before the meeting date. Cancellations need to be advised to me by the Friday before the meeting, any received after that date may result in your still having to pay the meal cost.

Please, please try to keep to these dates; late notifications cause frustration and additional work for not only the Hon. Secretary but more importantly the Hotel staff who are responsible for planning and managing service and providing the food. .

We look forward to seeing as many members and their guests on the 11th October at the Mercure Norwich Hotel.

Barry Parnell. Hon. Secretary on behalf of the Committee

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