

The Norwich Traffic Club



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Attendance at the October meeting, the first at the Mercure since moving from the Holiday Inn, was twenty two members and guests. Not only were we provided with an excellent meal, certainly up to the standard we have been used to, but received an extremely interesting and informative talk from David Grisedale and Paul Pywell of SERV Norfolk about the Norfolk Blood Bike service. This was a subject on which most of us had little or no knowledge and it was enlightening to learn about the out of hours blood; plasma and donor breast milk transport services the Blood Bike volunteers provide to the NHS in Norfolk. The charity is solely run and staffed by volunteers and funded only through donations and fund-raising events. They receive no Government funding. During the evening we held a game of "Heads and Tails" and it is pleasing to be able to report this raised a £100 donation for this important, lifesaving charity.

This Month's Reminders:

Next Meeting – Wednesday 8th November 2017 at 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm. Please note that the meeting will be in the Club Room and not the Chairman's suite. As the Club Room does not have an integral bar facility, members should congregate before the meal in the Mercure Hotel's main bar off Reception. There will be a table service for drinks during the meal.

Menu – Roast Chicken supreme, red onion and thyme stuffing, roast chicken gravy, Roast potatoes, glazed carrots and parsnips. Followed by Apple, pear and walnut crumble with vanilla custard, tea or coffee.

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.

Christmas Meeting 13th December 2017– Please ensure you get your booking for this important Charity event to Barry by no later than Friday 3rd November. We realise this is quite early however, not only is there a lot of planning to do, but we need a good indication of likely attendance so that, if the number exceeds expectation, we can see if a larger room is available. If, perhaps because you are still finalising your guest list, you are unable to submit your reservation form and payment by the 3rd, please contact Barry (phone, text or email) and let him have some idea of your anticipated number.

Annual Subscriptions – Your annual subscription, £25.00 (£12.50 if over 65 years of age or already retired) was due by 1st October 2017. If you have not already paid please ensure you do so in the next couple of weeks. If you are one of the few still paying by cheque please post your payment, to the Treasurer David Baxter at Mill Road Farmhouse, Low Road, North Tuddenham, NR20 3AB. A bank standing order form was enclosed with the September newsletter. Please consider changing to that payment method rather than by cheque for your future payments.

Notices:

1. Due to his current level of health Terry Long has regrettably decided to resign as Vice President. He remains a highly valued member of the Club and we look forward to seeing him at future meeting whenever his health permits
2. New Member_-We are pleased to welcome Mickey Percival who is the Delmonte Garage, Manager. Mickey's application was proposed by Donna Howlett and unanimously approved by the Committee.
3. David Turner of the Narborough Historical Society will be the guest speaker for the 8th November meeting. He will be speaking about the role of the Narborough Airfield and Royal Flying Corps in World War One.
4. As mentioned in last month's newsletter we are still seeking guest speakers for the February and May 2018 meetings. Suggestions please
5. One important piece of information is missing from the Club Members Register, i.e. the name of the company/organisation he/she owns or is employed by. Please, other than new members who joined within the last 12 months and those of you who are retired and no longer involved in your previous company, can you provide Barry with this piece of information.

p.t.o.

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 many 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. 8 th November 2017	Club Room	David Turner, Narborough Historical Society
Wed. 13 th December 2017	Presidential Suite	Help for Heroes (see enclosed booking form)
Wed. 10 th January 2018	Chairman's Suite	Mike Mizen, Member of Guild of Battlefield Guides
Wed. 14 th February 2018	Chairman's Suite	To be confirmed
Friday 16 th March 2018 Annual Dinner	The City Suite	Roger Daykin, After Dinner Speaker and entertainer
Wed. 11 th April 2018	Chairman's Suite	Aviva. The future for motor insurance
Wed. 9 th 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 8th November meeting in the Club Room at the Mercure Norwich Hotel.

Barry Parnell. Hon. Secretary on behalf of the Committee

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