

The Norwich Traffic Club



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It is with great sadness and regret that I report the death from cancer of Terry Long. He passed away on Friday 3rd November. Terry was an extremely well liked and active, long standing member of the Club. A highly valued member of the Committee, he was elected as Vice President at last May's A.G.M. During his illness Terry showed great courage and fortitude and did his best to carry on as normal. He will be greatly missed by us all. Our deepest sympathy has been expressed to his wife Margaret and the family.

Details of the funeral arrangements have yet to be finalised. As soon as I know the date, time, venue ect., I will email you all.

The November meeting, was attended by 24 members and guests. The Hotel provided an excellent meal. David Turner and David Burchell of the Narborough History Society gave an extremely informative talk on the Narborough Airfield and its role as a training base for the Royal Flying Corp during WWI. It is fair to say that almost nobody in the room had any idea of the existence of this airfield which closed in 1919. No trace of the base, other than a memorial plaque exists today.

This Month's Reminders:

URGENT – December Meeting Wed.13/12/17 - Have you sent in your booking form or advised Barry via email/text that you will be attending the Christmas Dinner meeting? Guest speaker Sheena Preston from Help for Heroes. If not, please email/text* Barry without further delay and ensure he has your booking form, with guest list and payment no later than Friday 24st Nov.2017. *(thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com / 07789103154). If you have any query or, any problem completing your guest list please ring Barry.

This year, instead of the traditional raffle, we will be holding a game of Heads and Tails to raise funds as a donation to Help for Heroes. 80% of the money paid on the day to participate will go to the charity and 20% as the winner's prize. As there will be no raffle this year, members are not required to donate raffle prizes.

I am awaiting a list of special event drink offers from the Hotel and will circulate this with a pre order form directly to the members who have booked to attend.

Annual Subscriptions - Outstanding & underpaid – The Treasurer has advised that only around 60% of annual subscriptions have been paid and a number of members are still not paying the correct amount. Please check and, if yours is outstanding or you have paid something other than £25.00 or, if over 65 years of age as of 01/10/2017 or have already retired, please arrange for urgent payment.

Cheques 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.

January Meeting – Because of the festivities over Christmas and New Year Barry would greatly appreciate early booking (even before the end of this November) of your places at the meeting on 10th January 2018.

Guest speaker Mike Mizen, Member of Guild of Battlefield Guides.

Notices:

1. New Members: The committee are pleased to have accepted and welcome

- John Smith, ex-Army and an ex private investigator as a Personal Member John was introduced by Roy West.
- Brian Skelly, ex Suffolk Constabulary Traffic Officer. Brian was introduced by Bob Emsell
- Drury Transport Ltd as our first Corporate Member. This company was introduced by Vaughan Rowley

This is a very good start to our recruitment drive. Let's keep it going. With your, help as requested in last month's newsletter we should be able to turn around the recent decrease in membership.

Continued.

Notices continued:

2. We have now filled the two gaps in the programme of guest speakers for this year.
 - 14th February 2018 – Dean Ashton, former England (2008); Crewe Alexander (2000-2005); Norwich City (2005-2006) and Westham United (2006-2009) player.
 - 9th May 2018 – Royal Automobile Club.
3. 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.

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	Dean Ashton, former England, Norwich & Westham player
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	Royal Automobile Club

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.

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.

Barry Parnell. Hon. Secretary on behalf of the Committee

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