



## Newsletter – 2017-18 Issue 5 - December 2017

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**The December meeting.** -This year 24 members and their 56 guests attended the Christmas dinner, a welcome significant increase on last year. We were treated to an excellent traditional Christmas meal in extremely convivial surroundings and atmosphere.

Sheena Preston, County Co-ordinator from Help for Heroes delivered an interesting and at times personally impassioned talk on the work of this vital charity which strives to provide help for the men and women, who have suffered life changing physical and/or mental injury in serving the Country and in supporting their families. I am pleased to report that a donation of £315 was raised on the night from a game of heads and tails.

**January Meeting – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017.** In last month's Newsletter, because of the Christmas and New year break ,7 days of which I will be away, I requested early booking of your meals for the January meeting. So far only 5 bookings have been received.

We must advise the Hotel of our numbers for the meeting no later than Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. To give time to collate and plan, the final deadline for submitting your booking is therefore noon on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018. However, if you can get them to me by the Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December it will be greatly appreciated.

Guest speaker Mike Mizen, Member of Guild of Battlefield Guides. Subject – Battle of Walcheren Causeway 1944

- Menu – Brisket of Beef, Parmentier potatoes, green beans and carrots. Apple Flan and vanilla ice cream. Tea/coffee and mints. Cost £16.50 per head. Option to have cheese and biscuits instead of the dessert (first 5 ordered at no extra cost, otherwise £2.50 per serving)

Booking by text to 07789103154 or email to [thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com](mailto:thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com) with names of any guest(s) together with any dietary requests.

### **78<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Your copy of the Reservation and Booking form for this season's Annual Dinner, which is now only 3 months away, is enclosed. The form provides full details of the event. The ticket price, as per last year is £45.00 per person.

Last year's event was described by most of those regulars who were present as "the best yet". However, at just 114 attendees, the number of members and guests able to appreciate it were far fewer than would have done in previous years. I hope that this year we can reverse the trend and get numbers back up towards the financially break even target of 130/140. In addition to those members who regularly invite whole tables of staff/clients/ suppliers etc, it would be nice to see many more members, with or without family and friends as their guests, than we normally see.

As you will see booking is required by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018. It is realised not everyone will have finalised guest lists by that date. However, for both budgeting and planning we need to have some idea of numbers a.s.a.p. Therefore, as minimum, please send in your Reservation Form stating the number of expected places required and marked "Guest names to follow" by that date. This will need to be followed up with the missing details and payment, if not already made, by 21<sup>st</sup> February at the latest.

We are also opening the event to enable any company you deal with who you think might be interested of having their own table of 6 to 10 persons despite not being members. Please make them aware of the event, and if they do wish to have a table let Barry Parnell have their contact details so that he can provided a reservation form.

Any queries about the event please ring, text or email the Hon. Secretary Barry Parnell a.s.a.p. 07789103154. Email [thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com](mailto:thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com)

## **Annual Subscriptions –**

The Treasurer has reported, that despite the reminders in previous Newsletters, 13 members had still not paid their annual subscription by 20<sup>th</sup> November, the date of the last bank statement. Regrettably, most of these are the same as the members we had to chase up last year. Please check your bank statements to check that you have made your payment, and if not ensure that it is made without any further delay. Cheques to the Treasurer David Baxter at Mill Road Farmhouse, Low Road, North Tuddenham, NR20 3AB.

On-line bank transfer to Barclays Bank account 50682829 sorting code 20-62-53 stating your name and the words “Annual Subs”

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.

## **The 2017/18 Season Programme:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b>
Wed. 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Chairman's Suite	Keith Grisedale, Norfolk Blood Bikes, SERV
Wed. 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Club Room	David Turner, Narborough Historical Society
Wed. 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Presidential Suite	Help for Heroes (see enclosed booking form)
Wed. 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Chairman's Suite	Mike Mizen, Member of Guild of Battlefield Guides
Wed. 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Chairman's Suite	Dean Ashton, former England, Norwich & Westham player
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 Annual Dinner	The City Suite	Roger Daykin, After Dinner Speaker and entertainer
Wed. 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Chairman's Suite	Aviva. The future for motor insurance
Wed. 9 <sup>th</sup> 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.

On behalf of the President, Maurice Morson and the Committee –

Have a good Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year and hope that it proves prosperous and rewarding, both in business and your personal lives.

*Barry Parnell.* Hon. Secretary.

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