

THE NORWICH TRAFFIC CLUB



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January meeting. – Attendance at the meeting was 24. We received an extremely interesting and detailed talk from Mike Mizen on the little known, but vitally important World War Two Battle of Walcheren Causeway (1944) without which it is considered unlikely the Allies advance towards Germany could have been continued. Mike's presentation was well illustrated with projected images and a floor mat map of the battlefield. Mike will be returning as a speaker at our November 2018 meeting to join us in marking the 100th anniversary of the WW1 armistice and to give a talk on an aspect of that war, details of which have yet to be decided.

Reminders: Booking deadlines -

Wednesday 14th February 2018 meeting – All bookings, with guest names and cheese and biscuit request, to me by 30th January at the latest.

Annual Dinner Friday 16th March 2018 - Absolute latest date for receipt by me of Reservation form, guest names and any dietary needs plus payment, or a request for an invoice, is 21st February 2018. It will greatly help planning if members can advise me by 30th January of at least their intention to attend and the number of any guests they intend to bring.

Details of both events are given below.

Many thanks, Barry

February Meeting – 14/02/18. 6.00pm for 6.30pm in the Chairman's Suite. – Bookings by email to the norwichtrafficclub@gmail.com or text to 07789103154. Please see reminders above for last booking deadline.

Guest Speaker: Dean Ashton, ex Norwich City, Crew Alexandra and West Ham professional footballer. In a change from the normal presentation, Dean will be interviewed and questioned by Nick Barrett on his experiences in his career, 2000 to 2009, at the three clubs and as a member of the England squad training and playing alongside footballing greats of that era. His anecdotes about life in the league and as an England player should be very interesting and entertaining.

On this occasion why not invite your spouse/partner as your guest, it is Valentine's Day. A couple of members have already said they will ask theirs to come. The interview with Dean Ashton could certainly be of interest to Norwich FC fans and those interested in football generally and the likes of David Beckham.

Menu: Roast chicken breast, sun blushed tomato, bacon and red wine sauce, dauphinoise potatoes.
Glazed lemon tart, berry compote. Coffee/tea & mints.

78th Annual Dinner Friday 16th March 2018 – City Suite, Mercure Norwich Hotel. Bar open 6.30 pm. Dinner at 7.40 pm. **Please see Reminders above for booking deadlines**

A Reservation and Booking form was circulated with both the November and December 2017 Newsletters. If you still need a form, please text or ring Barry on 07789103154 a.s.a.p. 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.

It is realised it takes time to finalise your guest list. However, for both budgeting and planning we need to have some idea of numbers a.s.a.p. and certainly by the 30th January 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 21st 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.

New Vice President: When the position of Vice President is vacant due to the inability of an incumbent to remain in office, as has been the case since the sad death of Terry Long, the Rules enable the Committee to make an appointment of a member who is or has been a Committee member.

We are pleased to announce that following nomination at the Committee's January meeting Nick Barrett has accepted the role of Vice President. Whilst Nick is a relatively new member of the Club and the Committee, he has been very active in his support and is keen you play an active role in the ongoing it's rejuvenation

Programme for the remainder of the 2017/18 Season

Date	Room	Guest Speaker	Booking deadline
Friday 16th March 2018 Annual Dinner	The City Suite	Roger Dakin, After Dinner Speaker and entertainer	21 st February 2018
Wed. 11th April 2018	Chairman's Suite	Matthew Lamb Aviva. The future for motor insurance	29 th March 2018
Wed. 9th May 2018 including A.G.M	Chairman's Suite	Mark Adcock, Royal Automobile Club	27 April 2018

The monthly Committee Meetings will be held in the Statesman Suite at 5.00 pm unless advised otherwise on the agenda

Please try to keep to the booking deadline 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 the service and providing the food. Cancellations need to be advised to the Hon. Secretary by the Friday before the meeting, any received after that date may result in your still having to pay the meal cost.

Annual Subscriptions –

Despite my reminder in last month's Newsletter there are still six members who have not paid their subscription for this season. We will be writing to each of these members to check that the payment has not gone astray or there has been an oversight.

Additionally, a further six members have paid an amount which is either less than the current rate or are over paying because they are over 65 but still paying an old under 65 rate. The correct annual subscription rate is £25 00 unless over 65 or fully retired when £12.50 per annum is due. Three have paid £20.00 and the other three £10.00. We will also write to each of these members.

Cheques to the Treasurer David Baxter at Mill Road Farmhouse, Low Road, North Tuddenham, NR20 3AB.

On-line bank transfer and standing order payments 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. If you have still not switched to paying by annual standing order, please consider doing so rather than continuing to use a cheque.

Barry Parnell. 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 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.

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