

THE NORWICH TRAFFIC CLUB



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A great 78th Annual Dinner. This year's event, held at the Mercure Hotel, was pronounced a great success by many of the members and guests present. Attended by honoured guests The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Norwich Cllr David Fullman and his consort Paul Goymer; Garry Collins, Area Protection & Prevention Manager of The Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service together with his colleague Allie Graver, a total of 121 members, and guests enjoyed:

- a quality 5 course meal,
- great entertainment in the form of a humorous discourse from Roger Dakin, the after-dinner speaker. Our thanks to Hugh J Boswell, who's generous sponsorship helped in funding such a good entertainer.
- great company.

In terms of venue, atmosphere and service many felt the Mercure matched or even exceeded the previous years' venue at the Holiday Inn.



More annual dinner pictures on website in next few days

This year, in tribute to and memory of Terry Long the last Vice President, we held a game of Heads and Tails and collected £965 which together with other donations of £49.75 has been donated to the Big C, Norfolk & Waveney's Cancer Charity. A big thank you to all who took part, Margaret, Terry's widow is delighted with the amount raised.

Once again, the Committee has been given a difficult task in making sure that next years 79th Annual Dinner is as good if not better than this. Suggestions for a guest speaker or entertainer always welcome.

Reminders: Booking deadlines –

Next Meeting: - Wednesday 11th April 2018 – 6.00 for 6.30 pm-- Bookings by Tuesday 27th March please. Cancellation of a booking no later than Sunday 8th April otherwise the meal will still be charged for.

May Meeting Including A.G.M. Wednesday 9th May 2018. A.G.M. at 5.30 pm. Meal 6.15 for 6.45pm. Meal bookings by Tuesday 24th April please.

Full details of the April Meeting and Notice of the A.G.M are given below.

Bookings accepted by email to thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com or text to 07789103154.

Many thanks, Barry

We are pleased welcome new members:

- Robert Easton, Director of Eastons Coaches as a Personal Member,
- and as a Corporate Member, Hugh J Boswell, Insurance Brokers who will be represented by Joe Howard

11th April 2018 Meeting: The Chairman's Suite, Mercure Norwich Hotel, 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm.

Guest Speaker - Matthew Lamb from Aviva who will be talking about what the future holds for insurance.

Menu: - Traditional beef lasagne al forno, crisp salad garnish and garlic bread followed by Fruits of the Forest cheesecake with fruit coulis. Tea/coffee and mints.

Cost: £16.50 per head

As mentioned above please book by the 27th March advising as to any dietary requirements and/or request for cheese and biscuits in place of the dessert (first 5 cheese and biscuits at no extra cost else £2.50 per serving).

2018 Annual General Meeting: As usual this year's AGM will be held at 5.30 pm, ahead of our 9th May meal. The business will include the election of members to the Committee and election of Officers plus any suggested Rule changes and or other matters tabled by members in advance of the meeting. If the business is not concluded by 6.15 pm, the discussions will be completed after we have heard from the evening's guest speaker. Please see the enclosed formal Notice of The Annual General meeting for more detail. Any requests for Rule changes or other matters which members wish to be discussed must, as described under section 14 "Ordinary, General and Committee Meetings", be given as a written notice containing a synopsis of the matter to the Hon. Secretary not less than 30 days before the meeting".

Please try to attend the A.G.M. It is your chance to have your say, tackling the Officers and ensuring you get the

Programme for the remainder of the 2017/18 Season

Date	Room	Guest Speaker	Booking deadline
Wed. 9th May 2018 including A.G.M	Chairman's Suite	Mark Adcock, Royal Automobile Club	24 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 Sunday before the meeting, any received after that date may result in your still having to pay the meal cost.

Guest Speakers for the 2018/19 Season:

The process of identifying guest speakers for next year's meetings needs to start soon and the Committee needs your help. Each year it becomes more and more difficult so please consider subjects you would like to hear about. Particularly any which have specific reference to current events; important event anniversaries; or new technologies, rules affecting your business. Given the forthcoming 100th anniversary of the end of WW1, we have already got a speaker for the November meeting. Suggestions as to topics and potential speakers to the Hon. Secretary please.

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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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