



# NTC News

Keeping Members informed

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Here we are, at the start of a new season which, with the success of the Liquid Natural Gas Truck event last month kicked off much earlier than normal. The event, attended by haulage transport operators from Norfolk and beyond was very interesting, highlighted the potential of natural gas as a fuel for the future in the light of low emission zones and the phasing out of diesel to reduce air pollution. The aim of hosting the event to increase our visibility within the transport industry and to gain new members has already started to show success. An article about the event was published in the Business Section of the EDP within two days, some 30 potential member leads were collected, and we have already received 3 applications for membership. We now need to build on this and the Committee will be considering how we make the most of the opportunity. In the meantime, members can all help by taking any opportunity that arises to promote the Club in your business or social lives.

**The first dinner meeting** of this year's programme will be on **Wednesday 10th October 2018** at 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm as usual.

**Guest Speaker** will be Michael Sparkes of The Wherry Trust who will speak on the History of The Albion.

**Venue** - The Chairman's Suite Mercure Norwich Hotel

**Menu** - Chicken breast in a mushroom and tarragon sauce, Parmentier potatoes, green beans and roasted carrots. Chocolate orange profiteroles. Tea/coffee. A vegetarian alternative will be available. Cheese and biscuits can be ordered as an alternative to the desert

**Cost** - Owing to food and wage inflation costs the Hotel has regrettably had to increase their charge for the meal by £1.00 per person. As a result, to avoid running at a loss, we have had to increase the meal price for members and guests from £16.50 to £17.50 per head. The additional charge for the cheese and biscuit option, which does not apply to the first 5 booked, remains at £2.50.

**Bookings by no later than Wednesday 3rd Oct. 2018** to the Hon. Secretary at [thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com](mailto:thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com) or text **07789103154**. Please advise if you require a vegetarian meal; have any other dietary requirement or would like to have cheese and biscuits instead of the dessert.

## Annual Subscriptions:

**Due** – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018, payment by end of the month please. No change in the subscription amounts this year.

**Personal Membership** - £25.00 (£12.50 if over 65 years of age)

**Corporate Membership** - £30.00.

If you already pay by standing order, please check it is for the right amount. If not get your bank to amend it.

If you are one of the few still paying by cheque please post your payment, by the 1st October, to the Treasurer David Baxter at Mill Road Farmhouse, Low Road, North Tuddenham. Norfolk NR20 3AB Please consider changing to standing order payment for your future payments. A standing order form is enclosed for your use.

An invoice will be issued shortly to Corporate Members.

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## **The Christmas Dinner Meeting – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

A copy of the booking form for this year's is attached. This is always a very popular event not only members to bring business guests but also friends and family. As last year this will be a charity event. We will hold a game of heads and tails, or something similar, to collect funds for the East Coast Truckers.

The Charity has a very dedicated team of non-paid members and apart from their well-known Children's convoy, organise day trips for disabled and underprivileged children within East Anglia. The charity provides equipment for special schools, hospitals and children not funded by the NHS. They also provide free holidays for the families of the children on their database in their two holiday homes on the North Norfolk coast. These alone cost about £12,000 per year to fund.

Places are limited to 120. Please book early so as not to miss out.

## **New members:**

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Personal Member – Gary Lee, Director from Indigo Waste Services Ltd.

Corporate Member - Volvo Trucks and Busses. The company will be represented at meetings by Ian Reed, Truck Sales and/or Pat Read Dealer Point Manager and/or Matt Sadler Sales Director.

With the number of new members in the last few months and more in the pipeline the Committee feels 'getting to know us' information at each meeting would be helpful. Starting with the October meeting we will be looking for a couple of volunteers to stand up after the guest speaker has finished and tell the meeting about themselves and their businesses. If you feel you can do this please let Barry know when booking your place for the 10<sup>th</sup> October dinner.

## **Roads News. Extracted from EDP articles 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019:**

### **A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham –**

Consultations began 10/09/2018. The new dual carriageway will be built around 70 metres south of the existing A47, with the present length of the A47 retained as a local access route. Also included in the design is a new junction at the western end of the road, where it is proposed there will be an overbridge connecting Blofield to the current A47, as well as a pedestrian path. Another new junction is mooted for the eastern end, connecting with the B1140.

Members of the public can take part in the consultation, which runs until midnight on Friday October 19, by;

- visiting [highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/](http://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/),
- by e-mailing a response to [A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk), or by writing to FREEPOST A47 Blofield and North Burlingham.

There will also be four public events at which you can have your say and speak with members of the team. These will be at:

- Castle Mall, 100 Castle Meadow, Norwich, NR1 3DD, on Saturday 15 September, from 11am to 5pm;
- Acle Recreation Centre, Acle, Norwich, Norfolk, NR13 3RA on Saturday 22 September, from 11am to 5pm;
- Blofield Courthouse, Yarmouth Road, Blofield, Norwich, NR13 4JU, on Monday 24 September, from 1pm to 8pm, and;
- Lingwood Village Hall, Station Road, Lingwood, Norwich, NR13 4AZ, on Tuesday 25 September, from 1pm to 8pm.

Highways England have urged the public to share their opinions.

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## Roads News continued:

### Other routes

In 2014, the government identified six sections along the 115-mile stretch of the A47 between Peterborough and Great Yarmouth as requiring investment. The plans include dualling three lengths of the road, as well as improving three junctions notorious for congestion.

Consultations on improvements to the stretch between Wansford and Sutton near Peterborough in Cambridgeshire will run from September 18 to October 29 and the A11 Thickthorn interchange at Norwich from October 5 to November 16.

Claudia Wagener, senior project manager at Highways England, said that other three projects had been “slowed due to optimization, but will come back on line next year”.

These are the sections between North Tuddenham and Easton, and the junctions with the A141 at Guyhirn and the Great Yarmouth junction.

The six projects are all part of the government’s £15 billion investment in England’s motorways and major A roads, with £3 billion of that being invested in the east of England.

### Dates for your Diary – The 2018-19 season monthly meetings:

**2018** - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October; Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November; Friday\*\* 14<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Meal);

**2019.**-, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January; Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February; Friday 15 March; 10<sup>th</sup> April; 8<sup>th</sup> May (including the AGM).

*\*\*Please note, the December meeting this year will be on the second Friday of the month, not the Wednesday\*\**

### Guest Speakers – so far, we have booked:

- Michael Sparkes of the Wherry Trust for the October Meeting – “The History of the Albion”.
- Mike Mizen, an Assoc. Member of Guild of Battlefield Guides, to talk on a suitable subject in relation to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WW1.
- Ian Mackie, Chairman East Coast Truckers for the December Christmas meeting.
- Ian Richards, entertainer/comedian for the March 2019 Annual Dinner

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