



# NTC News

Keeping Members informed

# January 2019

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## Our last meeting

It was pleasing to see 20 members plus 2 guests sit down for a very tasty cottage pie dinner at the 9<sup>th</sup> January meeting. The speaker on the night was Keith Longmore, a retired engineer who has worked for a number of the top car industry companies such as Jaguar and Lotus. Under the title of "Vehicle Crash Worthiness" he gave an interesting insight into the safety features built into our cars and the development work and testing involved.

## The Next Meeting: - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019

The February meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>. As a change, instead of a guest speaker, we will be holding a table quiz to be set and compered by Pio Altarelli. Subject to the number of attendees, we will have tables of 5 or 6 players and hope members will bring a guest, family, friend or business contact to what we hope will be a fun evening. As its just before Valentines' day, why not bring your spouse/partner along.

**Venue**- The Chairman's Suite Mercure Norwich Hotel, 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm as usual.

**Menu** – Breast of chicken with a bacon, sunblush tomato and red wine sauce, Parmentier potatoes, glazed carrots and buttered savoy cabbage. Followed by Chocolate ganache torte with Chantilly cream. Tea/coffee & mints.

**Cost** - 17.50 per person payable when booking. Five portions of cheese and biscuit are available on "first come first served basis at time of booking" as an alternative to the desert at no extra charge. Any additional Cheese and biscuit options over the five will be charged at £2.50 each.

**Book** – including full names of any guests, ideally by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February but no later than Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 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 Dinner Reminder

I have so far received just 2 reservations plus indications from a few members as to the number of places they are likely to want reserved for the Annual Dinner. However, this is far short of the numbers we need to cover the cost of the event. As I have previously published the Reservation Form needs to be with me by the **30<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

If, by that date, you are not able to include the name(s) of all your guests, a partially completed form showing the number of places to be reserved with payment or invoice request would be greatly appreciated. Any change to the number of places reserved and the names of guests not included on can be advised later, but ideally no later than Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Cheques will not be banked until after the event.

I look forward to receiving your reservations in the next couple of weeks. If you want any more information or have concerns about the booking process or the event, please feel free to contact Barry at any time.

We are still seeking annual dinner sponsorship, if you can help please speak to Barry.

## Officer Contact Numbers

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**The Membership is growing:**

Although, regrettably, there have been a few resignations in the first three months of this season the number has been exceeded by the new Personal and Corporate Memberships which have been agreed.

**Resignations:**

- Christine Bilham (Spratt's Coaches); Bryan Skelly; Stephen Connor and Drury's Transport.

**New Personal Members:**

- Gary Lee (Indigo Waste Services Ltd;
- Keven Nixon (AKS Skip Hire).

**New Corporate Members: -**

- Volvo Truck and Busses - represented by Ian Reed, Pat Reed & Matt Sadler;
- First Step Drive Hire - represented by Simon Howard, Jonathon Howes and Jonathon Mills;
- Ford and Slater – represented by John Balls (previously a personal member). Aaron Wiggins and Guy Witwam;
- Goff Petroleum – represented by Ray Fowler and Paul Howard;
- Earsham Gravels – represented by Jim and Caroline Bennett.

Members of the Committee are also working on signing up four other potential members. We should certainly not stop there and once again call on the membership to speak to their clients and suppliers about the Club and encourage them to join us.

**Summer Outing – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

Arrangements for our trip to RAF Mahram are almost now complete. The plan is to leave as a group, by coach from the Hotel Mercure carpark at around 1100. Tour the Base and Heritage Centre from 1230 to 16.30; stop for a meal on the way back to Norwich at a venue still to be finalised and arrive back at the Hotel Mercure carpark at around 2000. Full details and reservation form will be issued once the arrangements are complete. The base can only accommodate 20 visitors at a time. Please do not try to book until the reservation form is issued. As numbers are limited and some personal identification information is required by the RAF for security purposes, places will only be allocated on receipt of the fully completed reservation form and on a 'first come, first served' basis.

**Barry Parnell**

**15th January 2019**