



NTC News

Keeping Members informed

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The Annual Dinner: What a great night. In the view of many of those attending –

- Venue – Perfect, ideal for the occasion
- Meal - Really good, the best they have tasted at a large event for some time.
- Entertainment – Exceptional
 - Ian Richardson, a really funny man, “he had us in stitches”.
 - Sean Goodman his close- up magic was very clever and intriguing.
- Overall - . A resounding success. Will be extremely difficult to replicate or to top.

Matching last year, the event was attended by 114 dinners. It was good to see not only regular attendees but also many new guests, including women representing their companies. The more inclusive we can make these events the better. The game of Heads and Tails raised a total of £800 for the Feed Foundation charity and this was topped up to £1000 by the Club.

In his welcome speech the President expressed his thanks to H. J. Boswell; Ford & Slater; J Medler Haulage and Redline MOT & Service who provided generous sponsorship, making it possible to engage such good entertainment., Let's build on the success of these events and encourage our guests to spread the word with the aims of:

- increasing attendance at both our monthly and Annual events;
- interest in what the Club is about and does;
- increase our membership. Remember, any one interested can attend any of our monthly meetings without needing to be a member's guest. They just need to contact Barry - 07789103154.

Next Meeting Wednesday 10th April 2019

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

Menu – Seafood pie, herb mash, cheddar crust Broccoli and carrots. Sticky toffee pudding, sticky toffee sauce, fresh 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 29th March but no later than Wednesday 3rd April 2019.** Emails to the Hon. Secretary at thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com or text / call t07789103154. 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.

Guest Speaker – Unfortunately the planned guest speaker, Mark Gilks, Sales Manager, Alternative Transport Fuels, Calor Gas Ltd, cannot not attend. The speaker will now be Paddy Anstey Heritage and Education Manager from the Mid Norfolk Railway who will address us on “Making Tracks through Mid-Norfolk.

In line with the new practice of members giving a short (5 minutes) talk about themselves, when booking, please advise if you are willing to volunteer to speak either at this meeting or a future one.

Summer Outing: Visit to RAF Marham Wednesday 12th June 2019.

The planning is now complete. Full details are contained in the enclosed “Summer Outing to RAF Marham” flyer and booking form. As previously mentioned, the RAF restrict the visits to a maximum of 20 persons. As a consequence, although you can request a place for a guest, priority will be given to filling the places with members on a ‘first come, first served’ basis.

Booking will open on Friday 29th March and must be in by Friday 12th April at the latest. This is so as to give everyone an even chance in both the booking and consulting any guest which they might like included if space is available.

Please do not submit your booking before the 29th it will not be accepted.

Bookings will only be accepted if on the fully completed Booking Form, by post or if scanned and emailed.

Any query over these booking arrangements, please clarify with Barry in advance.

Additional Summer Outing:

In conjunction with the Norwich and District Aviation Group, we are in touch with the North Norfolk Railway to see if we can jointly arrange a trip, with meal on board the train, similar to the one we held a few years ago. We are provisionally looking at either the evening of Friday 21st June or Friday 28th June for this event. Further information in the next Newsletter.

Also, we have also been asked if we would again hold a Family and Friends BBQ with the opportunity to experience a glider and/or light aircraft flight. This could be at either of the Tibenham or the Shipdham airfields. We need to understand, what level of attendance such an event would attract this year. To that end, if you would be likely to take part please let Barry know, by Sunday 7th April, giving him some idea of how many people could be in your party.

Our May Meeting and the Annual General Meeting.:

The May meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th May in the Chairman's Suite, at the usual time. Our guest speaker will be Clive Stevens, who will talk on the operations and men of the American 100th Bomb Group, stationed at Thorpe Abbots, near Diss, between June 1943 and April 1945 during which time they flew 8630 missions. Clive is also a military vehicles expert.

The Meeting will be preceded at 5.30 pm by the 2018/19 Annual General Meeting. The formal Notice of Annual General Meeting providing details, together with the Nominations & Proxy Vote form, will be issued in a few days' time.

The A.G.M. is your chance to, not only receive reports on the last year and elect your Committee for the following season, but to table for discussion any issues or matters that you would like included on the Agenda. Any submission must be presented in writing, with a synopsis to the Hon. Secretary no later than Monday 8th April 2019. The formal Agenda for the meeting will issued by 22 April 2019.

Whilst all the existing Committee Members have expressed their availability to stand for re-election, a number would be happy to give way to any other member who would like to play an active role in the management and development of the Club. We constantly need new ideas and input to help in growing the membership and taking the Club forward in terms being a voice on transportation issues and its networking opportunities.

If you can spare the time to attend 8 one-hour committee meetings per year at 5.00 pm on the Wednesday of our normal meeting, please contact Barry Parnell or any other Committee members as soon as possible. They will be happy to let you know what is involved in this rewarding role.

Alternatively, candidates can be nominated by any other member so long as they have the candidate's confirmation of willingness to stand. If there is a member, you believe would make a good contribution as a committee member please try to persuade them to accept your nomination.

Dates relevant to the above:

- April Meeting 10th April Book by 29th March 2019
- RAF Marham Visit 12th June Booking opens 29th March, closes 12th April 2019
- North Norfolk Railway Trip Being investigated to take place 21st or 28th June 2019
- May Meeting & AGM 8th May 2019. Items for inclusion on AGM Agenda by 22 April 2019
- Expression of interest on possible summer BBQ by 7th April please.

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