



# NTC News

Keeping Members informed

## April 2019

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The April meeting was attended by just 18 members and 3 guests, including Paddy Anstey from the Mid Norfolk Railway whose address was entitled "Making Tracks Through Mid Norfolk". Paddy dealt with the history and development of the railway, from its inception in the mid-1800s as a freight only carrier, to the present day as a highly successful heritage line running between Wymondham and Dereham. The Club donated £50 to the MNR as a gesture of thanks for Paddy's informative and interesting talk. Paddy replaced the originally planned speaker, Mark Gilks from Calor Gas who is now scheduled to address us at the October meeting on the subject of liquified natural gas as an alternative vehicle fuel.

Information on the MNR, which is well worth visiting, is available on the web at <http://www.mnr.org.uk>

We were pleased to be able to introduce and welcome Toni Watkins-Burton whose appointment as a Personal Member was agreed at the April Committee Meeting. Toni is a Consultant Transport Trainer and Lecturer. He gave the members present on the evening a brief synopsis of his career in the army and as a civilian. Toni is also a Trustee for the Eastcoast Truckers Charity. During the evening Bob Emsell also talked about his career.

### Next Meeting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019

As usual the May event is in two parts –

- **The A.G.M.** Venue- The Director's Suite 5.30 pm to 6.15 pm. The formal Notice of the AGM, including the Nominations & Proxy Voting Forms was circulated 25<sup>th</sup> March. Whilst nominations for the appointment of officers and committee members can be tabled at the AGM it would help the process greatly if they could be submitted as requested by 1st May 2019. The final agenda for the AGM will be circulated towards the end of this month. (see further details-in separate article overleaf)
- **The dinner –**  
**Venue** – The Chairman's Suite, 6.00 pm for 6.45 pm  
**Menu** - Bangers and mash, onion gravy, peas and carrots. Followed by Apple and sultana crumble with vanilla custard, tea/coffee & mints.  
**Guest speaker** – Clive Stevens who will talk about the USAF 100<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group which was based in Suffolk in WW2.

**Booking** – including full names of any guests **ideally by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April but no later than Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019** Emails to the Hon. Secretary at [thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com](mailto: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. Also, if you plan to attend the AGM. Many thanks to the 12 of you who completed the Advance Booking form at the April meeting it is so helpful.

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 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

At the end of the booking window, 17 members had reserved their places on this outing, three of who had included a guest. Consequently all 20 available places have been filled and invoices issued. Thank you all for supplying all the details requested.

It is possible that between now and the 12<sup>th</sup> June any of these participants may have to cancel thereby creating an available place on the trip. A short reserve list is now being opened, if any member who was unable to request a place during the booking period would like to be placed on the reserve list please contact Barry Parnell to discuss availability.

### Additional Summer Outings: -

#### 1. Railway Excursion –

In the last newsletter an excursion with dinner on the North Norfolk Railway in conjunction with the Norwich and District Aviation Group, was proposed. Unfortunately, all the NNR Dining Car trips between now and October are fully booked. However, we are now looking into the possibility of a similar event, also on the evening of either Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June or Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June with the Mid Norfolk Railway.

**Additional Summer Outings continued: -**

**2. Summer BBQ.** In the March newsletter members were asked to let Barry Parnell know by 7<sup>th</sup> April if they would be interested in attending a Family and Friends BBQ with the opportunity to experience a glider and/or light aircraft flight. Tibenham Airfield have confirmed their willingness to host such an event at a cost of £10 per head for the BBQ, and £30 per head for the glider trips. There is no fee for the light aircraft flight but a donation towards the fuel cost would be appreciated. The date for the event is being finalised for a Sunday in the latter half of August.

No notifications of interest were received in response to the March newsletter request, but with bookings for so many other meeting and events being sought it could well be you missed this one. Before taking the decision to confirm the event with the Airfield we do need to be certain of likely take up. If any member would like to participate in the BBQ please let Barry Parnell know by the end of April. An idea as to whether this would likely to be an individual or group booking, with or without flights would be appreciated.

**Annual General Meeting nominations:**

The A.G.M. is your chance to, receive reports on the last year and elect your Committee for the following season. The date for tabling any issues or matters that you would like included on the Agenda was passed on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 without any items being raised.

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 of 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.

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**Dates relevant to the above:**

- May Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May Book by 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019.
- Mid Norfolk Railway Trip Being investigated to take place 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019
- Expression of interest on attending possible summer BBQ by 30<sup>th</sup> April please.

**Diary Dates for the 2019-20 Season:**

- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Christmas dinner
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - Annual Dinner
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020 including A.G.M.

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