



NTC News

Keeping Members informed

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A Very Successful Christmas Dinner:

27 members and guests attended this year's Christmas dinner and were exceedingly well entertained with amazing magic tricks by Sean Goodman. The charity, Lennox Children's Cancer Charity, was well represented by the Founder, Vincent Firzmaurice, and David Plato. Vincent gave a brief, but informative talk on the work the charity does to help families get through the difficulties that arise when a child has cancer. The raffle of a Christmas Hamper donated by Donna and Tony and a Mercure Norwich Hotel voucher for tickets to one of their Gala Nights raised £400 for the Lennox CCC.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 8th January 2020 in the Chairman's Suite.

This is just a details reminder of the event as booking deadline has passed.

Bar open 6.00 pm **Dinner served** 6.45 pm.

Guest Speaker Keith Longmore. His subject -New generation power units.

Menu Cottage pie with a cheddar cheese topping Served with a selection of vegetables. Warm apple flan, vanilla ice cream. Coffee and mints

Meal cost - £18.00 per head. (cheese and biscuits available as alternative to the desert; first 5 ordered at no extra cost, further orders at additional £2.50 per serving). If you need an invoice and have not already requested one please do so a.s.a.p.

February Meeting– Wednesday 12th February 2020 in the Chairman's Suite

Bar open 6.00 pm **Dinner served** 6.45 pm.

Guest Speaker None – Pio's General Knowledge Quiz. Teams of 4 or 5 persons. Last year this event was very successful, why not bring family, friends and business colleagues/contacts to join the fun.

Menu Chicken, asparagus and sun blush tomato lasagne Served with a side salad and. garlic bread. Baked vanilla New York cheesecake, berry compote. Coffee and mints

Meal cost - £18.00 per head. (cheese and biscuits available as alternative to the desert; first 5 ordered at no extra cost, further orders at additional £2.50 per serving). Pay on night unless you request an invoice when booking.

Bookings, with guest names, any dietary requirements and/or cheese and biscuit orders, to the Hon. Secretary at thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com or by text to 07789103154 **no later than Friday 31st January 2020.**

In the event you need to cancel your booking, please do so by no later than 12 noon Monday 10th January 2020

The 80th Annual Dinner Friday 20th March 2020.

Reminder as explained in the November 2019 Newsletter, the deadline for booking places at this important event for you and your guests is 31st January 2020. The booking form with details of the evening was enclosed with that Newsletter. A copy is available from Barry Parnell – email thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com.

We hope you are working on your guest lists and can return your completed booking form by the end of January, or if not, as a minimum, let Barry have an indication as to the number of places you want.

Covering the cost of this event is always extremely difficult. Not only do we need an attendance of at least 130 but also Sponsorship. As usual we welcome your family, friends, colleagues as well as your business contacts. The evening will be used to support the East Anglian Air Ambulance Charity.

If you know of any company which does not have any personal or corporate membership and has expressed the wish to have a table of their own please let them have a copy of the Reservation & Booking Form and ask them to contact Barry the Hon. Secretary thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com tel.07789103154.

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The 80th Annual Dinner Sponsorship Request:

Last year we were very grateful to receive generous sponsorship from Ford & Slater, Hugh J Boswell Ltd, J Medler Ltd, and Redline MOT and Service. This enabled us to cover the cost of the evening's entertainment.

We hope other members might consider helping to defray the cost of the event in the same way this March. In return your generosity will be recognised on all documentation and any article relating to the event and on the Club Webb site. Please contact Barry Parnell if you feel you can help.

2020 Summer Outing:

In last month's Newsletter we published a list of potential venues for the 2020 outing and requested members respond with one or more preferences. Regrettably only 2 members responded. Consequently, at the Committee's December meeting it was decided having looked at indicative costs, financial risk and likely popularity to offer members 2 outings:

- A visit to the Palace House Horse Racing Museum, Newmarket.
- A private evening visit to the City of Norwich Aviation Museum.

Attendance at either is not mutually exclusive and you may attend one or both, with or without guests. In both cases the final cost per head will be affected by the number of attendees. Final negotiations and arrangements will be completed with the venues early in January 2020. Full details and the reservation forms will be circulated with the next newsletter. However, so that you can start to consider which event you would wish to attend and who you might invite, outline details are:

1) **Palace House Horse Racing Museum, Newmarket** - Wednesday 17th June 2020:at 10.30 am.

a) What's included:

- i) On arrival – tea/coffee and introductory briefing to the day's itinerary; the museum and art gallery; and the Retraining of Racehorses (RoR) work & demonstrations,
- ii) time to explore the museum and art gallery
- iii) Buffet Lunch in private room,
- iv) Private group visit of stables and RoR facility with training demo,
- v) Estimated overall visit time 5 hrs

b) Indicative per head cost: - Based on an attendance of 25 = £30.50 p.p. Based on 30 = £30.17 p.p..

c) Travel: Public Pay and Display Parking is available within 3 minutes' walk. If numbers make it financially viable and a coach from Norwich could be arranged at additional cost. It is estimated for an attendance of 25 the additional cost on the whole trip would be £12 per person.

2) **Evening Visit to the City of Norwich Aviation Museum**, Horsham St Faiths on either Wednesday 8th or Wednesday 15th July' 20. (date still to be confirmed).

a) What's included:

- i) Private guided tour of the museum,
- ii) Hands on tour of 2 aircraft,

b) Indicative per head cost: *-(Subject to further information)* Based on an attendance of 25 – £8.50

c) Travel: Parking on site.

In relation to both these outings a group post visit, meal could be arranged at a suitable hostel if that is what members would like..

It would be extremely useful to get early indication of likely take-up of each of these events even before the reservation forms being issued. We know that many members will not be interested, however the lack of response we often get when requesting such indications make negotiating and planning so difficult. Please, on this occasion help the Secretary by letting him know within the next couple of weeks if you are interested in either or both the visits. or, in neither.

Outstanding Annual Subscriptions:

In the last newsletter we reported that 20 members had still not paid their annual subscription and asked that all members check to see if they have made their payment and, if so, that it was for the correct amount: Unfortunately, since then, up until Dec 13th when the bank statements were last checked, only 2 further payments had been received. Once again, we ask that you all check to see that you have paid.

- Personal Members - £25.00 unless over 65 years old and fully retired.
- Corporate Members - £35.00.

A happy and prosperous New Year. We hope to see as many of you as possible at one or more of the 2020 club meetings and events.

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