

## **Presidents message 2019/20**

My second term as President has ended in extraordinary circumstances. Because of this it means I will continue as President for one more year before handing over to the Vice President Joe, Howard in May 2021. This seemed to be the most sensible way forward rather than handing over the baton at a time when the club is properly operating.

This virus is obviously extremely worrying and I really hope all the members and their families are keeping safe and coping with the current lockdown restrictions that we find ourselves in.

Due to these restrictions we had to cancel the last couple of meetings and of course postpone the Annual Dinner. As of today, we are not sure if we are going to be able start the new season on time or indeed have the Annual Dinner in August. Hopefully over the next few weeks things will become a bit clearer and we can understand how this will affect the running of the club over the remainder of the year. Watch this space.

Up until the lockdown the season had been going well with our monthly meetings being well attended and some excellent speakers. The Christmas magic show was a real highlight and very entertaining.

We had some members leave the club but fortunately we have welcomed some new members who have joined, so the overall numbers have stayed fairly static. Thanks to the committee and membership for introducing new members. All I would ask is that everyone continues to promote the club and put forward nominations for new members which will greatly help the future existence of the club.

Over the next few years there are a number of major road improvement projects happening and the club has a great opportunity to get involved, especially at the consulting and planning stages. The committee will make sure the voice of the club is heard in these matters. We are determined to raise the profile of the club not just as a place to network but to influence matters relating to transport and ensure the club has a role to play.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee for all their commitment and hard work, especially Barry who has been instrumental in the running of the club.

All the best and stay safe

Nick Barrett

President of the Norwich Traffic Club

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