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Keeping Members informed

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Dear Member,

I hope you and your family are all well and coping with the restrictions this coronavirus emergency continues to place on our everyday lives. Before turning to this month's news my thanks to those of you who reviewed and let me have their vote on the minutes of the May 2019 A.G.M. The acceptance was unanimous.

Unfortunately, exceptional business pressures on both our Treasurer and the Auditor are delaying final production of the 2019-29 Annual Accounts. I will circulate these to your consideration as soon as I can.

Barry Parnell, Hon Secretary

Event Cancellations

8th July Visit to The City of Norwich Aviation Museum.

Given the current uncertainty as to when and how the lockdown on the tourist and hospitality sectors might be eased or removed it has been decided that this visit cannot go ahead. We will look to reschedule it for the Spring/Summer of 2021.

Rescheduled 2020 Annual Dinner.

For the same reason we have decided there is no choice but to also cancel the rescheduled Annual Dinner which was to be held on the 14th August 2020. Unfortunately, the Hotel, even when it is in a position to recommence the holding of such events, has no other suitable dates available so regrettably there will be no Annual Dinner this year. We will have to see if we can make up in March next year.

In respect of the attendee place money and sponsorship money paid we will be contacting the table hosts and other members who booked to see if they would be happy for Club to hold the funds over towards their next year booking or would prefer us to refund the amount.

The 2020-21 Season:

Although the Mercure Norwich Hotel has had to close down all its services to the general public and cancel all events, it has during lockdown been open to service front-line workers particularly those employed in the NHS and on the oil and gas rigs. As a consequence, they have gained a high level of experience in providing and practicing appropriate hygiene and safe social distancing regimes.

In our discussions with the Hotel we feel confident, given there is another four months before our first event of the season in October and as long as there is no second spike, that we can start the season in October with, if still necessary, the appropriate hygiene and social distancing procedures and precautions in place.

Unfortunately, on the second Wednesday in April, the usual day in that month for our meeting, all meeting rooms at the Hotel have been reserved by one company. We have therefore moved the April meeting to the 21st April. To allow for a four-week gap to the A.G.M., the May meeting has been moved to the third Wednesday of that month. The dates for all the 2020-21 regular monthly meetings and events will be:

Wednesday 14th October 2020 Wednesday 11th November 2020 Friday 11th December 2020 – Christmas Dinner Wednesday 13th January 2021

Please enter these dates in your diary.

Wednesday 10th February 2021 Friday 19th March 2021 – Annual Dinner Wednesday 21st April 2021 Wednesday 19th May 2021 including the A.G.M.

We are currently inviting suitable guest speakers, entertainment etc and we will update you as soon as a sufficient number are confirmed. We will once again include a quiz night which is always lots of fun.

Barry would welcome any suggestions as to the type of speaker or entertainment you would like to have at the Christmas Dinner. After lockdown we would like to make this year's evening a really good one.

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