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Keeping Members informed

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Dear Member,

Here we are, the 2020-21 season just a couple of weeks away and still not certain when we will be able to hold our first meeting. The Jupiter Hotel Group, to which the Mercure Norwich belongs, have still have to decide that the pandemic control restrictions have been sufficiently relaxed such that with the appropriate social distancing measures in place, we can once again hold our meetings. The health safety of both our members and hotel's staff takes the highest priority.

Nevertheless, a full years planning has taken place so that as soon as we get the green light, we can start the meetings without further delay.

THE 2020-21 SEASON EVENT PROGRAMME

Firstly, as I am sure you all want to know, there will be no change in the cost of the normal monthly meal which will remain at £18.50 per person. However, the Committee still has to review what the cost per head for the Christmas meeting and Annual Dinner will be in order to partially cover the additional costs inherent in providing the entertainment etc. We want to ensure you will find it reasonable and will let you know the figure when issuing the booking forms.

The programme:

Wednesday 14th October 2020:

Guest Speaker – Norfolk County Councillor Martin Wilby. He is the cabinet member responsible for Highways and Infrastructure. We still need your questions on highways and transport matters which you would like him to address in his talk. **(Questions to Barry Parnell a.s.a.p. please).**

Menu – Hearty sausage, creamy mash potato. Red onion gravy and chef's selection of vegetables.

Apple crumble with vanilla custard. (optional cheese and biscuits if pre-ordered). Tea, coffee & mints.

As we are not yet certain if this meeting will take place, the booking details, with meeting room and times will be issued by email nearer the date.

Wednesday 11th November 2020- Armistice Day:

Guest Speaker - Mike Mizen, an Associate Member of the Guild of Battlefield Guides. His subject "The British invasion of Russia 1918".

Friday 11th December 2020 - Christmas Dinner

Entertainer – Ian Richards an after-dinner speaker / comedian. Ian has entertained us at two annual dinners and is not an act to be missed.

This will be a charity event. Caroline Jarrold, a Director of the John Jarrold Trust, will give a brief talk on the charities Jarrold's supports. Details as to how we will raise a donation for the charity on the night will be advised when issuing the booking form for the meeting.

Wednesday 13th January 2021:

Guest Speaker – Still to be finalised. However, if the October meeting does not go ahead it will be Cllr. Martin Wilby.

Wednesday 10th February 2021: Quiz Night. Pio Altarelli will again be compiler and question master for this ever-popular event.

Friday 19th March 2021: 80th Annual Dinner

Guest Speaker / Entertainer – Adger Brown. Adger is "one of the South's leading and most sought-after mainstream comedians. He is a versatile funny man with 30 years of performing on the cabaret and corporate event circuits".

As usual this will be a charity support event. We have yet to decide on which charity.

Wednesday 21st April November 2020- Unfortunately because the NHS had booked all the Hotel's meeting and function rooms, we are having to hold this April meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month:

Guest Speaker – Tom Dickerson, Managing Director, Fleetsense, a fleet vehicle tracking, telekinetics and safety specialist company. His talk will focus on Fleet Risk Management / Cameras and Tracking.

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THE 2020-21 SEASON EVENT PROGRAMME continued

Wednesday 19th May 2021 – including the Annual General Meeting

Guest Speaker – Something Different. Brian Heard, a retired Metropolitan Police Senior Forensics Officer who rose to Deputy Head of the Firearms Laboratory at New Scotland Yard and subsequently ran the Ballistics and Firearms Identification Bureau for the Royal Hong Kong Police.

We hope the selection of speakers we have chosen meets with your approval and that there is something which will appeal and is of interest to anyone you might consider bringing as a guest. Working with the Hotel will be doing everything possible to ensure the premises, service and room layouts are Covid-19 secure, meeting if not surpassing all current regulations. I reiterate your safety and preventing the spread of the virus will remain our top priority. We will give you details of the arrangements once we know the date of the first meeting.

We are aware a number of you have underlying existing health issues and fully understand you may not feel it is safe to join in any meeting while the current rise in infection continues. However, we hope as many members as possible can attend the meetings. We need to ensure that the events are viable and the guest speaker will feel their visit was worthwhile and enjoyable.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The Committee is very conscious that members only got five events value out of the 2019-20 season's annual subscription and we cannot be certain how many meetings we will be able to hold in 2020-21. However, the total value of the annual subscriptions is barely sufficient to meet the Club's annual administrative costs. Sorry, but consequently, we will have to levy them in full for 2020-21 as usual. The payment, which is due 1st October 2020 is, for:

- Personal Members - £25.00 unless over the age of 65 and fully retired when the annual subscription is £12.50.
- Corporate Membership - £35 per company irrespective of the number of nominated individuals entitled to attend events. An invoice will be issued to the Company for the amount due in the near future.

Most Personal Members are already paying via standing order which is our preferred option. Please check with your Bank that your order is still in place and is for the correct amount. If you do not pay by standing order preferring to pay by cheque, please make it out to The Norwich Traffic Club and send it to Mr David Baxter, Hon. Treasurer, Norwich Traffic Club, c/o Mill Road Farmhouse, Low Road, North Tuddenham NR20 3AB. Alternatively, you can pay by on-line bank transfer to Barclays Bank – Sortcode 20-62-53; Account Name "Norwich Traffic Club"; Account Number 50682829. Please ensure you quote "2020-21 Subs" and your name in the payment details. If as a Personal Member, you still require an invoice please let David Baxter know – Tel. 07770 343359 email davidbaxteracct@gmail.com.

HON. SECRETARY ROLE CHANGES

The role of Hon. Secretary is the fullest and most diverse of all the Club's Officer roles and for many years has proved to be the most difficult to fill. Having been in the role since 2013, Barry gave notice at the 2018-19 A.G.M. of his intention to only do 2 or 3 more years providing sufficient time for the Club find a replacement. To date no volunteer has come forward. As Barry will stand down no later than May 2022, the decision has now been taken to disseminate a number of the tasks Barry undertakes, allocating them to other members of the Committee. We do have vacancies for two new committee member places and if any Club member wishes to join the committee possibly taking on a role, in full or part, you would be very welcome.

At the last Committee meeting:

- Roy West, assisted by Vaughan Rowley, agreed to take on the role of **Outings & Trips Coordinator** with responsibility for arranging all Club outings, taking the bookings, and administering the arrangements. This is effective immediately.
- Nick Barrett agreed to be the **Meetings Coordinator** with responsibility for arranging guest speakers & entertainers and receiving/ & logging the meal bookings. He will take on the role with effect from late October ahead of the hoped-for November meeting.
- Although, no one has yet come forward to take on other tasks, from early next year, we need to establish a **Media Coordinator** role. Initially the responsibilities will be to produce the monthly Newsletter as well as promoting the Club. Eventually it is hoped that this individual, or perhaps another will take on the updating and basic maintenance of the club website.

Further information together with the contact telephone numbers and new role specific email addresses for the Outings & Trips Coordinator plus the Meetings Coordinator will be provided in next month's Newsletter.

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