



NTC News – Oct. 2020

Keeping Members informed

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We hope with the increasing incidence of corona virus infections all is still well with you and your family and the continuing restrictions on our normal lives is not taking its toll. It would be good to hear from you periodically whilst we are unable to meet up.
Barry Parnell

EVENT CANCELLATION:

Following discussions with the Mercure Hotel Management and taking into account the certainty that there would be no relaxation in the Corvid Regulations concerning larger social dining events, with a move to Tier 2 possible, the Committee has concluded the scheduled meetings of 11th November and the 11th December Christmas Dinner cannot go ahead. Both those meetings have therefore been cancelled.

We will be keeping the viability of holding the January to May 2021 meetings under monthly review and will update you of further developments in the November and/or December newsletters.

We are particularly concerned that, even if restrictions are released sufficiently to enable the possibility of holding the March Annual Dinner, it may be too late to finalise all the arrangements and concern of the infection risk amongst members and their guests will lead to significantly reduced attendance. This would make the event financially unviable.

We are keen to hold an Annual Dinner this season so are looking into the possibility of re-scheduling the Annual Dinner to a Friday in May 2020. There may even be a Covid19 vaccine available by then.

It has been suggested that if we cannot hold a normal monthly meeting, we make a virtual event available using the ZOOM application. It would depend on the guest speaker being willing to make their presentation to us via this medium. Members could log in, hear the address, ask questions and, time permitting socialise to some degree. We are keen to know how many members would be interested in meeting up and hearing from the guest speaker in this way. If you are please, let Barry Parnell know before 10th November so that we can discuss the matter at the November 11th Committee meeting. Barry is happy to answer any queries you may have about ZOOM and how it works.

2020-21 HANDBOOK:

Grateful thanks to Ford & Slater; J Medler Ltd; Redline MOT& Service and Roy's Motors for their generous financial sponsorship towards the cost of producing this year's Handbook.

The Meeting Dates shown on the back cover are as per the original agreed schedule for the 2020-21 season. They are all subject to change or cancellation, as has already happened for October to December, due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic regulations on the holding of social/dining club type events. To keep up to date on any rescheduling or cancellation please see the monthly newsletters and the Home and Event pages of the Club website.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS:

David Baxter has advised that as at 14th November thirty-one members had paid their annual subscription. Thirty were paid by standing order and one via bank transfer. Unfortunately, this means some 2020-21 annual subscriptions remain unpaid and will relate to those of you who pay your subscription by cheque or bank transfer.

We wish to avoid the task of having to individually write and chase so many outstanding payments. If you do not pay by standing order, please by no later than 10th November either:

- Send your cheque for the appropriate amount (see below), payable to "The Norwich Traffic Club", to Mr David Baxter, Hon. Treasurer, Norwich Traffic Club, c/o Mill Road Farmhouse, Low Road, North Tuddenham NR20 3AB
- or
- Make an online bank transfer payment to "The Norwich Traffic Club" account at Barclays bank; sorting code 20-62-533; account number 50682829 and make sure you quote your name and the words "Annual Sub" in the transaction detail.

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. If not already issued, an invoice will be issued to the Company for the amount due in the near future.

If any member requires an invoice please let David Baxter know – Tel. 07770 343359 email davidbaxteracct@gmail.com

As a Committee we remain very conscious that members only got just five events value out of the 2019-20 season's annual subscription and we cannot know 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 need to have to levy them in full for 2020-21 as usual.

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