



NTC News – March. 2021

Keeping Members informed

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The Last Meeting 3rd March 2021.

Disappointingly, of the 22 who took part in the meeting only 9 were Traffic Club members the remainder other than Keith Longmore were from the Norwich & District Aviation Group (NADAG) and the IRTE. All the nine were from the Committee.

Keith's presentation on "Metal Fatigue and the Life of Road Vehicles" was interesting, extremely well received and prompted a fair amount of questions and discussion. We hope more of you can find the time and join in at April's meeting.

21st April 2021 Meeting: - from 7.25pm. Zoom will be opened for joining from 7.15pm.

When the date of the 2020/21 season's meetings was arranged with the Hotel in the Summer of 2020, the usual second Wednesday April 2021 was not available. Consequently Wednesday 21st was booked instead. This date was already set in all our publications and diary's so it was decided to keep with it even though for a Zoom meeting we could have reverted to the 14th.

The guest speaker will be Tom Dickerson, CEO of Fleetsense. Tom will be addressing us and taking questions on "The increasing importance of CCTV in all road vehicles not just commercials". Fleetsense is a business management company, based in Dereham, which specialises in Fleet Vehicle Tracking & Telematics, Cameras & Security and Vehicle Workflow & Task Management. No doubt Tom will be happy to answer questions on any of the company's specialities.

Once again, we have invited members of NADAG, IRTE and the IMI to join us. These organisations are prime areas for promoting our Club and recruiting badly needed new members and the greater the number of NTC members take part in the meetings the more likely we will engender interest and hopefully take-up. We hope more of NTC members can take part, particularly as Tom's subject is of interest to all drivers.

The codes to join the meeting are – **Meeting ID: 777 651 8045 Password: NTC**. For those who need the link to join it will be included in the email with which this newsletter is circulated. If you receive the newsletter by post contact Barry Parnell for the link.

19th May 2021 Meeting:

As the restrictions on groups of more than 6 persons meeting indoors will not be lifted before 21st June this meeting will have to be held on Zoom. Unfortunately, Brian Heard, the ex-Senior Forensic Science officer who worked for the Metropolitan and the Hong Kong Police Forces, does not do presentations using Zoom. Therefore, we have booked Dr Allan Parker as the guest speaker. Alan is a Trustee of the Langham Dome which was built in 1942/43 to train anti-aircraft gunners, He will give us an insight into its history and the innovative technology which was developed and used well before digital virtual reality became normal. Whilst not a subject related directly to transport we hope it will be of interest to many of you.

2020-21 Annual General Meeting 19th May 2021:

As this important event in the annual calendar will have to be held on Zoom, we will be looking to use postal and email voting so that members who cannot, or would prefer not to join, the Zoom meeting are not disenfranchised. We plan to circulate copies of all relevant documentation well in advance to allow non-attending members to raise questions for answering before they vote.

Circulated with this Newsletter is the "Notice of Annual General Meeting", which includes the invite for members to submit agenda items they would like included in the Agenda, plus the Committee Member Election "Nomination Form". Please read these documents carefully so as you do not miss the stated response deadlines.

Whilst most of the current committee members are putting themselves up for re-election, we will have three vacancies which need to be filled. Please think seriously about joining the committee. It may not have to take up more than an hour or so per month, depending on how much you want to be involved. Barry is only too happy to talk about any concerns you may have. We can look to being flexible for anyone to make the meetings.

Rescheduled 2020 Annual Dinner

We can now confirm the 2020/21 Annual Dinner will now be held on Friday 24th September 2021, subject to Covid19 restrictions not being re-imposed. If for any reason circumstance prevent us holding it, we will not re-arrange it again. Please note this date in your diary and start considering who you might invite to attend as your guest(s). It would be great if we could exceed the 2019 attendance figure and get back to an attendance of 120 or more. Hopefully with completion of the vaccination program before September you and your guest will feel it safe and be ready for a good night out after so much restriction on our lives.

The booking form, with all details, will be issued towards the end of April.

David Cooke:

It is with great regret I have to inform members of the death on 14th February 2021 of David Cooke aged 77, He was cremated following a short ceremony at his local church attended only by his close family. He had suffered from Lymphoma for over 20 years and we understand, raised huge amounts of money for that society.

Those of us who have been members for more than 20 years know David as a long serving, stalwart club member. He will be well remembered., He served on the committee and was the 2006/7 President before resigning his membership a few years after. He was a bus fanatic, a Dinky car expert and collector of Dinky cars, the writer of a number of books on the subject who addressed club meetings on his passion.



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