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A good opening to the new season:

After twenty months without being able to meet and sit down with colleagues and friends it was pleasing that 12 members and three guests were able to attend and enjoy a good meal and the presentation by Mike Mizen, an Associate Member of the Guild of Battlefield Guides, on the subject of The Victoria Cross.

Mike covered the history, from its inception in 1856, of this, the most prestigious honour award "For Valour", to persons of military rank or civilians under military command. He included background on many of the individuals who received the cross covering their exploits, in some cases rather tenuous or politically motivated plus others who deserved it but were denied.



The evening was also the first opportunity for members to meet the new Chaplain, Peter Thouless. Unlike previous Chaplains, Peter wants to be more involved with the Club and has become a member..

A Racing Success:

On Sunday 3rd October 4 members and their 14 guests went to Lotus at Hethel for the Club's Classic Team Lotus F1 tour. All who took part pronounced the event as a great success not only for what they were shown but in no small part through the knowledge, enthusiasm, and presentation abilities of Richard Parramint, the guide.

After tea & biscuits Richard went through the history of Lotus and how the company came to move from Hertfordshire to Norfolk in 1963. Following a ten-minute history video, the group moved on to the workshop where Richard went through every Lotus vehicle covering its type and history, answered all their questions allowing them to walk around.

Finally, they moved on to the Race Car showroom, where they learnt more about each car and its famous drivers. Throughout the tour they were able to take photos.

Not the cheapest outing at £50 per head that the Club has ever made, however, it was seen as good value for money and at some future date worth booking again. Our thanks to Vaughan Rowley for arranging this outing.



Membership: As always, we need to recruit new members to recover some of the losses in recent years. The value of encouraging members to bring a guest to the meetings has once again proved successful. John Averill, Vaughan's guest at the last meeting applied on the night and with a quorum of the committee present accepted as a new Personal Member. John is proprietor of Averill's (Drayton) Ltd and has a long history in motor related industries.

We know you may well be fed up with our pleas to recruit new members, but if you want our Club to survive it is vital. Whilst committee members are doing what they can, we need your involvement.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th November 2021 – 6.00pm for 6.45pm, Club Room, Mercure Norwich Hotel.

The guest speaker for this meeting will be Brian Heard. Brian is a retired senior forensic scientist who, worked for the Metropolitan Police. He was involved in some of the highest profile and most brutal cases in criminal history over the last 38 years. When the Krays were active during the 60s, Brian was in charge of finding which gangs were responsible for which bodies. We hope Brian's subject covering his experiences and cases will appeal to a wide number of members and guests.

Menu -

Beef and local Ale Pie, caramelised Onion Mash and Chef's selection of Vegetables. Sticky Toffee Pudding with Stickier Toffee Sauce. Tea, Coffee, and mints. Cheese and biscuits available as alternative to the dessert.

Cost - £18 per person. Cheese and Biscuits, other than the first 5 orders received, an additional £2.50 per serving.

Payment – by cash/cheque on the night or by online bank transfer to Norwich Traffic Club, Barclays, Sorting Code 20-62-53, Account no. 506825829. If you need an invoice please request on booking from David Baxter, Hon. Treasurer, davidbaxteracct@gmail.com.

Booking – No later than Sunday 31st October, by email to - Nick Barrett, Meetings Coordinator at nbarrett1971@gmail.com. Please include guest names, any specific dietary needs and cheese & biscuit requests. Alterations or cancellations can be accepted no later than Monday 8th November. Cancellations after that date or non-attendance may still incur the meal charge.

As with Octobers we will have table service available for drinks after 6.45pm. For the safety of fellow members, hotel staff and guests we request if able, you wear a mask outside the meeting room. Drinks from Reception bar before 6.45.

We look forward to seeing as many of you who can attend this meeting. Please bring a guest or two, the larger the attendance the better the atmosphere and enjoyment.

Christmas Dinner – Friday 10th December 2021. 6.00pm for 6.45pm, Club Room, Mercure Norwich Hotel.

In last month's newsletter we advised that this year we would not be hiring after-dinner entertainment this year. The committee has reconsidered this, and we hope to complete negotiations in the next few days. Details will be included in the booking form. Which will be circulated by the end of this month.

Menu – The traditional fare of –

Roast Turkey, sausage wrapped in bacon, stuffing and pan gravy Roast Potatoes and chef's selection of seasonal vegetables. Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce. Tea/ Coffee and Mince Pies.

Cost - £18 per person. Payment by cheque with the booking form or online bank transfer.

Unfortunately, because of the size of the Club Room, which is smaller than the room we normally use, we cannot accommodate more than 50 diners. Therefore, early booking is recommended if you do not want to be disappointed. Please do not wait until you receive the booking form before inviting your guests. If you already know how many places you want Barry is happy to start recording them at any time from now – email Barry at thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com. Details including guest names and dietary needs can follow on your form later. Any queries please contact Barry.

Annual Subscriptions – This year more of you have paid your annual subscription on time than before. Many thanks for paying so promptly, just seven payments were outstanding as at 6th October. If you are not certain if you have paid please check and if not arrange for payment before the end of this month.

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