

NTC News – Nov. 2021

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The November Meeting:

It was pleasing that 16 members felt the Covid situation made it safe enough to attend the last meeting and bring along 3 guests. Brian Heard's address on his time as a Forensic Science Officer in the Met. Police was not only full of anecdotes from his experiences, and some of the crimes he worked on, but also put over in an amusing, very enjoyable way. He also spent time working for the Hong Kong police and offered to come back to give us another talk on his work on Triad crimes should we be interested. If you were at this meeting and would like to hear from Brian again please let Nick Barret know.

12th January 2022 Meeting.

The guest speaker for this meeting will be Norfolk County Councillor Martin Wilby. Martin is the County's Cabinet lead for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport. He is also Chair of the Transport for Norwich Joint Committee. He was due to be the speaker at our Covid cancelled April 2020 meeting and is keen to meet us and discuss the Norfolk County and Norwich City policies, aims and current plans for transportation.

Normally we would not be advertising the January meeting quite this early. However, to make the most of Martin's time we are opening this meeting to Norfolk companies involved in any form of roads transportation to express their views and concerns alongside those of as many members as possible. Please try to attend and advertise it to friends, colleagues, and companies you deal with. Non-members wishing to join us can do so, either as your guests or as self-funded Club guests. Unfortunately, we will still be limited to a maximum of 50 attendees for this event so please try to book early.

Booking –By email to Nick Barrett, Meetings Coordinator at nbarrett1971@gmail.com, any time from 2nd December but no later than 4th January 2022. When booking, please include guest names, any specific dietary needs, and cheese & biscuit requests. Alterations or cancellations can be accepted no later than Monday 3rd January. Cancellations after that date or non-attendance may still incur the meal charge.

Menu: - Cottage pie with a cheddar cheese topping, chef's selection of vegetables followed by Lemon Merengue pie, Raspberry compote, and ice cream. Tea, Coffee & Mints.
Cheese and biscuits can be ordered as an alternative desert.

Cost - £18 per person. Cheese and Biscuits, other than the first 5 orders received, will cost 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 at time of booking from David Baxter, Hon. Treasurer, davidbaxteracct@gmail.com.

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 continue to wear a mask outside the meeting room. Drinks from Reception bar before 6.45.

2021 Christmas Dinner:

Many thanks to those of you who have so far booked places for you and your guests. As you know this is always a very enjoyable event in our annual calendar. In addition to the entertainment from Russell Hall the comedian, we will be holding a raffle for a luxury Christmas food and drink hamper,

We still have a few places available, so if anyone wishes to submit a late booking, with or without guests please do so by phoning Barry Parnell – 07789103154, no later than Friday 3rd December.

Sadly, we have to announce the death of Melvyn (Mel) Smith, a long-standing member who was President in 1996. His funeral will be on 1st December 2021.

Additionally, we also regret the resignations of three long-standing and, until the last couple of years, active members:

- Janice Howells – Janice was one of the early lady members who served on the committee including two years as Vice-president. Due to the serious illness of her father, she found it progressively more difficult to attend meetings ever since 2018 and no longer feels connected to the Club.
- Donna Howlett – Like Janice, Donna an early lady member was a regular attendee at meeting, who served on the committee and was President for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. Since moving to Suffolk in 2019, Donna has found distance and her employment times make it impossible to attend any meetings,
- Bryan Edwards- Bryan joined in 2017/18 and has over the years been a prolific member recruiter for the Club, He became President in 2005 and was instrumental in opening membership to women during that term of office. Unfortunately, the worsening health issues of himself, and his wife have precluded his attendance at meetings or events.

The involvement of all three in Club meetings and events will be sorely missed.



To all who are unable to attend the Christmas Dinner all our

**Best wishes to you and your families
for Christmas and the New Year.**

We look forward to seeing you in 2022.



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