

# NTC News – Jan. 2022

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**Happy New Year.** Let's hope it is better than the last two, it certainly cannot be any worse. Despite the Covid virus, we need to get our lives back to some normality enjoying the benefits socialising with friends and colleagues can bring.

It was with great reluctance we had to cancel this month's meeting but lack of bookings, so close to the booking deadline, left us little choice. After such a good turnout for the Christmas dinner we had hoped to be able to achieve something similar if not even better, given Cllr Martin Wilby was the guest speaker. We understand the reticence many have about socializing at this time and perhaps leaving booking attendance until the very last minute. However, there are contractual conditions we have to meet in relation to cancelling the evenings with the Hotel.

Any booking you make is considered 'Provisional' up until the day before the event is due to take place. Consequently, should the event be cancelled for any reason or you after booking decide not to attend, you will not be charged. It is only if someone does not attend without giving us prior notice within 24 hours of the event that we will have to still levy the meal cost. We must have your bookings as early as possible so that the Committee can make timely and sensible decisions on event viability. We will continue to follow good social distancing and other recommended health protection polices whilst Covid19 is prevalent.

With regard to Martin Wilby's attendance as a guest speaker, this has been switched to our 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Meeting.

**Next Meeting - February Quiz Night** – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - 6.00pm for 6.45pm in the Mercure Norwich Hotel Club Room.

**Always a great fun evening for you, your family, friends and business associates.**

**Booking** – By email to Nick Barrett, Meetings Coordinator at [nbarrett1971@gmail.com](mailto:nbarrett1971@gmail.com), by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022, a.s.a.p.. A decision on whether the meeting can go ahead or not has to be taken on 2<sup>nd</sup> February at the latest.

When booking, please include guest names, any specific dietary needs, and cheese & biscuit requests. Alterations or cancellations can be accepted no later than Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Cancellations after that date or non-attendance may still incur the meal charge.

**Menu** - Seafood Pie, Soft Herb Mash, Chefs Selection of Vegetables, Glazed Lemon Tart, Raspberry & Mint Compote. Tea, coffee, and mints. Cheese and biscuits can be ordered as an alternative desert. We will have table service available for drinks.

**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](mailto:davidbaxteracct@gmail.com) .

## **2022 Annual Charity Dinner. – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**

Covid19 Regulations and attendance numbers permitting we will be holding the long delayed 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in the City Suite at the Mercure Norwich Hotel. We are pleased that the Lord Mayor of Norwich, Councillor Dr Kevin Maguire and the new Chief Constable, Paul Sandford will be joining us. The After-dinner speaker will be Adger Brown, one of the country's most sought after mainstream comedians on the corporate and cabaret circuits. As originally planned for the 2021 Dinner we will be supporting the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

We are pleased to have been able to keep the cost at the 2019 price of £46.00 per person. Payment will not be required at the time of booking, only once we can be sure the event will not be cancelled.

The last contractual date for cancelling this event for any reason, other than Government Covid19 Regulation, will be 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022. After that date we will have to await the goodwill of the Hotel to avoid significant cost. Please, send your booking forms (circulated with the November and December Newsletters) to Barry Parnell without delay., Details such as guest names, if not available at the time, can be added later. A further copy of the Booking form is included with this Newsletter.

As usual the event is 'open', not only to members with their guests but to any of your business contacts or acquaintances who might like to have a table of their own to entertain clients, suppliers or just their staff and friends, please feel free to advertise this event. Barry will be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join us and will provide booking forms. The larger the attendance the more enjoyable and successful these annual events are.

### **Future 2021-22 Diary Dates:**

#### **Member Dinner Meetings**

- Wednesday 09/02/22 Pio's Quiz - Club Room, Mercure Hotel, 6.00pm for 6.45pm.
- Friday 18/03/22 Annual Dinner – City Suite, Mercure Hotel, from 6.30pm, for 7.45pm
- Wednesday 13/04/22 Mercure Hotel, room to be decided. 6.00pm for 6.45pm.
- Wednesday 11/05/22 AGM 5.00pm to 6.00pm. Member's meal 6.00pm for 6.45 pm. Room(s) to be confirmed

Any change to dates or venue will be advised in future Newsletters or by email.

#### **Committee Meetings**

- Wednesday 02/02/22 7.30pm
- Wednesday 09/03/22. 7.30pm
- Wednesday 06/04/22. 7.30pm
- Wednesday 04/05/22. 7.30pm

Venue to be advised with the agendas.

### **The Club needs your help.**

As we enter the second half of the 2021/22 season we need yet again to appeal for members to put their name forward and volunteer to join the Committee. There are three vacancies which need to be filled, hopefully by this coming May's A.G.M.. Please consider giving up just a few hours per month to attend committee meetings and play your part in helping to ensure the continued longevity of your Club. Most of the existing committee members have been in post for many years and may well wish to stand down in the not too distant future. The Norwich Traffic Club has such a fantastic heritage, it would be a shame to see it disappear. Without an active committee it could not survive.

For details of what is involved please ring Barry Parnell or speak to him or any of the current committee members at one of our forthcoming meetings.

Compiled on behalf of the Committee by  
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