



# NEWSLETTER

Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Association

*Dedicated to Friendship*

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## Editorial

Important and interesting things happen all the time but at this time of the year two, perhaps, become more important than others.

The year is turning and that means subscriptions for 2016 become due. Jack, our previous Treasurer of such long standing, was always fulsome in his praise of our members who always respond so promptly to renewing the subscription each year.

In January the Annual Paul Cross Memorial Concert takes place in the Noverre Room at the Assembly House in Norwich. Full details of the concert are reported elsewhere in the Newsletter.

There are, therefore, two envelopes with the Newsletter - one for renewal of subscriptions and the other for tickets for the Concert. It would help with accounting and organisation if they were dealt with separately. The subscription renewal form gives the opportunity to bring personal details up-to-date, should they have changed, and to help the administration identify the subscriber!

## **The Association Lunch**

Thirty guests enjoyed this popular occasion at the Park Farm Hotel in October. This event provides the opportunity for members to meet and greet old friends and make new ones.

The Serbian Embassy is always pleased to receive an invitation and to send a representative. This year the Association acted as host to Councillor Vesna Verčon-Ivić, for Consular Affairs. It was pleasing that her husband Aleksander and daughter Anna were also able to attend.

The Association President, The Lord Mayor of Norwich, Cll. Brenda Arthur and her Consort Mr. Brian Horner were pleased to attend as were the Vice President, Chairman of the Norfolk County Council, Mr. Rex Parkinson-Hare and his wife Margaret.

The Lord Mayor wrote to Wendy thanking the Association for its hospitality and saying how much she appreciated the work of the Association. *".....the links which have been established through the Rotary, the Fire Service, the clergy and through music are impressive. All of these bring another dimension to the City adding to its richness of diversity. It was also good to hear how the*

*members efforts enrich the lives of young people in Novi Sad through your very practical support of the special school there".*

## **The Paul Cross Memorial Concert**

The concert this year will be held in the Noverre Room which is a larger venue than we usually have. This gives us the opportunity to raise more money for the Milan Petrović School.

Aleksander Đermanović who was such a success last year has agreed to play for us again. He will be accompanied by Irena Josifoska, a very talented cello player from Novi Sad, who has had a highly productive cooperation with the Norfolk County Youth Orchestra.

Details of the concert are contained in the accompanying 'flyer'. Take advantage of the Association members 'early booking' and get tickets for you and your friends for £16.

## **The Annual Subscription**

Annual subscriptions are now due and we hope that it will be convenient to respond before the rush of Christmas preparations are upon us.



# The Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Association

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The Association exists to promote informal links between people and organisations in the City of Norwich and the County of Norfolk and those in the Municipality of Novi Sad.  
The Association is a non-political, non-sectarian organisation dedicated to furthering friendship between the two cities.

**President :** The Lord Mayor of Norwich.

**Vice-President:** Chair Norfolk County Council

## ***The Association Holiday.***

*Diana writes:*

The newspapers seem full of advertisements for holidays next year so I thought it was time that I started thinking about a possible *Association* holiday for next year.

As many of you will know, we try to arrange a visit to Novi Sad by a group of members each year. We stay in a central hotel, and have visits to interesting places in Vojvodina and make contact with local people as much as possible. (An exchange visit as such causes too many problems, staying in a hotel removes many of these).

After a bit of consultation, it seems that a visit in September would be good. No exact date has been agreed yet; we can often arrange this to suit the people coming.

Our programme is usually arranged for us by the inestimable Sandra from Kompas Travel Agency and usually includes time to meet friends or wander in Novi Sad, a full day's outing, 2 or 3 half-day outings and always a visit to the Milan Petrović School. Our hotel

stay is on a bed and breakfast basis and our day's outing includes a substantial lunch or evening meal.

Costing is always difficult in advance since some of the arrangements are not finalised until a few days before we travel but £500 - £550 is typical + the fare. The cost in Novi Sad includes any entrance fees etc and our meals out.

Peter and I will have a meeting with Sandra when we are in Novi Sad for February 1<sup>st</sup>. It would be very helpful to have a good idea of the number of people interested to take to that meeting. Please would you let me know if you are interested (01508 480262, [diana.beckley@btconnect.com](mailto:diana.beckley@btconnect.com)). Sandra would like to take us on an extension to the Croatian coast. Does this appeal?

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