



# NEWSLETTER

Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Association

*Dedicated to Friendship*

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## Editorial

### Jack Brooksbank.

When we reported Jack's hospitalisation in the last Newsletter it was hoped he would be home again soon. This was not to be and Jack died on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Jack served the Association as treasurer for 23 years. Due to his careful stewardship the Association went from an organisation struggling to 'make ends meet' to one that is now comfortable, working within its financial needs, and able to plan ahead without the restraint of 'money worries'.

His bookkeeping was meticulous and he was always anxious the members should receive 'value for money'.

### ***Novi Sad and the Norfolk County Youth Orchestra***

Irena Josifoska, the young cello player from Novi Sad was invited to play again with the Norfolk County Youth Orchestra, this time on their annual visit to Germany.

Irena, with the orchestra, gave a performance of the Elgar Cello Concerto. This was a work that both Irena and the orchestra were familiar with since they had performed it before in Cambridge.

The lead up to the event was not without its difficulty since, at almost the last minute, the lead viola was unable to attend. Since the viola part is very important, not least in the concerto, this proved to be a problem - particularly since a substitute could not be found.

An anxious call to Irena by the organisation to see if there was an appropriate young viola player from Novi Sad who could 'take up' the part was met with an enthusiastic and positive response the upshot of which resulted in two players travelling from Novi

Sad to Wernigerode (an adventure in itself).

The series of concerts performed were a great success with a connection between the Norfolk Youth Orchestra and young Novi Sad musicians becoming a pleasant habit.

### ***The present refugee crisis in Serbia***

The crisis of refugees from Syria and other countries travelling through Serbia has brought an empathetic response from the Serbian population.

Apart from essential medical and hygiene items Novi Sad responded with one and a half tons of clothing and food for the refugees - all within about 24 hours.

### ***Majamisty***

As announced in the last Newsletter this jazz trio from Novi Sad was invited to perform in the Norwich Jazz Festival. This they did to great acclaim and much to the delight of members who attended who had never been to a Jazz Festival before.





# 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

Not least among the enjoyment was meeting Lewis who had travelled all the way from Wales to hear them. There was an opportunity to spend some time with the trio (Maja Alvanović who plays the piano and composes all the music, Ervin Malina - who plays bass and Ištvan Čik (drums). Lewis added an expert's insight to the conversation. It was everyone's first visit to Norwich with which they were all delighted. The trio went on to play at a jazz club in Soho before returning to Novi Sad.

On the evening of their performance in Norwich they were last seen in the company of Lewis disappearing back into the jazz club venue to take on board more of the jazz experience.

## ***The Annual Lunch***

The Association's annual lunch will be at the usual venue of Park Farm Hotel on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 12.15 for 12.45.

All the details are contained in the enclosures with this copy of the Newsletter. If you could fill them in and return them to Wendy by the end of September she would be grateful as this enables

her to make all the appropriate arrangements with the hotel.

## ***The Annual Paul Cross Memorial Concert***

This will take place in the Noverre Room at the Assembly House in Norwich on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>. January 2016. There will be much more information later on.

Alex Đermanović (piano) will be returning with Irena Josifoska (cello) to play duets for us.

As usual all the proceeds will go towards a project at the Milan Petrović School.

And a reminder that Alex is playing at the Chapel, Park Lane Norwich on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>. October at 6.30. This concert is being arranged by Roger Rowe.

## ***Association Treasurer***

We are pleased to announce that we have a new treasurer. Jennifer Mills, a young member for some years, has been appointed to the post.

Jennifer will fit in the treasurers tasks round the activities of her young family!

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