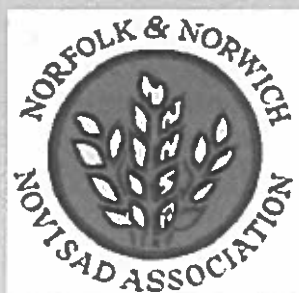


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Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Association

Dedicated to Friendship

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Editorial

The newsletter's second issue of the year, as most members will recall, has the report about the Annual General Meeting as its first article. It was held at Central Baptist Church, same venue as last year.

Among the events we write about the annual trip to Novi Sad, with a very interesting program and, not to be missed, about a guided tour of Eaton Park at the end of June, which will also be a great opportunity for members to socialise.

The Association would like to remind those few members who haven't yet paid their subscription, to do so promptly. The annual family subscription is still £8 while the individual one is £5.

The Annual General Meeting

The 33rd Annual General Meeting was held at the Central Baptist Church, Duke Street, Norwich on Thursday 6th April 2017.

The meeting was attended by 18 people with 20 people sending their apologies. This was a lively meeting where members discussed some important issues.

The President of the Association, the Lord Mayor, Councillor Marion Maxwell chaired the meeting. The Vice President, Chairman of the County Council, David Collis was also pleased to attend the meeting.

A change to the constitution regarding signatories for our bank account was approved by the meeting. This now will result in our Honorary Vice

Treasurer being one of those people.

The following persons were appointed:

Chairperson:

Doug Underwood

Vice Chairperson:

Diana Beckley M.B.E.

Honorary Secretary:

Sandra Underwood

Honorary Treasurer:

Gaetano Piccolo

Honorary Vice Treasurer:

Sue Prutton

The following were also elected to the Committee:

Dr. Brenda Moffitt

Mrs Wendy Quinn

Mrs Heather Ashmore

Mr Peter Beckley M.B.E.

Mr John Jennings.

Doug was pleased to report that due to our members paying their membership fees last year that the Association was able to record a small profit. He added that he

hoped members would continue with that this year and pay promptly.

The business part of the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Peter and Diana Beckley concluded the meeting with a very interesting and informative presentation about the "Milan Petrović" School and equipment being used by some of the pupils.

Association holiday Sept. 16th -23rd, 2017

(Diana)

The plans for this holiday are gradually taking shape. I have been in touch with Sandra in Novi Sad. She will need numbers soon to reserve rooms in the Putnik Hotel.

We will make/book our own individual travel arrangements as we have done in the last few years. I will provide the details of our flight from Heathrow for those of you flying that way. I think we should book them fairly soon.

The format of the holiday will be much as usual:

- There will be a reception with the President of the City Council
- Our main outing will be to *Sombor* and district; we will see the painting of the battle of *Senta* in the Town Hall (among other things). This battle was the last one between the Ottomans and the Austro-Hungarian forces.
- Another day we will go to *Senta* to see the battlefield, some interesting buildings and more.
- As usual we will visit the "Milan Petrović" School.
- A short visit to somewhere near Novi Sad on another day (to be confirmed)

As always at this stage we don't know exactly the cost of the holiday but I suggest we pay £550 to the treasurer and then we can make any necessary

adjustments when we get home.

Please let me know if you would like to come on this holiday (if you have not already done so) by June 19th, together with any special requirements.

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Events

Summer Outing

Are you interested in joining a guided tour and gentle walk around Eaton Park on a summer's afternoon, followed by a sociable cup of tea in Eaton Park cafe?

Christine Wilson of the *Friends of Eaton Park* offers insight into the history of the park and gardens. Donations only to the *Friends*. **Friday 30th June 2017 2 p.m.** meet at the bandstand in the centre of the park.

Contact social secretary, Wendy Quinn

- email: dwendyquinn@googlemail.com

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Annual Lunch

The Association Annual Lunch has been arranged for **Sunday 15th October** at the usual venue of Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett. The price of the meal will be £22.

Visit to Novi Sad

The holiday visit to Novi Sad is arranged for the 16th-23rd September. See above for more information.

Paul Cross Memorial Concert

The date for the Annual Concert is set for 13th January 2018. Make sure to be free for the event.



The Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Association *Dedicated to Friendship*

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

News from Novi Sad

The Association Facebook

Jelena Rebić, a long-time friend of the Association and the contact between the two cities of Norwich and Novi Sad, regularly posts photographs and new items on the Association facebook site. If you have the technology a visit to the facebook site it is always worth a visit.

Music and International understanding

In Novi Sad, at the Isidor Bajić Music school, preparations are well underway for the visit to the city of "Triorca" – the International Youth Orchestra.

Violin maker's studio in Kovačica.



Some thirty or so talented young musicians from Norwich and Norfolk will be descending on Novi Sad in the latter part of July. A similar number will be arriving from Koblenz and its region of Germany. They will join forces with students of the Isidor Bajić school to rehearse and perform a challenging programme of classical music.

Nicholas Daniel, the internationally renowned oboe player and orchestral conductor, is very enthusiastic about "Triorca". He has conducted them at all the international concerts they have given and is keen to continue his relationship with the orchestra. He relies heavily on Andrew Morley who prepares the orchestra and brings it to a level that its performance

is always well up to the standard of many professional orchestras. All those involved would not be able to do what they do without the work and dedication of the teachers and tutors from the three countries involved.

The young people involved, and their tutors, work hard and enjoy the experience of performing together. A valuable 'spin off' is the development and encouragement of international understanding which many see as being as important as the music.

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