



NEWSLETTER

Norfolk Fire Museum

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MEET OUR NEW CHAIRMAN, GM SIMON MASON



Born into the Norfolk Fire Service as a second generation fire-fighter following in the footsteps of his father and uncle, both veterans of the Auxiliary Fire Service and Great Yarmouth Fire Brigade, Simon joined the Norfolk Fire Cadets in 1991 before serving in the Ministry of Defence Fire Service at R.A.F. Neatishead joining the Norfolk Fire Service in January 2000. As a full time fire-fighter. He has worked in Great Yarmouth, Thetford, Bowthorpe, Sprowston, Kings Lynn, North Walsham and Headquarters whilst being on-call for Acle and Martham retained stations. Simon is currently Group Manager responsible for Technical Support which involves the world of vehicles and equipment ensuring the Service has the very best in new and exciting equipment to provide the best operational response to the people of Norfolk.

Still very involved in operational response he holds responsibility for Hazardous Materials as well as being part of a small team of National Incident Liaison Officers trained and equipped to operate at terrorist incidents and large scale multi-agency responses. When not doing all that he has a family with two daughters which keeps him busy with them putting up with the late nights and rapid unannounced disappearances when the phone rings and the 'bells go down'. If that wasn't all, he is the Service Ceremonial Lead on voluntary basis and attends national memorial events, and others, who require a standard bearer. Simon says " I am looking forward to being involved with the museum as history and tradition are vital to telling future generations about the work of the Fire Service, what we do, and why we do it". Welcome on board Simon.



With the necessary Covid working restrictions in place, a hose testing session has been carried out at our Coltishall base as part of our preparations for a phased return to normal operations as soon as official guidelines permit.



ONE FROM THE ARCHIVES

National Fire Service Region 4, Fire Force 13 Headquarters Staff, Hethersett, 1944

Following refurbishment and re-equipping in the museum workshops, our recently purchased Mercedes 1124, L168RVG, having previously seen operational service in Great Yarmouth, Watton, North Earlham and Wroxham has now been brought back to life and made ready for when off site events can restart.



If you have any news or information you would like to share in our next newsletter due out in December please let us know.

More information and news about the museum can be found on our facebook and website pages, www.norfolkfiremuseum.org norfolkfiremuseum@gmail.com

ANOTHER DONATION

The museum has recently been fortunate to receive a donation of books, newspaper cuttings and hundreds of photographs belonging to the late Mr Nigel Brydon. Nigel was a keen fire service enthusiast who attended many fire rallies and events. As a keen photographer he took many images showing the service at work attending incidents in and around Norwich, a place where he lived all his life.

