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President 2018-19

I don't know about you, but I've had a good year. That's strange, given the consequences of the biopsy I had two days after Handover in 2018. A cancer diagnosis needing a major operation did not seem a great way to start but robotic keyhole surgery minimised the recuperation time, to be followed by a good prognosis.

So why am I mentioning that? Well, firstly I was so fortunate that, if you blinked, you may have remained unaware of how much I have relied on

Sheila and club members to ensure a year with no let-up in activity. Indeed, we have maintained and extended our annual pattern of service, whilst adding a couple of things unique to this year.

I am pleased that I booked the replica Iron Lung for our End Polio Now Coffee Morning and then had to extend the booking after Richard, the ideal vice-president, approached several schools to demonstrate the machine and inform a generation of pupils (and some adults) about the horrors of polio and the need for its complete eradication. With indefatigable good-humour, he towed the iron lung trailer up the M5 and then between schools. It was a joy to join him along with several other members and share the End Polio message with the children through the week, culminating in a day outside the Guildhall, just one of many occasions when "Service Above Self" was evident across and beyond the Club through the generous provision of cakes and coffee and a further chance for members to spread the End Polio message.

The other "one-off" was our Club Visioning exercise when I was thrilled by the good-humoured evening we shared and relieved that there was no suggestion of dropping any of the projects we regularly undertake. Although we concluded that we didn't have the resources to embark on a large new project, the annual ones have continued to grow and develop.

As I prepare my report for Handover next week, I realise afresh what a busy and active club we share in.

My thanks to you all and my very best wishes for 2019/20 with Richard.

Programme - Club Meetings 12:55 at Cricket Club, (View Building), unless otherwise stated

Mon 1st Jul: Club Handover - Evening Meeting with partners and guests - 7.00 for 7.30pm

Mon 8th Jul: Business Meeting

Mon 15th Jul: Club Outing to Concorde at Filton

Weds 17th Jul: Club Council - Rivendale, Lightwood Lane, Cotheridge - 6.30pm

Mon 22nd Jul: Our Club - Club Service

Sun 28th Jul: RYLA Barbeque

Mon 29th Jul: Speaker - Speaker—Ellie Burgoyne—"A Year Out" Evening Meeting with partners and guests - 7.00 for 7.30pm

Sun 4th Aug: Family Afternoon Picnic at Brockhampton Estate, Bringsty, WR6 5TB

Mon 5th Aug: Business Meeting

Sat 10th Aug: President's at Home

Mon 12th Aug: Our Club—Youth—RYLA

Weds 15th Aug: Club Council - Rivendale, Lightwood Lane, Cotheridge - 6.30pm

Sat 17th Aug: Charity Showcase at The Guildhall

Sun 18th Aug: President's at Home

Mon 19th Aug: Speaker TBA

Mon 26th Aug: Bank Holiday - **NO MEETING**

Mon 2nd Sept: Business Meeting

Mon 9th Sept: Speaker—Des Robson

Mon 16th Sept: Our Club - ComVoc - **Venue Worcester Golf & Country Club**

Sat 21st Sept: Harvest Supper & Barn Dance at Hollymount

Mon 23rd Sept: Speaker—Elaine Harper— West Worcester Live at Home

Mon 30th Sept: Speaker - DG Judy Powell—evening Meeting with Partners - 7.00 for 7.30pm

Note the date!

CLUB OUTING TO CONCORDE AT FILTON - MON 15th JULY

FAMILY AFTERNOON PICNIC AT BROCKHAMPTON - SUN 4th AUGUST

PRESIDENT'S AT HOME - SAT 10th & SUN 18th AUGUST

CHARITY SHOWCASE, GUILDHALL - SAT 17th AUGUST

HARVEST SUPPER & BARN DANCE - SAT 21st SEPT