

In some ways it feels like it has been a quiet year, in other ways not. As well as many local events I enjoyed Hoburn, Center Parcs, and a weekend to Bradford where we commemorated Dave Sugden, an old friend and Plusser of many years. I am shortly to go to WASH, but possibly not to swim in the sea this time.

I always have a listening ear for anyone and everyone, and have engaged in topics as diverse as bereavement to the Uk Official Charts. I have also helped support a local Plus family after a near tragedy, and am pleased to report that those affected are recovering well.

I was delighted that new faces joined the NEC this year. The NEC has strong personalities but without exception all are friendly, willing and helpful. I would just add that with strong personalities come differences of opinion, and as such I have observed more than one instance of someone indicating they wish to have a hiatus from the NEC or even step away altogether, if they find things are not going their way. We are all part of the same team and disagreements will happen, it's human nature. I would only say, please don't nuke yourself if you don't like the way discussions are going, do speak, vote, and remain part of the team, it could be you that makes the difference. Even if a decision does not go your way, you may well have planted a seed that will grow into an oak in the future. This does not just apply to NEC meetings but ANY committee meetings!

I am happy to restand as VP if you are happy to elect me!

Here's hoping for a fun and productive NAGM weekend and for the year ahead

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