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President 2018-19

It is customary for the Newsletter at this time of year to begin with a message from the President. As there isn't enough space to celebrate all that has been achieved in 2018, I will settle for sending presidential good wishes for Christmas and highlight something of what the New Year holds for us.

At the time of writing the Christmas Parcels Project, Crib Collections and the Rotary Singers performance all lie ahead of us. I'm sure that all of us involved will, whatever the weather, be warmed by our own shared team spirit.

Please find a New Year's Day invitation in the calendar section and then look forward to the evening meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> February when we will get together to build a consensus about our vision for the Club's long-term health and

strength. It should be a lively chance to share our hopes and ideas.

I hope you will all join together at the Old Palace for President's Night on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April when I'll be trying to match the enjoyment we shared last year. More later.

And a final thought. Have you come across the poem "**Keeping Christmas**" by Henry Van Dyke? The few lines below give a fresh slant on what Rotary is about and you might like to look up the whole thing to find inspiration for 2019.

***Are you willing...***

- to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world;
- to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground;
- to own up to the fact that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life;
- to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness.

Are you willing to do these things even for a day?

***Then you can keep Christmas!***

The full poem can be found at [www.applesseeds.org/xmas/keep.htm](http://www.applesseeds.org/xmas/keep.htm)

***A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all! Ian***



**And in the spirit of the Wassail.....**

What did Cinderella say when her photos didn't arrive?  
*"One day my prints will come!"*

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?  
*"Can you smell carrots?"*

How did Mary and Joseph figure out baby Jesus was exactly 7lb 9oz?  
*They had a weigh in a manger.*

***The Editor :)***

The members of the Rotary Club of Worcester work to make the world a better place by helping individuals improve their lives. On the global stage this involves supporting the campaign to eliminate polio. Locally it involves supporting a range of causes with both financial support and service.

In the Rotary year 2017-18 the Rotary Club of Worcester made donations in excess of £21,000. All of this money was raised by the club with the support of its 'friends' and the general public—without them all it would not happen. In addition to this the members of the club gave countless hours of service.

So, a big thank you to everyone that supports the Rotary Club of Worcester—you are helping to change the world, little by little.

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

Weds 19th Dec: Club Council - 41 Elgar Crescent, Droitwich - 6.30pm

Mon 24th Dec: **CHRISTMAS EVE - NO MEETING**

Mon 31st Dec: **NEW YEARS EVE - NO MEETING**

## **2019**

**Tues 1st Jan: President's New Years Drinks - 41 Elgar Crescent, Droitwich - 11.00 - 2.00**

Mon 7th Jan: Business Meeting

Mon 14th Jan: Speaker - Lorraine Preece, Youth Support Service, Worcestershire Young Carers

Mon 21st Jan: Our Club - Marketing

Mon 28th Jan: Speaker

Mon 4th Feb: Business Meeting

**Sat 9th February: Quiz Night—Powick Parish Hall**

Mon 11th Feb: Speaker

Mon 18th Feb: Our Club - Club Service

**Mon 25th Feb: Club Visioning - Venue: Deaf Direct, Vesta Tilley House, Lowesmoor—Members only**

**Sat 2nd Mar: Puddings Evening - Callow End Village Hall**

Mon 4th Mar: Business Meeting

Mon 11th Mar: Speaker

**Fri 15th-17th Mar: District Conference , Torquay**

Mon 18th Mar: Our Club - Youth Service

Mon 25th Mar: Speaker

**QUIZ NIGHT—SATURDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2019**

**PUDDINGS EVENING - SATURDAY 2nd MARCH 2019**

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE, TORQUAY - FRIDAY 15th— SUNDAY 17th MARCH 2019**

**END POLIO COFFEE MORNING - FRIDAY 12th APRIL 2019**

**PRESIDENT'S NIGHT - SATURDAY 13th APRIL 2019**

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