

Vice President Report from Gerry Edwards for NAGM 2022

Sadly, due to the NAGM in 2022 taking place at the same time as February Half Term I am, for the first time in a very long time, unable to attend the annual meeting of Plus. I am due to fly into Heathrow on Saturday 19th February (the very day of the NAGM) and I have tried to bring my return flight forward to the Thursday or Friday - I can but the cost is just under £1000! Much as I love Plus I simply cannot afford to lose this amount of money and hopefully members will appreciate this. I may, of course, be able to join via Zoom at times and I will if I can or as happened at Christmas my flights were cancelled so I could even be at the meeting if that happens again. Hopefully for my sanity it won't! So, you have my apologies for not attending and I hope you won't hold it against me!

Although Plus hasn't been able to be very active because of Covid I have been able to help some Groups and members by hosting meetings and events on Zoom and I have to say that my favourite event was Pictionary managed by Erik Bean!

I have also taken the opportunity to talk and virtually meet with members and possibly because of the various lockdowns and virtual tools it has been possible - and often necessary - to engage with members who have felt very much isolated. Whilst I am always happy to talk to or communicate with members I am hoping that there will be far more chance of doing this in person during 2022 and beyond.

As ever please do not hesitate to call me at any time if you need anything or you think that I can be of any help.

I hope to see many of you very soon!

Gerry Edwards