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Dear Members,

I hope you have all enjoyed your summer break. I am looking forward my final year as Chairman with the full support of a strong Committee.

We have started a trial period of asking a different person to take the lead at our monthly Club lunches. Jennifer Van Lens did this for our AGM in May and Avril Woolf did so in June. Adeline Reidy will continue the trial in September. This is an opportunity for any member to volunteer to take one of the lunches so I urge you to contact a Committee member if you would like to give it a try. It is a very straightforward and an interesting experience. The whole procedure would, of course, be carefully explained.

Please remember that if you are unable to attend any of the luncheons, it is most important that you notify our Treasurer, Elizabeth Weaver, as soon as possible and no later than 6 p.m. on the previous Friday. You can reach her by email on: dllctreasurer@gmail.com. **Only if you do not have email**, please call her on 01304 823055. If Elizabeth does not answer, just leave a message on her answering machine. These details are also on your yellow 2017/2018 Programme.

If you do not cancel your lunch in time, Elizabeth will send you a request to pay for it as the Club has to pay for meals that are not cancelled. I am sure you will appreciate that it is unfair on the rest of the membership to cover the cost of non-cancelled meals from Club funds.

I would also like to reiterate that the **permanent dietary requirements** you provide are truly **permanent**. The chef prepares your meals accordingly and cannot accommodate last-minute changes if a member does not like the menu and requests a fish dish or fruit salad, for example. It is unfair to the catering staff to expect a sudden change when you are seated at the table.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of this beautiful summer weather. I look forward to welcoming you back on 27th September when Christine and Lissie, known as "Fiddle and Faff" will perform their finely crafted music mostly drawn from the folk tradition..

With best wishes

(Signed)

Norma Nunn
Chairman