

HR Positives

July
2026

SIZZLING SESSION IN THE SUMMER SEASON

Port Vale's aircon offered a cool and welcoming environment for our July meeting – but there was no lack of hot topics for our members to discuss...

We had a brilliant presentation from Gary Parsons (see right), but will be approaching our speaker sessions a little differently next year.

We are asking members for nominations of inspiring speakers whom we could approach for future Forums. We need to know their area of expertise / topic (within our overarching HR / Employee Wellbeing / Engagement), and then we can draw up a long list for members to vote on before we start getting in touch with people and firming up our 2027 calendar.



Work experience meant coming along to his first Forum meeting for Kaye's 14-year-old son Lucas. He said: 'I really enjoyed being at the forum – everyone was so friendly.'



Gary Parsons

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SPEAKER'S CORNER

Don't see being 'selfish' as a negative, embrace it!

That was the message from Gary Parsons, using the analogy of airline passengers putting on their own oxygen mask first in order to be able to fully help others.

Particularly talking about leaders, he urged people to identify early warning signs and offered his own **five practical tips to avoid burnout** including being clear about availability and ditching guilt.

NEXT MEETING

10 Sept 2026

Human Connection in a Digital World

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FUTURE FORUM DATES

12 Nov 2026

SHOUT OUTS

WE HEARD ABOUT GARY'S NEW BOOK...

...called 'Selfish Leaders Win' which will be out in September: [CLICK HERE](#) to find out more.

CHARITY OF THE YEAR 2027

We've been delighted to support My CWA in 2026, but it's time to start thinking about nominations for next year: [CLICK HERE](#) to put forward your suggestion.

Thinking outside the box (in fact outside the room...)

Our next Forum session in September will be a little different, for we are taking the meeting into the great outdoors!

The aim is to provide a fitting backdrop for our theme of **'Human Connection in a Digital World'**. Watch out for more details, including the venue, in coming weeks.

EMPLOYMENT LAW LATEST



[CLICK HERE](#) for the new update from Karen Coleman at Excello Law which features:

Employment law developments from May and June 2026, including Employment Tribunal statistics, a consultation on zero-hours contract reforms and recent cases on health insurance benefits, collective consultation, protected conversations and bonus payments.

Dare we mention the 'C' word?

For once, we are ahead of the game and have set a date for our Christmas celebration on Friday 4 December.

We're taking a table at Port Vale's Party Night, so for anyone who would like to come along (including other members of their team), please let Kaye know by 22nd July.

The price, to include a buffet and music for dancing, is **£48pp**.



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