

Twenty-sixth ANNUAL REPORT
for the period ended 31st August 2020

At this time of year, I usually prepare the annual report about the Hertfordshire Folk Association but, unfortunately, this year has been disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic which – from March into the foreseeable future – has curtailed a majority of folk activities, not just in our area but nationwide. There is no doubt that hundreds of us are unable to enjoy our regular dance, song, music and traditional events, and of course, many festivals and other summer activities and celebrations have also been cancelled.

Fortunately, with thanks to John Grey, our Spring Sing in early March 2020 went ahead and was a successful and enjoyable happening. Herts FA were also again pleased to provide financial support to the 2020 New Roots event which was cancelled but will hopefully be re-arranged for 2021. In recognition of her many years commitment to Young Miscellany, we were very pleased and happy to present Lynda Swaine with 2019 Bill Ranscombe award; a full report and citation was published in the December edition of Puddingstone.

The Spring and Summer editions of Puddingstone were cancelled as were our committee meetings. The November AGM and December 2020 publication of Puddingstone are presently on hold perhaps waiting until the April 2021 issue. However, with many thanks to Roger Swaine, our website (www.hertsfolkassn.org.uk) remains updated.

We very much hope that during 2021 we will all, once again, be enjoying our various folk activities and maybe some will be able to recommence this coming autumn, but presently, we are awaiting further government information and regulation etc.

Meanwhile, during these very strange and different times, we hope you have an enjoyable summer and stay safe and healthy.

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