

Open Morris AGM 2020 Secretary's Report

This year has been an interesting year to be secretary, one fraught with challenges on both a global and personal scale.

Of course, we have had the crushing blow of the pandemic which has decimated our expected schedules of dance outs, practices and social gatherings. There are so many dancers, musicians and (most importantly) friends with whom meetings have been impossible and this contact has been missed by all. However, I also feel that we have shown just how strong our bond as a community really is! I've heard so many stories of creative teams finding new ways to meet and practice online and it really is buoying to know that, even in the darkest of times, the morris family is there to support each other.

On a personal level, I was pleasantly surprised when I secured a new job in January and started this role in April, in the midst of our first and strictest lockdown. It is this new position, which has been such a joy to me, which has meant that I have not been able to fulfil my role as secretary of Open Morris in the way that I had wanted. Whilst I have been present at and involved in our committee meetings there have been many moments when I have been unable to find the time to respond to your emails and for this I apologise. As a result, I have decided to step down from this role and hand the baton (hanky) over to someone who has the time to dedicate to such an important position. I hope that my successor has more...success...and is able to respond to your needs as a membership. Best of luck to you!

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