

Quorn Folk Dance Club

This year's report cannot be as upbeat as in previous years, I'm afraid. We do still exist, but on all the usual measures of success we do seem to be in recession. Principally we find our membership and attendance in decline and it is dispiriting to see the Village Hall on a Clubnight with just a couple of sets on the floor. The reason for this is pretty obvious and familiar to many other folk dance clubs: an ageing and increasingly infirm membership that struggles to turn out, but not compensated by younger recruitment. At the same time we find it increasingly difficult to fill our programme with live music and guest callers.

The net effect of this is a declining enthusiasm to serve on the Committee, a steady drainage of funds and a shrinking non-dancing programme. Having said all that, we still have fun doing what we most enjoy doing and have no immediate intention of packing it in. We have a proud past during which Club members have done many good things for folk dancing in the District and the country. Perhaps the future belongs to others and we hope they enjoy it as much as we have. In the meantime we can look forward to our next Playford Ball on Saturday 11th November 2017.

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