

Quorn Folk Dance Club 2016/17

Our annual report last year was rather downbeat due to declining membership, attendance and level of activity. This year it really gets no better and it would be wrong to pretend otherwise. Of course we still meet weekly, but seldom with more than 20 present. In fact, during the summer it would have been far fewer but for the very welcome presence of our friends from Burton Overy. Though guest callers are still important to us, and we enjoy live music from time to time, we are also increasingly relying on our own Club callers and recorded music. What is happening reflects the national picture of the folk dancing generation tottering slowly towards the exit, but enjoying themselves on the way. Unfortunately one of the consequences is a reduction of the public dances which, in our case, is putting our biennial playford dances in jeopardy. Nonetheless, we still enjoy what we do and grow as we are able. This year the Club delighted in recognising the life-time contribution of Pauline Kinch with the award of honorary life membership.

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