

Well, what a strange year this has been. Most of the projections I made in my report to last year's AGM have had to be put on hold due to the Covid virus. But all that means is they have been delayed rather than cancelled, and this year's programme, assuming the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions, should hopefully see their realisation.

We have continued as much activity as we could, including the publication of Newsletters and maintaining our website. But probably our biggest impact has been the publication of our 2021 calendar, the sales of which far exceeded our expectations and kept us afloat.

2020 was tinged with huge sadness when our Treasurer, Colin Price, lost his fight against cancer. His passing had a huge impact on all of us: Colin had a major part to play in the early years of establishing the History Club and was therefore part of our DNA.

We struggled to assimilate life without Colin, but moving forward, we are delighted that David Bayly has accepted the role of Treasurer to keep an eye on our finances. Our end of year accounts for 2020 prepared by Sue Chaplin, who generously stepped in after Colin's passing, are published on our website and can be accessed at <https://northmarstonhistory.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/History-Club-Accounts-DEC-2020.pdf>. Thanks Sue, your help is greatly appreciated.

As I write, the future 2021 restrictions associated with the Covid-19 virus are uncertain. Our planning for the schedule for 2021 is therefore constrained, but as soon as is practicable we will re-instate our evening talks that form the spine of our programme of activities. We shall of course, continue to publish our quarterly Newsletter, and offer the research facilities we provide through our website, a popular and well-used service. Our films about the village history also remain as popular as ever. The most recent film, "The Quainton Pilgrims", has continued this trend. You can see it via our website on <https://northmarstonhistory.org.uk/the-quainton-pilgrims/>

Thank you, as always, for your support without which we cannot continue.

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Chairman NMHC