

Torquay and District Medical Society

President's report 2019-2020



Like Schubert's unfinished symphony, 2019-2020 started as a successful year, held considerable promise and then stopped abruptly; in our case due to the pandemic of coronavirus.

The gala dinner 2019 was less successful than the previous year and so it was decided that, in 2020 we would hold a quiz rather than a formal dinner. Sadly, along with almost every other major event of the year, it had to be cancelled.

We continued to meet at the Imperial Hotel but only managed three meetings in the 2019-20 season which were on the history of hospital ships, Napoleon on St Helena and "from glamour to gore", a make-up artist creating some realistic "injuries" for TV and film. Sadly our February meeting was to be our last until, at least the autumn. Just to keep some interest in the society I sent out two, not too serious quizzes.

I have now written up the history of our society in about 13,000 words and hope to find a way of publishing it for members and anyone else who might be interested. I wrote a shortened version for the English Riviera Magazine which has not yet been published, largely because I forgot to send it. They now have it and we hope to see it later this year.

It was also agreed that we should invest in a portable public address system for our meetings.

It is very important that we place on record our appreciation of members and colleagues who worked incredibly hard during the pandemic despite their personal risks.

Despite coronavirus some work continues.

- Lorraine Roberts has continued her excellent work as treasurer, finding several members who had accidentally not been paying, including your President!
- Norman Doidge continues as chair of the trustees.
- Dai Jones maintains our website which has become central to our society. I am also grateful to the way he made my somewhat amateur quizzes look more professional.
- Again Jackie Barrett is absolutely crucial to our society.

Finally I am delighted to be handing the presidency over to Kyle Stewart who I know will be very successful. He has many excellent ideas as well as encouraging young colleagues to join us.

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