



## *Secretary's Report to 2019 AGM*

This year, I have represented OM at the JMO AGM, at The Morris Ring ARM, and recently had the great pleasure of attending the presentation of Steps in Time's Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Steps in Time are a children's team, run by a dedicated and excellent group of volunteers, and the enthusiasm and skill of the young dancers is a great credit to their organisation, the event was a joy to attend.

I was proud to dance with Bunnies From Hell at the Manchester JMO DoD earlier in the year, and have enjoyed a busy season of dancing when family commitments have allowed.

As Secretary, I've been familiarising myself further with the web-based systems we use for OM communications. Within the organisation I was pleased to host our Annual Officials Meeting, in the summer, at my 'local', the Bell in Adderbury – 40 minutes away, but my spiritual Morris home! And I've hopefully discharged my duties in arranging the AGM to satisfaction.

I feel very fortunate to have had an excellent committee to work with in my first year as an OM Officer, and would like to thank everyone both within the Committee and the wider team for their camaraderie. I would also particularly like to thank Nicki Pickering, who is standing down as Chair at this AGM, for her great thoroughness, thoughtfulness, professionalism and dedication. Nicki took on the Chair role at a difficult time for Open Morris, and under her steady hand the organisation has flourished into the efficient, well organised and friendly group we are today. If I'm elected as Chair I hope I can do justice to the great work she has done.

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