

CADFHS Chair's report

Well we started off this period well, some good speakers, a good Christmas meeting and then in March the lockdown.

This has changed the normal way of life and work where meetings online is the new normal.

The committee looked at engaging the members but how?

After a few months of emails and looking at various online meeting software we settled on Zoom.

Using this, enabled Dena to rise to the challenge and started the coffee meetings. Then we found speakers who would present their talks online.

CADFHS was one of the societies who were forerunners with this.

Yes, we have had a few members saying that online wasn't the way to go, not secure, not in the constitution etc., but look at it this way

1. We are providing the members with value
2. Members who normally can't attend meetings, due to the distance involved, are able to attend these.
3. The federation who are our governing body, are also presenting shows online.
4. The federation also held their AGM online.

So, if those who disagree with the way we have managed the society objects, they can leave us.

Finally, as my workload during lockdown has increased and I only came back onto the committee to help them out of a sticky spot, now it is time to let someone else lead. I will stay on the committee to help where I can.

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