



Annual Report

January – December 2025

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| President | J. Causley | | |
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Elected Members of the Committee: S. Gill, J. Snow, C White

This year's AGM was held at the Bridge Inn, Topsham, in conjunction with Topsham Folk Club. The two music and song sessions held during the day were very well attended with support from all over Devon. We were very grateful to Glory of the West, Dartington Morris and Exmouth Shanty Men who performed in the afternoon on the quay at Topsham.

The committee made two Devon Folk awards for services to Folk activities. One, to Mary Marker, was presented at Willand Folk Dance Club in October (see What's Afoot No 141). Mary was an active member of the Devon Folk committee from 2008 until recently and the committee is grateful for her contribution. The second award will be made at an appropriate time and venue in January 2026.

The committee welcomes Christabel White who many of you will know from Dartmoor Folk Festival having seen her dance and play.

The cost of producing and distributing What's Afoot has continued to rise. However, the magazine remains a valuable advert and What's On guide to Devon Folk. Membership options are

- £10 yearly membership with pdf of magazine emailed every quarter
- £15 yearly membership with copy of magazine posted every quarter.

Membership also includes free listings for individuals, bands or groups in the Devon Folk Directory. Regular advertisers in WAF also receive free listing in the Directory.

The committee continues to be grateful to Trevor Paul for his work in updating the Devon Folk website and his role as our webmaster.

The committee would also like to say a big thank you to John Foxen for all his hard work in putting together the magazine and sourcing much of the material.

We would also like to thank all our regular advertisers for continuing to support the magazine and thank you to Teignmouth Folk Club for your donation.

We are very grateful to Rhona and Raymond Hitchcock who recently donated to Devon Folk many folk related items, for us to sell for our funds or loan to groups. We thank Colin Andrews for all the work he is doing in handling this.