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### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO AGM 2021**

Welcome to you all as we emerge from hibernation to meet old friends and make new ones at our 2021 conference. Let's enjoy the time together and make this a re-awakening of the Fellowship.

It is lovely to see the Branches all starting up again and seeing the photos on Facebook. I would like to say a big "Thank you" to our CEO, John, who has kept us informed with his monthly newsletters, to my Vice Chairman, George, to the Trustees who have continued working and to our Central Office Staff who have worked all through and moved offices!

Sadly since our last conference we have lost a few members including Ethel Armstrong, our patron, Renee Gibb from Scotland and Mik Webb from Wales. Ethel and Renee were two of the Fellowship's long standing stalwarts and Mik a valued trustee. We will miss them here, now and in the time to come.

But having known them all, I know that they would want the Fellowship to go forward and develop. That's where we come in - you and me. We know that we will have reduced numbers, so as soon as we can, we need to welcome as many as possible to join us in this organisation that does so much to improve our lives.

Next April, when all NHS Pensioners receive their annual P60 reports, they will also receive an NHSRF flyer inviting them to join us. We hope that many will want to join us and ensure the future of the Fellowship. I am sure that you will make them welcome in your Branches, maybe after Christmas you could start making preparations. This is our big chance.

This is my last report as I finish my tenure as your Chairman after four years, three, plus a "COVID" year. It has been a pleasure and a privilege, meeting so many of you and working with so many great people. I know that we are all in very safe and capable hands.

Looking forward to many more years of Fellowship

Best wishes to you all

**Margaret Moffat**

Chairman

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