

## A Comedian's Diary of The Pandemic Mash Report star Steve N Allen



Stand-up comedian Steve N Allen (as seen each week on BBC2's *The Mash Report*) has written a book recording the events of 2020 as they happened.

It became Steve's journal highlighting the real effects of the year, including the death of a parent, the struggles of being kept away from someone with dementia and the impact of a lockdown on a career.

As with every year it's had its highs and lows but throughout it all there were still reasons to laugh. As Steve says in the book, "all we can do is keep our fingers crossed that the vaccines work. Fingers crossed, but also washed for 20 seconds while singing Happy Birthday."

Compiled from the newspaper columns he writes, *Lasted Another Year Despite A Pandemic* is a collection of topical comedy from Steve's unique viewpoint, covering some you might remember and some you might rather forget.

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### Notes to editors

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Steve N Allen is a stand-up comedian and broadcaster. He can be seen on BBC 2's *The Mash Report*, hosted the topical comedy podcast for the BBC *Steve N Allen's Week* and is a columnist for various newspapers across the UK.

He started out as a chemist, and left the labs for a life on stage telling jokes in comedy clubs across the country. Steve has written and performed several Edinburgh Fringe comedy shows and co-created the online satirical show *Comics Solving Problems*. The book is out as an eBook on Kindle for £2.49 and in paperback on Amazon.

Steve is available for interview. [Radio/Audio: Neumann TLM 103 studio mic via Skype, ipDTL, cleanfeed] [Video: Sony ZV1 camera, 1080p high-def via highspeed fibre]

Photos and press copy of the ebook available on request.