

CHELMSFORD SPORTS CLUB AGM 25th JUNE 2020

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A rather different Chairman's Report this year largely due to Coronavirus.

Hockey was coming close to the end of its season in early April 2020 but, suddenly, matches were stopped and the lockdown commenced. Final positions were eventually based on league results and performance levels through the season. 3 Chelmsford teams – Ladies 3rd XI, Men's 3rds and Men's 7s gained promotion for next season but many post season events had to be cancelled.

In the meantime, the 2020 cricket season would have started, but obviously Coronavirus prevented it. There were no winners in 2019 but all league matches were completed and the Colts' sections were very active. Congratulations must go to Sam Cook and Aaron Beard who played significant parts in Essex becoming County Champions and also winning the T20 competition.

In terms of the clubhouse; the bar was managed by Adrian Tuff and Bernice McGowan for the Cricket Club and David Gore and his team for the Hockey Club. Both proved extremely successful and we thank them and any others who helped. The only significant change was the addition of a card machine, organised by Steve Clifford.

There were no major projects during the year, but thanks go, as usual, to Martin and Shane for keeping the grounds in excellent condition. Thanks also to the many club members who gave their time and expertise.

I could not leave this report without mention of Spencer Wilcox, who tragically died following playing a hockey match in London.

In many ways Spencer was the epitome of the Sports Club; certainly it would not be as it is now without his input. His work was phenomenal; working on various committees, liaising with Chelmsford Councils, making links with many sporting groups, organising visiting teams – I could go on.

He has helped me enormously over the years; I'll miss him hugely, as will many of you.

Gill Hickman
Chairman

