



Chairman's Update - December 2020

Hi everyone

This is my last note to you all for 2020 – in many ways a year to forget, but with some memorable moments nonetheless. Earlier this week we held the last committee meeting of the year, and as usual, I wanted to give a quick overview of some of the key points from it.

A Special General Meeting via Zoom Thursday 31 December @ 1600hrs. The purpose of which will be to approve and submit various accounts for recent reporting periods before the end of 2020. They will be available beforehand on request and during the call. Matt Childs (Treasurer) and myself will be available to answer any queries you may have. The login details will be shared in due course on Facebook, WhatsApp and via email.

While discussing the accounts, it's worth noting that we still need to cover a number of standing costs and keep the club afloat, and payment of subscriptions is an important part of that. If for any reason you can't make the payments, please let someone on the committee know and we can discuss various options. It is important for a number of reasons, not least making sure the club and all players are properly insured. The committee also reaffirmed new arrangements for discounted kit and dinner dance tickets for fee paying members – speak to the Club Captain Jim McGiven for more info.

Hopefully, by now many of you will have seen our new website which looks vibrant and refreshed; thanks to our webmaster Richard Benn for the work he's put into this. We will look to further refine this website as we go. What we do need is content so if you have any photos, articles or film we would love for you to share them with the committee to be used.

With regard to getting back to playing, the committee is working through what the new Tier 4 restrictions mean and will communicate this early in the new year.

And finally... if you haven't seen it yet, Surrey County Council recently announced a new fund 'Your Fund Surrey' to support ambitious projects to enhance local communities around the county.



Having registered our interest to develop the Rec and secure a permanent 'home of our own' we believe this represents the best opportunity for the club to achieve this ambitious goal. Some encouraging early conversations have been held with key stakeholders. However, at this stage we need everyone to register and support our expression of interest on the Your Fund interactive Map in 3 steps.

1. Search for our proposal at Byfleet Rec on the interactive map
2. Click on it to register your support
3. Encourage others to do as well – support from local communities will be key to any successful bid for funding

While there is still a long way to go, the current committee believes this represents the best opportunity yet to get a clubhouse of our own.

Finally, I hope as many of you as possible will join us for our usual drinks on the last Tuesday before Christmas (Tuesday 22nd December @ 8pm) – even though it will be Zoom, suitable attire will of course be expected! Details for this will be published shortly.

The only thing that remains is for me, on behalf of the committee and the club to wish all of you, your friends and families, a safe and enjoyable Christmas, and a Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing you all via Zoom for our Christmas and New Year's events, and hopefully in person as we look forward to 2021!

Regards,

Jon Hursthouse

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