# Chairman’s Report – June 2023

**Summary**

After the problems of the last two years where we have struggled with a reduced membership and falling profits, the last year has been promising. A case of consolidating on and achieving the gains of last year.

Again, much credit must go to Mandy and her team who have managed to keep the gains going despite losing a number of key members of staff. In January we lost Kai Roberts and then in April we lost Nicola Whitely the events manger. It proved to be difficult to find experienced candidates, but we do have a recruit starting on 11 July and much of the slack has been met by the existing staff who have excelled.

## Membership

Our membership numbers have continued to fall from 788 at the end of last year to 721 at present. It’s not all doom and gloom though and the number of non-members using our facilities has increased from 2464 to 2792, which has contributed to an increase in revenue.

**Club Facilities**

## We have been forced by circumstances to invest in the structure and facilities at the club. The details below show some of the works we have undertaken and plan to do.

* A recent survey found that the electrical wiring was substandard in many instances and a lot of work needs to be done to bring it up to date.
* The CCTV has been upgraded, but we are still in need of further upgrades as three of the cameras are not in use.
* Some of the floodlights on the 3G football pitches failed, we have replaced and upgraded the floodlights, giving a better performance at lower cost.

## We have finally purchased and installed a new telephone system which allows for much better communication both to customers and between members of staff.

## The gym is undergoing an overhaul. The equipment has been serviced and reupholstered and the ceiling tiles replaced or cleaned. This is only part of the enhancements in the gym as we are looking to further improve the facilities and the members experience. We will announce any future developments, as they occur.

* We will be installing new windows and doors once we have agreed the details with Horsham Football Club. This will have a knock-on effect of reducing our utility bills.
* Ladies’ showers – an undetected leak behind the tiling has caused the tiles to fall off and the walls to become unstable meaning the showers had to be closed for safety reasons. We have sourced quotes to rectify this, and work will be underway shortly.
* New fire doors for the squash courts and snooker rooms – these were unplanned and needed to be replaced for safety reasons.

## Bar prices have remained the same despite two price increases from the suppliers. And we have also added Tetley’s Smooth to the draught drinks available.

**Events**

The Jubilee celebrations proved to be very popular, only to be surpassed by a great Guy Fawkes night.

The monthly quiz nights continue to be a roaring success, the next one for your diary is Friday 7 July. We have seen the return of our band nights along with family events and discos.

**Sports Teams and Facilities**

Congratulations to Holbrook Olympic for winning the Tony Kopp Cup, a great achievement for a newly formed club. The Rugby team also celebrated their 50th anniversary and had a great season with the results.

The tennis continues to pick up, with a special mention to our underage teams who are among the best in Sussex.

Roffey Robins increased the number of teams using our facilities.

Fitness Bootcamp and many circuit classes have reformed and new ones started, making the club so much busier in the evening.

We now have three separate cricket sessions each week– Disability Cricket, Walking Cricket, and Street Cricket along with three netball sessions.

## Change of Directors

Bryn Panther has stepped down from the committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bryn for all the valuable work he has achieved in such a short period of time – his efforts are greatly appreciated.

Michael McGilligan, Peter Baker, Elaine Overington and Becky Hodgson would like to offer themselves for seeking re-election and Kate Rennison will be seeking election to the board.

Finally, a big thanks to all our staff who have not only worked very hard but done so cheerfully, contributing to the overall ambience of the club, which is part of the reason we have had a good year.

Michael McGilligan

The Holbrook Club Chairman