**Summary**

Despite the problems with burgeoning costs there has been much to commend at the Holbrook club since the last AGM.

## Membership

Membership continues to grow – as of 1st May 2025 we have 813 paying members (740 eligible for voting) and 76 non-paying members, (Honorary/14-17-year-olds/Raffle Prize Winners/Staff) (22 eligible for voting) (at the end of 2024 716 paying members and 71 non-paying members). The number of non-members using our facilities has grown by 230 since December 24, which has contributed to an increase in revenue.

**Therefore, the quorate number of eligible voting members required for the AGM which is to be held 7th May 2025 is 15.**

**Club Facilities**

**Cafe**

The café has been an enormous success, with early Friday evening family meals proving to be very popular, as are Saturday afternoons after football and rugby matches.

**Windows and Doors**

We have installed new windows and doors, and these have proved to not only improve the insulation, but they have improved the overall look of the main function area.

**Boilers**

We will be installing new boilers within the next month or so. So not only will we be able to make significant savings on the running costs, but there will be much better temperature control of the space.

**Events**

Guy Fawkes night proved to be the best attended and most successful event we have ever done. A major success and one we will be building on for the next Guy Fawkes night.

**Liverpool Supporter’s Club**

This has proven to be one of the best run regular events in the club. Always very well attended with a great atmosphere, and to be fair they had plenty to cheer for.

**Holbrook Music Festival**

A welcome return to the club in July, with the Blunter Brothers headlining the festival.

**Dog Show**

This year a Dog Show will be held on 5th May - Bank Holiday Monday, with scent and search, agility ring competitions and more and of course a BBQ for the hungry.

**Quiz Nights**

Another extremely popular monthly event demonstrated by the fact that on a recent Friday evening Quiz night we had nineteen teams taking part.

**Sports Teams and Facilities**

**Gym Refurbishment**

## The gym has been renovated and is proving to be a great success, as we have managed to increase gym membership by over 60 new members since it has reopened.

**Hiit Studio**

## The studio has recently been redecorated and rebranded.

**Walking Football**

## Numbers have grown by about 50% for the regular Thursday morning sessions such that we now have split them into two separate sessions. In addition, we also send teams to take part in county wide competitions for both over 60 and over 70 men and women.

**Walking Cricket**

## Doubled the number of regular player and have won the Sussex championship again. We had 3 representatives in the Sussex team that played at Lords. Last year we received an outdoor matting pitch which allows us to play outdoors when the weather allows.

**Football and Rugby**

## Despite terrible weather December to February football and rugby continues to flourish, with Holbrook Olympic Football team winning the league this year. And though the rugby club did not win they were playing in a higher league and have held their own.

**Snooker**

## The snooker tables will be refurbished

**Tennis**

## We continue to provide facilities for regular walking and wheelchair tennis and coaching the next generation of tennis players. New nets have been purchased and will be fitted soon. We are also planning to refurbish the playing surface and are looking to get a loan from the LTA.

**Pickleball**

## From start up in August 24 to over 40 players on our books. Not to mention numerous others using our facilities to play. Officially recognised by Sport England, Pickleball continues to be the fastest growing sport in England.

## Election of Directors

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

Michael McGilligan

The Holbrook Club Chairman