

Chairman's Report

The recently completed season was exciting, competitive and enjoyable, the 1's did by their own admission not quite achieve the results they wanted, the 2's were superb and continue to build a great team. For both they always enjoyed what they were doing and had fun. My thanks to Gary for his coaching and the help he gave at training and on pitchside.

The financial situation we have now is in a much better position, we have reduced the deficit, but we have more to do. A key reduction in our costs was from not offering junior hockey on Sundays, a financial saving certainly but we should look for a way to bring this back as it is a great offering and a future for the club. We are facing a number of headwinds and as you will see are proposing an increase in subscriptions for the coming year. This is as a direct result of the increases we have from England Hockey. We have not raised these for a long time, and I would rather we did not, but there remains a challenge with a club of our size to ensure we cover and keep a tight control of our costs. We have opportunities to grow our other revenue and would be keen to understand if anyone has ideas to help this.

It's not all about the sport, there is a need for social events, thank you Paul Porter for arranging the very enjoyable curry evenings we had during the season. We have another coming up soon with the presentation dinner at the King Arms, if you have not bought tickets please do

The really exciting news that I am delighted to share is the school pitch will be refurbished this summer, this work includes new flood lighting. It is a hockey compliant surface, removing the original proposal for a 4g surface. The news is very recent, so as we learn more we will keep you posted. I hope you will share my excitement at this positive development. This is an enabler for so many things, an opportunity to have a first rate playing surface. A safe environment with good lighting that we can promote as we look to offer junior and senior ladies hockey again.

I must thank my fellow board members, giving up their time to help and guide us to try and do the best for all of us. Thank you Claudia, Chris, Simon, Andrew, Richard, and Ralph. Simon is stepping back from being 1st team captain, and we thank you for the leadership you have given Tring hockey club.

On behalf of the Board, I would also like to pass on my thanks to you all, I said last year I was privileged to call you my friends, that remains true now, it is a great club and thank you for being part of it

Thank you

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