

Chairman's Report 2020

It has to be said that this has been the worst year for training and competing in my memory.

I had anticipated that we would have a full year of training and racing when I moved back from Sydney. Instead we have endured three months of lockdown earlier in the year and now are in the middle of another month of lockdown.

Together with the pool closure at Oundle, we have been struggling to find ways in which we can provide any coached sessions to you. We started coaching running sessions quite recently which were very well attended, however this latest lockdown has meant that any plans we have to continue the running sessions and swimming, whether at Stanground or Oundle, are all on hold.

On a positive note, the coaches have been very keen to continue with the running sessions and we are investigating how we can offer group cycling online. Unfortunately we will have to wait until we have access to either Stanground or Oundle pools before we can let you know what sessions we can support.

I was greatly encouraged to see the support you gave for the running sessions as well as the number of people who remained fully paid up members through this last year.

I had a conversation with the East Midlands representative at the BTF recently and he said that **all** clubs in our region & elsewhere are suffering the same problems as us.

I give a personal vote of thanks to Terry Murphy who has given great service to this club. Terry has decided to step down to pursue other activities in 2021. This does mean that we need to fill two roles on the committee: (1) a COVID-19 Officer and (2) a Race Director.

In spite of all the difficulties we have faced in 2020, I look forward to 2021 and hope that we will be able to operate in some form of normality to provide the training, racing and social activities that are so important to us as a club.

I thank you for your support & look forward to seeing you soon.

Scott McLeod
Chairman