

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of HHCC held on Wednesday 4th December
2019 at Hampton Hill Cricket Club**

Present: 18 voting members of the club

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Phil Carter, Mike Day, Jerry Fallows, Glenn Thomas, Lisa Fullicks, Rob Fullicks, Jit Sian, **Michelle McCarthy**, Michelle Hales, Nally **Fernando**, John Cadogan, Jordan Gomez, Mike Murton, **Nikki Mackinney**, Warren Carr, **Ollie Fallows**, Adam Fahey

2 President's opening remarks

Dave Mackinney addressed the meeting and welcomed everyone. He commented on the poor turn out and voiced his disappointment as while we have a thriving club, bucking the trend of the many struggling clubs around the country, the lack of voices that will be heard tonight, particularly in view of the discussions to come on the future priorities of the club and its facilities will be a shame. He emphasized the need to promote the club as a year round venture, not just April – September and that the club and committee could really benefit from some 'new blood' and a different set of eyes to help the future remain as bright as the last few years have promised. He then emphasized the amount of work that is put into to enable cricket to happen at all and hopes that those not present understand the amount of time and commitment such effort, especially from the committee, takes. He thanked everyone involved behind the scenes for their help then handed over to Steve Fidler as Chairman, to chair the meeting.

3 Minutes of the 2018 AGM

The minutes of the 2018 AGM were accepted.

Proposed Graham Kendall; Seconded: Kevin Rice; Vote: unanimous

4 Honorary Secretary's Report

Membership category	2019	2018
Life	12	10
Playing	73	69
Vic Presidents (incl Hon)	35	38
Colts (incl Kwik cricketers)	299	258
Club members	221	185

Total (excluding trialists and unpaid members) = 640 up from 560 last year.

The committee met 11 times during the year.

This season has felt special for cricket world-wide and the energy, passion and excitement has been felt in our own expanding cricketing community. I will never forget watching the Cricket World Cup final here, with a roomful of experts, doubting, despondent and finally bouncing with ecstasy. It felt like a family affair; the youngsters, glued to their phones early on, then running round the outfield, shirts whirling round their heads. Whilst the more 'mature' tried, as best possible, to avoid flinging too much beer on the floor with raised glasses and celebratory hugs. To me it summed up everything HHCC is becoming on the field too, a bundle of fun, friendship and certainly amongst my children's age groups a band of brothers, and sisters, wanting to be involved and make their own memories.

My part in this season's journey has been to continue to minute the many and varied activities of the Committee – from fixing the boundary fence, ensuring all the Colts are correctly kitted out to the minutiae of legal wranglings with The Royal Parks over everything we wish to achieve! TCC may have hosted a launch party for their new pavilion but, trust me, The Royal Parks are in for a treat when, finally, we ceremonially bring the roller out of our shed for the first time. I am all in favour, and I don't waste alcohol lightly, of a full blown Champagne inauguration! The only plus side, selfishly, is that there is a section of the minutes that I don't have to rewrite every month! Yet!

Sadly, I have also had to record complaints and disputes regarding other clubs' treatment of our players and officials. I am pleased that as a club HHCC refuse to allow such behavior to go unchallenged, and believe that this is upheld by the warm regard our growing junior section has, which in turn reflects on the community of cricketing, and life, experiences at our heart. Together, we have raised £1570 for GOSH and with the help of Ian Exworth this total has risen to £2070. This was raised through the annual Sonny Rodger Charity 6 aside tournament and the hugely enjoyable President's day and Colt's Fun days which are when, as a club, we come together to do what we do best; laugh, eat, drink, chat and cricket!

Continuing our commitment to the community we also welcomed our annual lets, amongst others; The Stragglers, The road runners, The Royal Parks, Lady Eleanor Hollis, HRBYFC,

HHJS, Teddington Rugby Club, Noble Green Wines and Logic School. With a rejuvenated Hampton Hill 'town manager' we hope to strengthen and build on these links to our mutual benefit and encourage you to spread the word and support our local high street who, in turn, care about us and our position within it.

As for next season, I hope that we continue to thrive on the field and I have a party to plan!

SF thanked CR for all her hard work putting everything together for tonight's meeting and throughout the year. All of the officers' reports will be available on the website in the next few days.

5. Report by the Honorary Treasurer

(The Accounts and Balance Sheet are attached at the end of these minutes)

Dave Mackinney reported as follows:

"The Financial Statements have been drawn up from 1st October 2018 to 30 September 2019, and have been audited by David Glynn of Accounting Function Ltd

I can report that we have had another solid year financially, with an Operating Profit of just over £2,200. Although this is down from last year's amazing figure of nearly £11,000, there are reasons for this which will be explained below.

Overall, our income has risen again, by 3% mainly due to another record breaking effort on membership fees, which saw a stunning 14% rise on last year's record figures, mainly due to even more junior participating in cricket at HHCC. A big thank you to all those volunteers, managers, coaches, admin staff who have made our club such a welcoming venue for the local children and their families.

This year we introduced the "1855 Club" whereby local businesses could offer financial support to the club at much lower levels than our main sponsors and enjoy some of the benefits that the club can offer. We had 7 businesses take up this offer, and their contributions are included in the Phoenix Fund figure.

We had 2 new sponsors this year for the juniors, Sandy's Fish Bar and Landscape Artisan and I would like to thank them for their support, along with our senior section club sponsor Russell Cooke and Partners.

After the last couple of years of record bar takings it was too much to expect we would reach even higher levels, but a figure of just over £42,000 is a tremendous effort, and thanks should go to Nikki Mackinney and all of the Bar Staff for their work over the year. Unfortunately due to some unforeseen issues with stock not being sold we were slightly down on our profit margin, being just under 40% against 41.5% last year.

Our Lettings income was slightly down due to a couple of late cancellations, which impacted both the Bar takings and percentage profit, but this should not detract from the job that Lisa Fullicks does in bringing in this valuable stream of income throughout the winter months. It can be a thankless task sometimes but Lisa handles all of our clients like new born babies, with care and consideration.

Match fees are slightly up which is expected as we have had almost a full season of 4 teams on a Saturday and 2 on a Sunday. Many of our juniors are now regular members of these teams which is brilliant for the future of the club, although their weekly match fees are reduced, not the impact on the bank accounts it could be. This, I think you would all agree, is something that the Club are happy to accept.

On the expenditure side, we have a 25% increase due to a number of factors.

The increase of 31% in rent and rates is primarily due to a one-off payment to The Royal Parks in respect of our License, which required amending and we had to pay an additional £2,300 on top of our annual license fee.

The increase in the Pavilion Maintenance relates to the ongoing saga that is the Groundsman's Compound. We have had to spend over £1,600 on fees and set up costs for the commencement of the work, which we hope will start in the very near future (at the time of writing). A special thanks to Kevin Rice for his hard work on this project and his professionalism in dealing with the unique entity that is The Royal Parks.

You will see that we have split the "Cricket Equipment" costs into 3 sections now, Cricket Kit, Coaching Courses and Training.

There are a lot of people to thank for the Club being in the position it is in today, both on and off the field, too many to mention, but I have to say thank you to my fellow committee members for the work they put in throughout the year, most of it unseen by the membership, but without it we would not be in the healthy state we are in now

But we all should know that we must not rest on our laurels, we must continue to improve and grow the club, whilst keeping that family environment that is so important to encouraging new members to our fantastic home.”

A question was asked from the floor regarding the social expenditure. DM confirmed this is for food etc. that is not used /sold **and** for entertainments not covered. He elaborated that the club currently has less of a social calendar than in years gone by and some of the income from events the club is now putting into charitable donations which previously would have been additional funds for the club. Seeing our more comfortable position this has been seen as a commitment to community that the club is building.

KR asked about the 100 Club as questioned if it made a surplus. DM answered that the surplus is shown in the Phoenix Fund figures and accounts for around £2000 pounds. KR suggested that we look into a new initiative in the form of a Sports lottery which allows people to buy tickets and nominate a club to receive funding, which could be an easy way to help boost money coming in for future projects. He reiterated DM's earlier comments that we are doing well against a national picture of breaking even being successful and that even within our borough he is aware of some clubs struggling financially. Whilst we are doing well and should celebrate our success it is important we don't rest on our laurels and continue to ensure the future security of the club and don't get complacent.

SF added that this was another very good set of figures. The bottom line has reduced somewhat from the last few years and Dave has explained some of the reasons for this. A reduction in our cricket clothing stock, should see us return a more substantial profit next year.

The Accounts were then approved.

Proposed: Keith Edwards; Seconded: Graham Kendall; Vote: unanimous

6 Report by the General Manager

Steve Fidler reported as follows:

“From a professional perspective, I'm pleased to say that 2019 did not present the same challenges as the previous 12 months on the ground. Although the summer had its moments, weather-wise, we didn't experience the extremes of last year and on the whole the square held up well.

My thanks to Sean Cummins and Tom Hampton for their work here and at Carlisle Park, respectively. Both had busy summers, with Sean getting married and Tom, with a little help from Rosie, bringing yet another cricketer into the world.

The main issue on the ground was the volume of cricket played, especially in May, June and July and trying to find space for everything. Increased use of Carlisle Park for evening matches and Sunday morning training eased the situation and I've been in discussion with Richmond Council's Head of Sports Development with a view to reinstating the nets to a much higher standard.

The Carlisle Park Cricket Association is also in the process of renewing the lease at Carlisle Park, especially important now that the nursery has ceased trading. There is a possibility of a change of use for the pavilion, with a café being one of the proposals. In the pavilion, bar sales were slightly down on last year. Growth has been rapid in the last five years and it is perhaps inevitable that we have the odd year which doesn't conform to

the trend. The summer held up well, June and July being exceptionally busy. The winter is very dependent on the quantity and quality of lettings. Lisa continues to work tirelessly on running this side of our operation and it remains a valuable income stream. With Teddington Cricket Club opening the doors of its new pavilion, it might well be time for a marketing push of our facilities.

I would also like to thank Carrie Exworth for continuing to keep the club clean and tidy, no mean feat in the face of all this extra activity. Carrie is standing down at the end of the year and we are actively looking for a replacement.

Our matchday catering is the envy of most clubs, with only a few in the entire league able to match it. Thanks to the Oliver family, who were popular and deserving winners of the Johnson Merit Shield for this year. Thanks also to Lisa and several others who stepped in on the rare occasions that the Olivers weren't available.

Nikki Mackinney and her team continue to do a great job on Sunday mornings. Sales from the kitchen contribute greatly to the buffets on President's Day and the Colt's Presentation evening.

It wouldn't be an AGM without a progress report on our storage building and I'm pleased to be able to report some real progress. This time last year we were working through issues regarding the finish on the building with Richmond Borough's planning department and Kevin Rice came up with a solution. The building will be clad in brick "slips" or tiles to make it look similar to the pavilion.

The next hurdle came in the unsurprising form of The Royal Parks who wanted not only a Works Licence but a whole new Licence to Occupy the site. They also wanted us to pick up the legal fees of around £8,000 for drawing up these two documents. Once again the project seemed doomed and once again Kevin came to our aid, along with Nigel Coates who fought our case and got the fees reduced to a more manageable £2,000.

Just as we thought we were ready to go, the Works Licence included a clause that we needed permission from English Heritage – Bushy Park is now a Grade 1 listed park – and Natural England – due to the park being designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Neither body is known for its quick responses but eventually all necessary permissions were granted.

I attended a site meeting with Kevin, Bill Swan from the Royal Parks and our builder Phil Levett on 13th November and this week Phil will start Phase 1 of the project. The concrete base is being laid. Phase 2, the construction, will take place early in the New Year with the brick cladding soon after.

The finances for the project were given a significant boost in April, when London Marathon Charitable Trust awarded us a grant of £13,000 towards the project. The rest will come from our savings with some left over to begin our next project.

SF was asked if the compound would be completed by the start of next season? KR reported that work had begun and weather permitting the first stage, laying the concrete base would happen in the next few days with the build being completed in the new year.

A question was also asked regarding Carlisle Park and the risk of us losing the lease there. SF suggested that this wasn't really a concern as the last lease ran out in 2015 and with the mergers and change of council contractors keeping tables on this kind of thing had been overlooked. The council's interest in putting a café in the pavilion has opened up a new set of negotiations that SF will represent our interests in.

TH reported the dire state of the square, with the school and numerous other users continually undoing the work of the groundsman especially when trying to repair. The square can be roped off with a low barrier but this proves very ineffective. He asked that as part of the negotiations that we should ask for more protection of the pitch and its future

usage from the school, football and other groups. SF hopes to be in a position to make sure these are discussed within the new negotiations.

7 Report by the Welfare Officer

Michelle Hales wrote:

“Across HHCC we now have over 40 members DBS checked. As a Committee last year, we took the decision to ensure that all our Captains/Vice captains were verified as we are starting to see across all our Adult teams that some of our young colts are regularly selected to represent one of the teams. We have focussed on Coaching development and have invested in level 2 coaching courses.

Last year we had 2 minor club incidents which were dealt with through the Club: one internal incident and one incident with another team in the County. All concluded without escalation to the Cricket Board.”

SF added that Michelle is standing down from the Welfare Officer’s role this evening and he would like to take the opportunity to thank her for all her hard work over the last three years. He reported the importance of this unseen but vital role in allowing the club to achieve Clubmark status. He also asked that those in need of DBS be more proactive in getting these started and verified as an easy process has been taking too long and must be seen as a priority. With all Michelle’s hard work we are in a better position currently and we have DBS checks in place for those who need them. He added that Michelle McCartney had also stood down from her role as Deputy Welfare Officer and Colts administrator. Again, he thanked her for all her hard work and the Sunday mornings she has given up to allow the Colts section to be organised and to continue to grow in a safe environment.

8 Report by the Club Captain and Season Review

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DREW	LOST	ABANDONED
Saturday 1 st XI	17	8	5	4	1
Saturday 2 nd XI	16	7	3	6	2
Saturday 3 rd XI	17	8	0	10	1
Saturday 4 th XI	10	3	0	7	3
Sunday Home XI	13	2	0	11	0
Sunday Away XI	14	2	0	12	0

Robert Fullicks, Club Captain, reported as follows:

The 2019 season was another mixed bag. Our first season playing, exclusively, Surrey Championship league cricket ended with all three sides finishing in the top half of their respective tables.

Selection week in week out still isn't as strong as we would like but that's something the selection committee will continue to work on.

The 1st XI finished 4th in division 5 after a very promising start. After winning three of the four early season overs matches they were sitting pretty at the top of the league but then came the nine timed games and the team never really got into those games and with only two wins and two winning draws they had dropped to 5th. The final five overs games saw another three wins which got the 1st XI back up to 4th. Promotion was still possible with five games remaining but alas it evaded HHCC on this occasion.

The 2nd XI also finished 5th in the Surrey Championship Division 5. It was a difficult season with selection again so there was no real chance to make a run for the league. Captain Joe Porter led from the front amassing 675 runs at an average of 45 with a best of 117.

The 3rd XI finished 6th in the Surrey Championship Division 3 West. This was another new league for the 3rd XI and again, selection was the main problem as we believe the 3rd XI are strong enough to really challenge for this division.

The 4th XI played ten games this season and we introduced even more of our older colts to senior cricket. Jerry Fallows with the assistance of Nally Fernando captained the side excellently, giving all the youngsters a chance to develop their cricketing skills and continuing our clubs ethos of developing our youngsters through senior cricket with the aim of moving them into league cricket when they are ready. I hope Jerry will continue this role in 2020 and beyond.

Sunday cricket was once again enjoyed by all that played. Huge thanks to Roger Coates who again captained on a Sunday, got 11 players onto the field every week, scored, umpired and found fixtures when required.

The 1st XI in 2019 entered the Middlesex Cup and were drawn unseeded against some very good Middlesex Clubs all of whom were the equivalent of 4 divisions higher than HHCC. With a win in the first round against Wycombe House, chasing down 221 for the loss of 5 wickets, they drew Osterley in the 2nd round unfortunately coming up 18 short after their 45 overs scoring 233.

If the selection committee are in agreement I think it was a great competition to enter and we should look to take part in 2020 also, challenging ourselves against the "so called" bigger clubs.

The clubs T20 team were knocked out in the 1st round by Hampton Wick, again a team from a higher division. Their overseas player proving the difference scoring 109 of their 186 runs.

The Surrey Slam side won their group and moved through to the knockout stages beating Fazal CC in the quarter finals but coming up 14 short in the semi final against Putney chasing 156 for a place at finals day.

I would like to again express thanks to all of the captains who managed the sides very well this season, some weeks with some tough selection issues. Thanks also to our umpires, scorers and to all the tea ladies and gentlemen who have continued to provide one of the best cricket teas in the League. I

Senior Awards

Harry Hall Batting – Joe Porter 748 @41.56
Nigel Coates League Batting – Joe Porter 675 @ 45
Skim Carroll Bowling – Paul Metcalfe 42 @ 13.93
Mike Crane League Bowling – Umakant Saraswat 33 @ 11.24
Pete Cullinan Best Bowling – Umakant Saraswat 7 for 31 v Maori Oxshott
Carr Hurst All Rounder – Sam Fullicks 40 wickets – 633 runs – 14 catches – 1 stumpings – 2 run out
Udal Raine Young Performance – Sam Fullicks 57 v Old Emanuel (1st XI League)
Ian Greenaway Team Player – Adam Oliver
Player of the Year – Joe Porter
Johnson Merit Shield – The Oliver Family
Nelson Stanley Trophy – (No Fixture)
Anil Patel Cup – Teddington Town
Sonny Rogers 6 a'side Cup – Streass's Sixers and Turnham Green (TIED)
Club Captains Player – Jerry Fallows
1st XI Captains Player – James Newton-Savage
2nd XI Captains Player – Umakant Saraswat
3rd XI Captains Player – Ajmal Bhatti
4th XI Captains Player – Jamie Hillier
Sunday Captains Player – Martin Rutherford

Centurians

Joe Porter – 117 v Alleyn
Rob Fullicks – 107 v Weybridge Vandals

5 Wicket Hauls

Sam Fullicks
5 for 31 v Old Hamptonians Lion Cubs
5 for 21 v Barnes Stormers
5 for 31 v Stoke Newington Stokes Bears

Paul Metcalfe
5 for 22 v Egham
6 for 35 v Alleyn
5 for 32 v Weybridge Vandals

Umakant Saraswat
7 for 31 v Maori Oxshott
6 for 43 v SinjunGrammarians

Jack Fullicks – 5 for 29 v London Theatres
Tahir Butt – 5 for 5 v Byfleet

Pete Zonenveld – 5 for 224 v Pinkneys Green
Josh Fitzpatrick – 5 for 25 v St James
Adam Rutherford – 5 for 34 v Sanford

SF explained that there were discussions about potential changes in playing conditions which would affect the 1st XI by introducing tier 2 conditions for limited overs matches in Division 5. He reported that RF was not too keen due to the lack of umpires but asked those players present for their opinions. He reported that the league were only looking to implement the changes should 8/10 per league be happy with it.

The general feeling in the room was positive as it kept the rules simple and JP reported that most games had been played that way last season anyway which SF agreed was a mistake by the league. TH added that all the friendlies used those rules so to adopt them for the season wouldn't be a problem. There was a query over the free hit rule which would need clarification too. SF suggested he talk to our umpires and gather the views of some other players not present before reporting back to the league. He will bring to the committee to confirm the decision before he replies.

JUNIOR CRICKET:

Dave Mackinney Youth Cricket Manager reports

"I reported last year that we were getting more and more kids playing cricket and how wonderful it was whilst it lasted, and again we are seeing even more juniors joining us and playing the game, and that was even before the World Cup and Ashes excitement. Long may it continue.

We had 150 KWIK and U9 cricketers sign up this season making Sunday mornings a sea of youngsters with bats and balls, all dressed in the **Landscape Artisan** sponsored shirts. Of those we had 80 of them join us for the first time. We are the envy of many a club in our local area.

The Hard Ball cricketers also increased in number, with a total of 150 kids playing competitive cricket from U10 up to U17. We had a total of 9 teams, a record for this club, and all were competitive in their own way, all the while focussing in inclusivity for all. We played over 80 games (after weather and concessions) and would like to thanks **Sandy's Fishmongers** for their generous match ball sponsorship. A special mention to the U12s and U13s who both won their respective MCA South Division titles.

As is our goal, we are seeing more and more juniors playing in senior games, ranging from Sam Fullicks in our League 1st team, to U13 Rory Gordon playing in our now permanent Saturday 4th X1. Not to forget Josh Fitzpatrick who took 5 wickets in his first senior game. Hopefully, their exploits will encourage more to want to play weekend senior cricket and grow our club even more.

We have had both boys and girls selected for representative cricket. We had 3 girls attend U10 Middx South trials, Connie Stevenson, Heidi Mason and Aditi Sahoo, with Aditi being selected for the Winter Squad.

On the boys' side, Alex Penny Kemp (U10), Daniel Mackinney (U12) and Adam Mackinney (U14) all represented Richmond Borough and all were selected for regional trials.

We have had another 4 coaches obtain UKCCC2 Level 2 qualification (Jit Sian, Mark Broad, Simon Ogden and Olly Myles) with 5 more attending the Helpers course.

We would not be in this situation without the hard work of the Coaches and Helpers both on a Sunday morning and in our midweek games. I personally would like to thank them all

for their efforts and passion, which infects the kids to want them to achieve more, all with a smile on their face.

I would also like to thank our Junior section sponsors Landscape Artisan and Sandy's Fishmongers, whose financial support has been invaluable.

Finally I would like to thank all of their parents who take time to ensure their children get to cricket on time, with the correct kit, who support them throughout training and matches, and who have bought into the HHCC Family ethos."

IE added that he had been to a meeting about the ECB Dynamo programme which follows on from the All Stars that we currently cater for.

He thanked the 20 or so coaches who allow the Kwik and Colts sections to run so smoothly.

IE also brought up the successful women and ladies day that we hosted this summer with 16 invited girls teams and 45 women and girls who came to participate. We plan to host the event again this year with a date TBC.

9 Report by the Chairman

Steve Fidler reported as follows:

"Listening to the Officer's Reports and seeing some of the facts and figures from this evening, it's clear that Hampton Hill Cricket Club is no longer a small club in a corner of Bushy Park. According to a recent survey in The Cricketer magazine, regularly putting out four teams on a Saturday places us in the top 18% of clubs, with only 5% also running two Sunday sides. In terms of junior membership, we are in the top 3% nationally.

This is at a time when participation in cricket and a lot of other sports is declining.

We have a sound financial model with income increasing year on year and our reputation as a club that consistently gets things right is growing both inside and outside of the cricketing community.

We do have issues to resolve, not least a lack of space and practice facilities to cater for our continued growth. We are, however, in a great position to make the necessary improvements and we will open up a discussion on that shortly.

On the playing side, 2019 was a season of consolidation for our senior teams. The 1st XI more than held their own in a first-ever season in the Surrey Championship, finishing 4th in Division 5, just 16 points from the 2nd promotion place.

Most notably, some outstanding performances from our young cricketers, including Sam Fullicks winning the all-rounders trophy. I'm sure it will be the first of many such awards. Junior cricket continues to thrive, with more teams playing more matches than ever before. The total number of games, senior and junior, exceeded 200, which takes a lot of organising. We are very fortunate to have a group of highly committed individuals running our cricket operation. None more so than our Club Captain, Rob Fullicks, who spends a huge amount of time during the summer, collating availability, selecting teams and making sure that they all take the field.

Playing numbers have risen, allowing more 4th XI fixtures to take place. This is a key area as it allows us to integrate more of our juniors into the senior teams. We will continue to work on player recruitment as well as trying to attract more umpires and scorers. Thanks to all those who have carried out those tasks this year but we still need a few more. The Association of Cricket Officials run courses throughout the winter for umpiring and scoring and our President is presenting a short course on digital scoring in the new year.

We have a very strong committee but we also have a number of posts to fill this evening. Michelle Hales is standing down from her role as Welfare Officer after 3 years and Michelle McCartney, who has been Assistant Welfare Officer and Colts Administrator for several years. These are roles we must fill as they are a pre-requisite of our Clubmark accreditation.

I would like to thank some of our sponsors. Russell-Cooke sponsored our senior cricket once again and Landscape Artisan sponsored playing shirts for our juniors and polo shirts for our Kwik cricketers. Sandys Fishmongers sponsored all of the colts match balls for 2019 and we launched our 1855 Club, with seven local businesses taking part.

We had another successful Ex-Players Day in June when Martin Cullinan and Gerry Udal became the latest inductees to our Hall of Fame. The event will take place on 20th June in 2020 when the 1st XI host Thames Ditton.

I'd like to conclude with a special mention of one of our longest-serving members. It's fair to say that this gentleman's career hasn't been littered with centuries or five-wicket hauls, but his unique style is instantly recognisable. The slow, deliberate walk from the boundary to the crease, the woodpecker-like pounding of the ground as he takes guard and eventually, the low, hunched stance will long be remembered by teammates and opponents alike. If there were any less observant players or spectators who hadn't noticed him during either innings, they will surely have done so in the 25 minutes or so in between. The tea interval is one area of the game where he has few peers.

I'm talking, of course, about my good friend Graham Kendall, who joined the club way back in 1974 and had played every season since, until 2019, when an eye problem kept him on the sidelines. Graham's treatment has involved injections, the thought of which, I'm sure, will make more than just HIS eyes water. He assures me that he will be doing everything he can to return to action, ironically for the 2020 season.

Graham has played continuously for the club for 45 years, scoring many 50's - including one as recently as 2018 - keeping wicket and captaining the 2nd XI for several seasons in the 1980's. He has made significant contributions to the club's fundraising efforts, most recently the defibrillator unit we acquired last year.

I'd like to ask Graham to come forward and accept a Chairman's Special Recognition Medal for his outstanding service to this club."

Graham's honour was greeted by much applause from the room.

10. Future Facilities Projects.

SF introduced the discussion explaining that these fall, broadly, into three categories and that he would like to establish our priorities.

i) Improvements to the outfield.

SF confirmed he had asked a contractor last winter to carry out a survey of the outfield, to establish if it could be levelled without importing a large amount of soil. The answer was encouraging and the price quoted, including VAT, was £35,000.

This would be achievable relatively quickly, with further help from grants. Realistically, I would be confident that funding would be available for at least this project by the end of the 2021 season.

From a practical point of view, levelling work on the outfield would need to be done before, or at least at the same time, as any further non-turf pitches.

A question from the floor asked if it would be done in the same way as TTCC which had begun to revert to its previous undulating state. SF said that there is no guarantee that the outfield won't revert over time however it would be achieved in a different and more effective way so this should not be a problem, He stated the works would take place in a close season which should allow enough time for the project to be completed before the next season began. He also pointed out that the outfield would become prohibitive if we want to continue to move up through the divisions, not being suitable for anything higher than division 4.

ii) Better practice facilities

RF and JNS have been looking at ways of increasing the net availability at HHCC using drop in nets alongside the roll out one to create a 3 lane set up. **It was also proposed that a second smaller pitch/ Astro turf strip be added in the left hand corner by the entrance to the Park. The dimensions of U9 and U10 Cricket meant that it would not impact on the main square and would allow training in the net facilities and on the square whilst games are being played on the new pitch. It would be positioned close enough to the pavilion to allow the parents to enjoy / buy drinks whilst watching their children.**

These plans were costed by Ram at around £32K but would allow for the whole club to benefit from regular nets practice and allow for the capacity of the Colts to continue to grow. It was generally agreed that the ability to have multiple nets and training capacity would benefit the entire club and its future and should be seen as the priority. As SF had already alluded to, work on levelling the outfield would need to be built in to allow this aspect to be properly managed.

iii) Extra space for continued expansion.

IE started this part of the discussion about the need for immediate extra space to allow the Colts to develop while longer term projects were planned. He has suggested using the Flick wickets on the football pitches by the main gate at Bushy to allow for more training space as the square has a Colts game booked on every Sunday. SF from HRBYFC had given him the parks contact details and he agreed to get in touch and get the ball rolling on this.

KR suggested the possibility of booking HW nets as they have less teams and could possibly accommodate us. He also suggested looking into schools although it seems most have lost their nets if they had any.

As part of the discussions on CP the renewal of the nets there was brought up with the council interested in doing this. KR didn't think there was money in the budget for this. TH asked about why we hadn't been involved in the nets that are currently there and SF replied that the nets they put up were cheap and did not meet the recommended standard to allow club insurance to cover the use of them so it wasn't worthwhile us helping towards them. Should replacements be looked into by the Borough SF would offer advice and whilst in negotiations for the lease should any advantageous outcomes be possible he would bring to the committee.

SF advised that to do it all we would be looking at £75-80,000 project to do it all which with grants, crowd funding etc. would not be unachievable over a couple of years. He suggested a sub committee consisting of RF and JNS and IE and another person from the youth section to look into this further reporting to the main committee and beginning to move the project and its funding forward when a viable plan in place.

In summary the nets look like the priority with outfield work to allow this. IE to approach TRP with a view to using the extra football pitch space from this season.

11 Election of Officers for 2019

As last year, can we assume that the incumbent is willing to stand, unless stated and that they have been proposed and seconded by other members of the committee.

COMMITTEE POST	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
President	D Mackinney	Steve Fidler	Keith Edwards
Treasurer	D Mackinney	By committee	By committee
Hon Secretary	C. Rance	By committee	By committee
Club Captain	R. Fullicks	By committee	By committee
Colts Administrator			
Fixture Secretary	G Thomas	By committee	By committee
Social Secretary	Will Smith	Steve Fidler	Liam Weeks
General Manager	S Fidler	By committee	By committee
Building Manager			
Publicity Manager	Jit Sian	By committee	By committee
Catering Manager	L Fullicks	By committee	By committee
Youth Cricket Manager	D. Mackinney	By committee	By committee
Welfare Officer	Ria Fleming	Ian Exworth	Dave MacKinney
Community Liaison Officer			
NON-COMMITTEE ROLES			
Cricket Development Officer	James Newton Savage	Steve Fidler	Tom Hampton
Sat 1 XI Captain			
Sat 2 XI Captain	Joe Porter	Rob Fullicks	Dave Mackinney
Sat 1 XI Vice Captain			
Sat 2 XI Vice Captain	Jon Cadogan	Joe Porter	Dave Mackinney
Sat 3 XI Captain	Adam Fahey.	Will Smith	Ian Exworth
Sat 3 XI Vice Captain	Will Smith	Dave MacKinney	Steve Fidler
Sunday Pool Captain	Roger Coates		
4th XI Captain	Jerry Fallows & Nally Fernando		
Bar Manager	Nikki Mackinney	By committee	By committee

12 Subscriptions for 2020

The Committee had proposed no change to subscriptions for the coming year. The Subscriptions for 2020 will therefore be:

Playing member	£170 (but £130 for 'early bird' payment)*
Vice President	£60
Club Membership	£50 (social membership and compulsory for at least one Colt parent)
OAP	£20
Colts	£60 Hard Ball £35 Kwik Cricket

*50% discount for students

Match fees will continue to be decided by the selection committee.

13 Any other business

JE asked if we were allowed to trim and maintain the area of grass 'dead space' between the pavilion and the compound as a good possible place for families and kids to play on a Sunday afternoon. SF replied that it is an area included in our license and he can't see any problem with it being trimmed and tidied up. DM agreed but warned that the deer get first dibs!

SF said the SC AGM is on 20/1/20 and he will report back to the committee on any changes in regulations.

SCF club conference is 28/3/19 and may be worth the facilities sub committee attending.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.15pm.