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Chairperson's Report.

It's been an intersting 12 months. Perhaps not quite as challenging in some ways as 2020 with almost everything locked down and precious little going on. We did at least get back to some badminton in 2021.

While we are seeing fewer players than before the pandemic in some sessions, the club still appears to be on a good footing and remains very popular. I'm pleased to note that we have many helpers for the earlier sessions each Wednesday. My apologies to the committee and to the parents that I can rarely make it to coach at those sessions.

Our recent club Christmas party was not particularly well attended but the circumstances are understandable with countrywide reticence at that time about the possibility of another lockdown over the festive period.

Fortunately, that did not happen. And with the latest announcement from the Government regarding a near total relaxation of Covid rules and guidelines, I think we can look forward to the club continuing as a strong local institution – for that's what I believe it has become.

Sometimes little things make a difference. We now have our own secure storage area for equipment, which makes the lives of the coaches and organisers a touch easier. We also have new nets and weights to secure the posts in position and the nets at regulation height. It's good to do things properly.

It's also pleasing to see the large majority of players wearing the club kit. I think this justifies the expense of providing those garments at no additional cost.

I know I've mentioned this at least once before, but I would like to reiterate the good relationship that Ray has fostered with the Leisure Centre's management team and commend him on that. We now enjoy very good support from the Centre staff.

I'd like to finish by thanking all members of the committee for their voluntary duties to the club. Your time and effort is hugely appreciated. Thank you.

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Steve Chapman

Club Chairman