# Chairman’s Report – May 2024

**Summary**

We continue to make progress but cannot take our foot off the accelerator yet.

New people, Liane Orem, Lauren etc…… have arrived and are making a big difference to the running of the club.

## Which has enabled us to get so many more things done. Overall the management of the club is in excellent hands and has recently been improved with Nicola coming back into the fold.

## Membership

Our membership numbers have …………… ???? at the end of last year to ??? at present.

the number of non-members using our facilities has …………. from ???? to ?????, which has contributed to an increase in revenue.

Up/Down from last year. (Mandy can you give details)

**Kitchen**

We have at last been able to get the kitchen working. Lauren has taken over the running of the Kitchen and has produced a remarkably good menu, one that I can personally vouch for. The food is delicious and well worth the visit.

**Club Facilities**

New windows and doors have been installed in the main area of the club. This was paid for by the money released to us by HFC. Not only is the visual impact appealing but we will reap the benefit over the next few years, especially during winter when the losses will be greatly reduced.

We have been planning to improve the gym. And we still intend to do so. The overall situation is that as the expense is significant we will have to do more work by way of investigating the best value for money. In the meantime, we have upgraded most of the equipment in the gym by going to a different supplier.

**Events**

An enormous amount of effort has been put into this and it has been very successful as you will have heard mentioned in the Treasurer’s report.

(Mandy can you give details of events we’ve had and big events to come.)

**Sports Teams and Facilities**

**THC Rugby team** took the opportunity to play in a higher league and while the games were tougher they held it together and were able to consolidate their position after a poor start to the season. This includes winning the Sussex RFU Junior Salver, a brilliant achievement.

Football

**Holbrook Olympic** won their division and will now play in West Sussex Div ?

The 2ndteam

Tennis continues to do well especially with the up and coming players.

(Mandy I’ll talk to Mike and get some details here)

**Pickleball**

A variant of tennis that is able to be play indoors on a badminton court. Phenomenally popular in the USA where it has gone from being a pastime to a major sport in just a few years. Its popularity is largely due to newcomers to the game being able to pick it up very quickly and able to enjoy playing competitively after only a few hours of practice.

We have had a number of taster sessions which proved particularly popular, we will be holding more with the view to expanding the availability of the game over the next few months.

## Election of Directors

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

Finally, a big thanks to all our staff who have not only worked very hard but done so cheerfully, contributing to the overall ambience of the club, which is part of the reason we have had a good year.

Michael McGilligan

The Holbrook Club Chairman