



HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (CAMELOT) RUFC

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Presidents Report

The 2020/2021 season was unprecedented in our 100-year history. Our committee and staff had to deal with many challenges that Covid-19 brought about.

I am proud of the way that we came together as a club to overcome the issues we faced to give our senior and junior teams at least some rugby this year, as well as injecting much needed funds to keep our club afloat.

From my perspective, I have been at this Club for approximately 30 years, so of course I wasn't around at the very beginning, but I am well aware of the sacrifices that many founding members made and the blood, sweat and tears that they poured into establishing this Club.

As a Club, we owe a great debt to those founding members, as they were the individuals who had the vision, the faith and the know how to get our Club going, something that was no doubt done with numerous personal sacrifices. And I think that their foresight paved the way for us as a Club and established some very strong work ethics for the countless volunteers that have followed in their path, to help create what is now considered to be one of the strongest Clubs in Hertfordshire.

When I look around this club, I see many, many people who have helped to make our Club what it is today. I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your contribution. They say it takes a village to raise a child, well I say, it takes a community to grow a rugby club.

I am very proud to be part of the Hemel Hempstead (Camelot) community. I am probably most proud by the opportunity that this Club has provided to thousands of adults, children, youth and adults by allowing them to play rugby over the last 100 years

Rugby Union is a great leveller – it teaches us many things. It teaches us about hard work, respect and teamwork. It teaches us about adversity, but it can bring us overwhelming joy – like when your team wins a game on the final whistle. It creates lifelong friendships, sometimes even marriages but most importantly it's about having a place where kids can play rugby union

I know I am, and I'm sure many before me have only really wanted one thing out of our involvement at this Club – and that is to have a place where anyone can play rugby, to have a place where we can create new friends and to maybe have a place to relax and enjoy a drink or two.

I think we've done that and I'm pretty sure that we'll be around for a little while yet. So, on behalf of our great Club A huge thanks to everyone that's ever contributed to our Club for the last 100 years, but also to the next 100 years.

Club President
Toni Massa

Chairman's Report

I'm sat here thinking about my first full year in the role of Chairman. To say it's been a challenge is somewhat of an understatement. The impact of Covid on all of us and our Rugby Club has been wide ranging. Once lockdowns were implemented and business as usual became impossible we had to react as a Rugby club. Two overriding demands on the Exec Committee became, ensuring the future financial viability of the club and secondly ensuring we protected and kept safe our members.

Financially we're in a strong position, having successfully made use of the various Government and RFU grant scheme's – thanks to Vinod and Charles for their efforts in this area. Thanks must also go to all our club sponsors for their continued support. Finally, thanks to the wider membership and families; not only paying the social membership fees but participating and donating to the "Run Camelot Run" event. Thanks to Aled, Ross and the first team squad for driving this, I'm immensely proud to be part of a club that can pull this off - not only bring in much needed funds to the club but at the same time helping the Hospice of St. Francis whilst bringing a much-needed sense of camaraderie across the membership during this difficult time.

In between the various stages of lockdown, we had periods where "Rugby" was allowed, not the full game we all know and love, but something was better than nothing. Thanks to everyone involved in the planning of this return and to our coaches and volunteers within the various sections who took the time and effort to ensure we did this in Covid safe and risk adverse manner. Again, another moment of pride in adversity was walking round the club on that first Sunday morning back pitch side, seeing the enjoyment and endless smiles of our young players, the parents and the coaching teams, just getting back to a bit of normality.

We have taken this opportunity of the clubhouse being closed to re-fit the kitchen. Wading through the various regulatory requirements and securing the various trades we needed when they have been busier than ever are just some of the challenges we have faced. It's taken way longer and required far more effort than any of us could have envisaged at the outset. Thanks to all of those who've helped over the duration of the project. Now we are in the final snagging stage of the project I look forward to seeing it put to good use in the coming season.

Looking forward to the new season we have as an Exec prioritised several other capital projects. These include fitting replacement rugby posts on the up and down pitch – the posts have arrived we are now just waiting on the concrete being available to install them. We have also prioritised plans to upgrade the floodlight offering on that pitch; we've found our supplier and now just getting the necessary consents needed to progress. This is a much-needed project as the demands on our floodlit pitch space grows continue to grow with up to 350 players per week across all sections of the club making use of the facilities.

On the playing front we are all keeping our fingers crossed that nothing impedes the start of the new season with full rugby being the offering. With fixtures back on the agenda we're looking forward to paying our respects and tributes to club stalwart Joe Weed who sadly passed away during lockdown. More details to follow in due course.

With the future in mind one last request to all members; in order to move these projects forward at the pace we'd like and to meet the regulatory demands placed upon us as a club, we simply need more help and therefore more volunteers.

If you can spare any time, as little as 30 minutes per week would help us, please volunteer. Please come and talk to any of member of the committee and we will happily workout how your skills and knowledge can best help us.

I'm looking forward to seeing where we can take the club in the next few years. Let's stay safe and work together as one to take this great club forward.

Here's to Camelot!

Nick Hoyes
Hon. Chairman

Finance Report

Having joined the committee in October 2020, at the peak of financial uncertainty, the job of Club Treasurer was made much easier with the creation of the new finance subcommittee the same month.

With continuing restrictions in October and no end in sight to the pandemic, the creation of the Finance Subcommittee was part of the Executive Committees strategy of close fiscal management. Consisting of Nick, Charles and our bookkeeper, Vicky Martin, we met monthly to forensically examine expenditure, look for further savings and efficiencies as well as opportunities for grants. For the first time, the club monitored its profit and loss (P&L), monthly, enabling us to make sensible decisions based on realistic forecasts. Four pairs of eyes are certainly better than one!

The P&L and associated financial forecasts revealed the folly of opening during the summer (July & August) of 2020 and directly informed the shape of our 2021 reopening plans.

Crucially, the P&L enabled us to successfully apply (within the very narrow 10-day window) to the Rugby Union Winter Survival Fund (RUWSF) – making us one of only 6 clubs in Hertfordshire able to do so and I am delighted to report that we received the maximum award of £50,000. A very unusual grant process in that it is specifically designed to cover cashflow (operating expenses) rather than capital projects and despite the “strings” it comes with, the RUWSF leaves the club in a fantastic position from which to begin the 2021-22 season.

Additionally, the forecasting work undertaken by the finance committee enabled the following;

- Establishment of a budget for rugby
- Complete the (significantly expanded) kitchen renovation project
- Approve the budget for the renovation of the patio (not begun yet)
- Approve c. £30,000 of spending on a major overfall, refit and expansion of the clubs floodlights
- Allocation of money from gift aid, Run, Camelot, Run.. fundraiser, local grants and other donations to various projects

I must give thanks to Chris and Ruth Topping, who’s previous hard work meant the club was left in a financially stable position going into the pandemic, their brilliant “bible” handover book and procedures which enabled the Finance Committee to focus on the most important matters.

Our business year ended on July 31st and I am pleased to present our draft final P&L to the membership. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view.

Unfortunately, my work commitments have evolved to a point where I am unable to continue in the role of Club Treasurer and will step down as of the AGM. I will support whoever is my replacement by way of a thorough handover and I’m pleased to be able to pass on a robust financial legacy following a very challenging period in the club’s history.

Mr Vinod Thayil
Hon Dir. Finance

Secretary's Report

Not since World War II has the club and society at large seen such disruption and uncertainty. With 18-months of shut-downs and interruptions behind us we can perhaps dare to believe that "normal" is just around the corner.

Leagues have been published. A return to the full 15-a-side version of the game has been given the go-ahead and we even have a season start date. But, casting our minds back to the 2020 (virtual) AGM, when indoor gatherings were banned, the world looked a very different place and so it feels all the sweeter to be able to sit in front of the membership, in real life (rather than virtual) on August 18th, not least because this committee has accomplished so much under the most unusual of circumstances.

Since September's AGM, I am pleased to report that the committee has met regularly over zoom (face to face for the first time on June 24th) and, having already successfully wrestled with the new and ever-changing stipulations of furlough, QR-codes, Track & Trace et al have been able to focus on preparing the club for the moment restrictions are lifted – i.e. now.

In a "normal" year, the task of a Club Secretary is usually confined to matters of governance, legal, membership etc. and liaison with key stakeholders such as the RFU and the Constituent Body (Herts RFU), landowners (Dacorum Borough Council and Boxmoor Trust) and connected parties and organisations. Needless to say, this hasn't been a normal year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members, for their continued support which has made my life easier. I would also like to praise new committee members – Mike Killeen and Ross Merrett for rising to the occasion and overcoming their baptisms of fire!

I would also like to take a moment to thank two outgoing members of the committee.

Vinod Thayil was parachuted into the committee to provide a firm hand on the financial tiller last year, a job he did very well in the clubs' hour of need. We wish him well for the future as his work takes him overseas.

Tony Browett has been part of the club for so long that I expect that we will need to unscrew him from the wall! As a player, captain, coach and most recently as Director of Senior Rugby alongside Richard, the committee will miss Tony's experience and candour as he steps aside to focus on other ventures. I suspect (and hope) this isn't the last we have seen of Mr B!

Thankyous & acknowledgements

Ensuring we all have a club to return to is not solely down to the work of the committee. Many of our members gave their time freely with several acting under their own initiative to promote the club or ensure the clubhouse and its environs remained clean, tidy and serviceable.

Despite the restrictions, the club was able to press ahead with several internal and external projects, including, the kitchen renovation, undergrowth clearance and removal of storm-damaged/ unsafe posts on the up and down pitch.

The club would like to offer particular thanks to the following members who contributed to these and other projects over the course of the last 12-months:

Matt Bennett	Joe Cox	Daniel O'Brien
Cory Chambers	Mark Chambers	Sam Aitken
Jordan Fleet	Dan Baillie	Iain Baillie
Barney Browne	Barry Thorne	Chris Cullen
Jonathan Bates	Aidan Walsh	John Gunston
Jamie McKenzie	Jordan Malpass	Jon Kirby
Aled Gamble	Bill Jahn	Les Long
Andy Curtain	George Jackson	Daniel Thompson
Ian Hill	Dean Nixon	Tess Garside
Andy Jackson	Nino Massa	Paul Adde
Chris Topping	Jamie Beck	Scott Nixon
Kevin Boylan	Scott Taylor	

I would particularly like to single out the endeavours of Cory Chambers for his dogged work on the kitchen. Cory gave many unpaid hours to this project and was critical in keeping the project on track and ultimately seeing it through to its completion.

The omni-present threat of new lockdowns and ever-changing restrictions made stocking the bar a real challenge – too much stock and we could lose out financially, too little and our members wouldn't hesitate to let us know! The various phases of reopening were managed masterfully by Lynn Massa and her bar team, and I would like to pass on the gratitude of the committee.

Similarly, when allowed, Becca Fuller (shop-manager) and Chelsea Riches (Club Safeguarding Officer) brought some sense of "normal" back to Sundays. Thank you to both for your efforts this last 12-months and for agreeing to continue.

With thanks too to Noel James who continues as draw-master for the Club Lottery – Camelot 2000 – please do email secretary@camelotrfc.co.uk for information about the lottery. I was also heartened to see an e-mail from our International Match Tickets Secretary, Jon Clapham regarding Autumn International Tickets – things are beginning to feel a little bit normal!

Land-swap and Lease Negotiations

With thanks to Chris Topping and Alan Chowles for their continued perseverance with the (i) ongoing negotiations around the lease on the Council Pitches and (ii) the detail surrounding the proposed land-swap – an important precursor to the club getting a new clubhouse.

I am pleased to report that despite slowing due to COVID, matters progress satisfactorily and we expect the new (75-year) lease agreement (council pitches) to be signed imminently. The remaining obstacles regarding the land swap also appear to have been overcome and the committee expects agreements to be finalised in the coming weeks.

Separately, I am in discussions with DBC to finalise the T&C's for maintenance of the car park, specifically line-marking, drainage (incl. maintenance of the rainwater interceptors) and with DBC and Boxmoor Trust to agree a strategy to mitigate dog-faeces on our playing surfaces, which has become a big issue due to increased use by dog-walkers during lockdown.

Web-shop & Gift Aid

With much of the real world in various stages of lockdown we were keen to explore every avenue possible to generate revenue and this meant looking online.

Following a protracted application to HMRC, the club received authorisation to receive payments via Gift Aid which we launched to our members in December. A big thank you to the following members for contributing over £2,500 via Gift Aid. This money formed part of the £20,000 budget for the kitchen renovation project:

Roger Hopkins
Jonathan Clapham
Gordan Moore
Alan Powell

Bill Jahn
Tim Powell
Mike Waterhouse
Michael Kirk

Peter Jeffrey
Paul Frost
Richard Mayhew

The available options for Gift Aid can be viewed [HERE](#).

Providing a wide range of clothing and merchandising, the club shop moved online in January and can be viewed [HERE](#). To all those members of the 3rd XV squad who have made a pastime of asking me when the shop is open, I can legitimately say it is now open 24/7!

The web-shop and Gift Aid are two legacies of COVID which I pleased to confirm will remain going forward.

Membership Subscriptions

The membership may recall that the club took the pragmatic position of adopting a two-tier plan for subs in the 2020-21 season. In the absence of any clear direction as to whether there would be any rugby, competitive or otherwise during the 2020-21 season, the club invited members to pay social subs (£35) with an “Early-Bird” option of £150 for those wishing to help the club. Almost 350 of our members took up either option and I would like to thank our members for their incredible support – several of whom bought subs more than once or donated via gift aid too.

Tier 2 was to be a balancing payment depending on how much rugby we could offer. In the end we took the decision not to push this button due to the restrictive return to rugby available and our successful application to the RUWSF (see Vinod’s finance report), which took pressure off club reserves.

Conversations with other clubs would suggest that this approach appears to have been more successful than those who either levied full subs for 2020-21 or elected to charge nothing.

For the season ahead, a new range of subs have been designed, including a NEW family membership option, Student Membership, and packages to support two new sections of our club – Camelot Cubs (age 3-5) and Camelot Jesters. The finer details are just being worked out and we expect to publish information of the new subs package by the end of August.

So, what's next?

Although COVID has brought the club (and community) together in some ways, it has also divided it in others.

Staggered Sunday-training times, a closed clubhouse and no rugby meant that a vital part of rugby culture has been missed for 18 months. In fact, we have two age groups who have never even set foot inside the clubhouse! What is going to be important next season is focusing on bringing the club (back) together – BBQs, fireworks, fun-days, club luncheons etc. with this in mind projects are underway:

- To enhance the rugby offering by significantly upgrading the floodlights.
- To provide a Sunday option for younger children (from age 3) in the form of Camelot Cubs.
- To include our sister-code of touch-rugby beneath the Camelot umbrella by formally receiving Camelot Jesters to become a team within the club.
- To plan open-days, fun day's, BBQs for the children, families, and seniors to resurrect the Camelot spirit and who knows, maybe several of those cancelled-centenary events might reappear!
- To use the new kitchen to maximum potential with new menus and opening times.

A key part of the culture of a club is its history and with this in mind I am pleased to announce that with the assistance of Boxmoor Framing Gallery, a significant renovation project is underway to restore and re-mount 30 items of memorabilia from across the ages much of which has been in storage for 20 years. Additionally, the Committee has agreed to rename the back bar in honour of our beloved late President, Joe Weed and new plaques will follow for Joe and also Jack Marshall shortly.

If I can finish by echoing what Nick has said about volunteering. We are an amateur community sports club – the key words there being amateur and community. Please do think about what you might be able to offer our wonderful club, what skills or experience you might have which you might be willing to share. A list of key vacancies can be found [HERE](#) but this list is far from exhaustive and so if you would like to help, please feel free to contact Nick or I or any member of the committee.

Mr Charles Riches
Hon. Secretary

Senior Rugby Report

This time last year we started our report by saying how strange it was to write a report with preseason training already started and the 1st XV League games due to start in November 2020. This year it is even stranger writing a rugby report; no league or merit table games occurred in the 2020/21 season for obvious reasons and preseason is again under way for the much-anticipated 2021/22 season. Full league and merit table fixtures are available on the club website.

We would like to acknowledge our Senior Club Coach Sam Townsend's enthusiasm and commitment to the 'Club' during this season. Sam always sees the positive side of everything rugby and this has been vital during such a disrupted season. He has done a fantastic job at providing the players with sessions either side of the lockdowns that have been adapted to ensure all our members play rugby in the safest environment and within the various RFU Covid guidelines.

The number of senior players that have trained throughout the pandemic has been positive and provided lots of our ageing first team time to recover from various injuries. Hopefully this enforced break will extend some playing careers.

The main priority for the coming season is to ensure we field 3 strong senior sides week in week out and see the return to rugby across the club.

We look forward to seeing you in the autumn supporting the lads and having a few beers afterwards.

Mr Richard Woodard & Mr Tony Browett
Hon. Co-Dir. Senior Rugby

Academy (U17 & U18) Rugby Report

Season 2020/21 – The Invincibles!!

The highlights of the rugby season 2020/21 were the way the year 13 and year 12 lads bonded, trained hard together, and fought hard on the pitch for each other. Training was every Sunday until Christmas, attended by at least 25 lads each week, showing real commitment and dedication to keep playing the game they love. The team developed a real identity and positive team spirit helped with a few beers, pizza nights and sausages!

The months of lockdown, frustration and tedium finally came to an end, when the Colts finally played together in May. Camelot welcomed High Wycombe to Chaulden Lane, and secured a 26 – 17 win, a strange game where mauls and scrums were not allowed, but a superb game nonetheless. Two weeks later, for the finale of the season the Colts travelled to Chess Valley and won 26 -7 with a gutsy and resilient performance, securing the first ever unbeaten season for Camelot Colts.

Three players represented Saracens Junior Academy during the season, James isaacs, James Norman and Dan Hoyes, which is a great achievement and honour and I look forward to following their rugby careers next season with interest, alongside the year 13 lads who hopefully will transition into adult rugby next season. Wherever the lads end up, I hope rugby still plays a major part in their life, and I look forward to seeing them play soon at Camelot.

Finally, I would like to thank Tom Fletcher and Les Long for their superb coaching, continued dedication and everlasting enthusiasm to their roles, and for continually pushing, developing and improving the lads, once again it has been a pleasure fellas, thankyou.

Here's looking forward to next season, should be a cracker.

Mr Dave Martin

Hon. Director of Academy Rugby

Youth Rugby (U13 – U16) Report

Despite season 2020-21 being cancelled the Mini & Youth section has been as active as restrictions allowed. During the lockdown I would regularly pass the club pitches and see individuals keeping up fitness or working in pairs (when allowed). As restrictions were eased the age groups returned 'en masse' to either Touch Rugby or Ready for Rugby. As restrictions further relaxed elements of contact rugby were introduced into training and some age groups even played Ready for Rugby and / or modified contact 'friendly' fixtures against other clubs. It was especially pleasing to see the Colts getting in games, enabling the U18s to have a last hurrah at age grade rugby before many of them head off to universities or into the workplace.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the coaching teams for their hard work in delivering these 'Covid Safe' sessions. It wasn't an easy task following what felt like ever changing guidelines. Thanks to their efforts I'm pleased to report that playing numbers remained roughly stable across the section. Yes, a very small number of players decided to look for other sporting opportunities until the full 15-a-side game as we know it returns. Hopefully these boys will be back for season 2021-22 – a gentle reminder to the coaches to get in their ears now. Those losses were however offset by a similar number of new joiners to the section.

As things relaxed further towards the end of the season, we had boys across all age groups involved in various levels of the Aspirational Player Pathway. We had 3 U17s playing for Saracens Junior Academy, 5 U16s representing Hertfordshire in the Player Development festivals against Essex and Kent. Fingers crossed some of those boys have impressed enough to be considered for the Saracens U17s next season. Another 5 U15s are involved in the Herts Developing Player Programme – a regular coaching / training programme looking to identify and develop the top talent across the County. So well done to all the boys involved. To those not involved keep working on your skills, I've seen several late flourishers make this step up despite not being initially spotted.

I'd like to wish our U18s heading off to university the best of luck for their future studies and to encourage them to join our Exiles programme. Those boys staying closer to home, either vocational training or the workplace we look forward to you progressing into the senior ranks, remember this is your club for life! I'd like to welcome Mike Killeen and the new U13s into the Youth Section. Mike will be swapping Director of Mini Rugby role for the Director of Youth Rugby role as part of this transition. That leaves us looking for a new Director of Mini Rugby. If any is interested, please approach me or Mike and we can give you more details about the role.

All that's left for me to do is say "enjoy the summer" and I look forward to seeing all the Players and Parents back at the club on Sunday 5th September.

Mr Nick Hoyes
Acting Director of Youth Rugby

Mini Rugby (U6 – U12) Report

This season was once again disrupted by the ongoing pandemic with much of the season abandoned. The sessions and games that we were able to put on offered a new challenge to the coaches and those teams that had been building up their level of contact, over several seasons adopted a new version of the game, Ready 4 Rugby which was introduced to a mixed response.

The newer players and younger age groups have been introduced to rugby in their tag sessions and games, but not to the club and the family side of what this rugby club can offer.

As the season came to a close some normality returned to the game and brings hope that next season for the first time in two years, we can have a full unbroken season and the kind of family events that will encourage the next generation of players to come to our club.

Mr Mike Killeen

Hon. Director of Mini Rugby

Commercial Report

It has been a real honour to join the committee of a club I have played at since my youth and still continue to attempt to play at, at the highest level. My aim as commercial director has been to connect the club to the local community and use this connection to boost the clubs image.

The main vessel for connecting with the local community will be social media and the use of the Camelot Website newsfeed. As part of this process, I have created and filled the roles of Social Media Managers (Jamie Hearn and Aled Gamble), with this we have created the social media policy which is vital to have in place. However, it is difficult to promote yourself as the local rugby club if there is no rugby being played, or social events being hosted.

That said, with thanks to Charles Riches we have set up with website pages to host sponsors and will be continuing to build out player profiles which will offer further opportunity for an online presence for sponsors.

Simply put, the more populated pages on the website = more sponsorship opportunity. Therefore, we are firmly in a strong position to push Camelot content effectively, when rugby and social events return.

We are also in the process of building a reformatted sponsorship package, this is being done through the help of our partnership with Club Champions (an outside resource that aids with commercial sports club advise). We will be looking to create a sponsorship leaflet, that will be hosted on the website and will give a clear breakdown of different sponsorship levels.

We are looking to retain all of our current sponsors, to which invoices have been sent to for the coming season, however on top of this we will aim to offer more to their value to their package for the same prices.

There is going to be an aggressive strategy put in place to bring in new sponsors to the club. In short we will aim to have a single exclusive partner for all types of services.

For example: Estate Agents, Tree Surgeons, Builders, Restaurant, Mechanics, etc..

There is still some work to do to ensure that we are able to increase revenue through sponsorship, however we are confident we will be able to do so. A clear establish plan will be set out for this, with the help of Nick Hoyes, Charles Riches and assistance from former Chairman and current sponsor Paul Maddison.

A positive to joining the committee as a current 1st XV squad player is that we are able to establish a voice from the playing group directly to the committee. As a result, it has been established that the playing group, would like us to explore the idea of 'Player Sponsorship'. Although this is not something that will be easy to do immediately, it is something that personally I would love to see work. An idea in its infancy, we have been exploring the possibility of create 'Patrons' to players. This will allow individuals or organisations to contribute towards a players playing costs for over the course of a season. Again, I stress this idea is in its early stages, but is something I would love to pursue and also relish any input of feedback on.

One initiative I had the pleasure of being involved it was 'Run Camelot Run', which saw the whole Camelot Community come together to raise money for Hospice of St Francis Charity by running a certain amount of KM's during lock down. To be frank this was an outstanding success and exceeded all expectations. Not only were we able to raise over £10,000 with Camelot seeing roughly £7,500, but also we were able to connect as a 'One Club' and even further afield as a community. Majority of thanks and credit for this fantastic achievement has to go to Aled Gamble, who headed up and ran the project.

To close, having joined as Commercial Director at the start of Covid, the opportunities to feel fully impactful and make a stamp on the position have felt limited. I am confident and with the help of Club Champions and mentorship of Charles, Nick and Paul, I am confident that as the world reopens after Covid-19 and rugby returns to normality I will be have the opportunity to put into action some plans that have stalled throughout this period.

Lastly, I would like to thank the patience and continued support of all current sponsors for the last year, and we look forward to the season ahead!

Mr Ross Merrett
Hon. Commercial Dir.

CLUB SPONSORS



Facilities Report

Before COVID-19 we embarked on redesigning the members bar which looks great now and thank you all those that helped.

Our next big project was the kitchen renovation, but with covid this took longer than we anticipated and changing regulations, meant the costs were higher than initially budgeted. However, thanks to the work of the committee we have been able to buy new equipment, incl. cookers and use top of the range materials, bringing the kitchen out of the 1970s and into the 21st century.

With thanks to Tony Browett for securing commercial kitchen equipment from a refit project. The kitchen is bigger, brighter and more practical once again thank you for those who gave their time and efforts. As a result we can now offer a wider, more varied range of food on a more regular basis to our players, members and their families.

Into 2021-22, we are working on two main upgrade projects, the patio (surface) and floodlights upgrade. Volunteers will be required at various stages and generally throughout the season issues arise where help is needed – painting, repairing etc... please remember that this is your club too and to answer the call to arms when it goes out.

Mr Carl McGuinness
Hon. Director of Facilities

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