

## **Secretary's Report 2020**

As we're all aware, this year has brought about challenges we never thought we'd experience but it is with great credit to the committee, the members and club supporters that we have so far come through it positively.

Off the pitch, thanks in general must go to the committee and other volunteers who have worked hard to keep the club financially stable and functioning through a very difficult period. Be that securing grants, donations and monies, putting measures in place to allow for practice and games, running these sessions and lastly to the team who plug away through the week to prepare the fantastic facilities we play on.

We must thank all members and supporters for aiding the club by way of donations earlier in the year, to those members who timely paid memberships and the players who really committed to what cricket was available. The truncated season, despite its difference from normal, saw some great cricket across the age groups and there are some exciting signs for the coming years.

The committee will see some changes next year as firstly, Mark Kaltner steps down as President having recently moved to Scotland. Despite the distance, we know Mark will keep close to club matters and I'm sure it won't be long before we see the next generation coming through the Egham ranks. We thank Mark for his many years in many roles throughout the club and wish Mark and Liz all the best.

We also see Jane Comber step down as Treasurer. Jane has done a fantastic job over the last 4 years in helping maintain a strong financial position, despite the challenges of funding and especially with the tricky job of managing Pete's spending during the most recent clubhouse refurbishments! This last year has certainly kept you busy so once again thank you and we wish you well for the future.

It is pleasing to see the Junior section continue to go from strength to strength, particularly with a number of older juniors breaking into the senior sides this year. I look forward to seeing more development through the age groups next season.

We still do not know what the future has in store for us cricket-wise but we continue to plan ahead still. Fingers crossed for a return to some normality and a chance to make up for lost time this year. The club will continue to get things in place for practice and games as we are allowed and will need your assistance through timely payment of memberships along with your full support with functions and social events as and when they are permitted, given these bring in much needed revenue.

One thing is for sure, the running of the club continues year round and it is hard to overstate the debt the club owes to its small army of volunteers: the ground and pavilion staff for exceptional

playing and club facilities; the captains and junior coaches, who typically spend much of their week communicating with players, parents and officials, in order to get their games on; and the clubs' officials, who soldier away on tasks - often without the membership's knowledge - which are crucial to the effective running of the cricket club.

Please do consider how you too might be able to assist us in a voluntary capacity that could help move the club forward next year.

Finally, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year!

Adam Dix  
Hon Secretary