



Chairman's Report — July 2022

Wasn't it good to get back to a (very nearly) normal playing season!

The Senior section had a largely un-interrupted season and the running of three senior sides was a major achievement. It was a struggle at times, but the players and coaches deserve huge congratulations in maintaining the playing levels. The first XV gained promotion and only missed winning the league by a single bonus point.

Walking Rugby is going from strength to strength and had a very well supported festival in April.

The Colts have also had a successful and enjoyable season with several players progressing to the seniors and others continuing their rugby elsewhere.

There is plenty of work on-going to keep this momentum and improve, especially in terms of Women's rugby which has suffered over the last few years.

The juniors and minis have continued to prosper and flourish with more numbers than ever before and great success on and off the pitch.

Completion of project All-Change has been a great success with lots of positive comments being received from visiting teams and spectators. The opening of the Arthur Bowden Wing, performed by Richard Hill, was well attended and a memorial for Arthur was held with recollection from BWS, SRFC, D&W and many youth organisations that he supported. The patio, Petanque terrain and path to the pitch and stand have also been welcome additions this season.

Sadly in the last season we have lost some long standing members of the Club.

Alan Lever — Hon Life VP

David Sargent — Hon Life VP

Dave Griffiths — Hon Life VP

Our thoughts are with their families.

This was my first season as Chairman and have enjoyed the experience immensely. It has been a pleasure and honour to be an officer of the club and I look forward to continuing this next season (voting permitting). I thank the Board and all the Club members I have worked with during season for their support and good humour during my tenure.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you in the clubhouse or pitch side very soon. We also have our (second?) centenary celebrations to look forward to next season.

Russell Jugg

Hon. Chairman