



## **Club Secretary – AGM report July 2023**

First of all, I would like to say that I hope you and your families are all well at this moment in time.

Well, I think you will agree it was an interesting season with some real battles played out on the pitch, not always in our favour but I think the seniors handled themselves well, although it would be nice to see a more settled side in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XV's.

Once again the Juniors and Mini's have had a great year with numbers right at their maximum across virtually all age groups.

It is always nice to see so many familiar faces on the touchline during the season showing that we remain one of the best supported clubs in the area and that is all down to you the membership, although that is also tinged with some sadness at the loss of several very long standing members during the course of the year.

Once again, this year there has been a lot of work that has gone on behind the scenes not just by the board and Vince and his clubhouse team but also by volunteers and that really showed up at the fabulous Centenary Dinner we had at the beginning of June, it really was a great night and the weather was very kind to us.

Looking forward to next season once again we will be playing in the Regional 2 South Central Division but interestingly we now look a lot further East than we have done in previous years and we can look forward to welcoming some old foes back to Castle Road such as Newbury and Reading as well as Guildford, who I don't believe have visited Castle Road during the league era plus one or two local matches once again with Tottonians and Winchester

I have taken the decision to stand down this year after 5 years as Club Secretary and hopefully my replacement Graham Hillier will be voted in at the AGM, I don't intend to disappear and will still be around the club and of course I look forward to seeing many of you around the clubhouse and pitchside during the season and in the meantime please stay safe.

Chris Metson  
Club Secretary 2023