

I cannot emphasise how much of an honour and privilege it was to take on the role of President for the 2019-20 season.

During the  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the season where things were 'normal' I met so many interesting people and enjoyed the hospitality of so many other rugby clubs, and met so many representatives from other rugby clubs when they visited us.

It was fantastic to see our 1<sup>st</sup> XV performing so well in a tough league and, although they couldn't quite make a play-off position, to have been confirmed in 4<sup>th</sup> place when the season was prematurely curtailed was a great achievement.

For our Ladies XV to finish top in their league with an unbeaten record, and a place in the semi-final of the Women's Junior Cup against Chester Devas, was a credit to their dedication and the support of their coaches. I know a lot of people were disappointed that the impending lockdown prevented the game going ahead.

It was also great to go onto the 'back pitches' to see our other teams playing so well – it is a tribute to the club that we can still put out four senior men's teams.

And to have the chance to see our mini junior setup on a Sunday – to have sides at every age grade is a credit to parents and coaches alike, and the team that support them

I also want to take time to mention the hard work done by the Executive Committee. I have enjoyed working with them, and getting a better understanding of what goes on behind the scenes during a 'normal' season. I would like to thank them for this, and make special mention of the dedication they are showing in keeping the rugby club alive during a period when there is no rugby.

It would be usual at the AGM for me to hand over the reins to the Senior Vice President, David Dinsdale. But that would be like asking someone if they would like a drink, and then just giving them an empty glass. So, I have agreed to stay on as President until the time is right to hand over to David so that he can get the most he can out of his time as President.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all again when we are able to get back together in the club house, either to meet or to watch rugby.