

ALFORD SQUASH CLUB

Chairman's Report to AGM December 2018

A lot has happened this year.

Immediately following last year's AGM, there was the big recruitment drive using Facebook advertising, by building on Cricket Club expertise. There was additional local publicity on banners at the church and flyers round town, with an 'Open Day' at the clubhouse, the clubhouse was 'accepted' on Google maps and we offered free half year membership. Initially 60 people expressed interest during the recruitment, with about a dozen continuing as playing members.

Demonstration matches were organised, where Felix Frixou provided an 'Elite Squash' exhibition with one of the country's young stars and Felix's coaching. He provided tuition on how to warmup properly, training and game demo sessions, all involving our members. The event on 28th September was an excellent evening and was followed by food and drinks, with thanks to Ben and John for bringing all this together and to Tinn Criddle for its financial contribution.

A social / open day event followed on 4th February involving Cricket Club members, then new members evenings in February and March, one bringing in the Young Farmers, and later training evenings for all to come along and practice / improve their game, in August, through Autumn and into the Winter season.

Maintenance work included a bat and wasps in the roof, along with the usual attention to heaters, lights meters, etc.

Once again, thank you to Members of the Management Committee who have kept up their enthusiasm in running and maintaining the club and its facilities.

Bob Karley

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