

## **Chairman's Report 2019-2020**

My year as Chairman began early in March 2019. The reason for this was that I had booked a holiday several months beforehand. The AGM went smoothly and a good programme was set in place. I had set out my idea that there was very little need for "business meetings".

There then followed a bowls night, cancelled due to rain, axe throwing at the Sea Scout hut at Heaton Mersey, a golf evening at Heaton Mersey, a walking quiz evening around Stockport and a darts night in Manchester.

The major change this year was the move from the Rugby Club to Cheadle Golf Club. This has proved very successful and we have been made very welcome, the meals are good, and I feel sure that we will remain there for the foreseeable future. So far we have held a speaker meeting there, the Christmas meeting where we were joined by the National President and a pub games evening.

Since February the Coronavirus has stopped further meetings at the golf club. However, the two Zoom meetings that have been held have proved very successful and will be the format for the future whilst there is a virus risk.

On a personal note I have found that the more relaxed format is much more enjoyable, as the previous rigid formality can put off members coming up from Table.

I have really enjoyed my year as Chairman, and am looking forward to the coming year of interesting activities and meetings. Thank you all for your support, these are not easy times but I know that we all welcome the support and friendship that we give each other. 41 Club is a great organisation and I feel we have all benefitted from and will continue to do so in the future.

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