



# Staff News



## THANK YOU FROM THE WOODCOTE PARK COMMITTEE

The past six months have been a period of uncertainty and upheaval for the Club with a lockdown, the challenge of furlough, social distancing, the closure of the clubhouses and then a gradual easing including the reopening of the clubhouses and restarting of activities at Woodcote Park.

Throughout, we have been struck by the stoicism displayed by you, the Club's staff, your innovation in coming up with online activities to replace the actual activities no longer possible, your determination to reopen Woodcote Park and your commitment to come up with procedures not only to make the Club safe for members but also to make the Club *feel* a safe haven for all of us.

The online activities and classes provided an invaluable link with the Club during lockdown and for many of us were a vital diversion when confined for most of the day to our homes with reduced social contact.

You have mastered the new procedures and implemented them with good humour and patience - and all the time wearing masks or visors. (As members we are conscious of the discomfort of wearing masks and, unlike you, we are able to take them off once we are outside or are seated at tables.)

You have displayed real grit so, as Woodcote Park Committee members and representatives of the members, we wanted to publicly thank all the Club's staff from the most senior to the most junior for what we feel has been a performance well beyond the bounds of duty.

We know many of you have been working consistently long hours under pressure - please know that it is greatly appreciated. From conversations we have had, we are speaking not just for ourselves but also for the members generally. We are truly grateful.

**Graham White**

Chairman, Woodcote Park Committee

On behalf of the Committee