

## Stoolball England Chairman's report 2020

Obviously 2020 was a season we will never forget, but for all the wrong reasons.

It was clear from early April that any competitive stoolball was unlikely for the first half of the Summer. July onwards provided some respite, so well done to all those teams who managed to play some stoolball. A huge thanks to Gen and Georgie for putting together the regulations, with graphics, that everyone should try to follow to comply with Government regulations.

Conducting all our meetings via Zoom was a new challenge, particularly for a dinosaur like me. My thanks to the whole management team for bearing with me.

Despite little stoolball being played there was still work to be done.

There is/was a continuing dialogue with DCMS (Department of Culture Media and Sport) on how to get back to playing stoolball, within the regulations, particularly at school level.

Insurance was a challenge because of the lack of play for some clubs. However, we managed to secure a grant from Sport England to help set off some of the cost.

The website has undergone an overhaul thanks to the considerable efforts of Rick Mason.

Probably the biggest success was the completion of the first phase of the training programme for 9 people which took place much later than originally planned because of Covid 19.

Finally, thanks to all of the officers for all of their hard work. Like many people some will have had their own challenges during Covid, but still managed to contribute to the work of SE. Particular thanks to Wendy who managed to decipher our meetings. She has decided to stand down from her role as secretary but is happy to remain on the management team.