

## **Chairman's Report – March 2025**

Once more you won't be surprised to hear that this report will be dominated by our new build. I did write a year ago 'Build it and they will come', we have 'sort of' finished the project (will it ever be finished I hear you say) with the 'Work and Play in a Colliers Day' mural due for completion on 2<sup>nd</sup> May lending itself to an 'opening event' yet to be arranged but I was thinking late May/June.

Whatever people think about value for money, money well spent or the actual final design, for the £28000 'investment' and lots and lots of fabulous ongoing work done by our wonderful volunteers and the payback team; no one can deny we are now sat in a much, much, much improved facility.

On our opening day – I think we should encourage involvement from not just all our members from each section but also from our partners:- Parish Councilors, neighbours, National Coal Mine Museum (Pit Ponies), Richard/PayBack, Church ladies, Brownies etc..

Opening day aside, we have the facility and now we need to make it work, need to make it pay for itself, need to make it crack...

So how has our year been? Once more we've had our challenges, but we seem in a much better place than we have been in most areas:-

- Financially:- I know Bob worries about the money side, but all bills are covered (no I'm not mentioning VAT) & we are more viable than this time last year..
- Pavilion:- the 'forth bridge' is getting most of our jobs done, we've received more grants to help, the mural depicting our historical past is planned.
- Cricket:- we seem to be going down to one senior side in the Huddersfield League which is a blow but the Allstars/Junior sections seem much more positive.
- Bowls:- Although the first team suffered relegation from the Mirfield league once more, there certainly seems a much more upbeat mood around the green especially and a lot of work has been done with the help of the payback team which will show better results off and on the green in the near future.
- Junior Football:- Ossett Albion U15's & U13's girl teams have used both car parks (when clashing) on Saturdays & various Horbury Town Junior teams have used the pitch with my Emily working the café & making DG/us a little profit on most winter Sunday mornings.
- Various groups have also started to use the facility:- PACT meetings, Save our Sitlington & PC Meetings to date.

### **So what about going forward?**

1. We still have the following building works to complete the project:-
  - Replacement Fascia/guttering
  - Cavity Wall Insulation
  - Baby Changing Facility (disabled WC)
  - Completion of the front storage area & retaining wall. (£800 w/c 7<sup>th</sup> April)
2. We need a business plan, we need to be self-sufficient giving priority to our sections whilst utilising our new space, new kitchen and terraces.
3. Last but certainly not least – in recent months there's been a real positivity around the club, from new and old, which is showing inside and out-on and around the playing surfaces and within the pavilion, it's been a pleasure to pop up when I can, I'm sure I'm not alone in feeling this....let's embrace this with everything we do...

**DENBY GRANGE COLLIERIES ATHLETIC CLUB**

**Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended  
31 December 2024**

2023	Income	2024	2023	2024
£		£	£	£
315	Subscriptions	300	Accumulated Fund	
1600	Bowls Section	1700		
1600	Cricknet Section	1700		
249	Interest	197		
77	Fund Raising	807		
2124	Donations	1860	465	Profit/(Loss) for the Year
3000	Parish Council	3000		( 16209)
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1744	Rent, Insurance and Licences	1836	Current Account	
2001	Water, Gas and Electricity	1714	Cash in Hand	
3368	Ground Maintenance/Improvement	15634	Reserve Account	
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41796	Pavilion Extension	81075	-	
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