

# Colebridge Young People's Club

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## ANNUAL REPORT: 2020-21

This season has continued to be affected by the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic, with many restrictions on indoor physical activity and adult play unable to take place for many months. Over the last 7 weeks it has been encouraging that table tennis has resumed at Colebridge and once again members are able to enjoy playing, albeit in bubble form. Thank you to all members for their continued support and patience during this very difficult time.

**Neil Wheatley** has stepped down from the management committee after being involved in the running of Colebridge for over 30 years. His knowledge of the club's history is exceptional, and the committee are very thankful for his years of time, effort and dedication to Colebridge. It has grown from strength to strength and is recognised as one of the best clubs in the West Midlands.

During the season, **Gareth Don** stepped down from the committee to focus on his new business venture. The committee would like to thank Gareth for all his time and effort in helping with the maintenance at the club.

**Ben Willson** set up and **Ian Scott** has managed the new online booking system for coaching this season, which although it has been affected and disrupted by the numerous lockdowns, has proven a much more efficient system, and will be maintained to some extent going forward. It is positive to see the 50+ junior players at Colebridge training during their regular weekly coaching sessions, showing progress, as well as following the Covid secure procedures. Credit to them all for their mature attitudes. Over the last 4 weeks, Ian has organised the return of adult coaching to the programme.

## JUNIOR PROGRESS

The juniors have continued to train outside of lockdown periods and have shown high levels of resilience throughout the season.

The following juniors have been invited to compete in their age group National Championships:

- Sophie Rinnhofer: Junior girls
- Nathaniel Saunders: Cadet boys
- Will Hopkins: Under 13 boys
- Wajid Wafiq: Under 13 boys
- Musa Hassanjee: Under 11 boys
- Ashlee Badger: Under 11 girls

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### COLEBRIDGE 2020 AGM AWARDS

The following were the awards presented at the Online AGM in 2020.

**Player of the Year:** Paul Lenormand

**Member of the Year:** Michael Rinnhofer

**Young Player of the Year:** Adam Stochlinski

**Young Member of the Year:** Stephen Davies

**Veteran Player of the Year:** Frank Cotter

**Veteran Member of the Year:** Michael Welsh

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, there will not be any awards for the 2020-2021 season.

### MEMBERSHIP

Our overall membership has fallen over this past year, particularly in the Senior Member category, reflective of the impact of Covid-19 and the restrictions on over 18 play until May 2021. However, our junior membership numbers have increased, which is positive and in line with Colebridge being a young people's club. Our youngest member is 5, our oldest member is 90 and the average age of a member is 38.

Our current membership is made up of the following: (2019-20 figures in brackets)

<b>AGE</b>	<b>MALE 2020-21</b>	<b>FEMALE 2020-21</b>	<b>Total 2020-21</b>
<11	10 (1)	0 (0)	10 (1)
11-20	48 (26)	8 (5)	56 (31)
21-30	10 (5)	1 (1)	11 (6)
31-40	3 (6)	1 (1)	4 (7)
41-50	12 (17)	0 (0)	12 (17)
51-60	12 (16)	0 (2)	12 (18)
61-70	14 (21)	3 (4)	17 (25)
71-80	17 (18)	0 (2)	17 (20)
81-90	8 (10)	0 (0)	8 (10)
Total	134 (120)	13 (15)	147 (135)

(Figures as of 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021).

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### FINANCIAL REPORT

The decline in senior membership has significantly impacted our income. This decline is somewhat mitigated by reduced running costs and outgoings as the club has been closed for significant periods. With a new roof being urgently required the committee continue to look for ways to raise additional funds. Thank you to **Michael Rinnhofer** who has worked hard on the finances of the club throughout the year.

### SITE & DRIVE

As always, the condition of our site remains a concern. Thank you to the members who have ensured any maintenance and repair issues are addressed. **Roy Prosser** has organised the drains and gutters to be cleared, as well as electrical repairs.

Additionally, **Roy** organised EH Smith to donate two tonnes of hardcore to fill the potholes in the drive. Thank you to the following members who have supported in completing the driveway work, along with the cutting back of the trees and bushes in the site, **John Swinburne, Evelyn & Roy Prosser, Micky Welsh, Steve Ratheram, Robert Chapman** and **Barry James**.

The committee are working hard on the ongoing roof issues. This is a time consuming and complicated task, but one which the committee are treating as essential work. Whilst funds to replace the roof are being sought, there have been some repairs to the roof, to help reduce the leaks.

### DEVELOPMENT

**Kate Hughes** successfully applied to Sport England for a Return to Play grant of £4,100, which is being used to purchase some additional equipment for coaching, as well as to support the junior and adult coaching programmes with additional sessions during a week. The grant also included an allocation of funds for cleaning equipment to ensure Colebridge remains Covid secure.

**Neil Wheatley** made a successful application to the Baron Davenport Charity, and Colebridge received £1000 in early June. Thank you to Neil for his hard work and effort in making the application.

Additionally, Kate applied to Table Tennis England for a BeTT grant for £500 to aid the delivery of the TT Kidz programme, which is an 8-week programme, designed for under 11-year olds. Kate along with **Sophie Rinnhofer** hope this will commence in October in line with TTE guidance.

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This season will be remembered as the Covid and lockdown season, where limited play took place for such a long time. I would like to say a big thank you for your continued support of the club during the unprecedented times and wish you every success for the new 2021-22 season with the hope for more normality!

Kate Hughes (June 2021).