



### Memories of my first season as Chairman.

My first year as Chairman coincided with our move to Forrester's from Draper's Farm in 2014. This was an exciting time for the club as previously we had been restricted to when we could play, as well as sharing the area with other sports clubs. Now we had lawns that were for our sole use, and the opportunity to play as often as we wished!

Needless to say the committee had decisions to make, the first being the issue of storage; we started with a small inexpensive option, which was later upgraded to the present store. Initially, security was an issue, and many of you will remember the saga of the keys, before the use of combination locks.

As always, our aim was to introduce croquet to the wider community, and to this end we worked closely with Forrester's to produce a package for visiting groups. Thanks to members this has proved a great success, giving us welcome revenue, which has enabled us to purchase extras for the benefit of all (the store and the white liner come to mind), also, it may have been your first experience of the game we all love.

By the end of the season we had 3 lawns in use, and our first year was celebrated with a Fun Croquet Day, which was for members, their families and friends, ending with a BBQ in the clubhouse.

Finally, thank you for your support over the years. Gill.

### The ups and downs of being Treasurer!

I attended the Croquet Club in 2011 on a taster session at Drapers Farm, Heybridge, and officially joined the Club in 2012.

In 2013, I became a Committee member producing the monthly newsletters. In June 2015, John Gorrie, who was a conscientious Treasurer, died in mid-season. I took over the position of Treasurer. On at least three occasions, one at 7.15 in the morning, John's wife Rita, brought round to my house, carrier bags and boxes of Croquet information, papers and all the financial books for me to sort out. As she left our house, her parting words were "have fun sorting that lot out". What a mess! She had bundled everything together undoing all John's meticulous record keeping - what had I let myself in for? It took several weeks for Shirley and myself to put it all in order again. Once it was all sorted, the last five years have run smoothly.

Good luck to my successor. I hope it is in good order!

Richard Wallis.

# THANKS

Once again to both Gill and Richard for their service and commitment to Maldon Croquet Club over many years.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 16 MARCH 2021

Results of the voting for the AGM will be emailed out together with a Membership Renewal Form.