Chairman's Report

This has possibly been the most challenging close season the Dorset Football League has experienced for a very long time.

Come the end of April we had received applications from eighty new teams, all of which had to be interviewed, which in itself was a challenge, bearing in mind we had only just completed league cups.

12 Saturday

39 Sunday

4 Women's

4 Veterans

21 under 17/18

It is due to the great teamwork of the management committee that this was achieved within the existing time constraints.

In addition, for many months, a sub-committee has been working with the Bournemouth FA to try and ensure that Sunday Football continues in the area. From day one, as a committee, we were 100% behind achieving this and hopefully, as the new season unfolds, everyone will see their efforts justified with Sunday football continuing for the foreseeable future.

On Saturday 28th June we are holding our first women's six-a-side tournament at the County Ground Hamworthy. We have twenty-two teams entering, three from outside the area. Let's make it a fun day! Hopefully, if this first venture is a success, it will become an annual event. Finally, I would like to thank everyone for the support I have received this past season and for the effort that you put into your respective clubs, without which there wouldn't be football in Dorset and surrounding counties.

Malcolm