



It's been a while since we last sent out a newsletter so I thought it worth sharing some updates and some 2020 highlights. In a very strange year, it feels like hardly anything has happened. But. Reflecting on 2020, there has been loads going on.

I wrote a summary of 2020 in the recent Holmes Chapel Partnership newsletter so I won't repeat it verbatim, it is on page 10 [here](#) if you haven't read it yet.

What is worth repeating is the pride, gratitude and inspiration I have for all the boxers. The majority of our members are aged 9-17; 2020 has been rubbish for them and as a generation they have shouldered blame and criticism.

My experience. I have witnessed young people who are focused, tenacious and resilient. Qualities that will stand them in good stead whatever happens in 2021. I hope that is returning to competition. Fingers crossed.

2020 started strong

We reopened in January with confidence. We celebrated our first birthday on the 13th January and were all busy preparing for our first show on the 8th February.

In early March we held a joint skills show with Paramount ABC and Tameside Elite. Later that month we had sparring planned with Islington Boxing Club alongside watching the Olympic Boxing qualifiers. It didn't happen.





Lockdown happened instead

Through lockdown the boxers continued to work and train hard, first with sessions delivered through Zoom and then outdoor training.

Looking back at the pictures, it looks warm and sunny. My memories are of the sessions that had to be cancelled due to waterlogging or wild rain and thunderstorms whilst training.

As fun as those sessions were, I hope we don't have to go back to them.



Reopening the Gym

Since we reopened, it has been different. We implemented new procedures, all the coaches invested time in training and England Boxing guidelines restricted what we can do and how many people can train at any one time.

With more classes to try and accommodate everyone it has been a busy few months. We are all ready for a break over Christmas but are aware it will be even stranger in January. Hopefully not for too long.

Registered Charity No. 1189313

We also became a Charity during lockdown. When the application was submitted we expected it to take months, not least with the impact of COVID. Weeks later, James Rice confirmed our Registered Charity status.

Christmas Party & Quiz

The virtual Christmas party was fun, just missing the bar. The new Holmes Chapel





Team T Shirts seem to be well received - I hope everyone did take notice of the 'do not open' until message.

Special thanks to everyone that helped out and recorded messages and asked quiz questions; Eddie Hearn, Nigel Travis, Jamie Moore, John Murray, Liam Smith, Anthony Crolla, Joe Gallagher, Kugan Cassius and Carl Frampton

2021. Bring it on

We are all optimistic and excited for 2021. We have huge plans, hopefully we can share more early in the New Year. No stroppy toddler years for us. No Terrible Twos. Bring on the Terrific Twos. It will be the year we firmly put the club on the map.

It has just been announced we will be in Tier 3. We will communicate how this impacts us. For now, we hope everyone has an enjoyable Christmas break. Stay safe. See you in 2021.

On behalf of all the volunteers

*Thank
you*

Kevin

NB - We have WhatsApp groups for parents and boxers, if not a member please message and we will send you the link.

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