

Diamond Ball Speech 2010

Ladies and gentlemen, fellow Grasshoppers ... tonight is a night for reflection and celebration. 60 wonderful years of memories, which can be seen around the room. Everyone has a story to tell, every emotion and life event experienced...

Winning – losing
Aggression - tenderness
Sadness – joy
Birth & death
Fun - frustration
Friendships & falling outs

even love and marriage

Such is the community that is Grasshoppers, much like any community, a reflection of life in general.

However what makes Grasshoppers special, and in my view sets us apart from other clubs, is our resolute determination to be the very best we can with the help and support of our fantastic volunteers, many of you in the room tonight.

Matt Gilmore, has very eloquently set out, within the Ball Programme, a number of the initiatives that Grasshoppers has been involved in over the last 5-10 years highlighting our successes, particularly around mini & junior rugby, our community involvement and the awards we have achieved ... RFU Whole Club Seal of Approval and others. I ask that you read this at your leisure to appreciate how we have, and intend to, continuously move forward.

The future, ladies and gentlemen is in this room players and volunteers alike ...the next generation. The next 60 years will much depend on you all, as a community, the community we call Grasshoppers the community we love and I believe that the future is bright.

Juan Murray
Grasshoppers Chairman