Welcome to the September edition of the Rolleston Club’s Newsletter.  We are now open for business both in the café and the bar.

Strict Covid 19 regulations are in place and we are ensuring that the official Government guidelines are followed at all times.

This has restricted some areas of movement throughout the Club but if members/customers follow the marked areas and procedures we can continue to operate safely.  Staff are either wearing a facemask or visor and screens are in place in the bar area to increase our safety procedures.

Some members have been reluctant to return to the Club following the Covid virus but it is hoped that they will see we have done everything possible to create a safe environment.  Prices for food and drinks maintain their 2019 level and hopefully we will convince more people to support our efforts.  Opening hours have now been amended to 3 pm on a Monday instead of 12 noon with earlier finishing times throughout the week.  We now close at 10 pm Sunday to Thursday with an 11 pm finish on a Friday and Saturday.  These hours are for a trial period and will be reviewed at a later date by the Committee.

The builders are completing their programme of work this week and we are planning to make seating available at the side of the Club.  Paul Russell has done an excellent job and the quality of workmanship has been very good.  The kitchen area, office, roof and outside toilet are shining examples of improvements to the infrastructure of what is still and old building.  We have opened both snooker rooms with a booking system in place.  In addition a similar method of operation has been introduced for members to access the bowling green.  Full details are available on the Club’s Facebook and Web sites.

The Lounge is to open shortly with spaces limited, again to comply with Government guidelines.  We hope our members will take care to assist us in ensuring that we do not exceed the numbers allowed by legislation.  Welcome back to those who enjoy our Lounge and enjoy a convivial drink with friends.

Entertainment evenings and bingo are a distance away with large groups, singing and dancing not allowed at present.  Family parties are also affected in a similar way but we can take bookings for next year.  As soon as circumstances allow we will revisit the situation whilst still ensuring compliance with Covid 19 regulations.

During lockdown Committee members have worked very hard to support the building operations and reopening of the Club.  Particular thanks must go Lisa Claber, Barry Gooding, Mark Storr, Len Torr and Dave Woolley who have spent a lot of time at the Club during the past five months.  I would also like to thank the Staff who worked extremely hard in a vast cleaning exercise of the Club following all the alterations to the building.