We have now been open since 18th August and had six weeks operating under the strict Covid 19 regulations.  The main room now operates as the café and meals are served from 9 am until 2 pm Tuesday until Friday with an earlier finishing time on Saturday.  The room has been specifically laid out to address social distancing, entry and exit points, track and trace and the wearing of face masks at all times except when seated at a table.  The latest regulations which came in on 24th September require the seating of customers by a member of staff with orders for meals and drinks taken at the table and no standing and waiting at the bar is now permitted.  We require our staff to wear a face mask or visor at all times and from comments we have received from customers visiting the café they have indicated that they feel perfectly safe in this environment.  Sean has now re-introduced the popular lunchtime choices of gammon, cottage pie and lasagne back onto the menu.  There has also been an increase in the 'take away' service and items from the menu can be ordered by contacting the Club by social media or telephone.

The Lounge Bar now opens from 3 pm until 10 pm and again we have introduced the same safety principles as in the main room.  There are socially distanced tables for between 2 to 6 people dependent on their 'bubble' with an entry and exit system and no standing at the Bar .  When entering the Lounge you should be wearing a mask which can be removed when you are seated, a member of staff will then take your order and deliver it to the table.  On leaving the room the face mask must be worn and all these systems have been introduced by the Club following the latest Government guidelines.  We would encourage members to come and visit the Club - we need your support - and hopefully you will feel safe enough in the environment in both the café and Lounge to visit again

We are pleased that the building work has now been completed to a high standard and Paul Russell and his work men have now left the site.  The last project to be finalised was the outside toilet for the use of the bowlers which now only needs a sanitiser and other toiletries.  We do not plan to open this this year but it will be a valuable asset when the bowling season hopefully commences next year.

The bowling green also opened on 18th August with a booking system introduced and strict compliance with hygiene regulations.  Nick Parr was mainly instrumental in organising the requirements and also taking the bookings for the use of the green by telephone.  Keith Widdows has also spent many hours on the bowling green and surrounds and credit must also go to him for the excellent state of the green.  It has been decided to keep the green open for a week longer than the last scheduled floodlight fixture and it will officially close on Sunday 13th October so that the surface can be treated and prepared for next year.   In the absence of Nick for the short period after the season finishes bookings should be made through the office or contacting Len Torr or myself.

In 2021 we will need a new Bowls Secretary as Nick Parr has served his three years in office.  He has done an excellent job and will be a tough act to follow but we are looking for a volunteer to take up the role.  This role is very important and it is vital that we have someone in post early next year to enable to arrangements for the bowling season to be implemented.  If you are interested contact Nick or myself for further information.

The booking system for the snooker rooms has also worked well and considerable use has been made of the facilities and these arrangements will continue for the foreseeable future.

The Club is seeking advise on the regulations for the introduction of Bingo into the main room on a Friday evening for a limited number of members.  The set-up of the room will be similar to that used for the café which meets the requirements of social distancing etc. and a table service would apply if E.S.B.C.  approve our request.  We are aware that certain members may be reluctant to return but you can rest assured that we will do everything possible in the current climate to ensure the safety of everyone.

There is no likelihood of entertainment on a Saturday evening returning to the Club in the near future although  the Club is exploring various possibilities of  'one off' performances.  Nothing has been scheduled at the present time but should circumstances change you will be advised of  the relevant information.

This year we were unable to hold the Macmillan Coffee Morning but we are pleased to say that we have sent a cheque for £150 which was raised by the sale of books in the Lounge before lockdown.  We are disappointed that we could not hold this event for this worthy cause but unfortunately circumstances were outside our control.

Following the re-building programme a great deal of credit must go to our staff who have cleaned and prepared the Club for its re-opening.  Certain areas were very dusty, dirty and untidy and a considerable amount of time and effort was required  by the staff to return each room back to its original standard of cleanliness.  Thanks from the Committee must go to all the staff for what they have done during the past two months in implementing the many changes due to Covid 19.  It would also be remiss not to mention certain members of the Committee who have spent many hours in the Club from April to date in ensuring a smooth transition towards the re-opening.

In conclusion the Committee would like to thank all our members for supporting us during these difficult times and hopefully others who have not done so may return to use the Club and support our efforts.

We have rescheduled the Annual General Meeting for Wednesday 21st October at 7.30pm in the main hall.  The numbers who are able to attend will be strictly limited but Committee members are investigating the possibility of a Zoom presentation for those who have the facility at home.  We are very mindful of the current legislation and the meeting will be strictly in accordance with government policy.

We have a Facebook page [Rolleston Club](https://en-gb.facebook.com/rollestonclub/) and a Twitter account [@Rolleston\_Club](https://twitter.com/Rolleston_Club) for up to date news and our website, [www.rollestonclub.org.uk](http://www.rollestonclub.org.uk) is now also live.  Join in our conversation.

Once again, thank you for reading the newsletter and for continuing to support the Club. We look forward to seeing you soon.