The Club was disappointed to receive the news this week that they were to be under Tier 3 regulations imposed by the Government.  This means that we can only operate a take-away service with no-one being able to eat or drink on Club premises.  This restriction applies from 2ndDecember for a minimum of 14 days when the Government has agreed to review the situation across the country.

We will therefore, still be operating our popular take-away service on a Friday evening  5 pm to 7 pm.  In addition the Club will be open for take-away breakfast/drinks etc for a two hour period 10am to 12 noon commencing on Thursday 3rd December and from Wednesday 9th December of the following week.  The Friday evening take-away service has been well received and it is intended to continue with this and add a different  “special”  each week.  All the morning take-aways must be pre-ordered by phoning 812072, or a message can be left by answer phone or  facebook.

A small number of our Staff and Committee have worked extremely hard to get the take-away service up and running and produce the quality and variety of meals available.  We have received many favourable comments and I would like to thank personally all those involved in endeavouring to keep Rolleston Club open.  Your continued support would be appreciated as we anticipate that there is still a long way to go before things can return to normal.

After much consideration the Committee has decided that as a Members Club the subscriptions for 2021 will be payable by January 1st as usual.  The membership rates are very reasonable but do amount to a considerable sum when all members have renewed and new ones have been accepted.  In these difficult times if we do not ask for the annual subscriptions the only other alternative is to add to the price of beer/spirits etc to cover the loss of income.  The Club hopes to remain at the centre of village activities for many years to come where people can meet, have a meal and socialize in a friendly and safe environment.  To make this possible we can only do this with your continued support.

The curtains from the Lounge have been altered to fit the side panels and Roman blinds ordered for the centre windows.  It is anticipated that within the next few days these will be fitted to give added privacy to those using the Lounge.

Work has begun to improve the flood defences of the Club.  East Staffs Borough Council awarded us a substantial grant to add flood barriers to the two main doors, re-pointing of the exterior brickwork, provide covers for the air vents etc which were recommended in the survey conducted by an independent Company.  In March of this year flood water seeped under the outside doors which resulted in wet carpets.  A survey was then undertaken which subsequently resulted in the awarding of the grant.

You will notice that both the inside and outside of the Club has been brightened up by the Christmas decorations.  We hope to raise people’s spirits by adding decorations for the festive season although we cannot participate in this as we would like to do.  I hope you will all think it is a worthwhile exercise as we wish to remain at the ‘heart of the village’.

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.

All that remains is to thank all our

  Members for their continued support and

wish everyone a safe and

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

                             From the Rolleston Club Committee